

Mr C. S. Wauler.

My dear Sir,

I omitted to give you the Order
for on the Athenaeum for the 6th Vol. Fraser,
which Mr Munroe can execute very well
without trouble to you. In case you should
wish to see the article, Brothers of Johnson,
I have included the 2^d Vol. in the order.
When you are at the Printing Office, will
you just make the inquiry, whether
they are printing 260 copies of these 2 vols.
with a London title page. Of course, it must
be so, yet the inquiry would certify us.
R. W. Emerson.
Concord, 15 May 1839.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON, A. L. S., 16 May 1839, to
Charles Stearns Wheeler.

Mr C. S. Wheeler.

My dear sir,

I omitted to give you the order for [deleted] on the Atheneum for the 6th Vol. Fraser, which Mr Munroe can execute very well without trouble to you. In case you should wish to see the article, Cruthers & Jonson, I have included the 2d Vol. in the order. When you are at the printing office, will you just make the inquiry, whether they are printing 260 copies of these 2 vols. with a London title page. Of course, it must be so, yet the inquiry would certify us.

R. W. Emerson.

Concord, 16 May 1839.

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Notes: 1. *The Letters of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, ed. Ralph L. Rusk (6 vols.; New York, 1939), II, 199, below the heading TO CHARLES STEARNS WHEELER, CONCORD, MAY 16, 1839: [MS listed in Anderson Galleries, Apr. 27, 1925. The letter is there described as relating to "a London edition of

one of his [Emerson's] works." But this information seems doubtful, as there is good reason to conjecture that a letter to Wheeler at this time would more probably have concerned the third and fourth volumes of the American edition of Carlyle's miscellanies. Wheeler, Cambridge, June 3, 1839, relates to the miscellanies. . . .] The contents of the letter, then, fully support Rusk's conjecture; Thomas Carlyle's "Cruthers and Jonson or the Outskirts of Life," further, appeared in *Fraser's Magazine* for January 1831.

2. Charles Stearns Wheeler, a good Cambridge friend of Emerson and a scholar of some reputation, graduated from Harvard in 1837 and was a tutor there until about the time he went to Germany (August 1842), where he died in 1843. The *Boston Courier* carried his obituary 11 July 1843, the same day that Emerson wrote of his death in a letter to Margaret Fuller.

3. Francis C. Browne was, apparently, Emerson's wife's nephew (my thanks for this information to Eleanor M. Tilton).

4. Here published by permission of Eleanor M. Tilton, Professor of English at Barnard College, Columbia University; and Editor of Volume Seven of Emerson's letters (forthcoming—the present letter will appear in it).