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My Dear Mr. Lonsdale,

Thanks for your last note
and best greetings to you & your
wife.

Is Mr. Potter still alive?
If so I will thank you to
forward the enclosed note
to his address.

The object of the note is to
obtain something about J. B.
Cramer - i.e. something which
will either confirm or ^{refute} ~~deny~~
the assertion of a German literary
quack, that Cramer, after making
Beethoven's acquaintance in Vienna,
never afterwards used to speak
well of him either as composer or
as a man! If your father is

still living, as I hope, perhaps
he will kindly give me some
note or notes on the point either
by his own or by your ^{if still living} hand.

Or perhaps, Mr. Cramer, the
widow, might be willing to
write me a line.

The fact is, that the writer
in question has represented
matters so as to cast a shade
upon Cramer; now as I
have learned to look upon
that great pianist as one of
the first in musical history,
I wish to be able, in my
volume II, to refute in
 toto the attack upon his
memory and fame.

The particular point now

in question you understand
to be, Cramer's feelings towards
Beethoven, and the style of
his conversation about him.

I have no doubt you will
be willing to aid me in this,
and perhaps you can write
me a note on the subject,
which I may insert in my
book, wholly or in part.

As ever, grateful for your
kindness when in London,
and yours truly

Alexander M. T. Hayer.