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My dear Sir

I have the pleasure of informing You that the two chests, one containing the Gladiator, the other the boy, are gone the day before yesterday, and that by sea, through Leghorn, they shall arrive about after two weeks. The Thursday before I was assisting personally for half an hour the emballation, ^{and stopped there} ~~and stopped there~~ and I was perfectly persuaded, that the extension of the chests was right, and the method of packing up was adapted and well calculated, so that I am persuaded, there is no limb which can move itself during the transport. Now I recommend to You ~~to~~ to take care so much You can ~~for~~ the softness of treating of our protiges, make it recommend at Florence, send reasonable men to manage the chests, and above all, assist Yourself the opening of them and the taking out of them. Take Your-self a little stick and remove

Yourself the saw-dust with which the statues
are surrounded untill you have discovered them,
and deliver the work of taking out the
statues ^{to} the workmen only when they are visible
all around. The fingers, hands, feet and faces
are envelopped in paper, which you ought
take away yourself with your stick.

Then I inform you that Sieur Antois
was touched so much by my describing of the
sad state of the Apollon and by my describing
him the affliction produced by the aspect
of such a work arriving broken and deluding
in such a manner the most agreeable expectation,
that he ordered a new head of Apollon, in
order to restore with it the mutilated God;
this head you shall find on the bottom of
the Gladiator-chest, ~~are~~ near to his thighs, placed
in such a way that he looks down to this head.

You will do myself a great pleasure having
the kindness of informing me of the well-arriving

of the chests. Believe me
my dear Sir

Yours sincerely
A. Weston.

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