Summary

Creator: Apthorp, Salley

Title: May Heaven propitious every bliss convey : manuscript / Salley Apthorp

Date: 1777

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

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Abstract: A 16-line manuscript poem preceded by the heading "Written extempore, on Mr. and Mrs. Esdaile's departure from Boston for Great Britain," signed at end "Salley Apthorp," and dated "Sunday Morning 1777." Apthorp, describing herself as a young and "humble Muse," wishes the Esdailes a safe voyage with blessings of peace and health, and laments the loss of her dear friends in the hope that they will meet again. The poem is possibly an early work of the American poet Sarah Wentworth Apthorp Morton (1759-1846) of Boston, Massachusetts. The text (1 page) is written in ink, with the revision of one word in pencil, on a sheet of laid paper (17 x 15 cm) bearing the watermark "GR."

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