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Guide to the

**Manuscript letter by unidentified correspondent to William Godwin**

ca. 1795

Pforz MS

## Summary

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## Scope and Content Note

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## Key Terms

### Names

Godwin, William, 1756-1836