

Edwara Edwards

1738-1806

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q. Humble origin

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Mr Edwards best compliments to
Mr West and leaves for his inspection
a set of his etchings: if Mr West
thinks them worthy a place in his
collection their price is one guinea
& half. I have selected a perfect set
& should Mr West think proper to bind
them the index must stand as now
placed & they should not be bound till
dry as they are but just printed

Friday May 6

Mr. Parker

Dear Sir

As I know you possess something of the
weakness of anecdotalism like myself, I
send this servant to say that I have looked
over Smollett to find out whether there
was not a head of Mary of Scots by
Strange & I found it. That together with
those you have got are all that were done
by him for that work. There are also
two which were engraved by Gwynne
they are Ed. Sommers, & John Duke of Argyll
There are also two by Ravenet among many
others which he did, which two are
originals they are Henry the Eighth &
Admiral Blake, they were both done
from the original pictures which I saw at
his house when they were engraving, the first
from Kensington Palace, the other from the
family - Strange's prints in the printing.

are as follows Charles 1st, Mary queen of Scots
Straford, Cromwell, Marquise Montrose, &
1st F Walsingham. they are the best in the
work & ~~that~~ they appear to me to have been
selected by himself from rational partiality

I believe they are almost the only works in
which he was engaged (except Dr Hunter's
Gravid uterus) abstracted from his own
publications,

Yours sincerely

J. Edward

To Mr. Baker.