London
31st Jan, 1864

Respected friend,

G. F. Story.

I hope there will excuse my troubling thee about a very trifling matter, but as I have a little boy who is very earnest as a collector of stamps, I make free to ask thee if thou wouldst kindly enclose a few old ones in thy next letter to us. If thou hast some old colonial letters by thee it will perhaps not be much trouble, but if such should not be the case, I would...
on no account have thee
take any trouble in the matter.
The kind much in request here are the cheaper kinds as used in the colonies, for these are rarely used in letters sent
to England.
The B.D. Land "one penny" stamps are, I find, rather rare among juvenile collectors.
I like to encourage young folks in beginning pursuits of some kind or other, as it leads to habits of application.
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last there have any
folks about there who

are stamp collectors I shall
have much pleasure in
returning the compliment.

My esteemed favour now
received shall have prompt,
if careful attention.

I am
Thine respectfully

Edwin B. Travers.