

Roberts Brothers

Memorandum:

I have yours of recent date.

From your return it is evident that the sale of the books has stopped. In view of that fact, the books you have on hand would more than supply any probable demand and the real value of the plates is what they would sell for to melt up. ~~In a short time as you are aware, I shall have the right to issue the works without reference to them.~~ I suppose upon a reference to our titulators, as provided for in our contract, something more than that would be allowed you, but I cannot think it would be much more, since the value of the plates to any one else is just what they would bring for that purpose.

They are of no more value to me except as by putting them in with the regular sets of the judge's books, I may be able to sell a few each year. I have no delusions on this subject since every one will know that the dearest property in the world is a dead book — especially in the present condition of the book trade. I think I would be willing to take the whole stock

at the prices you name, if in good
condition and give 10 per cent more
for the plates than they would sell for
to the ^{type} founder.

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