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is the "Astarte": and
I remember that on
the only occasion when
you drew this by day-
-light, you quite
explained as to its
brightness & fulness
of colour when pro-
-perly seen. To reduce
the drug as far as
possibility admits
is most desirable
(at present it is
reduced to less than
a third of what I
started with here;)
but if an opinion
were to get abroad
that my works were
subject to a derogatory
influence which reduced
their beauty & value,
it wd be most injurious
to me, & would in
reality be founded
on at first one conclusion
as to the necessary
results of such a
medicine, and not
on anything really
provable from the
work itself.
I now find that I
have written more
than enough in a
vein which I hope
does not seem too
egotistical.
I expect Brown here