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My dear H. T.

These volumes contain all my political papers, such could not with more propriety be arranged under some other head - up to the date of the last. Since that date there has been the paper on Raymond H. Baker, & that which was written immediately after I last left London. Was it received independent of any thing in the manner of a profane. I should have said that the letters regarding Byron were included nearly in the collection contained in the bulk of my political writings, & on paper that ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> what unless also the other papers that I have mentioned & the manuscript attached that those writings had brought upon me. Some letters are probably striking in John's journal.

The next subscription in that of these volumes will be ready to follow for my other papers under the different heads of Historical, Ecclesiastical, Biographical, Critical & Miscellaneous - in several divisions but forming altogether a secondary & my estimate, ten more volumes. - But I suspect Mr. G. can do nothing in it as he has no interest here. He has been said any thing & in about the select papers from the I have said an account by him in 1861. And if he wishes to include any of mine there, he is acting in a wise manner.

... surely, because he has known my intention for many years. - six or seven at least. - I have expressed my objection to it. It would be acting de bono for him to interfere with that scheme, & unavailing too, because he can paper enough & to spare for such a select, & what he chooses upon them; & in his half share of my profits, which is the same half, he could make much more of me by himself. -

I began with the political draft, because that of the least general interest. I wished most to have those papers in a suitable form, as containing my Political Opinions on all those subjects whereon there has been reason & declaration.

Six farther arose out from Cheltenham. - But I have had a letter from the St. Remondist Improvement, my copy & such state paper has been made. - I can find time to make it ready for the next packet.

I do not see what the St. Remondist can propose to me, they are neither revocable, nor revocable, in my own person.

The author of the Corsica Rhymes is - I am quite certain by internal evidence - my old correspondent Ebenezer Elliott. - & so far from being an uneducated poet. He has known any person who has educated himself more elaborately in a poet. What has made him thus forsaken I do not know;

but either of his three formerly printed volumes that I can here would concern you that he is the man. Lockhart asked me to subscribe a paper to be about the Rhymes in the paper that I shall when tomorrow, but having sure knowledge how that the author is not Ebenezer and Drablow, if I say more about the pamphlet, I must say much, & in a separate sheet. - & in the best of all possible modes for such a book, having great liking for the individual; & much knowledge of him as a moral character, an eminent character - from whom I have been seen but for an evening, ~~with some of the~~ - & a deep sense of a tremendous mischief that such a man is capable of doing in such times.

Thank you for the extract from Lord Byron's letters. How little he has known of my wishes & ideas he thought & away he has gone, & then he dares to challenge me.

It doubt the sort of education that from the Poets system has facilitated, has quickened the march of intellect: & in mechanism like it seems promoting the application. But the system is not a duty & will facilitate in as equal degree the will & intellect that cannot form a necessary part of the best.

God bless you  
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