

My dear Friend Woodbridge 9 Dec. 11. 1821.

In consequence of the uncertainty of the result which might attend waiting Messrs's conclusions, and the impression which Messrs. seem to entertain that, if he did accept the MS. it might be more in defence to the recommenders than from any desire to undertake in the speculation, I have closed in with a proposition, made without my solicitation or my part, by Miss Wren of Old Bond Street, the Publisher of Lady Byron's Correspondence - this Messrs. did seem to think the worst course, and I hope it will also meet the approbation, which I shall be most happy to receive -

I shall attend to thy kind suggestions respecting the last paragraph in the Dedication, which I hope to put up into a less systematic form - I have also attended to the two passages pointed out by thee in the extracts sent of the Staphyleas -

Some of the minor Poems allude to the Staphyleas, will I hope please
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then, I have this morning finished one to
which I have given the appellation of "The
Days of Darkness" - its motto "But if a man
live many years, and rejoice in them all, yet
let him remember the days of darkness, for they
shall be many;" - I have known something of such,
but there is that which can, and would enlighten
them; and it had not been my object to make
them darker - With grateful respect

thy sincere friend

B. Barton