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I am still at
the Indexes to my
Br. Mus. Catalogue,
but hope to get it all
finished in July.

My Dear Steindorf.

As you saw from my
last card, it has been
impossible for me to get
to Germany this summer.
I have been occupied much
less pleasantly, with legal
business, which has taken
up a great deal of time
and caused a great deal

of worry. It is not at all
over yet, and I doubt if
I shall get much work done
this summer. To do good
work, one needs peace, of
mind and of body; and so
my plans for doing several
jobs, while in Scotland, will
probably not be carried through.
However, with a view to what
I contemplate doing, I should
like to hear whether you
agree to my making a
beginning with our *Jémé-*
Coprus. In 1903 I went to

you all my copies of the
Dedications of children etc. and
of the Wills: I have therefore
here all the Sales, legal
agreements, promises to pay etc.

If you think well, I would begin
to autograph one of these groups:
it does not, I suppose, matter
which is taken first? though
the texts which you have, are
probably the more interesting.

You sent me, at that time, a
letter from Hinrichs, agreeing to
be our publisher; but I
suppose I returned it to you, as
I can't find it here. I am
therefore uncertain as to his
proposals; but I think that

Some sort of quarto format (say
about the size of my Ostraca, &
not so large as the Berlin Urkunde)
was proposed, was it not?

Are we to autograph upon both
sides of the paper? That saves
space, but greatly increases the
labour, since a double number
of pages must be got ready
all together, before a full sheet
can be printed off.

I would propose that philological
notes only should be given with
the autographed texts, leaving all
notes upon the matter for the
subsequent, printed part of the
work.

If you agree to my proposal now,

will you kindly ask Hinrichs \ 2
to send me some autographic
paper, of the sort used in Berlin
for the Urkunden? It can't be
got here. If you agree to the
format I suggest, the sheets
should be about 28 x 23 cm.
each. The smaller the format,
the better and easier to handle,
I find. I would send you a specimen
page for approval, before it was
printed.
What language are we to use?
Since you will be the principal
editor, we can use German.
I don't mind which it is.

The reason why I am anxious to
get these texts out, is that they
will be very important for my
dictionary, and, as time goes on,

I shall find the Dictionary-work
before) increase probably, and shall have
less leisure for other jobs.

~~I shall~~ I shall be free to give some
part of the day to the ~~the~~
Corpus all through July, while
in Scotland; so I should
much like to have your reply
to this soon. Probably there
are many other points which
I ought to have mentioned
here: these I hope you will
deal with in your answer.
In August I must take a holiday.
In Sept. I go to Manchester,
to work at my Crawford Catalogue,
& in Oct. we return here & the
Dictionary begins, I hope! But

settling down in Oct. I hope to go over to see you
and Emma - soon your wife.