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Guide to the

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Summary

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· To John Bowing, politician, diplomat, and writer : 1 autograph letter signed "E L Bulwer" : [17 Jan 1831] : (MISC 0416) : from Athenaeum : begins, "I send you a little pamphlet of which -- if you remember -- I spoke to you & to which you may perhaps be able to spare a page or two in your next number."

· To Edward H. Finch-Hatton, Esq.: 1 autograph letter signed "Lytton" : "Saturday Night" [watermark = 1871] : (MISC 0414) : from Argyle Hall : on stationery bearing embossed crowned Bulwer-Lytton

monogram; begins, "I return with many thanks the Papers you have so kindly lent me -- they are deeply interesting -- I know not when I have been equally attracted by any biographical study -- for the letters of Lady Hamilton are the epitomized history of a very remarkable woman ..." H. Gamlin identifies the recipient and publishes the entire letter in her *Nelson's Friendships*, v. 2, p. 255-256.

· To William Godwin, philosopher and novelist : 5 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed "E L Bulwer" : [2 Apr 1830] : (G'ANA 0025) : [no place] : regarding his review of Godwin's *Cloudesley*; begins, "In an article in the N. M. Magazine called the 'Lounger' you will see the few observations I have made on your Book ..." Docketed with the received date in Godwin's hand. -- 1 autograph letter signed "E L Bulwer" : [14 May 1830] : (G'ANA 0026) : [no place] : begins, "Believe me truly grateful for your kindness, & deeply touched by it. That you should even have read my book is an honor, that you should like it a triumph." Docketed with the received date in Godwin's hand. -- 1 autograph letter signed "E. L. Bulwer" : [25 May 1830] : (G'ANA 0027) : from Hertford St. : begins, "You must know that I am too glad to go with you not to take your day & hour ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed "E. Lytton Bulwer" : 17 Sep 1830 : (G'ANA 0028) : from [B---?] Sussex : begins, "I am greatly obliged & pleased by your letter -- and I am unexpectedly rejoiced that my Address to the people of Southwark should produce one effect -- an encrease of your good opinion ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed "E L Bylwer" : 14 Jan 1832 : (G'ANA 0029) : Hertford St. : begins, "On my return to Town I found that Mr. Villiers had not replied to my letter concerning you ...".

· To Abraham Hayward, essayist and translator : 7 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed "E. B. Lytton" : 16 Nov 1861 : (HWD 2.002) : from Vantor : begins, "I should have thanked you for your note, but waited till I could read your new edition ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed "L" : 10 Jan 1868 : (HWD 7.106) : from Argyle Hall, Torquay : begins, "I have not seen Lord Russell's letter in the P.M. Gazette ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed "L" : 24 Dec 1869 : (HWD 7.108) : from Argyle Hall, Torquay : on stationery bearing embossed crowned Bulwer-Lytton monogram; begins, "Thanks for your letter & obliging opinion of Walpole ..." -- 1 autograph letter (fragment) : [30 Jun 1871] : (HWD 7.109) : from G[rosvenor] Sq. : begins, "Many thanks for your clever brochure. You do wisely to shift the scene of battle from land to sea ..." Entire letter, with ending (now missing), printed in H. E. Carlisle's *Selection from the Correspondence of Abraham Hayward*, v. 2, p. 229-230. Carlisle prints the missing ending as follows: "... which we could safely spare such a contingent to the aid of allies as would render our alliance valuable and our honour safe. However, all this is pure matter of opinion. Ever yours, Lytton." -- 1 autograph letter signed "Lytton" : [5 Aug 1872] : (HWD 7.107) : from Knebworth : on mourning stationery; begins, "If you would not object to a small tho airy bachelor room upstairs ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed "E. B. Lytton" : [no date] : (HWD 4.003) : from Athenaeum : begins, "I believe, my dear Hayward, that I have to thank your generous and friendly influence, for certain recent articles in the Chronicle ..." -- 1 autograph note signed "L" : [no date] : (HWD 6.005) : from Knebworth House, Stevenage (embossed stationery) : begins, "I see no objection to this being used, with the omissions I have marked ...".

· To Mary Hunter of Belfast : 1 autograph letter signed "E Bulwer Lytton" : 9 Sep 1844 : (MISC 0870) : from Hertford St., London : begins, "I make it a general rule not to answer letters requesting autographs ..." With the autograph envelope, bearing a postage stamp, postmarks, and a red wax seal with a tiny image of two birds in a birdbath.

· To John Richardson Major, headmaster of King's College School : 1 autograph letter signed "E L Bulwer" : 11 Jun 1833 : (MISC 0413) : from 36 Hertford St. : begins, "Will you allow me to inquire what punishments are established at King's College School ...".

· To the Rev. Thomas Maude, clergyman and minor poet : 1 autograph letter (fragment) signed "E L Bulwer" : [1830?] : (MISC 1585) : [no place] : begins, "... No. 5 Upper Seymour St. next Thursday June

3d to hear the Prague Minstrels."

· To the Rev. Thomas Law Montefiore : 1 autograph address panel [excised] : 20 May 1863 : (MISC 4404) : [from London] : reads in full: "Rev.d T. Montefiore / Charmouth / Dorsetsh[ire].".

· To Charles Ollier, publisher, writer, and editor : 3 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed "E Bulwer" : 3 Nov 1828 : (MISC 0411) : from Weymouth : begins, "It is now time to decide on the motto. What think you of the one I sent to Mr. Colburn ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed "E. L. Bulwer" : 22 Oct 1830 : (MISC 0415) : from Haydon Hall, Aylsham, Norfolk : begins, "I am in doubt whether to consider conveying a satisfactory or an ominous opinion of the fate of the 'Siamese Twins' -- and in my own mind, I have decided that you have not yet found time to read the poem." -- 1 autograph letter signed "E. Lytton Bulwer" : "Saturday" [ca. 1830's] : (MISC 0410) : from Hertford St. : begins, "I am quite vexed at my stupidity in forgetting to put the day -- it is the 23d of May -- 7 o'clock ...".

· To Joseph Parkes, election agent and reformer : 3 letters : -- 1 autograph note signed "E. L. Bulwer" : [ca. 1834?; watermark = 1833] : (MISC 0409) : [no place] : begins, "I send you a copy of my pamphlet just out ..."; the mentioned pamphlet could possibly be Lytton's Letter to a Late Cabinet Minister on the Present Crisis (1834). -- 1 autograph letter signed "E B Lytton" : "Thursday" [after 20 Feb 1844] : (MISC 0408) : from Hertford St. : marked "Private & confidential"; begins, "I am sure you will kindly excuse me in asking you to give the benefit of your advice & experience on railway matters to my Solicitor W. Loaden the bearer of this ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed "E B L" : "Wednesday" [after 20 Feb 1844] : (MISC 0407) : from 35 Pall Mall : begins, "What of Horsham? Any chance there -- During the next few days I am here, 35 Pall Mall.".

· To [?Martin Archer Shee], portrait painter and writer : 1 autograph letter signed "E L Bulwer" : [no date] : (SHEE 0060b) : from Hertford St. : begins, "I am very anxious to see you before I go abroad ..." Mounted in the Shee Autograph Album. Shelved with bound manuscript volumes under "Shee".

· To Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, novelist : 1 autograph letter signed "E L Bulwer" : 23 Jul 1832 : (S'ANA 0039) : from London : begins, "I beg to thank you for your kind letter. I fear that in the present sheet of Lady Blessingtons Journal there are a few words about you ..."; also including, "But there is not a syllable the most fastidious could object to, being merely a Compliment to your talents from Byron & a remark on your despair at the death of Mr. Shelley.

· To an unidentified recipient : 1 autograph letter signed "E B Lytton," to "Dear Sir" : 16 Jan 1849 : (MISC 0412) : begins, "My Saturday depends on Mr. [Wadehamer's?] final input which I expect to hear in a day or two ...".

Key Terms

Subjects

Authors, English -- 19th century -- Correspondence

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Names

Benzon, Ernst Leopold, Mrs.

Bowring, John, 1792-1872

Finch-Hatton, Edward H

Godwin, William, 1756-1836

Hayward, A. (Abraham), 1801-1884

Hunter, Mary, of Belfast
Lytton, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Baron, 1803-1873
Major, J. R. (John Richardson), 1797-1876
Maude, Thomas, 1801-1865
Montefiore, Thomas Law, 1825-1890
Parkes, Joseph, 1796-1865
Shee, Martin Archer, 1769-1850
Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1797-1851