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Kerrick May 24 1837.

My dear H. T.

Murray I think has given proof
of being in earnest, by printing the concluding volumes
of the 2nd edition. But whether he be or not, it
was always my intention to leave a copy of my history
with all the improvements that further information could
enable me to make. This I shall do liberally, & at my
own convenience.

It is not likely that the Duke thinks of that history
pretty much as Nelson might think of any life of his
if he could read it. For it is certain that I know nothing
of navigation, nor of the art of war, military or naval.
But I have sense enough to keep close to my documents
where technicalities cannot be avoided, & to compensate
for this inevitable deficiency. I may say to you that
I believe I know every thing else such as history ought
to know. And in the history of such a struggle, battles &
tactics are the lead part of it. - Col. Garwood's publica-
-tion gives us all that the Duke might have given had he been
so pleased; & a great deal which I am sure he could
have written from any body, or put into any hands by
Marguerite Wellesley's direction. - I am from this alone I
suppose to be a careless person. My materials of appeal

correspondence was ample, I had private friends &
private letters in abundance, & opportunities of asking
questions concerning such & circumstances from persons
well acquainted with them. Whatever the Duke may have
said there, it is in my book that the ~~old~~ story of the
war will be told hereafter.

I shall figure for ten successive months with my
poems in the weekly journals, & am wholly desirous to
meet with more help than kindness from them. My
poets & poetry will in the way of reputation react
upon each other; - & if the poems have any tolerable
success as a speculation, ten minutes conversation with
Murray would induce him to embark in the war.

I give you joy of the Parenthesis, & heartily
wish you all happiness to the end of the chapter,
wishing also that the chapter may be a long one.
Your counsel is very beautiful, & wise as
will.

God bless you

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Robert
Southey.

Richards. 23 Oct 1981