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St Vincent Place
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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 of 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
repair this if I purchase
and the book outwardly
is in good enough order.
The parcel ~~has been~~ ^{will be} 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