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Guide to the

William Lisle Bowles manuscript material

1815-1834

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Summary

Creator: Bowles, William Lisle, 1762-1850

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Creator History

William Lisle Bowles, English clergyman and poet. His poetry was admired by Coleridge, but he is best known for his ten-volume edition of the works of Alexander Pope, in which he criticized Pope's morals as well as his poetry. This work revived a scholarly dispute about Pope's proper place in the poetic hierarchy, and drew much criticism, most notably from Lord Byron.

Scope and Content Note

Holograph account of the Byron Controversy : ca. 1820 (B'ANA 0599), 5 pages. |||To R. Cruttwell, his Bath publisher : 1 autograph letter signed : 3 Feb 1829 (MISC 3913), regarding the forthcoming second edition of Bowles's *Days Departed*. This R. Cruttwell is probably the son and successor to Richard Cruttwell of Bath that died in 1799 (cf. *British Book Trade Index*). |||To Richard Kenner (acting for Messrs. Galignani) : 1 letter : ca. 1829 (MISC 3392), third person, on the arrangement of an edition of his works. |||To John Ledyard Phillips of Melksham, in Wiltshire : 1 autograph letter signed : 17 Oct 1822 (MISC 0377), apparently answering a question about book circulation. |||To Robert Southey, poet : 4 autograph letters signed : -- 11 Feb 1815 : (MISC 0375) : thanking him for his notice in the *Quarterly review* ; asks his opinion of *The Missionary* ; mentions that Coleridge is in his neighborhood. -- 30 Dec 1815 : (MISC 0376) : asking further advice on *The Missionary*. -- 22 Oct 1820 : (MISC 0374) : regarding Octavius Gilchrist's attack on Bowles. -- ca. 1834 : (MISC 0373) : begins: "Our Penates, & Mrs. Bowles

& myself, will be rejoiced to welcome you & your son ..." ; mentions the death of Coleridge.

Key Terms

Titles

Bowles, William Lisle : manuscript material

Subjects

Clergy -- Great Britain -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Critics -- Great Britain -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Poets, English -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Names

Bowles, William Lisle, 1762-1850

Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824

Cruttwell, R. (Richard)

Kenner, Richard

Phillips, John Ledyard

Southey, Robert, 1774-1843

A. and W. Galignani and Co.