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My dear Andrew,

At the end  
of this most disgusting hot  
day, amid an olla podrida  
of flies, dust, perspiration  
and thirst I sat down to  
write you a few lines  
about your books.

To day was one of those  
absurd holidays which  
perpetuate the division of  
the Australian States, and  
is called Constitution Day.  
Our office was supposed to  
be closed but I was there  
for some time in the morning  
and when I left I sought

sent out Mr Sam Mullett  
and arranged about the  
books you wanted. Of  
these "Italy and her Invaders"  
had been sold, and only  
one vol of Garrison could  
be found, and the other  
is supposed to be in  
circulation somewhere -  
I secured De Witt, 2 vols,  
Founders of the American  
Rep (1 vol) and Bain on Mill,  
and paid the catalogue  
prices for them, £1.00.  
The order being a comparatively  
small one I could not  
very well get them for less  
especially as the books  
are going off pretty well  
and there is an indisposition

to reduce the price, except  
on large orders, and then  
only to Institutions. However  
I told Mullen if the 2nd  
Vol of Garrison came to  
hand I might have a  
talk with him on that  
subject - The binding of  
the Garrison vol in hand  
is loosened but they will  
repare this if I purchase  
and the book outwardly  
is in good enough order.  
The parcel ~~has been~~ <sup>will be</sup> sent  
to Robertson at once for  
transmission to Hood.

I have noted the progress  
of the Gill & Ball imbroglis, and  
that they were to appear today  
to answer the charges so  
scathingly commented on by

Wrenfordsey. This matter has  
revived painful memories for  
me - they have placed themselves  
in a wretched position even  
if they retain themselves on the  
rolls - there is not a single  
thing that I have to be grateful  
for to them, but I am not  
glad by any means - As a  
simple matter of justice,  
perhaps I ought to be. The  
way they have conducted their  
business for many years  
has been a public calamity.  
It was fit that Nemesis should  
overtake them, but I would  
not have wished it to be  
so drastic as this. Of one  
member of the firm it might  
be said that nothing short  
of this, except death, would  
remove his blighting influence  
from the conduct of a business.

which might so easily have  
 been made one of the very  
 finest in the Island - All  
 this and more might be said,  
 but the fact remains that  
 this will be a terrible blow  
 to some people here - The  
 harmonization of the Eternal  
 Justice with the Supreme  
 Fiat we can but have faith  
 in - We know that earthly  
 justice brings with it so often  
 the heartbreak of the innocent,  
 and the shame of the pure.

With affectionate regards  
 to the circle

Believe me

Always affectionately yours

A. G. W. Atton