

Cambridge. 22<sup>d</sup> February. 1864.  
Washington's Birthday.

My dear Sir

Your very kind letter of 22<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>, reached me a few days since. I am very much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken concerning the MS. of B. da Imola. - Nothing could be more satisfactory than to have possession of Lord Vernon's copy of the Comment. - if the work is to be edited where the original mss. cannot be consulted. I have long had knowledge of this copy, & a description of it, but I had supposed that it was not to be obtained from Lord Vernon.

The fact that Lord Vernon himself, & then Sir James P. Lacaita, should successively have entertained & abandoned the idea of printing the Comment, I confess, staggers me a little. It would