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Dear Sir

Your request is so flattering, &  
so easily complied with, that it  
would be churlish to refuse it. The  
autograph of a truly distinguished man  
is valuable in kind, though not in  
degree, like his pictures. Collectors  
indeed are apt to accumulate both  
one & the other with no great

discrimination. My own autograph  
may perhaps be more worth having  
than some that find their place in  
a vast repository of such, as it is  
certainly far less to those many that  
will generally be found. But such  
as it is, it is much at your  
service.

I enclose another for your 'young  
& fair friend'.

I remain dear Sir

Your faithful servant

Henry Hallam

Charles L. Child Esq  
London

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DEATH OF THE HISTORIAN HALLAM.—Henry Hallam, the illustrious historian, died in London, Jan. 22. He was almost the last survivor of that illustrious band of prose writers whose works may be said to have reached the early part of the nineteenth—the golden age of English literature.