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Dear Dr Gray

In answer to your letter  
of the 17<sup>th</sup>, I will explain my  
orders here to bind up of the Govt  
copies, only as many as were required  
— for present distribution; there  
remained in Gaskill's store room  
21 copies of all the Vols from 8  
to 16 inclusive, besides a large  
amount in parts, bound, & partly bound,  
belonging to different publishers,

There were only 21 copies of  
Mr Brackenridges book (Govt)  
burned —

Putnam & Co had Mr B's own  
book on sale, I could not tell  
the whole edition of Ferns to any  
bookseller, P. & Co was to have  
the books from time to time  
as they wanted them, and gave  
Mr B. outlay, I had only 20 copies  
of his plates printed; P. & Co had  
10 copies all of which are sold

Mr B. loses therefore only  
10 copies of his plates, but  
all the letter press is burned  
except the said 10 copies sold —

You shall have a set of  
the plates for your copy of  
B's book —

I had a talk with Mr  
Purse this morning at the  
Capitol, I am to see him again  
tomorrow, & I feel pretty sure  
the Com<sup>tee</sup> will ask for the  
means this session to reprint.  
I have suggested stereotyping  
Yours very truly  
J D Norton



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