

March 25, 1940

Mr. Howard Clayton,
Stevens Nelson Paper Co.,
109 E. 31 st St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Clayton:

Your air mail letter of March 20th arrived in good time and I have just had an answer from my client in Spokane. He has had a sample of the Rives White Heavy 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ tested, and he wires me that it contains five per cent sulphite. As I sent him the sample which appeared to me to be sized, ~~is it~~ possible that this sulphite is in the sizing? If this is the case, is the larger sized sheet 100 per cent rag?

I wish definitely to place an order for either one ream of the Rives smaller size heavy or 300 sheets of the larger size, if that is 100 per cent rag. Before you ship this, I wish to inquire about prices for Roma cover paper in blue, green, and dark red, in lots of 200 sheets or a ream price. I will want this all shipped out at the same time. However, I wish you to reserve for me a sufficient quantity of the Rives.

It seems to me that the texture is a little finer, or the grain a little finer, on the smaller sheet of the Rives paper. If you verify this, it is definitely the paper that I want.

I am enclosing with this also a sample of the stock to which I referred in my first letter to you, which is a parchment like paper used by the Platinotype Co., of London for coating platinum paper. It is much more brittle than the papers we have been discussing and may not be a rag paper, but for my own use, I should like to find something like it, if possible.

While I am waiting to hear from you regarding the Roma cover, I should like to make some sample prints on the Rives White Heavy to send to my client. Will you, therefore, cut two sheets to size 11 x 14 and send them to me by mail?

Trusting that these instructions are clear, I am

Very truly yours,