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Easter Sunday, 1811.

My Dear Sir

We shall be very glad to see you on Tuesday, according to your first intention. Your chamber is not occupied by the boys, & it will be perfectly convenient to receive you.

The walk thro' Borrodale is a more formidable undertaking than you perhaps are aware of. I performed it once. Woodswoth accompanied me to the top of the mountain from whence he saw me descend. It was in October. I left Grasmere between twelve & one, & had scarcely day light enough to reach Rosthwaite. Had the night overtaken me before I reached a road ~~with~~ which I was acquainted, it would have been very unpleasant. The descent from the heights above Easedale is ~~so~~ so rugged that I would never again willingly attempt it alone. In such situations if a man is crippled ~~for~~ ~~as~~ God knows how long it may be before shepherds or shepherds dog discover him. Indeed

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it is never prudent to cross the mountains without a  
companion.

No further news from Portugal. Beresford will probably  
recover Badajoz without difficulty. Morillo will most  
likely follow south into Andalusia. - I hope they may  
not cut off Ballesteros, who seems the ablest of the  
Spaniards. Shall we have a siege of Almeida? The  
morale of the French, as they generally call it, have been  
so terribly shattered, that they will not stay here they  
get there.

Yrs very truly

Robert Southey.