

Dear Sir

Mr. Gye being upon the point of returning to London, I wish him to be the bearer of my thanks for the Present of your Book rec^d. thro' his hands; & your obliging Letter, which I forwarded to Mr. Southey as the best means of communicating Mr. Chantry's wishes respecting the transfer of the Bush. Before I rec^d. Mr. L's answer I had the misfortune to fall from my Horse, & was so much hurt in my Head that I could not return ^{home} for more than a fortnight - during which time, & previously, my House was in great confusion & trouble, from ~~these~~ other causes, so that whether ^{answer} any has been sent to

from Mr Southey
me, I am unable to say - but I think it possible
that he has written to Mr Chantrey expressing his
pleasure & satisfaction at this mark of attention.

Mrs W. begs you to be so kind as to
mention to Mr C., that the more she is familiar
with the Book the more she likes it, which
is the case with all my Family. As to my own
opinion it can be of little value, as to the
likeness - but as a work of fine art I may be
excused saying that it seems to me fully enter-
tled to that ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} which is ^{universally} given to Mr
Chantrey's labours.

The state of my eyes for a
long time has only allowed me to read books
of large print, Homer & the unfortunate causes
above alluded to, which have occupied the time
of those of my family who read for me & I
have not yet been able to make myself
acquainted with more than a few of the

first scenes of your drama, & one of your Ballads
& the Song. - I am therefore prevented from
accompanying my thanks with those notices
which to an intelligent Author give such
an acknowledgement its principal value.
The Song appear to me ~~what~~ full as good as
those of Burns; with the exception of a very
few of his best; & the Poem is wild, tender
& full of spirit. The little I have seen of the
Play I liked, especially the Speeches of the
Priests & that of Mucree page 7th. I hope
in a little time to be acquainted with the
rest of the volume.

Mr Gee will tell you how
we have been harassed & troubled, by the
affliction of our neighbours Mr Dullman,
in which he himself has fully participated.

I remain Dr. Sir very sincerely yours

Edmund Southey
June 12th 1822

Wm. D. Southey

9 & 10
21. 11
1777

T. F.
CINCINNATI

2

Mr Cunningham
at Mr Hantray's
By favour of P. Miles
Mr Lee