6 April 1955

Mr. F. Ronald Mensbridge Manager Cambridge University Fress 32 East 57th Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Mansbridge:

It would be agreeable to us for you to send our sanuscript in its present state to Cambridge. As was intimated in our letter of 31 December transmitting the manuscript to you, we have realized from the very beginning that some revision and condensation might be necessary. Under the stimulus of your own helpful criticism and that of the Awards Committee of the Folger Shakespeare Library, we had already embarked upon the project of condensing the manuscript.

Unfortunately, last week and Mr. Friedman was stricken with a slight heart attack, is at present in the hospital and according to prognosis is likely to have to remain there for a few weeks.

The suggestion of a collaborator for revision and condensation does not appeal to us; moreover, a third collaborator in our partnership appears to us now to be illogical in view of the fact that the Folger award was made only to the two of us.

We are convinced that you, the Syndics, and the staff of the Cambridge University Press could provide the best assistance we could possibly have. We shall be quite content to put ourselves in your hands, and those of the Cambridge University Press.

Sincerely,

## ELIZABETH EMITH FRIEDMAN

P.S. If you would like the copy which has been returned by the Folger Shakespeare Library to send also to England, advise me and I shall forward it.