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To the Rev. Norvant George.

12. Frankfort Street

Albany N.Y.

Taverstock, Wednesday 20 Dec. 1836

My dear Norvant

The state of the weather renders it expedient for me (and to say necessary) to give up all prospects of excursion visits in the West, & make my way eastward from this place. The Plymouth coach has ceased to run from hence, & we have only to hope that the same cause (a fortnight away to horses) may not lay up the coach to Exeter also, by which it is our intention to proceed.

I am sorry for this, on many accounts, & especially because I should have liked to pass more time with Mary. However it is some satisfaction to have that further acquaintance with her by possibility will be better, on whom I already like so well. I trust we shall meet again & again, & that I shall see her at Kewick, where she will see me, tho' not quod erant, yet a little more like myself.

Your room (as yet unred) shall be returned in an official packet from London. I have been employed diligently in clearing off my poor debts, tho' that I have only just made my way.

With my excuses, with my best wishes to Mr & Mrs Addison, your my best remembrance to the young sister Kate, & my love to your dear wife. She will see in the next leaf that Perwentulus has not been forgotten. With best regards to the whole of your family I am, my dear Norvant, ever affectionately  
Your affectionate friend  
Robert Southey

*[Faint, illegible handwriting in the left column]*

Kuurra - murra - furra - kurra - skurra.

Thomas, Barra Chuchilla & Grey de Rukii.

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Toosoo - kokkalee - towa - maho-ee