

Perwick 12 Dec. 1831

Sir

If your letter of the 4th had not stated that the materials to which it referred had already been sent off, I should immediately have replied to it, & requested that they might not be forwarded. They have arrived this evening, & I lose no time in returning them to your address. My engagements would not have allowed me to undertake the memoir, even if the sum proposed for it had been in some degree proportioned to the time which must have been bestowed upon it; but surely when Mr Murray mentioned any such sum, he could not have seen the materials which were to be perused.

I am sorry you have had the trouble of reading them,

& I have the honour to be, Sir  
your obedient humble servant

Robert Southey.

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