

Oct 27
Wednesday

My dear Shields

It is unpleasant to
hear of your having
suffered, as Brown
has lately from a slight
abscess; though well
to know that both are
now better. What
can be the cause
of such things? Really
in Brown's case,
I began to think of
the house he lives
in and of poor
Nolley's case; but
I suppose it was

nothing of the kind.

Many thanks for sending me Herkimer's letter, which seems in several ways conclusive. Even if one could build a wooden studio, it wd not do if equally objectionable with an iron one.

It sometimes does occur to me that Rowley, yourself, & all concerned may be inconvenienced by the long delay with that autotype machine. If satisfac-

- tory in your eyes, I am quite willing it should be issued without further bother.

I lately wrote to Rae of Brittonhead, offering him (he is the oldest & most faithful of my buying friends - not to be disparaged one or two others, but they seem truly filled up,) wd after this nighty parenthesis, - offering him that little picture with landscape called the Water Willow, & Tullipine

of a larger one - The
Prosperine. I asked
but 300 g^s for the
Willow; but his
answer is that
he is spending
thousands in
building a new
house & fears he
cannot buy at
present. He is
likely to be in London
in about a week, &
will then look at the
things, but I apprehend
he won't buy.
Do you think it
will be any good
offering the small

picture at 300 to ^{Turner?}
I have to send
him back his
water colour drawing
& do this w^o give
some opening. Truth
to tell, this opening
while nothing com^e
in is not calculated
to raise the spirits.
In any case it
will be necessary
to wait for Peel's
ultimatum after
his visit to town.

I have no intention
of going to Broadland
but how long I may

still be able to get
on here I don't
know.

My power of work
is not essentially
impaired as yet
I believe, but must
confess that enthu-
-siasm no less than
encouragement seems
other than ~~that~~ it
~~were~~ was. I shall
be very glad to
see your fine series
of stained glass
cartoons, but appre-

- heard that your
visit to Kilmarnock
cannot be a very
short one if there
is a prospect of your
painting a frieze
there.

With united Genu-
-ine wishes from all here,

I am,

my dear Shields,
- affectionately yours,

J. G. Pettit

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