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Guide to the

John Galt manuscript material

1821?-1838

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Summary

Creator: Galt, John, 1779-1839

Title: John Galt manuscript material

Date: 1821?-1838

Size: 14 items

Abstract: John Galt, Scottish-born novelist. He befriended Lord Byron and Lady Blessington during travels on the Continent, and later wrote one of the first biographies of Byron. · To Lady Blessington, writer and literary hostess : 12 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed : 27 Jul 1822 : (BLES 3.183) : from Kings Arms, Liverpool : begins, "On Monday evening I was so distinctly impressed with the repugnance your Ladyship feels at the idea of going to Ireland …" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 17 Dec 1822 : (BLES 3.184) : from 32 Tavistock Place : begins, "Mrs. Galt, during my absence in Scotland, having gone to the seaside with her father, your Ladyship's estimable letter with my Lord's lay neglected here …" -- 1 autograph letter signed : "Monday" [watermark = 1831] : (BLES 3.194a) : from Athenaeum : begins, "I am so much engaged now during the day, and so lame, that it is seldom in my power to have the gratification of calling on your Ladyship." -- 1 autograph letter signed : "Saturday" [watermark = 1832] : (BLES 3.194b) : from 12 Cecil St., Strand : begins, "The first day I have been able to sit up cannot be better devoted than in writing to you." -- 1 letter signed : 4 Feb 1833 : (BLES 3.185) : from B. A.L. Company's Office : in the hand of an amanuensis, with Galt's autograph signature; begins, "I have set out three times purposely to call on your Ladyship …" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 28 Jul 1834 : (BLES 3.186) : from Edin[burgh] : begins, "Frequently since I left London I have intended to have this pleasure …" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 23 Aug 1834 : (BLES 3.187) : from Maybank, Gourrock, by Greenock : begins, "Since I had this pleasure with the Legend of Flowers, I have come from Edinburgh …" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 12 Oct 1834 : (BLES 3.188) : from Greenock : begins, "Last night I received a letter from London, which induces me to request your Ladyship to pay no attention to what I said respecting my late publisher." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 10 Feb 1835 : (BLES 3.189) : from Greenock : begins, "On the evening I last had this pleasure I was taken unwell…" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 15 Aug 1835 : (BLES 3.190) : from Greenock : begins, "I send your Ladyship a little elegiac poem which may possibly suit the Book of Beauty …" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 4 Dec 1838 : (BLES 3.191) : from Greenock : begins, "A number of little incidents have occurred within these few days to cause me to remember your Ladyship …" -- 1 letter signed : "Tuesday" : (BLES 3.192) : from Barn Cottage : in the hand of an amanuensis, with Galt's autograph signature; begins, "I was guilty yesterday of a very stupid thing, but

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· To Lord Byron, poet : 1 autograph presentation inscription : [1821?] : (B'ANA 0775) : in Pforzheimer copy 2 of Galt's *Ayrshire Legatees*, title page verso; reads in full: "To Lord Byron / from his friend / the Author." Shelved as *Pforz BT (Byronana. 04).

· To Thomas Cadell, bookseller : 1 autograph letter signed : 18 Feb 1822 : (MISC 1563) : on business matters ; suggesting that remaining copies of a work be sold to close an account.