

Dear Mr Bond

Will you allow me to
introduce to you my friend
Mr Morris; whose gift for illumination
is I believe as great as any
thirteenth century draughtsman
perhaps you will be so kind as
to allow your binder to bind
a volume for him - What a time
it is since I have seen you - but
I am so busy with Turner at
present I can't get anywhere

Yours always gratefully
J Ruskin.

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