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Wigmore St.

13 May 1915.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for sending the two books for inspection. I find, however, that I have copies of them both already, so regret I am unable to make you any offer for them. I am returning them to you herewith with many thanks for sending the same.

With respect to your inquiry, I understood from your letters until I came to Southampton that the objects you are offering belonged to yourself, and not to other people, and I was prepared to deal with you in considering the prices asked, and am still disposed to do so. I prefer not to pay any commission, so that anything you offer must be at a net price submitted by yourself which must include your profit and expenses. I will then give it consideration on that basis. It must be distinctly understood that I undertake to pay no commission or expenses.

I shall be glad to hear of any discoveries you have made, and the more interesting they are the better. As to estimating the price of pottery or jars, you must know as a dealer that it is quite impossible for me to give you any value without seeing the objects. It does not matter what age they are, as everything depends upon their being genuine and their condition.

The saw you mention with ebony handle should be interesting, but

again I cannot judge unless it is sent for inspection. You know it is quite safe to forward anything, and I can always let you have a reply or return the object the same day.

I am,
Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. H.H. Sparks,
153. St. Mary's Road,
Southampton.

Sparks

153 St. Mary's Rd.
South Ton.

Dear Sir.

May 12. 15.

Would you please do which I
find the two books do which I
have referred. I deposited
the money for them before I
took them so kindly let
me ^{know} return. As to price I
am in the dark as to whether
I am working for you or merely
selling to you. This may not
seem important to you but
as I have big things in view
we had better have a definite
arrangement. Or Commission
I charge 10% and expenses.
Otherwise I must make a profit
to cover these. I am rather
nervous about the normal
especially as given diplomatic
arrangements I may be able to
surprise you with certain
discoveries I have made. What
I will still have the price of
these books to you. So if

you require then I had in a
cheque (including commission).

I want to know how to estimate
the value of furs from your
point of view, as I know
where furs are between
100 & 150 some in blue lettering
and 2 or 3 in red. A collection
also whether "Bristol" or old
Bellet or Roman are most
valued. You will have to
reckon at 7/6 for expenses.
Let me know what you
think as I shall be glad
to do business.

Remain

Yours truly
H. A. Sparks

C. J. Thompson Esq.

I know of a saw with ebony
handle (plain black) with a bar
along. H.A.S.

153 St. Maurice
South 'ton.

Dear Sir,

Cairn's offices all
closed, parcel too heavy
for Parcel Post.

Nothing less than 10/- will
buy tongue scraper.

Regarding the books the woman
knows nothing about the value
If you like to send the
amount you think they are
worth to you I will tell
them it is all I can get
I will either send books or
money by return. The
books are unique in
their way. The prices I mention
are not to me & I have not
charged any commission.
Also please say what

value you place on the
old jars. So far as I remember
they are of Roman origin and
very old probably 16th or 17th
cent.

Since the war commenced
people are very chary of
letting stuff go and
they take the trouble to
negotiate for returns.

I am working to your
interests.

Yours truly
H. H. Sparks.

C. J. Thompson Esq.

54A Wigmore St.

7 May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Your post card to hand this morning, and I enclose a cheque for ten shillings for the syringe and the doctor's test case herewith. Please send them by parcel post as early as possible. I cannot make any offer for either of the books, the one on Medicine and Chirurgie, or the French book of 1683, without first seeing them. I may say, judging from the titles, and what I know of them, the prices asked are quite beyond consideration.

Try and get that auctioneer man to accept 8/6 for the silver tongue scraper. It is more than its full value, and I will forward cash at once on receipt, or I will give 15/- for the Florence Nightingale engravings with the lamp, that is 23/6 for the two. He must know quite well that this is an excellent price for the same. I would not consider them at a penny more.

Let me know about that chemist's collection of drug pots, etc. that you spoke about as soon as you can. I do not want the oil painting of the woman and skull at any price. It is no use to me.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. H. Sparks.

153 St. Mary's Rd.
Southampton

Dear Sir,

Thursday

May 5. 15

Replying to your letter of this morning
I sold the mortar for 25/- as an
antique.

(2) Permit. (This is an 'open letter')
Florence Nightingale. Lowest
net price to me £2.0.0 de-
livered car paid in London.

Tongue Scraper, lowest net
to me 10/-

(3) Syringe & hand bag report
to arrive tomorrow morning.

I have made two fresh finds
(1) Book. Medical & Surgical
Anatomical Cases (Nisquam)
fully illustrated. 1755. 25/-

(2) Les Proportions du Corps
Humain. Mesures de la plus
belles figures de l'antiquité
1683 à Paris £5.

This is simply a book of
illustrations with ^{no} covers
very rare & curious.

The oil painting - Nonant & Skull
can be bought at the specula-
tive price of £7. delivered
in London.

I will ring you up at
exactly 12 the tomorrow
morning (Friday) as there
seems to be another
buyer round here.

I have since heard that
the matter has a history.

Yours faithfully
H. H. Sparks.

C. J. Thompson Esq.

3461 Mayfair I believe will
find you.

Wigmore St.

4 May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Confirming my valuation of the objects I saw yesterday with you at Southampton I would give ten shillings for the bell-metal mortar with Tudor roses. For the framed print of the nurse with the lamp and the silver tongue-scraper eighteen shillings for the two. For the tin syringe and small hand-bag of test bottles, ten shillings.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. H. Sparks,
153. St. Mary's Road,
Southampton.

Wigmore Street.

1. May 1915.

Dear Sir,

I expect to come to Southampton on Monday by the train leaving Waterloo at 12.30, due at Southampton West at 2.10. The trains to the Docks do not suit me. I will meet you at Smith's book-stall on the arrival platform at that time. I must leave by the 4.50 for Waterloo, so please have all the things together so that I can see them within a couple of hours.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. H.H. Sparks,
153. St. Mary's Road,
Southampton.

153 St. Mary's Rd

Dear Sir,

Sa'lor

Letter just to hand. Please
come to Dock Station as early
in the morning as possible. I
will be sitting on a seat close
to the Clock. We shall have to
drive round to get done in a
short time. Will, if you are
able, at Manuloo when you
leave.

Yours faithfully
H. H. Sparkes

C. J. Thompson Esq

POST CARD

SOUTHAMPTON

BE USED FOR WRITTEN OR
PRINTED MATTER.

9. 2 PM

ONLY THE ADDRESS TO
BE WRITTEN HERE.

APR 26 1894



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Thompson Esq.

54 A Wigmore St.

London.

W.

153 St. Mary's R

~~London~~

Dear Sir, South'lon

Replying to your
extended letter. I
would gladly forward
stuff but it is so
scattered about
that it is not practica-
ble, if you could come
down in the Luncheon
hour or during in the
train hour. I may however
write you tomorrow
faithfully yrs HHS.

POST SOUTHAMPTON CARD

12.30 PM

MAY 6 15



C. J. Thompson Esq.
52 A Wigmore St.

London.
W.

Dear Sir. 153 W. Hampden St. N.Y.C.
N.Y.C.

I was unable to get information in time to phone.
Your offer of 10/- for Syringe
case is accepted.

I have suggested 30/-
as offer for French book
if the car was put
down I think it would
be acceptable.

If you will post order
or cheque I will get the
stuff and dispatch it
within an hour of receipt
of same.

Yours faithfully
H. H. Sparks.

C. J. Thompson Esq.

Wigmore St.

28 April 1915.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday's date just to hand. I should like to see the medical and surgical books and old instruments that you mention with the other things and will arrange to come to Southampton on Friday. As I am very busy and my time is very limited, I shall only have an hour or two in Southampton so it will be necessary for you to get all the things together at one place where I can see them. Please let me know by return of post which station to come to, the town or the docks, and also where I can see the things altogether. On hearing from you I will let you know definitely the train I shall come by.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

H.H. Sparks Esq.,
153. St. Mary's Road,
Southampton.

54A Wigmore St

24 April 1915.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of the 23rd inst. and I regret I am too busy to come down to Southampton just now unless the objects to be seen are very important. It would be much better if you could send them to me here for inspection.

I may say the mortars without marks would be of no interest to me, and it is impossible to judge the value of the print without inspection. I can only suggest (unless there is anything more of great importance) that you should forward them, together with any other objects, by parcel post, and I will give the matter early consideration.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

H.H. Sparks Esq.,
153. St. Mary's Road,
Southampton.

Southampton
H. 51

Westerham
7.31

Westerham
10.40
12.50

Southampton
1.44
3.37

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Sparks.

153 St. Mary's Rd.
Southampton

Dear Sir,

How does this appeal to you?

A series of embryonic human - (fetuses)
I believe is the word.

A collection of medical & surgical
books and specimens. Some instruments
16, 17 & 18 N. Cat, items. You will
want a day here. From Doctor
Kerr's collection.

In haste to cater part

Yours fully
H. H. Sparks.

C. J. Thompson Esq.

153 St. Mary's Rd
Gou Nampton

23. 4. 15.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your
letter of the 20th inst.

An old Country Doctor
said the other day and his
effects were sold by Auction
the Mortar being one of three.
Its dimensions are $4\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ & base
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 3 Tudor marks on it.
There are also two others but
without marks. £2 is asked
for the 1st. and £1 for each
of the others. I dare say a suit-
able offer would be accepted

The Emperor of the Print is
J. Beckett after Kingdomey.

If you could run down
tomorrow or Monday I think
I could promise you some
very interesting items. The
name of the Printer of the
pressure I have been unable
to discover but it is probably
16th. or early 17th. Cent.

There are also a few
engraved portraits.

Try run down and send
me a wire saying by what
train (presumably to the docks

& I will meet you.

You can have the print
for 30/-.

Yours faithfully

H. H. Sparks.

C. J. Thompson.

Wynore St.

W.

H.M.M.

19 April 1915.

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to Mr. Wellcome who is at present travelling abroad, in which you offer him an old print of a surgeon binding up a wounded leg, an oil painting and gun-metal mortar. I should be glad if you would kindly furnish me with the following particulars:-

Who is the engraver of the print, and the name of the painter of the picture? Also the height and diameter of the mortar, together with the price you require for both. If you will kindly let me know these details, I will give the matter early consideration.

I am afraid the oil painting you mention of the female and the skull will not be of interest to us.

Thanking you for the offer of the same,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

H.H. Sparks Esq.,
153 St. Mary's Road,
Southampton.

Recd.
17 APR 1915

153 St. Mary's Rd.
Southampton.

Apr. 16. 15.

Dear Sir,

I have a few items
that may appeal to you
for the Museum. They
consist of a Print -
"Chirurgeon binding up a
wounded leg. Lijards &c
in back ground. Early 15th.
Cent.
16th or early 17th. Oil painting
female studying a skull
3 1/2. 9 1/2 x 4. 11 in. Book on
table: horn glass &c.
Gun Metal Mortar with
Tulw. Rose & Crown

of the Curator applicable

Yours faithfully

H. H. Sparks.

Welcome by

P.S. I sold you a
pair of anatomical
wax figures some years
ago you will remember
me by that.

HHS.