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U12/C1/1

Sir Richard Arkwright [inventor, 1732-92], 1779
Willersley, [Derbyshire], to Joseph Winter,
Manchester, 14 March: judges an advance in the
prices of cotton wool certain; asks for information
on what other spinners are doing though he is also
getting information from Mr. Simpson; Winter is
not to suffer his stock to be taken by those who
only buy occasionally: part of signature and
endings of several words missing.

/2 Sir Joseph Banks [President of the Royal Society, 1809
baronet, 1743-1820], Soho Square, to Dr. Walker,
Bond Court, 26 June: Banks will say how far Dr.
Walker's discoveries are likely to be advantageous
if the latter will send a paper.

/3 Benjamin Disraeli [prime minister, first Earl of 1878
Beaconsfield, 1804-81], 10 Downing Street, to
Mark Addy, 6 November: notification of award
of the Albert medal, First Class, for repeatedly
preventing drowning in the River Irwell.

/4 William Lisle Bowles [Canon of Salisbury, Vicar 1824
of Bromhill, Wiltshire, poet, 1762-1850],
Chippenham, to unnamed man, 18 February:
Mr. Hampshire is prevented by gout from leaving
home so they think "a musical meeting" at Bowles'
home later in the spring would be more agreeable
to the addressee; postscript that Hoyle will
return after about three weeks.

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U12/C1/5

[George Gordon Byron, surname from 1815 Noel-Byron 1822
and from 1822 Noel, writer, 6th. Baron Byron,
1788-1824]: letter marked as follows;
"From Charles Barry Esq., to Lord Byron

to

Alexander Smith"

written from Pisa and dated 28 March: thanks him
for the kind present "(in which there is still
kinder mention of him who addresses you)";
incident previous Sunday when a "Serjeant Major
of Dragoons" rode against an Irishman, [John]
Taaffe, [1787-1862], in his party; letter ends
abruptly with the words "information to"
followed by "the" or another word beginning
with "th": unsigned.

- /6 Thomas Campbell [writer, 1777-1844], 10 Seymour 1828
Street, Westminster, to J. Thomson, 16 Cheapside,
Friday, [1] August: has been at Twickenham for
a good many days; asks what day could Thomson either
luncheon or take a late breakfast and talk;
Campbell most anxious to know if there is news
from Madeira.
- /7 Above to Mr. Cochrane, 8 Burlington Street, Friday
morning, 6 March: thanks for copy of the
Edinburgh Review; asks Cochrane to buy for him
Captain Beechey's book on Cyrenaica, published
by Murray, and Raoul-Rochette's Histoire Critique
des Colonies Grecques; postscript at the top of
the letter that, if any enquiries, to let it be
known that he (Campbell) has gone to Beckenham:
signature slightly different from that of U12/C1/6.
- /8 George Canning [prime minister, 1770-1827], Foreign 1826
Office, to Mr. Brade, 2 January: presents his
compliments; Sir H. Taylor's answer to Mr. C.'s
application on behalf of Mr. Brade's brother is
favourable: unsigned.
- /9 "Clement" [Nicolas Clement, chemist, 1818
1778 or 1779-1841], Rue du fauxbourg St. Martin
No. 92, Paris, to Samuel Parkes [manufacturing
chemist, 1759-1825], chemical manufacturer,
Goswell Street, London, 13 March: uses residues
from nitric acid (or "Sulfate acide de Potashe")
and has learned that Parkes manufactures these;
asks what quantity and quality Parkes could supply
and under what conditions; would order "100
milliers de livres ou 90 tonneaux" or even
double, if the price was suitable: written in
French.
- /10 Charles Dickens [writer, 1812-70], to David 1857
Chadwick, 8 August: declines an invitation
from the Committee of the Salford Corporation
Museum and Library: letter with printed letter
heading "In remembrance of the late Mr. Douglas
Jerrold: Committee's Office, Gallery of
Illustration, Regent Street".

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- Percy Hetherington Fitzgerald [Irish musician and writer, 1834-1925], 37 St. George's Road, [London], S.W., to unnamed man; should like to have Mr. Boswell's engraving. n.d.
- /12 Benjamin Franklin [American statesman, 1706-90], London, to John Bartram, near Philadelphia, 22 August: has received Bartram's letter of 10 May; is glad that the rhubarb seed got safe to hand; has no doubt it will thrive well in our country "where the climate is the same with that of the Chinese Wall, just without which it grows in plenty"; will be glad to know how Bartram finds the turnips; [Daniel Charles] Solander knows nothing of the lucerne seed about which Bartram asked nor can he learn anything of it from others; he will recommend Bartram's seeds; he sends those enquiring about American seeds to Mr. Freeman; has heard nothing lately of Young and thinks his --- not of much consequence; love to Mrs. Bartram and the children: signature missing after initials.
John Bartram, an American botanist, 1699-1777, was also the addressee of U12/C1/19. 1772
- /13 Johann Wolfgang von Goethe [writer, 1749-1832]: printed poem, "Die Feier des siebenten, November 1825": at the foot are written "Weimar Goethe" 1825 or later
- /14 Joseph Hume [politician, 1777-1855], Burnley Hall, [Norfolk] to Mr. ?Haylock, ?Nanter, Orm[e]sby [Norfolk], 29 December: wants him to put in order pipes in the gun room. 1853
- /15 Samuel Johnson [writer, 1709-84], London, to Mrs. Thrale [later Mrs. Piozzi; Christian names Hester Lynch], Bath, 21 October: quotation of couplet on the passing of life; the impression made on Mrs. Thrale by two of his earlier letters; his health; the spelling of the word "physiognomy" in various languages; Mrs. Porter the tragic actress; Mrs. Thrale should try to reform her "instability of attention"; "The hour of solitude is now come and Williams is gone"; numbers "324" and "48" written at the head of the first sheet.
This letter has been printed in R.W. Chapman's The letters of Samuel Johnson (Oxford University Press, Vol. III, p. 91, 1952) as No. 894. His text is taken from Mrs. Piozzi's copy published in 1788. Chapman's text does not differ substantially from that of the original letter but contains some words which are now missing from the latter. 1783

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- U12/C1/16 August Friedrich Ferdinand von Kotzebue [German] 1810
writer, 1761-1819], Schwarzen, to his mother
at Weimar, 31 December: unsigned and apparently
incomplete: written in German.
- /17 Envelope for above letter. 1810
- /18 Johann Kasper Lavater [Swiss writer, 1741-1801] 1783
Zurich, to Monsieur Green, Lion d'Or,
Lausanne, 1 March: written in German.
- /19 Carl von Linne [or Linnaeus, botanist, 1707-78], "Upsalia" [Uppsala], Sweden, to
Dno. Bartram [sic] Pen[n]sylvania [i.e.
John Bartram as in U12/C1/12], 24 June: on
this occasion, with a "theologo" [?clergyman]
of our country about to seek your areas, is
not able not to salute you; has heard today
from Master Bealzestierna that even now
Bartram flourishes and fosters "Floram
nostram" [? a reference to the goddess
Flora]; neglect of a herbarium and chest of
very rare American seeds, sent by Bartram some
years previously to the Queen, which had
caused Linnaeus to be unable to refrain from
weeping; in that collection he had seen
Hafoniam, which he had never seen before, and
many other kinds; wonders if ever that day will
lighten when anyone in northern America will
distinguish plants better than Bartram; he
has taken Zizanium into his garden; asks,
if anyone should set out to us, for some seeds
of Panacis or ?Senegae; would that Bartram
should wish before his decease to enumerate all
those plants noted by him whether annuals,
perennials, etc., and whether in marshes, on
heights, etc.; has asked all over the globe
as to the cause why perennial plants of
northern America readily grow and flourish
among us but rarely produce fruit; this is
not on account of the cold of our climate
because the same thing happens at "Monspelii"
[?Montpellier, France] where the heat of summer
is greater than with you and the summer not
less in length; if he could understand your
climate and the situations of the plants he
could easily and powerfully bring the matter
to light but meanwhile it will remain hidden;
written in Latin.
- /20 Henry Liverseege [painter, 1803-32], Manchester, 1829
to Jos. Smith, Strangeways Hall, 10 August:
requests Smith to point out to the Committee of
the Manchester Royal Institution the importance
of allowing painters an opportunity to "touch
upon" their pictures on the eve of an
exhibition.
- /21 Alexander Wedderburn [Lord Chancellor, first
Earl of Rosslyn and first Baron Loughborough,
1733-1805], Lincoln's Inn, 31 July: legal
opinion on case likely to be brought by
Manchester merchants concerning the shipment
of linen yarn from Ireland to Liverpool.
See also U12/C2/15.

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Thomas Mackenzie [Scottish judge, Lord Mackenzie, 1807-69], "Heriot Row 24 July", to unnamed man: fears that the addressee has not received the analysis of the mineral water sent about three weeks previously; Mackenzie is anxious to get it now as he is to write to the proprietor of the ground tomorrow. Mackenzie's address was 24 Heriot Row, Edinburgh.

n.d.

/2

William Charles Macready [actor, 1793-1873], Sherborne House, Sherborne, Dorset, to E[phraim] Hutchings, secretary of [Manchester Mechanics] Institution, 1 October: thanks for letter; has been compelled to refuse applications from Leeds and Liverpool; hopes for an improvement in health with the approach of winter; trusts during the next fortnight to be able to fix a date for his visit to the Institution.

1854

/3

James Montgomery [poet, 1771-1854], Iris Office [i.e. the office of the newspaper Sheffield Iris, Sheffield], to Mr. J. Jones, King Street, 4 [name of month obscure]: sends the verses mentioned to Jones last night and will endeavour to make "any required amendments"; the third is "literally scriptural"; if not accepted, he will try to replace it with another.

?1810

/4

Thomas Moore [poet, 1779-1852], to Owen Rees, 39 Paternoster Row, Wednesday; requests Rees to forward the desk to Mrs. Moore, who is much better; thinks he will not now come to town.

later marked
1827

Presented by William Radford to Salford Royal Museum.

/5

Hans Christian Ørsted [Danish scientist, 1777-1851], to L. Holtén, 13 May: written in Danish.

1850

/6

Henry John Temple [prime minister, 3rd. Viscount Palmerston, 1784-1865], 94 Piccadilly, to T. Hicks, 20 February: encloses a draft for twenty pounds for the memorial to [Joseph] Brotherton [M.P. for Salford, 1783-1857].

1857

/7

Above, Melbourne, to J[oseph] Brotherton, 14 September: is unable to comply with the suggestion made in Brotherton's letter as he has already made another arrangement.

1855

/8

Above, Foreign Office, 22 April: presents his compliments to [Joseph] Brotherton and sends the letter of introduction requested by Brotherton for Mr. Potter: unsigned.

1850

/9

Above, Carlton Terrace, to J[oseph] Brotherton, 7 November: acknowledges receipt of Brotherton's letter of 30 October; cannot hold out much hope for Mr. Ullock of appointment as consul.

1840

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- U12/C2/10 Sir Robert Peel [prime minister, 1788-1850], 1839
Whitehall, to W. Jenkinson, Marlborough
Square, Salford, 7 June: acknowledges receipt
of address signed by 900 to 1,000 members of
the Salford Operative Conservative Association;
refers to his early connection with Manchester
and its neighbourhood.
- /11 Samuel Rogers [poet, 1763-1855] to his 1823
sister Mrs. Towgood [Martha, wife of John
Towgood], Upper Bedford Place, Russell Square,
Friday, postmarked noon, 31 January, 1823:
cannot join her party today owing to an
engagement to dine and sleep at Roehampton.
31 January, 1823, was a Friday.
- /12 William Roscoe [historian, 1753-1831], Lodge 1825
Lane [Toxteth Park, Liverpool] to Mr. Ford,
Globe Tavern, Williamson Square, Saturday
morning, "recd. June 4, 1825 at Liverpool"
written above address: will be glad to see
Ford this evening to show Ford the "Illuminations"
which Roscoe had mentioned; if Ford stays over
Monday, Roscoe hopes to see the head of
Christ obtained by Ford.
4 June, 1825, was a Saturday.
- /13 John Ruskin [writer, 1819-1900], Amiens, France, 1880
18 and 19 October: acknowledges receipt of
handkerchief and statement from him [T.C.], 18
October; explains that letter from T.C. has
been burned, that Ruskin is therefore using
T.C.'s little poem for addressing the envelope
and that T.C. is to write c/o Mr. Arthur
Severn, Herne Hill, London, to say that this
letter has been received, 19 October.
- /14 Envelope addressed to T.C., Author of "John 1880
Hewitt", Church Street, Pendleton, for above
letter; marked "Not known in Church Street,
Pendleton, W.H.D."
- /15 Edward Thurlow [Lord Chancellor, first Baron 1769
Thurlow, 1731-1805], Inner Temple, 25 July:
legal opinion on case as in U12/C1/21: parts
missing from both statement of case and legal
opinion.
- /16 George Washington [first President of the 1782
United States of America, 1732-99], to Captain
Pray, 26 October: presents his compliments to
Captain Pray and thanks him for the present of
oysters: unsigned.

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U12/C2/17

Edwin Waugh [Lancashire writer, 1817-90], Kersal Hotel, near Manchester, to Alexander Ireland, 20 April: thanks Ireland for sending his "Recollections of George Dawson" in its complete form; Waugh's recollections of Dawson very fitful; forced to return, owing to a fit of spasm and nervous exhaustion, during journey to the Isle of Rum, off Scotland; asks for permission to use, for the Complete Edition of his books, some woodcuts contained in his pamphlet, Over Sands to the Lakes, published at the office in 1860; postscript that he wrote the matter of the pamphlets for Mr. Brogden who gave him permission to use the same matter in any of his books.

1882

/18 Henry Kirke White [poet, 1785-1806], to Robert Leeson: has sent the Greek epigram and a metrical paraphrase instead of the translation which he had lost; comment on the wording of the epigram, one apparently from the Greek Anthology; wishes Leeson goodbye, together with Mrs. Leeson and the little girl.

n.d.

/19 William Wilberforce [reformer, 1759-1833], House of Commons, to Captain Bagshaw, 10 May: extremely engaged at present; will endeavour to obtain "the supply you wish"; postscript asking for list of subscribers to Bagshaw's schools.

1819

/20 William Wordsworth [poet, 1770-1850], to Mr. Evans: with the proof of this day has sent back the copy of some pieces (or portions of them) to be printed according to the list sent previously; complains that in the second note to the Waggoner, the word "Nightingale" has been printed instead of "Night-hawk"; Mr. [Edward] Moxon [publisher, 1801-58], to be consulted about this; (a vertical inkline has been drawn through these two first paragraphs of the text summarised as above); a mistake in the table of contents, with a reference to p.44 of the 1832 edition; has copy corrected for the second vol., as arranged by Moxon and himself; postscript that he is anxious for the rest of the sheets that are struck off to collect the errata -- these may be sent through Mr. Stephen: signed "WW": part of letter missing.

n.d.

?1836

This reference to "Night-hawk" suggests that this letter may have been written during the publication of Wordsworth's poetical works in 1836; see p.498 of Vol.2 (1944) of E. de Selincourt's The poetical works of William Wordsworth (Oxford University Press).

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U12/C2/21

Above, Rydal Mount, 1 September; quotation of three lines from Thomas Gray, "Teach me to love and to forgive . . . and know myself a Man": signed "Wm. Wordsworth".

1828

The lines are taken from Gray's "Hymn to Adversity", published in 1753.

/22

James and Elizabeth Tranter, Uttoxeter, to their daughter, Elizabeth Tranter, Lord Waterparks, 8 Curzon Street, Mayfair, London, 11 June: their pleasure in receiving her letter and hearing of her safe arrival in London; news of family and neighbours, incl. the news that while Mrs. Harrison was at Manchester Mr. Harrison lent £55 to Mr. Whittaker who has left for America with it.

1839

Sir Henry Manners Cavendish (1793-1863), baronet, 3rd. Baron Waterpark, owned Doveridge Hall, Derbyshire, and the Doveridge Hall estate has included a small area in Staffordshire.