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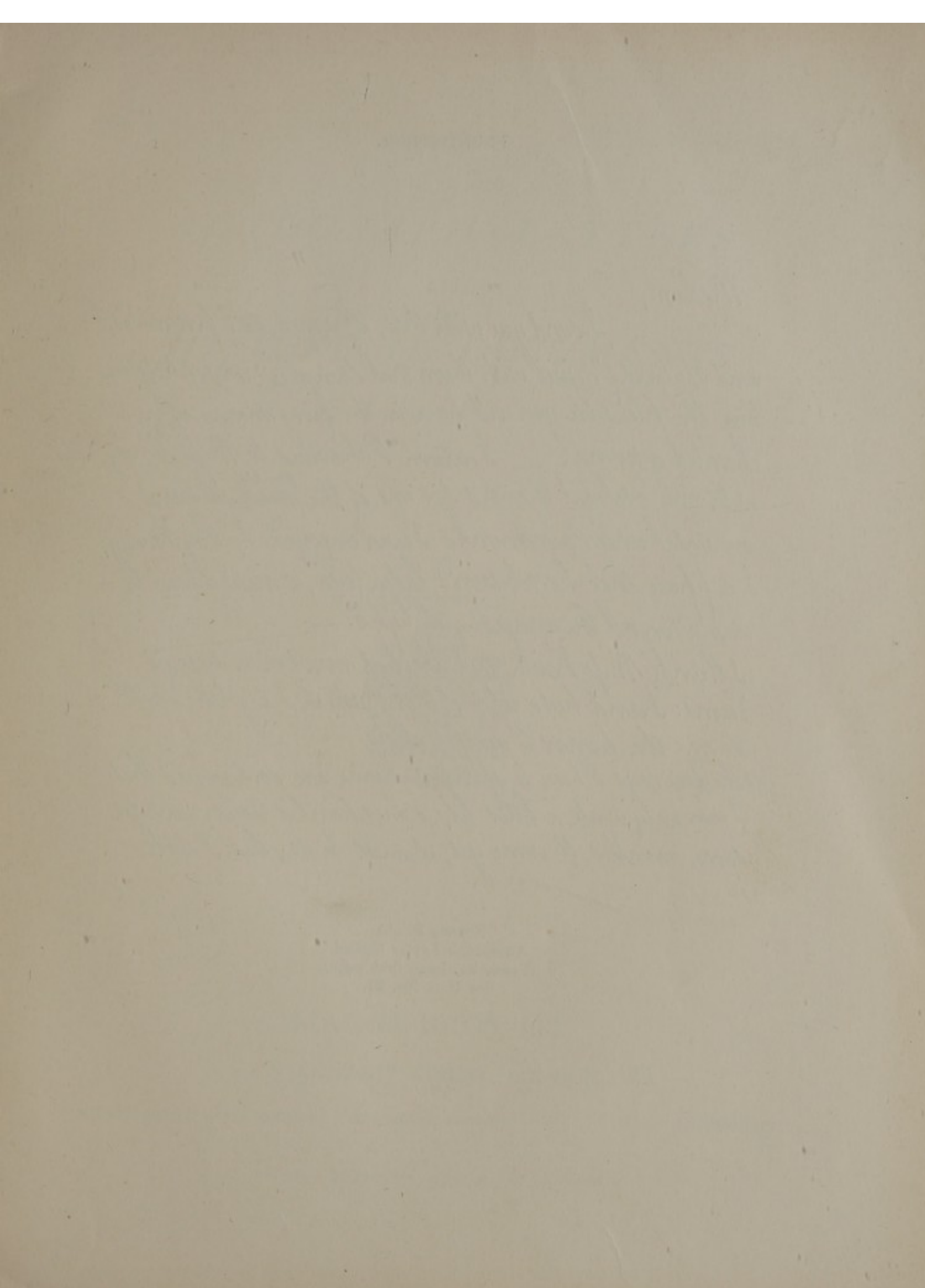
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AND AT PARIS



FRONTISPIECE

Madam,
I send you with this, Spencer, as I promised;
and I already "rejoice with them that do rejoice" in anticipa-
ting the pleasure you will have in the fairy mazes of en-
chanted ground. — I return Belshazzar to Miss Tammy,
with my grateful thanks for one of the ^{finest} most glorious
mental entertainments I ever enjoyed. — By the way,
I suppose that hare-brain'd lady, Coila, is now about to
move "in all the majesty of light." —
I think Miss Keith said she had never seen Gray's
Poems: I send her a copy of them, which I beg she will
do me the honor to accept of. —
The few days I have to spend at home are so hurried that
I can only write a letter like a merchant's Order, and for
some months to come yet, it must be so; but I look

ROBERT BURNS.
Autograph Letter Signed.
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A.L.S.—Autograph Letter Signed. A.L.—Autograph Letter (in 3rd Person).
D.S.—Document Signed. L.S.—Letter Signed.

- 1 **ACOSTA** (PADRE JOSEPH DE, 1540-1600). The famous Jesuit Missionary in America. Wrote "Natural History of the Indies."

LETTER SIGNED TO PADRE ALONSO D'AVILA ET SEGOVIA.

2 pp., folio. Cordova, 15th July, 1590. With Jesuit Seal.

(SEE ILLUSTRATION, OVERLEAF).

£35

In this letter, the famous Jesuit refers to the means by which he has obtained a sum of money from Vasco de Contreras (a great benefactor of the Jesuit College at Segovia and in Peru), on behalf of Luis de Quintanilla, a debtor of Acosta's, and to whom the latter had sold some bars of silver in Peru.

- 2 **ANNUNZIO** (GABRIELE D', born 1863). Italian Novelist, Dramatist and Poet.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO ANNA SCHIFF LEVI.

5 pp., 8vo. Francavilla, 5th October, 1894. With addressed envelope.

£5 5s

An interesting letter stating that he has returned to Villafranca, after spending time in Venice searching for an ideal house. He hopes to finish his book, probably *The Triumph of Death*, published in 1894, and to return to Venice in December.

- 3 **BEACONSFIELD** (BENJAMIN DISRAELI, EARL OF, 1804-1881). Statesman and Author.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "B. DISRAELI" TO MESSRS. SIR J. LUBBOCK & CO.

4 pp., 4to. Bradenham House, 24th January, 1841.

£2 2s

A letter typical of Disraeli, absolving Mrs. Disraeli from all blame in omitting to pay a bill.

quintanilla pero por cumplir la obligación que el Coll. tie
ne abaxo de Contreras y por ser el tan gran benefactor de esta
patria e aquellas partes me parece bien q. V. r. Saque alguna dote
gancia en otros de quintanilla y si me responde esta abaxo de
Contreras por sino vbiere. Recuides a que yo le toco el pie
y otros papeles. Se detener tambien la cedula original de
Luis de quintanilla porque me dio duplicada si a Mr. Agorre
ciere la importa algo e fuere a Madrid. para donde es de camino
yo se lo tocare. Es de J. de S. de Mr. migo me Comi
enda de Cordova 18 de Julio 1890.

Joseph de Acosta.

JOSEPH DE ACOSTA.

Letter Signed.

(Facsimile shows second page).
See Item No. 1.

- 4 **BEARDSLEY** (AUBREY, 1872-1898). Artist.
 AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "A." TO LEONARD SMITHERS.

1 page, 8vo. Paris (15th September, 1897). **15s**

"Arrived here last night and am very comfortably installed. So sad to leave Dieppe. Hope you are well and florissant. Paris is charming now."

BLIGH OF THE BOUNTY.

- 5 **BLIGH** (WILLIAM, OF THE BOUNTY, 1754-1817). Admiral.
 Governor of New South Wales.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO J. CHAPMAN.

1 page, 4to. Pall Mall, 5th November, 1805. **£63**

A very rare letter of Bligh of the Bounty, written the year of his appointment as Governor of New South Wales.

"Under your obliging permission, I have, for the use of the Government of New South Wales, taken from Mr. Nicol, Booksellers at this place, the Encyclopedia Britannica consisting of Twenty Volumes." Etc.

William Bligh was appointed to the command of the Bounty, in which he made a voyage to Otahete for the purpose of obtaining bread-fruit plants to be transported to the West Indian Islands. A mutiny took place on board his ship, when he and 18 others were cast adrift in an open boat, in which, after sailing upwards of 3,500 miles, they arrived at the island of Timor.

In 1805 Bligh was appointed Governor of New South Wales.

HIS PARDON.

- 6 **BOLINGBROKE** (HENRY ST. JOHN, VISCOUNT, 1678-1751). Secretary of State to James, the old Pretender, and drew up his declaration for invasion.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

3 pp., 4to. La Source, 25th May, 1723. **£8 10s**

Making pressing demands for a decision concerning his pardon.

"... I depend on yr. Lordshps. friendship enough to be persuaded that you will take that of letting me know, whether I am to expect my pardon, or anything more, or anything less than my pardon. The turn of the Session has been so prosperous, and so many reasons seem to concur to render the opportunity favourable for doing what was not represented as difficult, however it fail'd, seven years ago, that in any other mans case but my own I should be extremely sanguine. In my own I confess that I am not so, but this I hope for, that I shall have a decision, and that whatever it be, will be welcome to me." Etc.

Bolingbroke's dealing with the Jacobites caused a motion for his impeachment; an act of attainder was passed, and his name was erased from the roll of peers in 1714. He fled to France, and became secretary of state to the Old Pretender, who dismissed him in 1716. Encouraged by Lord Carteret, Bolingbroke applied to the King for his pardon, which was granted in 1723.

- 7 **BONAPARTE** (JOSEPH, 1768-1844). Napoleon's eldest brother. King of Naples and Spain.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO HIS BROTHER LUCIEN.

1 page, 4to. Naples, 24th November, 1806. **£10 10s**

Mentioning the Generals Leclerc and Mermet and continuing:—

“The English have just sent us several thousands of brigands, who will soon be thrown over; but they always tire my troops and will do harm to the inhabitants of the country, they rob, steal, kill and run away.”

- 8 **BONAPARTE** (LOUIS, 1778-1846). King of Holland. Brother of Napoleon I.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO HIS MOTHER, “MADAME MÈRE.”

3 pp., 4to. Palais du Bois, 20th May, 1807. **£10 10s**

“J'ai reçu avec reconnaissance la lettre que votre Majesté a bien voulu m'écrire. Je la remercie bien de tout ce qu'elle me dit. Je n'ai qu'une pensée qu'une inquiétude depuis la fatale journée du 5 mai et c'est la santé, la conservation de la reine. Je suis ici comme sur un brasier, je ne suis pas une minute à moi même, c'est le seul moyen de pouvoir exister, je suis entouré de lieux qu'habitaient mes enfans, et des souvenirs de Napoléon, je ne puis faire un pas sans me rappeler un souvenir, une circonstance recente ou je le tenais dans mes bras ou j'étais témoin de ses jeux et de sa vivacité.” Etc.

- 9 **BOWLES** (WILLIAM LISLE, 1762-1850). Poet. Famous for his sonnets.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

1 page, small 8vo. Salisbury, 8th March, 1836. **£1 1s**

“I have carefully re-written the Postscript to Scenes & Shadows, & I hope the printer will find no difficulty in re-printing this part & the introduction to the Poems.” Etc.

- 10 **BRADSHAW** (JOHN, 1602-1659). Regicide. President of the Court which tried Charles I.

LETTER SIGNED TO COL. BLAKE AND COL. POPHAM.

½-page, folio. Whitehall, 29th April, 1650. **£10 10s**

“... If the necessity of the fleet require it, you should take up money for the supply thereof as in the said instructions as directed. You are yet hereby required notwithstanding the said instruction is indefinite and unlimited not to take up by vertue of the said instruction above the sume of ten thousand pounds, wh wee have thought fit to designe for this service.” Etc.

- 11 **BRONTE** (CHARLOTTE, 1816-1855). The famous Author of "Jane Eyre."

AUTOGRAPH POEM (IN PENCIL) of 19 verses of 4 lines each on 4 pp., 8vo.

(SEE ILLUSTRATION, OVERLEAF). £150

This manuscript is the first draft, with many corrected lines and words, of the poem in Jane Eyre sung by Rochester to Jane.

The manuscript differs considerably from the printed text. Two of the verses read:—

" His coming was my hope each day,
His parting was my pain,
The chance that did his steps delay,
Was ice in every vein.

I gave entire affection now,
I gave devotion sure,
And strong took root and fast did grow
One mighty feeling more."

- 12 **BRONTE** (PATRICK, 1777-1861). Father of the Brontë Sisters. Author and Curate of Haworth, Yorkshire.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MR. RAND.

4 pp., 8vo. Haworth, 5th June, 1845. £15 15s

An interesting letter referring to the school which the Brontë sisters had set up at Haworth parsonage, with the money left to them by their aunt, Miss Bramwell.

" . . . We must now make up our minds, for an occasional wound from the briars and thorns, which everywhere beset our path—and this, whilst it is calculated to wean us off this world, is equally well fitted to point us to the only paradise which is above.

" I trust that you have not too much to do. You can, I know, do a good deal, and you would be disposed to do, more than might be suited to your constitution. But Scripture, and reason, lay upon us, no heavier burden, than we may conveniently bear—but next to true religion, health is above all things the most desirable—beyond that, we require nothing but convenient food and raiment, the objects of the prophet Agar's prayer. I hope your son and heir is doing well. He will now be very interesting. Our school is getting on tolerably well—And we have raised £230—for a peal of new bells!!! " Etc.

- 13 **BROWNING** (ROBERT, 1812-1889). Poet.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MRS. E. M. JAMES.

$\frac{3}{4}$ -page, 8vo. Warwick Crescent, 14th November, 1882. £2 10s

" I return the 'message' assuring you that whoever sent it was utterly ignorant of the way in which the person in whose name it was written would have addressed me either in this world or out of it."

But
 Clouds be made as fatherless the space
 That lay our lines between
 And immerse as the young race
 Of ocean ^{surges} below & green
 And ~~away~~ ^{stranded} as a robber took Jeth
 Through millenies or more
~~And~~ ^{lose} ~~like~~ ^{might a night} ~~and~~ ^{lower} - ~~slight~~ ^{a more} & wrath
 Between our spirits stood
 I dangers loved - I kindness scorned
 I ~~perhaps~~ ^{longer} did defy
 What once menaced - ~~named~~ ^{expressed} named
 I loved my impetuous by
 And sped my remembrance fast as light
 I flew as on a dream
 For expanse rose upon my sight
 That child of shadow & gleam
 And bright clouds of opposing dim
 From hot soft - solemn lay
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~care~~ ^{care} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~world~~ ^{world} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~1911~~ ¹⁹¹¹
 Disarmed ~~all~~ ^{all} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~strength~~ ^{strength}

CHARLOTTE BRONTE.
 Autograph Manuscript.
 (Facsimile shows third page).
 See Item No. 11.

14 **BROWNING** (ROBERT).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MRS. MARSHALL.

2 pp., 8vo. Warwick Crescent, 10th July, 1868. **£1 5s**

Written to Mrs. Marshall, a great friend of Browning and Tennyson, regretting he is unable to accept an invitation, and continuing:—

“It is very good of you to remember me and my son so kindly: not at all wonderful on the other hand, that I should associate *you* with those good Roman days I used to enjoy so much.”

15 **BROWNING** (ELIZABETH BARRETT, 1806-1861). Poetess.

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The Autograph Signed Manuscript of 8 verses of 8 lines each on 3 pp., 4to. Circa 1855. Bound in full blue morocco extra. **£28**

“Thou bay crowned living one, that o'er
The bay crowned dead, art bowing,
And o'er the shadeless moveless brow,
Thy human shadow throwing:
And o'er the sighless, songless lips,
The wail and music wedding,
Dropping o'er the tranquil eyes,
Tears not of their shedding.”
Etc.

16 **BURKE** (EDMUND, 1729-1797). Famous Statesman and Author.

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WITH SKETCH.

- 17 **BURNAND** (SIR F. C., born 1836). Burlesque Writer and Editor of "Punch."

AUTOGRAPH LETTER WITH A FULL-PAGE BURLESQUE SKETCH OF HIMSELF, DEPICTED AS A CHINAMAN, BEARING A TICKET FOR THE "LI SE UM."

2 pp., 8vo. 27, The Boltons, 20th March, 1897. **18s 6d**

The letter is addressed to Mr. Bram Stoker, and reads:

"Dear B and S—, Do not forget Mr. and Mrs. F. C. B.—if so be you've got two stalls for them on Premiere of Missis Sara Jane—."

- 17a **BURNET** (GILBERT, 1643-1715). Bishop of Salisbury.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "GI SARUM," TO SIR THOMAS ST. GEORGE, GARTER KING OF ARMS.

1 page, 4to. Salisbury, 27th January, 1691.

Also autograph draft by St. George of his letter to Burnet, to which the former is a reply.

1 page, 4to. Herald's Office, 13th January, 1691.

Together 2 pp., 4to.

£3 3s

Regarding the investiture of the Duke of Celle with the Order of the Garter.

- 18 **BURNEY** (CHARLES, 1726-1814). Musician and Author.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (WITH INITIALS) TO HIS DAUGHTER FANNY (MADAME D'ARBLAY).

1 page, 4to. N.D. (Circa 1795).

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An unusually interesting letter concerning his work on Metastasio, published in 3 volumes in 1796, and also referring to his daughter's (Madame D'Arblay) book, "Camilla," which was then about to be published.

"... I am but just now liberated from business and engagements sufficient to go on with my Metastasio. All the prepared copy has been devoured by the Compositor, who has called for more 2 days ago, without my being able to answer the call. I have now shut myself up to seek and arrange my loose papers, from wch. I have been so long separated, that all acquaintance with them is obliterated. The first and last sheet of any work is the most difficult for an author of any modesty to please himself in composing. . . . I just wanted to hint to you that Charles's judgment and success in making bargains have not augmented my good opinion of them in the late theatrical transaction. He is sanguine and pompous in his demands in a way that may do mischief if not complied with. If by hawking and merchandising your work he shd. make enemies of the 3 great book-sellers who seem to have offered very liberal terms, they are able to ruin, or at least check the sale of any work be its merit what it will. I shd. not wonder, if during this delay in giving an answer, it were to prepare other dependent book-sellers for treating with yr. [agent] and it shd. not be a trifling advantage that shd. make you reject the [offer of] the Triumvirate." Etc.

- 19 **BURNEY** (FANNY, MADAME D'ARBLAY, 1752-1840), her Father (Dr. Charles Burney), Mrs. Mary Delany and Miss Hamilton.

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An exceedingly interesting collection of letters. Fanny Burney's note reads:—

"I am very much vexed to have missed you this morning, but I will try to wait on dear Mrs. Vessey this evening, and I will certainly be very early with my dear Mrs. Dickinson to-morrow—and stay as late as is decent. I can answer nothing for my father, who is not come in."

Dr. Burney's letters refer to the illness of his daughter Fanny, and assuring Miss Hamilton that he had made the necessary inquiries concerning some Piano-fortes.

The letters from Mrs. Mary Delany, the friend of the Burney's, were written when over eighty years of age and her eyesight was failing. She makes numerous references to the Queen, Charlotte Sophia, to whom she offered a specimen of the flower work for which she became famous; refers to the improbability of William Gilpin publishing his work on the scenery of Britain, illustrated by his own aquatint engravings; mentions Sir Joshua Reynolds, Mrs. Chapone, etc.

Miss Hamilton's letter arranges for Mrs. Delany and her friend the Duchess of Portland, to call at Windsor, when they would be received by the King and Queen.

- 20 **BURNEY** (FANNY, MME. D'ARBLAY).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO HER NIECE CHARLOTTE FRANCIS.

3 pp., 4to. West Hamble, 6th July, 1801.

£21

Written to her niece, wishing joy to the family upon the birth of a "fine little man." The third page of the letter, also in the hand of Fanny Burney, is written as from her son Alexander.

"Joy to you, my dear Charlotte, joy to dear Marianne, and Clement, and to Mr. Broome, and to your dear mama a thousand times joy. Tell her I am delighted with the truly satisfactory account you have been enabled to send me of her safety, and her spirits, and her fine little man. . . . My Alexander is so charmed with your message, he insists on dictating his own answer." Etc.

- 21 **BURNS** (ROBERT, 1759-1796). Poet.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MRS. DUNLOP.

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp., 4to. Mossgiel, 29th February, 1778.

(SEE ILLUSTRATION, FRONTISPIECE).

£200

A remarkably fine letter, sending Mrs. Dunlop a copy of Spenser, and returning Belisarius to Miss Fanny (probably Mrs. Dunlop's daughter).

"I send you with this, Spencer, as I promised; and I . . . anticipate the pleasure you will have in the fairy mazes of enchanted ground. I return Belisarius to Miss Fanny, with my grateful thanks for one of the finest mental entertainments I ever enjoyed. By the way; I suppose that hare-brained lady, Coila, is now about to move 'in all the majesty of light.'

"I think Miss Kieth said she had never seen Gray's Poems: I send her a copy of them, which I beg she will do me the honor to accept of." Etc.

- 22 **BYRON** (GEORGE GORDON, LORD, 1788-1824). Poet.

TWO AUTOGRAPH LINES IN BYRON'S HANDWRITING, PROBABLY FROM "CHILDE HAROLD" ON A SLIP OF PAPER.

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The lines read:—

"Oh! lone asylum of a vandal race,
At once the Boast of learning and disgrace."

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3 pp., folio. 17th October, 1639.

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A very long and most important autograph letter (written partly in a number cypher) to the Earl of Leicester, then on an Embassy in

Carlisle (Lucy Hay, Countess of)—*continued.*

France. The letter bears the Earl's autograph indorsement; it is dated, but naturally does not bear a signature.

Arthur Collins, who edited Lady Carlisle's letters in the "Sidney Papers," has written a descriptive note at head, and has throughout the letter partly written in his interpretation of the cipher.

The following is an extract from this most important letter, reading in Collins's interpretation.

"A Sundaye last the King cald Hamilton and L. Deputy and commanded them to be friends, saying thaye wayr parsons that he meant to trust with most of his business and therefor that they must agree, he (?Hamilton) may'd great profession that he had never spoken to the disadvantage of 93 (L. Deputy) and called 65 (the King) to witness, which he did, though La: Carlisle knows he hase endeavoured . . . to keepe Deputy from been Ld. . . ."

"The Queen has much lamented this loss of the Spaniards which F. Ambr. takes very ill. Sr. H. Vane hase behav'd himself verie well in H. Percys business and hase spoken verie boldly to 65 (the King). But yet cannot be overcome for Hamilton dosse hugly oppose it, and his power is certainly verie great but the Queen is confident it will be done which I fear." Etc.

25 **CARLYLE** (THOMAS, 1795-1881). Essayist and Historian.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO R. RICHMOND.

4 pp., 8vo. Chelsea, 18th September, 1845. **£10 10s**

An extremely interesting letter of advice on literary matters, referring his correspondent to a letter written by Carlyle which appeared in Chambers' Edinburgh Journal.

" . . . In general, my decided advice is that you should read a great deal of 'history'; that you should in all ways earnestly strive to make yourself acquainted with what does exist, or has existed, as *fact* in this universe—properly the one kind of knowledge worth a reasonable creature's attention, so far as I can see;—and should exercise a very vigilant eye indeed against all that of 'Fiction' 'Poetry' 'Art' 'Fine Art' &c. &c. as we have it in these days, which is threatening to become, as has already become, a very mournful cloud-continent and realm of balderdash to many of us! . . ."

"In conclusion, let me repeat to you that noble sentence of the Gospel, true in all noble pursuits of man: 'He that seeketh findeth.' If he will seek,—yes, forever yes! But he must seek." Etc.

26 **CARLYLE** (THOMAS).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO FITZGERALD.

4 pp., 8vo. Chelsea, 18th October, 1856. **£7 10s**

Referring to Fitzgerald's proposed marriage to the daughter of Bernard Barton, the Quaker poet; also concerning his (Carlyle's) visit to Scotland, and mentioning his work on "Frederick the Great."

" . . . I went to the Highlands some three weeks after writing to you; and was tattered all to pieces by the crowded inns, screaming railways, midnight coaches, rains, storms, donothingisms and confusions of that surprising country. For a fortnight past, I am here, sunk overhead in Brandenburg, feeling obliged to do the Book or go to Bedlam. My head feels as if half full of molten lead (molten, only with^t. heat); and is capable of nothing; but I will *make* it work!" Etc.

- 27 **"CARMEN SYLVA,"** QUEEN ELIZABETH OF ROUMANIA (born 1843). Poet.

TWO AUTOGRAPH POEMS.

One in German, entitled "Der Geigenmacher" (The Violin Maker), consisting of 5 verses of 4 lines each, on 1 page, 4to, 27th December, 1887, and on the reverse an autograph translation into German from a poem by Sully Prudhomme, "Der Verlorene Schrei" (The Lost Cry), some 16 lines, on 1 page, 4to. 23rd December, 1887. Together, 2 pp., 4to. **£2 2s**

- 28 **CATHERINE DE MEDICIS** (1519-1589). Queen of France. Regent for her sons, Francis II and Charles IX. Advised the massacre of St. Bartholomew.

LETTER SIGNED TO MONSIEUR DE FOURQUEVAUX, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN.

1 page, folio. Vaujour, 31st October, 1571. **£10 10s**

Recalling Fourquevaux from Spain, and referring to the proposed marriage of her daughter Marguerite to Sebastian, King of Portugal. Although negotiations for this marriage were carried on for a considerable period, in the end Sebastian declined the proffered honour, as it was highly displeasing to Philip II of Spain.

The following year Princess Marguerite married Henry of Navarre.

(Trans.):—"I can assure you that it is with much regret that my son, the King, grants you leave to return to him, for he still believes you to be helpful and necessary in serving him over there in view of your long experience, wisdom and skill in handling and conducting his affair, including those which all the time are arising from the trickery of those who are vexed by seeing peace in Christianity. But in order to keep his promise towards you, he is sending his Chamberlain in ordinary, Lamarque, to stay at the Court of His Catholic Majesty, my son-in-law, until he has chosen another Ambassador in your place. . . . He will give you my directions concerning the reply which my son, the King, requests you make to Cardinal Alexandrin with regard to the Portuguese marriage, and will inform you that however much I desired and favoured this marriage, and, as everybody knows, did all in my power to bring it about, I have now decided to advise my son, the King, to seek it no longer, since they have disdained what they should have coveted." Etc.

- 29 **CATHERINE DE MEDICIS.** Queen of France.

LETTER SIGNED TO MONSIEUR DE FOURQUEVAUX, FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN.

1 page, folio. Paris, 13th April, 1571. **£7 10s**

(Trans.):—"You will have heard from Almeida who sent us the dispatch and returned it to you; and the memoir which my son, the King, is sending will give you further and more particular information. It therefore only remains for me to

Catherine de Medicis—*continued.*

ask you to make use of Almeida and his abilities with the skill you have always shown." Etc.

At this time negotiations were taking place for the proposed marriage of Catherine de Medicis' daughter, Marguerite, to Sebastian, King of Portugal, but, although carried on for a considerable period, King Sebastian, in the end, declined the proffered honour, such a marriage being highly displeasing to Philip II of Spain.

In 1572 Marguerite was married to Henry of Navarre, who, even as early as 1558, had been looked upon as her future husband.

30 CHARLES I (1600-1649). King of Great Britain.

GREAT SEAL OF CHARLES I ATTACHED TO A VELLUM DOCUMENT.

1 page, oblong folio. 29th November, 1639. Preserved in a morocco case. **£12 12s**

The great seal of Charles I attached to the pardon of alienation for Thomas Palmer, Bart., Roger Palmer, Bart., and others for the purchase of messuages and lands in Leeds, Hollingborne, Langley, Bromfield, and Sutton Valance in Kent, from William Meredith, Bart., and Susan his wife without obtaining a royal license.

"ONE OF OUR NATURALL SONNES."

31 CHARLES II (1630-1685). King of Great Britain.

DOCUMENT SIGNED, BEING HIS ROYAL WARRANT FOR PAYMENT OF THE FEES ON "PASSING THE PATENT FOR THE DIGNITIES OF BARON OF PONTEFRACT VISCOUNT FALMOUTH AND EARLE OF NORTHUMBERLAND BY US CONFERRED UPON GEORGE FITZROY ONE OF OUR NATURALL SONNES, AND FOR PASSING THE PATENT FOR THE SEVERALL PENSIONS BY US GRAUNTED TO THE SAID EARLE OF NORTHUMBERLAND."

1 page, folio. Whitehall, 23rd September, 1674. Countersigned by the Earl of Danby. **£5 5s**

An important document of exceptional interest.

George Fitzroy, whom Charles II had raised to a high position in the peerage, was his youngest natural son by the celebrated Barbara Villiers, Duchess of Cleveland. He was created Duke of Northumberland on his return from Venice in 1683.

32 **CHARLES IX** (1550-1574). King of France.

LETTER SIGNED TO M. DE FOURQUEVÁUX, THE FRENCH
AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN.

1½ pp., folio. Blois, 28th September, 1571.

£21

A long and interesting letter concerning the proposed marriage of his sister Marguerite to Henry of Navarre.

As early as 1558 Henry of Navarre had been suggested as a husband for Catherine de Medicis' youngest daughter, Marguerite. No betrothal had ever taken place, but, until events arose which seemed to put their marriage out of the question, Henry and Marguerite were regarded as destined for each other, although Henry's mother, Jeanne, rather inclined to the idea of marrying her son to Elizabeth of England, notwithstanding the disparity of age. The hand of Marguerite had been ardently aspired to by Henry of Guise, but Charles' rage was so great that, following the advice of his uncle, the Cardinal of Lorraine, he married Catherine of Cleves, and was at once restored to favour.

Marguerite, however, strongly expressed her aversion to a marriage with Henry, and Catherine de Medicis was awaiting the result of the offer she had made of Marguerite's hand to Sebastian of Portugal, which was declined.

War between the Catholics and the Huguenots had been waging in France for some years, and in 1568, Catherine only signed peace in order to make another war, which she declared by publishing an edict which forbade, under the penalty of death, the exercise of the "pretended reformed religion," and which ordered Protestant ministers to leave the kingdom within fifteen days. Great military force was necessary to enforce such edicts and an army was placed under the command of the young Duc d'Anjou, whom Catherine wished to bring into notice. Fighting continued until the peace of St. Germain in 1570, granted by Catherine to disarm the protestants. The marriage of Marguerite to Henry of Navarre was hastened to cement the peace, and took place in August, 1572.

(Trans.):—" . . . I only wish to inform you regarding the marriage of my sister to my cousin the Prince of Navarre. My Aunt, the Queen of Navarre, recently sent Sieur de Beauvais in connection with some affairs concerning her. He was commissioned, amongst other things, to discuss this marriage with the Queen Mother and to remind me of the promise which my late father had given to my Uncle, the late King of Navarre; to show my approval to this marriage and to bring it about. Now that both parties have reached a marriageable age, I have readily consented, not only because in consideration of my late father's promise I could not choose a more suitable husband for my sister, but also because I am aware of the good my country will derive from this marriage, the conclusion of which will be a link in the establishment of peace and will strengthen the unity among my subjects, a thing I desire more than anything in the world. . . . You may add that you believe one of the reasons which induced me to lend a ready ear

CHARLES IX. King of France—*continued.*

to this marriage was my knowledge of the manner in which I have been treated with regard to the marriage of my sister to the King of Portugal which, as you know, had been promised me by his Catholic Majesty in full accord between us. But the continual postponements, procrastinations, and empty words with which I have been put off have clearly shown me that they were merely intended to ridicule me, and to gain time." Etc.

33 **CHARLES IX.** King of France.

LETTER SIGNED TO THE SAME.

2 pp., folio. 18th October, 1571.

£12 10s

A long and very interesting letter in which the king advises his ambassador that the leaders of the so-called reformed religion have begged him to accept into his service Count Ludwig of Nassau. King Charles asks M. de Fourquevaux to explain the situation to his Catholic Majesty (Philip II of Spain), and to spare neither skill nor industry to prevent him becoming suspicious.

King Charles IX then goes on to discuss the marriage of his sister Marguerite.

Negotiations for the marriage of Catherine de Medicis' daughter Marguerite and King Sebastian of Portugal were carried on for a considerable time, but in the end King Sebastian declined the proffered honour as being displeasing to Philip II of Spain, and in 1572 Marguerite was married to Henry of Navarre, who, even as early as 1558, had been looked upon as Marguerite's future husband.

(Trans.) :—" . . . You know that the Ambassador of the King of Portugal recently paid his respects to us and told the Queen Mother in audience, that he had heard of a rumour at my Court that I intended to marry my sister to the Prince of Navarre. He found it rather strange that his master had not been informed, as he might have given a reply which might have induced me to take a different decision regarding my sister. To this the Queen Mother replied very wisely that she had not thought the said King of Portugal to be at all interested in this marriage, and consequently in being kept informed; that formerly His Catholic Majesty had much favoured the marriage of my sister to the King of Portugal, but had subsequently so little encouragement had been shown, without any reason being given, that I readily listened to my Aunt, the Queen of Navarre, who asked me to carry out the promise which my father, the late King, had given to my Uncle, the late King of Navarre, that he would give my sister in marriage to the latter's son." Etc.

34 **CHATHAM** (JOHN PITT, 2nd EARL OF, 1756-1835). Statesman.

LETTER SIGNED TO ADMIRAL CORNWALLIS.

1 page, folio. 25th February, 1790. Also signed by Lord Hood, and others.

£1 10s

Addressed to Cornwallis while in command of a squadron in the East Indies.

" . . . You are hereby required and directed to correspond with, and obey such orders and directions as you shall receive from His Majesty by His Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department."

THE GREAT PLAGUE OF LONDON.

- 35 **CLARENDON** (EDWARD HYDE, 1st EARL OF, 1609-1674). Famous Royalist Statesman and Lord Chancellor. Author of "History of the Rebellion and Civil War in England."

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO LORD TOWNSHEND.

1 page, folio. Twiknam, 28th July (1665). **£21**

A very important and deeply interesting letter written during the time of the Great Plague of London, when the Court was obliged to remove to Salisbury, and afterwards to Oxford.

"I have received two letters from you, the one of the 11 of this moneth, concerninge the City of Norwich, the other without a date, concerninge our good frende Sr. Ro. Paston, which gave me greate pleasure, in findinge that you could use your owne hande so much, that being a good signe that your heade was in order to. As to the first businesse, the persons who are refractory are summoned to attende the Boarde after Michaelmasse, before which tyme it is hoped they may be taught more witt, if not they will find their obstinacy can not carry them out; but it would not have bene convenient since it was mooved but last Sunday to have sent for them in this infectious tyme to Salisbury.

"I believe Sr. Ro. Paston is very confident of my utmost service and truly I do not see cause to doubte of the successe in his pretences and I thinke he is convinced that the advancinge it at present, would not facilitate it. . . . My Ld. Treasurer was sett out before he brought me your letter. I am on Munday for Salisbury, wher I know not how longe wee may stay, but if it be possible, I will gett leave at the end of Aug. to goe to Cornbury that I may putt Oxforde into condicion to receive the Parliamt. in Octo. if before that tyme wee dispayre of the health of London and Westm." Etc.

- 36 **CLINTON** (De WITT, 1769-1828). Statesman, Philanthropist and Savant. Co-founder of the Literary and Philosophical Society in New York.

DOCUMENT SIGNED BY De WITT CLINTON AS PRESIDENT OF THE LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ELECTING SIR JOSEPH BANKS, PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY, LONDON, AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

1 page, large folio. New York, 13th July, 1815.

ALSO SIGNED BY DAVID HOSACK AND JAMES KENT, Vice Presidents, JOHN W. FRANCIS, E. H. PENDLETON AND TWO OTHERS, Secretaries. **£5 5s**

An extremely interesting document being the Diploma electing Sir Joseph Banks an honorary member of the Literary and Philosophical Society in New York.

It is signed by De Witt Clinton, who, besides being a politician and statesman, was a scientist of real attainment and was co-founder of the Literary and Philosophical Society, the presidency of which he held until his death. He studied natural science under the guidance of David Hosack, the physician, who also signs this Diploma together with John Francis, the physician, who also studied under David Hosack.

- 37 **COBDEN** (RICHARD, 1804-1865). Statesman. The "Apostle of Free Trade." Founded the "Anti-Cornlaw League."
 AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO A. IRELAND.
 4 pp., 8vo. London, 27th May, 1862. **18s**
 ". . . I understand that an attempt would be made to form a Society for promoting a reform in International maritime law, and that they would undertake to distribute copies of my letter to the members of the House of Commons and to the Chambers of Commerce, but I have not heard of any result.
 "I am afraid the young men of the present generation are not disposed to work like their fathers in the cause of commercial and political reforms." Etc.
- 38 **COLERIDGE** (SAMUEL TAYLOR, 1772-1834). Poet and Philosopher.
 AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (INITIALS) TO JAMES GILLMAN.
 2½ pp., 4to. (August 20th, 1819). **£52 10s**
 An interesting letter mentioning his health and then referring to literary matters.
 ". . . I have thought of writing to Mr. Cadell, and requesting him to take in the books and to permit me to use the name of his house in the advertisements, likewise of writing to Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Mawman, first to thank them for their kind services, and informing each that I had written to the other to learn whether either pro tempore and till things could be a little settled would receive and permit them to be asked for at their shops, or each a part, and perhaps Mr. Davies would take a part and Mr. Hookham, and I could send some to Bristol, to Oxford, to Cambridge, to Edinburgh. This is not the time of the year when books, of this kind at least, are likely to be asked after, and what most often recurs to me is the following. During my stay here I devote my time wholly to materials and compositions for the magazine, with letters to all my friends, concerning all the businesses I have to settle."
- 39 **CORELLI** (MARIE, 1864-1924). Novelist.
 AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO E. T. REED.
 3½ pp., 4to. Stratford-on-Avon, 28th February, 1909. **£1 15s**
 "I was beginning to think you were frozen on the heights of Wimbledon Common! and was seriously meditating sending word to 'Punch' as to your sad plight! I'm glad all's well, and that you are really going to electrify a Leamington audience on the 10th, and come on to me afterwards to be consoled for any want of enthusiasm you may possibly encounter in the rather curious sort of folk who do in Leamington abide! Indeed I shall be delighted to welcome you here—I am almost off the sick list now, my only vexation being that I am not allowed to go out during this weather.
 "The carriage shall be at the Town Hall at 4.30—and I'll send rugs to keep you warm. Don't tumble over the foot warmer as you get in!—many of my friends (of the sterner sex *do*), and utter a *very* naughty word, which changes to a blessing, when they become conscious of a grateful heat around their nether limbs!" Etc.
- 40 **COSWAY** (MARIA, fl. 1820). Miniature Painter. Married Richard Cosway.
 AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (IN ITALIAN) TO MR. MENASI AT LIVERPOOL.
 1 full page, 4to. London, 2nd December, 1820. **£4 10s**
 In which she mentions her waning popularity; further as to her
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Cosway (Maria)—*continued*.

husband, whose health and age kept her sequestered from the world. Her husband died a few months later.

(Trans.):—" . . . now I am a nobody; at one time it was enough to be heard by me to succeed, now I have no more music or company.

"The health and age of my husband keeps me sequestered from the world to play the nurse rather than the Elegant. You had no reason to reprove my husband for not writing, he has not the use of his hand, and he was always lazy at writing."

This letter disproves the statement that Mrs. Cosway was separated from her husband.

- 41 **COSWAY** (RICHARD, 1740-1821). Miniature Painter.
AUTOGRAPH LETTER (THIRD PERSON) TO MRS.
WILLOUGHBY.

1 page, 4to. Stratford Place, January, 1795. **£2 2s**

"Mr. Cosway presents his compliments to Mrs. Willowby and the bearer, his agent, has the honour to wait on her for twenty five guineas for the miniature Mr. C. had the pleasure to paint for Mrs. Willowby."

- 42 **CRABBE** (GEORGE, 1754-1832). Poet.
AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO HIS SON, REV. GEORGE
CRABBE.

4 pp., 4to. Beccles, 23rd October, 1822. **£3 10s**

A long and interesting letter regarding the authenticity of the Gospels, his health, domestic matters, etc.

" . . . The subject has weight with all minds of serious & religious men who are without bigotry on the one side & without a criminal indifference on the other. Jesus Christ is a character that commands Love, Admiration, Respect, Obedience: of whatever we may doubt, of Him we cannot." Etc.

- 43 **CROMWELL** (RICHARD, 1626-1712). Lord Protector of the Commonwealth.

DOCUMENT SIGNED ON VELLUM AS LORD PROTECTOR,
WITH SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 page, folio. Whitehall, 11th January, 1658. **£10 10s**

Being the presentation to John Richardson of the Rectorate of Uppingham in the County of Rutland.

Signatures of Richard Cromwell, especially as Lord Protector, are excessively rare, and although the ink of the document itself is a little faded, the signature of "Richard P." is well preserved and distinct. Richard Cromwell was "Lord Protector" for some eight months only.

- 44 **CRUIKSHANK** (ISAAC ROBERT, 1789-1856). Caricaturist and Miniature Painter. Brother of George Cruikshank. Illustrated "English Spy," etc.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

1 page, 4to. Soho, 7th June, 1826. **18s 6d**

"If my exertions in the Arts of 'Figure' or Caricature, can be rendered useful, I shall be happy to afford my exertions on the ensuing election."

- 45 **DARWIN** (CHARLES, 1809-1882). Naturalist and Author.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

2 pp., 8vo. Kent, 18th February, N.Y.

£5 5s

" . . . Thanks for curious case about the stallions & your mentioning this makes me ask, on the bare though improbable chance of your having observed horses fighting or seen marks of old wounds, whether they especially try to bite each other's necks? Do you know anything about male seals fighting together? Do not of course answer unless you happen by an odd chance to have any such knowledge."

- 46 **DARWIN** (CHARLES).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

4 pp., 8vo. London, 16th August, 1839.

£5 5s

Giving his opinion of a book on geology which he considers will never be esteemed by really scientific men.

"I have looked over the MS. sheets, but do not feel myself competent to give any decided opinion upon the probability of success in their publication. But thus far I dare venture to say:—that the book will never be highly esteemed by *really* scientific men. The definitions (in many cases *merely translations of arbitrary* terms given to classes) are *too* short to be of any service, and there are not a few *trifling* inaccuracies in matter and style. In order that a work of this nature should become of *authority* the author's name should be known, as having worked in the department of science treated of, which is not the case in this instance." Etc.

- 47 **DAVIES** (SIR JOHN, 1569-1626). Poet and Attorney-General for Ireland.

DOCUMENT SIGNED "JO DAVYS."

1 page, 4to. 14th October, 1616. With wax seal.

£5 5s

An exceedingly rare signature. The document is an acquittance for the sum of £50 paid by one Thomas Steevens of Dublin.

- 48 **DESBOROUGH** (JOHN, 1608-1680). Parliamentary General. Commanded Cromwellian Horse at Storming of Bristol. Assisted in the Restoration, afterwards implicated in a plot to kill Charles II and imprisoned.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO COLL. BENNETT IN CORNWALL.

1 page, 4to. London, 21st October, 1650.

£6 10s

Concerning a reported naval victory by Blake over Prince Rupert, and instructing Coll. Bennett to post a Companie at Lowe (Looe) to watch "who comes in to land there and who goeth out." Concerning the Naval battle he writes:—

"Newes here is none certaine, some Merchants Lres say Blake hath engaged Rupert and fired one of them, run two aground & hath pursued the other 3 into a Harbor in Spaine, where he is blocked up, but we have no certaintie of this."

49 **DERWENTWATER** (JAMES RADCLIFFE, EARL OF, 1689-1716).

Took part in the 1715 Rebellion. Defeated at Preston and beheaded in 1716.

DOCUMENT SIGNED BEING A TWENTY ONE YEARS' LEASE OF THE LEADMINES AT CORNE RIGGS.

1 page, large folio (vellum). 9th May, 1715. **£3 3s**

This is one of the last documents relating to his estate which Derwentwater ever signed, as he joined the Jacobite conspiracy soon after. A warrant was immediately issued for his arrest which forced him into hiding, from which he subsequently emerged when he heard that Thomas Forster had raised the standard of the Pretender. At the disaster at Preston in November, Derwentwater capitulated to General Wills and was lodged in the Tower of London until February 1716 when he was beheaded on Tower Hill in spite of all efforts to save him.

50 **DICKENS** (CHARLES).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO ROBERT LAMOND.

1 page, 8vo. Broadstairs, 10th August, 1848.

On Reverse is a Receipt Signed by John Henry Alexander, the proprietor of the Theatre Royal, Glasgow. **£10 10s**

A very fine letter recalling Dickens' interest in amateur theatricals. It refers to the performance at Glasgow of the "Merry Wives of Windsor" in which Dickens played Shallow. This performance, together with others at Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Birmingham, was given to raise funds to endow a curatorship at Shakespeare's house at Stratford-on-Avon, the curator to be Sheridan Knowles, the dramatist. Though this part of the scheme dropped, the performances were given for Knowles's benefit.

On the reverse of the letter is the receipt from the proprietor of the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, for £75, paid to him for the use of his theatre.

"As I am anxious to make up the Shakspeare curatorship accounts as soon as possible, may I ask you, at your convenience, to let me have the Glasgow balance sheet, and to remit the balance to my account at Coutts's."

51 **DICKENS** (CHARLES).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO JOHN GIBBON.

1 page, 8vo. Tavistock House, 16th September, 1856. With addressed envelope. **£10 10s**

"... You know already through the pages of the work to which you refer, that I am not indifferent to the truths you state, and that I earnestly desire to impress the necessity of a better and juster system on the general mind."

- 52 **DODGSON** (CHARLES LUTWIDGE, "LEWIS CARROLL," 1832-1898). Author of "Alice in Wonderland."

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MISS D. ELLIS.

3½ pp., 8vo. Darlington, 3rd August, 1865. With addressed envelope. **£12 10s**

Written to one of his numerous little girl friends, regarding a photograph album, the value of her signature, etc.

A photograph of Dymphna, Mary and Bertha Ellis accompanies.

"The photograph album arrived safe, and autographs and all, only the Railway people (who had carefully read it) said that *your* signature made the book 'above £10 in value' and that it ought to have been registered. I told the clerk that was nonsense, and that down at Cranbourne your signature wasn't thought worth 2d. but he shook his head gravely and said 'he knew better than *that*.'

"Bye the bye, when I asked you for a list of your Christian names, I meant the names *in full* & you have given me a most tantalising lot of initials, which puzzle me so that I can hardly sleep at night. . . .

"I am *so* sorry to have made you dull by going away! It is *quite* clear now that I ought never to have come. However ours was an awfully sudden friendship & I daresay you will forget me again just as suddenly." Etc.

- 53 **DODGSON** (CHARLES LUTWIDGE, "LEWIS CARROLL").

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO "DEAR PRO-TREASURER."

3 pp., small 8vo. Ch. Ch., 17th March, 1888. **£3 10s**

"Dear Pro-Treasurer, (or should I say 'Pro-Dear-Treasurer'? or would that sound too like beginning with 'Proh!')? It is much to be hoped that you & Axtell have now performed as many experiments, with peppermint or aniseed or whatever it is, as are needed to settle the problem, for you are making life a burden to the faithful Telling & Richmond, whom you are forcing to live in a stifling & noxious atmosphere, which Telling says is unendurable. Not even for the great object of delivering members of C.R. from evil odours can I sanction any further infliction of other, but equally evil, ones on our retainers!" Etc.

- 54 **DOYLE** (SIR ARTHUR CONAN, 1859-1930). The Creator of "Sherlock Holmes."

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO "MY DEAR MURRAY."

2½ pp., 8vo. Haslemere, N.D. **£2 2s**

"I have just finished your critical book and think it most excellent and useful. . . . No one has said enough about Barrie or Kipling. I think they are fit—young as they are—to rank with the highest, and that some of Barrie's works, 'Margaret Ogilvie' and 'A Window in Thrums' will endear him as Robert Burns is endeared to the hearts of the future Scottish race." Etc.

- 55 **DUGDALE** (SIR WILLIAM, 1605-1686). Antiquarian and Historian. Garter Principal King of Arms. Wrote "Monasticon Anglicanum," etc.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO DANIEL FLEMING.

1 page, 4to. London, 12th May, 1673. **£5 5s**

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Dugdale (Sir William)—*continued*.

Concerning his literary work; also mentioning his loss of the 3rd volume of the "Monasticon" in the great Fire of London.

" . . . The Bookseller, who sold you those two Bookes you mention, wch are deficient in the cutts, is to make them good to you.

" I have long since made an end of my searches at the Tower . . . having perfected my Collection for the work I have in hand, wch I intend shall go to the presse this ensuing Trinity Terme. . . .

" The 3rd volume of the Monasticon is now publiq, but in gathering the materialls thereof, and in the losse wch I had by the fire, wherein a good part of it, then at the presse, wth my copy, was burnt, I am a great loser." Etc.

- 56 **DUNDONALD** (ALEXANDER THOMAS COCHRANE, EARL OF, 1775-1860). Famous Admiral and Inventor. Secured the Independence of Chili, Peru and Brazil.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO HENRY DUNDAS, LORD MELVILLE.

3½ pp., folio. Portman Square, 14th May, 1812. **£10 10s**

A long and most interesting letter. Learning that Napoleon had left Paris for the North, he suggests that great and important consequences might result from a speedy and decisive blow being struck "at this moment." He goes on to discuss the total destruction of the fleet in the Scheldt.

" . . . With regard to the plan for the Mediterranean, your Lordship must be aware that from six weeks to two months would elapse, before it could be carried into execution, during which time, from the known rapidity of the movements of Bonaparte, the mischiefs which he may have in contemplation, may be fully effected; and thus whatever effect the destruction of the Toulon Fleet might have in regard to our own safety, it would not cheer the minds of the Northern Powers, or divert the attention of the French Government from the schemes of Conquest in agitation." Etc.

- 57 **DUNSANY** (EDWARD J. M. D. PLUNKETT, BARON. Born 1878). Irish Writer. Author of Novels and Plays.

A LENGTHY AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO HIS PUBLISHER, ELKIN MATHEWS.

7 pp., 8vo. Dunsany Castle, 21st September (1913). With envelope. **£4 10s**

A long letter concerning the proposed publication of "The Muse on Foot"; also as to the agreement between them. Complaining of the delay, and as to a book of plays which he was also bringing out and which he was afraid would clash.

" . . . It is quite necessary for me to try elsewhere at once if we cannot agree, not at all because I would sooner that anyone else published it but because Time, if all that the poets have written of him—(and you have printed)—is true, wont wait."

58 [**EDWARD I** (1239-1307). King of England].

DOCUMENT OF THIS REIGN.

1 page, narrow oblong 8vo (vellum). London, 1297. **£3 3s**

An interesting document whereby William Juge renounces his claim to certain land.

59 [**EDWARD II** (1284-1327). King of England].

DOCUMENT OF THIS REIGN.

1 page, vellum. **£3 3s**

Grant of land from Robert Luttrell of Irnham to Robert Benet of Bolby.

60 [**EDWARD III** (1312-1377). King of England].

DOCUMENT OF THIS REIGN.

1 page, narrow oblong 8vo (vellum). **£2 2s**

Grant of land from Robert Jobelot of Kisseby to Galfridus Carpenter of Corby.

61 **EDWARD IV** (1442-1483). King of England.

DOCUMENT SIGNED (PARAPH) ADDRESSED TO SIR PHILIP COURTENAY.

1 page, small 4to (vellum). 22nd January, 1472. **£52 10s**

An order, signed by King Edward IV, for the confiscation of all land and rents in the county of Devon belonging to John Stenlake, the rebel.

On hearing of the death of his father, Richard, Duke of York, who had been accepted as heir to the throne, Edward hastily gathered an army, defeated the Earls of Pembroke and Wiltshire at Mortimers Cross on 2nd February, 1461, and marched to London where he was acclaimed King on 4th March.

In 1464 he contracted a secret marriage with Elizabeth Woodville, which, when disclosed, caused great vexation to Warwick, who had projected a match with a French princess, but there was no open breach between the King and Warwick till 1469, when Warwick, taking advantage of the unpopularity of the Woodvilles, and supported by the King's next brother, George, Duke of Clarence, appeared in arms. King Edward was surprised, and made a prisoner, and for six months had to submit to Warwick's tutelage, then on the occasion of a rising in Lincolnshire, he gathered an army of his own. Warwick and

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Edward IV—*continued*.

Clarence fled to France and the King thought himself secure, till Warwick and Clarence making terms with the Lancastrian exiles, he himself had to flee to Holland in 1470, and Henry VI was proclaimed King. The following year, with the assistance of Charles of Burgundy, Edward and his brother Richard landed near Hull, marched to London, and met Warwick at Barnet, where he was defeated and slain. King Edward's further victory over the Lancastrians at Tewkesbury secured his possession of the crown.

62 [**EDWARD IV.** King of England].

DOCUMENT OF THIS REIGN.

1 page, oblong folio (vellum). Corby (1475-6).

£2 10s

Grant of land from Constance Colstone of Corby.

63 **EGERTON** (SIR THOMAS, 1540-1617). Lord Chancellor. Employed by Queen Elizabeth on diplomatic commissions.

LETTER SIGNED TO NATHANIEL BACON.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ -page, folio. Yorkhouse, 15th June, 1600.

£3 10s

“. . . According to the request of this petticon^r. Thomas Pearce, I send you his peticon herinclosed by wch. and by his fard^r. information, you may understand the cause of his complainte. I praye you take the paines (calling both) him and his mother before you examine the matt^r. and by some quiett order agreable to equitie and justice, to prevent and stopp these fard^r. suites wch. were unfit to be between p^{ties} so neerly bound to one another in love and dutie, and wch. the peticon^r seemes to desire to have by this course prevented.” Etc.

OF IRISH AND SCOTTISH INTEREST.

64 **ESSEX** (WALTER DEVEREUX, 1st EARL OF, 1541-1576). Irish Adventurer. Undertook to colonise Ulster. Created Earl Marshal of Ireland. Father of 2nd Earl of Essex, favourite of Queen Elizabeth.

LETTER SIGNED TO THE EARL OF MORTON, LORD REGENT OF SCOTLAND.

1 page, folio (some words missing). Drogheda, 13th August, 1575.

£2 2s

Written from Ireland concerning the complaints of some Scotch traders that they had been wronged by the Captain of a Frigate serving under him. He promises restitution of goods, etc., embezzled by the mariners; also stating

“And have so farther given order that none of the Captains of frigates or other shipping serving under me shall defeat or annoy the good traffic of any of the King's subjects so far forth as they bring no weapon, armour and munitions to the maintenance of rebels.” Etc.

The document has been repaired where broken and a few words are accordingly missing.

65 **FARADAY** (MICHAEL, 1791-1867). Natural Philosopher.

FOUR AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED TO MISS HERRIES.

5½ pp., 8vo and 4to. Dated from the Royal Institution, between 17th April, 1839, and 19th December, 1851. **£7 10s**

An interesting series of letters referring to early experiments by Miss Herries on Photogenic drawings; sending her a copy of his paper on steam, electricity, etc.

"I received your letter and the Photogenic drawings being as you may be sure very much gratified, and I hope I may say, a little surprized at your scientific progress. Such testimony of your love of chemistry & the kindred pursuits, surpasses every other in character, for it is very real in its nature.

"Your results are the first that I have since (except those of M. Niepce) which attain to that high point of M. Daguerres of giving light for light & shadow for shadow and I dare say as the summer advances you will work out there your first results in a more elaborate degree." Etc.

66 **FERGUSON** (ADAM, 1723-1816). Professor of Philosophy at Edinburgh.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MESSRS. BELL AND BRADFORTE.

1½ pp., 4to. Dated Hallyards, near Peebles, November 24th, 1802. **£1 5s**

He returns Denon's (Baron Dominique Vivant Denon, 1747-1825) book, probably "Voyage dans la Basse et la Haute Egypte," published in 1802, and suggests that if it should ever be bound the plates should be arranged according to their numbers, and even bound separately from the book.

67 **FRANKLIN** (BENJAMIN, 1706-1790). American Philosopher and Statesman.

DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

1 page, oblong folio. Philadelphia, 12th July, 1787.

ALSO SIGNED BY Wm. WHITE, the Vice President, and JAMES HUTCHINSON, R. TATTERTON, SAM. HAGANS, Secretaries. **£35**

An extremely interesting document linking two great names in the world of science—Benjamin Franklin, President of the American Philosophical Society, and Sir Joseph Banks, President of the Royal Society, London.

The document appoints Sir Joseph Banks a member of the American Philosophical Society, and bears a very fine signature of Benjamin Franklin as President.

Besides being President of the American Philosophical Society, Franklin was a member of every important learned society in Europe, and was a member and one of the managers of the Royal Society, London.

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Franklin (Benjamin)—*continued.*

In 1752 he had made the important and brilliant discovery of the identity of lightning with the electric fluid, by means of a kite. Some letters, giving an account of his first experiments, were sent to England to be read before the Royal Society, but they attracted little attention. "One paper," says Franklin in his Autobiography, "on the sameness of lightning with electricity . . . was laughed at by the connoisseurs." These papers were not even thought worthy to be printed in the "Transactions" of the Society. At the suggestion of Dr. Fothergill they were published in a pamphlet by themselves. A copy having fallen under the notice of the celebrated Count de Buffon, it was, at his instance, translated into French, and excited great attention on the continent. The subject was brought again before the notice of the Royal Society; and "they soon made me," says Franklin, "more than amends for the slight with which they had before treated me."

James Hutchinson, the physician, who also signs this document, was the bearer of important despatches from Benjamin Franklin, whilst in Paris, to the Congress of the United States on the outbreak of the Revolution. With Benjamin Rush he held the office of physician to the Port of Philadelphia.

68 **FREDERICK III** (1609-1670). King of Denmark.

DOCUMENT SIGNED.

1 page, large folio. Dated from the Palace at Copenhagen, 3rd January, 1651. £1 5s

Permit to allow Paul Klingenberg and his servant to travel through Germany to Italy, France, Spain and England.

69 **FREDERICK II.** "The Great." (1712-1786). King of Prussia.

LETTER SIGNED (IN FRENCH) TO MARQUIS DE LUCCHESINI.

$\frac{1}{4}$ -page, 4to. Potsdam, 8th August, 1783. £5 5s

Relative to the engagement of the singer Mme. Todi, whom the King would like to hear at Potsdam, unless it prove to be true that she had already accepted an engagement for Russia.

70 **FRY** (ELIZABETH, 1780-1845). Quakeress and Prison Reformer.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO DR. STEINHOPFF.

4 pp., 4to. Brighton, 7th December, 1824. £4 4s

With reference to supplying the Coast Guard men with bibles.

"Since I have been a little better I have felt interested on behalf of the poor preventive service men upon this coast and finding that they are in a deplorable state as to any means of obtaining religious instruction, I am very desirous of obtaining bibles or testaments for them; their commanding officers in three stations have given their consent to their having them, & I think that they would want from 50 to 70. The stations that may have them are Brighton, Hove, Southwick & Shoreham." Etc.

- 71 **FURNISS** (HARRY, 1854-1925). Black and White Artist and Caricaturist. Worked for "Punch."

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (WITH SKETCH) TO EDWARD REED.

4 pp., 8vo. Garrick Club, 1st March, 1890. With addressed envelope. **£3 10s**

Apologising for his collapse at a dinner party—with an amusing sketch of himself, first, clutching his head saying "Oh this pain will drive me mad," and then with a look of joy on his face shouting "Sir Edward has cured me, hurrah, I'm glad."

He continues:—

" . . . As you mention your work I may tell you as a brother artist, you have no reason to be anxious. You have got grand humour—which is very rare—and a very excellent & artistic touch and I am delighted to see how quickly you are coming on. I trust you will not hesitate to ask me (pray do not think I write egotistically) for any information about working for engravers." Etc.

- 72 **GARRICK** (DAVID, 1717-1779). Famous Actor.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

3 pp., 4to. Bath, 22nd April, Circa 1766.

(SEE ILLUSTRATION, OVERLEAF).

£52 10s

An extremely fine and interesting letter, principally dealing with the theatrical world, and referring at length to "our friend Wilson" possibly the actor who created the rôle of Don Jerome in the "Duenna."

" . . . We have had several accounts here of the excellent doings in James Street. There is not the least difference in the opinions of the publick. You have all your share of glory, but Lady Stanhope is mentioned as a prodigy. I am greatly honour'd that my trifle was thought worthy of being the Gentleman Usher to so creditable a performance.

"I have not yet thought of the petite piece you mention, & indeed I fancy'd that you had thought better of it, for if you remember, I was to have heard from you, when you had consulted the rest of the dramatis personæ upon that subject.

"You tell me that our friend Wilson *sleeps in peace*. I am sure he must if the fame of the company he has ye honour to be employ'd for, could quiet him." Etc.

- 73 **GEORGE I** (1660-1727). King of Great Britain and Ireland.

DOCUMENT SIGNED (TWICE). ADDRESSED TO WILLIAM EARL OF CADOGAN.

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp., folio. St. James's, 20th February, 1719.

£3 3s

"Whereas by our Instructions given at St. James's the 24th day of November last We have directed you to make the most pressing instances for obtaining the Investitures of the Sessions which have been made to Us & to Our good Brother & Son in Law the King of Prussia by Sweden. . . . Whereas it may possibly happen that Our Service may be very much promoted by disposing of proper Gratuities to such persons as may have it in their power to procure a more easy and quick Dispatch of the said Business, to which purpose We shall be willing to contribute as Elector of Brunswick as far as fifty thousand Dollars of the Empire." Etc.

Bath April 22^d

Dear Sir.

I shall be always happy in showing
my regard for S.^r Francis Delaval:

He shall command my services when ever
he pleases: We have had several accounts
here of the excellent drawings in James Street:

There is not the least difference in the opinion
of the Publick. You have all your share
of glory but Lady Stanhope is mention'd
as a 'Prodigy'. I am greatly honor'd that
my trifles was thought worthy of being the
Gentleman usher to so creditable a Performance

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particular piece you mention, & indeed I fancy'd
that you had thought better of it, for if you
remember I was to have heard ^{from} you, when you
had

DAVID GARRICK.
Autograph Letter Signed.
(Facsimile shows first page).
See Item No. 72.

COMMUTING THE SENTENCE OF DEATH TO TRANSPORTATION TO
NEW SOUTH WALES.

- 74 **GEORGE III** (1738-1820). King of Great Britain and Ireland.
DOCUMENT SIGNED ADDRESSED TO SIR JOHN WILLIAM
ROSE.

1½ pp., folio. St. James's, 24th December, 1792. Also signed
by Henry Dundas. With impressed seal. **£10 10s**

A particularly interesting document commuting the sentence of
two prisoners condemned to death to transportation to the Eastern
Coast of New South Wales.

"Whereas John Castledine and Henry Wild, were at the sessions holden at
the Old Bailey in October last, severally tried and convicted of the crimes hereafter
mentioned, viz: The said John Castledine of stealing in a dwelling house, and
the said Henry Wild of Highway Robbery, and had sentence of death passed upon
them for their said crimes. And whereas some favourable circumstances have been
humbly represented unto us in their behalf inducing so to extend our grace and
mercy unto them and to grant them our pardon for their said crimes on condition
that the said John Castledine be transported for the term of seven years, and the
said Henry Wild for and during the term of his natural life; to the Eastern Coast
of New South Wales, or some one or other of the Islands adjacent." Etc.

- 75 **GLADSTONE** (WILLIAM EWART, 1809-1898). Famous Statesman
and Author.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

3 pp., 8vo. Carlton Gardens, 15th May, 1838. **£1 5s**

An early letter, written when 29 years of age.

"I have just received, and lose no time in enclosing to you, the reply of the
Committee of the Carlton Club to my application on your account. . . ."

"I should myself gladly subscribe for four copies of the medallion of the
Duke."

- 76 **GODWIN** (WILLIAM, 1756-1836). Philosopher and Novelist. His
daughter Mary became the second wife of Shelley the Poet.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

1 page, 4to. Skinner Street, 28th April, 1813.

AUTOGRAPH MANUSCRIPT OF TWO ESSAYS ENTITLED
"OF THE UTILITY OF TALENTS" AND "OF THE SOURCES OF
GENIUS."

6 pp., 4to. **£5 5s**

In his letter Godwin asks for a number of pamphlets to be sent
to him.

The Essay "Of the Utility of Talents" commences:—

"Doubts have sometimes been suggested as to the desirableness of talents.
'Give to a child' it has frequently been said, 'good sense & a virtuous propensity';
I desire no more. Talents are often an injury than a benefit to their possessor.
They are a sort of *ignis fatuus* leading us astray; a fever of the mind incompatible
with the sober dictates of prudence. They tempt a man to the perpetration of bold,
bad deeds; and qualify him rather to excite the admiration, than promote the
interests of society. . . ."

"The capacity which it is in the power of education to bestow, must consist
principally in information. Is it to be feared that a man should know too much
for his happiness? Knowledge for the most part consists in added means of
pleasure or enjoyment, & added discernment to select those means." Etc.

- 77 **GOETHE** (JOHANN VON, 1749-1832). Poet.
 AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO HOFRATH EICHSTADT.
 ½-page, 4to. Jena, 18th November, 1807. **£18 18s**
 (Trans.):—"The admirable comparison between Racine's and Euripides' Phaedra and Hippolytus has reached me. If you could kindly procure me Beck's Euripides for some time I would be able to enter more deeply into the ideas and the value of this treatise."
- 78 **GOETHE** (JOHANN W. VON).
 LETTER SIGNED "ERGE BENST, GOETHE" TO J. G. BUSCHING.
 4 pp., 4to. Weimar, 10th July, 1817. **£18 18s**
 (Trans.):—"I find the new work you sent me very good and quite sufficient for the purpose. The point in this matter is to create interest, not to satisfy it; and I am convinced that after the publication of these essays and the illustrations belonging to them we shall soon receive contributions from many sides. In any case it seems very important to me to achieve the same that has been done in regard to spiritual books and pictures, also for legal, civil and political publications.
 "It will then be seen that not only the uneducated people but also the educated man likes to see with his eyes what his ears transmit to him; for the same reason the religions which favour pictures are of a definitely different character from those which condemn them."
- 79 **GUISE** (ANNE D'ESTE, DUCHESSE DE, 1531-1607). Wife of François de Lorraine, Duc de Guise. Daughter of Ercole II. d'Este and Renée de France.
 LETTER SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED.
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 Recommending the son of Madame de Gramont and requesting her correspondent to obtain from the Pope the bishopric of Tarbes for him.
- 80 **GUISE** (LOUIS I DE, 1527-1578). Cardinal.
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 An interesting letter referring to the marriage which Catherine de Medicis hoped to arrange between her daughter Marguerite and Sebastian, King of Portugal. After negotiations had been carried on for a considerable period, King Sebastian declined the proffered honour as being highly displeasing to Philip II of Spain.
 (Trans.):—" . . . I have spoken to the Queen in the presence of the King, and both replied that you must not speak of coming back before you succeed in arranging the marriage of Madame. After that you will have leave to come, for were you to depart before this has been achieved, the negotiations so well commenced might be easily disrupted. . . . I must confess that I find it rather strange that this little King of Portugal gives himself such airs. I suspect that the Princess has some secret understanding with her brother, the King, of which we have no knowledge, for he pursued it too eagerly in the beginning to explain his present indifference." Etc.

81 **HARDY** (THOMAS, 1840-1928). Famous Novelist.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MESSRS. WILLCOCKS & CO.

2 pp., 8vo. Max Gate, 21st August, 1903. **£10 10s**

A very fine letter mentioning "The Serjeant's Song," and also as to granting permission for certain lyrics to be set to music.

" . . . It occurs to me to mention that I receive many requests for permission to set to music the lyrics in the two volumes of verse entitled 'Wessex Poems' and 'Poems of the Past & the Present' (both just now republished by the Macmillans). These requests are mostly from strangers & I do not care to grant them, knowing nothing of their powers. But if at any time any composer on your list should wish to melodize a song from those collections, you will perhaps kindly let me know directly, as I should have no objection to give permission to publishers of responsibility."

82 **HARDY** (THOMAS).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MR. NEVINSON.

1½ pp., 8vo. Max Gate, 31st March, 1916. **£7 10s**

An important letter clearly showing Hardy's bitter feelings regarding the Great War.

"I cannot possibly sign the paper, holding the opinions I do hold, & with the experiences I have had since the war began. It is not worth while to give my reasons, as it would be a useless labour.

"We were talking about you quite lately & I said that I guessed you were far away somewhere as a war correspondent. You may have been in or near the Gallipoli Peninsula when the most promising relative I had was killed there last year." Etc.

83 **HENRI II** (1519-1559). King of France.

LETTER SIGNED TO "MONSIEUR LE CONTE DE LUDE, MY LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN GUIENNE. IN THE ABSENCE OF MY UNCLE THE KING OF NAVARRE."

½-page, folio. August, 1549. Countersigned "d'Aubepine." **£5 5s**

(Trans.):—"Desiring particularly with all diligence to proceed with the Reformation of my domain in Guienne I send . . . the Sieur de Chaubouchet . . ." Etc.

84 **HENRI III** (1551-1589). King of France.

LETTER SIGNED TO M. DE FOURQUEVAUX, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN.

½-page, folio. Vaujour, 31st October, 1571. **£10 10s**

Stating that the King's Chamberlain is being sent to Spain to
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Henri III. King of France—*continued.*

release Fourquevaux, and that the King, his brother (Charles IX) has decided never to speak again of the Portuguese marriage.

Negotiations for the proposed marriage of Catherine de Medicis' daughter Marguerite to Sebastian, King of Portugal, were carried on for a considerable period, but in the end Sebastian declined the proffered honour, as it was highly displeasing to Philip II of Spain.

(Trans.):—" . . . As to the Portuguese marriage, about which Cardinal Alexandrin has spoken to you, this was formerly much favoured and desired by the King, my brother, but he is now quite decided never to speak of it again, in view of the attitude of those who should eagerly have sought it." Etc.

ROYALIST DEFENCE OF SCILLY ISLANDS.

85 **HENRIETTA MARIA** (1609-1669). Queen of Charles I.

LETTER SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED.

1 page, 4to. Paris, 7th July, 1649.

£13 10s

Written the year that Charles I was executed, and concerning the provisioning of the Scilly Islands still held by the Royalists; also mentioning Charles II, "the King my son."

(Trans.):—"The Scilly Isles having need of some provisions of food such as corn, beef, lard, biscuits and others, and the task of providing them having been confided to the Sieur Josue Lloid, English gentleman at La Rochelle I beg you to furnish him with all such as concern you and to exercise your power and authority in case anyone should endeavour to prevent you. This being an important thing in the service of the King, my son, you may rest assured." Etc.

In 1649, after the execution of Charles I, the Royalists strengthened the fortifications of the Scilly Islands, which were not captured from them until 1651, when they were taken by Admiral Blake.

86 **HENRIETTA MARIA.** Queen of Charles I.

DOCUMENT SIGNED (VELLUM). BEING A LEASE TO SIR WILLIAM SWANNE, AND RELATING TO THE MANOR OF ELTHAM IN THE COUNTY OF KENT.

1 page, large folio. 4th August, 1663. Also containing other signatures. **£10 10s**

Interesting document with engraved heading, containing the Queen's portrait. Among the other signatories are the Earl of St. Albans, Sir Kenelm Digby, Sir John Wintour (Secretary to the Queen), Sir Robert Long (Chancellor of the Exchequer), and Sir Chas. Harbord. The lease is of

"All that the inclosed parcell of land comonly called or knowne by the name of Horne Parke att Lee Park heretofore being a Parke and used for the keeping of deer. And dureing the late troubles disparted and distroyed and converted into arable meadow." Etc.

- 87 [**HENRY V** (1387-1422). King of England].
DOCUMENT OF THIS REIGN.
1 page, oblong 8vo (vellum). Irnham, 8th March, 1418. **£2 10s**
A grant of land.
- 88 **HERSCHEL** (SIR JOHN FREDERICK WILLIAM, 1792-1871). Famous
Astronomer and Chemist. Son of Sir William Herschel. Wrote many
scientific works.
THREE AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED TO MONSIEUR
BOUVARD, DR. LINDLEY, AND TAYLOR.
London and Slough, 7th June, 1821, to 11th January, 1848.
£1 16s
Making some interesting observations on an Eclipse, sending Dr.
Lindley some roots and bulbs, etc.
- 89 **HILL** (DR. BIRKBECK, 1835-1903). Author. Published "Boswell's
Life of Johnson," "Unpublished Letters of Dean Swift," etc.
AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO EGAN MEW, ESQ.
1½ pages, 8vo. Wye, 9th August, 1898. **£3 10s**
Announcing his publication of the Letters of Dean Swift; and also
referring to the Letters of D. G. Rossetti which Hill edited.
" . . . I am preparing for publication a series of letters written by Dean
Swift to Knightley Chetwode, an Irish squire, between the years 1714-31.
"Most of these I edited last year for the Atlantic Monthly; unfortunately
two of the four articles in which they were contained being published before the
corrected proofs reached the editor of the Magazine, were marred by not a few
mistakes. These of course will now be corrected & fresh notes will be added. The
book, which will be illustrated, will be brought out as a companion volume to the
Letters of D. G. Rossetti to W. Allingham which I edited for the same publisher
(Mr. T. Fisher Unwin) last year."
- 90 **HONE** (WILLIAM, 1780-1842). Celebrated Author and Pamphleteer.
Wrote caustic satires against George IV.
AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.
1½ pp., folio. 7th October, 1839. **£1 5s**
Speaking in high praise of "Sartor Resartus" and other of
Thomas Carlyle's Works.
- 91 **HOOD** (THOMAS, 1799-1845). Poet.
AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO FOLKARD, THE WOOD-
ENGRAVER.
1½ pp., 8vo. N.D. Circa 1840-1. **£2 5s**
Concerning Leech's drawings for Hood's poems.
"Mr. Leech has been to show me three more drawings. . . The Leg or
Wing cut Mr. Leech has taken to make some slight alteration in it. Take care
of the female head in it which is very nice." Etc.

92 **HOOD** (THOMAS).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO JOHN LEECH.

2 pp., 8vo. Camberwell, 1st July, 1841.

£2 2s

Concerning Leech's drawings for Hood's famous poem, "Miss Kilmansegg."

"Have you done any more drawings? I have just sent a part of the poem to the printers.

"A remark was made by a person on the drawing of the 'Marriage' that the balustrade seemed composed of decanters. On reflection, it seems to me, if the case be so, it would be advisable to alter them. My old foes the Conters are always on the look-out for a hole in my coat. . . The Man is fair game—but the *place* is not—and the carpers are ingenious enough to make out some association of decanters with the *Communion wine*. Verb sap.

"I was pleased to see a complimentary notice of some of your 'Pencilings' in the Athenaeum."

93 **HUNT** (J. H. LEIGH, 1784-1859). Essayist, Poet and Critic.

"DESCENT OF LIBERTY." THE AUTOGRAPH MANUSCRIPT OF A PORTION, comprising 26 lines on 1 page, 4to. £1 10s

"The Descent of Liberty" was first published in 1815, and this manuscript is a portion of the first scene.

3d. Sheph. 'Twas upon the trees there.
 2d. Shep. Tis, Sir, as we suppos'd;—pray speak to it.
 1st Shep. Hush.—to the left. (The music shifts to the left, into a different strain; and then makes a sudden stop).
 Eun. Myrtilla, my sweet child,
 Frame you a pray'r out of your innocent thoughts,
 And speak for all; something of heav'n is near us."
 Etc.

94 **HUNT** (WASHINGTON, 1811-1867). Governor of New York.

13 AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED, 12 ADDRESSED TO SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, AND 1 TO GOVERNOR JOHNSON OF PENNSYLVANIA.

33 pp., 8vo and 4to. Albany and Lockport, 1850-1858. £10 10s

An interesting series of letters in which Hunt refers to his nomination as Governor of New York, the Erie Canal, in connection with which he became a party to a legislative squabble, the slavery question, the Fugitive Slave Bill passed in 1850, and railroads.

Hunt's letter to Governor Johnson of Pennsylvania recommending Ruggles and pointing out the persistence with which he pursued his schemes, is particularly interesting, as, while canal commissioner and president of the commission, Hunt carried far beyond the state boundaries his enquiries into traffic conditions and the products then needing the Erie Canal for transport to the sea-board.

". . . The position in which I was placed by the explosion at Syracuse, has been very embarrassing. But your views are sound and I have resolved to act upon them. Our friends every where insist that I must take the nomination. I am in the field as the Whig candidate. All who vote for me shall enjoy perfect freedom of taste and opinion in regard to the merits of Seward and Fillmore. . .

Hunt (Washington)—*continued.*

" . . . I learn that great efforts are making to convince the commercial classes in your city that I am a dangerous man, an abolitionist and a sectional agitator. . . . It has occurred to me that you might prevent much mischief by writing a brief defence of my political character, addressed to the merchants of your city. You might truly say that my views are national and not sectional, that I served some years in Congress . . . that my views are expansive enough to embrace of the commerce of the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific. Instead of fomenting strife between the North and the South, it was my constant effort to avert and allay sectional discord. Northern feeling has been wrought up to a high key by the slavery questions growing out of our territorial policy. . . . I aimed to show the Whigs of the State, that while concurring with them in opposition to the extension of slavery, the whole controversy is settled by the action of Congress. . . . As the bill stands it is a sword in the hands of the abolitionists, and I would gladly blunt its edge. All the questions are now disposed of and nothing remains to prolong agitation but this fugitive bill. The idea that we cannot ask for a reasonable law, somewhat in accordance with the sentiments and habitudes of our people, for catching niggers and that any discussion of its details is to destroy the Union, seems to be very preposterous. . . ."

" . . . Questions of policy and of detail have delayed the action of the Canal Committee. We found that by proper preliminary consultations, considerable support would be drawn from the other party. . . . We have good grounds for hoping that the Bill will be carried by a strong vote. . . . There is an important work for you to perform. An address should be written to the people of the City of New York, placing before them the immense advantages they are to derive from the enlargement. This is a theme mostly of your pen. Show your merchants that they can have Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Upper Canada for customers.

" . . . The Legislature will provide for enlarging the canal. The efforts we have made to give an impulse to public opinion on this subject will not be lost. The Pacific Rail Road remains: by far the greatest of all our undertakings. . . ."

" . . . I strike out your comments on the former policy of the govt. in relation to roads &c. and the indications in favor of federal aid to the Pacific R Road. I think it is wiser to let this topic alone. . . . For 30 years it has been conceded on all sides, that the U.S. is not to make roads or canals in the limits of a state, excepting improvements on the public domain, where Govt. comes in as a proprietor. . . . 2nd. I propose to strike out the sentences which imply censure of the U.S. Govt. for with-holding aid to the Erie Canal. That is a historical fact about which opinions widely differ. I would leave out the last war, for your argument on that head is not sound. The first application to Congress was in 1811, therefore the Canal *could not* have been completed in time for the war." Etc.

95 **JAMES II** (1633-1701). King of England.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (IN FRENCH) TO GABRIEL DE ROQUETTE, BISHOP OF AUTUN.

1½ pp., 4to. St. Germain, 7th August, 1692. **£7 10s**

Requesting the Bishop to go to Chaillot to take part in a memorial service for the late Queen, his mother.

96 **JAMES II.** King of England.

LETTER SIGNED TO LORD JEFFREYS.

1 page, folio. Whitehall, 19th October, 1688.

ALSO SIGNED BY THE EARL OF SUNDERLAND. **£2 10s**

An extremely important document written only three weeks before William of Orange landed at Torbay, instructing the Lord Chancellor to take the necessary measures for the defence of the country against the imminent Dutch invasion.

- 97 **JENNER** (EDWARD, 1749-1823). The Discoverer of Vaccination.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MISS ELIZ. PRUEN.

2 pp., 8vo. 26th August, 1821.

£25

A very fine letter written when over seventy years of age.

"Pray tell me how it comes to pass, that I have neither seen or heard anything of Mr. T. Pruen since his return from Guernsey?"

"The Animal you have sent me is a beautiful specimen of the Lizard of the Country. Tho' you sent him in a condition so relaxed and languid, he has already got into very good spirits.

"Pray tell your sister how good and how kind I thought it of her to write me a Letter while she was abroad; so amusing and so instructive. When I have the pleasure of seeing her, she will, I trust, go on with the History of her Travels." Etc.

- 98 **JONES** (JOHN, died 1660). Regicide. Colonel in Parliamentary Army; negotiated surrender of Anglesey. Married Oliver Cromwell's sister. Executed on the Restoration.

DOCUMENT SIGNED TO THE COMRS. OF THE NAVY.

1 page, folio. 30th March, 1649.

£1 18s

Also bearing the rare signature of Valentine Walton (or Wauton) another Regicide, and likewise a brother-in-law of the Lord Protector. He sat as Judge at Charles I's trial. Fled to Germany at the Restoration.

- 99 **JORDAN** (MRS. DOROTHY, 1762-1816). Famous Actress; became Mistress of Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MR. JONES.

1½ pp., 4to. Cadogan Place, 16th May, 1812.

£4 10s

An interesting letter, evidently answering a request for the help of her professional services, to which she says:—

"There is no one that I would sooner serve than yourself, but your very good friend Mrs. Love will explain to you the serious restrictions I am under with respect to my never returning to my profession." Etc.

This statement is probably explained by a paragraph in Lee's National Biography, with reference to the actress at the time of her separation from the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV, when he provided for her in the following terms:—

"For the maintenance of herself, her daughter and her earlier family, an income of £4,400 was settled on her, but in case of her returning to the stage the care of the Duke's daughters and the allowance for their maintenance were to be forfeited to the Duke."

100 **JUXON** (WILLIAM, 1582-1663). Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury. With Charles I at the scaffold.

LETTER SIGNED, AND WITH DATE AND ADDRESS ALSO IN HIS AUTOGRAPH.

1 page, folio. London House, 9th January, 1638. **£3 12s 6d**

A rare signature to a most interesting document addressed "To my loving friend Mr. Wright, Mr. of Arts and Fellow of St. John's in Oxon," appointing him Preacher of St. Paul's Cross.

"You shall understand that you are appointed to preach at St. Paul's Crosse on Sunday the 10 Februarie next ensuing by discreet performance whereof you shall doe good service to God, the King's Matie., and the Church. These are therefore to require and charge you not to faile of your day appointed . . . and to bring a coppie of your Sermon wh. you are not to exceed an houre and an halfe in both Sermon and Praier." Etc.

101 **KEITH** (SIR ROBERT MURRAY, 1730-1795). Lieutenant-General and Diplomatist.

4 AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED AND 2 LETTERS SIGNED TO D. GRAY, ESQ.

10½ pp., 4to. Vienna, August, 1788, to March, 1792. **£2 10s**

Written whilst Ambassador at Vienna, Keith discusses foreign politics; Polish, Russian and Austrian affairs; the Peace between the Russians and Turks in 1792; asks Gray to discover the real mission of a certain visitor to Dresden whose ostensible business relates to metals, but whom Keith suspects of political interference; states that England has no intention of actively interfering in French affairs; announces the death of the Emperor Leopold of Austria, etc.

101a **KEBLE** (JOHN, 1792-1866). Divine and Poet. Initiated the "Oxford Movement."

EIGHT AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED TO SIR FREDERIC ROGERS (AFTERWARDS LORD BLACHFORD) AND MRS. ROGERS.

30 pp., 12mo and 8vo. Hursley Vicarage, Bisley, Park Crescent, 1844-1860. With envelopes. **£5 10s**

An extremely interesting series of letters concerning an undertaking which Rogers had in mind which would tend to Christian perfection, and for which Keble suggests certain rules; asking for a note of introduction to the Bishop of Sodor and Man whose help he wishes to enlist for the Life of Bishop Wilson he intends to write.

101b **KENT** (EDWARD, DUKE OF, 1767-1820).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (IN FRENCH) TO LOUIS PHILIPPE.

2½ pp., 8vo. Kensington Palace, 4th April, 1804. **£2 10s**

Important letter referring to the arrest of the Duc d'Enghien (his assassination was not known in London until April 9th). Asking his correspondent to accompany him to Wanstead, which then was the residence of Prince de Condé, the unfortunate Duke's grandfather.

102 **KIPLING** (RUDYARD, 1865-1936). Famous Author.

EIGHT AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED TO SIR WALTER BESANT.

8½ pp., 8vo, and three correspondence cards. Written from Rottingdean, London and Wiltshire.

WITH TWO PEN AND INK SKETCHES in the text of one letter.

£65

An extremely interesting series of letters from Kipling to Sir Walter Besant, almost entirely dealing with the Brushwood edition of Kipling's works published by Putnam's of New York in 1898.

This edition was made up from the sheets of the authorized editions. The broadsides, "The Vampire" and "Recessional" issued by The Critic Co., were bound in at the end of *The Seven Seas*. The last volume contained *A Ken of Kipling*, by Will M. Clemens, and a general index. These two volumes were so distasteful to Kipling, that, the edition being made up and issued without his permission, he had it withdrawn.

One of the letters congratulates Besant on his knighthood, and suggests a coat of arms, illustrating it with a small pen and ink sketch. Another sketch by Kipling in the same letter satirically suggests a coat of arms for Sir Lewis Morris who was knighted the same year as Besant.

" . . . It's an embarrassing thing for Putty and I feel I owe him a million apologies for not dying at the psychological moment when his 'Edition' would have sold beautifully and I couldn't have protested.

"The devil of it is, I believe he is going to try on this patent edition manufacturing process on other authors. I only hope he won't try any fresh tricks on them. Isn't the idea of a secretary of the American Copyright League smuggling non-copyright poems between the covers of a copyright book delicious. That, and the fraudulent trademark, and the inclusion of the *Day's Work* are the main points in the argument. I send you with this the documents in the case—letters that passed between Putnam & fellow publishers which will prove at least that we did *not* attack Putnam unawares. Also, a copy of G. H. P.'s priceless interview to the *Daily Chronicle* which I have not made the most of. . . . Personally I don't think there is much to be gained by threshing the case out in the papers. I want to get the Putnams under oath in the witness box and I want to get the N.Y. publishers to testify a little. They are not pleased with Putnam for having raised this row. One result of this action has been that I have flooded the markets with an edition of 300,000 vols. (20,000 sets of my own books at 15 vol. a set) and the result is the poor pirates can't compete with 'em. But all authors can't do this and I hope by my action to be able to save his discrediting some chap who doesn't sell as well as I do but who is anxious to turn out good work." Etc.

"Yes—but the Independent publisher isn't likely to have the means of distribution at his command when it comes to handling more than 10,000 copies. However I'm not fretting because (as I have many times said) every publisher knows that when and if a Ring is formed it will pay not the members of the Ring but those who stand out of it." Etc.

"I've been enjoying a cold for the past few days, but all the same I've given my best attention to 'The Present Situation.'

Kipling (Rudyard)—*continued.*

“The outcome seems to me about this:—

- (a) The publishers will try to make a ring.
- (b) All publishers do not trust each other.
- (c) There are big profits for any one who stays out of such a ring.
- (d) The Ring will not be formed. It has been mooted in America & dropped for very much reason (b).” Etc.

“ . . . I have given my testimony in the matter of Putnam who is now embarking on a new kind of fraud. He has bought from Smith Elder a lot of complete Thackerays; has also bought Harpers book on T. with Mrs. R. Ritchie's introduction. Has inlaid the introduction into the S. & E. books and is now advertising an edition ‘unique, extraordinary and definitive.’ Mrs. R. R. says that ‘there is nothing to be done.’ . . . What's the sense of bothering to publish anything if any d—d bookseller can take up composite editions. I believe in never suffering anything from a publisher if I can possibly make him unhappy and some day we'll see the result of my work.” Etc.

“I saw the news yesterday—Saturday rather—and forthwith sent you a small cable of congratulations which I follow now with a letter. You are probably swearing at the mass of correspondence that is rolling round you; so I'll only try to say how pleased I am, and also how wrath to see that it was not a baronetcy.” Etc.

- 103 **KNELLER** (SIR GODFREY, 1646-1723). Famous Portrait Painter. Ten reigning Sovereigns and almost all persons of importance in his day sat to him.

AUTOGRAPH NOTE SIGNED AT FOOT OF A LIST OF PAINTINGS EXECUTED BY HIM AND SOLD TO LADY ELIZABETH CROMWELL FOR £400.

1 page, folio. 5th June, 1703. £7 15s

The list comprises 17 paintings, including:—

- “Ld Edward's picture whole length £30.
- “Ld Vere's picture whole length £30.
- “Ld C(romwells') picture whole length £50.
- “A Diana, whole length £50.
- “Mr. Fitzherbert & his wife, 2 half-lengths £30.
- “A Cecilia for Mr. Congreve £15.” Etc.

The signed Autograph note at foot reads:—

“The 5 of June 1703 received of the Right Honourable the Lady Elizabeth Cromwell the above mentioned summe by a bond of four hundred pounds. Signed and sealed by her Ladyship this day and accepted in full by me.—G. Kneller.

- 104 **LEY** (JAMES, 3rd EARL OF MARLBOROUGH, 1618-1665). Royalist Commander. Established a Colony at Santa Cruz, West Indies. Governor of Jamaica. Killed in Naval action with Dutch 1665.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

1 page, 4to. Gravesend, 22nd March, 1661. £3 3s

Written just preparatory to his voyage to the East Indies to receive Bombay from the Portuguese.

“I went downe the river this day in order to see what the ships committed to my charge did. I find that all his Maties are fallen out of the hope towards the downes, the pink excepted for the wch. some excuse is made, and the fault if any shall be amended, but the ship experiment moveth soe slowly that unless it be amended our hastning signifyeth nothing. I therefore desire such course may be taken that we may not stay for her.”

105 **LINCOLN** (ABRAHAM, 1809-1865). President of the United States.

THE ASSASSINATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF WILLIAM H. SEWARD, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND FREDERICK W. SEWARD, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ON THE EVENING OF THE 14th OF APRIL, 1865. EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE AND SYMPATHY INSPIRED BY THESE EVENTS.

Half morocco, large 4to. Washington, Government Printing Office, 1867. **£10 10s**

The copy presented by W. H. Seward, Secretary of State to the municipality of Guingamp, France, with the presentation letter signed by him "as a testimonial of the grateful appreciation by the people of the generous expressions of condolence and sympathy in the late national bereavement."

Also accompanying the volume are two letters, one from Ed. Laboulaye, the lawyer and author, informing M. Lemasson of Guingamp that he has given John Bigelow, the American Ambassador in France, the message of condolence from the citizens of Guingamp, for transmission to Washington; the other is a letter signed by John Bigelow, thanking M. Lemasson and his fellow citizens of Guingamp.

Seeking a brief relaxation from the duties and cares of his high office, Abraham Lincoln visited Ford's theatre on the evening of 14th April, 1865. John Wilkes Booth, ringleader of a band of conspirators, gained admittance to the theatre, and while the President's attention was absorbed in the scene before him, approached him from behind, and shot him through the head, as the result of which Lincoln died the following day.

The same evening an attempt was made on the life of William H. Seward, Secretary of State, and Frederick W. Seward, Assistant Secretary. While lying ill as the result of an accident, on the 14th April, 1865, an accomplice of Booth rushed into the house of William Seward, broke the skull of Frederick Seward, and inflicted with a knife several severe wounds on the face and neck of the Secretary of State. He recovered from his injuries, and died in 1872.

106 **LONDON. CHALONER** (SIR THOMAS, 1521-1565). Diplomatist.
Envoy to Scotland, France, Spain, etc.

DOCUMENT SIGNED BY SIR THOMAS CHALONER.

1 page, large folio, vellum. 10th May, 1544. **£6 6s**

The original charter of Sir Thomas Chaloner and Isabella, widow of Roger Chaloner, granting to Thos. Blank the great house or mansion called Abbots Inne, situated in the parish of St. Mary Athill (St. Mary-at-hill), near Billingsgate in the City of London, and all other buildings etc. belonging thereto.

107 **LONDON.**

A LETTER WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF THE GENOESE MERCHANT CORPORATION IN LONDON, BY ONE RAIMUNDUS, AND ADDRESSED TO THE DUKE OF MILAN.

1 page, 4to. London, 20th September, 1498. **£15 15s**

Begging the Duke of Milan to obtain for Christoforo de Pellegrini relief from the demands for taxes made by his native village, explaining that he has been absent from the village for a number of years and is in the service of the Genoese merchant corporation in London.

108 **LOWE** (SIR HUDSON, 1769-1844). Lieutenant-General. In charge of Napoleon at St. Helena.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ pp., 4to. Hereford Street, 17th April, 1824. **£9 9s**

"Among the first papers delivered to you I believe to have left the Copy of a Paragraph in one of my official reports from the army of Marshal Blucher, which was omitted in the published copy of that report. The passage runs as follows:—'Thus has Bonaparte with that vain and presumptuous confidence which partial success inspires suffered this army to place itself in a position which it duly profited by, threatened his political as well as his military existence. By representing this army to be beaten and retiring, he is thus likely to become the dupe of his own machinations, without giving way to too sanguine expectations, the prospects of the Allies have seldom appeared so favourable as at the present moment.'

"It was to a remark of mine in the above not having been published that the reply was made. 'How could we publish your report when we had the pen in the hand ready to sign the peace with him?'

"I was perfectly aware this disposition was too prevalent at the Great Head Quarters and therefore resolved not to bury my sentiments in a private communication alone." Etc.

Spezial & part. Mein lieber Welter, Ich will auch über
dich und alle Briefe mich freuen, und stelle an in der
für dich die vorläufige Antwort schreiben. Denn mich dünkt
das eine hinreichend zu sein. (Es war denn auch sehr) nicht
mehr. So, denn die Briefe sollen und dürfen, Ich werde dich
auch so bald zurück schreiben. Ist dir, wie ich weiß, die Briefe
nicht von mir geschrieben. Pulverius hat sich auch angeschlossen.
Der schreibt, er will die Briefe nicht. Ich schreibe dir
denn auch und die Briefe sind für mich, die Briefe sollen
für das Schreiben immerfort, nur die Briefe. Die Briefe
sollen demnach nicht auch zu dem Briefe und nicht zu dem Brief
ich vermag. Altes. Das man die Briefe einsehen sollte. In
sie nicht für die Briefe, aber gut. Ich will dich nicht
von der Briefe und sage das für mich ein Brief und
nicht für die Briefe. 1526

Martin Luther

109 **LUTHER** (MARTIN, 1483-1546). The great Reformer.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO JOHANN WALTHER,
PRECENTOR OF THE ELECTOR OF SAXONY.

1 page, oblong 4to. 1526.

(SEE ILLUSTRATION, OPPOSITE).

£300

Entirely in Luther's Autograph. He states that he will write to the Elector of Saxony on behalf of Walther's choristers, and that Spalatin (a reformer, and friend and adviser of the Elector) will also do his best to help them.

Johann Walther was the precentor of the Elector of Saxony, but in 1526, from motives of economy, the Elector resolved to disband his choir. Thanks to the protests of Luther, to which the above letter refers, he did not carry out this resolution until 1530, although the salaries of the singers were reduced.

(Trans.):—"Grace and peace be with you, my dear Walther. I will relieve you of your anxieties and expenses, and I will write to His Highness myself on the subject of your three poor choristers. For be persuaded that if you went away, which would be still more serious, it would be of no use, and it would of course be thought that you were besieging me with entreaties. It is better therefore for me to take your cause into my hands, as proceeding from my own initiative. I have also appealed to Spalatin who writes to me that he will do his best to help us. I am also going to address myself to M. Conrad on the subject of the books and your salaries and I shall make the recommendations you know of. I suppose, however, that the books will continue to remain at your disposal." Etc.

CONCERNING HIS OWN BIOGRAPHY.

110 **LYTTON** (EDWARD LYTTON BULWER, LORD, 1803-1873). Novelist.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "E. B. L." TO W. C. KENT,
EDITOR OF THE "SUN" NEWSPAPER.

5 pp., 8vo. Park Lane, "Monday," N.D.

£3 3s

Discussing the biographical matter with which he had supplied Mr. Kent, for a Memoir of himself.

"I have scrawled a sort of programme of my literary and political life—which I enclose, tho' with reluctance and conscious sense of the most disgusting egotism. I found it impossible to sever my literary from my much humbler political career. . . . I felt so sensibly the effect of hereditary associations—and so much of my writings have been coloured by them, whether in the tone of feeling the love of the past, or the selection of peculiar characters for analysis. . . ."

"I have not put the date of birth nor the place where I was born. I have a superstition on both these scores. . . ." Etc.

111 **LYTTON** (ROSINA BULWER-LYTTON, LADY, 1802-1882). Novelist.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO CHARLES KEAN.

4 closely written pages, 4to. Paris, 17th September, 1839.

£1 10s

Written to Kean whilst on his second visit to the United States. The writer acquaints Kean with sundry happenings at London and Paris and also refers to Macready's Pageant of Henry the Fifth.

NAPOLEON AT ST. HELENA.

112 **MALCOLM** (SIR PULTENEY, 1768-1838). Admiral.

FIVE AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED TO LORD MELVILLE.

28 pp., 4to. St. Helena, circa 1816-7.

£31 10s

A series of five most interesting letters written while commander-in-chief on the St. Helena station, especially appointed to enforce a rigid blockade and to keep a close guard on Napoleon.

He describes his interviews with Bonaparte, and the conditions prevailing on the Island; also refers to Sir Hudson Lowe and various other officials.

" . . . I have had two interviews with Boanaparte, he was in great good humour: and conversed freely on various indifferent subjects, he feels much disappointed that more was not said respecting him when the St. Helena Bill was before Parliament. He is in good health, better looking than I expected, taller, and not so fat, as reported, his eye is sharp, his countenance changes with his mind, to me it was placid, but I can easily conceive that it is often ferocious, he is delighted with the Books sent by the Newcastle.

"Boanaparte has not yet seen the Commissioners, he thinks as I do, that they are so many useless mouths on the Island. I am inclined to think that when their applications for increase of salaries are received, that their Sovereigns will be of opinion that their utility does not compensate for the expence." Etc.

"Sir Hudson Lowe applied to me for a conveyance for Count Les Cases and his son to the Cape, they went yesterday in the Griffon. Les Cases refused to remain with Boanaparte till the determination of Government was known respecting his conduct, but I cannot pretend to judge of the cause, as I am not acquainted with all the particulars. However, I am glad he is gone, and also the Pole, the sum allowed for the maintenance of the establishment is by no means adequate, the manner in which it is necessarily supplied by the Purveyor will cost at least one third more, than it would an individual who regulated his own concerns."

"In my last interview with Boanaparte, he spoke of our expedition to Algiers, he thinks that it is on too large a scale, we should have contented ourselves by blockading the Port in less than a year, finding that their piratical expeditions were at an end, they would have murdered the Bey and surrendered at discretion, however he says that is an enterprise that does our country credit, and if successful will render us popular in the Mediterranean." Etc.

113 **MANCHESTER** (EDWARD MONTAGU, 2nd EARL OF, 1602-1671).Speaker of the House of Lords, and **LENTHALL** (WILLIAM, 1591-1662). Speaker of the House of Commons.

LETTER SIGNED BY BOTH, ADDRESSED TO OLIVER CROMWELL, CONCERNING THE SAFE CUSTODY OF KING CHARLES I.

1 page, folio. 27th November, 1648.

£21

The war between the Parliament and the Crown had dragged on for five years when Charles I arrived at Hampton Court, a hostage in the hands of Cromwell's troopers, but as King he determined to continue his negotiations with Cromwell and Ireton in the hope of reaching a settlement. The Parliamentary Army watched with growing impatience and suspicion Charles' intrigues during the discussions. With the prospect of a satisfactory reconciliation almost in sight, King Charles escaped from Hampton Court and fled.

Whether Charles was misled by his friends we do not know, but by some tragic error he rode from Hampton Court to Carisbrooke Castle in the Isle of Wight, possibly because he believed Colonel

Manchester (Edward Montagu, 2nd Earl of)—*continued.*

Hammond, the Governor, was well disposed towards him. Colonel Hammond was a staunch roundhead, and the King found himself again a prisoner. This was in the third week of November, 1647.

The anti-monarchy feeling in the army was now so deep that Cromwell knew the King's life was in danger. He wrote to Colonel Hammond ordering him to come to London and appointing Colonel Ewres in his place. His motive, we believe, in attempting to remove the conscientious Hammond was to give the King the opportunity of escaping overseas. It is well known that Cromwell did not desire Charles's death. Hammond would not accept the order and communicated the contents of Cromwell's letter to both Houses of Parliament. The result of the communication was this letter to the Lord General signed by the Earl of Manchester and William Lenthall, Speakers of the House of Peers and House of Commons respectively. The date of the letter is the 27th November, 1648, three days before the King was removed to Hurst Castle and two months before he was executed.

"The Howses being acquainted wth. a Letter from Collo^{ll}. Hamond dated the 26th of this present of yor. Excellencies desire that hee should speedily repayre unto you, have Commaunded us to lett you know, that they cannot possibly dispencc wth. his absence from his Charge in the Island in Regard of the Instruccions hee hath received from both Houses concerning the safetie of the King's Person, and the Securitie of that Place; And therefore they desire you not to Expect his suddaine repayre to you; nor to appoint Collo^{ll}. Ewres or any other to take Charge of the Island untill the pleasure of both Howses shall bee further signified unto you."

114 **MARIE LOUISE** (1791-1847). Empress of the French. Wife of Napoleon I.

GREAT SEAL OF THE FRENCH EMPIRE, ATTACHED TO A VELLUM DOCUMENT SIGNED BY MARIE LOUISE IN THE ABSENCE OF NAPOLEON.

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A very fine impression of the great seal of the French Empire, attached to a document, signed by Marie Louise for Napoleon, conferring the title of Baroness on the mother of Laurent François Marie de Marbeuf, in recognition of the services rendered to the state by her son.

115 **MARTINEAU** (HARRIET, 1802-1876). Famous Writer on Political Economy, etc.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "H. M."

4 pp., 12mo. Ambleside, 16th June, 1867. **£2 10s**

"... It is so odd to see, in the beautiful Oxford clerical handwriting assurances that I am coarse and masculine in face and manners 'as the writer has heard from my neighbours,'—that I am a 'discontented, disappointed, miserable woman,'—that it is well that I am dying—though hell awaits me—for that I 'have done mischief enough.' " Etc., etc.—Finishing with scraps of Greek beautifully written. Etc.

- 116 **MARY OF MODENA** (MARIE BEATRICE D'ESTE, 1658-1718). Queen of James II.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "MARY R." TO CARDINAL ALBANI.

1½ pp., 4to. Chaillot, 26th July, 1717. **£8 10s**

Thanking the Cardinal for the attention he had given to her son, the "Old Pretender," when in Rome.

(Trans.):—"I have received several letters from the King my son, in which he infinitely praises all your kindness and attentions, and the attachment shown by you towards himself and his interests during his stay in Rome." Etc., etc.

- 117 **MAURICE** (PRINCE). Son of the Elector Palatine Frederick V, and Elizabeth, daughter of James I.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO COLONEL SCUDAMORE, GOVERNOR OF HEREFORD.

1 page, folio. Worcester, 17th January, 1644. **£5 5s**

"I find by yours of the 26th present that Colonell Cunisbye's Regiment in contempt of your orders refuse to march.

"In case the officers and soldiers of that regiment shall persist in their refractory course, I think fitte that you call them to a Corte of Warr, and that you proceede against them according to Marshall law, save only the Colonell himselfe, with whom, if I found guilty I shall take a course." Etc.

- 118 **MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY** (FELIX, 1809-1847). The great composer.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO PROFESSOR MORITZ NAUMANN OF BONN UNIVERSITY.

3 pp., 4to. Leipzig, 19th September, 1839. **£12 10s**

Interesting letter confessing the writer's incapacity of being a good teacher.

(Trans.):—"Please accept many thanks for the great proof of confidence in my abilities which you showed in your letter.

"I can feel with you how important the development and the future of such a gifted and beloved child must be to you, and I should like to see all steps taken which are likely to bring about the fulfilment of his ambitions and the perfection of his talent. But I should not be deserving of your confidence if I would not tell you frankly of the various scruples which make me hesitate to accept it at once.

"First of all I have from repeated experiences gained the conviction that I absolutely lack the talent for a true teacher, i.e., for the giving of regular, progressive lessons. May be I do not like it sufficiently, may be I do not have enough patience, in short, I am unsuccessful. Now and again some young people have stayed with me, but if I have been of any use to them it was always by our playing together, by free personal intercourse, by occasional discussions and arguments or sometimes even by quarrelling; all of which is not really consistent with good teaching.

"I ask myself whether at such a tender age a systematic, uninterrupted and regular instruction is not better than anything else?

"Besides this the necessity of taking your son from home just at his age seems to me another point worthy of your serious consideration. I am speaking from personal experience; for I remember very well that when I was fifteen there was a question of my being sent to Paris to study under Cherubini, and I know how grateful I have been to my father ever since that he refrained from it and kept me near him. . ."

- 119 **MILDMAY** (SIR WALTER, 1520-1589). Chancellor of the Exchequer. Commissioner at the trial of Mary Queen of Scots.
LETTER SIGNED.
1 page, folio. Westminster, 15th April, 1559. **£4 4s**
Ordering ten pounds to be paid to John Hambie, and the same to William Hamerton.
"Forasmoche as John Hambie and William Hamerton have heretofore travailed in making twoe grete bookes in pchement indented conteigning such yerelie payments of pencons fees, annuyties and corrodies as the late Cardynall Pole and Clargie were bounde to exonerate and discharge the Quenes Matie." Etc.
- 120 **MONMOUTH** (JAMES SCOTT, DUKE OF, 1649-1685). Natural Son of Charles II by Lucy Walters. Claimed throne of England. Raised a rebellion against James II; defeated and executed.
DOCUMENT SIGNED TO SIR HENRY GOODRICHE.
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Ordering the dismissal "within the kingdome of Englande, the Towne of Berwick upon Tweed, and Isles of Jersey and Guernsey respectively, all and every such officers and soldiers as are Popish Recusants." Etc.
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AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO SIR JAMES WILLIAMS.
Dated from the Mount, Sheffield. 30th October, 1840.
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An extremely interesting letter deploring the price he has to pay for the notoriety which he has obtained, entailing correspondence with known and unknown persons who apply to him for counsel, patronage and help, pecuniary and literary.
The transcript of the hymns which Montgomery sends his friend contains, consecutively, four verses of eight lines each, and five verses of six lines each.
- 122 **MONTMORENCY** (ANNE, DUC DE, 1492-1567). Famous French Marshal.
LETTER SIGNED TO M. DE FOURQUEVAUX, AFTERWARDS AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN.
1 page, folio. Fontainebleau, 23rd August, 1556. **£3 10s**
(Trans.):—"We are generally advised of the intrigues and practices which Hieronymus de Corrége is staging daily with the King of England and his ministers, who often call him to secret council as is the common practice over there, and are aware of the trend of those intrigues." Etc.

- 123 **MONTMORENCY** (HENRI I, DUC DE, 1534-1614). Constable of France. Served in the wars of religion.

LETTER SIGNED TO M. DE FOURQUEVAUX, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN.

1 page, folio. Beaucaire, 9th June, 1573. **£10 10s**

Informing M. de Fourquevaux that the Duc d'Anjou (afterwards Henri III of France) had been elected King of Poland, and ordering processions, public rejoicings, bonfires, salutes, etc.

When only 18 years of age Catherine de Medicis gave her son Henri the command of the army destined to combat the Huguenots. The reputation which he acquired by his victories of Jarnac and Montcontour was great enough to establish the respect of the Polish people who elected him King in 1573.

(Trans.):—"The King has honoured me with a letter of the 30th of last month informing me that by the grace of God, his brother the Duke of Anjou, has been unanimously elected King by the people of the kingdom of Poland. The King has ordered me to make this known to all the provinces under my government so that they should give thanks to God for this event by general processions, public rejoicings, bonfires, firing salutes and ringing of church bells, and all that is customary on such an important occasion." Etc.

- 124 **MOORE** (SIR JOHN, 1761-1809). Famous General. Killed at Corunna.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO LT.-COL. (AFTERWARDS SIR HUDSON) LOWE.

6 pp., 4to. Messina, 21st August, 1807. **£3 10s**

Concerning military operations.

" . . . Nothing is yet known of the articles proposed for England. But we may look, every day, for a Frigate from thence, to let us know the determination, whether we accept of Russian Mediation, or continue the War single handed." Etc.

On Sir John Moore, the famous elegy was written:—

"Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note,
As his corpse to the rampants we hurried,
Not a soldier discharged a farewell shot
O'er the grave where our hero was buried." Etc.

- 125 **MORE** (HANNAH, 1745-1833). Dramatist and Religious Writer.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MRS. HORNE.

4 pp., 4to. Bath, 29th March. **£2 10s**

" . . . To *act* and to *do* is no less a part of religion than to *read* and to *pray*, tho no person will act rightly who does not pray fervently. Your daughters are indeed a very serious charge; it is difficult to advise you on that subject. I shall not enter into that part of your letter about your removing, because you tell me it is given up and that you are fixed at present at Mrs. Burton's. I am aware how little pleasing the infirmities of advanced age are to the young and volatile; some sacrifices it is their duty to make, but the smallest are now thought a great hardship by young people, because they are so early initiated into pleasure and diversions, thus early accustoming the young to gaiety has much weakened family affection; but you and I, my dear Madam, cannot mend the age and therefore make the best of things as we find them." Etc.

126 **MORE** (JOHN, d. 1592). The "Apostle of Norwich."

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MR. NATHANIEL BACON.

1 page, folio. 10th December, 1576.

£7 10s

An exceedingly rare autograph letter.

"The Lord God in mercye blesse you w^t his grace vnto the end Amen, good m^r Bacon I thank god for that good and godlie zeal w^{ch} the lord in mercye hath given you. . . . I am even now redye to leave my house to ryde into myne owne cuntrye, it wylbe I think this two monethes before I can return, but this I promise you before the lord that at after my returne you shalbe the fyrst by gods grace that I wyll vysyte." Etc., etc.

John More was scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, Minister of St. Andrew's, Norwich, till death; in 1576 he was suspended for opposing ceremonies.

127 **MORLAND** (GEORGE, 1763-1804). Famous Painter.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO JOHN GRAHAM.

1 page, 4to. N.D. Circa 1803.

£4 18s

"I was oblig'd to leave Harris and look out for another place which I will send you the moment I have got one. I shall be there early on Sunday, and wish much to see you. Don't take anything away."

NELSON SAILS IN SEARCH OF THE FRENCH FLEET.

128 **NELSON** (HORATIO, LORD, 1758-1805). The Famous Admiral.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "NELSON & BRONTE" AND WITH INITIALS "N. & B." TO SIR JOHN ACTON, MINISTER TO FERDINAND IV OF NAPLES.

3 pp., 4to. Victory off Cape St. Vincent, 9th May, 1805. £21

An important letter dealing with Nelson's intention of following the French Fleet to the West Indies, and concerning the miserable state of his health which makes him feel he will never return from thence. He returned to England, however, three months later, and lived to take part, in October, in his last and most brilliant engagement, resulting in the glorious victory at Trafalgar, where the combined French and Spanish fleets were completely annihilated, and Nelson mortally shot.

"I am going to the West Indies, where the Enemy have 24 Sail of the Line, my force is very inferior, I only take nine with me, and I only expect to be joined by six. I sent three sail of the Line to the Med^a. for however pressed I may be I will take every care of my good friends and Benefactors. . . . I am very very unwell and most probably shall never return from the West Indies. Not that I fear the climate but my own miserable state of health." Etc.

NELSON WAITS FOR NEWS OF THE FRENCH FLEET.

“ I SHALL DO MY BEST TO GET AT THEM.”

129 **NELSON** (HORATIO, LORD).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO THE SAME.

4 pp., 4to. Victory, 10th April, 1805.

£31 10s

Entirely concerning Nelson's lack of information regarding the movements of the French Fleet. He doubts that the enemy has sailed westward from the Mediterranean and considers he is not to blame for the course he has adopted in “ covering and protecting the Two Sicilies ” in preference to seeking the French Fleet without having any information as to its whereabouts.

In March, 1805, Napoleon determined to begin various strategic movements which were designed to bring Great Britain to her knees. He ordered, firstly, a great concentration of naval force in the West Indies or some other locality far away from France; secondly, the speedy return of the whole of that force to European waters; and, finally, the employment of that force to cover and protect the passage to England of the invasion flotilla. Obviously, Napoleon misunderstood the simplest elements of naval warfare. He was all for evasion; all for making his fleets vanish from the ken of the enemy, and then suddenly appear in the British Channel; all for not risking a ship. Had he realised he must first reduce the British Fleet to a condition of impotence, his plans might have ended differently.

As this letter shows Nelson grew feverishly impatient waiting for news of the French Fleet, but on the 16th April he was greatly cheered by obtaining news that the enemy had been seen on the 7th off Cape de Gata, and later, that they had gone to the West Indies. Nothing, however, came of this, and Nelson returned to England, only to receive intelligence on the 1st September that the combined French and Spanish Fleet had gone to Cadiz. He immediately resumed command and joined the Fleet on the 29th. His plan of battle resulted in the brilliant victory at Trafalgar, the annihilation of the enemy's fleet and his own death.

“ I am sorry to see our friend Hallowell coming towards me with the signal of *No Intelligence*. I shall therefore stand to the Northward and westward towards Monti Christi in which channel it is most probable we shall speak. Vessels from Marseilles and by that means gain some information. I can hardly think that they are bound to the westward to give up the Mediterranean nor can I suppose that any expedition from England is bound into the Mediterranean for I have not a syllable of information of such a thing happening and Ad^l. Louis only left England February 16th with Capⁿ. Durban. However I may be blamed for not going to the Westward; should that be the route of the French fleet I have the consolation of my own mind that I have done right in covering & protecting the Two Sicilies. . . . But I shall do my best to get at them. Nothing can be finer than the fleet I command.” Etc.

- 130 **NICHOLAS** (SIR EDWARD, 1593-1669). Secretary of State to Charles I and Charles II. Conducted the treaty of Uxbridge and surrender of Oxford.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO LORD RUTHERFORD, GOVERNOR OF DUNKIRK.

1 page, folio. Whitehall, 16th September, 1661. With seals.

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Expressing the King's pleasure at Rutherford's conduct at Dunkirk.

"I have herein sent yr Lopp his Maties lrs. concerning . . . yt contribucons to be paid according was agreed when Dunkerk was put into ye hands of the English by the French; yr Lpps prudent conduct in that his Maties service committed by yr owne gave the king very great satisfaction."

Dunkirk was taken by the Spaniards, Sept., 1652, and retaken from them by the English and French after Turenne's victory over them under Condé on 14th June, 1658, and put into the hands of the English 25th June following. It was sold by Charles II to Louis XIV for £500,000, 17th Oct., 1658, and restored 1662.

DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING AN AUDIENCE WITH NAPOLEON AT ST. HELENA.

- 131 **NICHOLLS** (CAPTAIN GEORGE, 1776-1857). Orderly Officer at Longwood.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MAJOR CORREQUER.

1½ pp., 4to. Longwood, 13th September, 1819.

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Written while Orderly Officer at Longwood, and mentioning his difficulty in getting an audience with Napoleon.

"Not having been able to obtain a sight of Genl. Bonaparte before 10 o'clock this morning, I requested the General's Chief Valet to inform him that I wished to be admitted to see him. Marchand said that it was impossible for him to carry such a message to Napoleon Bonaparte, & further added that the General was then in his bath, where it was probable he would remain 'til 1 or 2 o'clock. He also stated that Napoleon Bonaparte was unwell." Etc.

- 132 **NICHOLSON** (MARGARET, 1750-1828). Attempted to murder George III.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO ALEX. ADAIR.

1½ pp., 4to. Camlauchy, 19th June, 1790.

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Shelley wrote the "Posthumous Fragments of Margaret Nicholson."

- 133 **NIGHTINGALE** (FLORENCE, 1820-1910). Famous Nurse in the Crimean War.

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"No account of his effects can be given, and doubtless they were either destroyed, or not brought away at all from the Crimea with him, as happened to so many at that disastrous time." Etc.

- 134 **NIGHTINGALE** (FLORENCE).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO SIR RAYMOND WEST.

3 pp., 8vo. London, 22nd January, 1892.

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"May I venture to send you a copy of a letter of mine to the Poonah Sarvajanic Sabha? And may I still further venture to ask you to give me your invaluable support, if you agree in my suggestions on a subject to which you have given so much attention?"

"Before you receive this you will have had a letter of introduction presented to you by Mr. Frederick Verney, who is travelling with Prince Damrong of Siam. . . . He is particularly interested in the Bombay Village Sanitation Act, and such like things of which you are a master." Etc.

Although Florence Nightingale never went to India, the sanitary condition of the army and the people there became one of the chief interests of her later life. She made herself thoroughly familiar with every side of Indian social life, and constantly wrote on native education and village sanitation, and in 1890 contributed a paper on the subject to the congress at Buda-Pesth.

- 135 **NORTH** (ROGER, 2nd LORD, 1530-1600). Famous Diplomatist under Queen Elizabeth and Treasurer of her household. Entertained the Queen at Kirtling. Distinguished in the wars in Holland.

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"to deale with Mr. Chaunselor about these things which I purpose not to lose yf I may find either lawe or favor of both wh: I assuer myself at his hand I will reduce them to some certainte yf God geve me leve. . . . I meane to recover what I may wh his favor and to kepe the rest from being graunted."

He further asks for Bacon's support, and intimates that he had expected more help from him.

- 136 **NORTHUMBERLAND** (JOHN DUDLEY, DUKE OF, 1502-1553).
Famous Statesman.

LETTER SIGNED AS VISCOUNT LISLE TO SIR MICHAEL STANHOPE, GOVERNOR OF HULL.

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PEACE OF NIMEGUEN.

- 204 **TEMPLE** (SIR WILLIAM, 1628-1699). Statesman and Author. Ambassador at the Hague; brought about marriage between William of Orange and Mary.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO LORD HYDE (AFTERWARDS FIRST EARL OF ROCHESTER), BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT NIMEGUEN.

2 pp., 4to. Hague, 29th July, 1678. £1 10s

Discussing Dutch affairs, and the proposed peace with France. The "Peace of Nimeguen" was signed the following month.

- 205 **TENNYSON** (ALFRED, LORD, 1809-1892). Poet Laureate.

AUTOGRAPH SONNET TO MACREADY.

14 lines on 1 page, 8vo. 1851. £35

This Sonnet was written on the occasion of Macready leaving the stage in 1851, his final performance being as Macbeth.

"Farewell, Macready; since tonight we part,
Full handed thunders often have confest
Thy power, well-used to move the public breast.
We thank thee with one voice, & from one heart,
Farewell, Macready; since this night we part,
Go, take thine honours home; rank with the best,
Garrick, & statelier Kemble, & the rest
Who made a nation purer thro' their Art.
Thine is it, that our drama did not die,
Nor flicker down to brainless Pantomime,
And those gilt gauds men-children swarm to see,
Farewell, Macready; moral, grave, sublime,
Our Shakespeare's bland & universal eye
Dwells pleased, thro' twice a hundred years, on thee."

206 **TENNYSON** (ALFRED, LORD).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (INITIALS) TO JAMES KNOWLES.

1 page, 8vo. N.D.

ALSO ON REVERSE AN AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED OF LADY TENNYSON TO KNOWLES.

1 page, 8vo. Farringford, 22nd June, 1867. **£7 10s**

"Strahan is going to reply to the malignant & insidious passage in the Publisher's circular. 'We are not surprised' etc. as if my avarice were a well-known thing. I have told him to consult you before sending his answer. I myself am amazed that so respectable a publication should have ventured to print such an article." Etc.

207 **TENNYSON** (FREDERICK, 1807-1898). Poet. Brother of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, the Poet Laureate. Joint Authors of "Poems by Two Brothers."

THREE AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED TO REV. JOHN FRERE.

9½ pp., 4to. Somersby, 1831-1834. **£4 10s**

Informing Frere of the death of his father in March, 1831, and the possibility of the family remaining at the rectory at Somersby when the in-coming rector arrived; referring to his grandfather's wish that he should take orders; and mentioning his brother Alfred's indiffer-ent health and probability of his publishing again in the spring.

208 **THACKERAY** (WILLIAM MAKEPEACE, 1811-1863). Novelist.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "W. M. T." TO ALFRED RADCLIFFE.

1 page, 8vo. London, 7th November (1856). With Addressed Envelope containing Postscript inside. **£15 15s**

An interesting letter on his lectures "The Four Georges."

In October, 1855, Thackeray started for a second lecturing tour in the United States, the subject of this new series being "The Four Georges," and on his return to England in the following April these lectures were repeated at various places in England and Scotland.

209 **THACKERAY** (WILLIAM MAKEPEACE).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

1 page, 8vo. London, 12th November, 1847. **£7 10s**

Showing both styles of writing.

"Will you have the goodness to let me know what balance my grandmother the late Mrs. Butler has left in your hands. She has left me her sole executor, and it will be necessary that I sh^d. know the amount of her property before taking the necessary proceedings at Drs. Commons."

- 210 **THRALE** (MRS. H. L., afterwards MRS. PIOZZI, 1741-1821). Friend of Dr. Johnson.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO WILLIAM PARSONS, THE POET.

3 pp., 4to. Brussels, 5th February, 1787. **£3 3s**

Regarding her intention to return to England, mentioning some of the wonders she has seen during her travels, and expressing a hope that Parsons will not leave England again.

" . . . You will say we shall never cross the Water while Matters are made so pleasing to us on this Side (of) it, & that my love for my native Land resembles that of the Irishman for his Mistress when he cries out, *Oh my pretty Sheelah! was I once within 40 miles of thy Face, I would never desire to be nearer it as long as I live.* . . ." Etc.

CESSION OF FLORIDA TO SPAIN.

- 211 **THURLOW** (EDWARD, 1st LORD, 1731-1806). Lord Chancellor. Opposed Peace with the United States.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO "MY LORD" (THOMAS TOWNSHEND, 1st VISCOUNT SYDNEY).

3½ pp., 4to. 18th October, 1784. **£2 10s**

A most interesting political letter concerning the debate in Parliament on the preliminary articles of peace, relative to the cession of Florida to Spain, when the greater part of the English population left the province and went into the adjoining States.

- 212 **TILLOTSON** (JOHN, 1630-1694). Archbishop of Canterbury. Greatest Preacher of his day.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED WHEN DEAN OF CANTERBURY, TO "MY LORD."

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A letter of Irish historical importance concerning the proposed preferment of George Walker, the famous defender of Londonderry during its celebrated siege. The Bishop of Londonderry proposes to make an exchange to enable Mr. Walker to take his See.

- 213 **TOLLEMACHE** or **TALMASH** (THOMAS, 1651-1694). Lieutenant General. Commanded disastrous expedition against Brest, 1694.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED "TALMASH."

1 page, 4to. Plymouth, 11th June, 1694. **£5 5s**

An important letter, written the day before his death, reporting the failure of the attack on Brest, which he commanded.

"Our design upon Brest has miscarried, the enemy being too well prepared to receive us. On Thursday the 7th the fleet came into Camarett bay, the next day I debarkt ye land forces in order to land them, I found the enemy intrencht & had two batteries of cannon within one hundred paces where landed, the engagement was very hott for an hour, wee not being able to maintain that post, it was thought fitt to return to the ships." Etc.

- 214 **TOWNSHEND** (CHARLES, 2nd VISCOUNT, 1674-1738). Statesman.
Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.

DOCUMENT SIGNED (TWICE) BY KING GEORGE I, BEING THE ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO VISCOUNT TOWNSHEND ON BECOMING LORD-LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND.

Consisting of 15 pp., folio. St. James's Court, 2nd March, 17¹⁶/₁₇. With impressed seal. **£10 10s**

“ . . . Being informed that there have been frequent Duels and Quarrels between the Officers of Our Army there, we have thought fit, in order to prevent the same for the future, hereby to authorise and empower you, to cashier from time to time, all such officers, as shall send, receive or deliver any challenge or give any real affront, to any other, the same being made appear to you, And our Pleasure also is, that you declare to such Officer or Officers so offending that he or they shall never be employed in Our Service.

“ You shall with what speed conveniently you may, cause a Survey and account to be taken of the present state of our Castles, Forts and Places, of our Magazins, and also of the Military Stores and Trayn of Artillery; and you are to report to us what Fortifications are fit to be kept up and which dismantled. And for the better supplying of our Stores from henceforth with powder, you shall endeavour to erect and set up the Art of making Salt petre within that our Kingdom.” Etc.

- 215 **TRELAWNY** (SIR JONATHAN, 1650-1721). The famous Cornish Bishop who was, with the other Bishops, imprisoned by James II in the Tower of London, tried for seditious libel and acquitted.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED AS BISHOP OF BRISTOL, TO SIR WM. GODOLPHIN.

3 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp., folio. Trelawne, 12th October, 1686. **£10 10s**

A long letter of the greatest interest and importance entirely dealing with Bishop Trelawny's struggle against James II's determination to secure members of parliament who were favourable to his religious policy.

Trelawny refers to the attempts made to prevent him from being a convocator at the forthcoming election, and the frightening of his adherents. He mentions the Earl of Bath who did his utmost to secure members of parliament to the king's mind in Cornwall.

- 216 **TRUMBULL** (JONATHAN, 1710-1785). American Statesman.

DOCUMENT SIGNED, BEING A SHERIFF'S WRIT, IN AN ACTION BETWEEN EDW. HUTCHISON OF BOSTON AND MARY WOLCOTT, CONCERNING CERTAIN LANDS.

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Signed Jonth Trumble, his style before the Revolution.

- 217 **TURNER** (J. M. W., 1775-1851). Famous Painter.

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2 pp., 4to. 30th October, 1827.

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A very fine specimen of a rare holograph letter, signed in full.

" . . . Mr. Mitchell's Brother is to be guarantee for the Rent, this I forgot in my last . . . in regard to the sum to be laid out I mean to be guided by the Architect who looked over the houses." Etc.

- 218 **TYRCONNEL** (RICHARD TALBOT, DUKE OF, 1630-1691). James II's Vice-Roy and Commander in Chief in Ireland. Instigator of the King's violent proceedings. Commanded at the Battle of the Boyne.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED WHEN VICEROY, TO SIR RICHARD BULSTRODE, THE KING'S AMBASSADOR AT BRUSSELS.

1 page, 4to. Dublin Castle, 28th May, 1687.

£3 10s

Asking for news of what was happening in the Low Countries.

" . . . this country does not afford matter to make a return of the like nature, which makes it so much greater kindness in you, to lett us know here, what is doing in those parts where there is more of action."

- 219 **UNDERDOWN** (CAPTAIN JOHN). Commodore of the Newfoundland Convoy. Destroyed the French Northern Fishery in 1707.

LETTER SIGNED TO THE EARL OF SUNDERLAND, SECRETARY OF STATE, REPORTING HIS DESTRUCTION OF THE FRENCH NORTHERN FISHERY.

3 pp., folio. St. John's Harbour, 22nd Sept., 1707.

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Giving a long and most graphic description of his successful attack on the French Northern Fishery, when he captured, destroyed and dispersed 13 French men-of-war, also burnt some 228 fishing boats, and did other damage to the French including the destruction of a vast quantity of fish caught by the enemy.

- 220 **USSHER** (JAMES, 1581-1656). Famous Archbishop of Armagh. Theologian and Author. Royalist, but treated with favour by Cromwell. Buried in Westminster Abbey.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (IN LATIN) TO SIR SIMONDE D'EWES, ANTIQUARIAN WRITER.

½-page, small folio. 1st February, 1639. With wax seal. £2 10s

Concerning his " Britannicarum Ellesiarum Antiquitatum Collectanea " and offering to insert any corrections, emendations, or additions which D'Ewes might suggest, in the second edition of the work.

ON THE STATE OF THE DRAMA.

- 221 **VANBRUGH** (SIR JOHN, 1664-1726). Dramatist, Architect and Herald.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO JACOB TONSON.

3 pp., 4to. London, 18th June, 1722.

£25

A very fine and interesting letter written to Jacob Tonson, the chief publisher of the day, who issued Pope's edition of Shakespeare in 1725.

In 1705 Vanbrugh was appointed by the Duke of Marlborough as architect of the palace to be erected at Woodstock in commemoration of Blenheim, and referring to this in this letter, written two days after Marlborough's death, he comments bitterly on his immense fortune and "yet this man wou'd neither pay his workmen their bills nor his architect his salary."

He then goes on to speak of the stage and the operas and plays produced.

" . . . The grand settlement (which 'twas suspected her Grace had broker to pieces) stands good. And hands an immense wealth to my Lady Godolphin, and her successors. How much, I cannot yet say; but a round million has been moving about in loan, as land tax. &c. This the Treasury knew, before he dyd; and this was exclusive of his land, his £5,000 a year upon the Post Office, his mortgages upon many a distrest estate, his Southsea Stock, his annuitys, which were not subscribed in, and besides what God Almighty knows of him in foreign Banks. And yet this man wou'd neither pay his workmen their bills, nor his architect his salary.

" But he gives his widdow (may a Scotch ensign get her) £10,000 a year to spoil Blenheim her own way. . . .

" I'll tell you at the same time that in spite of all the misfortunes and losses, that have occasion'd more crying and wailing, than I believe was ever known before; the opera has been supported at half a guinea, Pit and Boxes, and perform'd 62 times this last season, and withall this, the fine gentlemen of the Buskin in Drury Lane, ride about in their coaches. The remnants of rich have play'd something and somehow, six times a week. And Aron Hill has set up a new Playhouse, to come in for a snack with them in the Haymarket where the french acted!

" But with all this encouragement from the Towne, not a fresh Poet appears; they are forc'd to act round and round upon the old stock tho' Cibber tells me. 'tis not to be conceiv'd, how many and how bad plays are brought to them. Steel however has one to come on at Winter; a comedy; which they much commend." Etc.

- 222 **VANE** (SIR HENRY, 1589-1655). Secretary of State. Dismissed from office for taking active part against Stafford. Joined Parliamentary leaders.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO FRÉDÉRIC-MAURICE DUKE OF BOUILLON.

1 page, folio. Whitehall, 7th December, 1628. With seal. £5 5s

Discussing the advisability of entering into peace negotiations with France as soon as possible.

- 223 **VERE** (SIR HORACE, BARON VERE OF TILBURY, 1565-1635). Famous soldier in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and James I. Commanded the English in Holland. Governor of Brill, afterwards of Utrecht.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO MR. NEWTON, GENTLEMAN OF THE BEDCHAMBER.

2 pp., folio. The Hague, 26th September, 1610. £5 5s

A very fine historical letter giving details of the Campaign in the Low Countries.

"You have had alredie the successe of our proceedinges at Gulyke, now that weh is inquired after is what the Imbassydours doe att Cullen. I doe not heere of anie thinge that they have don, or of anie lyklihood that the busyness betweene the princes and the Emperor will cum to an ende to be wished for. I heere the Emperor makes these demandes following that Gulyke should be deliver'd into the handes of sum thyrd person sutch as him self shoold name, that armes shoold be genirallie layd down through out the whole Cuntrie of the princes, that they shoold be sequestered from medlinge untill sutch tyme yt were determined to whom yt doth belonge, and lastlie that they shoold be contended to submitt themselves to his arbytriment as a thinge proper to his Emperiell Matie." Etc.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

- 224 **VICTORIA** (1819-1901). Queen of Great Britain.

LETTER SUBSCRIBED AND SIGNED TO "MY GOOD BROTHER AND COUSIN, THE KING OF WURTEMBERG."

2 pp., 4to. Buckingham Palace, 9th July, 1840. £5 5s

Interesting letter, referring to Oxford's assault on the Queen, thanking the King of Wurtemberg for his congratulation on her escape.

"I most heartily thank Your Majesty in my own behalf, and in that of the Prince, my Consort, for your friendly congratulations upon my escape from the danger to which I was exposed." Etc.

- 225 **VOSSIUS** (ISAAC, 1618-1689). Dutch Philologist. Invited to England by Dr. Pearson and became Canon of Windsor. His correspondence is largely in the Bodleian Library.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

1 page, folio. Zouldley, 15th May, 1674. £5 5s

Concerning his duties as trustee of an estate.

(Trans.):—"The day before yesterday your people told me your order to remove from Zoudley a chest of fine linen with the other furniture in the house. I replied that, for the first, I shall always be ready to obey your orders, knowing very well that by the last wish of our mutual friend D. Braun, the fine linen belongs to you. But with regard to the rest of the furniture, I am resolved to keep them & not to allow them to go out of the house without express orders from the law. Being assured that D. Braun left me the house with all that it contained to preserve it for Mademoiselle your daughter in the same state as I received it, it would be impossible for me to agree to an order so contrary to the wishes of D. Braun, without doing wrong to Mademoiselle your daughter, whose interests are as dear & dearer to me than my own." Etc.

- 226 **WAAD** (SIR WILLIAM, 1546-1623). Diplomatist. Member of the Virginia Company, 1609.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO VINCENT SKINNER AND WILLIAM MEREDITH.

1 page, folio. 20th July, 1600. £2 10s

Referring to payments due to Captain Dutton for clothing his soldiers.

- 227 **WAGNER** (RICHARD, 1813-1883). The famous Composer.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED.

1 page, 4to. (Paris), 15th January, 1840. £21

A very fine letter of the time of Wagner's early struggles in Paris where he tried in vain to have his work performed. It is probably addressed to Meyerbeer who gave him introductions to the directors of the leading theatres.

(Trans.):—"As I have not much to tell you I will only write this: I was received by Antenor's brother, Constantin *Joly*; he was very polite and asked me to come back after to-morrow. As his brother could not concern himself with such particulars he promised me to speak to the stage manager of the Opera on the audition which was considered as something settled and indisputable in the course of our short conversation.

"I also was at Habeneck's; he told me immediately that my Overture would be tried Friday week at 9 o'clock. He looked through the score to see whether it was quite complete and found that one cello and one bass voice have still to be written; he spoke of several rehearsals of the Overture as 'premier audition etc.' which ought to take place. I gathered from this that he considers the Overture will be proposed for performance.

"Under the pretext of wishing to make a small alteration I have however taken the score with me and am sending it to you herewith; but I should like you to remember that a performance at the Conservatoire may be possible and that you must therefore ask a very quick and prompt decision from your Anonymous friend whether he will take the Overture, so that I need not in any way compromise myself towards Habeneck."

M. Joly was the Director of the Théâtre de la Renaissance, and had accepted to perform Wagner's "Liebesverbot," but he failed, and his theatre had to close down before the performance took place. Habeneck was Conductor at the Opera and the Conservatoire, and the Overture mentioned is no doubt the famous Faust Overture, the score of which Wagner had just finished at the time this letter was written.

- 228 **WAGNER** (RICHARD).

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (INITIALS) IN FRENCH.

1 page, 12mo. N.D. £7 10s

Offering his correspondent a box for "Faust."

"J'ai une loge à 4 places pour Faust à demain (Mardi) J'en puis vous offrir pour 2 persons et je pense que vous faites accompagner par mon ennemi Leroy. N'est ce pas?" Etc.

ON SOCIALISM.

- 229 **WALLACE** (ALFRED RUSSEL, born 1823). Naturalist and Author. President of the Land Nationalisation Society, and anti-Vaccinationist.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO REV. CHARLES GIRDLESTONE, BIBLICAL COMMENTATOR.

4 pp., 8vo. Godalming, 22nd January, 1888. £1 10s

"I never imagined that you wanted to *force* on Socialism *against the will of the majority*—but (as you see afterwards) I object quite as much to its being forced on a minority. This you don't understand, but to me, to prevent me from working for myself and exchange the produce of my work, & *force* me to *work* for the community is a gross interference with my personal liberty equivalent to *slavery*, & as much beyond the proper sphere of government as is the compelling people to have their *children vaccinated*, to go to Church on Sunday, etc., etc." Etc.

OF DUTCH INTEREST.

- 230 **WALPOLE** (HORATIO, 1st LORD, 1678-1757). Diplomatist.

A LENGTHY LETTER SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED (IN FRENCH) TO MONSIEUR HOP.

3 pp., 4to. Fontainebleu, 12th September, 1726. £1 10s

Written whilst British Ambassador to France, concerning differences between Holland and the French Company of the Indies touching the Fort of Arguin and the commerce of Porto d'Arco.

- 231 **WARBURTON** (WILLIAM, 1698-1779). Bishop of Gloucester. Friend and Literary Executor of Alexander Pope. Published an Edition of Shakespeare.

A VERY LENGTHY LETTER SIGNED, AND SUBSCRIBED, ADDRESSED IN HIS AUTOGRAPH "TO MR. WHITFIELD."

30 pp., 4to. 6th December, 1737. £2 2s

This voluminous letter is really a clever discourse on the doctrine of Regeneration and New Birth, the writer dissenting in his views from Whitfield.

- 232 **WARD** (SETH, 1617-1689). Bishop of Salisbury, also an Astronomer and Mathematician. President of Trinity College, Oxford. Severe against Dissenters. Chancellor of the Garter.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO THOMAS, VISCOUNT OSBORNE, LORD HIGH TREASURER.

1 full page, folio. 9th July, 1673. £2 10s

Written as Chancellor of the Garter; congratulating Viscount Osborne.

New York July 29th 1789

Dear Sir

Since my arrival in this City I have had the pleasure to receive a letter from you; but, you will do me the justice to believe, that my numerous avocations & increasing duties have been such as to form some apology for want of punctuality in my private Correspondencies. —

The immediate object of this letter is to introduce to your acquaintance & civilities M^{rs} Montgomery, a lady of a very respectable family in this Country & the widow of a very distinguished officer, who sacrificed his life in support of the liberties of America. — But I may be allowed to say, if M^{rs} Montgomery was not a descendent of the ancient and opulent family of the Livingstons, who have always been the strenuous advocates of freedom; or the relict of the intelligent & brave General Montgomerie, whose name will be immortal: yet her personal merits would
entitle

GEORGE WASHINGTON.
Autograph Letter Signed.
(Facsimile shows first page).
See Item No. 234.

- 233 **WARNER** (JOHN, 1628-1692). Jesuit. Confessor to James II.
 AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO PERE DE LA CHAISE,
 CONFESSOR TO LOUIS XIV.

1½ pp., small 8vo (1679). With his seal as Rector of Liège.

£3 15s

Recommending Father John Keynes whom the Duke of York is sending to Paris on business connected with the Roman Catholicism of England.

(Trans.):—"Yesterday I received a letter from Brussels with news that the Duke of York is sending Father Keynes to Paris on his service. I have no doubt that in the first place he will address himself to your Reverence and that all his business will pass through your hands. I recommend him to you very particularly as a person of as great a merit as we have in the province and also because he will only act for the good of the Religion. He has stayed at the college in Brussels in secular habit; and he is going to Paris in the same at the request of H.R.H. I do not know if the superiors will think good for him to continue at Paris in that dress. I recommend it very humbly to your Reverence. The Rules are opposed to it, I admit, but there is a spirit, as opposed to the letter, which sometimes interprets laws in circumstances which they cannot provide for. The Father Superior will judge whether it is so in this case. I think his stay at Paris will be very short."

James II, when Duke of York, made himself unpopular after the discovery of the correspondence with Père de la Chaise, and at Charles II's request withdrew himself to the Hague.

Father John Keynes (James's messenger) established the Jesuit College at Savoy Hospital in 1687 after James became King.

INTRODUCING THE WIDOW OF GENERAL RICHARD MONTGOMERY

"WHO SACRIFICED HIS LIFE IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBERTIES OF AMERICA" AND
 "WHOSE NAME WILL BE IMMORTAL."

- 234 **WASHINGTON** (GEORGE, 1732-1799). First President of the United States.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO SIR EDWARD NEWENHAM,
 THE IRISH POLITICIAN.

2 pp., 4to. New York, 29th July, 1789.

(SEE ILLUSTRATION, OPPOSITE).

£75

An important letter of very great interest written by Washington only three months after he became President of the United States.

He introduces to Sir Edward Newenham Mrs. Montgomery, the widow of Richard Montgomery who so greatly distinguished himself in the War for Independence. Washington speaks of Montgomery as sacrificing his life "in support of the liberties of America" and "whose name will be immortal." The President concludes with a reference to the expectation of prosperity under the new general government.

Although born in Dublin and a soldier in the English army until 1772, Montgomery was made, at the commencement of the War for

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Washington (George)—*continued.*

Independence three years later, a brigadier-general in the American army, and, consoling himself with the reflection that he would be helping an oppressed people, he accepted the appointment and took up arms against England. As a result of Major General Schuyler's illness, Montgomery became commander of the expedition against Montreal. He captured forts Chambly and St. Johns and proceeding into Canada captured Montreal. In December he joined the forces under Benedict Arnold at Point aux Trembles and the combined forces then laid siege to Quebec. An assault was ordered and made on December 31st, and Montgomery was shot and killed.

" . . . The immediate object of this letter is to introduce to your acquaintance & civilities Mrs. Montgomery, a lady of a very respectable family in this country & the widow of a very distinguished officer, who sacrificed his life in support of the liberties of America. But I may be allowed to say, if Mrs. Montgomery was not a descendent of the antient and opulent family of the Livingston's, who have always been the strenuous advocates of freedom; or the relict of the intelligent and brave General Montgomerie whose name will be immortal; yet her personal merits would entitle her to every attention & respect which are usually shewn to strangers of distinction in the hospitable Kingdom of Ireland.

" I have only leizure to add that the prospect of the prosperity of this country, under the influence of the new General Government, continues to excite the most pleasing sensations in every patriotic breast."

CONQUEST OF BENGAL.

- 235 **WATSON** (COLONEL HENRY, 1737-1786). Engineer. Translated Euler on shipbuilding.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED (INITIALS), BEING THE DRAFT OF HIS LETTER TO SIR EYRE COOTE.

16 pp., folio. Fort William, 27th March, 1780. **£1 5s**

A lengthy letter addressed to General Sir Eyre Coote, chiefly on political and military matters.

- 236 **WATT** (JAMES, 1736-1819). Engineer. Perfected the steam engine.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO SIR JOSEPH BANKS.

2 pp., 4to. Heathfield, Birmingham, 21st February, 1814.

£10 10s

An exceedingly interesting letter stating that he is correcting Robinson's account of the steam engine in the Encyclopedia Britannica, and enquiring if Fitzgerald was the first to apply the crank to convert the reciprocating motion of the steam engine into a rotary motion.

" Being employed in correcting my friend Dr. Robinson's account of the steam engine in the Encyclopedia Britannica, I find mention of an invention of Mr. Keane Fitzgerald's for making ventilators by means of a steam engine. . . . All this is new to me, I find, indeed that in Philos. Trans^{ns}. Vol. 50 part 2nd an invention of Mr. Fitzgerald's for working ventilators by a steam engine, but instead of the crank being employed to work the machinery the latter is employed to turn the former (the crank) which moves or works the ventilators." Etc.

- 237 **WEBB** (MARY, died 1927). Authoress.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO STANLEY SNAITH.

4 pp., 4to. Hampstead, 4th April (1923). With addressed envelope. **£6 6s**

A long and interesting letter mentioning one of her poems and her appreciation of W. H. Davis and Walter de la Mare, and that de la Mare had advised her to send "Green Rain" to the Spectator. She also speaks of her literary work and ambitions.

THE CAMPAIGN OF 1813 AND MENTIONING NAPOLEON.

- 238 **WELLINGTON** (ARTHUR WELLESLEY, 1st DUKE OF, 1769-1852).
Field Marshal.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED TO SIR CHARLES STUART.

2½ pp., 4to. Lesaia, 15th August, 1813. **£31 10s**

Of very great interest this letter refers to the important events which took place during the campaign of 1813 which led to the termination of the French occupation of Spain.

Wellington speaks of the Battle of Vitoria where he gained a decisive victory over Marshal Jourdan on the 21st June. When Napoleon received tidings of this disaster he sent Soult to Spain as commander-in-chief, and in this letter Wellington considers he is too strong for Soult and mentions his intention of taking the offensive as soon as he can take St. Sebastian or Pamplona.

Wellington prevented Soult from relieving St. Sebastian and Pamplona by nine days fighting, known as the battles of the Pyrenees. He eventually stormed St. Sebastian on 31st August, but with grievous sacrifice of life. Pamplona did not capitulate until 31st October.

" . . . I think I am too strong for Soult on the defensive and I shall probably take the offensive as soon as I can take St. Sebastian or Pamplona & can hear of the Northern Powers deciding upon their line one way or another.

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