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To Miss Mary Hays.

Dear Madam

I had unluckily forgotten to put the Ollivier in my pocket when I went towards the city - ~~before~~<sup>previous</sup> before I left town I gave it to George Dyer who promised to leave it for you at Johnsons. Upon mentioning it to Longman & Rees & also that you had some thought of translating it. I was sorry to perceive that they did not encourage the idea. The book however is very short & would employ but very little time.

In the latter volumes of the Bibliotheca there will be many subjects on which I shall be very happy to receive assistance from you. But it can only be in the latter part for the arrangement is designed to be chronological, & all the early volumes will require great labour & perseverance of research. We do not think of getting a first half-volume ready before the Xmas of 1804.

I should have written sooner but for many employments & some domestic sickness and has disquieted me. in the winter I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again as I am about to settle in the neighbourhood of London.

Believe me

yours very truly

R Southey.

Sunday Aug. 7. 1803.

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