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to Rev. Mr. Esq.
Trinity Hall
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Leicester 23. Oct. 1820

My Dear Sir

The event which you communicate could not be uninteresting to me, who spent so many happy days in childhood & boyhood with Louisa Helen, & received more kindness from her mother than I ever experienced from any other human being, my own mother alone excepted. Then I see this infant, my acquaintance will too have extended to your generation of that line. May God bless & preserve both the child & the parents. You have now to expect pleasures & anxieties altogether different from any that you have ever felt before. So different indeed is the parental affection from every other, that it seems to know some things than any other illustration, how possible it is that man may contain within him ~~new~~ instincts & senses which are not evolved in this state of being, but will be developed in another.

I was very much regret that I did not see Mr. Mary Bellemore when I was in the south. Death is the best thing which can happen to a good old age, & here might truly be called so. But I shall think more reverently of Pierbelle, which will be no longer the same place that I remember so vividly.

of such many circumstances bring to my mind is that

Should you be at Forley when next I travel southward, it will give me great pleasure to take that place in my way. But it will be a long while before I ~~shall~~^{can} leave my desk & my proceeds, where I am fixed down by inclination & by numerous employments. I shall hardly move in less than two years, unless any unexpected event should call me from home.

My daughter Betsy & her mother, unite with me in kindest regards to Mrs. Poole & Miss Seawood.

Believe me very Dear Sir
yours very truly
Robert Southey.

Keswick, 23 Oct. 1820

My dear Sir

The event which you communicate could not be uninteresting to me, who spent so many happy days in childhood and boyhood with Louisa Dolignon, and received more kindness from her mother than I ever experienced from any other human being. My own mother alone excepted. When, I see this infant, my acquaintance will then have extended to four generations of that line. May God bless and preserve both the child and the parents. You have now to expect pleasures and anxieties altogether different from any that you have ever felt before. So different indeed is the parental affection from every other, that it seems to show, more aptly than any other illustration, how possible it is that man may contain within him instincts and senses which are not evolved in this state of being, but will be developed in another.

I now very much regret that I did not see Mrs. Mary Delamare when I was in the South. Death is the best thing which can happen to a good old age, and her might truly be called so. But I shall think more mournfully of Theobalds, which will be no longer the same place that I remember so vividly and which many circumstances bring to my mind so often.

Should you be at Farley when next I travel southward, it will give me great pleasure to take that place in my way. But it will be a long while before I can leave my desk and

my fireside, where I am fixed down by inclination and by numerous employments. I shall hardly move in less than two years, unless any unexpected event should call me from home.

My Daughter Edith and her Mother, write with me in kindest regards and Mrs. Bill and Miss Mauncey

Believe me very dear Sir,

Yours very truly

Robert Southey

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