

Southern's autographs

given to me by Miss Ida Taylor, dau. of Sir Henry Taylor
(author of "Philip van Artevelde" &c.) to whom the letter is
addressed. H.J.



Sir Herbert Thompson B.
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London, W.

Rob. Southey addressed to Sir Henry Taylor -
given to me by Miss Taylor H.T. ✓

Edinburgh. 14 Feb. 1831

My dear H. T.

I chose to treat the subject in the
Edinburgh as if it had been Macaulay's - it had been
said to be his - as well as Parnell's - & (but for
the reputation of me & P.'s electing my speaker)
might as likely have come from me as the other. As between
the two I chose to depart on your side & shall
lay my hand whenever he comes within reach.

Thank you for the Examination. I have read Parnell's
papers attentively & marked them for use. It
is true to be ten years older, it is probable that
his opinions will have pretty altered since that time
allowing as much as he does to authority now, he
may even one day show to authority in a point
the understanding of the heart ^{and} best.

993 You see no better in supposing that I only read
books that may fortify my own opinions. The
Collection of the depositions will be very glad of
this view to care, & if I were not better read in
their books they lay on themselves. The truth
is that I am always reading & I cannot

affair time to read new books that may inform
me of nothing but the opinions of men for whom
I have no respect; & of whose opinions moreover
the newspapers & such things as one can get help
seeing let me quite enough.

What an exhibition has Lord A. made with
his Budget! - My only fear is that the ministry
may be turned out too soon. - Stanley I hear
makes himself unpopular on all sides in Ireland.

Murray & Co. is advertising as a book what
I wrote as a preface. This is neither quite right
towards those who may purchase it on the faith of the
advertisement, - nor towards me, - as I am then
apparently made responsible for what shall be a
serious work, - instead of having credit for a piece
of easy good nature. A book with that title
has I thought proper to undertake as would have been a
book of record. Whosoever sees the book
however will account me of the charge, & shall then
advertisement says me open.

The Gentlemen of the Press are contradicting a
note in my last paper. - Pickman & Taylor
were my authorities, for I was not in the house that
night. The Gentlemen have either told a lie or
are consistently sticking to it; - or the "what"
of the last year among themselves, - & so that they
can in truth or fact, & false as they represent
it. - But it is their practice to insert
laugh, & even to hear him, at their pleasure.

Thank you for ordering the reel.

God bless you

W. S.