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[Literature] (Malory, Sir Thomas) The Byrth, Lyf, and Actes of Kyng Arthur...Le Morte Darthur...

London: Printed from Caxton's Edition, 1485, for Longman, Hurst, et al., 1817. In two volumes. 4to. (iv), lxiii, (iii), xxxix, (i), 383 pp; (iv), 495 pp. Edited by William Upcott. Introduction and notes by Robert Southey. Three-quarter navy blue morocco, stamped in gilt, over marbled paper-covered boards; top edges gilt, other edges trimmed; matching marbled endpapers; scattered minor spotting to text; scattered marginalia; two book-plates on front paste-down of each volume. Gaines A9.

"Southey's introduction was the first modern consideration of Malory and his sources; his text was the first attempt to recapture the text as it was published by Caxton." (Gaines, p. 19)