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Oct 28th 1839.

Sir

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 10th September, but which I only received yesterday. There is a common proverb that sweet are good news from a far country; - no less sweets are the words of praise and appreciation, and the further they come, the more we cherish them. I feel highly honoured by the good opinion of yourself, and my other readers in America, and regret exceedingly that it is not in my power to send you the volume you requested. It was published about five years ago - a very small edition of 250 copies, and has long been out of print, and I have only one copy of it left, and do not know where to procure another. In all probability the fugitive pieces you have seen in the American newspapers, appeared in as fugitive a form in England and are not in the little volume alluded to. I am however preparing a new and more complete collection, and shall feel much pleasure, when it is

published, in forwarding you copies.

It is a common piece of plat in England, to say, that the age of poetry is past, and that in these times of steaming and scheming, there is more appreciation of the voice of the charmer, charm he ever so wisely. In a contrary faith I have all my life found pleasure, and it adds to that pleasure in no inconsiderable degree, to find a confirmation of my faith in your letter, and to know that some even when it is so inferior as mine, should find admirers where the bard never looked for them and that the voice of encouragement should come to him from "a far country".

Believe me to remain

Yours very sincerely

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