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Sir

I must regret that I cannot  
have the satisfaction of publishing any  
of the sketches you have sent me, in these  
pages. They are not suited to the  
requirements of the journal.

As I do not understand from  
your letter that you desire that your  
ms. be returned to so great a distance, I  
do not post them; but I hold them  
at your disposal.

With thanks for the terms in  
which you address me, and of course  
respecting your confidence chiefly, I am

Yours faithfully  
Charles Dickens

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