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Mr. Gieseey,

Thanks for thy letter written in times of peace, and now there is war. When my answer arrives the ballots will have been cast and as a very detestable little Phenix Mr. Nixon will have emerged from ashes to which he should never have had access in the first place. Oh dear.

Feetwishing¹ has as yet not yielded offprints. Did I tell you that Harvard Press wanted, for an additional 100 off[print]s, no less than 524 Dollars? I greeted them with the Bavarian salute of caressing—and I give you three guesses what it is like. Still, you will get an offprint once I receive them—the 50 I get gratis.

The [*King's Two*] body galleys arrive at the rate of 30 every other week. We have now knocked off the *corpus mysticum* and tomorrow *tempus, aevum, aeternitas* would be due and a bit of the next one. The printing is not bad; but my fears as to faulty quotations are enormous and re-checking is not possible.

I am just drafting the final table of PLATES and am collecting the photos which the Press has as yet not received. I find two gaps and I wish you could give me (a) information and (b) a copy of a picture you gave me and which I must have lost or displaced.

(a) what is the quote (apart from “Courtesy of Mr. REG”) of your little woodcut: Funeral of Henri IV—Effigy under canopy—of which you have the terribly expensive colour-film?

(b) could I get another print of MS Clairembault 1127, fol.25^v—the Benkard picture of Henri IV on his Lit d'Honneur, but taken from the big toe towards the crown. I had it and lost it.

Last week I finally visited Mommsen at Cornell—a lovely place, I do admit that, but provincial, which Vassar was not and which the West Coast normally is neither (it is too remote from the centers to be called provincial). We would have to discuss this definition, for it is too complicated to write about it. His spirits were neither high nor low. But it is certainly not the atmosphere he normally would have liked to live it. I saw many—very, very many—people up there and they were nice and congenial; but there is nothing, but absolutely nothing, except those few nice faculty men. I flew from Newark and back (4 hours late on my way home) and drove my “Golden Cadillac” down there. It is a pleasure to drive that Olds, although I still should not drive it beyond 50 miles [per hour]. But you notice the speed less than on a train, and like a horse the car *wants* to run fast and you have to curb it.

On my return I had a very heavy attack of the Princeton disease: Visistitis. I arrived on Friday night. Late in the evening my sister phoned from NY. So she was here Saturday to

¹ “The Baptism of the Apostles,” *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*, IX-X (1956), 204-51.

Monday. Monday-Tuesday [Peter] Boodberg² came. I had a Cocktail for the [Luther] Eisenharts³ and the [Glanville] Downeys⁴, and had to go to greet Mrs. [Andreas] Alföldi. So I was busy, and I finally rejoiced when I could return to those miserable Proofs. And so many other things are itching me. Oh yes, also [Erich] Kahler is back; and the delicatessen has six new French cheeses and they promised me a chèvre. So there is a lot going on.

[Maurice] Bowra wrote me. He was in summer in Patmos, where they preserve a little bottle of the vinegar co-effective at the crucifixion—"and I can assure you (wrote Bowra) it was *not* Cross and Blackwell." It could not, because it was of course CRESCA.

You will become so well known a TV show⁵ as Mr. Nixon—or would they take you for Kefauvre [sic]? I hope you are playing nicely with the children. Have you seen Nicky? Give her my best. [Stull] Holt⁶ is a magnificent man, very much like Karl Reinhardt (Festschrift, and *he* wrote on Poseidonius). Give him my greetings too. [Solomon] Katz⁷ I hardly know, though I once met him in Berkeley, A[merican]H[istorical]A[ssociation] Pacific Branch. I have not forgotten Xmas eve, and I have just ordered *the* new present from Switzerland—a full dozen.

love,
Eka. [Signed]

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³ Retired Dean of the Graduate School of Princeton University.

⁴ Byzantinist, Eka's regular cohort at the Dumbarton Oaks symposia.

⁵ A response, I believe, to my writing Eka about a local TV series on Western Civilization by the history faculty of the University of Washington, in which I gave three lectures on the Middle Ages.

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