

My dear Sir,

I trust you will give me credit for every wish to forward your views in respect to the Miscellany, but we are literally overwhelmed with poetry, and more verses are already accepted than can by any possibility be inserted for the next two or three years.

Under these circumstances, I am compelled - with regret, I assure you, - to decline your very obliging offer. Your verses



are very pretty, and will as doubt  
find a place in some other  
publication.

Believe me,

Dear Sir,

Yours very truly

W. Harrison Ainsworth.

Kensal Lodge,

Harrow Road.

May 9. 1840