

of the list. I expected to find some 80 or 90 & there are nearly 100 more. This places me beyond much risk of pecuniary loss, & enables me to go forward cheerfully, & to illustrate more plentifully without its being so speculative. But there is a point about that illustration, which I want to mention to you, as you took so kind an interest in the matter, & sent me to Mr. Davies of Heliotype position. Well and good. I was very glad & what she was very obliging & put me up to a good deal. But one thing puzzled me very much - & she could not explain it, or throw any light upon it. -

Gilbert & Rivington have a certain tariff, of which he gave me a copy - varying of course according to size & no. of plates. And very reasonable I found it. But this is merely the tariff of untitled plates - i.e. of such as have no name attached to them - & such, usually speaking, would not answer my purpose. For adding a name on the Negative, they charge 3s. 6d. extra. Plenty, I think, considering how little trouble it would give to a practised hand. Still I should not object, if that were all. - But

they proceed to another ~~to~~ item of 3s. 6d. extra for printing these titled plates. Aber warum ist das? There is no additional expense to them in materials, paper, or labour. A titled & an untitled ~~print~~ negative print exactly alike - & therefore I am quite unable to comprehend the fairness of such a charge. Nor would it be a trifle if there were 12 or 20 titled illustrations in an Edition of 300. I confess it rather surprises me that a respectable firm should endeavour to make money in such a way, by charging as for work, not done. Would it be giving you much trouble, if I were to ask you to make some enquiry for me about this queer thing. There is no kind of hurry but it is best to be fore-armed. I think even with this extra I should get the work done at about 2d. per illustration - the lowest photography offered being 2½d. - & the heliotype comes less, & therefore binds better.

I was very sorry to find from Northon that some misapprehension had hindered the reading of his paper at R. St. S.