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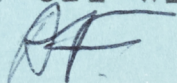
Dear brothers,

It is too bad, your letter's so long overdue. However, there is nothing to hinder if you find so much joy in the thought of a gift of your folio to the FPLPA. If your inventory stands at \$500 a copy, it would be better for the gift to come directly from you, for your heartfelt reasons. I turned the problem of the fate of the folio over to a niece for solution, with the understanding that if possible she is to obtain your original price for it and give all to a charity of which you would hardly disapprove. If she brings it off I shall let you know. It

will
never--repeat never--be sold for anyone's personal
gain. That's final.

I hope that your plans for a new edition go forward despite the the aches and pains of trade book publishing. As for your flattering invitation, I am not the one for it. RTP has never, I hear, been known to refuse such an offer--for cash, that is. He trashed Audubon in a foreword hired by a mail order house that has published a "Great Lives" series, including my life of JJA, which, obviously, he had not taken the trouble to read, even for pay. He wrote me that his easel efforts fall between Audubon and Fuertes, if he can just find time to finish. Good luck to him! He is 83.... I have never been as weary in my life.

Good luck, and you are better off without^h
Graves as you already know,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'AF' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.



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