(with a cupid at his side) surprised by Psyche in the form of a satyr. Mr. Murray had requested me to make him a couple of copies after celebrated old Masters, but I left this for Italy shortly after I rec.d his order, which prevented me from fulfilling it, as I wrote him at the time, but on my return here, I employed part of my first summer in making this copy, presuming that a couple of years would not change Mr. M.s mind, and at all events, it was a good study for me and that I should never be at a loss with a good copy of such a picture. I was complimented on my success as to imitation, by

side of the original, & I was offered there 50 Louis for it, by a close fisted Jew dealing Russian, which I did not listen to. I offered this picture to Mr. Murray for the sum here of two thousand francs or 400 $ on condition that I should be permitted the liberty of exhibiting it with that of Marius &c on my arrival in America, for a few months. I requested him also not to unroule the pictures nor to shew them to any one before I arrived, it is true, I did not then imagine to be so long absent from home. I felt so confident in his accepting my proposal that I drew a small bill on him of 150 dollars in favour of Mr. Warden, who embarked about the same time these pictures were sent for the U. States, on his return here he told me that he had not seen Mr. Murray himself, but he was told that the bill was paid very reluctantly by Mr. M. which I was at a loss to account for, he having always professed much friendship towards me. I have written him as much as a doz.n letters of which these pictures were chiefly the subject, recommending them always to his care &c. I have never recd a single line in return. These pictures were sent by the Columbia the same Vessel in which Armstrong returned now going on three years, and the first mention made of them, to my long enquiries, is in a letter from my friend Mr. Strong