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### Key Terms

#### Subjects

English poetry -- 19th century -- Manuscripts -- Specimens

Waterloo, Battle of, Waterloo, Belgium, 1815 -- Poetry

**Names**

Anglesey, Henry William Paget, Marquis of, 1768-1854

Bergami, Bartolomeo Bergami, Baron

Caroline, Queen, consort of George IV, King of Great Britain, 1768-1821

Wood, Matthew, Sir, 1768-1843