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Guide to the

Elizabeth Hamilton manuscript material

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Summary

Creator: Hamilton, Elizabeth, 1758-1816

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Abstract: Elizabeth Hamilton, British novelist and essayist. Born in Ireland to Scottish parents, she lived many years in England, finally settling in Scotland. In two of her books, the satirical novels *Translations of the Letters of a Hindoo Rajah* (1796) and *Memoirs of Modern Philosophers* (1800), she mocks the philosopher and novelist William Godwin. Hamilton's greatest literary success was her novel *The Cottagers of Glenburnie*, published in 1808. · To Mary Hays, novelist : 2 autograph letters : -- [1796?] : (MISC 2209) : in third person; she cannot agree to the invitation because of her guest, a Mrs. Davis. -- 13 Mar 1797 : (MISC 2210) : signature cut away; regarding Hays's review of Hamilton's *Hindoo Rajah*; including a kind of defense of William Godwin, whose reputation Hays wittingly or unwittingly attacked in her attempt to defend her opinions on Hamilton's book. Both letters are published in Marilyn L. Brooks's edition of the correspondence of Mary Hays.

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- To a Mr. Hobhouse : 1 autograph letter : [no date] : (MISC 2228) : in third person; enclosing a packet [not present] and apologizing for imposing on his good nature.

- To an unknown recipient : 1 autograph closing and signature : [no date] : (MISC 3935) : cut away from the original letter. Mounted opposite a portrait engraving of Hamilton by Hopwood after Clint, in the Agatha Hogsbottom autograph album. Shelved with oversized bound manuscript volumes.