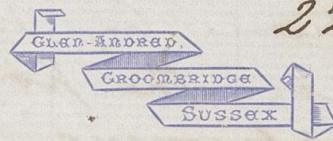


COOKE, EDWARD WILLIAM, R.A., F.R.S., the son of the eminent engraver Mr. George Cooke, was born in London, in 1811. For a short time he studied architecture under the elder Pugin. His earlier efforts were illustrations to botanical works, "Loudon's Encyclopædia," "Loddiges' Botanical Cabinet," &c. His first publication was "Shipping and Craft," for which he drew and etched fifty plates; and then drew and engraved twelve large plates of Old and New London Bridges, published in one volume; after which he took to painting. Mr. Cooke's first works were coast and Dutch subjects, large rough sea and marine views;—having visited Holland eighteen times. In 1845-6

he executed about 100 pictures on the coast of Italy, from Marseilles to Pæstum, including Florence and Rome. After visiting Scandinavia, he commenced a series of visits to Venice, and painted a large number of the principal buildings and the lagune. These were succeeded by works on a large scale, of scenes in Spain and Morocco; one large work of the latter class appeared in the Exhibition of the Royal Academy for 1864. He was elected A.R.A. in 1850, R.A. in 1863, and in the same year a Fellow of the Royal Society, and is a Fellow of the Linnean, Zoological, Geographical, and Geological Societies, of the Alpine Club, and the Architectural Museum. 189.26R.3





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Dear Mr. Sant.

I have been very desirous to welcome you & Mr. Sant at Glen Andred & thought have tempted you become during the present autumn, but was desirous to drive you over to see Mr & Mrs Siemens, but they have been absent in America for some months - I long again to see that charming

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air



picture by my friend  
Sant - the portraits  
of Mr. Siemens' Nieces  
which proved one of  
the greatest acquisitions  
to our last R.A. Exhi-  
bition - I trust next  
Spring you will be  
able to come to us, I  
think you will be  
pleased with our Rocks  
& Dells - and the finely  
wooded country in  
the neighbourhood of  
Junction Wells.

With kindest regards  
to your Circle Belim  
The Dear Mr. Sant  
Yours very faithfully  
C.W. Cooke.

If my friend Sant  
would like to come  
this autumn, I shall  
be happy to welcome  
him some Saturday  
evening till Monday -  
& when the days are  
longer to come with  
you -