Amenia June 17th 1850

My dear Sir

I received, some time since, your letter of April 4th inquiring whether a packet of books sent to me in October last, had reached its destination.

It had not - but I postponed replying to your letter until I could make inquiry in New York, where it might be detained

I now am hasten to inform you that I have just received it. As yet I have merely had time to glance over your volumes but see at once, that they are calculated to delight me. Your

chamois hunting especially will carry me into the mountains of Bavaria, which I merely skirted in the course of a tour in the autumn of 1822. but which have ~~left~~ stamped themselves upon my memory clothed with romance and legendary associations.

I feel deeply gratified by the tenor of your letter and the manner in which you express yourself concerning my writings. If they have indeed produced upon you the effect you mention they have attained one of the highest purposes of an author.

Excuse the brevity of this letter. The object of it is merely to acquaint you of the receipt of your books; the contents of which had caused me much satisfaction. When I have had time to read them I will write to you more fully. In the mean time believe me with great respect

Your ~~obliged~~ obliged friend
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