

Sir

I have a copy of the letter which you  
are so obliging as to offer me, - & it has indeed  
been published, many years ago in the Gentlemen's  
Magazine. That it is genuine I do not doubt,  
it appears from the correspondence in my possession  
that Wolfe was at Devizes, at the time when the  
letter in question was dated there. Never theless  
you will confer a favour upon me by enabling me  
to authenticate it, - inasmuch as it is the most  
valuable of all his letters.

I remain Sir with many thanks

Your obliged & obedient servant

Robert Southey.

Keswick. 13 Jan. 1828