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Guide to the

William Longman manuscript material

1839-1844

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Summary

Creator: Longman, William, 1813-1877

Title: William Longman manuscript material

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Size: 10 items

Abstract: William Longman, English publisher. He was the younger son of Thomas Norton Longman (1771-1842), and the brother of Thomas Longman (1804-1879), both of whom were his business partners at the Longman Co. publishing firm. From 1838-1841 the company's imprint was "Longman, Orme, Brown, Green and Longmans"; from 1842-1850 it was "Longman, Brown, Green and Longmans" (cf. Maxted's London book trades). · To Lady Blessington, writer and literary hostess : -- 1 autograph letter signed : 16 Sep 1839 : (BLES 3.256) : from London : begins, "I beg to enclose for your acceptance six copies of the second edition of the 'Desultory Thoughts.' I am sorry I was not able to send them sooner ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 27 Dec 1839 : (BLES 3.257a) : from Paternoster Row : begins, "It would have given me great pleasure to oblige you by informing you of the sales of the Book of Beauty, but as the works are not our property, only selling them on commission for Mr. Heath, I really do not feel myself at liberty to do so." With an excised stamped letter cover address panel. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 31 Oct 1840 : (BLES 3.257b) : from 39 Paternoster Row : begins, "I am much obliged by you sending me the French translation of your little work." With an excised letter cover address panel. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 21 Mar 1843 : (BLES 3.258b) : from Paternoster Row : begins, "Enclosed I have the pleasure to send you an early copy of a book I think you cannot fail to be much amused with ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 21 Apr 1843 : (BLES 3.259b) : from Paternoster Row : begins, "If you have determined on the title of your new novel I think it would be desirable to announce it in our monthly list for May 1st." With an excised stamped envelope address panel. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 15 Jun 1843 : (BLES 3.259a) : from Paternoster Row : begins, "The American publishers, Messrs. Lee Blanchard of Philadelphia have made us an offer of five pounds for the early sheets of your forthcoming novel, 'Meredith' ...; with an excised stamped envelope address panel. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 1 Jul 1843 : (BLES 3.260a) : from Paternoster Row : begins, "I take the liberty of introducing you to Mr. Bernard Tauchnitz, of Leipzig, the nephew of a well-known and respectable publisher in that city. With an excised stamped envelope address panel. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 21 Oct 1843 : (BLES 3.261b) : from Paternoster Row : begins, "I regret to inform you that Meridith [sic] has not hitherto had the success I had anticipated." With an excised letter cover address panel. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 3 Nov 1843 : (BLES 3.262a) : from Paternoster Row : begins, "I find by your

note of yesterday that you are under some little misapprehension with regard to Meredith [sic]. We subscribed 300 copies, and have since sold 84 ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 1 May 1844 : (BLES 3.262b) : from Paternoster Row : begins, "I am glad to hear you are so much pleased with Lady Willoughby." -- All letters to Lady Blessington mounted in v. 3 of the Blessington Papers. Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes.

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