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Guide to the

**Barry Cornwall manuscript material**

1816-1862

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## Summary

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## Creator History

Bryan Waller Procter (pseud. Barry Cornwall), English minor poet and lawyer. He was a close friend of several more prominent Romantics, including William Hazlitt, Charles Lamb, and Leigh Hunt. Shelley once said of his poetry, "the man whose critical gall is not stirred up by such ottava rimas ... may be safely conjectured to have no gall at all."

## Scope and Content Note

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: lamenting his old age and the death of his friends, including Leigh Hunt and Clarke's father [Vincent Novello]. -- 20 Oct 1868 : (H'ANA 0041) : regarding a portrait of Leigh Hunt, and memories of him as a young man. |||To Mr. Fields of Ticknor & Co., Boston booksellers : 1 autograph letter signed : 8 Dec [1865] : (MISC 1726) : on the American edition of his Charles Lamb: A Memoir. |||To William Harness, literary scholar : 1 autograph letter signed : no date : (S'ANA 0984) : regarding an unpublished Shelley poem. |||To Leigh Hunt, poet, journalist, and literary critic : 1 autograph letter signed : 16 May [1858?] : (H'ANA 0059) : on money matters relating to the borrowing habits of Hunt's (then deceased) wife. |||To the Rev. R. Morehead in Edinburgh : 1 autograph letter signed : 7 Aug [w/m = 1818] : (MISC 3729) : begins, "I return you the critique on Keats as it stood.". |||To a J. H. Payne Esq. at 4 Southampton Street, Covent Garden : 1 autograph letter signed : 30 Oct 1816 : (MISC 2819) : including a letter and a poem draft, which begins, "Round + round they swim --". |||To a Mr. Turner, very probably Dawson Turner, collector and antiquarian : 1 autograph letter signed : 18 Apr 1851 : (MISC 3744) : arranging to meet. |||To "Dear Sir" : 1 autograph letter signed : no date : (MISC 0993) : sending a Coleridge poem [not present] ; offering proof to exonerate himself from an idea of plagiarism of Keats ; and a word toward his need to remain anonymous: "I was nearly losing a client ... because it was conjectured that I had been guilty of the Sin of Poetry...". |||To an unidentified "Sir" : 1 autograph letter signed : Jan 1825 : (MISC 3357) : planning a meeting for Procter to see his "drawings.".

## Key Terms

### Titles

Cornwall, Barry : manuscript material

### Names

Cornwall, Barry, 1787-1874  
 Blessington, Marguerite, Countess of, 1789-1849  
 Clarke, Mary Cowden, 1809-1898  
 Fields, James Thomas, 1817-1881  
 Harness, William, 1790-1869  
 Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859  
 Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859  
 Hunt, Marianne Kent, 1787-1857  
 Keats, John, 1795-1821  
 Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822  
 Turner, Dawson, 1775-1858