

Coleridge

Dear Sir Humphry

Will you permit an old friend, who (as you are well aware) knew six and twenty years ago in faith and foresight what all the civilized world now knows by the fact, to ground for the first time a claim on you on the score of youthful intimacy and never intermitted honor and admiration? The Gentleman, who will present this letter to you, is a very near and dear friend of mine, of whose head, heart, and character I have the best possible reasons to think with unqualified approbation. His name, J. Allsop, of the House of Harding, Allsop and Co. He delivers it, however, as the Organ and Representative of a Company formed and forming for the purpose of mining in Derbyshire. To the best of my knowledge and judgment its ~~pro~~ prospects are grounded on sound data, furnished by a long and intimate knowledge of the local facts. Of one thing I am assured. that the expectations of the Gentlemen concerned in it are wholly derived from their confidence in the ultimate success of the undertaking, and in no degree from the hope of getting rid of the Shares at a premium previous to its commencement. What the proposal or request, which Mr Allsop may have to submit

or prefer to you, he will himself explain. My
opinion and object are to solicit for him, access
to you and an attentive hearing. I scarcely
know a favor, that I could ask of you with greater
earnestness, or should be more disposed to regard as
a proof that you recollect not without kindness,

Dear Sir Humphrey,

Your sincere Admirer and
obliged Friend

S. T. Coleridge

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