TO JOHN LINNELL

DEAR SIR,

March 15th, 1827

This is to thank you for two pounds, now by me received on account. I have received a letter from Mr. Cumberland, in which he says he will take one copy of Job for himself, but cannot, as yet, find a customer for one; but hopes to do somewhat by perseverance in his endeavours. He tells me that it is too much finished, or overlaboured, for his Bristol friends, as they think. I saw Mr. Tatham, senior, yesterday. He sat with me above one hour, and looked over the Dante. He expressed himself very much pleased with the designs as well as the engravings, and hopes soon to get proofs of what I am doing.

I am, dear Sir, Yours sincerely, WILLIAM BLAKE.