

Lowell, Mass. Nov. 28

1850.

Sir,



I think you must
be mistaken in saying
that I "showed you a
series of papers" in
reference to "The Hanted
Paiwoe" and "The Bee
League and Co. &c"; for
I do not remember
that I ever had any

in the "Southern Literary Messenger",
New York, 1839.

I sent it to Mr. White,
the Editor of that work,
who had solicited a
contribution from me.
I do not believe

Mr. Poe ever saw it
till it was published;
for he was not then,
I think, connected with
the Messenger, and
could ^{not} ~~hardly~~ have

had the manuscript in
his hands, for Mr. White
did not, probably, receive
it before the first of
October; and it is the
first article printed in
the November No. of
the Messenger.



"St. Belegrand
Lity" is found in an
old tradition, which
you will find mentioned
somewhere in the Notes
of Scott's "Minstrelsy

out of it. I dislike
all controversy and
violent discussion; and
never have taken part
in any, and never
intend to do so.

I remain,

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Henry W. Longfellow.