

Denmark Hill, S.

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My dear Bayne

I don't wonder you were
amused at that accusation of
Chill. — It is a grave one.
— nevertheless you must recollect
I only charge him with what
all party men think perfectly right
— If I had not supposed him more
honourable than other men — I
should not have cared to accuse
him — in fact, the charge would
have been as ridiculous as if
made against the probity of an
advocate in court. But I believe
Chill is an honourable man — and
will rebut the charge — if false.
It was wholly my duty to make it,

to me so important that there

being under the finest conviction
of its truth.

I meant when you called
to have told you how much pleasure
I was with the writing of the
article on Arnold & Swinburne.
- you have greatly gained in power
lately.

The ~~umbrella~~ shall be duly
sent.

Yours affectionately
J D Ruskin