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Guide to the

**John Bowring manuscript material**

1822-1868

Pforz MS

## Summary

**Creator:** Bowring, John, 1792-1872

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**Date:** 1822-1868

**Size:** 7 items

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· Holograph memorandum, "List of books to be specially kept" : [no date] : (BRNG 0066) : 1 page (single sheet) : [no place] : attribution to Bowring not without doubt; a numbered list including several Bibles and classical works; concludes with the notice, "Note the MSS Letters & pedigrees are in my tin box at the office." Along with (probably unrelated) newspaper clipping re: rental at Ravensbury Park. -- Both items formerly laid in to the Album of Autograph Letters to John Bowring.

- To Maria Gisborne, friend of Godwin and the Shelleys : 1 letter (transcript) : 21 Aug 1832 : (S'ANA 0545E) : in the hand of John Gisborne; refering to a letter recently received by Mary Shelley, on the subject of Jeremy Bentham. In the Gisborne Letterbook, filed under Gisborne.
  
- To Sir George Grey, politician : 1 autograph letter (draft) unsigned : 28 May 1847 : (BRNG 0044) : 1 page (single sheet) : from 1 Queen Square, West. : begins, "I have again most respectfully, but most casually to impart your early & serious attention to the state of affairs in the Isle of Man ..." -- Mounted in the Album of Autograph Letters to John Bowring. -- Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes.
  
- To Mary Lewin, née Peene, his sister-in-law : 1 autograph letter signed : 3 Oct 1868 : (BRNG 0065) : 1 page (single sheet) : on embossed stationery of The Athenæum : begins, "I am here for a few days on diplomatic business ..." Formerly laid in to the Album of Autograph Letters to John Bowring.
  
- To an unknown recipient : 1 autograph letter signed : 19 Nov 1822 (MISC 2097), in French, indirectly mentioning his recent prison experience in France.
  
- To an unknown recipient : 1 autograph letter signed : 4 Mar 1828 : (P'ANA 0023) : enclosing to his correspondent a letter from John Cam Hobhouse, politician -- (enclosed letter no longer present).

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Authors, English -- 19th century -- Correspondence  
 Diplomats -- Great Britain -- 19th century -- Correspondence  
 English poetry -- 19th century -- Manuscripts -- Specimens  
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### **Titles**

Bowring, John : manuscript material

### **Names**

Bentham, Jeremy, 1748-1832  
 Bowring, John, 1792-1872  
 Broughton, John Cam Hobhouse, Baron, 1786-1869  
 Gisborne, Maria, 1770-1836  
 Grey, George, Sir, 1799-1882  
 Lewin, Mary, 1798-1873