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Guide to the **Sydney Smith manuscript material** 1807-1844 Pforz Ms

Summary

Creator: Smith, Sydney, 1771-1845

Title: Sydney Smith manuscript material

Date: 1807-1844

Size: 10 items

Abstract: Sydney Smith, English author and wit. · To Charles Cowden Clarke, writer and public lecturer : 1 autograph letter signed : 6 Jul 1844 : (MISC 1326) : 1 page (single sheet) : from 56 Green St. : begins, "There are in all Countries fixed and regular absurdities which it is almost atheistical to call in question -- Such is the admiration of Sharkespeare in England ...".

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Creator History

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Scope and Content Note

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• To Mary Cowden Clarke, literary scholar and writer : 1 autograph letter signed : 9 Jul 1844 : (MISC 1327) : 1 page (double sheet) : from 56 Green St., Grosvenor Sq.re : begins, "I am very sorry to have led you into a mistake ..."; with the postmarked, stamped envelope.

• To Francis Jeffrey, Lord Jeffrey, writer and judge : 1 autograph letter signed : 13 Sep 1809 : (MISC 3671) : 1 ¹/_ pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I have received 53- for my labors in no. 27 -- I

think you might run down and see us ...".

• To Thomas Moore, poet : 1 autograph letter signed : [Mar 1829 or later] : (MISC 1339) : 1 page (double sheet) : from Co[mbe] Florey : begins, "I have not the least doubt that you would be glad to make us a visit if it were convenient ...".

• To Amelia Opie, novelist and poet : 1 autograph letter signed : 4 Nov 1807 : (O'ANA 0007) : 1 page (double sheet) : from 18 Orchard St., Portman Square : begins, "I have read your manuscripts upon the whole with great satisfaction ..." Tipped into the grangerized copy of Brightwell's life of Opie, opposite page 126. Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes.

• To Martin Archer Shee, portrait painter and writer : 1 autograph letter (fragment) signed : [no date] : (SHEE 0063b) : 1 sheet (partial) : [no place] : reads in full, "... before seven. / Very truly yours / Sydney Smith." Addressed in the bottom left hand corner to "Sr Martin Shee." Mounted in the Martin Archer Shee autograph album. Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes.

• To Catherine, Lady Stepney, novelist : 1 autograph letter signed : 3 Jun 1840 : (MISC 1354) : 1 page (double sheet) : from 56 Green St. Grosvenor Square : begins, "I tried very hard dear Lady Stepney - but it happened to be a day of Church business at St. Pauls - and I could not make it out ...".

• To Emma Margaret Stovin, later wife of William Warburton, Dean of Elphin : 1 autograph letter signed : 8 Jul 1834 : (MISC 2225) : 2 pages (double sheet) : from Combe Florey Taunton : begins, "It is very true that we are going to be married and to Dr. Holland ..." Addressed to Miss Stovin care of Sir Peregrine Acland, probably a relative (her mother was Frances Acland).

• To unidentified recipients : 2 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed to "Dear [S.?]" : 6 Aug 1829 : (MISC 2585) : 2 pages (double sheet) : from Combe Florey Taunton : begins, "I addressed a Letter to you a week since requesting I might be permitted (as all other Gentlemen here be) to receive a bag [for?] the Post-Office Taunton ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed to "Dear [Maullot?] : 27 Jul 1843 : (MISC 3483) : 1 page (single sheet) : from 56 Green St., Grosvenor Sq.re : begins, "Many thanks for the Books.".

Key Terms

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Names

Clarke, Charles Cowden, 1787-1877 Clarke, Mary Cowden, 1809-1898 Jeffrey, Francis Jeffrey, Lord, 1773-1850 Moore, Thomas, 1779-1852 Opie, Amelia, 1769-1853 Shee, Martin Archer, 1769-1850 Smith, Sydney, 1771-1845 Stepney, Catherine Pollock Manners, Lady, -1845