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My dear Dr. Wood

I have just had a reply from Dr. Ridgway to my letter offering him 500£. for his collected plates documents & Copyrights. I cannot think how he can have so completely misunderstood my proposals, for he says —

"I have definitely decided that it would be a very unwise thing for me to undertake seeing a new Edition through. My health is not good & I have no longer the strength for this such work as the project would necessarily

interior; in fact must avoid all new engagements, for the old ones are more than I am able to carry."

All this was agreed before we parted at the end of my visit to him. (after my interviews with you)

My offer, I thought made it clear that I wanted the copyright of his first & of this Color book, together with the plates & materials collected & handed over.

I have done a good deal of work since I last saw you & find there are now many competitors in the race for an improved book of color standards. I should be very sorry to have to go on, without feeling that it was actually Ridgway's magnificent pioneer work which was being given to the world in the revised & up to date form which recent scientific progress in the subject of Color, now demands.

I believe that your opinion carries great weight with him, and I should be very grateful to you if you thought you could help him to reach a reasonable conclusion, by writing a letter to him yourself.

I have waited to thank you for your last card, until I could tell you something about the nature of Ridgway's reply

Sincerely yrs.
W. Ostwald

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15-6-27.

Dear Sir.

As I have been delayed here & have not been able to reach London as soon as I had expected, I am forwarding this letter on to you at your club in the hope that it may still catch you there. Dr. Ridgway was most anxious that I should see you & I was so glad to know whether I am likely to be too late early

next month.

very truly yrs.

W. Thomas.