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S. W. Hall & Co of Syracuse propose to publish the Narratives as follows—

Mr Hall will take all the responsibilities and risks of publishing the work, and will pay to the proprietors two fifths of all the profits. He would be willing to divide the profits & risks equally, but in case of fire or bad debts that ~~would~~ might lay a heavy burden on Peter & myself. Mr May advises to let him take all the risks involved.

Mr Hall will issue 5000 at first and at his lowest estimate the profits on that issue will be ~~\$2500~~ \$1250. That if we accept the proposition, will according to the terms settled between Peter & myself—give us \$250 specie. The next issue will cost much less as the plates will be prepared &c— the profits consequently, will be proportionably greater.

Mr. May has ere this written to Mr Jewett of Boston, on the subject, and by the 21st inst I am to give Mr Hall a definite answer with regard to accepting his terms. Mr May will meantime gain all the information essential to a safe decision.

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