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James Clayton Austin 1923-1990

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AUSTIN, James C

February 15, 1967

Mr. James C. Austin
c/o Twayne Publishers
31 Union Square W
New York City

Dear Mr. Austin:

Congratulations are certainly in order for your book bringing Artemus Ward to the attention of a generation born too late to appreciate him except from the printed page. We in Maine are of course delighted.

Because Artemus Ward was a Maine man, we write to you to tell you about the Maine Author Collection, a permanent exhibit of books by Maine writers or about Maine subjects. Most of the volumes (over 3000 now) are inscribed presentation copies, the distinction of the inscriptions lending additional interest to a valuable and fascinating collection. We also try to have complete biographical information about our writers, for the use of visitors and students.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of your book for inclusion in this exhibit. It would give us pleasure to place it on the shelves with other Maine books. Our best wishes to you for its success.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

April 12, 1967

Mr. James C. Austin
Humanities Division
Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Dear Mr. Austin:

Thank you very much for the autographed copy of your book on Artemus Ward, which we are adding to the Maine Author Collection with appreciation of your generosity, and of the book itself. It's been satisfying to have someone of taste and judgment recognize Browne's talent, and we share your hope that future recognition may compensate for the years of neglect.

Sincerely yours

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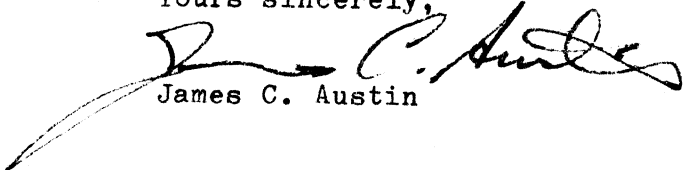
March 8, 1967

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for your letter of February 15. I do not have anything but paperbound copies of my Artemus Ward on hand, but I will send for a hardbound copy and send it to you.

Yours sincerely,


James C. Austin