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My dear Sir

I duly received this morning yours of yesterday. My wife had engaged to have the Key copied for me on Monday next, the performance has however been anticipated. It came to me last night after first hour - fortunately, for it has occupied in this whole day to correct it. I send it with this and I think you will find it ^{unmistakably} correct. I have ever found such difficulties in procuring a faithful transcriber, that I have been obliged to write out my own copy and hence I admit I write not very legibly myself, but more errors are induced by the scribe's ignorance of the alphabet & of other mistakes of inattention, I will not say carelessness, are traceable in the copy Key. I think 'The open scheme' will astonish you, when you look at all the authorities I have ^{examined} for my computations, all which are on the Key marked by a significant N. It opens as you are aware all my manuscripts alike. I cannot but think you seem nervous lest I should have presented the cheque for payment before you got the Key. I never intended to do so and shall present it until after you have received the document now sent. The second Volume is finished very fully with the abolition, I promised, and the sketch of Bishopric of Limerick; and I shall send it on receiving the second few pounds. Do not be tetchy about this exactness, I never let a manuscript out of my possession until paid for, until I was induced to do so for you. The Key was copied in the form of the original.

Thorp's Catalogue of MSs is in most of our public libraries, and I think could be got through Kelly, Baskin & Grafton St. The copy I quote from was a presentation to myself. The old book you allude to must I think be Stevens's 'Domesticon' & not 'Domesticon', clapped in my Key as 258, but it is very shallow compared even with Archibald's work of the same title. You wrote of some pages of my Vol 1 as rendered difficult to read by reason of copyings etc.; If you could conveniently send those pages to me I would endeavour to decipher them (which I sometimes find difficult with my own hand) and return fair copies to you.

I enclose a slip for your next publication and will feel obliged by your sending me a copy of the paper in which it

and I am Dear Sir

Truly Yours

John Dill

Don't hope to learn that the text you have yet supplied to my volume meets your expectations & I am sure they will continue to do so - I wish but the world be such when we are as your Limerick 29

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