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Guide to the

Mary Lamb manuscript material

1811-1820

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Summary

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- To Mary Morgan, née Brent, wife and sister-in-law of John James Morgan (d. 1820), lawyer turned cheesemonger and tobacconist, friend of Coleridge and Southey : 1 autograph letter fragment : 22 May

1815 : (S'ANA 0994) : [no place] : also addressed to Mrs. Morgan's sister, Miss [Charlotte] Brent. Includes an anecdote regarding Wordsworth's criticism of Godwin's Lives of Edward and John Philips. A portion of the letter is written by Charles Lamb. Begins, "I have just heard from your good man in Bishopgate Street -- I forget his name -- that you are all well and happily situated ...".

· To Mary Novello, wife of music publisher Vincent Novello : 1 autograph letter signed : ca. 21-22 Dec 1820 : (S'ANA 0037) : [no place] : on Charles's illness, and assuring her that the Lambs will see her and her family soon; begins, "I use my brother's pen, being so much more elegant than my own ...".