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My Dear Ellis

As stop gaps I send you two small parcels. 1. The Analysis of the Basque Grammar - I^d you think it worth the reading - a second party about the same length will be at your service before Christmas - 2. A couple of trifling Memoranda which if you think *infra dignitatem* - you may suppress - & shew the book in question only to Messrs Douce, Atterton, & such other Black letter friends as it may amuse - It is certainly a matter of some curiosity - I recovered it from the binding of an old Latin book the leaves having been pasted together as a substitute for boards. With it I got also a Fragment of "Dame Edith" & of the Description of Pester John's Country - Let me know what you have ^{to say} to my lays - So much for Soc: Ant:

I have enclosed for your own acceptance if they be worth it separate copies of some scraps that I sent to the B. Bibliographer. & a small packet for Mr Atterton -

Can you tell me what is to be done by Soc. Ant.
touching the metrical account of the Siege of ^{London}
which I sent you - & whether you have ever been
able to lay hands upon "Melusine" which Otterton
says he returned to you. The former from its
strong internal marks of authenticity & from the
number of facts it contains w^{ch} had escaped the
prose chroniclers, appears to me fully worth the
printing - Even should your council judge otherwise
I should be sorry to lose my transcript.

I hope to have some more Saxon for you in the
course of the season. but the "Song of the Traveller" which
you may remember my shewing you, & w^{ch} is next on
my list still continues to puzzle me - I am almost afraid
of publishing it.

I have resolved upon sending you the Wray upon
the Basque - because Adelung's Metaphysics (the
last work on language) contains but a very moderate
account of it - & it is so little known that ma-

ny persons are still disposed to regard it as
Celtic - which if it be the Welch & Irish
we not -

Mrs C. & Mrs Davies beg to join in many
regards to Mrs Ellis with

Yours Ever
Mary Bease

Let me have a line from

John (unclear)
1774-1811
New York

H. Ellis Esq

1917

12P.1 Geo. Little Craik
1798-1866
Author + Historian

12P.2 John Conybeare
1779-1824
Author Professor
of Poetury &c. &c.

12P.3 Austin Cooper
Author