

Kewick. 8 Dec. 1820

My dear Westall

Your letter arrived yesterday, by which post you know (being Thursday) it could not be answered. By this night I shall write to Murray, saying that you will deliver the drawings to him, & informing him of the price. That they have in them that which is common to poetry & painting. I do not doubt, - & I only wish it were possible for you to engrave them yourself. The first edition of the book would then bear a high value hereafter. - In describing that scene on the side of Galla Cray. I have introduced your name in a manner protesting to my own feelings, & which I hope will not be otherwise to yours.

I am glad to hear you are employed ^{upon} your views of Winandermere. My topographical knowledge in that quarter is but imperfect. But when you want your letter-press, - if you cannot persuade Watsworth to write it, (who would be in all respects the best person) - I will do for you the best I can.

Derwent is at Cambridge, & we are all much obliged to you for the offer of an introduction, which will certainly be very creditable to him, & may easily be useful also.

Allow me to say one thing before I conclude. When you were last at
Kensal Green was an uncomfortable feeling in your mind towards Ash. I
hope it has passed away. There is not a kinder hearted creature in the
world than he is. I know that he has the truest regard for you,
& the highest possible respect for your genius. Any offence that he may
have given was entirely unintentional. Forget it. I entreat you; call
upon ^{him} again, as you were wont to do. - It will rejoice him, & you will
not feel the same for having overcome a feeling of resentment. I need
not apologise for saying this, - for indeed I could not longer forbear
saying it, consistent with my regard both for him & for you.

All her dearer than kind remembrance. We cannot send her to
Mr. Westall, because you did not give us an opportunity of becoming
known to her. But I pray you present our best wishes,
& believe me

Yours affectionately

Robert Southey