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My dear Mr. Hervey:-

I am very pleased that you like my book. The question of the cover I will discuss at length with you another time, but there are other things to get at right now. We hope the book will sell, that remains to be seen.

I am glad that the copies are being made for the White book. You know I have here some thirty of Mr. White's early plates from which I am making prints. Some of these may be wanted for the book, and I can make a new negative to sand on.

Brenda wrote me about the exhibition and sent me a catalogue.. Regarding the Washington collection, Mr. Putnam asked me to make a selection and to submit the list to him. I chose what I felt to be a representative group and in the interest of the watkins prints, I chose, as far as I knew only duplicates. In checking over the list with the catalogue, I find only one or two changes, which Mrs. White wrote to me about. Whether the same prints are there or not, I cannot tell until I see them again. Mr. Martin, was to be consulted regarding any changes.

I greatly regret Margaret's action.

I cannot see how the Art Center would allow it, unless she had a writ from the court or police. It seems to me it will reflect sadly on the Art Center. And she surely should have told someone connected with the Library collection, if she intended to touch those. I told her that in making the selection, I avoided choosing any that were on her list, as I understood it, unless I knew there were duplicates. I can understand how she feels about it of course, but I cannot understand how any lawyer would advise her to go to a gallery and take prints especially from a collection being loaned by the Library of Congress.

The only changes I find in the collection are Spring, where the original size was substituted for the enlargement; Clarence H. White, a portrait I do not know, and Portrait-Master Tom. There were two portraits of Mrs. White the one with the big hat, and lovely pattern, and the full length interior. Just what will be done, I do not pretend to know, but I am greatly distressed over the situation.

I am hoping for good news of Mrs. Putnam tomorrow. My good wishes to you both.