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To James Thomas Fields

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Dear Mr. Fields -

Your late notes and your beautiful gift should have been sooner acknowledged - but I have been part of the time very busy, part of the time afflicted with a cold and part of the time lazy. So forgive me - that is if you have ever thought of the matter at all.

Your poems are most charmingly and fittingly gotten up in this new edition - it is a perfect

some books treating on the early settlement of the West - Indian Wars &c. - I have had a good deal of trouble in finding them and shall be obliged to send to Cincinnati for one when I make up the package, I will send it upon for you to forward.

After a while, will you lend me the notes of "Heps and Bishops"? I have seen very few. Whipple's is noble. I have had him the accompanying note. -
Love to Ticknor - Ever yours.

love of a book, as
well as a book of
loves. By the way
I've said that
before - in a letter
of Bennoch - close
touch, is it it?

Why didn't you
include "Moonrise
at Sea" in this volume?
You have never
written a sweet poem.
By the way, won't
you do us another
good turn in the
rhyming way before
the year is out? - Please
write us another poem
and Providence will

put it down to your
credit. In other words -
By the poverty of little Sel,
Whose weary tramping brings him
to your door -
With kindful rhymes his budget
help to fill -
Aims, Sorceries, Felams -
and Heaven will bless
your (book) store!

I am glad to hear
that "Haps and Mis-
haps" are going off
so well - I shall be
for you later than
for mine even.
Mary Howitt
has applied to me for