

Accession number: 1992-24/39a/s

Description: single sheet of paper, watermark a crown above a hunting horn and 'J & EG], folded as a letter, written on one side. Letter from Thomas Rackett to Thomas Carr, 30 July 1823.

Transcript:

Address: Tho[ma]s Carr Esq[uir]e
John Street

Letter: King Street July 30th 1823

Dear Sir,

I have received a note from the Trustees of the British museum stating that they have been waiting many days for the pedestal belonging to the statue of Shakespeare & enquiring of me upon what account it has been so long delayed & whether there is any reason for not delivering it when it is again sent for.

~~Not having received any~~ As I am not in possession of any information relative to the removal of the Statue I am unable to reply to this application. & must therefore request you to inform me ^{whether the statue has been removed} of the occasion of the delay, & the reason (if any) for not delivering ~~it~~ the pedestal. I subjoin a copy of Roubiliacs agreement for the Statue, & remain

Dear Sir

Yours truly

Tho[ma]s Rackett

Memorandum

July the 22^d 1757. I agree to make M^r Garrick a Statue of Shakespear at full length according to the settled model with Pedestal &c & to place it in his Garden at Hampton before the end of next Summer for three hundred pounds.

L F Roubiliac

Witness

John Peele

Notes:

David Garrick Papers, Hereford Museum

Mr Carr: Thomas Carr, Mrs' Garrick's solicitor; his wife was a close friend of hers. After Mrs Garrick's death he bought the Hampton house estate and put it in repair.

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