if this event took place in 1818, whereas it was on 7th July 1816.

I really could not say whether my sister ever intended to write her own life-story, or to publish the letters to which you refer. I never heard her mention such intention. If I do not think she had left instructions to any one to that effect. Her death was sudden & unexpected. The
regarding my late sister to which I or any of my family can object. Indeed I think you have mentioned her with much caution in consideration. It is quite unnecessary to shew the proofs to any member of my family; I therefore return them with many thanks. Your account of Lord Melbourne's intention to write the life of Sherdan was extremely interesting; it was quite new to me. Very favorably to the memory of one who is more frequently abused than praised. I wish you had written his life instead of yours.

I may be wrong but I think at p. 138, remembering the preceding pages, the word "later on in this year" Sherdan died" reads as
had not time to mention the subject either to me, or to Sir William, even if she had felt inclined to give directions respecting her papers & correspondence. She fully intended to have written the letters of some of the Sheridons & often mentioned this intention to me & to her friends. She had even collected opinions & ideas from...
Strangers as well as friends on this subject, but the story of her own life I do not think ever crossed her mind—least as far as I able to say. I was therefore astonished when I read in your letter that she told you herself of her purpose. I can only explain this by supposing that the intention crossed her mind when talking to you respecting the life of Lord Melbourne which you were writing.

Believe me to be your very faithfully,

R.B. Sheridan.