

12 May 1955

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Dear Chief Williams:

I was extremely pleased to receive your airmail letter of 3 May which was brought to me at home quite promptly on its arrival. By the last mentioned statement you will certainly gather that I am progressing well on my recovery and as a matter of fact I am now allowed to get dressed and move around on the second floor fairly freely. In a little while I expect to be permitted to return to the office.

You were a friend indeed to act so promptly in procuring for me "The Printing of the First Folio of Shakespeare" because I had given up hope that you would still find it available. I assume that you have enclosed the sales slip so I will know how much to repay you.

By this time I imagine that Miss Chambers would have told you about the letter I asked Miss Noxtine to write her on 4 May in which I asked about the 400-day clock. I thought that I had the mailing of this item "all laid on" and felt quite sure that my request to you would be communicated. I only recall that you were on leave or away one day and I asked somebody in the office who assured me that you would take care of it on your return to the office. Well, there has been no harm at all in the delay and I will be glad to receive it whenever it arrives. I know that it will arrive in good shape if the packing is under your supervision. A million thanks to you for your courtesy.

I am particularly pleased to learn of your well-deserved reappointment as Warrant Officer once more. I congratulate you on this and hope that you will have your hopes with respect to duty at Bremerhaven met. What I don't understand, why you don't relish the idea of having to spend a year in the Paris area. Surely you are not frightened of the Parisian women, are you!

Thank you also very much for your congratulations on the Folger Shakespeare Library award and for your very nice words with regard to the item in the Stars and Stripes about the passage by the House of my private bill. The first of several big hurdles has been passed and we've all got our fingers still crossed.

I note that you have also bought a nice book for Commander Minde, he is coming to see me this weekend and I am looking forward to the visit. Did you know that he recently bought himself something which he calls a "Ranchette" in Maryland? I hope to hear details from him.

You could do me another book favor and drop a line to George Saxton Ltd, 14 Dyke Road, Brighton 1, Sussex and refer to their Catalogue Number 44 recently issued in which items Numbers 550 and 621 I would like to have. I copy these down for you and it is not with much hope that I write at this late date with regard to the first of them, because I imagine it went even before the Catalogue got out. I would have written to you sooner but my illness intervened.

Item Number 550 MINOAN CRETE. -- Evans (A.J.) Scripta Minoa; the Written Documents of Minoan Crete, with special reference to the Archives of Knossos. Volume I. The Hieroglyphic and Primitive Linear Classes. With 14 plates, 26 tables, and numerous illustrations in the text. 4to, cloth. Oxford, 1909. Dust jacket. \$5.88 12/2/-.

Item Number 621 PALEOGRAPHY. -- Thoyts (E.E.) How to Decipher and Study Old Documents. A Guide to the reading of Ancient Manuscripts. With Introduction by C. T. Martin. Illustrated. Third Edition. Cr. 8vo, cloth. 1909. \$2.10 15/-.

Please give my very best to everybody at the office and a special greeting to Mrs. Williams and to the little girl, both of whom made a big hit with me just during the very few minutes I saw them in the office that day.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN