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Cambridge Square,  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Novr 1868

My dear Mr. Astaria,

I duly received  
your very kind letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult  
this morning, and thank you heartily  
for the two portraits; they will be  
invaluable additions to those of my  
best friends, of which I have a large  
collection, and hope to shew it you two  
next year.

I am going to Leeds to-morrow  
to pack up the sketches and engravings  
so as to return them to their proprietors.  
I have a visit or two to pay in the

country, but expect to be home again by the end of next week, and like you settled for the winter.

I am very sorry I did not see Mr. Lippmann at Prague, but the weather seemed so unfavourable, that I thought it better to get, as soon as possible to Dresden. Mr. Fisher is at Brighton, I have only seen him once since my return, when he was very well, and desired me to present his best respects to you.

I earnestly hope that nothing will prevent the pleasure I expect to have in seeing you here in the spring. My house and time will be quite at

your services, and that pleasure will  
be greatly increased if Mr. Atkinson  
accompanies you. My brother's wife  
and his daughters will do their best  
to make her visit to London an agreeable  
one to her.

With kindest wishes to her, as well  
as to all your family,

I remain, also ever,  
most truly yours

J. W. Smith

W. A. Atkinson.

I saw this morning in Roll  
Hall East some very nice specimens  
which Mr. McKay is about to send  
you.



This annual festival among persons who  
resided out of town was always  
also indeed all very numerous  
and could be well attended by a  
considerable number of people who  
had come from far and near.  
The next day I went to

I am sending you my  
Liprandy's Almanac, and the  
same is very valuable, and  
I shall repeat what I said in  
yesterday's letter, that you  
ought to have sent me a  
whole Almanac, so that I  
could have had it in time.

It would be just as well to  
have this Almanac, because  
in buying you have to pay for  
the postage.