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Guide to the

**Major Byron manuscript material**

ca. mid-to-late 19th century

Pforz MS

## Summary

**Creator:** Byron, George Gordon de Luna, ca. 1810-1882

**Title:** Major Byron manuscript material

**Date:** ca. mid-to-late 19th century

**Size:** 7 items

**Abstract:** Forgery : "Percy Bysshe Shelley" to William Godwin : 13 Nov 1816 [actual date unknown] : (S'ANA 0227). Mounted in the purple Whitall-Clawson album of Shelleyana. Shelved as \*Pforz 558L 07.

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## Creator History

Major George Gordon de Luna Byron, alias de Gibler, Spanish-born forger of British Romantic literary manuscripts. He claimed to be -- but was unable to prove that he was -- the illegitimate son of Lord Byron.

## Scope and Content Note

Forgery : "Percy Bysshe Shelley" to William Godwin : 13 Nov 1816 [actual date unknown] : (S'ANA 0227). Mounted in the purple Whitall-Clawson album of Shelleyana. Shelved as \*Pforz 558L 07. ||| Forgery : "Lord Byron" to John Hay : 1 Sep 1822 [actual date unknown] : (B'ANA 0355). Bound in red folder and shelved as \*Pforz 558R 24. ||| Forgery : "Lord Byron" to Thomas Moore : 2 Mar 1820 [actual date unknown] : (B'ANA 0631) : making extensive reference to Godwin, and commenting extensively on literary glory and immortality. ||| To Teresa Guiccioli, Lord Byron's Italian mistress : 4 autograph letters signed -- 12 Jul 1869 : (B'ANA 0449) : from Paris : begins, "I cannot but more or less acknowledge the truth of the strictures ..."; with the envelope. -- : 26 Aug 1869 : (B'ANA 0317) : from Paris : begins, "I thank you with all my heart for the contents of the envelope..."; with the envelope. Along with printed and manuscript extracts about Byron. -- 28 Sep 1869 : (B'ANA 0450) : from Paris :

begins, "On my return yesterday from Holland & Belgium ..." With a small mounted clipping from a newspaper of an ad for a "Portrait of Lord Byron" published by Sarony & Co., New York. -- 23 Oct 1869 : (B'ANA 0451) : from Paris : begins, "Life, at the best, is but a succession of troubles to overcome ..."; with the envelope. Along with some manuscript notes and newspaper clippings. All of Major Byron's letters to Guiccioli relate to Lord Byron's legacy, including the recent Beecher-Stowe scandal. A cartoon on the controversy over Lady Byron Vindicated, "A Voice from the Mighty Dead," from the Will-o'-the-Wisp, Saturday, 25 Sep 1869, has been removed to the flat files.

## **Key Terms**

### **Titles**

Byron, George Gordon de Luna : manuscript material

### **Subjects**

Forgers -- Great Britain -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Poets, English -- 19th century -- Correspondence -- Forgeries -- Manuscripts -- Specimens

### **Names**

Byron, George Gordon de Luna, ca. 1810-1882

Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824

Godwin, William, 1756-1836

Guiccioli, Teresa, contessa di, 1800-1873

Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822

Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896