

Ans'd.  
Mar. 24/96.

J. STARKIE GARDNER.

29, ALBERT EMBANKMENT,

LAMBETH, S. E.

13-3-96

Dear Sir

I am contemplating a book on English ironwork of the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, working out the development of that phase of design, peculiar to this country & its origin. It will require quite 100 plates folio to illustrate it & will be a expensive undertaking & I am anxious to get a few subscribers whose names are known to put on the prospectus that the publisher will issue. Though the subject is modern

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yet it is not wholly beyond the sphere of your own work in its treatment, & your name would I feel be of great value where I am personally unknown. It is I am aware a favor to ask of a rather unusual kind, especially as the cost of the work may be four guineas, yet I believe you will view the request in the spirit I make it, & not as merely asking you to take a copy. believe me

Yours faithfully  
J. Gardner

General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S.: