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Guide to the

**Six manuscript letters to Lydia Withering**

1808-1813

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## Summary

**Addressee:** Withering, Lydia, 1784-1867

**Title:** Six manuscript letters to Lydia Withering

**Date:** 1808-1813

**Size:** 6 items

**Abstract:** Lydia Withering, née Rickards, pupil and friend of the English poet and essayist Anna Letitia Barbauld. &#xB7; 14 Jun 1808 : (MISC 4393) : 1 autograph letter signed by Constance Benyon, wife of Samuel Yate Benyon, one of His Majesty's counsel : 4 pages (double sheet) : from Russell Square : with much discussion of gowns and fabrics; begins, "My journey to Brighton being deferred 'till this day week, I hope I shall have time to see all your commissions extended . . . .".

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## Creator History

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## Scope and Content Note

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- 15 Aug 1808 : (MISC 4392) : 1 autograph letter signed by Charlotte Botfield, her sister-in-law : 2 1/\_ pages (double sheet) : from Weymouth : begins, "My dear Sister, For by that title I am now authorized to call you . . . ."; with a letter from Beriah Botfield to William Withering on pages 3-4 of the double sheet.
- 2 Sep 1808 : (MISC 4390) : 1 autograph letter signed by "L. Lee" : 4 pages (double sheet) : from

Swanage House near Wareham, Dorsetshire : with advice on married life; begins, "I have long earnestly wished to transmit the hearty & sincere congratulations of Mr Lee, myself & family . . . .".

· 16 Sep 1808 : (MISC 4394) : 1 autograph letter signed by Charlotte Botfield, her sister-in-law : 4 pages (double sheet) : from Cheltenham : begins, "I began to think it very long since we had any intelligence from Dover . . . .".

· 9 Jan 1810 : (MISC 4389) : 1 autograph letter signed by "C. A." : 3 pages (double sheet) : from Chesterfield : begins, "We were very much concerned in receiving a letter last night from Miss M. Benton to hear of your dear mother's serious illness . . . .".

· 26 Mar 1813 : (MISC 4391) : 1 autograph letter signed by Sarah Withering, her husband's aunt : 4 pages (double sheet) : from Norton : begins, "You will I know allow me to be your correspondent when it is inconvenient to Charlotte to write . . . .".

## Key Terms

### Names

Barbault, Mrs. (Anna Letitia), 1743-1825

Benyon, Constance, 1772 or 1773-1836

Botfield, Beriah, 1768-1813

Botfield, Charlotte, 1778-1825

Withering, Sarah, 1750-1814

Withering, William, 1775-1832