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Guide to the

**Eliza Townsend manuscript material**

1814

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## Summary

**Creator:** Townsend, Eliza, 1788-1854

**Title:** Eliza Townsend manuscript material

**Date:** 1814

**Size:** 1 item

**Abstract:** Eliza Townsend, American poet. &#xB7; To Sarah Arnold of New Bedford, Massachusetts : 1 autograph letter signed "E. A. T." : 18 Dec 1814 : (B'ANA 0539) : 4 pages (double sheet) : from Boston : begins, "Your Uncle Francis having done our town ye honour to linger in it a little longer than he expected enables me to add a sheet more to the pacquet already handed him." With a tongue-in-cheek account of how Boston has received the news of Lord Byron's impending marriage, including, "It seems pretty generally agreed that we're to have no more poetry from him; or at any rate, that ye connubical concert will charm away (as in ye case of Saul) ye evil spirit that has long passion'd him led him like ye New Testament Demonicae to dwell among ye tombs till (to my taste) he was fit for no other company.".

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## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Poets, American -- 19th century -- Correspondence

### **Names**

Arnold, Sarah, 1786-1860

Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824

Townsend, Eliza, 1788-1854