Summary

Creator: Byron, George Gordon de Luna, ca. 1810-1882

Title: Major Byron manuscript material

Date: ca. mid-to-late 19th century

Size: 7 items


Access: Restricted access.

Preferred citation: Major Byron manuscript material: 7 items, Carl H. Pforzheimer Collection of Shelley and His Circle, The New York Public Library

Creator History

Major George Gordon de Luna Byron, alias de Gibler, Spanish-born forger of British Romantic literary manuscripts. He claimed to be -- but was unable to prove that he was -- the illegitimate son of Lord Byron.

Scope and Content Note

Forgery: "Percy Bysshe Shelley" to William Godwin: 13 Nov 1816 [actual date unknown]: (S’ANA 0227). Mounted in the purple Whitall-Clawson album of Shelleyana. Shelved as *Pforz 558L 07.|||Forgery: "Lord Byron" to John Hay: 1 Sep 1822 [actual date unknown]: (B’ANA 0355). Bound in red folder and shelved as *Pforz 558R 24.|||Forgery: "Lord Byron" to Thomas Moore: 2 Mar 1820 [actual date unknown]: (B’ANA 0631): making extensive reference to Godwin, and commenting extensively on literary glory and immortality.|||To Teresa Guiccioli, Lord Byron's Italian mistress: 4 autograph letters signed -- 12 Jul 1869: (B’ANA 0449): from Paris: begins, "I cannot but more or less acknowledge the truth of the strictures ..."; with the envelope. -- : 26 Aug 1869: (B’ANA 0317): from
Paris: begins, "I thank you with all my heart for the contents of the envelope..."; with the envelope. Along with printed and manuscript extracts about Byron. -- 28 Sep 1869: (B'ANA 0450): from Paris: begins, "On my return yesterday from Holland & Belgium..." With a small mounted clipping from a newspaper of an ad for a "Portrait of Lord Byron" published by Sarony & Co., New York. -- 23 Oct 1869: (B'ANA 0451): from Paris: begins, "Life, at the best, is but a succession of troubles to overcome..."; with the envelope. Along with some manuscript notes and newspaper clippings. All of Major Byron's letters to Guiccioli relate to Lord Byron's legacy, including the recent Beecher-Stowe scandal. A cartoon on the controversy over Lady Byron Vindicated, "A Voice from the Mighty Dead," from the Will-o'-the-Wisp, Saturday, 25 Sep 1869, has been removed to the flat files.

Key Terms

Titles
Byron, George Gordon de Luna: manuscript material

Subjects
Forgers -- Great Britain -- 19th century -- Correspondence
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Names
Byron, George Gordon de Luna, ca. 1810-1882
Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824
Godwin, William, 1756-1836
Guiccioli, Teresa, contessa di, 1800-1873
Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822
Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896