

8, BLOOMSBURY SQUARE.

W.C.

November 6. 1889

Dear Sir

I have been over the books and they are quite right and a remarkably fine lot and I may say phenomenally cheap. The idea of anybody letting such a copy of Ricciaboni — the plates of which ~~were~~ frequently hand coloured by children or other foolish persons — ~~go simply at the price of 1~~ be sold at such a price ^{10/6}

James Albert Marsh 1800-1869 dramatist - authorized by his estate

shows me that there must
have been very little ^{spirited} competition
at the sale.

It is only justice to your
son to express to you my very
great satisfaction with the
way in which he has carried
out the first commission I
have given him. He has
not only shown great
intelligence and the most
scrupulous honesty, but he has
proved that he possesses a
very rare quality good
judgment. He is the first man

who has ever done business
for me whom I feel I can
trust with a commission which
leaves much to the ^{discretion} description
of the buyer. As I dare say he has
explained to you I can only afford
to buy good books as it is in books
that I invest the money that is
intended for the provision which I
have appointed in ^{my} ~~world~~ for my
dead wife if it please God to take
me before her; and therefore I
cannot afford to buy bad books nor
to lose good ones when they are
such as rarely occur for sale.
Whenever I have any further
commissions I shall give them to
your son on the understanding
of course that he executes them
himself & not by deputy as I
cannot trust any deputy's judgment.
I beg that you will report to

me any fine books that you
have & I will let you know what
I want from private sales or
from other catalogues - I am
delighted with the large paper
Dilke which is just the class of
book I want in my library.

Remember that I will give
a good price even something
rather outside for a perfect
book but I will give nothing for
an imperfect copy unless I want
it for cutting up purposes or
for immediate use

Yrs faithfully
~~J. Marshall~~
J Marshall

Mr W J Jarvis sent
2 Kings Arms of
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Francis A. Marshall

1840-1889

Dramatic author
editor many Shakespeare

53R1

Francis Huish

1770-1857

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author