

entirely here, that I really have not had
the opportunity of performing any of my
intentions. but begging your Ladyship
to accept my best respects, & to make
my kindest wishes acceptable to
Lady Anna. Maria & Lady Harriet.
I have the honor to be, my Lady,
your Ladyship's very faithful servant
W. D. de la Roche

Milcham
June 7.
1824

Sir Thos Dyke Ireland

My Dear Madam

The recollection of a common
friendship which can never be
forgotten by either of us, will, I
feel quite owe, excuse me to your
Ladyship for offering a slight
but, in some respects I trust, very
valuable present to your acceptance

It is a print from a sketch
by Hattie of the inestimable
friend who has left us - to me
it is very satisfactory as a
resemblance of what he once
was, but it is like him in
his most serious mood. It is not

perhaps the less suitable to the feelings
with which it must henceforth
be regarded by his surviving friends, &
it has been with the hope of catering
to them the melancholy pleasure which
the portrait affords to myself, that
I have been induc'd to have a
private plate engrav'd for their
use. I should be sorry if you were
not among the first to possess this
memorial of former sincere affection
& regard, & am therefore particularly
glad that the plate is completed
before you leave town. As yet, Mr. Doane
& Sir Edmund Hartopp are the only
persons to whom copies are transmitted
to the latter and by to-day's coach - & the
Engraver has directions to send the
rest to Park St., at all events by
the course of to-morrow evening. It is

* Mr. L. Lewis. 5 St. Newf. St. -

quite impossible, in spreading such a
recollection to your family, that I should
offer it to your Ladyship alone. I wish
to communicate the sad gratification
wherever it will be felt & kindly
receiv'd as such. I have therefore
desir'd Mr. Lewis to select for you
three of the best impressions - Should
any of your friends who really valued
Mr. Hartopp wish to possess the Portrait
I hope you will command me without
scruple, & I shall be happy to supply
them. It was very much my wish
to have call'd again in Park St.
previous to your leaving town, which I
was not aware till I saw Mr. James,
would take place so soon. & the
whole of last month was so much
more than usually occupi'd with
Parliamentary & other engagements
till within the last week, when
I have been oblig'd to be almost