

To The Editor of
The Literary Gazette.

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My dear friends-

Thy high praise of Martin's
print of Joshua, added to what I had before heard
of that Artist gave me a great desire to see
not only this last production of his Genius, but to
obtain one of the prior Plates, that I might have
a pair - So I wrote to Ackermann wishing him to
send me the Belshazzar, & the Joshua. Supposing
in my blissful ignorance I might get both for
perhaps about 5 or 6 guineas - to my consternation I
find the Belshazzar alone is likely to cost me
the latter sum - Ackermann having one Proof
which he can afford for that; but the Plates
he says, except late & worn ones, are not to
be got - & they sell for 3 guineas - As for the
Joshua, he says the only Copies yet out are
the few Guineas Proofs without letters - which
of course are totally out of the reach of small Poets -
So I must even be content to have the Belshazzar, I suppose.
In the mean time a friend of mine just from Town has
given me such a description of the Joshua, about which he
bathed the whole evening after his return, that I could
scarcely sleep at night for thinking of it - and I enclose
the result of my wakeful musings, for insertion
in thy next Literary - Hast thou any acquaintance with
this Martin? or couldst thou furnish me with his
address? - I will gladly pay postage to obtain it - For
there is a subject at which wish to suggest to him,
if only for a careless slight sketch - As I mean to
make my suggestion in Poetry, I will also send that
to thee for the L. G. when I feel in a mood to do
it justice - Wishing thee favor of one line

P.S. I see my Jos. Havitt's, I am thine truly
Book is in the last week's list - when I
beg'd thee to give to a reading - I did not
know how to open it - that opening, & my friendships
for the authors may bias me - but I have been much pleased
with it

P.S. may I beg the favor, if you have
any acquaintance with Master; that you
will send or present him a copy of the L.G.
containing the enclosed, with its Author's most
respectful congratulations - I am sure they would
gain in expression, probably in welcome, by the
being the Agents of their transcription -

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