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Mr Cooke (?*Lafer* Palmer & Co) Clerkenwell

Dear Sir,
I am sorry to have to call your attention to a matter, which is not very agreeable to me. It is your last season's catalogue, which as an imitation of ours may no doubt be considered as highly complimentary to us, but which in many instances transgresses a little too much on our copyrights. I cannot claim any rights as far as the general get up & the outlines types, etc are concerned, but a good number of the sketches have been totily (*sic*) taken from our catalogue & not even an attempt has been made to alter the size or appearance. It is quite clear your artist has copied them exactly, in some instances they are so well copied (or perhaps electro typed) as if they have been printed with our own blocks. Of course I need not remind you, that our catalogues are all copy-righted & that & that although the articles may be common property, the sketch may be copyright all the same.

I call your attention to the matter before you issue your new catalogue & I am sure you will find it in your own interest not to let your catalogue appear a copy of ours, but to go as far away from ours as possible.