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My very dear and honoured Friend

A long time has now elapsed since last I had the gratification of hearing from you, although your kind letter to Margaret informed of some circumstances, especially your visit to Brunswick which interested & delighted me. How grateful I am to you for this proof of kindness to my dear child - To think of you - Spoke - sitting down to write a long & most interesting letter to a girl! well - she values it more than if it had come from any European Monarch, & so does her father -

I was charmed, too, to hear of the success of your Opera - when will it be published - for I am longing to feast my eyes with a sight of it?

The books inclosed in this parcel would have been sent long since, but that all communication with Hamburg has been stopped by the ice - I request your acceptance of a Copy of "King Arthur" which I edited for the "Musical Antiquarian Society" - Looking at its date, I am sure you will regard it as a work of great genius - In originality and invention, and in the variety of forms in which Music is employed in connection with the Drama, I think it superior to any cotemporary Italian work -