

My dear Abbe

I never involved you in the
bickering - and never suspected you, in any one action
of your life (~~except that of "not being"~~) of practicing any
vice against any human being except yourself -
Your letter supplied only one in a link of circumstances
that informed me of something of what has received me
in others - I shall write to say to Lloyd. -

You will be so kind as not to communicate
the contents of my last letter, concerning the
Tragedies &c, to any one. - There is no
occasion. - - I do not think. I shall come
to Bristol for these lectures - I ardently wish
for the knowledge. but Mr. Abbe is within
a month of her time - and I cannot. I
ought not to leave her - especially, as her
surgery is not a John Hunter, nor a
house likely to perish from a plethora of comfort.
Besides, there are other things that might disturb that
evenness of benevolent feeling which I wish to cultivate

I am much better - & at present, at Allford -
and my new & tender health is all over
me like a voluptuous feeling. -

God bless you - I do not much like
to make you hang the postage for this
scrawl; but you requested it. ~~and~~
L. T. Coleridge.

My dear Mr. Colthe, The note which
I brought you with for Mr. Frank I have heard
nothing of will you be so kind to enquire if it was
sent to him if not I will write another, it
contained an order for a few things from his
shop. - My kind love to all your good family.
I hope you will be happy in your new house.
Just a line concerning this in your next letter to my
Husband; my adored, divine Husband!!!
Lara Coleridge.

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SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE, A. L. S., [17 March 1798,] to Joseph Cottle.

My dear Cottle

I never involved *you* in the bickering—and never suspected you, in any one action of your life (except that of '*our poems*') [parentheses and words deleted] of practising any guile against any human being except yourself—Your letter supplied only one in a Link of circumstances that informed me of some things & perhaps deceived me in others— —I shall write to day to Lloyd.—

You will be so kind as not to communicate the contents of my last letter, concerning the Tragedies &c, to any one.—There is no occasion.—I do not think, I shall come to Bristol for these lectures—I ardently wish for the knowlege—but Mrs. Coleridge is within a month of her time—and I cannot. I ought not to leave her—especially, as her Surgeon is not a John Hunter, nor our house likely to perish from a plethora of comforts. Besides, there are other things that might disturb that evenness of benevolent feeling which I wish to cultivate. [p. 2] I am much better—& at present, at Allfoxden—and my new & tender health is all over me like a voluptuous feeling.—

God bless you—I do not much like to make you pay the postage

for this scrawl; but you requested it. [period followed by deleted word, or part of word]

S. T. Coleridge

ALS, 2 pages. Double sheet, 23 x 18.4 cm., with a page 2 postscript by Sara Coleridge.

Laid paper. Watermark: posthorn in crowned shield above 1796. Seal removed.

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Address: (verso of second half sheet) Mr Cottle | Bookseller | High Street | Bristol.

Docket: Coleridge 1798 [in Cottle's hand?]

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Published, with omissions, by Joseph Cottle, *Early Recollections; Chiefly Relating to the Late S. T. Coleridge* (2 vols.; London, 1837-^[139]), I, 300; Griggs, I, 400-401 (no. 240), with 1 substantive and 1 accidental variation from the Lewis MS, and without the postscript:

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Sara Coleridge.

Notes: 1. At this time the Coleridges were visiting the Wordsworths at their large house in Alfoxton (which they called Alfoxden), several miles from Stowey.

2. *Our poems* was the second edition (with poems by Charles Lamb and Charles Lloyd), published by Cottle in Bristol, 1797, of Coleridge's *Poems on Various Subjects* (London, 1796).

3. Coleridge had entered into negotiations with Cottle to publish two tragedies in one volume; *Osorio* (rejected by Sheridan toward the end of 1798) took better than a decade to metamorphose into the successful *Remorse* (see Byron's letter to Coleridge, above).

4. Berkeley Coleridge was born on 14 May. The lectures that Mrs. Coleridge's condition prevented her husband attending were on chemistry, by Dr. Thomas Beddoes.

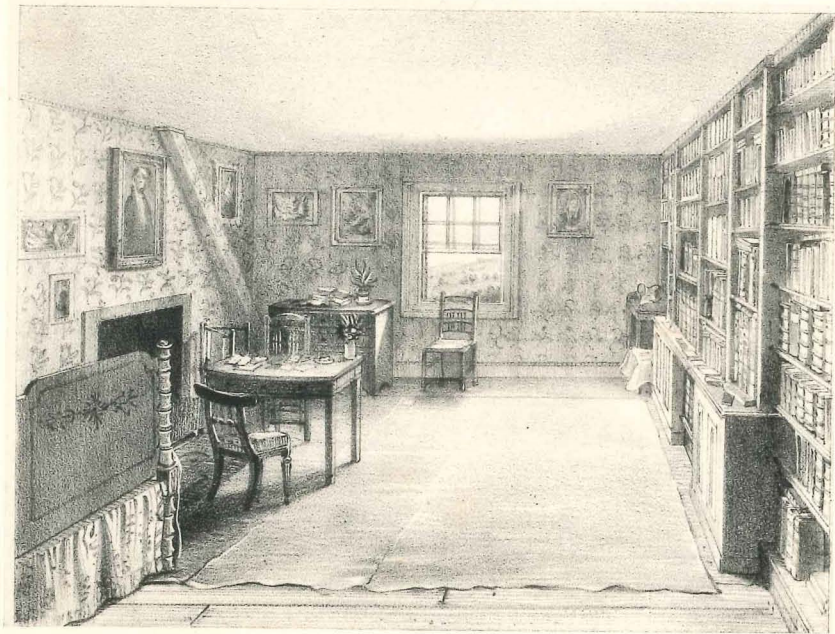
5. I have not looked into the state of Coleridge credit with "Mr. Frank."

6. Here published by permission of Earl Leslie Griggs and The Clarendon Press, Oxford.

L 10 10 COLERIDGE (S. T.) A. L. s., 2 pp. 4to [undated], to Joseph Cottle, saying he will write to Lloyd respecting his poems, and referring to his wife. *On the second page is a long holograph postscript, signed by Sarah Coleridge* [1798]

"I never involved *you* in the trickery, and never suspected you in any one action of your life of practising, any guile against any human being except yourself," etc.

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THE STUDY OF SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE, AND THE ROOM IN WHICH HE DIED,
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