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Kewick. 9 May. 1834

Sir

It is well that you have given me an opportunity of looking over these letters. There are some things in them which I should have been sorry to have seen published. - However I have altered or omitted whatever might either give pain or offence to any person; - the rest carries proof enough in itself that it was not written for the public, but they are welcome to it as it is. I have not attempted to supply the charm. It must chiefly have related to certain literary plans & engagements, which I had much pleasure in communicating to Sir Egerton, but have had inclination to lay ~~them~~ before the world.

I hope the success of her book will exceed your expectations. That it will interest me greatly, & that I shall find in it much to admire, I can have no doubt.

I remain Sir

Your obedient servant

Robert Southey.

I have ventured to strike out part of Sir  
Egerton's name upon letters which have no  
pretensions to praise of that kind.