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in exchange at
time I was which
remained here,

My dear Gaskell
If I had thought
you likely to say what
was given for the
little picture sent to
you today, I could
not have appealed
to let you have it,
and therefore you
may judge how
unlikely I am to
say. I felt a satis-
faction in attempting
to remedy, by what
I trust may not
fail to produce a

valuable and even
profitable picture,
your purchase of
one which I am told
me would be a loss
to you. But not
to you or any one
else could I sell such
a picture at such
a price again.

If this should un-
fortunately not prove
a success, I shall
be most happy to
give you a water-

color of my ordinary
kind in exchange at
any time & as while
it remained here,
I could have sold
it to great advantage
had it not been li-
-gaged to you -

I have therefore it
necessary to re assure
you as to the subject
of your note, but
cannot now tell that
[redacted] succeeded
in his attempt to be
mentioned again
between us. Had it
risen with me, I
would perhaps do

my best to put up
with hearing fit
to the end of time;
but I in no way ori-
ginated the story, and
cannot be made
answerable for other
people's fancies or
inventions.

Very truly yours

is here at our
rice again.

This should be

Edward J

1886 Nov 4th
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