

Kewick. 31 Jan. 1895

Sir  
You will much oblige me by now remitting me payment for the Memoir of Dr. Wetton. For at this time I stand in need of all my resources.

The price set upon it is what I should have received for the same portion of time & labour, if otherwise employed. I have abundant employment at that rate, & nothing but good will to your publication induced me to undertake this part in it. I am sorry that the sale of the volume has disappointed you.

The censure which has been bestowed upon the Memoir, I should not have heard of, but for your letter. From the commencement of my course I have proceeded with an entire disregard of all such censure, & had I done otherwise any objection in literature would never have been that it was so. The persons who bring a charge of 'bad spirit' against the Memoir, may perhaps understand from their own temper what they mean by it. I know that it was written in the spirit of charity & of truth.

It is unfortunate that it should have been written before the publication of Wetton's life & correspondence. Materials, I have no doubt, may be

WETTON

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found them. of which I could have made good use. I made the best I could of  
them that were before me, & am well satisfied that I have done as every  
to the best, & as discreetly as myself.

Inclining you to the receipt with your other volumes.

I remain Sir

Your obedient servant

Robert Southey