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TRANSCRIPT OF AUTOGRAPH LETTER FROM ROBERT SOUTHEY. 2 pages.

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The above letter is apparently addressed to a publisher. On the third page is pasted a printed single-page prose item such as would be sold by the Chapmen about the 1800's headed by a woodcut and commencing: "The whole Account of a dreadful Ghost, that appeared to Mary Butterfly, in the most frightful manner, on friday last, warning her against the evil doings, and telling her the state of the wicked after leaving this live. [etc]