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Sydenham, near Philadelphia,
June 10. 1845.

My dear Colonel,

Your letters of May the 16th and 19th, the former by the Great Western, the latter by the Columbia, were received, and I see that you have done all that a judicious agent and good friend could do in the matter of the book. How, or when, it may appear in London, I still cannot know until getting a line from you by the steamer, to have left England on the 4th instant; but I make up my mind to any and all results - chiefly anxious, I will gain over, that things may so have eventuated as that the London edition may have been printed, in its largest part at least, from the sheets printed in Philadelphia; of which I do not quite give up the hope, slender though it may be. The whole of the remaining printed sheets are now forwarded to you by return of the great Western; viz, from page 540 inclusive, to the end.

If you will take just three minutes to glance at the last Chapter (XXVI. page 638,) and

compare it with the last chapter of the London Edition if actually printed from the unhappy manuscript first sent to you, I think you will perceive the useful additions made even within the brief limits of these three pages.

In the event of the London Edition having been printed from the manuscript, my remaining hope is, the possible call for a second edition in London, to be then taken entire from the Philadelphia Edition, with a notice from the London publisher that it contains important additions and corrections, — which I here thus repeat from my last letter to you to serve as duplicate.

The publishers here are quite ready to issue the work, and were last week. They hold back until something additional from you by the next steamer. They will continue to do so until the middle of ~~next~~ ^{this} month according to your suggestion to me; but think that they cannot hold out longer than the 20th, or thereabouts.

They are full of expectation, increased since I
last wrote to you (I hope not delusively) of a
large demand for the work in this country.

I remain my dear Cousin
ever sincerely yours,

Richard Rush.

P.S. Notwithstanding all I said ~~about~~
about an index, and the certainty of its being done
here, it fell through after all. This was
owing to a misapprehension between the publishers
and myself; they had counted upon my
son doing it, who had mainly corrected
the press for me, but I would not throw it
upon him, and did not choose to do it myself.
They are however counting very confidently upon a second
edition (again I hope not delusively) when it will be
done by them.

Some extracts from the work, taken from
the loose unpublished sheets, have gone into our news-
papers, very much against my first wishes - but under
the urgency of the publishers here.

R. R.

Sydenham Phila^a 10th June 1845

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