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Sir - I am not a little surprised to think how long a period  
you have been collecting, all this time, both of my good looking & good  
looks. The fact is, your books arrived here about two years ago and I had  
no time, of course, or by return, in perusing it - but from that moment, it  
has, in some unaccountable manner, disappeared & I have ever since been  
unable to find it. Being thus left without your address (to which you have written  
with having been left in the volume) I have, from day to day, deferred writing  
in the hope that by some fortunate accident I might recover it. This not being  
the case, however, I can no longer leave you under the impression of my having  
been ignorant either of your kindred, or of the merit of your book, which I  
read with great pleasure, and to the notes of which I shall never look forward  
without their employed as the proof of my Irish history to which they refer.

I send this letter through my publisher, Mr. Knapp, I imagine, in  
the hope that they will find no difficulty in conveying it to your hands.

Yours very obliged & grateful  
Thos Moore.