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Dear Frank

Naechels' letter is most unsatisfactory. but we must avoid a direct quarrel, let his tone be ever so arrogant and violent. I have known so many cases of successful Germans turning arrogant & impatient, that I have been forced much against my will to form a low opinion of their morals: this is regrettable.

I do not think that the matter can quite stop here, but I think you should know

explicitly written or no the
Haron but any veto on the
publication of the letter. Perhaps
it would be best to ask this of
~~only~~ ^{only} Mengden, as he must
have shown a given the
letter to Haskel at any rate.

I agree with you that Haskel
can only be touched by the law
- he cannot be a collector &
his administration & restriction of
you father's characts, is all
Kensbury. whatever may be
the justice of his appropriation

of his Kintabir work &
I should not accept for
Gobel Haskel's statement that
Mengden gave "sympathetic
perceptions", & "with" - that it
should be published. If he did
he is more to blame than
Haskel, & should be told so.

I am very sorry for this letter
& unpleasant, & that Haskel
has shown himself in such odious
color.

It is well that you have the
German law on your side.

I shall think over the
matter of publishing an account
of the transactions - I think we

have perhaps better submit
that to the judgment of a
few friends such as Littlefield,
Farrar, & you and Woodard,
who would be unbiased to
my reputation & conduct, &
on whose opinion we could well
rely

As always

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