

Finchfield House, near Bristol.

Feb 6. 1844.

Dear Sir

Some friends of the late eminently talented, Dr Southey, are desirous of marking the sense they entertain of his Genius, by having erected to his memory, in the Cathedral of Bristol (his Native City) a Monument, ornamental to that Edifice, and worthy of the Poets Name.

I take the liberty of conveying to you this information, and as you were a personal Friend of the estimable Laureat, and have always been an Encourager of Literature, a hope is entertained that you will encourage the undertaking.

The Bishop of the Diocess cordially approves the design, and will be a Subscriber. Lord Jeffery has given his name for Ten Pounds. Lord Brougham has also promised to subscribe "for the Monument of his Friend Southey." One Gentleman has subscribed 20£, and two or three 5£ each.

No immediate sum is requested, but it is necessary to ascertain the amount of the Subscriptions, in order to regulate the character of the Monument. If the Funds will allow of it, Bailey will be the Sculptor. (A Native also of Bristol.)

I hope you are well, to learn which will at all times afford great pleasure to

Dear Sir

Yours very faithfully
Joseph Colthe.

M Hutch Esq.

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July 6/64