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To Macvey Napier

17 Jan 1841

Combe Florey -- Taunton Jany 17 -- 1841 --

Dear Sr --

Mr Chorley wishes very much to write an article in the  
 E R upon the Life and genius of Beethoven [.] he is represented to  
 me to be a man of considerable talent and a very good Writer -- he  
 wrote an article 2 years ago in the London and Westminster upon the  
 Piano Forte which was very much admir'd -- pray tell me if you would  
 receive such an article and to what **L**ength in E R pages he might  
 extend it -- I hope you are going on well -- with such a Writer as  
 Macaulay you can scarcely do otherwise. -- I have scarcely head ~~than~~  
 than Life left to write any article. but if I were I should like  
 to undertake Peacocks Laws of the university -- but I am not up to  
 it -- I hope you are better than you were remember me very truly to  
 all my old friends -- & believe me dear Sr yours truly

Sydney Smith --

M Napier Esq --

[Addressed:] Macvey Napier Esq / Edinburgh -- /

[Endorsed:] Revd. Sydney Smith / 17th Janry / 1841 -- /