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Guide to the

**William Jerdan manuscript material**

1832-1867

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## Summary

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· To Henry Colburn, publisher : 1 autograph letter signed : 9 Jun 1815 : (MISC 3475) : from Sun Office : begins, "In the Sun this afternoon is a review of Chateaubrian ...".

· To Thomas Hood, poet and humorist : 1 autograph letter signed : 17 Dec 1832 : (MISC 2243) : from Grove House [Brompton] : defending the brevity of a review in the Literary Gazette (15 Dec 1832) of Hood's Comic Annual for 1833; begins, "If I cannot write with equal pleasantry, I must acknowledge yours at least with sincerity." Cf. Morgan's Letters of Thomas Hood, p. 145, for the letter that prompted this response.

· To Charles Kent, writer and journalist : 1 autograph letter signed : 12 Mar 1867 : (MISC 2830) : from Bushey Heath : begins, "Accept my warm thanks for the very favourable notice you have taken of my Volume in the Sun of yesterday ..."; with the envelope.

· To Alaric Alexander Watts, journalist and poet : 1 autograph letter signed : 12 Jul [no year] : (MISC 3474) : [no place] : begins, "As you have not called I give you your choice of two various subjects from the pen of a young modest & (in my opinion) beautiful writer."

· To "Dear Sir" : 1 autograph letter signed : 30 Sep [no year; w/m = 1815] : (MISC 2384) : [no place] : begins, "I hope you will be able to make out this painful scrawl. How happens it that out of the four poems which Ellis inserts as specimens of Southwell, only two, 'The Vale of Tears' & 'Image of Death' are in your collection?"

· To "My dear Sir" : 1 autograph note signed : 9 Dec [no year] : (MISC 2383) : from 38 Craven St.; begins, "I send in Roper's pamphlet agreeably ...".