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48 Doughty Street
Thursday Morning

My Dear Sir.

I am very glad indeed that
Dubley is doing so well. You are
right about the popularity of
the work, for its sale has left
even that of Parkwick far
behind.

My general objection to the
adaptation of any unfinished
work of mine simply is, that
being badly done and worse
acted it tends to vulgarise
the characters, to destroy or
weaken in the minds of
those who see them the
truth. Dates & initials

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impersonal I have endeavoured to
create, and consequently, to lessen
the after-interest in their projects.
No such objection can exist for
a moment where the thing is
so admirably done in every respect
as you have done it in this
instance. I felt it an act of
common justice after seeing the
piece, to withdraw all objection
to its publication, and to say
thus much to the parties interested
in it, without reserve.

Would you think me very
unreasonable if I asked you
not to compare Nicholas with

Tom and Jerry?

If you can spare us a
private box for next Tuesday, I
shall be much obliged to you.
If it be on the stage so much
the better, as I shall really be
glad of an opportunity to
see Mr. Keeley and O'Smith
how very highly I appreciate
their Smike and Newmann
Dogs. I put you out of
the question altogether, for
that glorious Mantalini is
beyond all praise.

Faithfully yours

W. S. D. S.