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My dear Sir

It was my intention to have called on you yesterday morning, but was prevented by the necessity of attending Miss Hutchinson in her different concerns previous to my accompanying her to the Coach. She is gone to Mr. Clarkson's, Pruz, by Mr and Mrs. Bradworth's leave taken towards Mr. Colton, and I and my child either tomorrow or the next day for Bristol in our way to Devon. In settling some money matters between Mr. Skant and Bradworth I found myself indebted 30 sh., of which, either from defect of memory, or from absence of mind at the time, - I have made a contract with Mr. Leyman for 100 guineas to be paid me on the delivery of two volumes of poems, these are all ready, save only two - but these are the two that I cannot write properly, place any where but at the beginning of the first volume, & I wish of course to give a week's correction & thought to the others - two months however are the utmost (death & sickness out of the question) that will intervene between this & the completion of my Contract - You kindly overcame me to apply to you in my difficulty - and I therefore tho' I cannot

could think it distressing in a good deal) have taken
leave to ask you, whether it would be inconvenient
to you to advance me 50 £. for this length
of Time. I doubt not, I might get ^{it} from Longman;
but I feel an insurmountable dislike to asking
it, as he is a man for whom I have no other
feeling than that of a selling Author & a
purchasing Publisher. Yet should it be inconvenient,
I assure you, I shall consider your letting me
so, frankly as a still greater proof of friendship,
than your complying with my application.

For I am
unfeignedly, your truly,

your friend with affectionate

esteem

S. T. Coleridge

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