

Bolton, Worcester Co. Mass<sup>ts</sup>,  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1873 -

Mr. Darlington,  
Dear Sir,

Mr. Drake sent me, by the  
mail of this evening, your letter of the  
5<sup>th</sup> inst. & I am requested to reply to it.  
This is already the 3<sup>rd</sup> application I have  
ceived from Pennsylvania (the other two  
from Philadelphia) for use of the journal  
of Col. John May. I am perfectly willing  
to furnish the whole of it, & a good deal  
more, if any one will make it worth while  
for me to do so. I could insert it consider-  
ably by letters of Col. May, which were not  
so much as quoted in the article in the Hist.  
& General Register. In that article, of course,  
I was limited as to space, & could only take  
a passage here & there. If I should undertake  
to get the journal out in book form, I should,

I think, helps out the narrative by inserting  
~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~and~~ ~~letters~~ ~~as~~ ~~I~~ ~~have~~, ~~see~~ ~~above~~,  
 according to date.

If you will <sup>guarantee</sup> ~~guantee~~ me a certain number  
 of subscribers, or a suitable compensation in  
 money, I will get the book out in good shape  
 in Boston, where the thing can be well done,  
 & where I could superintend the correction of the  
 proofs: or, if you prefer, I will send a copy  
 of the MS to you.

One advantage would attend getting it  
 in Boston. Many persons would take the  
 book there, for interest in the man or in the  
 family, that might not feel the same amount  
 of interest if the book were published elsewhere.

Another advantage would be, the opportunity  
 to take counsel on matters literary or histori-  
 cal, & to consult books of reference, if any  
 necessity of that sort should occur.

Please let me hear directly from you, &  
 Alice,

Truly Yours,

Richard S. Edes,

Boston, Worcester Co. Mass<sup>ts</sup>.

Richard S. Edes to William M. Darlington, March 12, 1873

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