

Shenwood Forest  
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My Dear Sir

You requested me some time since, to become a contributor occasionally to the literary Messenger, and I have scribbled off two short articles which I have resolved to submit to your inspection. If you approve you can publish them or either of them at your own time and pleasure, but if they are not suited to your columns then lay them aside, and remember them as trifling offerings of good will to yourself and your Messenger. Old men like to indulge in the reminiscences of their youth, and under the influence of that feeling I have been carried back to the days of my novitiate at Mount Mary College. Sally Strother is a life and not a fancy picture, and as such will be recognized by my few surviving associates at College. She may not be, after all, worthy of a column in the Messenger and I may now not to admit her altho dressed in her rich brocade and beribboned Brunella's; if you should be of that opinion. The other is a graver subject, and whether I present it in a form acceptable to the Messenger or not, the subject itself is worthy of all consideration. Know that I have not a particle of

with the undoubted literary authorship about one  
£2 and shall feel no disappointment should you  
lay both the articles on the shelf for

I am again sufficiently long gone  
and debtor to my subscription to the messenger.  
It is therefore I please to inform you of the amount  
and to hand & will shortly remit the sum  
I demand in full with Entertainments of high respect  
dashed, as you suppose, and I am to live  
but less and less as it may be - People & kindly regards  
concerning now & before this was sent John Taylor  
left us with recognition & some alarm -  
now he has recovered & will soon be  
here - I cannot copy - next (D) -  
the volume has dropped into my hands  
various need must be paid back to me  
to now the subscriber goes to speak ill of a dead  
man being alive in another place - added greatly  
to it there does no time sufficient passed  
since his death before various evil tongues got loose  
and consider it so natural the reader, as that goes ill  
and I wish to have his name & in full &  
represented in a suitable way & in full  
name shall be put down in bold letters in  
the first page of the newspaper -