

Field House, near Bristol

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[Southey]

To Mr Coker

Sir

Some Friends of the late Laureat, Dr R Southey, are desirous of marking the sense they entertain of his Genius, by having erected to his memory, in the Cathedral of Bristol, (his native City) a monument, ornamental to that Edifice, and worthy of the Poet's Name.

I take the liberty of conveying to you this information, and as you were one of Robert Southey's most valued Friends, a hope is entertained that you will allow your Name to appear in the List of Noblemen, and Gentlemen who patronize the undertaking.

The Bishop of the Diocess heads the List of Contributors. One Gentleman has subscribed 20 £, and two or three, 5 £ each. A letter from an intellectual Nobleman, received a few days ago, (requesting his name to be inserted for 10 £) speaks of Southey as "One of the best Writers, and most amiable, and estimable men of our generation."

No immediate sum is requested, but it is necessary to ascertain the amount of the subscriptions, to be relied on at <sup>the</sup> completion of the design, in order to regulate the character of the Monument.

I have the honour to be

Sir Your most Obedient Servant  
Joseph Cottle

P.S.

Will you do me the favour to accept the two enclosed Volumes?