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There are no records of payments from Longman's to Opie (d.1853) after 1838.

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This information is taken from Jan Fergus and Janice Farrar Thaddeus, ‘Women, Publishers and Money, 1790-1820’ in *Studies in Eighteenth Century Culture* (East Lansing, Mich.: Colleagues Press, 1987, no.17), p.205. Other titles by Opie such as *Simple Tales* (1806), *New Tales* (1818), *Tales of the Heart* (1820), and *Tales of the Pemberton Family* (1825) are not dealt with in their analysis.
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Annotated Register of the Letters of Amelia Opie

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A Note on Dating
During her younger years, Opie’s letters were often incompletely dated, sometimes showing only the day of the week. The exact date can sometimes be established by careful reading, but where this is not the case, the dating has been narrowed down as far as possible. Letters which are impossible to date accurately will be found in a separate list after the main one.

After 1825, Amelia Opie used the Quaker system of dating, written, e.g., as “1st Mo., 3rd, 1827”, which corresponds to 3 January 1827. All dates have been normalized in the following list to a numerical day/month/year format.
A. Index of locations of archives

These abbreviations follow those in the English Short Title Catalogue where possible.

\[B\] = Bodleian Library, Deps. and MsEng Let

\[BMp\] = Birmingham Public Library

\[Bmu\] = Birmingham University Library, Corbett Collection

\[C\] = Cambridge University Library, Add. MSS

\[Cf\] = Fitzwilliam Museum Archives, Ashcombe Collection

\[Cg\] = Girton College, Cambridge, Bodichon Collection

\[CSmH\] = Huntington Institute Library, San Marino, CA

\[Ct\] = Trinity College Library, Cambridge

\[DsF\] = Society of Friends in Ireland, Dublin

\[DUr\] = Durham Record Office, Hodgkinson Papers

\[E\] = National Library of Scotland

\[EXr\] = Devon Record Office

\[GRMw\] = Wordsworth Trust Collection, Grasmere

\[Harro.\] = Harrowby MSS, Sandon, Staffs.

\[Kew\] = Library & Archives, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey

\[Knox\] = Knox College Archives, Galesburg, Ill. USA

\[L\] = British Library, Add. MSS

\[Ldw\] = Dr Williams's Library, Crabb Robinson Collection

\[LEe\] = Brotherton Library, Egerton-Leigh Archives, Leeds University

\[Ler\] = Ingilby Records, Leeds District Archives

\[Lg\] = Fawcett Library, London Guildhall University

\[Llp.\] = Lambeth Palace Library, London

\[Lpro\] = Greater London Record Office

\[Lra\] = Royal Academy of Arts Library, Lawrence Letters
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### B. Main list of letters in chronological order

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<td>‘Saturday’ in Oct. 1794</td>
<td>Susannah Taylor</td>
<td>CSmH OP52</td>
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<td>St Georges, Norwich</td>
<td>Treason Trials, possible emigration, unfit jury, mentions Boddington, Plumptre sisters, <em>The Cabinet</em>.</td>
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<td>28/10/1794</td>
<td>Elizabeth Inchbald</td>
<td>CSmH HM39277</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Southgate</td>
<td>Formal third person, Dr Geddes ‘the liberal minded man’ of conversation.</td>
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<td>17/3/1795</td>
<td>George Dyer</td>
<td>NNAO2</td>
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<td>Wish to meet Mr. Frend, incl. engraving of herself.</td>
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<td>28/8/1795</td>
<td>W Godwin</td>
<td>B Dep. 6, 210/6</td>
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<td>On recovered health of Mrs Southernes, WG’s relative. Mentions Annabelle Plumptre. On opportunity afforded by visit to Norwich for reflection on the ‘new ideas’ she has gained.</td>
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<td>1/10/1795</td>
<td>Anna Fletcher</td>
<td>NN Autographs, v.2</td>
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<td>Verse congratulating her on marriage to Enfield.</td>
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<td>William Godwin</td>
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<td>Mentions Thos Hardy. Her admiration of WG’s ‘Considerations’ has alienated her from ‘certain political lectures’ in Norwich. Mentions Corresponding Soc. <em>Caleb Williams</em>. Gossip that Holcroft has turned out his eldest dr., WG being the reason.</td>
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<td>12/2/1796</td>
<td>Mr. Godwin</td>
<td>B Dep. 6 210/6</td>
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<td>Norwich She has dramatised his work ‘The Sorcerer’. Mentions Thelwall, Horne Tooke, Holcroft.</td>
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<td>1/4/96</td>
<td>To W Godwin</td>
<td>B, Dep. 6, 219/6</td>
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<td>Delighted by WG’s positive response to play. Wishes for seclusion of her own study at N. to begin another play. Mentions Merry and Brain.</td>
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<td>No date -</td>
<td>Mr. Godwin</td>
<td>B Dep. 6, 210/6</td>
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<td>Postmark 17/8/96</td>
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<td>Norwich Disappointment at not meeting at Mrs Twiss’s. Mrs. Imlay a more rigid critic than WG. ‘I have said enough to convince you that I admire your talent and love your character’.</td>
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<td>28/8/1796</td>
<td>Mrs. Imlay</td>
<td>B Dep 6, 210/6</td>
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|              |                     | Norwich ‘I derive so much pleasure from thinking of you…. Will you help me account for the strong desire I always feel when with you to say affectionate
things to you?' Mentions reading *Letters from Norway*, wishes greater acquaintance. Conversely, finds WG not 'a man after his own heart' but 'a man after the present state of things'. Mentions Mary Hays.

"Thursday’ Mr Godwin B Dep. 6, 210/6 (before 1/11/1796) Norwich Enquires after Merry, gone abroad to escape creditors. Mentions her father's concern for M. Asks G to look at her new play. Asks after 'Miss Hayes' (sic.) Mentions Rigby, Thelwall.

1/11/1796 Mr Godwin B Dep. 6, 210/6 Norwich No seal, no address. Headed 'So much for the mole-hills, now for the mountains.' Her play accepted by WG for reading. Extended metaphor of motherhood. Remonstrates with G for calling her 'Coquette' and 'bitch'. Mentions Merry's inappropriate marriage, Miss Hayes (sic.), and Mrs. Imlay's new son (?), but has heard nothing from her.

13/11/1796 Mr Godwin B Dep. 6, 210/6 Norwich She thanks him for parcel: 'Your opinion of the play gave me much heartfelt pleasure'. Discusses alterations. Admires Miss Burney's skill with aphorism. Mentions J Taylor.

18/11/1796 Mr Godwin B Dep. 6 210/6 Norwich Letter sent with basket of beefins (dried apples, local speciality). Discusses further changes in play. Informs WG that potential benefactor wishes to assist Mrs Imlay. Asks him to ascertain whether financial assistance would be accepted.

18/12/1796 Mrs Imlay B Dep. 6, 210/6 Norwich Has to explain away benefactor's motive - Imlay indignant. Play is with Richardson. Delighted w. Hays's novel. Gossip that MI is to wed John Opie. Wishes for 'little Fanny's' health.

22/12/1796 Mr Godwin B Dep. 6, 210/6 Norwich Thanks him for play critique. Reproves WG & MI for scoffing at offer of assistance and WG's churlish acceptance of gift of beefins: 'My gift was meant in simple courtesy, as a mark of attention merely.' Praises MH's *Emma Courtney*.

After March Mrs. Godwin B Dep. C, 507/15 1797 'My dear Madam' - requesting another seat in her theatre box. Explains that she would have called, but too pressed.

6/12/?? Prince Hoare Knox (no year) Asks him to read her comedy and to sit for John Opie.

8/8/1798 Mrs. Inchbald NNAO15
Norwich 27 Leicester Sq.
Canvassing support for cousin J T Woodhouse for Caius Coll.
Mentions time in Nch. w. J.O.

12/12/1800 Mrs Taylor CSmH OP60
Chatty letter, mentions Eliza Fenwick, Betsy Fry, Plumptre sisters, Mrs Siddons, d. of Miss Martineau.

'Sunday evening' 1801
Mentions her juvenilia, Catherine Clarkson, Garnham, Dyer, Richard Taylor's scarletina. Of Mrs Wilkes unpacking her china with cuffs rolled back (RT's partners' wife).

1801 Robert Garnham Ldw
Bury St Edmunds
In 'times as gloomy as the present, where should we turn from the approaching storm but to those hearts which beat in unison with our own.' Hopes he will come to London soon. Of politics: Pitt; the 'Royal Bigot'; Addington; Horne Tooke 'in the House at last!' Intends visiting RG when next in Norwich. 'We returned from Norwich in November and a most quiet domestic happylife we have lived ever since.' Enjoys opera, taking singing lessons, modelling for husband. Re Father & Daughter and her anxiety for its reception. Not seen RG for four years.

22/3/1801 Mrs Taylor CSmH OP61
Of 'a rot amongst royalty', John Opie's pics. at 'the Exhibition'(RA?), Dangers of Coquetry. Northcote. Inchbald to see AO's Poems: 'Poetry is to her an undiscovered country.' Father & Daughter. Richard T's recovery. Annabelle Plumptre's gossip re Anne P's 'entanglement' with Barthelemi, a literary gent. 'about 36, very clever'. AP's previous connection with Merry. Her virginity, or not.

22/8(?)/1801 Mrs Taylor CSmH OP62
Heavily scored-out in part. Of printing of F&D, of remarrying for widows - the house is so empty with JO in Chatham. Also of Mrs Merrick's widowhood. Of Richard T and Longman's.

1802 Mrs. Taylor CSmH OP64
Dubious honesty of Anne the maid. Kemble arrested for debt. Sheridan's intervention to postpone arrest until play was over.

14/6/1802 Robert Garnham Ldw
Regrets that he cannot travel; hopes to visit; regrets she cannot do so without husband, or 'we should be devoured at all the teatables in Bury!' Re elections: Smith (for Norwich) visited her w. 'Citizen Stanhope'. Of France as failed Utopia which yet retains abolition of hereditary peerages. Her authorship. Customary idleness and 'gadding' March to June. Her parties: the variety of glitterati that attend. Late nights, late breakfasts. Solicits a commission for JO.

12/3?? Davies Giddy, MP NN, AO5
(paper water- marked 1801) Gower St.
Asking him to listen to Mr Craig's lecture.
20/11/1803  George Thomson  
Lyrics for songs (‘Welsh Airs’) sent via Henry Southey.

7/12/1803  George Thomson  
Thanks for favourable opinion of songs. Mr Biggs ‘now prosecuting someone’ re lyrics.

4/2/1804  George Thomson  
Encl. Two Welsh Airs.

6/12/1804  S Pratt Esq  
Tottenham Court
Formal, third person. Re request for contribution of poem. Encl. engraving.

Undated  Mrs Flaxman  
Requesting loan of book to research for poem on Mary Q of Scots.

4/2/1806  Mr. W. St. John(?)  
Congratulating him on his peerage, commenting on death of a statesman (D. of Bedford?).

31/3/1806  Dr Giddy  
Arranging sitting for JO.

June 1806  Mr Savage  
Tickets required for viewing.

Undated  Mr Savage  
Re tickets.

Undated  Henry Barry  
Putting off appt. because of review of 20,000 men in Hyde Park.

1806  James Alderson  
Thanks for parcel & Mr Taylor’s letter. Re visit to Whitbreads at Southill. Journey through flat countryside, the house and grounds. Lady Roslyn and her children, Janet Sinclair & Ld Loughborough (age 4). Excellent dinner ‘French enough to delight me’. Of visit to ‘Woobum’ Abbey in good weather.

22/1/1807  James Mackintosh  
Bombay
Re missing Miss Stewart, Smith MP, Rev. Sydney, Campbell poet, news, gossip. JO painting Dr Parr.

27/1/1807  Lady Mackintosh  
Bombay
The missing Miss Stewart, AO’s passion for the ‘divine Sydney’. Passes on warm regards from Mrs Scarlett. A misunderstanding between AO’s cousin and ‘Mr. J.’. AO assumes society in Bombay to be less than Ly M needs or deserves. Of Mrs Harry Martin’s soiree: Ly Romilly, S. Smith, Boddington. d. of the Sutton Sharpes: her childbirth, his suicide by drowning in vat of his own spirits. London rejoices at imminent
defeat of Fr. by Russians. Mrs Woodhouse's gallstones. JO made Prof. of Painting at RA, has to lecture. Coleridge to lecture at Inst., to challenge Reynolds’ principles of art. AO hopes to learn ‘modesty and distrust of my own powers’ from him. Sheridan’s bonmots re Kelly and Ld Lauderdale.

5/6/1807 James Northcote CSmH HM1840
Wishes to see him at ‘this most trying moment of my life’ JO regarded JN as his sincere friend. On her sense of loss. Hopes to see JN in spring, and that he will call on Sunday before 12.

4/9/1807 George Thomson L, Add Mss. 39781
JO’s d. and her sense of loss. Idea of printing JO’s lectures by subs.

Undated ‘Dear Sir’ NN AO4
(W.Chisholme, lawyer)
Following d. of John Opie, re disposal of house and unfinished pictures.

19/3/1809 Thomas Phillips PHC
Acks. his thanks for gift; requests he obtain two tributes to Dr Calcott for her. Of going to dances.

28/11/1809 W. Chisholme NN AO10
47 Lincoln’s Inn
Shock on hearing how little she is worth.

29/12/1809 Mr & Mrs Roberts PSC
Verse accompanying gift of dried apples.

3/6/1810 Ly Charleville NOu
19 Princes St Hanover Square
Wishes to hear from her. Time in London ‘a series of enchantments’, but intellectual rather than ‘routs and assemblies’. Ly Cork’s conversation party: 30 persons. Enjoys her quiet Sundays after church. Of Ld Bute’s younger son, returned from India, club-footed. ‘I am fallen in love with yr. countryman, Mr Gratton’ at Dr Boddington’s. Of ‘poor Mr Windham’s danger’.

21/9/1812 Thomas Alderson CSmH OP 72
Shincliffe nr. Durham
Delighted to know he will be in London next year. Of her recent travels: Malvern, Wye, happiest time for years. d. of grandmother obliged rtn to Norwich. Praises Tom’s and Sarah’s attentions to aunt.

28/1/1813 William Hayley L, Add. Ms 39781
Praises his ‘Triumphs of Temper’.

4/5/1813 George Thomson L, Add Mss 35264
‘I am far from well and not free enough in mind to give even a thought to these songs.’

3/6/1813 Mrs. Lemaistre L, 18204
On her birthday. In French. ‘On est, malgre le temps, toujours du bel age.’
5/6/1813 Mrs. Elizabeth Lemaistre NN AO19
First birthday poem, in French.

12/2/1814 William Hayley L, Add. Mss 39781
'Yes, dear sir, I am happy.' Planned visit after visiting friends at Brighton, but unable to do so.

15/3/1814 William Hayley NN AO26
Intimate letter mentioning Edgeworth, H’s second wife, H’s Sonnets, de Stael’s de l’Allemagne.

13/6/1814 John Joseph Gurney LsfGy.Mss
Copious letter. Praises his ‘tender conscience’. Very upset. ‘I had felt a sort of sick feeling of being forgotten by you...’ On religious duties: her everyday reading of scriptures. Moore, local clergy; Dan G.; Hudson G.; Geo. Dyer. JJG calls himself her ‘degenerate son’.

22/6/1814 James Alderson CSmH
Acks. parcel. Requires 2x black boots a.s.a.p., due to ‘filthy weather’. Letter interrupted by Lord Tamworth ‘and Mrs LM’; invited to Mackintosh’s next day. Cont’d of Mackintosh’s dinner: Lafayette, Dr Browne, Playfair, Richard Payne Knight, de Humboldt. Conversation of ‘politics, science, literature, morals, church government, infidelity, sects, philosophy, characters’.

25/6/1814 J J Gurney LsfGy Mss
‘I think I have too much to tell you of myself... I think you are a hundred years old, tho’ you are my son” Thanks for contribution of money. Hudson G also contributed. Mr Hayley. Margaret Alderson.

18/7/1814 James Alderson CSmH OP43
Thanks for another parcel. Of a masked ball. Mrs Bianchi to sing her verses. Lady Cork; Sir Wm. Dunbar; James Smith’s humour; Mrs Siddons.

25/7/1814 William Hayley Cf
With friends at Tonbridge. Of JJG says, ‘I see he is not conscious of how much he wishes to make a Quaker of me.’

4/8/1814 J J Gurney LsfGy.Mss
To Felpham next day. Flattered by Hayley’s addition to last edn of Triumphs of Temper, ‘written on purpose to praise me’. H. approves her memoir of JO.

5/8/1814 William Hayley Cf, H.xv
AO announces she’s coming to Felpham with her maid.

10/8/1814 J J Gurney LSF Gy.Mss.
Discovers H.’s bio has been written by his son. ‘I am here alone! Tete a tete with Mr Hayley... I find my host very warm-hearted...’ Their daily routine. ‘This is a quiet, rational life for a London lady.’

6/9/1814 Mr. Mason PSC
Havant Chichester
Note of thanks for guidebook to Bognor.

8/9/1814 William Hayley Cf H
Post visit, talks of WH's 'hostess'.

10/9/1814  
'Lines addressed to a departed friend'- poem composed for d. of John Gurney. His leaving Soc. Friends mentioned obliquely; Anna G's pious eloquence noted. AABB, 98 lines, irregular sts.

11/9/1814  William Hayley  
'Mrs Opie never had a child at all' — But JO's first wife was a bad mother.

17/9/1814  William Hayley  
Of John Gurney's funeral. Met Anna Buxton, Q preacher. Unwell, but 'a dose of laudenum enabled me to undertake the journey with pleasant feelings.'

20/9/1814  William Hayley  
After JG's funeral 'I sat on the sofa between my son and my husband...'

29/9/1814  William Hayley  

8/10/1814  William Hayley  
Calls him 'my naughty papa'. Meets Wordsworth's bro.

15/10/1814  William Hayley  
Home news.

28/10/1814  William Hayley  
Journey from Norwich to London via Plashett (E. Fry), going to Smiths at Parndon Ho., Essex with cousin Tom A.

8/11/1814  William Hayley  
From Smith's. AO misses her Berners St. house.

18/11/1814  William Hayley  
Back in Norch. Saw Lucien Buonaparte's pictures while in London with Tom. Resolved to make 'my heroine a pattern of Xian faith'. (Valentine's Eve) To Lynn w. Tom to stay with Dan Gurney.

2/12/1814  William Hayley  
Visit by Anna Buxton. Gift of dried apples.

26/12/1814  William Hayley  
Of cousin Tom.

11/1/1815  William Hayley  
On getting down to her new writing. 'The beginning is so affecting... it will be difficult to write up to it as I go on,' but Christianity of heroine should 'excite new interest'. Wishes to show that one must 'curb ye temper & teach forbearance'. Sessions week, friend W. Smith staying. 'Tom (A.) left me only on Thursday — parting was grief of heart to both of us.' T. well rec'd at Earlham. Refers to JG as her son. Mutual jealousy of TA & JG. Mentions other cousins Edward & Sam; Capel Lofft's verses. Sessions ball that night, cold & snowy. 'I shall appear in a french silk gown brought me from Paris by
Miss H Gurney. It is a narrow shape very like a waistcoat.’ T. impressed w. Q. Mtg. & Priscilla (G.)’s prayers.

18/1/1815 William Hayley
Sonnets by ‘Edward’ (Alderson?).

26/1/1815 George Thomson
Returns £17 for Irish lyrics ‘which did not suit’.

8/2/1815 William Hayley
‘I have called my heroine Catherine & have learnt to like the name, (re Valentine’s Eve). I have read ‘Discipline... I think it masterly for the most part, but sometimes her heroine is too odious.’ Message to WH from Wordsworth. News of JJJ’s ‘trying to woo a young lady’ but ‘I am far more admitted to the depths of Joseph’s heart than any one.’

6/3/1815 William Hayley
Dealing with writer’s block. ‘Joseph not likely to marry ... He is not in love with the young lady.... I am the only woman for whom he feels any friendship and that fondness of which love is ultimately made.’

22/3/1815 William Hayley
With D Gurney in Lynn. Discusses H’s sonnet to W Scott.

23/3/1815 William Hayley
D Gurney ‘my husband’ – ‘the first time we man & wife have ever been united since we became one, and that was five years ago’. ‘Dan is no Quaker at all – he loves to see me fine ... I expect to be quite amused by his animated reception of me’.

25/3/1815 George Thomson
Encl. Songs for Welsh Airs

28/4/1815 William Hayley
D Gurney ‘offered me a guinea a day beside my board if I would stay with him... except that he would not be sorry if I turned friend and married Joseph’.

15/5/1815 William Hayley
Of W Scott, W Wordsworth and Sotheby.

27/5/1815 Wm Wordsworth
Hampstead Hth
Unable to meet tomorrow morning – hopes to find him at home on Monday.

5/6/1815 E Lemaistre
Second birthday poem, with a basket of fruit.

5/6/1815 William Hayley
35 Portland St. Felpsham
Chatty letter of her busy and varied life. Unusually flowing and youthful script, on paper headed by engraving of JO’s portrait of her.

9/7/1815 J J Gurney
Suicide of Mr Whitbread, dreadful effect on widow. While Austrian Amb. was rejoicing re victory, lady living opposite was grieving her son, Col. Staples or Stables, kia, while another son d. of consumption. Then A. Amb. died suddenly: 'so closely does grief tread tread on triumph.' More on Waterloo. Anticipates visit to H. Betsy's departure.

18/7/1815 William Hayley
Intends visit.

4/8/1815 William Hayley
Announces her arrival.

9/8/1815 J J Gurney
Felpham
H. not well. Priscilla [G] leaving. On pleasures of worldliness: conversation, music: 'two of the innocent pleasures of life... I know not how far my life may be considered as belonging to the gay world...' Ly. Cork annoyed because AO 'preferred you and W. Forster to her... How far should I be justified in turning my back on any post in which providence has placed me, I cannot decide...' But she rejoices that he is 'so seriously and well employed.' Her recent poor health. Capt. Godfrey.

15/8/1815 J J Gurney
Felpham
Felt 'a degree of temper and republican pride' when encountering L. Cork. Discussion of faith/religiosity/morality. Reading: what is improper? Tom (A) to arrive on Thursday.

25/8/1815 William Hayley
Arrival imminent.

31/8/1815 William Hayley
In IoW: coming next week!

15/9/1815 William Hayley
With Tom at 86 Carey St, London.

23/9/1815 William Hayley
Of Scotch brooch left behind at Capt. Godfrey's in Purfleet.

24/10/1815 William Hayley
Wedding of Richenda Gurney.

5/11/1815 William Hayley
On Republicanism & Christianity.

27/11/1815 William Hayley
Cousin Tom. News of Waterloo. Longman tells her 'Indeed, madam, you must be horrid pathetic.' Ref to Lady of Levant, JJ Gurney.

27/11/1815 Dawson Turner
Re Hudson G.: sickroom attendance on his wife (?). Dr A in att'ce., also Priscilla. Requests Mrs Turner to etch a JO painting. Hope to see DT when he comes to Nch.
31/12/1815  J J Gurney

Realises how dear he is to her when she sees him dispirited as now. Wishes to give him her reaction to the ‘change meditated by thee’: giving up Earlham. Points to value of good friend who ‘may marry for esteem only, and, in time, love may come indeed… I feel encouraged to hope that the man of all my acquaintances whom I think the most likely to make a good, nay, most excellent husband, namely your own dear self, will ere long possess that domestic happiness which he so well deserves.’

Priscilla/JJG relationship.

7/1/1816  William Hayley

Almost unintelligible letter about illness & death: ‘much suffering’.

13/2/1816  William Hayley

Reproves WH for his ‘few cold lines’.

28/2/1816  William Hayley

Re Valentine’s Eve: d. of Catherine.

3/5/1816  William Hayley

Money and other troubles. Reception of Valentine’s Eve by Gurney: ‘the pain my late new work had given some of my best and most respectable friends…’

5/6/1816  E Lemaistre

Third poem, with a needleworked forget-me-not.

15/6/1816  J J Gurney

3 Hanover st. Negotiations. ‘I could not shut up my heart towards you… sometimes it never opens so widely as it once did.’ Her feelings for him. ‘I am a complete worldling now, yet I am not unhappy…’ A week of ‘extreme gaiety - Tom has been my companion and I have been interested to see ye struggle between his love of dancing and his love of me…’ Lady Cork. Lady Davy. News.

17/6/1816  J J Gurney

Social life in London. L.Cork’s inv. to meet glitterati, but being Sunday she did not go. Improved spirits. Hayley; Dan.G.; L.Romilly; Sydney Smith. Self-analysis. Dreams much of ‘Cilla’.

31/8/1816  Miss Alderson

c/o Rv Haslewood Durham
Looking fwd to seeing them: plans to visit en route to Edinburgh next March. Enjoyed mtg Mrs Hilton. Sending them books, incl. Miss Edgeworth’s tales. AO hopes they can establish regular contact now that they are old enough to do so.

31/8/1816  Archbald Constable

Broome Pk Edinburgh
Thanks for his attentions while in Scotland with Tom. Wishes to revisit, but feels this unlikely. Praises Scots hospitality. Reached Alnwick around 6pm after pleasant journey. Met unexpectedly by Mr Burrell. Of Alnwick Castle,
Hotspur's chair, Browne, Jeffrey, Miss Johnson.

10/9/1816 Archibald Constable NNAO25(copy in LEe)
Harewood Edinburgh
Asking him to buy a brooch to replace one she had given to Tom Alderson. Pref. blue opal, about a guinea. Burrell of Broome Pk accompanied her to Durham.

10/9/1816 Archibald Constable LEe
Norwich
No ack. of her earlier letters from AC. She has been staying in the country with Mr Wilberforce – 'a very delightful companion'. W's wife 'stands alone' in 'religious gloom'. AO revising ms. Of petition to be presented to parliament on 14/9: insufficient signatories of weight to be taken seriously, she feels. Incessant rain: expects poor harvest. Reminds him to write.

20/10/1816 Miss E Alderson CSmH OP193
Lamb's Conduit London
Matronising tone, as to children. Visit of 'Billy Smith, my member'. Chides them in fun for not writing and for being 'play-going varlets' w. Tom, seeing Keane and Kemble from the pit. Of Keane's powerful performances. Enquires of their activities, of Tom's new house. Writes of her poverty and a dream involving the Prince Regent.

27/11/1816 Archibald Constable LEe
Still no reply from AC. Tom A has been trying to have AC's son to his house. No luck so far.

20/12/1816 Miss E Alderson CSmH OP194
c/o Ed. Alderson
Caius College, Cambridge
Regrets they cannot visit her in N'ch. but hopes they will soon. Tom's kindness to his sisters, and Ed's delight in having two young ladies to escort. Of calming influence of Earlham, its master and F Buxton after her 'paroxysm of misery' a day ago.

31/1/1817 My dear Betty CSmH OP195
Holkham (E Alderson)
Has written to Tom for Corr's (?) address but not rec'd it yet. Staying with Cokes, 'singing and drinking punch', with Ld Anson, Lady Andover, Eliz and Fanny Blackwell.

March 1817 Joseph John Gurney WIS IV.56
14 quatrains entitled 'On his inviting me to see his spring flowers which were suddenly hidden by a great fall of snow'. She prays to 'guide my path of life, dear friend, by thine.' (last line)

1/5/1817 Eliz. Alderson CSmH OP196
Of an advertisement addressed to young women, encl., that they may take advantage (yesterday's Courier). Of gold leaf from Mrs Wilson. Can they hire a bed for her when she visits so as not to turn Tom out of his? JJG returns on Thursday. Priscilla retns from Nice. Of composing and singing psalm tunes late at night – maids thought her gone mad.
5/6/1817  E Lemaistre  NN AO19
Fourth poem, with an almanack.

2/7/1817  Mrs. Ross  NN AO21
Begging a week’s grace before visiting her.

14/7/1817  Sarah & Eliza  CSmH OP65
Alderson
‘From my bed’: requests loan of a bottle of ale and a little ‘sabilla’; ‘a day
memorable forever!’

18/9/1817  Archibald Constable  LEe
Paternoster Row
No letter from AC but a ‘valuable present’ of books which ‘reached her at a
moment of severe indisposition’. Enjoyed them. Doesn’t know author’s
name, but feels he is an old acquaintance. Also ‘handsome’ broach.
Woodhouse, mathematician, wishes enclosed bk reviewed in Edin. Rev. Also
mentions Wm Taylor’s English Sinanimes – sent earlier, but not yet
reviewed. Taylor needs the boost. AO misses Edinburgh: ‘I go about in
Scotch bonnets’, is reading Albin’s Anthology. Thomson’s present of
songs & accompagniments. Wishes to kill a calumny arising in Beloe’s
Sexagenarian – i.e. she first saw Horne Tooke at his trial (1794). Story of her
‘having scrambled over chairs and tables to get up to him on his
acquittal, then kissed him in public court, is as false as it is malignant. Such
conduct not even my youth could have excused ... an outrage on the
delicacy of my sex.’ Also, never saw H M Williams until 1802 in Paris and
‘Mrs Wolstonecraft I only knew first as Mrs Imlay – when she seemed the
deserted wife of Imlay – subsequently as Mrs Godwin.’ Stayed w. Mr
Boddington during HT’s trial. Mrs B wished to be presented to HT on the
evening of his acquittal. B found HT and presented both Mrs B and AO.
HT’s remark about hating husbands of pretty women, and other bons mots.
AO wanted to set record straight in light of Beloe’s ‘malignant lie’.

6/12/1817  Miss Alderson  CSmH OP197
Dining with Miss Rose – will read her second tale to her. Godwin’s new
novel. Tom’s use of sabilla, (a “purifying powder” - oral hygiene?) A joshing
letter re friend Barber. Sexual innuendo (?)

20/12/1817  Longman & Co.  LEe
Paternoster Row
AO suggests ‘New Tales’ as title. She is anxious to see romances and
Persuasion by ‘the admirable author of Pride & Prejudice’. Asks them to
invite Constable to N’ch on her behalf, ‘for I see he has made a vow never to
write to me.’

28/2/1818  No salutation  WIS IV.56
St. Clement’s
Note thanking recipient for their attention, but refusing invitation due to
her father’s misplaced disapproval.

5/6/1818  E Lemaistre  NNAO19
Poem expressing prayers for husband’s return to health.

22/11/1818  Eliza Alderson  CSmH OP198
Durham
Family comings and goings. Visited Narford Hall, seat of Mr Fontaine, a
distant relative, with Megs. Very hospitably received, but Meg a flirt.
Coursing at Swaffham. Tom and Ed concerned at Megs manners, AO
dreads her coming to stay. Meg and AO learning the ‘lute harp’, price 18 gns
(£18.90).

29/11/1818 Dawson Turner ct Dawson Turner letters
Admires likenesses of Capel & Coke. Wishes encl. drawing to be etched
by Mrs. T. Re DT’s autograph collection

19/1/1819 Dawson Turner ct Dawson Turner letters
Rec’d etching: likeness of Dr. A. Will send one to Tom A. Re autographs
of Mrs Siddons & Helen Maria (Williams?).

24/1/1819 Dawson Turner ct Dawson Turner letters
Apols for not admiring likeness of Mrs S in prev. letter. Has etchings
of Wilberforce, Sotheby, Coke & Mrs. Siddons.

9/4/1819 Mrs. Cockle  L, 18204 f375
Miss Rose’s Benwell Lodge
Lodgings nr Newcastle
Congratulates on recovery of health.

26/5/1819 George Crabbe LEe
In her thoughts. Regrets she must seem ungrateful, tho’ very honoured to
receive his letter. Hopes for his forgiveness and continued recognition. Of d.
of Harvey, painter of flowers. AO awaits pub’n. of GC’s tales. Of ‘our
Hampstead friends’ (Longmans?). Rogers’ ‘admirable verse’. Hopes to see in
June.

5/6/1819 E Lemaistre NN AO19
With a casket containing ivory, a remedy for headache.

12/7/1819 Archibald Constable LEe
London
Ms to be sent after copying. Of Oliver Cromwell’s descendant’s struggle to
acquire head of OC, which had been disposed of by lottery after being on
pike. Head seen and verified by R G Russell, complete with warts
and spike hole.

22/8/1819 Archibald Constable LEe
AO had to correct copy ms. made by ‘three different hands’ – v. tiresome.
Ms to be mailed to AC next day. AO requests some ‘good Edinburgh ale’ to
be sent, for sick friend. Has met Mrs Fletcher and likes her.

30/9/1819 Archibald Constable LEe
Norwich
Six weeks since ms sent and no word from AC. His opinion sought. T
Alderson’s address now 58 Chancery Lane (London).

5/11/1819 Archibald Constable LEe
Eleven weeks – no word.

20/11/11819 Miss E Alderson CSmH OP199
Addresses both sisters separately: Betty re projected marriage; unfavourable reaction at first, but now changed – her age and income seem sufficient. ‘Women know nothing of the difficulties of a narrow income, but men who have to gain their living and struggle with the world know them all.’ AO in favour of ‘love matches’ rather than marriages ‘of interest’: ‘the woman who marries for money is at best a legal prostitute.’ Tell AO of Tom’s house in Hull when visiting. For Sarah: her soldier lover risks disinheritance if he marries – AO urges patience and caution. For both, ‘Louisa Bohun was as much killed by her perfidious lover as if he had shot her through the head.’ Of her drawings in E’s album.

24/11/19 Mr. Bacon C 6259/1 Costessey
British Press does not contain what she requires.

10/12/1819 Archibald LEe Constable
JLG tells AO that he writes ‘letter after letter’ to AC with no reply. AO requires ‘simply’ that he retain the ms. and thanks him for the ale.

21/12/1819 Dawson Turner Ct Dawson Turner letters
Thanks for etching. Has written to Wm Hayley ‘and said the needful’. WH’s etching hangs in place of Sotherby’s ‘alias Betterby’.

Undated Sir Thomas Lawrence Lra LAW/3/107
(bound with letters 1820-1821)
Dinner invitation.

March 1820 Eliza Alderson CSMH OP200
Chancery Lane
(very faint in parts) How AO dislikes Tom writing to her when ‘keeping the interior of his mind and his real feelings utterly out of sight.’ Of a ball on Monday at Coke’s after the elections: looks fwd to seeing Coke and Lt Albemarle. Wishes a swift recovery.

8/4/1820 Sarah Alderson CSMH OP201
via Mr Barwell
Of Bettina (Eliz. Alderson)’s health and remedies. Importance of open bowels. Re forthcoming visit. Of her self and her looks: ‘very pale, but walking across the room gives me a pink colour. So I affect the interesting and speak soft and low.’ Intends resume her harp-lute.

10/4/1820 Eliz Alderson CSMH OP202
Of her singing and Mr Major, the carrier of this note. Hopes S will get the letter via Mr Barwell.

12/4/1820 Eliz Alderson CSMH OP203
Thanks for fur trimming, and how she will wear it. Of a picture ‘worth seeing’ in her house. En route to London for ex.

5/6/1820 E Lemaistre NNAO19
A witty birthday poem on influenza.

15/6/1820 (?) Mrs Simms CSMH HM23800
(envelope only)
25/7/1820 Archibald Constable LEe
139 New Bond st.
If he does not wish to publish her ms., please retn it directly as she has rec’d
an offer of £100 from a ‘reputable publisher’, sight unseen. Thanks for present of Ivanhoe. How may she pay for ale? It has
cured her sick friend. Chides him for continued silence.

31/7/1820 Misses Alderson CSmH OP204
Apologizes for intruding today – felt that Tom was unhappy about her
visiting again so will go elsewhere. Tickets available for the show via Mr
Denny.

n.d. Miss Alderson CSmH OP205
Long rhyming letter about Tom’s silence, the sisters and her clothes. Father
fears he has gallstones. Of the necessity of religious duties and observance,
despite their youth. Will not be able to afford to come to London. AO
requested to copy her drwg. of Clarkson into Miss Sewell’s album,
also wrote verse ‘To Robert Southey on his leaving Norwich’.

20/2/1821 Mrs. Cockle L 18204
Norwich
Urgent rtn. London. Poor health since but ‘My Co. [Longmans] will read
whatever you choose to favour them with.’ C. to send mss to L’s. ‘Dear Miss
Porter’.

6/4/1821 Miss Alderson CSmH OP206
Of her flowers ‘coming on’, and E’s garden. Of Robert (Alderson)’s
gossiping and another’s silences. Her father’s dejection.
d. of Priscilla G. AO recalls her preaching to 2000 persons. ‘I have lost in
Priscilla a friend who loved me dearly and who loved my soul.’
Betsy Fry and JJG ‘great’ in prayer and speaking at mtg. Of Christopher: ‘an
odd fish’ and wife. Hamilton’s burglary.

3/5/1821 Miss Alderson CSmH OP207
Very busy songwriting for Powers. Going to note out her hymns. Love to
Hannah and Tom.

11/5/1821 Miss Alderson CSmH OP208
In verse re their moving to London - flowers in the city as well as the
country.

1821 Unnamed NOWr MC118/1
(Geo. Dyer?)
‘I shall not revisit London, except (on business) ... My dear father,
hitherto so young for his years ... is now old & ailing for the first time...’
Finds Dyer’s verse ‘very Spenserish, but I had rather they had been Dyerish’
Mentions Taylors.

7/7/1821 John Bowring CSmH HM30799
Praising his book of verse, which she returns.

10/7/1821 Frances Jane NN AO45
Monckton, Iver Green
Re d. of Wm. Hayley (d. Nov 1820).

31/7/1821 Miss Alderson CSmH OP209
Coming to London in ‘the broad-wheeled wagon’ – safest but slowest, 3 days. Danger of military firing on rioting population, fear of going out late. Mr Ball determined to attract her attn. Of the ‘grand sight’ – the coronation. Robert Taylor a poor correspondent.

20/9/1821 Miss Alderson CSmH OP210
Of a parcel coming to Chancery La for her. Dr Lushington and Duke of Munster in big theological argument. at burial service in Brunswick.

1/10/1821 Miss Alderson CSmH OP211
Worried about Tom on the road in these high winds. Milmans in Norwich. Father’s diminishing health. Uncle wants Meg to come and nurse AO’s father.

21/10/1821 Miss Alderson CSmH OP212

23/11/21 Miss [Jane] Bacon C 6245/99
Refusing an invitation to a concert.

n.d. Rachel Martineau CSmH
Cannot meet. Just heard of impending d. of Lady Lamb.

22/1/1822 Caroline Lamb PHC
Norwich
Condolences on d. of Lamb’s mother. AO does not usually read mss. sent for opinion for fear of offending, but will do so for Lamb if she still desires this.

2/2/1822 Dawson Turner Ct Dawson Turner letters
Praises Mrs T’s etching of her, saying ‘the picture was painted soon after I was married, ... 1798. It was begun in May and finished, I think, in July’.

7/2/1822 Miss Alderson CSmH OP213
‘Dear naughty one,’ of Eliz.’s album, entries by Anna G. Dr Baillie. Tom. Her father’s suffering. Mr Clover the painter.

4/3/1822 Dawson Turner Ct Dawson Turner letters
Thanks for etching of AO from JO’s painting of ’98. Glad that Mrs T ‘cut her off at the shoulders’ – fears that the dress is ‘slovenly and bedgownish according to the mode of the day’.

7/3/1822 Dawson Turner Ct Dawson Turner letters
Doesn’t like the hair. Mr. Clover says it can be redone. Would Mrs T do it?

10/3/1822 Robert Southey CSmH HM23043
Requesting notice of Madeline in Quarterly Review. Mentions Rowland Hill. Her work, ‘lends its aid, however feeble, to the cause of morals and religion’.

16/3/1822 Robert Southey NN AO13
Asking for a review of *Madeline*.

6/4/1822  Miss Alderson  *CSmH OP214*
Sends Diss bread – Meg likes it and she will be with them soon. Sarah back in London. James out of danger, not a consumptive since his pulse is too slow. Her hatred of tricks, lying and concealment.

30/4/1822  Rev. Francis  *NN AO27*
Norwich
Archdeacon of Cleveland
Response to his letter on *Madeline*.

10/5/1822  Eliza Alderson  *CSmH OP125*
Apologises for misjudging her – father fretting about silence from Tom, but letter now rec’d. Of Sarah and Tully. Changes to AO’s house, incl. a water-closet for father. Jamie’s difficulties in breathing and kindness shown by Tom & Eliza. AO sends wholesome Norwich food.

25/5/1822  Henry Bone  *NCp Brooks*
( )

29/5/1822  Dawson Turner  *Ct Dawson Turner Letters*
Etching now returned corrected, AO ‘grateful to the fair artist’.

5/6/1822  E Lemaistre  *NN AO19*
A birthday poem.

8/6/1822  Eliza Alderson  *CSmH OP217*
AO trying to ‘unfatten’ herself. Robert at Oxford. Of her new gown, finished two days late, now for sale. Tom forced to give up his horse. E to Wales. Thanks for gingerbread.

10/6/1822  JJ Gurney  *Lsf Gurney Mss 1*
Consolations on d. of JKG’s first wife Jane: ‘What but faith, entire undoubting faith, can reconcile us to such dispensations?’ with verse entitled ‘To the Memory of Jane Gurney of Earlham’.

22/7/1822  Tom Alderson  *CSmH OP73*
(or his sisters)
Amusing verse chiding them for not writing of their travels. Asks for ‘ye most beauteous plume of white willow feathers’ for a straw bonnet. Attracted to M Alasio Radice for his ‘fine curly black hair and lovely sallow skin & bright black eyes. Oh dear!’

5/8/1822  Dawson Turner  *Tr. Dawson Turner letters*
Thanks for invit. to Gt Yarmth. - Suggests races on Weds. At Crown Court: ‘Alas! For poor Cotman – I will write Capt. Godfrey today.’

9/1/1823  J J Gurney  *Lsf Gurney 1*
Visit with her father, both unwell, but she feels a ‘peace the world cannot give and which the w. cannot take away’. A peace not ‘from belonging to any one sect... but from Christ himself.’

11/2/1823  J J Gurney  *Lsf Gurney 1*
Re visiting the sick and her father’s tranquility. Mrs. John (Susannah) Taylor ‘who will never go out again’, and who does not mention Jesus. JG’s and HG’s portraits in frames – would uncle sit for her?

17/3/1823 Dawson Turner  
‘I became acquainted with Mr Hayley in 1814... I then went to see him and staid (sic) with him a whole month nearly tete a tete. I repeated my visit next year...’ More on H’s reclusiveness and daily habits.

7/4/1823 To her father  
To her father PSC  
Poem on his eightieth birthday.

8/5/1823 Eliza Alderson  
Eliza Alderson CSmH OP215  
d. Ollyot Woodhouse. Mrs Woodhouse not liked by some family members.

19/5/1823 Miss Alderson  
Miss Alderson CSmH OP216  
Aunt cannot be moved, but may be better when Tom arrives. Prepared for ‘Miss Woodhouse’ (Meg) but ‘can’t believe she expects to be taken in bag and baggage’.

5/6/1823 E Lemaistre  
E Lemaistre NN AO19  
A poem declaring her love, with a seal inscribed ‘T’amo’.

26/6/1823 Unknown  
Unknown WIS IV.56  
Thanks for ‘books, so kindly given and lent’ and offers congratulations on his recent marriage. Critiques his tales and poems, and those of ‘Mr Townsend’.

4/8/1823 J J Gurney  
J J Gurney Lsf Gurney I  
Marked ‘Private’. Wishes to write what cannot say, i.e. she admired his preaching and wishes for the certainty of the convinced Christian. Wm Forster as confidant. Curious how ‘two young creatures’, JJG and Pris.G are ‘prime instruments in leading me to the point where I now am’. ‘I often look back with wonder at the celerity with which I divested myself of much of my worldly trappings and assumed the plain dress.’

13/8/1823 G.Bucke, Esq.  
G.Bucke, Esq. PSC  
Norwich  
Furnival’s Inn, Holborn  
Thanking him for an engraving.

7/9/1823 Sarah Alderson  
Sarah Alderson CSmH OP66  
Wishes to hear from her. Of her new drawing book. Warm and affectionate

28/11/1823 Thomas Alderson  
Thomas Alderson CSmH OP41  
Birthday poem.

6/12/1823 Elizabeth Fry  
Elizabeth Fry CSmH OP47  
EF may have heard of AO’s new novel ‘The Painter and his Wife’ in the press, not true: ‘it is not written, nor ever will be.’ Loss of advance sales. ‘Joseph and Caroline are highly pleased with my new work On Lying.’ Father better in body, mind recovering. ‘I am at times very low.’ Recalls Betsy’s visit.

7/12/1823 Eliza Alderson  
Eliza Alderson CSmH OP218
Of new furnishings arriving in preparation for removal. Her two servants may leave next Lady Day – if so she will go to Ireland with the money saved. Robert’s affair in Devon. Has sent £6 towards Tom’s practice fees and pheasants. Tom must find work, even as a clerk. Poor Sarah – AO sends gifts for her.

19/1/1824 Elizabeth Fry CSmH OP48 (Evidently a difficult letter, much crossed-out.) She has repeatedly prayed for direction. Should she join the Wesleyans, of whom her mother’s family have been members for several generations? Answer at Meeting that she was ‘sufficiently purified from worldly stains to be allowed to join the Society’. Mary Wilde advises patience. ‘Dear Joseph is come back well’.

3/4/1824 James Montgomery, NN AO40
Editor, The Iris, Sheffield
Requesting JM to write a hymn for a forthcoming pub’n. to benefit Alfred Pettet, Prof. Mus., who is disabled. Written on rev. of handbill announcing publication.

5/6/1824 E Lemaistre NNAO19A
A poem which regrets E L’s predilection for travelling.

14/6/1824 Jonathan Backhouse DUr D/Wa1/2
Re d. of Uncle William. Xian comfort.

4/11/1824 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP219 (plain language) ‘Aunty’ sending a “butiful” gown, unworn. Thanks for butterfly (garment?). Of Tom and money. JJG returned looking well.

28/11/1824 Tom Alderson CSmH OP74
Birthday poem.

2/12/1824 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP219
Glad they are recovered. Will write Ly Milman when she has seen her uncle again.

15/1/1825 Tom Alderson CSmH OP75
Note requesting ‘E’ to copy song and rtn to her.

15/4/1825 Dawson Turner Knox
Thanks for portrait of Sir F Palgrave.

5/6/1825 E Lemaistre NN AO19
A poem with several funereal references.
4/7/1825 Alfred Corder Lsf
Has parcel ready and sends to him for forwarding. Did not want her verses praising JG circulated – would be seen as flattery. Is becoming reconciled to ‘standing alone in the world’ unless ‘God bid the ivy die when it has no longer… a wall to cling to’. On faith & perseverance. (cont’d later) Returned from Lucy Aggs’s foundry, where the Monthly Mtg C’tee had questioned her closely re her application: JG, L.Aggs, Robert Blake & Mrs Blake. Feels she responded ‘conscientiously’. JG encouraging. Drained by the experience.

11/8/1825 Hannah Martin NOWr Ms6181 North Repps
Of ‘our poor invalid T Sparshall’.

30/8/1825 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP220 Paris
AO & fr. both saddened by d. Thomas Sparshall, their constant companion, aged 20. His d. does avoid him being disappointed by the flirtatious behaviour of his 16-yr. old fiancee, however. Of his funeral – Friends BG, N’ch. Also d. of little girl. Letter from Catherine Carr thanking AO for books by Thos. Richardson of Wearmouth. Fr.’s pain, thought dying but rallied – premonition of AO’s solitude when he does die. Now admitted to Friends, however, finds that a big comfort. Milmans here to see Graham ascend in his balloon w. J. Harvey, High Sheriff. Margaret has accepted J Thompson and will go abroad immediately after wedding. Mgrt. ‘liked him well enough’- ‘I could not be talked into marrying any man [I did not love]’, but old T. worth £100 000. AO looks fwd. to talking of Paris w. Tom.

10/9/1825 Hannah Martin NOWr Ms6181
‘I rejoice to find that thou art going to quit the cottage … Thy darling child is happy, but her life has made thee unhappy’.

12/11/1825 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP221 Paris
On d. of AO’s fr., James Alderson. Her ‘heart almost broken’. House to be sold next month. Her faith in Xian salvation.

2/12/1826 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP222
Tom to thank Rolphe for his gift. If R. would pay, she wld. write for him again. Delighted by Sarah’s letter. Caroline Ash’s attractiveness.

26/3/1826 Sarah Rose CSmH OP50 Clapham
Much affected by SR’s painful news of her illness, believed incurable. Has not informed C & R Gurney. Will she now remove to Norwich? AO to weekday mtg at Bury, ret’d Saturday alone in coach w. ‘young man dying of decline, and I felt it a duty to talk of serious subjects.’ Has been ‘tranquil’ for 4 days; visited father’s grave today, finding peace. JG on a ‘long and distant mission’.

7/9/1826 J J Gurney Lsf Gurney 1
Bishop Wearmouth
Has written Rachel re Pr. Buxton & E Edwards. Pleased to meet Thomas

11/9/1826 John Poole \(Lv^2 F_{48G5/8(424)}\)
Covering letter for something sent to JP which she hopes will help him.

13/9/1826 Tom Alderson \(CSmH\ OP76\)
Grasmere Cottage
Wishes he were there to enjoy sights. (Very difficult to decipher: more here.)

29/9/1826 J J Gurney \(LSF\ Gurney\ 1\)
Lowther Castle
Distressed by sight of Ly Bentinck bidding farewell to pts. as she goes abroad, but may not live to return. Loves to be with Friends, intends visit mtg. at Kendal. Hannah Walker, Anna Braithwayle(?), Wordsworth 'charming' as is Geo. Beaumont. Hopes to see Thos. Richardson at Durham en route Darlington. Sir W Scott.

20/10/1826 Jonathan Pim \(DSF\ Mss61.a65\)
Darlington

17/1/1827 Hannah Martin \(NOWr\ Ms6181\)
Feeling better. Wishing 'peace of mind and resignation following thy bereavement'.

31/1/1827 J J Gurney \(Lsf\ Gurney1\)
Earlham
A letter prior to his departure (for Ireland?) Expresses how dependent she was on him for two years, but now sees 'the mercy of the lesson'.

1/2/1827 Jonathan Pim \(DSf\ Mss61.aaa8\)
Dublin
Of his uncle's affliction. Of d. of her father, 'who never would marry a second time for my sake, and because he feared to losein a second tie and family his love for me.' Alexander Jundkovsky - nothing heard since she gave him a letter for JP. Wm Allen's marriage in late life. JIG's prospects of imminent marriage. JP's lack of interest in his Xian salvation: exhorted to read scriptures. Of sudden d. of W Backhouse's infant son. JIG's children. The handsome new meeting house. John Shipley. Thos. Richardson. Dan Gurney lame & confined to couch.

26/2/1827 Eliza Alderson \(CSmH\ OP223\)
d. of invalid Bowlby's wife abroad. No word from Tom since deB ret'd. AO just returned from N/Repps - a cold cottage, where Sarah Buxton in pain from dislocated shoulder. Sarah & Anna move to N. Hall for new rooms to be built. AO working on her book. Of widespread deaths in her circle. 'How thankful I am that I have been taken out of the world'. JIG meets Ed. Denny, old friend of AO's, in Ireland.

26/3/1827 Eliza Alderson \(CSmH\ OP224\)
Chancery Lane

2nd Monday   Eliza Alderson  
Bruce Grove
(very faint) Anne Dale, de Barbot, Francis Fox.

29/4/1827  Jonathan Pim  
Now able to respond to his letter, hopes this will find him. Enjoyed his ingeniousness on meeting. Of missionary sister and bro. doing much good in Dublin. Will he be at YM? Thos Richardson may not be: she enjoys their correspondence. JP should have profited from living with the missionaries. J & H Backhouse just ret'd from Scilly Is., finding much poverty there – raising subs. for blankets. AO expects to go to Liverpool in August.

29/5/27   Wm. Bunn   
Declining an offer.

9/6/1827   J J Gurney  
Chancery L.
Reasons for not going to N'ch. Seeks criticism of her book from him as a 'married man' – perhaps Tales of the Pemberton Family; Fanny Monckton, Lys de Lespencer. Describes Ld Roden's reading of the scriptures. To Plashett next day. At Anne Dale's (Tottenham). Mentions Eliz. Fox of Falmouth, the Lemaitres.

14/7/1827  Sarah Alderson  
Of plans for S's wedding: hopes it will be delayed because very weak after her illness. Family matters, Edward Opie's painting.

7/8/1827  William Upcott  
Has given young Friends a letter of intro. to him.

27/9/1827  Verse ‘To a Dying Friend', autograph.

29/10/1827  Sarah Rose  
sent to Watton, redirected to c/o Johnson, Bracondale Hill, Norwich
Overwritten, largely illegible. Has seen Fanny Monckton 3 or 4 times. Talked of SR to E Fry.

28/11/1827  John Wright  
Can't meet – headache.

3/12/1827  Sarah de Barbot & Lenor de Barbot  
(in French) re wine trading: Rothschild, Barwell. Note to Sarah dd. 11/12 – spirits now arrived, payment will follow.

1827  Lenor de Barbot  
Cover, postmarked 1827.
25/1/1828 Hon Thomas Erskine
Lincoln’s Inn Fields
For Henrietta Erskine
AO sends a copy of her verse ‘Address to a Dying Friend’ to H as comfort in the loss of her sister (see AO39, 1814).

13/3/1828 J G Lemaistre
Plain sp. ‘I have been shut up writing my book, which, as JJG is going away again, I must hasten to conclude.’Mentions Huskisson, Yorke, Fowell Buxton, Fanny Monckton, d. of Bentinck.

25/3/1828 Sarah de Barbot
Shock of S’s financial crisis. AO will sell her books & prints to help. Can borrow £100 from bank if Ed. Alderson will give another £100 on condition that L de B declares that these are all his debts. L de B has borrowed heavily from Tom Alderson, who has put himself into jeopardy. S’s precarious position.

16/4/1828 Lenor de Barbot,
Sarah de Barbot
(French) re wine dealing: AO trying to sell his wine to local retailers, but overpriced. (English, to Sarah): re difference in value of wine. Awaits reply.

16/4/1828 Tom Alderson
Chancery Lane
LdeB’s deceitfulness to SB. AO’s £100 and conditions suggested by Sam (Alderson) AO sent £105 via ‘Roschild’s’, the £5 for materials for their work, but no acknowledgement. Henry Birkbeck to forward the money. Edward A may send £100, but not impressed with LdeB. All living together on (Tom’s?) £320 p.a. – but not in Chancery Lane. Some diffs. solved if LdeB finds work offer (‘place’).

1/5/1828 Sarah de Barbot
Of misconceptions arising from Tom’s sending SdeB her letter of 16/4/1828. LdeB’s debts from gambling? Unlikely that Aldersons together can pay all of LdeB’s debts. He has deceived SdeB and Tom, this makes it difficult to assist. AO interceded on her behalf with D’ss de Broglie & Visc’t de Martinique. LdeB has had a job found for him. Words of encouragement to S.

14/5/1828 H Erskine
H’s son’s life spared. AO writes as one Christian to another. Plain speech.

12/6/1828 ‘To a respected friend’
Gratifying request for autograph (?) and indicating pleasure in visiting. Signed ‘Amelia Opie’.

23/6/1828 Jonathan Pim
Congratulating him on recent marriage. Of the new duties befalling him. Fragile health of JJG’s ‘sweet wife’ (i.e. Mary Fowler), made more difficult by couple’s constant travelling. YM much favoured, met Milner there: ‘a kind, agreeable Friend’. AO feels alone and useless, would accept death.

14/7/1828 Bernard Barton
Tottenham Woodbridge
Green Suffolk
Vexed at missing him at Mtg. Unfamiliar with Crome’s paintings but knows that they are not available under 30 gns. His picture should be sent to N[orwich?] for inspection. Admires his lines to Louisa Mawe(?). Lost no time in executing his wishes, but small success. Love to Lucy.

2/8/1828 Francis Wrangham
Has just learned that a copy of her last work has not been sent to him as she particularly requested her printers to do. Has therefore instructed them to send it direct to Baldwins & co.

10/8/28 Thomas Hood
He may burn her ms. as she has a copy. Unable to send prose tale for The Gem. Points out that she was asked to contribute as last year, and did not volunteer.

30/8/1828 Eliza Alderson
AO enquires re examination on 4/8. Letter from ‘poor B.’ (Bowlby?) Unable to sell her house for more than £2000, so will let out to ‘a good tenant’ for £80 p.a. Down to one servant.

24/9/1828 Eliza Alderson
d. Thompson. Scarlet fever in lodgings - Anne Dale to visit, AO’s fears for her safety. How well will Maggie handle her money?

19/10/1828 JJ Gurney

23/10/1828 Anne Forster
Condolences on d. of mother(?). Written from cottage N Repps, where Anne Dale, Carrs and Hankinsons. To Cromer.

31/10/1828 Wm.(?) Forster
Condolences. AO feels ‘suffering of being only child’. Grief of Hannah and Anna G. on receiving news.

14/12/1828 Elizabeth Fry
On ‘thy present severe trial’. A letter of sympathy & comfort.

1828 Thomas Fowell
Verses on d. of Priscilla Gurney Buxton (d.1821)

18/12/1828 Judith Beecroft
Has to refuse a visit – invites for Thursday instead.

Tombland, Auctioneer
Norwich
Re disposal of JO’s pictures – asking for advice.

28/3/1829 Eliza Alderson  
Tombland
AO wishes she could do more to assist - sends hamper. Of Branch Mtg (SF) apols. for not yet sending Tom £10 loan as promised. AO enjoying true peace of mind. Can’t let house, has to find £20 for repairs, may have to move back.

6/4/1829 Unnamed  
Llp
Re payment due for picture by JO.

24/4/1829 J J Gurney  
Norwich Banbury

9/5/1829 Eliza Alderson  
London

16/5/1829 ‘My dear naughty  
St James Sq. friend’ (Thomas Richardson)
Social arrangements: dining at Lowell Buxton’s. To mtg. Tottenham tomorrow, thence to Forsters.

27/5/1829 Tom Alderson  
Regrets engaged all week – invites them following Monday 8.30. Enquires fare from Tower Stairs to Paris.

4/6/1829 Dr Hodgkin  
Queries re travel in France.

15/6/1829 Tom Alderson  
11 rue Cadet
AO arrives Paris – under S de B’s roof. She looks better than expected. Saw guillotine set up in Pl des Greves for execution of a murderer. Also elephants bathing. Cuvier, Mme de Broglie, Wm Taylor, Christopher Wordsworth.

16/6/1829 J J Gurney  
Paris

5/7/1829 R M Milnes  
Paris
Advising punctuality because due at Gen. Lafayette’s at 8pm.

13/7/1829 Eliza Alderson  
rue Cadet
Paris
Planned to go to Pere Lachaise w. David, but prevented by rain. Her fondness for Paris. Lenor's mindlessness re Sarah: how will they survive? AO trying to get job for him, but his English is too weak.

Of 40 yrs previous - she will be at Laf.'s on anniv. of fall of Bastille. D's medal of AO and his gift of medal of Laf. Asks Tom where she can obtain copy of JO's Lectures and the Life, or copy of letter of JO's re establishment of a national gallery - for David. Has bought new clothes for deB's children.

24/7/1829 Sarah Rose CSMH OP52
rue Cadet Bracondale
Paris Norwich

27/7/1829 Eliza Alderson CSMH OP231
Paris
Of E's disturbing news re Hapwood. She offers to consult Gurney for advice. Sarah well despite desperate situation. Need to rtn to N'ch compels foregoing visit to LaGrange. Going to P Lachaise to search for Blckshw's tomb w. David.

22/8/1829 J J Gurney Lsf Gurney 1
11 rue Cadet, Paris
Overwritten: illegible.

16/9/1829 J J Gurney Lsf Gurney 1
11 rue Cadet
Awaiting rtn. of Lafayette.


26/10/1829 Euphemia Haldane NCu

12/11/1829 George Dyer CSMH Rare book 131334 v.2
Asks him to help Ann Paisley, who has lost something.

12/11/1829 Joanna Baillie LRCS
Soliciting vote for charity to unnamed woman from Peter Herve funds. Compliments to their 'neighbours of the Heath'.

13/11/1829 Eliza Alderson CSMH OP232
Norwich
Of missing luggage, pilfered in Paris. Concern for Sarah's safe arrival. Briggs's prism 'a delight'. Glad to be back in N'ch. 'JJG has really worked himself up into downright misery about me – he feared he should never see me again ...' Met Anna G and Sarah B at Earlham. Hudson G. recovering from illness.

16/11/1829 Henry P Briggs CSMH OP91
H asks should he disclose his marriage plans to his father? Yes, filial duty. Fr., may object but can do little. However, fr.now 'shattered' by paralysis and in decline. H should therefore wait to see how soon he will die. AO will write to fr. if he wishes, but she is unwell.

2/12/1829   H P Briggs   CSmH OP92
Thanks for copy of picture. Original to go to Richard Woodhouse. Leaves decision on "a certain subject" to himself.

9/12/1829   Eliza Alderson   CSmH OP233
Queries several addressses in Paris. Would Tom arrange for boxes of dried apples to go to Paris by diligence from the Black Bear, Piccadilly – thus advice from Thos. Bidwell. D's medal of her: resemblance of Quaker cap to Phrygian bonnet displeased Lucy Aggs.

n. d.   Eliza Alderson   CSmH OP234
Note re watching Fete Dieu (interrupted).

15/12/1829   Mlle duVauld   PSC
Norwich   Paris
Mentions Eliz. Hodgkin, E. Fry, Anna Gurney, M. Cuvier; sends dried apples ('beefins', local specialty). 'I am returned to a starving population, and occasionally a riotous one ... everyone seems obliged to form plans of retrenchment & oeconomy ... we expect a very trying winter'.

19/12/1829   Tom Alderson   CSmH OP80

19/12/1829   H Briggs   CSmH OP93
Thanks for 'welcome and valuable' present (copy of a male portrait). Of gifts of waistcoats. Of starving weavers destroying looms of those who accept work – military will have to be called out. 'These are awful times'.

1829   P-J David   CSmH OP37
Poem: 'He Bade Me Remember Him'.

13/1/1830   Robert Southey   GRMw Stanger 2/100.5
After some build-up, AO agrees to participate in his movement for hospital reform, along with Eliz. Fry, who says she has had this work in mind since her youth. EF willing to use the resources gained from prison work. Hopes for results in Norwich e.g. forming Hospital C'ttee, but is sure doctors and Board will oppose. Hopes to enlist support of Wm. Dalrymple, eminent surgeon. Fears now is not the time to initiate nursing education schemes because hardship of pop. requires all available funds.

Read and enjoyed S's 'eloquent and most enlightened' writings (Colloquies? – pub. 1829), shares his fears of 'tendencies of Operative Societies'. Relates incidents showing need for nurse training, incl. literacy. Recalls Sisters of Mercy in France: wants to act before Catholics to avoid 'the spread of their pestilent superstition'. Re great rise in 'infidelity' among 'lower classes',
esp. Norwich weavers. Sick of her ‘prison duties’, which seem to do no good. Friends’ Asylum in (Stoke) Newington for destitute females: ‘such is the state of the London hospitals that no modest female dares go to them.’ Intends writing of her stay in Paris on rtn. from Northrepps (Anna G.). RS would be shocked to see William Taylor – face badly disfigured.

19/2/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP235
Safe birth of Sarah’s dr. deB in not in danger of arrest in Paris despite S’s letter. Dried apples much appreciated in Paris. David sends her portrait in gilt. Passed a ‘month of perfect happiness’ at N/Repps, studying German under Anna G. Has rec’d reply from Sophie D.re AO’s q.’s about Sisters of Charity. Reduced to tears by needy poor in N’ch and her inability to meet their needs. Seeks settlement from TC Hall for a year’s work not paid for.

27/2/1830 John Hodgkin DUr D/HO/C 27
Sympathy for illness of wife (?). Gift of dried apples.

5/3/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP94
Asks him to acquire Le Revue de Paris for her to read Merimee’s ‘Jolies Contes’. Wants his print of Lafayette. Has not heard of S de B for a long time. d. of Lawrence RA.

16/3/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP95
Thanks for reviews. Invites him to stay when in Norwich.

18/3/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP236
Re HB’s painting Richard G – name not mentioned by Gurneys. deB ill in Paris. Catherine Willett’s ‘dreadful’ childbirth. Possible visit by David. Tricked by the editor of the Iris – should have had £40 not £15 – but writing another tale for them anyway. Beginning ‘Recollections of Paris’, also tr. from German with Anna G. Not sorry E’s marriage delayed in view of HB’s rising reputation – increased financial security for them both. Secret engagement of EA and HB – HB’s father may die soon. d. friend Hannah Fontaine. Ld Ellenburgh’s divorce, his wife a ‘strumpet’. d. Lally Tallendal.

2/4/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP96
AO excited to discover that HB is to paint JJG. Requests Lafayette en Amerique. Asks him to call on Westley & Davis re payment for her work.

14/4/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP237
AO has presented HB as E’s fiance to the family. Hopes S is recovering. AO’s domestic difficulties – servants both sick and only a ‘girl’ as housemaid.

18/4/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP238
Joshing letter abt. HB’s shortcomings as a guest. Praises his portrait of JJG - wishes other Gurneys would sit. Sends a silk shawl.

24/4/1830 Sarah de Barbot CSmH OP71
Of her ill-health and S’s recovery. AO sends a pig to ‘tempt thy appetite’ Of JJG’s picture – a ‘perfect likeness’.

24/4/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP97
How is he after such a journey? Of portrait painters’ new style of making head larger?

25/4/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP239
Note in rhyme asking her to send encl. parcel to Bristol friends.

28/4/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP98

1/5/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP99
Colour samples for shawl encl. Given care of Laf & Trafford’s pictures until they rtn. Margaret Southwell enjoying Lafayette in America. AO working on book. Quaker friends urge her to give up London.

11/6/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP100
Is acting promptly re his letter. Now working on memoirs – up to 1802. Glad HB is painting Powell Buxton, though latter is distraught over wife’s hopeless health. Enquires after Miss Smith, sr. of Este Smith and relates scandal of 1802. Hannah Backhouse sails to America.

21/6/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP240
Of a missing letter re deB, who is ‘in a bad way’ and relying on money from an aunt. Regrets unable come to wedding – lack of both money and strength. Tells story of Archdeacon Glover and the Duke’s portrait. Reminds Tom re debt payment to uncle.

12/7/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP241
Sends clothes for E and a lilac gown for Sarah.

19/7/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP243
Delighted by her letter. Regrets cannot come to wedding. Od arrangements & clothes. Asks Tom to collect her prism from Roschild’s.

25/7/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP101
His painful letter – she thinks it impossible to delay his marriage further. Consequent financial difficulties – AO and JO married on £200 pa – her father’s allowance to her. Promises to assist him obtain commissions. F Buxton too tormented to think of picture. S de B’s marriage ‘a sad mistake – the man is an imbecile’. Of elections next Thursday: Grant & Gurney vs. J Peele & a.n.o. Doesn’t know date of HB’s wedding, but sending him silver tea set given by John Briggs to AO’s mother on her marriage. Hopes his Gully pictures are selling well.

4/8/1830 Eliza Alderson CSmH OP242
Wants to accompany Robert to wedding - has gown made, but fears exertion, excitement, so will stay home. Distressed by S’s illhealth. Now is the time for deB to be a soldier and thus seek advancement. Wishes she was in Paris to witness events there. ‘Most fervent’ wishes for E’s happiness.

4/8/1830 Henry Briggs CSmH OP102
Reluctantly not coming to wedding, but sends blessings, believes he will have a ‘happy home’. Anxious about Sarah de B.
5/8/1830 Richard Mackenzie Bacon
Asking for loan of copy of *Morning Chronicle.*

9/8/1830 Sarah de Barbot
Thanks for letter. General’s and Apport’s messages welcome because they show that deB still in with them and may therefore benefit. No disgrace to be a soldier. Praises Fr. abolition of capital punishment. Sees opportunities for ‘true religion’ now that RC-ism is no longer the established religion of France. Of S’s poor health and AO’s visit to Ld Gosford. Reminisces of time in Paris in 1802.

12/10/1830 Eliza Briggs
Concern re S. Admires Tibetan shawl. Letter from David, the citizen soldier, with Laf’s bust. Recent visit N/Repps. Suggests to Henry he could get Robt. Alderson to sit for him.

12/10/1830 Eliza & HP Briggs
Regrets she did not visit earlier, but now too late: ‘she’ may revive for a day.

4/11/1830 Eliza Briggs
Hotel de la Paix
Paris
(faint in parts) Family business and travel arrangements. deB and money – she will not associate w. him.

20/11/1830 J J Gurney
Hotel de la Paix
Paris

30/11/1830 Sarah Rose
Hotel Douvre
Paris
Of her times in Paris: visiting Lafayette; schools, a singing competition; love of French cuisine; Baron Cuvier; St.-Simonennes, ‘a new religion, they call it’. Of political and religious conflation. Asks for news.

2/12/1830 Ld Brougham
Hotel Douvre
Paris
Congratulates on his receiving ‘highest honours of state.’

13/12/1830 Sarah Rose
H. Douvre

20/12/1830 Eliza Briggs
Asks for print of Blake’s, F Kemble by Lawrence and bound copy of *Fatherand Daughter* as gifts for Mme Genlis. Staying with the Thompsons. Anxiety re judgement. Her suite of rooms for £2 p.w. Attending Cuvier’s lectures. B. Constant’s wonderful funeral. Walter Scott arr. 11 a.m.
3/1/1831 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP253
(very faint in parts) d. Joseph Gurney ‘my oldest and almost my dearest friend’ ... ‘and Mme Genlis found dead in her bed!’

4/1/1831 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP254
N/Repps
Will HB be made an RA? Will come to London if needed to model. Dining at F Buxton’s. Snow at N/Repps.

27/1/1831 Docteur Coref Ler 3608/129
H de la Paix
Paris
Expresses anger at C. pp. Sophie Duvauciet (?) & invites him to soiree.

3/2/1831 Ly Charleville NOu
H de la Paix

11/2/1831 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP255
Hotel de la Paix
Difficulties with other Brits in Paris, esp. Deborah Emlin. The social round. The Ambassador’s ball.

‘2 mo. 1831’ ‘Dear friend’ MRu
Paris
Requesting them to give the bearer, Maria Brooks, a copy of Father and Daughter.

7/3/1831 Sarah Rose CSmH OP55
H. de la Paix
Disturbances reported in English press are only local: all quiet near her hotel. Anticipates news from Poland. Interview with Queen of France, ‘a very pious-minded woman’ who had read her works and who was making footwarmers for the poor as they spoke.

31/3/1831 J J Gurney LSF Gurney 1
Hotel de la Paix
Re Anne & Sarah. Intends An for Yrly Meeting. At the Consul-General’s soiree. Ld Normanby the reformer. On the religious decadence of the French.

16/4/1831 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP256
Leaving Paris 9th May, hopes to stay w. then in London. Has visited the Queen of France, soiree at Ly Granville. Her own soiree.

9/5/1831 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP257
Leaving tomorrow, hopes to reach Ldn Friday eve. or Saturday. Orders shoes and boots.

14/5/1831 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP258
Brighton

15/5/1831 Eliza Briggs CSMH OP259P
A packet boat on which AO was travelling ran aground. Her companion cannot leave as he is required to do. Heard nothing from Gurney. Vexed by these events.

25/5/1831 Eliza Briggs CSMH OP260
Please send her muslin and ask Sly to send footwear. Did she leave a tin dish-warmer and/or dirty linen?

3/7/1831 Elizabeth Forster Lsf Temp Mss 100
24 Charles St.
Tottenham Green
Thanks for cap. Has met Beamish (?) who has promised to sit for Briggs.

9/7/1831 J J Gurney Lsf Gurney 1
24 Charles st
Staying in London to promote H Briggs. His big chance w. d. of Jackson & Lawrence. F Buxton’s portrait by HB. Lady Cork at 86. London pleasures.

13/7/1831 Anne Forster Lsf
Thanks for ‘Parisian’ cap.

22/7/1831 Eliza Briggs CSMH OP261
Thanks for hospitality. Encl. £5.

25/7/1831 Henry Briggs CSMH OP103
(in French) Concerned to note that she owes Melinotte (?) £2.12.0. Please pay for her promptly or she will owe double.

n.d. Henry Briggs CSMH OP104
Still concerned re Melinotte debt. Sorry not to see Tom before he left. No word from Paris.

20/8/1831 Eliza Briggs CSMH OP262
Thanks for civility to her companion, Lucien St Firmin during visit. Asks them to give him a dinner. He seems importunate — his father won’t pay his debts. Spent day with him at Yarmouth visiting Dawson Turners. Not to be trusted alone in London, he should go back to Warsaw. Of her uncle’s health. Robert declared love of Miss Mott of Birmingham — ‘she has only £4000’.

24/8/1831 Eliza Briggs CSMH OP263
Hopes they can visit soon. Her soiree yesterday evening. Lucien has rented rm. in Castle st. AO hopes his father’s reply to her letter will enclose his passport. Smallpox raging in Norwich.

6/9/1831 Eliza Briggs CSMH OP264
Letter presenting St Firmin — grateful for any kindness.

10/9/1831 Eliza Briggs CSMH OP265
Hoped to hear from E. re Tom and Ly. Cork. Thanks for hospitality to St F.

26/9/1831
Henry Briggs
CSmH OP105
Loss of Eliza’s baby, but relief that she is safe. In acc’ing. note; feels that King Louis will not be forced to abdicate.

26/9/1831
Eliza Briggs
CSmH OP265

6/10/1831
Eliza Briggs
CSmH OP266
Consoles re loss of baby. Suggests HB paints Ld Mulgrave – has obtained consent from LM. Remind Maggie that her money from Aunty is paid half-yearly.

7/10/1831
Henry Briggs
CSmH OP106
On finding Ld Mulgrave. AO longs for decision of Lords.

24/10/1831
Eliza Fontaine
NN AO11
Norwich 21 Craven St
Intro. for Albiter; bungle of magazine order. Plain speech.

1/11/1831
Henry Briggs
CSmH OP107
Hopes for Eliza’s full recovery. Notes postponement of commission for Ld Musgrave’s portrait. Uncle & aunt well. Anticipates winter with ‘political alarm’.

11/11/1831
Henry Briggs
CSmH OP108
Keswick Hall
Is Ld Mulgrave ret’d to town? Has Ly. Hamilton lost a son? Glad to hear of Kemble’s success.

16/11/1831
John Bidwell, Br L Add Mss 41315
Foreign Office

11/1/1832
Eliza Briggs
CSmH OP267
Note asking for reply.

9/2/1832
Eliza Briggs
CSmH OP268
Can’t come to London in March. John Gurney now a judge. If she comes to YM, she will stay with Briggs and J Gurney. Ld Mulgrave sitting. Seeks opinion of Eugene Aram. Dare not ask fate of Reform Bill.

14/2/1832
Sarah Rose
CSmH OP56
Falmouth
Anxious for news of SR’s health. Of beauty of location and her own enjoyment. To A Fox’s tomorrow, thence to St Agnes and Penzance.

17/2/1832
Eliza Briggs
CSmH OP269
Brooke Park
Congrats on HB’s appt. RA. If she does not come for YM, she will come to see private view. Cholera in London, so shortly be in Norwich too. Of Reform Bill.

11/3/1832  Rev. Henry Milman
Berners St.  5 Park St.
Westminster
Asking whether cousin H Briggs could paint his portrait for following year’s Exhibition.

19/3/1832  Eliza Briggs
Sends gown and shawl. Thanks for vol. When is the private view? Hopes see Ld Milman before he goes to Jamaica – feels sorry for Lady M. Relieved that E is not frightened of cholera. Anxiously awaits letter from Tom. Hopes see Turner and his work when in London.

27/3/1832  Eliza Briggs
Postpones visit. Feels she has a right to a ticket for private view as she is Opie’s widow. Difficulty of pleasing Quakers with her dress colour: grey-blue too much for some. Enquires after Thomas Hurry of Durham, also Thomas Turner Wilkinson. Intends to sell her house in May, spend winter in Cornwall, maybe visit America. PS: shocked by image of butcher, tried but not sentenced, who hanged himself in his cell.

31/3/1832  Tom Alderson
Pimlico
Requests that he pick up a parcel for Eliza at Briggs’, remove the ms. from it and deliver ms to Hall at Sloane st.

22/4/1832  Eliza Briggs
Colegate
Plans for visiting. Poor Ly Milman. Maggie has another dr., both doing well Cholera. Russell Gurney. Cannot afford to retain servants when she sells house. Will go to Falmouth, hopes Anne Dale will accompany her.

24/5/1832  Eliza Briggs
c/o Miss Forster
Tottenham Green
Will not arrive until next Wednesday.

22/6/1832  Eliza Briggs
Bruce Grove
Please send her the letter she has begun. Of Tom’s depression.

30/6/1832  Henry Briggs
Asks big favour: rec’d letter & gifts from David – he wants to sculpt her in white marble. Would HB send portrait of her to Paris? D making ‘colossal bust’ of Cuvier.

9/7/1832  Henry Briggs
Thanks him for readiness to comply w.her wishes, but David may not go ahead after all. No news from Maclay. Paris in a state of siege, but AO expects her mail. Of elections: Grant now to stand for Finsbury: Fox, Lytton Bulwer or Trafford to stand in his place. Difficulties with lease on garden are delaying sale of her house – plans thus at a standstill.
23/7/1832 Henry Briggs
Cast now ready: AO uneasy at his silence.

2/9/1832 Eliza Briggs
d. Joseph Kinghorne. E’s visit to Edinburgh. House sold for £1000 to Q., a person she most liked, friend of her father’s.

24/10/1832 Eliza Briggs
Perran Vale
d. Isabella (Milman?). Hopes they enjoyed visit to Wye valley. In Cornwall at Eliz. Fox’s delightful house. Ly Charlotte’s son drowned while bathing. Hears of riots in Norwich.

22/11/1832 Sarah Rose
St Agnes

24/11/1832 Henry Briggs
St Agnes
Thanks for taking on Edward Opie, who will set off in a fortnight. On leaving “beautiful Falmouth” for “bleak” St Agnes. d. of Edward’s sr. age 13. Of Opie family and bad weather. The impudent Mr Prout. Lady Milman.

23/12/1832 Alfred Fox
Falmouth
AO in Penzance. Alterations to arrangements. J Williams unable to visit Fox. Is R Munsey Rolfe a R Catholic?

25/12/1832 J J Gurney
Wodehouse Place
En route Penzance. Of JJG’s Aunt; Sarah Alfred; the Foxes. Hears of rioting in Norch. via HG who writes of politics. Election time. Matters spiritual.

11/1/1833 Elizabeth Fox
Perran
From Penzance, sympathises on ‘this truly distressing occasion’, d. of child
Very religious tones.

12/1/1833 Eliza Briggs
Penzance
Pained by ‘piqued’ letter from Tom. AO had not intended to offend him. Friend passed him in street and did not recognise him. Is he very shabby? Offers new coat, but fears her offer may give offence. Enquires after Lucy Thompson, Mr Jameson, Maggie. Edward Opie’s pictures v. pleasing. Tuckfield’s school for deaf-and-dumb children. John Basset, Unitarian and pro-slaver. Ly Milman; Sidney Smith; Ld Normanby; d. Jane Catherine; d. Sarah & Charles Fox’s child from scarletina.

14/1/1833 Sarah Rose
Penzance
Enquires re friends in Norwich. Of society in Cornwall, the poor weather and
no fish 'and I usually live on fish.' Sudden d. of infant dr. of Charles and Sarah Fox.

21/1/1833 Mary Gurney
Penzance Earlam 
(Overwritten — almost illegible, but replete with such phrases as 'blood of the Redeemer'.)

7/2/1833 Eliza Briggs
Penzance
Plans to visit them in London, but very happy in Cornwall. Will visit Fox's at Grove Hill and Chas. & Sarah Fox en route home. (very faint in parts) Of Cornwall, St Michael’s Mount, etc. Ly Milman, Ld Cholmondeley, Peach.

26/3/1833 Henry Briggs
Falmouth
Asks after cousin Irene. Ed. Opie’s portraits of C & S Fox’s children: younger one suddenly dead. Sarah F now wishes small copy of pic. of d. child. AO feels both children’s pictures should be done. If he and Eliza are going to the Rhine this autumn could she come too? Of local attractions in Cornwall.

n.d. Henry Briggs
Falmouth
Plans for portraits.

14/4/1833 Eliza Briggs
Encl. a letter to go by steam vessel.

16/4/1833 Henry Briggs
Picture to go to London, thence to HB. AO rt’n’g to London via Bristol next mth. Wishes visit HB. Encourages him to go to Rhine. Has persuaded (JF) Cooper, ‘the American Walter Scott’ to sit for him.
Writes of poor weather but good views; the pet monkey’s convulsions; of swindler in Paris who claims to have been raised by AO.

27/4/1833 Eliza Briggs
Travel plans. Her hosts, the Foxes. The private view.

2/5/1833 Eliza Briggs
Combe House
Setting off on the Regulator from Bristol on Saturday — 13 hrs. journey to London. Charmed by location, nr. Kings Weston.

6/5/1833 Lady Anne [-] LPRO Acc510/460
Glad to comply with Lady Jersey’s request. Awaits further comm’ns.

17/5/1833 Henry Phipps
Earl Musgrave
Respectfully refusing an invitation due to Yearly Meeting.

24/5/1833 Eliza Briggs CSMH OP282
Vexed but not surprised by EB’s letter. Will (HB’s father’s?). The B’s going out of town. Asks for del’y of her laundry. Will pay HB £8. and get her trunks out of their house a.s.a.p.
3/6/1833  H Crabb Robinson

Sorry she cannot be at home for him - to Fowell Buxton's for breakfast.
Suggests he call at FB's and she will walk with him so that they may meet
before she returns to Norwich.

5/6/1833  E Lemaistre

A birthday poem.

13/6/1833  Eliza Briggs

Invited to Hampstead, hopes not too late for E. to rearrange her dinner party.
AO trying to get Ly Charlotte Bury to sit for HB.

n.d.  Eliza Briggs

Of drawings and paintings to be sent. Arrangements for her boxes.

2/8/1833  Henry Briggs

Disappointed he is not going to Rhine, but she couldn't really afford it. Of
Bradfield Ho., Dr Chalmers at Earlham, 'equal to his reputation'. To

27/8/1833  Eliza Briggs

N. Runcton

Met Bishop of Winchester at Earlham, and Dr Chalmers. Of Bishop's charm,
youth, etc.

8/10/1833  Mary Bolingbroke

Note to say she is following her wishes.

28/10/1833  Eliza Briggs

No word from E for some time. Of her maid Howling, attended by Dr
Dalrymple. Also anxious re her book, due to go to press soon. Enjoying her
house, however. Thanks HB for info re engraving. Of the 'opening' of her
uncle's statue in Hull. Tom complains of feeling cut off from family.
Robert's new baby dr., Henrietta Sophie Alderson. Of Ed Alderson,
Pakenham, JJJG, Backhouse and Birkbeck at her social evening.

7/11/1833  Eliza Briggs

More arrangements for drawings. Of missing dwgs., books and letters. New
lodgings most satisfactory, but AO still at The Grove, thence to Birkbeck's at
Keswick. Has seen a house she likes - viewed with Jane Backhouse and Jane
Gurney: 'small but sufficient' with views of Thorpe meadows. Conflicting
social arrangements.

6/12/1833  Eliza Briggs

St Helen's Place
d. of uncle. Family gathered to mourn. Encl. letter to Tom 'to save thee
ninepence' informing him of d. of uncle and funeral arrangements.

12/12/1833  Eliza Briggs

Salutes the 'little dear' who has just been with Ly Milman. Anticipates
father's return. AO confined to room by illness.

23/12/1833  Eliza Briggs
Sends Christmas wishes and dried apples. No letter from Tom. Her ill health. Aunt in robust health and left £30 p.a. Aunt has 'no idea she is a sinner ... [she] fancies one can be saved by works – awful delusion!' More on duty of correcting aunt. d. Ly Beechey (Ann Jessop), who had been seduced then married by Ld B, 'the day after his prostitute wife died'. New book to come out without frontispiece by HB - this due to publishers. d. Biggs.

13/1/1834 John Bevan Giles Lsf
Gentleman's Walk
(fragment) Regrets seeing so little of him.

4/2/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP117
Thanks him for being willing to decorate her book, but fears to send it to him in London – once lost a MS that way. Ly Bury spoke flatteringly of HB's portrait of her, but AO wants to see that of Ly Cork. HB's gift of prism is decorating her ceiling with coloured light as she writes. AO working on family history: the living at Holt. Elopement of Gurney's maid from Boulogne with young man of Norwich who, ironically, asked Richard Gurney the adulterer for money to do so. Sneyd Edgeworth, bro of Maria and old friend from 1810, is coming to see her.

19/2/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP118
Recovering from flu, intends going to Wroxham Hall then Northrepps – cannot foresee visit to London, however. Daniel O'Connell, 'the great agitator'. Visit of S Edgeworth, 'an elderly 47', knows Campbell & Dr Blair. Entreats re Rhine visit. Hears that Lafayette is very ill.

13/3/1834 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP292
Henry Tacy, old friend of AO's, may visit them to see pictures. AO will see Dr. Brodie for sciatic pain when next in London. AO's rented house to be sold by owners, she will have to leave. Robert A. & family: R's 'wicked indolence'. HB's progress re frontispiece engrvg. Aunty in new house on Life's Green nr Cathedral.

2/4/1834 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP293
Of Tom's fortunes and furniture. d. M.Martin and effect on Maggie. Ed.'s account of Thompson not pleasant. Henry's entries to the exhibition. AO's diet of chops and beetroot. Maria Edgeworth delighted with HB's painting. AO hopes persuade H Gurney to sit. Enjoyed two days in court: Scarlett cross-examining.

24/4/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP119
Arrangements for visit. If he has spare £100, she wishes to borrow @ 5%.

28/4/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP120
Coming by Telegraph leaving 7 am on 30/4 – arr. Shoreditch at 6 pm, Charing X by 7 pm. Painful abscess in ear.

8/6/1834 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP294
of AO’s itinerary: Bury Hill, Charles Barclay's.

12/6/1834 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP295
Giving the address of Dr Szyma.

14/6/1834 Anna Maria Hall Lvp
24 Charles St. Fulham Fields
Regretfully refusing an invitation to her party: 'I have for years refused myself this sort of indulgence according to the rules I have laid down for myself.' Mentions H. & E. Briggs, Baron Alderson, Smith. Thanks for praise of her 'dismal book'.

17/7/1834 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP296
No word from Eliza: AO anxious.

6/8/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP121
Setting off by Mail on Thursday 7. Asks to be met at Charing X at 7pm
Sailing from Blackwall at 10 pm on 9/8. Doesn’t want the money.

5/7/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP122
Left Sharpe’s essays on purpose to be sent to Adolphus Back. Sends goose for 'poor Tom' and postage for French letters. Too ill to go to Rhine. Plans to go to Edinburgh instead. Asks for another £100 at 5%.

27/7/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP123
Asks for £100 in 2x £50s under separate covers. Ed. Ald. has to support his sister. 'I am sick and sad when I think of this, but there is no other way.' Wishes she could help 'poor Tom' find work.

27/7/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP124
Of an insolvent relative (Tom?). Ed. A. and AO offer £50 each, but prison likely. AO fears for Eliza and HB.

3/8/1834 Henry Briggs CSmH OP125
Setting off. d. of son of Sir George Beaumont, age 24. "what is this life, Henry?"

8/9/1834 James Forbes StA msdep7/41
Edinburgh
Thanks for ticket for Ths. Chalmers to Br.Assn. mtg.

2 Castle st.,
Edinburgh
AO will be at George Inn, Glasgow, on 23/9, asks for a programme for her visit.

29/9/1834 Ly Charleville NOU
Oban, Western Highlands
Of beauty of Western Isles. Leaving for Glencoe, 'a treat'. 'I go by steam to within three miles of the entrance, and then in a coach...' Details of her itinerary. Attended scientific mtgs. in Edinburgh (BAAS). Detail descr. of E Scotland route, esp. of being rowed to Inverary. Colin Smith, rector of I. AO to visit Ld Rosebery & Ld Wemyss. Wishes hear from LC and Mrs Marlay.

2/10/1834 Sir Wm Hooker Kew Dir. Corr.
George Inn
Glasgow
Arr. Glasgow, spent day with the Wighams & Thomson. Thanks for
intro. to Rector of Inverary, who took her to castle, etc., showed to ferry, thence to Oban. So to Corran, Glencoe, L Lomond, to Inverary.

11/10/1834 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP297
Edinburgh
(faint & overwritten) Ld Grey; Ld Brougham; Arran & Bute; Capt. Darock Annie Parker; James Graham; Ld Wemyss; Andrew Johnston. AO to rtn via Backhouse and D Gurney.

14/10/1834 Anne Cruikshank PHC
Of her illness; smallpox in Gurney family.

25/10/1834 George Thomson E Ms15953
Thanks warmly for 'such a valuable work' but 'My musical days are over'. Regrets missing T & wife when they called. Compliments him on youthfulness at 70.

7/11/1834 William Whewell Ct Add.Ms a210/59
Penny Hill Anstruther
Has written to Anna G at N/repps to confirm invit. to WW. Aim: intro. Him to 'society of those worthy to know thee'. Mentions Palgrave, AG & Sarah Buxton, Farrell B., Dr. Chalmers.

11/11/1834 'My dear kind friend' NN AO30
Thanking for gift of eggs, etc.

5/12/1834 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP298
Darlington
Ly Gifford’s confused geography. AO wants a silk globe. Tom must endure his burden of debt, but she rejoices at Ed.’s efforts to lighten it. HB’s success with Kemble’s portrait. Cecilia Combes in Edinburgh; Catherine Carr; the Backhouses.

10/12/1834 Robert Nasmyth L, RP3144
Deferring visit.

16/12/1834 J J Gurney LsfGurney 1
Hull
From Nasmyth’s, Edinburgh, 26/11 to Melrose. Thence to Abbotsford as homage to Sir W Scott. Of her travels to Backhouses, of Priscilla & Johnston.

29/12/1834 W.B.Sprague NNAO12
Clergyman of Presbtn. Ch., Albany, NY
S. requested autographs. She replies 'some years ago I gave a dear young friend many interesting letters', but sends him one by Lally Tollendal. Ref. to letter from David.

Undated Josiah Fletcher PSC
Ordering the binding of a copy of her ‘detraction’ for Dr. Sprague.

5/1/1835 Henry Briggs CSmH OP 126
Northrepps
Asks him to write.

10/1/1835 Eliza Briggs
Lady's Lane
Robert annoyed by aunt's removal - nowhere to stay when in N'ch. AO not willing to have him - too gloomy. Sam coming to visit next week, however

26/1/1835 William Whewell
Dried apples. Mentions Sedgwick, the new prebendary, and his new ideas.

2/2/1835 Eliza Briggs (overwritten) Aunt ailing. Dr Sedgwick the new prebendary. Miss Norton.

27/2/1835 Eliza Briggs
Letter to Wm Smith gone astray. Hopes they will visit her. Of affairs and demands Ld Brougham not insane, Ld 'Ch.' bound over. AO liked Melbourne's speech.

7/3/1835 Eliza Briggs
Enquires after a book of JJG's which she asked them to send to Nasmyth, Browne & co. – not rec'd by Rbt N.

11/3/1835 Thos Ayrton
Re Harriet Russell, widow of Col.R.'Lady Hamilton & Emma were looking very well when I saw them'.

18/3/1835 Mr Dixon
Note indicating wish to speak with him next day at 11 am 'if that suits'.

20/3/1835 Henry Briggs
Been v. ill, now recovering. Requests picture of grandmother Hannah Hobart, presently in HB's attic, to hang in her house.

27/3/1835 Henry Briggs
Longs for picture of HH. Hopes he will come to N'ch; if so, they will visit last of the family in Holt. Hears good accounts of his portraits. About to prepare material for next book at Northrepps.

9/4/1835 T J Alderson
Northrepps Cottage
Hopes to visit 1st May, depending on her health. Tell Henry (Briggs) that the picture arr. safely. AO going to Robert A.'s at Baconsthorpe as R & wife dangerously ill. Hopes H(udson) Gurney now recovered.

16/4/1835 Eliza Briggs
'Ve my life an alternation of illness and visiting'. 'poor dear Ollyott'. Thank HB for having picture newly gilt. Dined with Holt cousin Smith. Robert's charming family. AO becoming a 'Conservative Whig'. Snow in N'ch.

6/5/1835 Henry Briggs
Letter encls. £5 interest. Is inviting herself to Neville White's in order to attend Anti-slavery mtg. on 15/5. HB's portraits praised in Morning Chronicle. Any more money available? Laments Ld Russell, but hopes
Ld Morpeth safe. Is HB’s portrait of Eliza in exhibition?

11/5/1835  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP130
Further good accounts of HB’s portraits. Setting off by Telegraph on 16/5.
Hopes he has money to lend her. Bringing Eliza 14yds light silk – a gift from ‘aunty’.

25/5/1835  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP304
Writing from JIG’s lodgings. Asks for her stays. Priscilla Johnston has fine boy and both doing well. Hopes Eliza will follow this example.

21/7/1835  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP131
Upton
AO worried about not giving him a receipt for the money.

2/8/1835  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP132
Brussels
Of rough 18-hr passage; seasick; ‘Neptune, chief of levellers!’ Ostend to Bruges by canal. Delights of Bruges.

26/9/1835  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP133
Baden Baden

3/10/1835  Thomas Brightwell  CSmH OP45
Hotel of the Rhine Falls

10/11/1835  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP305
Pain in face prevents her writing more.

n.d.  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP306
Note asking Eliza to send Thomas for her.

3/12/1835  Wm. Forster  LSF
Dinner arrangements. ‘No-one ought to be considered but our dearest Joseph.’

8/12/1835  Edwin Rickman  NNAO23
Giving her itinerary in Scotland.

11/12/1835  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP135
Parcel arr. safely, but tell Maggie that book is one of a set from Keswick Hall and must be returned. AO intended to write for Mrs Burk’s book while in London. Glad Eliza likes shawl, hopes they will visit her soon. Planning dinner party for Sedgewicks and Whewells. Suggests HB visit Hudson G’s while they are in London – Mrs G may sit for him. Of Emma Buxton’s madness.
22/12/1835  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP136
Did not see his picture hanging in the Hall, but Turner’s picture to be hung there Louisa Barwell enquiring for HB ‘(don’t tell Eliza)’. What should she say to Margaret Southwell re HB painting her dr-in-law Louisa? MS gave Davis £100 to paint Laf., so HB should be paid similarly. Emma Roberts (?) rtning to India – AO hopes to read her book, also new work by Sarah Stickney. Travel plans to London. Enquires which pictures he has at the exhibition. Aunty well.

1835  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP134
Will not return until Tues., but will be able to accommodate him from Weds. morning. New baby is ‘noble, beautiful’ and Eliza is well.

15/1/1836  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP137
AO will be at M Southwell’s and will inform her of his plans: Louisa wishes to be painted now elections over. What news from Duke of Wellington? Sedgewick giving lectures, she will dine with him on 19/1.

25/1/1836  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP138
Louisa’s arrangements re sittings. AO will see his picture in Hall next week. Sedgewick’s excellent lectures now completed; he is a ‘simple, natural man’ who lives in a ‘state of excitement’.

1/2/1836  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP307
Portrait by HB for [L Barwell]. Glad of reconciliation between Briggses and Catherine. AO’s detestation of family feuds. ‘Babe’ is ill, probably ‘meazles’. Harriet Martineau in trouble in America for speaking her mind. AO hopes begin writing soon.

12/2/1836  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP139

14/2/1836  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP308
Arrangements re portrait. On different interpretations of the Bible – some are wrong. A powerful preacher at mtg.

24/2/1836  Louisa Barwell  NOWR Ms20813
Wroxham Hall
H P Briggs leaving Thursday, so she can invite them Friday. ‘He (Briggs) has made a charming picture of Louisa Fulford’.

27/2/1836  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP309
Visiting Windsor, wishes to view private apartments, hopes to get Ly Wemys to arrange permission. Of E’s son Henry – birthday (?) gifts. A M Hall’s new novel.

2/3/1836  E Sparshalls  BMp Ms 135

3/3/1836  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP310
Asking E to run errands for her. Maggie’s letter – Thompson will not go to Hastings. d. ‘Lucy M’.

11/3/1836  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP140
Thanks for picture and frame. Of other pictures in her folio. Enquires after health of HB’s dr. Bettina. Of Ly Milman’s will. Margaret Gurney: a ‘slippery card’. Wishes HB could have opportunity to paint Anna Gurney. Of HB’s picture in Hall, and a critical viewer’s opinion. Aunt wondrously well at 87. HB to paint Sedgewick?

3/4/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP311
Josingly refuses young Henry’s room when she visits – will stay w. Bacon Gurneys for YM. Complains of lack of leisure time to compose. Of searching for their ancestors: Salle’s handsome church in what was once a town, now a small village (6m. SW of Aylsham, Norfolk), named for ancestor. Other ancestors: Henry Briggs, mathematician; Augustine Briggs of N’ch.

12/4/1836 ‘My dear friend’ NOWR Ms6181
On a man or boy who has left.

26/4/1836 Henry Briggs CSmH OP141
Unwell, unable to acc. him to show. Glad Eliza is better at ‘H’ – country air v. beneficial for her. AO may go to London if well enough, in which case she will visit Cambridge on rtn. journey. Difficulty walking. Anne Gurney & Sarah Buxton leave for Rhine today – Dresden, Prague, Vienna ... AO refers to HB as ‘Henry at Brigge, Lord de Salle’.

10/5/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP312
Swan Cottage
Hampstead
Hopes to call this week. Going to exhibition today. Glad E is out of town for sake of health.

14/5/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP313
Charles’s illness. hopes visit Tuesday.

28/5/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP314
Will be there at 5.30 pm.

28/6/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP315
News from Paris of French K & Q - K attacked with airgun. (faint) AO pleased by result of a trial – Sir W Follett conducted case ‘like a desperate man’, Miss Norton ‘an adulteress’.

26/8/1836 Henry Briggs CSmH OP142
Ret’d from Bury in better health after visiting cousins Charles Smith & Ann Bloomfield. Ivites Briggses for next month. Of Charles S’s marriage. Saw original Raphael at D. of Norfolk’s.

20/7/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP316
(very faint) her boots to be taken to Sly’s. David’s bust arrived – flattering.

5/8/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP317
(too faint to be legible)

2/9/1836 Henry Briggs CSmH OP143
‘Flabbergasted’ by his letter cancelling visit because of dear Bettina’s poor health. More of Raphael.
4/9/1836 Eliza Kirkbride

Re her letter alluding to an earlier exchange on morality & spiritual matters. Quotes Hannah More on sensibility. Welcomes EK to Norch when she visits England.

5/9/1836 Eliza Briggs

‘Meazles’ and ‘hooping cough’ in N’ch - don’t come to visit. (very faint) Betsy Fry.

7/9/1836 Henry Briggs

Re earlier letter: AO had been vexed and disappointed. Also disturbed by Bettina’s poor health – sought Dr Hull’s opinion.

25/9/36 Mrs. Willoughby Moore

Gift of inkstand to Prof. Sedgewick.

30/9/1836 Henry Briggs

Urges postponement of rtn. to London in order to see Bird (?). Vexation re HB’s arrangements.

26/10/1836 Eliza Briggs


29/10/1836 Ld Brougham

Respectful, formal. Pleased at his rtn to health. Solicits patronage for cousin Tom Alderson, solicitor, whose post as Asst Clerk to a Commission is now concluded. Emma Whitbread. Mr Faulkner.

29/10/1836 Eliza Briggs

(faint) AO writing to Ld Brougham about Tom.

4/11/1836 Ld Brougham

Thanks for speedy but disappointing response. Pleased to hear of younger Clarkson’s promotion.

13/11/1836 Eliza Briggs

Ld B. unable to help Tom, but courteous AO chides E for not writing re Henry. Has written to Judge on Tom’s behalf. JKG and Rachel Fowler to London.

17/11/1836 Henry Briggs

(very faint) Glad of his success, but almost angry at the boy painter. (More, indecipherable.)

23/11/1836 Henry Briggs

Runcton

Maclay’s wishes for framing of drawing. Invitation from Sam A in Hull, but she will decline as she wishes for ‘home and quiet’. Has other visits promised before her home is ready and she can finish her book. Of Lady Harriet’s portrait – ‘a daub!’ AO prospecting for HB to paint Ld Aberdeen. Lady H’s spoiled children.
6/12/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP322
Requests E obtain fabric for her. Financial matters re a picture by Mr Vald
the miniaturist. Encls. letter pleading cause of an orphan. Tom reproved her
for calling the North 'ugly' – but area round Hull is. Of Margaret G and Dk
Wellington.

9/12/1836 Mary Nasmyth TRUp Enys 1042
Re papers from Buckingham; query population Scot. Highlands; J H Gurney
Edward U., Rhineland; Daniel G.

19/12/1836 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP323
Of not writing because of lack of time Of fabrics and Christmas plans
(overwritten).

28/12/1836 R M Milnes Ct Houghton229/156
Eldon, nr. Thetford
Refuses offer of vist. Mentions Aunt Eliza.

11/1/1837 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP324
Mrs Law of N/repps wants a governess ‘not young – 27 or 8 would do’. AO
recommends Emma Buxton, but what should she ask as stipend?

20/1/1837 ‘Respected friend’ E Ms966
Requesting a call the following day.

Pre 2/2/1837 US Senate CSmHHM11234
Signature with other authors requesting copyright law.

9/2/1837 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP325
AO’s influenza. Sudden d. of Harriet G. in a premature confinement, leaving
eight children. Henry’s lease: to renew or not? AO comments on her
husband’s untidiness and how he could have had more business if his
gallery was smarter. Thinks Henry’s place too small, recalls Beechey’s
imposing gallery. Tell H to beware Lord Seagrave. More pupils would pay for
extra rent on a larger place. Eliza not pleased with Tom’s appointment.

3/3/1837 Henry Briggs CSmH OP148
Asks him to send dwg. of her to Isabella Charleton to take to Paris. d. Ly. H
G (Dan Gurney’s wife). Asks for her little vase at Charleton’s to be sent to
her. Lady Whitbread did not receive her letter, sent in a letter to E
Wodehouse for franking, so her ‘aid’ to AO continued. Of HB’s house and
landlord Lord Seagrave.

8/3/1837 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP326
Congrats re decision on house. AO must submit her new book to
Committee. JG’s ‘religious visit’ to America for two years will ‘heal his
wounded mind’. Of Tom’s appt. and his dislike of his profession.

9/3/1837 Henry Briggs CSmH OP149

18/3/1837 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP327
Sense of loss: Dr Ash & family removed to Bristol, JIG to America. d. Catherine Sparshall (Willetts).

1/4/1837     Anne Backhouse  LSF Gurney 1
Inviting Eliza Kirkbride to attend the Assizes next day.

20/4/1837    Henry Briggs        CSmH OP150
AO visiting to see private view and their new rooms. Travelling via Cambridge where dining with Sedgewick. Of her old house.

8/5/1837     Eliza Briggs        CSmH OP328
Note re meeting her Weds. a.m.

18/5/1837    Eliza Briggs        CSmH OP329
Social arrangements with Eliza. AO to Pinner.

20/5/1837    Eliza Briggs        CSmH OP330
Asks Eliza to arrange fly for arrival.

10/6/1837    Eliza Briggs        CSmH OP331
Of AO’s family: found ‘her’ (aunt at Pinner?) recovered and delighted with her gown.

29/6/1837    Eliza Briggs        CSmH OP332
Arranges to collect 12/- from Kate Partridge owing to HB. Requests soap from Riggs of Bond st., also a ‘round flat perforated thing for gentlemen to wear in their waistcoat pockets to regale their noses with’. Loss of Dr Ash, her physician as well as friend. HB’s new painting room. The values of hereditary monarchy. Q’yly Mtg.

8/7/1837     Eliza Briggs        CSmH OP333
JIG’s departure. Thanks for invitation, but feels must remain in N’ch because of aunty. HB to paint the Queen? Where is Mrs Burke? AO sends letter to her via H.Martineau.

2/8/1837     Eliza Briggs        CSmH OP334
E’s rtn to London and settlement in new house. Letter from Tom. AO apols. for wrong address (of Riggs?). Intends see coronation, if she can find a way. Would Emma Buxton see the funeral (of KG IV?) pass by her house? Smith a candidate in N’ch election. N’ch ‘so vile, so corrupt... that I should rejoice to see it disenfranchised entirely – both parties are equally bad.’

9/8/1837     Anne Forster        LSF
Burke Park    Green La., Tottenham
Apols. for not writing but needed to reflect on d. of Deborah F. Also re William Forster. Poem att’d: ‘In Memory of D.F.’

15/8/1837    Eliza Briggs        CSmH OP335
Asks her to write.

23/8/1837    JJ Gurney           LSF Gurney 1
C/o R Moore
New Garden, NC
News of home. L. from Dr Sprague of Albany, has rec’d her writings. TW Coke now Viscount: ‘I made myself vile to him’. New Bishop’s liberal sermon meets resistance from Tory Dean. Elections. Anna G ‘charming’.
John Henry G. AO visits J Alexander’s chapel w. Anna & Cousin Eliz. Dr Philpot laments Nevill’s loss of seat. ‘FB’ (Fowell Buxton?) to stand in 1840.
Continued 24/8/1837: new rooms at Keswick. Catherine returned well, to visit families in Brighouse acc. Friend Sells. Maria Fox.
King’s d. & Q. Victoria.

16/9/1837  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP336
(too faint - illegible)

29/9/1837  T N Longman  REu
Norwich
On d. (of Owen Rees?).

16/10/1837  Hannah Martin  NOWr Ms6181
Re R Hankinson.

17/10/1837  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP337
d. Rachel Forster of Earlham. AO at Henry Tacy’s. Aunt’s poor health. AO wants HB to paint Melbourne. Not sure whether her health will permit visit to London.

21/10/1837  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP338
Re visit to London

28/10/1837  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP339
Intends arr. on 9/10. ‘Poor dear Bella!’ (Plumptre?).

3/11/1837  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP340
Travel arrangements. Asks E to get a fly for her. Rachel Lester (?). (faint, more).

11/11/1837  Dawson Turner  Ct Dawson Turner letters
Bruton st
Re John Crome. JO met in 98 in Nch. JC frequently in JO’s studio, they painted together, with J Harvey, JO sometimes painting for JC’s edification. ‘This is the extent of the assistance which JC received from my husband.’ She’s off to see Henry & Eliza Briggs in their new home. Met Sir F Palgrave at Alderson’s.

1/12/1837  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP341
Further travel arrangements. Samuel Boddington. Willing to pay a guinea for a view of the coronation.

Postmarked  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP342
26/12/1837  (faint – more, but illegible). Of her aunt.
2/1/1838   Henry Briggs  CSmH OP151
Disappointed not to have heard from them. Her poor health. Sedgwick’s lectures. Removing to Northrepps on 31/1. (very faint)

5/1/1838   JJ Gurney  Lsf
Earlham
Part-letter with other Gurneys. AO’s first day out after illness following six weeks in London. Promises long letter.

10/1/1838   JJ Gurney, c/o John Paul, Philadelphia, PA  Lsf

11/1/1838   Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP343
AO hears from Richenda Cunningham of placing manganese in room for fear of miasma ‘the fatal fever’ – but AO advises pouring vinegar or other acid on it to make it effervesce. Hudson G on infection. Sends a Holkham pheasant. Awful fire in city. JO painted ‘Murder of T a Becket’ for Boyer. AO enjoying seclusion with her books.

n. d.   Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP344
Louisa Barwell called. Rumours of scarlet fever.

2/3/1838   Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP345

13/3/1838  Ld Brougham  Luu17.840
Applauds his ‘great speech on immediate abolition’ and order in council. Eulogy for Thomas Clarkson.

25/3/1838   JJ Gurney  Lsf/Gurney 1
Lincoln’s c/o Wm Jenkins
Inn Fields Providence, RI

26/3/1838   Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP346

10/4/1838   Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP347
Several invitations and consequent arrangements.

12/5/1838   Hannah Martin  NOWr Ms6181
In bed in sitting-room, ‘painful for me to climb the stairs’. Of Dickens:
*Pickwick Papers, N Nickleby, O Twist.* Reading H Martineau’s bk on America (*Retrospect on Western Travel*).

29/5/1838    JJ Gurney c/o Alton Pape, Vasselboro’, Me Lsf Gurney
Sent her drwg. of Anna but rec’d no ack. from JG. Dr Sprague ‘rejoicing in thy visit.’ Coronation: she refused ticket from H Milman, now regrets. E Fry & Hannah Backhouse wanted AO to hold meeting betw. aristocratic ladies & Friend women: she did so, gives list of those attending.

29/5/1838    Eliza Briggs   CSmH OP348
YM prevents fuller reply – returns book, will respond to her questions later.

2/6/1838    Caroline       TRUp Enys 1042
Lincoln’s Inn (Nasmyth?)
Informs her that Criminal Ct closed. Asks about governess position for another Friend fluent in French.

9/6/1838    Eliza Briggs   CSmH OP349
Social arrangements. AO despairs of having ticket given her for Coronation and refuses to buy one.

6/7/1838    Eliza Briggs   CSmH OP350
At an exquisite place. Visited Miss Mitford, very enjoyable. ‘Her abode is not inviting, except in one room, and an endless profusion of the finest geraniums’. No letter from J Backhouse. Visit to Virginia Water. Very luxurious house with bath and conservatory (but doesn’t say where).

17/7/1838    Eliza Briggs   CSmH OP351
Of stockings. Visited Joanna Baillie.

8/8/1838    JJ Gurney   Lsf Gurney 1
Ham House Troy, NY
Ill health of Eliz Abercrombie. Of Gurney family. Charm of Sophie Pinkerton, Gurney Fry’s wife.

10/8/1838    Eliza Briggs   CSmH OP352
Rtn on 28 w. Rachel Fox ‘in her elegant carriage and white ponies’. Visited Maggie. Countess Julie; Ly Cork; Col. d’Estes. Of her dining arrangements. In a ‘glass coach’ with Jeremiah Barrett to Croydon.

5/9/1838    JJ Gurney   Lsf Gurney 1
Earlham PO Montreal
Lower Canada

17/9/1838    Henry Briggs   CSmH OP152
Ly Charleville fears she has lost her pictures because AO sent her a medallion instead by mistake. Please ask Tom to send her the pictures. Has good accounts from Eliza of HB’s success. Hopes to see Southey at Neville’s on Saturday.
17/9/1838 Longman’s NOWr Ms20814
Requests one copy of her husband’s Lectures on Painting to be gift for German countess, also a painter, plus Father and Daughter and New Tales.

20/10/1838 Henry Briggs CSmH OP153
Uneasy at Eliza’s health – hopes she is now settled at home. More on Ly C’s pictures. Did AO leave a book behind? Bought at Hatchard’s, Eliza looked at it, can’t recall title, Dick on Life in another world, or somesuch. Please send w. a parcel from Miss Mitford, ‘alias Our Village’. Who is ‘Elizabeth Ellen Smith’? AO enjoyed her bk.

23/10/1838 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP353

23/10/1838 Henry Briggs CSmH OP154
Of ‘tins’ and oil to use with company in cold weather ... is spermacetti oil the right oil? Wants to tempt EB’s appetite with good food – good pigs available in N’ch market, also fowl and game. Met Wm. Borthwick at Earlham. ‘The Great Western’ coming from NY in only 12 days ‘annihilating time and space’. d. of Lord Glenelg’s bro. Grant, who leaves impoverished widow after spending over £9000 on N’ch electioneering and was obliged to go to India.

25/10/1838 JJ Gurney, c/o Wm Waring, NY Lsf Gurney 1

6/11/1838 Ld Brougham Luu 17.841
Introductory letter for Tom Alderson, who seeks post in ‘Mr Vizard’s gift’, seeks LB’s influence.

9/11/1838 Henry Reeve, Esq., Foreign Office NN AO31
Of her favourite verses from a book of painters; asks for three dozen mittens from his aunt in Malta.

5/12/1838 Hannah Martin NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for magazine – confined to room.

11/12/1838 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP354
Asks a favour – to buy her two Rippon cheeses. Has Tom written to Ly Cork’s agent to tell him money now paid in full? AO expects aunty will outlive her. Was anxious about Mrs Trafford, who now has a ‘fine babe and plenty of milk’. Asks for copy of her prescription for ‘powers’ (‘powders’?) for a poor but worthy person.

19/12/1838 Eliza Briggs CSmH OP355
Still confined to room, but hopes to go to Mtg. After years of precedent, aunty will not dine with AO on Xmas Day: ‘so heartless’ – she must dine alone. Enquires after a grave in Old Elvot (?), Co Durham. Has found possible job for Tom in Solicitor-General’s office.

25/12/1838
JJ Gurney, c/o Paul, Philadelphia
Lsf Gurney 1

1/1/1839
Benjamin Smith
Note about postage of another letter.

19/1/1839
Henry Briggs
CSmH OP155
Her requests to Tom go unheeded. Of Erskine, soon to be judge? Pictures of Countess Julie’s, still in Bruton st. Of her difficult hip. Mortality among bankers: Simon Martin ‘sinking fast’, J Brightman and D Lloyd both disabled and JJG in America. Illness of Chas Kemble. d. of LEL, the result of great unhappiness.

23/1/1839
‘My dear friend’
NOWr Ms6181
Of a death or similar catastrophe (to Mrs Reynolds? Of d. of her husband William Reynolds, d.26/11/1838, or widow of Simon Martin?).

24/1/1839
JJ Gurney c/o Wm F Mott, New York
Lsf Gurney 1

25/1/1839
Henry Briggs
CSmH OP156
Good accounts of Eliza’s health. Encl. £2.10.0 for 'poor Eliza Francis’. Visit of Duncan McCallum.

8/2/1839
Henry Briggs
CSmH OP157
Enquires whether previous letter rec’d. Agatha, landlady’s dr., is slowly dying. AO has cancelled a dinner party for Sedgwick out of respect. The Stanleys now gone – feels the loss. Is ordering Emily Roberts’ memoir of LEL, but unsure if it will be accurate. LEL’s d. spared her further ‘trials of marriage’. AO has been attempting to convince Lord Napier of a common ancestry.

13/2/1839
Henry Briggs
CSmH OP158
Asks for Tom to carry encl. to Curzon st, either 9 or 11. How are the Milmans? Love to Emma Buxton. Of HB’s painting Ld Brougham.

12/3/1839
Lady or Mrs. Grant
Expected book not arrived. On Lord Glenelg in his robes (H Briggs painting his portrait.) Continues 14/3: Has now read ‘highly valued present’ – paraphrases of psalms. Cousin Briggs (Eliza?) unable to see husband
more than one minute per day. Awaits merciful release of death.

16/3/1839  Eliza Briggs  CSmH  OP356
Has sent them a pig. Hopes E(mma)Buxton will soon be better. Good account from M Gurney of her visit to E. James Simpson of Edinburgh lecturing in N'ch on education, despite recent d. of his wife. Ly Hastings's 'shameful' examination for pregnancy, all Ld Melbourne's fault. 'The mystery of poor LEL's fate grows more every day'. -- further discussion of LEL's marriage without love, her husband Maclean's illness and his d. by drinking henbane. Is E Roberts's memoir of LEL published? Believes Maclean innocent of anything against LEL.

18/3/1839  JJ Gurney c/o H Hinsdale,NY  Lsf

23/3/1839  Eliza Briggs  CSmH  OP357
Emma Buxton wishes to introduce 'a converted Jewess, Mrs Herbert ... in the hair-washing line ... makes brooches, chains and bracelets to admiration' Hopes they all enjoyed the pig. PS requests E to let Mrs H take a piece of EB's long hair and H's to be made into a chain as a gift to AO.

29/3/1839  JIG  Lsf G. Syn.
AO adds to letter of Anna Gurney's.

1/4/1839  Prof. A Sedgwick  Orh Vol.18
S's horror and disgust at slave trade on reading TF Buxton's book.

7/4/1839  Unnamed  NNAO32
A lengthy letter on scandal involving LEL and Col. Maclean.

8/4/1839  W. Whewell  Ct Add. Ms. a10/52
Thanks for gift of book. Mentions Holcroft's 'bad translation' of same. Rec. 'a sweet letter from Mrs. Richardson'.

8/4/1839  Eliza Briggs  CSmH  OP358
Introduces Edmund and Mary Buxton to E, who will be convalescing nearby at Chigwell. MB recently recovered health after a year's illness -- a triumph for Dr Jephson. Making a chain for 'the poor woman' (Mrs Herbert?). Emma B's delicate lungs: AO hopes Emma has had someone look over her verses before they are published. EB's account of LEL was 'astounding', Roberts's book an 'apology'. LEL did not love Maclean.

18/4/1839  Henry Briggs  CSmH  OP159
Coming up for private view -- will stay with H Gurney, so please send her ticket there. Feels HB should show HG's picture rather than 'just Lords'. Praise from Chief Justice of HB's portrait of Miss Mitford and of the Bacon children. d. of her 'poor little page'. Of her dinner party: mulligatawny soup and a curry 'made out by a poor woman'.
18/4/1839  Eliza Briggs  CSmH  OP359
Needs a bed in London so that she can attend private view. Has a friend seeking lodgings for her so that she can stay for YM. Thanks for kind invitation – various conditions, e.g. she can only eat fish on dr.’s recommendation. Of her ottoman. The Archdeacon’s ‘providential escape’.

23/4/1839  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP160

30/4/1839  ‘Dear Lady’  LYP
St. James’ Square
Refusing a dinner invitation.

8/5/1839  Mr. W. Tait  E Ms3713
Bruton st.  Edinburgh Magazine
Submits ms for consideration. Prose tale based on true story, heroine recently d. Verses relate to historical topics. Requires only her initials to be shown. Offers travel sketches, other mtl. Formal.

17/5/1839  Eliza Briggs  CSmH  OP360
Weather ‘to make the well ill’. Of dinner at Rachel Carnes. Chas. Lefebre to be speaker (m. Emma Whitbread). Tory disapproval of Queen mysogynous and disloyal. Whig ladies will rally round Q. Milman’s financial arrangements and their views on the importance of a young man having a profession. AO feared she would be cut by Ly Cork, but rec’d ‘most cordially’ as Tom had paid her back (or AO settled for Tom?). Dining at Ly Charleville’s today, going to Carlyle’s lectures tomorrow with W Bell, Simpson’s lecture on Monday.

22/5/1839  Eliza Briggs  CSmH OP361
More social whirl and Tory illiberality towards the ‘poor little Queen’. Tory attempts to create a scandal involving Q. and Ld Melbourne.

25/6/1839  Anna Gurney  NOWr RQG527
Regrets missing q’ly Meeting. Mentions ‘Dear RF’, Dr Hodgkin, Anna Jameson , an Amer. authoress ‘much admired’.

21/8/1839  Willaim Tait  E Ms3713
Pleased tale is not rejected, but dare not let it appear, would pain those she ‘could not bear to wound’. Tries to interest him in non-fiction articles instead, esp. account of days in Ghent. Enquires re remuneration.

19/9/  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP161
Travel arrangements. Called on ‘poor Emma Buxton’. Jane Harvey – neice of B’s.

28/9/1839  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP162
21/10/1839 Henry Briggs CSmH OP162

10/11/1839 Henry Briggs CSmH OP164
Upset by Marg.'s news of HB's son's broken collar bone. But Annabell's accident more serious. Sending hamper to Henry (son).

15/11/39 Henry Briggs CSmH OP165
Receipt of £50 ack'd. Aunt's financial situation a family crisis involving fraud by Tom and de Barbot. Where is Tom now?
Enquires of Countess Julie's address on Rhine.

17/11/1839 'Respected friend' E Ms 10279
Lady's La. (Wm. Tait)
Thanks for £10. Promises Ghent article very soon.

20/11/1839 Henry Briggs CSmH OP163
Wants him to present £10 cheque to Smith & Co (her bankers?) for her.

23/11/1839 Henry Briggs CSmH OP166
More of aunt's finances. AO has consulted J Brightwell, lawyer, for clarification.

9/12/1839 Henry Briggs CSmH OP167
Post now only 4d. Of financial outcome. At least problem of aunt's money took his mind off his suffering. Where is Tom? Is the suit settled? Chambers reviewed and abridged her ms. - very satisfied.

14/12/1839 Henry Briggs CSmH OP168
Social events. HB's portrait of Mrs Trafford probably now in lumber room - she has been caught by husband with a lover, and locked up pending her father's arrival. 'A woman who elopes is virtuous [compared with] one who intrigues under her husband's roof.'

27/12/1839 Henry Briggs CSmH OP169
Tom now located in Hampstead. T. feels that AO had given him up. Means to pay back every penny. Pleasing letter from Catherine, Tom's sister - AO feels optimistic about outcome.

28/12/1839 Henry Briggs CSmH OP170

-/12/1839 Unnamed MRp MSf91 B60
Note confirming appointment.

13/1/1840 Henry Briggs CSmH OP171
Of £6 to W&S.: AO has asked Ly Milman to send HB £2.9.6, owed to her by Milmans. Of H. jr on his horse, AO's frailty and marriage of Q Victoria.
n.d. Henry Briggs CSmH OP172
Encl. £5 cheque for interest. Of financial arrangements.

18/5/1840 'Dear friend' E Ms10279
33 Bruton st. (Wm. Tait)
'I have the organ of impatience very strongly pronounced, or had when my head was felt.' Awaiting his reply re Belgian essays. May she send article on Punctuality?

20/5/1840 T Fowell Buxton Orh Vol.18
Welcoming him back to England after his travels.

11/6/1840 'My Dear Lucy' Lsf
33 Bruton st

25/6/1840 'My dear friend' NN AO33
Bruton St. (JJ Gurney?)
Apologises for not arriving as promised but explains she was at a meeting with Friends and Am. delegates to A-Slavery Conv'n.

29/6/1840 Unnamed NN AO38
Invitation to tea-party at lodgings in Bruton St. given for American delegates to Anti-slavery Convn.

1/7/1840 'Dear Friend' Lg
Bruton St
Invitation to 'all three' to her party for Am. delegates to Anti-slavery conv. to be held following evening. Over 30 expected. (wrongly dd. at Lg as 7/8/40)

15/9/1840 Mrs Fitch NOWr Ms20814
Castle Meadow
Letter of sympathy for 'sad event' — d. of infant. (Copy)

18/9/1840 'My dear friend' NN AO6
Norwich (J.J.Gurney?)
Mr. Wolfe. Plain speech; modest; signed 'Amelia Opie' not 'A.Opie'.

13/11/1840 'Dear friend' NN AO34
Expresses sympathy to addressee and brother on d. of Lord Holland. Canvasses on behalf of Lady Anson.

13/11/1840 'Dear Friend' REu
Canvasses on behalf of Elizabeth Smith aged nine for the Deaf & Dumb Inst. Addressee's sisters have made their Hampstead garden 'delightful'.

23/11/1840 'My Dear Friend' (R M Milnes) Ct Houghton 229/157
Wishes to see at breakfast (10am) or luncheon (2pm) while he is in Nch.
22/12/1840  Ly Charleville  NOu
Alarmed she has not heard for many weeks. Her maiden aunt of 86 gone elsewhere for Christmas. d. of friend of Henry Shepherd – will his niece Maria Rimmington find a home? Writes favourably of Ld & Ly Domo (?). R M Milnes at Bishop’s palace.

28/1/1841  Hannah Martin  NOWr Ms6181
D. of Jane Gurney (nee Birkbeck): ‘after travelling two nights, Hannah (Backhouse) and Jane B reached the grave at 7 yesterday morning’ (from Darlington).

1/3/1841  Hannah Martin  NOWr Ms6181
Aftermath of funeral.

- /5/1841  Anna Gurney  Orh Vol.20
How Edward Buxton’s speech on sugar had been ‘clamoured down’ by Chartists and ministers.

7/6/1841  ‘My dear friend’  L Egerton2334
Mentions ‘Sister Fry’ (Eliz.?). Plans to visit ‘West (?)’. ‘After next week my cousin H. Briggs will be most happy to paint thy dear husband’s picture’.

8/6/1841  Eliza Kirkbride  Lsf
Shared letter with Priscilla Leatham and Abel Chapman on EK’s marriage to JJ Gurney – looks forward to seeing her at Earlham.

18/7/1841  Jane Porter  NN AO47
Bruton St.  Green St.
Arrangements to meet on the following day.

13/8/1841  Messrs. Chambers  E Dep 341/95
Norwich  Waterloo Place  Edinburgh
Submits tale for their journal. True story related by ‘Padre’ in Gib. to her cousin. Son of Lady Hilman (?) in Barbados, LH wishes him to write of his experiences. Any remuneration from this article to him to encourage his writing.

20/9/1841  ‘My dear friend’  NOWr Ms6181
‘My last boots are on their last legs,’ orders boots & shoes

23/10/41  W. Whewell  Ct Add. Ms. a58/85
Congrats. on Master of Trinity and on his marriage. Catherine Stanley starting to recover from illness.

29/10/1841  Ly Charleville  NOu
Heard of but not from. Eliz. Fry also at Ramsgate but exhausted following her tour of Low Countries & Germany. AO awaits news of marriage of JIG & EK, ‘a charming American lady’. Of JIG’s books of letters from W.Indies and of his US tour, ‘addressed to me.’ Swinburne’s memoirs. She recalls visit to royal palace in 1831, where she met old friend Caroline S. Of O’Grady family, now in Boulogne – their connections with Miss Marlay & Miss Wood. Of Miss Porter, writer: AO approves.

8/12/1841  Ly Charleville  NOu
Acknowledges LC's 'tear-moving' letter. Confined to bed last three weeks, hopes to go out next day. Very weak, hence delay in replying. Of LC's son's illness and her vigil, son's hurtfulness to LC. AO hears of Eliz. Fry's travels while visiting JJG. Mrs. Rigby, cousin H. Martineau. Mrs. Austin, d. of Chantrey, sculptor. Of destitution in Norwich: 'I can't give to all.' Local Chartists easily suppressed by police.

12/12/1841 Hannah Buxton

Thanks for turkey. Glad that men of [Niger] Expedition were alive. To Earlham. Eliza G.'s low spirits.

14/12/1841 Dr. Hodgkin

Earlham Hall
Is trying to interest Sir J. Boileau in cause but unable to contact because of illness. At Earlham for recovery. 'The dear bride ... has just lost her brother. ... She bears up like a Christian woman but feels the event deeply'.

18/12/1841 Sir John Boileau

Rtms. Edin. Review. Sends info on a society she wishes to interest him in. Fowell Buxton not discouraged by 'news from the Niger'; Capt. Trotter 'in good courage' - she quotes from letter to N/Repps.

19/1/1842 Henry Briggs

Did he receive the turkey and sausages? Of HB's disagreeable duty: 'she' (Cath.) must be AO's guest again, but not until AO is well enough.

22/1/1842 Priscilla Johnston

Heard from Anna G. of d. of Bird Allen. Trotter recovered (these relate to Niger Expn.) Capt. Cook wrote in gd faith that Niger was accessible in all seasons. Dr. Hull opines that the scheme was noble in intent, 'one of grandest, noblest and most benevolent ever conceived'. Hopes Buxton will not be overcome by the disaster. Would be glad to hear that 'a certain wedding' was over.

16/2/1842 Henry Briggs

Not forgotten about Cath., but she must come to N'ch first to see if it suits - not before April. AO already feels 'tethered' by obligations to aunt. Re Brigg's Lane, N'ch. Dean's widow asked if she could be buried in Brigg's vault in N'ch cathedral, but AO had long since agreed to that. To Keswick - Capt. Barclay there. May not go to London this year. HB should paint Queen.

17/2/1842 Mrs. Sally or Tully Austin

S's sister writes that danger is passed. Rec. 'charming letter from John Edward Taylor's wife'. Has got gout - a new complaint, not much pain.

28/2/1842 'Dear friend' (H. Martineau?)

'I believe no-one can read thy book on America without liking it ...' Also on how she must be addressed: 'Mrs. Opie' 'I am not an old maid, but the widow of a distinguished man.'

4/3/1842 Sir Wm. Hooker

Charlotte Vavasour's 'present difficulties', encl. a note outlining plan by Mrs. Yorke for her relief, but also proposes a 'better plan' devised by
herself & Mr Hobart for a situation of Dame at Eaton (sic?) school. If agree, could he interest L/Ly Palgrave in this? Suggests this philanthropy as a way of escaping from his own trials, for which much sympathy. Recalls H’s father’s call on her in Glasgow in 1834.

12/3/1842 Ly Charleville NOu
Of LC’s trials, esp. latest: alienation of her estates. Good account of LC from Mrs. Leicester Stanhope. Met Henry Baring & Mr Penryn at Bishop’s. Of Baring & his wives. Chantrey’s last work. Of Erskine’s speech.

14/3/1842 Henry Briggs CSmH OP175
On virtues of doing nothing in certain situations. Social news. AO to visit.

29/3/1842 Dr Hodgkin Lwe Box 13
Norwich
A quick reply to confirm that she will not pass on information. Note about Anna G.

1/4/1842 T Fowell Buxton Orh Vol. 20
Confesses the verses were hers, but written in hand of JJG. Interesting day in court.

10/4/1842 Henry Briggs CSmH OP176
Pearson, who thinks HB is still on RA hanging c’tee, asks HB to look after his picture of Ld Mayor. Good accounts of Tom – he expects a rise in his office in November.

12/5/1842 Henrietta Erskine NN AO35
About meeting her son at the Hamilton’s.

16/5/1842 ‘My Dear Robert’ (Alderson?) PHC
Asks advice on how to act in presence of royalty as she is invited; relates etiquette when introduced to queen of France. Yearly Meeting. Tories mild but in power, Whigs resigned.

29/5/1842 ‘My Dear Friend’ Lwe Box 29
Bruton st. (Dr Hodgkin?)
Thanks for book; refers to recipient’s wife.

7/7/1842 R M Milnes Ct Houghton 229/159
Is he a Puginite? Wm Cooper going away. Wants to know name of someone RMM knows.

12/7/1842 ‘My Dear Friend’ R M Milnes Ct Houghton 229/158
On behalf of Julia Alpey, Irish lady ‘the cruelly treated and deserted wife of a drunken profligate’

14/7/1842 Henry Briggs CSmH OP177
‘Get Tom to order me a fly, would you?’

21/7/1842 Henry Briggs CSmH OP178
A pleasant journey. Expecting trunk late today.

22/7/1842 ‘My dear, kind friend’ NN AO41
Bruton St.
Going to N'ch following day by rail. Mentions Charles and Edward, also
the Birkbecks.

24/8/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP179
Will write fully soon, but requires beef lozenges from shop in Bond st.
People live for years with only one lung – he could probably manage without
any.

28/8/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP180
Parcel arr. safely. Money arrangements.

30/8/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP181
Did Miss Martin rtn. the lecture you loaned me? AO thinks not – writing to
Mrs Stanhope about it.

25/10/1842  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Encl. list of Widow Crowe's paintings and prints; directions to Mrs Crowe's,
a coal merchant, on St George's Plain.

14/11/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP182
Apologises for unfeeling reference to his lungs. Hannah Backhouse and
hertwo drs. now at The Grove. Hudson G dead. AO in pain and on laudenum.
‘E' at Wandsworth. Beef lozenges very good – JJJG likes them too.
JJJG has complaint: 'forbidden sugar in any form' and restricted to filtered
rain water.

17/11/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP183
(very faint) HB's pictures of Ly Buxton & Ly Cork.

24/11/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP184
(too faint to be deciphered)

7/12/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP185
Going away to Henry Tacy's (?) - could he send the money he promised?
Of sick landlords. A local murder – 'a kept woman quarrelled with her fancy
man', knifed him in self-defence, now in jail awaiting trial: 'very handsome,
and only 25'

11/12/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP186
Thanks for money – sending him game.

27/12/1842  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP187
Comps. of season. Warns HB about getting payment for picture from
Knatchbull. AO to visit Catherine.

29/12/1846  Henry Briggs  CSmH OP188
To HB Jr. – praises his neat writing. Of her own poor health.

12/1/1843  Josiah Fletcher (bookseller)  PSC
Ordering a binding of white or drab leather for a copy of Pilgrim's Progress,
to be inscribed 'From AO to J. and A.B.'

2/4/1843  R M Milnes  Ct Houghton 229 Dep 1
Mrs Stanley ‘our bishop’s lady’. Warning RMM of tailor’s son who lives in St Clements – not a man to deal with. JG agrees. Has visited Anna G & Anna Hanbury. AG to marry J C Backhouse of Darlington. Also Harriet, Dan G’s daughter, to marry W Cowper, MP, son L. Palmerston.

23/5/1843  
No addressee.  
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30/6/1843  
‘My dear friend’  
33 Bruton St. (a French person)  
Regrets deputation to Paris has been abandoned. Mentions E Fry, Alancon and Rochefoucauld. Poor writing, which she excuses by saying ‘Oh, my blind eyes!’

3/7/1843  
Hon. Mrs. Stanhope  
Ashburnham House  
Response to request to write in LS’s album.

27/8/1843  
Simon Wilkin  
NOWr MS4281  
Revisions for Father & Daughter and Adeline Mowbray.

1/9/1843  
Ld Brougham  
Luu 17.510  
Applauds his pleading cause of Texas independence, ‘making annihilation of slavery in Am. ultimately certain.’ Anti-Slavery Conv.; Louis Tappan, Ld Aberdeen.

Undated  
Lady C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
(1843?)  
News of d. of Anna Gurney on her way to Palermo. AO’s eye recovering: she is in good health.

12/12/43  
Henry A Briggs  
CSmH OP90  
His father’s safe return soon.

1843, n.d.  
Elizabeth A Briggs  
CSmH OP83  
Well done for handwriting. Emily Milman to be m. on 3rd to Mr Forster (clergyman), son of Admiral F.

Undated  
Lady Catherine Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
(1844)  
Relief that Lady John Russell is out of danger. Apols. for any offence in her last note to Miss (Caroline) B. She has been out in a chair for the first time since 12 January.

4/1/1844  
‘Dear friend’  
NOWr Ms6181  
Promises a book (vol.11).

23/2/1844  
J J Gurney  
Lsf Gurney Mss  
Defence of her writing, after JG’s accusation of publishing fiction (US publisher had put out collected works).

11/3/1844  
Elizabeth Briggs  
CSmH OP84  
Farewell for ‘a long long time’.

6/4/1844  
Lady C. Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181
Feels that LCB is 'quite restored' after her illness. Will visit as requested on 11/4. Mentions High Sheriff, who is 'very naughty' not to give in.

22/4/1844  R M Milnes  CI Houghton 229/61

Thanks for gift, praises his verse & prose. Reading Macaulay's *Essays*. Meeting affairs. 'We shall probably never meet again, as my London days are gone, never to return.'

4/5/1844  'My Dear Friend'  PSc

Thanks for gift and asks for money for 'the poor lad'.

12/5/1844  'My Dear Friend'  Lg

Thanks for sending his/her play, which she enjoyed reading, although pref. the first one. Lent both to a Lady who was delighted. Unable to visit London because caring for aged aunt.

23/6/1844  'My Dear friend'  WIS VI.41

Note explaining talkative behaviour. Offers 4 lines (encl.) to comfort her husband in his depression.

July 1844  Miss H M Philip  BMu. Philip 124

via J Alexander  Autograph card.

22/7/1844  E Lemaistre  NNAO19

A poem apologising for not having written a birthday poem.

27/7/1844  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181

Ill in bed – regrets 'muddle-headed' answer to invitation. To Northrepps to see doctor. Baron/Lady Alderson mentioned.

2/8/1844  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181

Expects to visit 9th August. Now going to criminal ct. as Paul's trial is taking place – charged with attempted poisoning of mother, but AO suspects evidence is insufficient to convict. Mentions High Sheriff.

19/8/1844  Elizabeth Briggs  CSmH OP84

Thanks for letter and her news. On her handwriting.

12/9/1844  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181

Flattered by invitation to visit. Will go by train (to Wymondham).

8/9/1844  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181

Thanks for game. Of two sons of widowed friend who are to start at Eaton (sic.) – youngest of these suddenly drowned. Grandmother, Ly Charleville, heartbroken. Brinsley Marlay, surviving son, to Eaton in three weeks: reminds JB's son, also at Eton to make contact. Of Bishop's 'admirable speech'. Fr Mathew is charming but opposes religious reform.

25/9/1844  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181

(dated '43, but content indicates 1844)
Mrs. Marlay (wid. Col. Marlay) takes B. M. to Eton. S J B’s speech in ‘Tory paper’, no doubt more favourably reported in Mercury about present need for aid. Has been staying with ‘High Church Tories’ — anxious to return home.

1/10/44 (Rev.) John Alexander  
St. George’s, Colegate  
Sends ms for him to read: ‘I shall attend to all thy judicial observation’.

11/10/1844 Rev Alexander  
Letter of thanks.

13/10/1844 Rev. Alexander  
Sorry to miss ‘solemnities’.

20/10/1844 Lady C. Boileau  

29/10/1844 ‘Dear respected and much to be pitied friend’  
To JJG on d. of his second wife.

30/10/44 ‘Dear & Respected Friend’  
Apols. for ‘flippant answer’ to note. Re a third winter assize.

7/11/1844 Lady C. Boileau  
Accepts invitation for 13th-16th. Anticipates seeing LCB & Lady Chatterton.

30/11/1844 Sir J Boileau  
Note of thanks for his kind enquiry of her.

20/1/1845 Lady Morley  
Proxies for election at the orphanage.

6/3/1845 ‘My Dear Friend’  
Defending a Gurney, barrister involved in Treason Trial.

8/2/1845 Lady C. Boileau  
Accepts invitation 11-12 Feb. Lady C’s biliousness. High tide Thurs. washed away all the steps at Cromer and the west cliff is in danger.

15/2/1845 Lady C. Boileau  
Thanks for hospitality. Mentions JJG & Samuel Gurney.

18/2/1845 Lady C. Boileau  
Card games and tricks. Mme. deLastignes.

19/3/1845 Susanna Hunter  
Concerning request for her autograph.

21/3/1845 Ly Charleville  
8/4/1845 Lady C. Boileau
To Keswick. 'Dear Lucy Birkbeck' sitting opposite in meeting. Train to London in only 3½ hours.

7/5/1845 Lady C. Boileau
Wm. Cowper not to marry Miss Tollemache after all. Death & illness in London. Funeral of N. Buxton at Overstrand. Upset by d. of Baron Gurney.

28/5/1845(? ) unknown
Lady's Lane (fragment) regrets not seeing addressee. Signed 'A Opie'.

30/5/1845 Sir J Boileau
Encl. part of friend's letter that 'she may be her own explainer'.

17/6/1845 'Dear friend' D. of Henry Briggs. Plain speech.

23/6/1845 Rev Alexander
Asking for vote for school in acc. leaflet.

30/6/1845 Ly Charleville

28/7/1845 'Dear friend'
Apoloising for not attending Collier's lectures on educating blind mutes.

10/8/1845 Lady C. Boileau
Rtn. From Yarmouth by train, finds LCB's card. Will visit 21/8. 'Your unassuming neighbour Bickmire was my sole Romeo and I never owned the eloquent Edwin' but feels 'more fitted for the old nurse' now. Dodsworth, Coleridge (grandson of poet, now at Eton).

21/8/1845 Lady C. Boileau
Cannot visit Monday – suggests breakfast Tuesday.

29/8/1845 Lady C. Boileau
Enquiring about health of LCB's husband.

30/9/1845 Sir J Boileau
Pain in fingers on rtm. from Cromer, and 'a general and indescribable malaise'.

3/10/1845 Sir J Boileau
Recovering. Thanks for pheasants. Dr Lubbock.
10/10/45 Sir J Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Questions his allusion to his 'work' in last letter. Of her own poor health; wedding at Morningthorpe.

11/10/1845 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Congrats. 'Boileau MA' on receiving Prince Albert prize.

22/10/1845 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Health recovering. Anticipates visit.

23/10/1845 Sir J Boileau NOWr Ms6181 AO did not borrow his Blackthorne. On a family subsisting adequately on a diet of potatoes.

6/11/1845 Sir J Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Thanks for game. Previous day's bonfire party.


25/11/1845 Sir J Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Poor health returned. Dr Hull calling twice daily. A few days ago, 'dared not' attend for dinner, but now feels there is good possibility of attending.

3/12/1845 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Her improving health.

17/12/1845 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Accepts invitation, doctor has just agreed to let her go. Caroline B. & 'Boileau MA'. Change in political world: 'May it be blest to the country!'

10/12/1845 ( ) PHC Of a book written by friend and one by herself.

18/12/1845 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Her visit: 'The left corner of my mouth is so sore that I could not possibly show myself without a black patch, and I am, alas! afraid that the left is not the side on which the Whig ladies used to patch in Addison’s time'.

18/12/1845 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181 'Sir John (B.) is an atrocity – and if he had been my Romeo I must have changed him after such conduct.' 'The present state of politics is indeed a curious one.' Going to Keswick.

21/12/1845 Lady Charleville NOu Quaker & Barcelona shawls. Recalls E Fry’s last visit. Of Fowell Buxton’s sister, now ministering in Mississippi.

28/12/1845 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Accepts invitation to servants’ dance with pleasure.

29/12/1845 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181 Arriving 5pm Wednesday.
31/12/1845    Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Unable to attend. Powerful affliction of the eyes. Low spirits.

7/1/1846    Sir John Boileau NOWr Boi 308
Refusing invitation because can’t see.

19/1/1846    Daniel Gurney NOWr Ms6181
Encl. verses ‘Lines on Lady Harriet Gurney and her daughter Harriet – to
D.G.’

26/4/1846    Elizabeth Briggs CSmH OP85
Her eye inflammation, hence no letter. Now recovered. AO enjoys
hearing of E’s and Henry’s progress.

25/5/1846    Jane Gurney Fox L Add Mss 61712
Regrets delay in replying, due to inflamed eyelids causing blindness.
Of Yearly Mtg. Mrs. Fox to France again. Of marriage/choosing husband.
‘JG languid & thin.’

18/6/1846    ‘My Dear Friend’ Hodgkin(?) Lwe Box44
Enquires about courses training to be ‘caretaker in Lunatic Asylums’ on
behalf of ‘Crosse for his retreat on Earlham Road’.

6/7/1846    Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Congrats bro. Ld. John Russell ‘now, once more, the Premier.’ Own health
poor but recovering. PS: Miss Stanley’s loss of last parent.

3/8/1846    Ld Brougham Luu 17.511
LB’s eloquence in vain; Thos. Clarkson’s discomfiture. Lady Buxton
overwhelmed by maj. of 130. Anticipates changes in ‘Sugar question’.
Reading LB’s Statesmen, of Wyndham & Lafayette. Recalls W’s
calling on her mother, his political history.

10/8/1846    Ld Brougham Luu 17.512
Earlham Hall
Flatters his speech on ‘Irish Court Martial’. On aging and mental powers.
Read his life of Cath. of Russia. Her view of innocence of Mary Q of S. On
LB’s life of Washington. Continues 12/8/1846 from Norwich: has read
speeches of LB and Ld Denman, anticipates stormy debate on 17/8.
Visited Wyndham’s tomb at Felbrigg.

21/8/1846    Sir J Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Dr. Hodgkin. Of AO’s aunt and Baron Alderson.

27/8/1846    Lord Brougham Luu 17.513
Lowestoft
Opposing views of Mary Stuart. Has re-read 3 vols. LB’s Historical Sketches,
discusses Talleyrand, Mme. de Stael, Baresse (?), Thionville. AO ‘could
never condemn a hereditary king to death’. Sir J Mackintosh, Mme Bunsen.
Trinitarianism and Unitarian Wm Smith. ingratitude of Anti-S C’ttee to LB.

30/8/1846    Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Can’t comply with invitation as she is expecting ‘my granddaughter and great
grandchild from Darlington.’
26/9/1846  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Apols. for having her book for so long. 'I read it with a sort of angry interest.'
Edwin Sydney.

28/9/1846  Lord Brougham  Luu 17,514
D. Thomas Clarkson. JG & AO mis-understood part of LB's charges against
AS C'tee – unanswered letter. AS C'tee lacks 'moral courage'. Analyses
LB's differences with J Scoble. AS Mtg in Norwich shortly. Encl. quote
Voltaire on true love.

30/9/1846  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Hears Boileau MA has gained first prize this year. Anna G recalls meeting the
Boileaux.

8/10/1846  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
She finds him impractical but means to make him beautiful. Her drawings
well received. On new décor at Kett. Hall – 'so attractive'.

8/10/1846  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
of jealousy. Invites Sir John (B.) to 'a tete a tete'.

27/10/1846  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Encl. info on state of 'Negroes and Aboriginals in our society'.

13/11/1846  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
A commission for a portrait sketch. Forced to give up Northrepps. Of
friends and aging.

4/11/1846  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for gift. Encl. note from Hallam. Off to SPCA mtg. Enjoyed visit to
K'm.

27/11/1846  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Encl. 'La Système Penetentiaire' & view via (Thos.? ) Northgate. 'Much
pleased with Dr Boileau's work.' D. of Yarrington, local glasspainter.
Visited Keswick, Hudson Gurney.

9/12/1846  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
d. Lady Eliz. Whithead, friend of 4l years. Enquiry of Mrs. Frederick Anson.

22/12/1846  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for gift. On her health. Of the Adairs in 'their trial'. Mr Crosse
helping her.

29/12/1846  Elizabeth Briggs  CSmH OP85
Thanks for letter: would like to visit at West Hill, but unlikely. AO's aunt

19/1/1847  Lady C. Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Caroline's 'hooping cough' and her own health. 'I have just lost the most
attached friend that I ever had' – d. of JG. Bishop's sermon at burial
service.

22/1/1847  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for pheasants. Notes domestic trial of Ld & Ly John Russell – a confidence betrayed. Lady Buxton; Dan Gurney. Hopes recovered from 'hooping cough'.

5/2/1847 'My very dear friend' Lsf
Norwich (Wm. Forster?)
In better health following d. of J J G. Visits by Bishop & wife. Collecting for Ladies' Assoc'n. Of Sarah, Lucy Aggs & Eliza Kirkbride Gurney.

15/2/1847 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Apols. for previous letter: 'Please burn it.'

1/3/1847 Katherine Backhouse DUr D/Wal/2
Warm acknowledgement of greeting.

3/3/1847 The Dean of PSC
Lady's Lane Norwich
Formal note written in third person thanking him for his call following d. of JJ Gurney in Jan. 1847.

6/3/1847 Sir J Boileau NOWr Ms6181

9/3/1847 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Recommends Dr Towke to Sir John to succeed Dr Lubbock.

22/3/1847 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181
of Queen's gift to Ld Russell. Health of Caroline. Own improved health. Mary Gurney's stillborn son.

5/5/1847 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Return of Sir John. Caroline still an invalid. 'I did not walk for five months... lame in the right limb', but now walking again. Miss Stanley 'looking so handsome' now returned from Spain. Mr Leicester Stanhope.

16/5/1847 R M Milnes Ct Houghton 229/61
On d. of his mother. She sends book he requested. Of prison reform. Uncle, Recorder of Nch. tribute to Sarah Martin from the bench.

28/5/1847 R M Milnes Ct Houghton 229/63
Thanks him for book, hopes hers has now arr. safely.

21/7/1847 Lady C. Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for strawberries. 'My darling granddaughter and her two children are here.' Elections: Wyndham stands for E. Norfolk.

24/7/1847 'My dear friend' (Boileau? ) NOWr Boi 308
'Thou wast not right in thy supposition that I should not return in the High Sherriff's carriage – no indeed!' (refers to funeral of J J G).
25/7/1847  ‘My darling Johnny’ Backhouse  DUr D/Wa1/2
Of his recent visit with ‘Cousin Buxton,’ their visit to Darlington, John &
Laura Gurney. Signs: ‘Grandmamma A Opie’.

25/8/1847  Ld Brougham  Lue 17.515
Acks. ‘safe arrival of interesting gift’ On progress and contemporary know-
ledge. Criminal Law reform. Questions wisdom of LB’s sending only half his
mss. to Law Lords. Asks him reconsider decision to withdraw latest book. On
AS C’tee and Friends afraid of doing too much.

30/8/1847  Ly. C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
memoir of Henry Hatcher. Appert’s bk on Louis-Philippe. Campbell’s
Chancellors.

16/9/1847  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for gift of brace of birds, rec’d on rtn. from Cromer. The ex-minister
(Peel?) shooting at Kelling w. Charles Buxton, visits Anna G.

8/10/1847  Ly. C Boileau  NOWr Ms 6181
Refuses invitation, seeing family.

10/10/1847  Lady Charleville  NOu
Eyesight recovered. Of her shortsightedness: wore a ‘glass’ from age 15. Of
income from Belvedere. Fears Miss Marlay’s loss of regard for her. Surprise
visit by Ld Bentinck – old friend of 40 years. Mrs Stanley’s ac’t of Jenny
Lind’s visit to Bishop’s palace: her kindness and piety. AO away ‘to
avoid temptation’. Sir Robert & Ly Peel at the Barings’s at Cromer: Sir RP’s
shooting prowess. The financial crisis: Sanderson, bill broker, ruined. Mrs
Marlay’s difficulties with her son.

14/10/1847  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Sends Cornish paper with ac’t. of mtg. chaired by SJB’s friend Sir Chas.
Lemon. Foxes of Falmouth – she took RW Fox, famous for expertise in
mines, to meet Lafayette in Paris in 1829.

14/10/1847  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Of visiting. Postponement of marriage of Edmund G and Jane Birkbeck.

2/11/1847  ‘Dear & respected friend’  Ler 3608/129
Requests proxy vote for assistant surgeon at the hospital for son of
Sergeant Keith, an old friend.

8/11/1847  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Sympathies on loss of friend/relative.

23/11/1847  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Condolences on ‘the late melancholy occasion’ – a sudden, if long-foreseen.
of his brother. Notes Boileau MA has gained Prince Albert prize – twelfth
prize this year, she thinks.

19/12/1847  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms 6181
Health now improved – hopes to visit.

20/12/1847  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Much worse today, cannot visit. Mtg. Jameson at Palace. Wishes visit
‘my lovely, large family of promising grandchildren’. Fears for health of H.
Birkbeck and Mrs Backhouse. Dr Hodgkin attending.

21/12/1847  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Apols. for flippancy in previous message.

13/1/1848  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Apols. for two observations made when they last met. M. Guizot head of
Protestants in France? Lucy Birkbeck – reports that funeral was what AO
had hoped for. ‘I have had many comforts … the thought of his perfect peace
and rest.’

25/1/1848  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Eyes weak but in good health. Hopes visit before going to London or Nova
Scotia (!) Misses Anna (Backhouse?, d.17/1/48).

30/1/1848  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Refutes idea that she is too sensitive about what she said. Of a conversation
about her on a train between SJB’s dr. and a French governess to the Oxleys
of Earlham road.

7/2/1848  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Regards to Boileaus who are off to London. AO hopes visit L. at easter
Invalid [dr.?] well again.

7/2/1848  ‘Dear Friend’  NN AO20
Note about turning away a man who had applied for a soup ticket under a
name different from that which he had used before.

27/3/1848  ‘Dear friend’  NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for ‘pretty present’.

7/4/1848  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Langham Place
Arr. in London. Wedding to go ahead, ‘Chartists permitting’.

24/4/1848  ‘Dear Friend’  NN AO44
25 Langham Pl.
Letter requesting ticket to private view (probably at Royal Academy).

29/4/1848  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Langham Pl.
Thanks for ticket. Hopes to use it ‘without transgressing the rules of the
Sir R Inglis, Sir R Lockhart, Hallam, intros. to Misses Guizot.

8/5/1848  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
15 Langham Pl.
Thanks for invitation. She is at Lady Gurney’s, going to mtg. at Exeter Hall.

9/5/1848  Sir J Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Accept invitation.

4/6/1848  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for ticket to meeting. Notices LCB’s fatigue.

24/7/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
Castle Meadow  
AO’s new home ‘a very pleasant maisonnette’, ‘a small haven of great comforts’. Staying w. Sam Gurney. Can’t hope to lose lameness.

26/7/1848  
Mrs Marlay  
NOu  
Cavendish Square  
Countess Marlay’s bequests and her concealment of rank, except in France. Miss Wood. Of discussion in France between AO and Miss M. on diffs. of Quaker and RC doctrines: AO feels this was reason for Miss M. dropping her. Praises M.’s son.

1/8/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
Thanks for good wishes. Hallam.

5/8/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  

10/8/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
SJB in poor health. Woodhouse gave permission. Guizot.

18/8/1848  
‘Dear friend’  
NOWr Ms6181  
Moving to ‘a new house of my own, and it is yet only half finished’.

28/8/1848  
‘Dear friend’  
NOWr Ms6181  
Expressing sympathy.

23/9/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
Thanks for letter. To Keswick (Nfk.) to meet L/Ly Stanhope. Congrats on Lady Nut –’s safe confinement.

29/9/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
Apols for absence from LCB’s party. Int. in results of Sir W Scott’s illness.

9/10/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
Acks. letter & gift of game. Glad B’s ‘fetes’ went well. Going to Lowestoft Lkg. fwd. to meeting L/Ly Bury at Kett’m.

23/10/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
Thanks for hospitality at Kett’m. Dr. Hull. AO enjoys company but also solitude. H. Birkbeck lives [letter makes him seem dead]. HB missed by Hudson Gurney. Letter from Lucy B., sister of Robert Barclay.

5/11/48  
Lady Charleville (?)  
NOu  
LC at St Leonards: impressions of LC, dr. and Ld Tullamore. AO’s discussion with Miss M. en route to Namur. RM Milnes’ Life of Keats. Gossip.

1/12/1848  
Ly C Boileau  
NOWr Ms6181  
Of ‘horrible slaughter’ in LCB’s neighbourhood.
9/12/1848 Lady Charleville NOu
Of delays with parcels. AO's box of biffins not yet rec'd by LC. Caustic refs to 'La Chansoress's' will - Jenny Lind? - and her lapse of taste in friendship with Lytton Bulwer. Murders at Stanfield Lodge of a happy young couple. (incomplete).

23/12/1848 Ly C Boileau NOWr Ms6181

13/1/1849 Sir J Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Envelope only, with message in flap 'Kindest regards to all'.

5/2/1849 Ly C Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Thanks for 'brace of birds'. Lucy Birkbeck; Edward [Baron] Alderson; Guizot hopes go to France 'after certain difficulties are gotten through with'.

15/2/1849 Ly C Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Apols. being out when they visited. Fears she has 'forfeited caste with thee'.

6/3/1849 'My dear friend' Ota MS80E1
Tired and in pain. Going to Northrepps on 9/3, so unable to visit on 12/3.

22/4/1849 Lady Charleville NOu
Of murders: Rush executed yesterday, protesting innocence. AO to visit Castle Jail tomorrow to enquire of R's eight children. Possible perjury of Emily Sandford. Miss Marlay presented at Ct. by Mrs M. (cont. 23/4) Results of visit to Castle: Gov'r's ac't of Rush's farewell to children. Diminished finances of family, who hope for assistance to go to Australia, as does E Sandford. Rush a 'Don Juan' who would have killed ES when done with her. AO to Hudson G's to meet Wolff.

4/5/1849 Lady Charleville NOu
Miss Marlay the debutante: her beauty a sensation, but now ill. More of Sandford's testimony & Rush's trial. S 'a woman without principle'. AO's efforts to contact son of Mr Lockhart, a lancer.

4/6/1849 Lady Charleville NOu
Saw Miss Marlay's name in list for the Queen's ball after her 'meazles'. AO's intermittently poor health causes her to give up London this year. Recommends shawls at Blakeley's on Conduit st - local man, who presented to J Lind 'the most beautiful [shawl] I ever saw'. Of her house: view of Castle Hill so covered with 'lofty' trees and flowering shrubs.

22/6/1849  Lady Charleville
Hears LC has purchased a shawl by B. Of J Lind & Mr Harris. Macaulay’s ‘splendid book’. ‘No-one can be more opposed to forms & ceremonies & mummeries as I am.’ Misses evenings at 14 Cavendish Sq. Ly Cork’s correspondence to be published! AO reading H Martineau’s Eastern Travels – ‘exquisite’ descriptions.

7/7/1849  Sir J Boileau
Apols. for not seeing him. In bed with cold & cough.

4/8/1849  Ly C Boileau
Plans to visit Kett’m. Of Bishop’s visit.

13/8/1849  Ly C Boileau
Storm. Of schoolchildren’s feast given by B’s. Anna B’k’s 23 birthday party. To Cambridge by train on Weds.

21/8/1849  Sir J Boileau
Distressed to hear while at Melbourne that Ld Bury is really insane, but was the young lady really under Lady Bury’s care? Sympathy for Ld Albemarle with ‘a son mad and a daughter infamous!’ Requests loan of Hochelage. Notes ‘dreadful murder at Bermondsey’.

1/9/1849  Ly C Boileau
Thanks for pike. Read Hochelage. Sending Illus. of Lying. Has poor news of Bishop’s health.

7/9/1849  Sir J Boileau
Recovering. She always appreciates their invitations to meet ‘talented people’ – hopes for good weather on visit as she is very lame. Of Ld. J Russell’s fine temper.

11/9/1849  Sir J Boileau
‘He is gone at last!’ – d. of Bishop. Her sympathies on loss. ‘Oh! Those tolling bells yesterday evening! That was hard to bear!’

13/9/1849  Sir J Boileau
Informs him that J Alexander, Minister of Independent chapel and ‘brothers’ will attend funeral.

24/9/1849  Lady Charleville
d. of Bishop Stanley causing her pain. Charitable works of dr. Mary Stanley in establishing homes and factories for poor. Funeral. AO has severe catarrh and brimming eyes. Samuel G to Ireland to inspect progress in relief of distress. Quakers held in high regard in Ireland because of assistance during famine. Visit by Dr Philpot and wife – ex Vice Chancellor of Cambridge.

8/11/1849  Ly C Boileau
Of Sir John B’s diet.

26/11/1849  ‘Obliging friend’ Sends autograph.

3/12/1849  Hon.Mrs.Pellew Polite refusal to an invitation.

Early 12/1849  Lady Charleville (attr, Fragment only)
Describes a child’s prayers beside an unconscious mother. AO awaits news of mother’s condition. Prof.Sedgewick now lives near LC in Scarborough. Henry Milman now Dean of St. Paul’s, but AO regrets this ambition because of his poor health. Marriage of young rich Birkbeck, ex-Quaker, to grandchild of Mary Caworth. Rambling letter of family connections.

18/12/1849  Lady Charleville Chatty letter. Stanleys now gone, and d. of Charles, a son. Letter from H. Milman. AO has read Shirley but ‘did not like it ... men, women, young & old all talk alike and seem alike.’ New bishop not yet arrived.

12/1/1850  Ly C Boileau Rec’d letter from Jenny Lind of inscription on Bishop’s gravestone. Should she send copy to Miss Stanley?

14/1/1850  Ly C Boileau Thanks for reply & invitation for 17/1 – feels the cold. Raleigh’s arrival awaited. Gurney’s party for H.B’k.

17/1/1850  Ly C Boileau Not coming – too cold – thoroughly disappointed: ‘I can do no more!’

21/1/1850  Hon Mrs Pellew A further refusal

23/1/1850  Ly C Boileau Should have liked to meet Sidney at B’s, but couldn’t.


28/2/1850  Keswick Hall

23/1/1850  Lady Charleville

28/2/1850  Lady Charleville

23/1/1850  Lady Charleville

12/3/1850  Castle Meadow

Seeks news of m. of Ld Tullamore. Bishop publicly denies forthcoming marriage. ‘I find advanced age much pleasanter than I expected and
I am cheerfully awaiting my summons to depart’. Local outbreak of forged begging letters by swindlers.

20/4/1850 Ly C Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Congrats. on recovery of ‘dear Minna’ AO at Anna G’s N/Repps cottage. Miss Stanley ‘looking so well and handsome’ Mrs G recovered.

20/5/50 ‘Dear Friend’ NOWr MC234/17
(Envelope marked: ‘D.I.E.’)
Thanks for contribution: over £200 collected; Sam. Gurney gave £20.

7/6/1850 ‘My Dear Laura’ PSC
Hastily acknowledges her response to appeal. Says she hopes to raise £400, but for what is unclear.

9/7/1850 Lady Charleville NOu
Thanks for letter. Walking now painful. d. of Captain Stanley in Sidney. Sympathy with Ly Ch’s attack of illness.

12/7/1850 Ly C Boileau NOWr Ms6181
Miss Stanley’s engagement off, due to sudden d. of Capt. S. in Australia. Miss Vaughan, the Harrow Speeches. Voting at hospital election. AO very lame.

5/8/1850 Lady Charleville NOu
Sympathy in her trials. Poor Mrs L. Stanhope and her dr. AO’s pleasure in young Marlay’s success and popularity. Of Lt C’s ‘paralysis of the brain’. AO attended Nisi Prius court to see cousin as judge last week.

27/8/1850 Anne Gurney Lsf
AO sadly misses Eliza G, who has ret’d to America, tho’ she was right to do so. She gave AO a parting gift of Dr Chalmer’s Sunday Readings, which AO treasures. Rachel Fowler in Germany: AO envies those able to travel (cont’d 28/8:) Rec’d letter from Aunt Birkbeck in Germany: passes on news from it. AO suffered scarlet fever when 20 – father saved her life by getting her to drink copious aunts of red wine to reduce pulse, whereas present doctor uses cold-water sponge baths to same end. d. Louis-Philippe.

15/9/1850 Mrs. Beverley Lsf
Of her accident and lucky escape. Deliverance from suffering as proof of Divine love. Good wishes.

22/9/1850 Ld Brougham Luu 11.195
Of her ‘supposed delinquency’ in not returning his History of Eliz I which she did not receive. Rec’d Examination of Mags. before Privy Council on Transportation instead, suspects error.

29/9/1850 Ld Brougham Luu 11.196
Wishes read his History before she dies. Never rec’d. Accepts previous explanation not valid since LB intended send her Exam Magistrates.

16/10/50 Lady Charleville NOu
AO busy organising subscription for two elderly gentlewomen utterly ruined. Hudson G. gave £100 to start, now up to £550, to be used to purchase gov’t. annuities. Comforts LC. Very lame – walks with two sticks,
but happy at home: receives visitors a.m. Anticipates 1851 but would rather see old friends than the Gt Exhibition.

5/11/1850 Ly C Boileau

Did widow of Capt. Stanley arr. in the Rattle Snake?

3/12/50 Lady Charleville


24/12/1850 Elizabeth & Henry Briggs


5/1/1851 Ly Charleville

(dd. 1850 in error)
d. of James T T Tidsall. Christian sympathy. Ly Milman, cousin, just returned from Aberdeen after seeing her 'son die of a broken spine'. Of d. of one's children.

21/1/1851 Mrs Marlay

Is unwell. Also Ly C has dangerous bronchitis, but appears to be recovering.

21/1/1851 Ly Charleville

No reply, anxiously writing again despite her own indisposition. Offers comfort. Expecting news of d. of old friend. Mrs. Marlay's son has 'wild fever'.

12/2/1851 Lady Charleville


16/4/1851 Russell Gurney

Of her poor health. Sees Sophia Lea leave for London. To Keswick to take leave of Eliza Gurney. Concern over RG's proxy of Ann Gvort (?).

28/4/1851 Ly C Boileau

Ly Chatterton's address? Requests her proxy for 'poor lady' who wants to enter the Inst. for decayed governesses. Enq. of Miss Vaughan's health. Fears for Mrs G's life. AO has been very ill herself.

30/4/1851 Ly Elizabeth Eastlake

Regrets missing Exhibition visit. Ly Davey, Sarah Brownson. Thanks Sir Charles Eastlake for info. Hopes to see Mrs Sidney Smith soon.

Undated Francis J Monckton

(encl. w. letter FJM to RMM)
AO staying with Russell G. at 37 Russell Sq. Asks M to visit her and 'Margaret H.' 'Chrystal Palace' visit scheduled, but in too much pain.

25/7/1851 'Dear friend'

Sending Mrs Cooper at Lakenham 2 doz. bottles of stout.

16/8/1851 Ly C Boileau

NOWr Ms6181
Regrets unable accept invitation. Momentous event other side Castle Hill. Elvaston gardens.

18/8/1851 Mr Cubbitt  
Ordering wine.  

20/8/1851 Mr Cubbitt  
Ordering more wine.  

21/8/1851 Mr Cubbitt  
Of wine order.  

4/9/1851 ‘Dear Friend’  
Has not yet performed the promises she made, due to inflamed eyes. Going to Keswick, nevertheless.  

11/10/1851 Miss Cogan  
Of anti-slavery subscription of 3/-.

4/11/1851 George Pellew, Dean of Norwich  
En route to Northrepps. Regrets unable meet Agnes Strickland at the deanery. Recalls dining with her at Dr A T Thomson’s house in 1848. Thanks for invitation.  

13/3/1852 ‘Dear friends’  
Feels their visit might be postponed because of Assize Week.  

11/6/1852 Ly C Boileau  
Encl. friend’s request [Lucy Aggs] of manufacturing schools. ‘Very ill, hope to live to see thee again’.  

28/6/1852 Ly C Boileau  
Follow-up to 11/6.  

18/8/1852 Ly C Boileau  
Of a gift of ‘toffys’ not promptly delivered. Longing for sea air - visit Cromer.  

4/9/1852 Ly C Boileau  
Encl. letter from Wm. H Gurney dd. St Martin’s Vicarage, Leicester, 24/8/1852.  

20/11/1852 Ly C Boileau  
Of encl. from LCB’s son relating to D Wellington’s funeral. Hudson G ill Also Richard G.  

28/12/1852 Ly C Boileau  
Both LCB and AO confined to bed, but delighted to see Caroline’s baby Congrats Sir J on new ministry.  

2/3/1853 Ly C Boileau  
Mrs Wright; Mrs. Vaughan expected; Mrs H Gurney; Mrs. Sutton.  

16/3/1853 Eliza  

DUr D/Wal/2
Feeling old age. Mentions Jane and Anna.

12/4/1853  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms 6181
Thanks for letter. Catherine Vaughan (nee Hanley) visiting. Prof. Sedgwick. Anna G returns to Earlham Lodge. AO receives her own death notice (encl.) referring to her as 'twin daughter of Robt. Nasmyth'. Surprised.

25/8/1853  Ly C Boileau  NOWr Ms6181
Mr Gibson advises her that LCB recovering and returned home to meet dr. & new grandchild. AO refutes LCB's charge of 'making victims' in letter of 4/3/53. Of trials real and fancied. Of her lameness and pain. Hopes to see B's again. Envelope marked 'Mrs. Opie's last letter to me'.

12/9/1853  Henrietta (Erskine?)  Tqp
Invitation to dine.

3/10/1853  Josiah Fletcher  NN AO8
Order for tracts.

C. Letters by Amelia Opie which cannot be dated accurately

'My Dear Mrs. Reynolds' at 62 Newman st. Postpones shopping for boots, but wishes call on Miss Place. Thanks for books, of which last vol. is inferior to others. Enquires after 'little Fred.' (other mention of Reynolds in 1/1839)

Anna Carnes Asks whether her father would take her letter (encl.) to London with him.

No salutation (Mrs. Taylor?) Apologises for not visiting as arranged, but old friends visited her (Miss or Mrs B.). Asks whether she returned Mr Taylor's copy of Judas Maccabeus.

'Monday night' 'Dear Sir' She has performed her task.

T J Alderson Wants Grasmere to write to her – will send her song.

13/6/1__ Mrs Simms  CSmH HM23800 
(c.1820) Cannot come because going to Naldi’s concert at Ly. Cholmondeley’s. Wants to come next evening.

D. Letters from other writers discovered in Opie archives

Date  From  To  Location
Sept. 1794  Wm Godwin  A Alderson  CSmH OP3 Approbation of her comedy. (see B, Dep.6, 219/6 & 210/6).
Note confirming JO's attendance at M Woll's funeral.

20/5/1802 Mrs. Clarkson R Garnham Ldw
'Long letter from Mrs. Opie. I learn that she is amazingly noticed and courted by titled folk & learned folk & rich folk & all sorts of folk ... I do not enjoy her. Her Book has been amazingly successful, which I consider as rather a misfortune than otherwise - it will encourage her to scribble on and I am almost certain that she will never produce anything better.'

20/4/1807 John Penwarne L RP3144
Printed funeral invitations for J Opie's funeral on this date.

30/3/1809 William A Opie CSMH OP4
Tooke
d. of Holcroft, 'the departure of so great a spirit'. Of will and arrangements for children.

29/1/1813 William A Opie L Add Mss. 30805.
Hayley
'Dear though unseen Amelia ...' in response to AO's of 23/1. 'You... are still in the prime of life, and I may justly exhort you to fresh literary exertions.'

'Thursday 19° c.1817
Elizabeth A Opie CSMH OP5
Inchbald
Declining AO's request to visit the Twisses and Miss Harvey, because of illness.

1/12/1818 Hannah More A Opie CSMH HM25784
(attr.?)
(I doubt the attribution to Hannah More and am certain that this letter is from William Hayley, given the postmark, the verses it contains and the reference to the 'Lady of Levant'.)
Apologises for delay in writing, explaining of ill-health of 'our beloved Capt. of Purfleet' and own ailments. Verses and references to Lady of Levant (Ly. Elizabeth Monk?) and AO's tale 'White Lies'.

28/6/1819 A Constable A Opie LEe
'Send me the ms. in question and I will do my best for it in every way.' But publishing a run of 1000/1200 would not produce much copy-money. W Scott's anon. verse not a success. Asks for ms.

25/12/1828 Elizabeth A Opie MRu
Inchbald
Thanks for present and remembrance - grateful to receive game, as it cannot be purchased by money, 'solely by Love'. Sir Samuel Romilly and Sir Philip Frances now both dead. 'I never was so wretchedly situated' as now: must leave Sloane St in the spring for Remington (?).

30/8/1829 Robert A Opie LEe
Keswick
Southey
Thanks for her letter. Appears that copy of his *Colloquies* has not arrived. Please enquire. RS feels AO’s transition to Q’ism a ‘natural and happy one’, tho far from this himself. But he ‘should have been better pleased if you had not corrupted the King’s English’, a subject which he has ‘very much at heart’. Feels her prison duties ‘not the best direction which heroic charity can take’. Of the danger of the ‘greatest revolution yet to come, to affect the whole Christian world’: that of the poor, who suffer misery. Unless ‘effectual remedies’ are quickly found, society will be over-thrown. Her moral and religious discipline required to counter this threat. Of relief schemes by Sisters of Mercy and Methodists. Of Co-op Socs., ‘a most important movement’ – if carried too far, ‘chaos will come’. More in this vein.

1829 David d’Angers A Opie CSmH OP11-34
Has received her letter.

8/8/1832 Catherine Gurney
‘[Amelia] has sold her house to Mr Preston for £1000’.

12/9/1832 Thos. Preston A Opie NOWr MC2321
Receipt for fixtures of Opie House in St Clements.

16/10/1834 Cath. Bury A Opie CSmH OP2
Cr’ss Charleville

27/8/1838 Lucy Aggs JJ Gurney Lsf Gurney Mss
Of AO’s ‘gay life in London’.

3/3/1839 Henry Reeve A Opie Orh Vol.18
d. of Mrs. McLean at Cape Coast following overdose; McL’s treatment of her, his Fanti wife and five children.

24/7/1840 T F Buxton Anna Gurney Orh Vol.18
On getting AO’s help in persuading Sedgwick to get the Brit. Assoc. to discuss Africa at their Glasgow meeting in September.

28/9/1843 TF Buxton B Calcutta Orh Vol.20a
JYG and Elizabeth Fry dangerously ill, JYG now recovered. On trouble in Ireland.

10-12/10/1843 Anna Gurney Priscilla Johnston Orh Vol.20a
AO present at party at Cottage when Rev. S. Crowther, ‘Ajayi’, recounted story of his days in slavery.

5/5/1851 Robert H.... A Opie Lsf
Prescription and note from her doctor.

n.d. Susan Dixon A Opie Lsf
Verse ‘To you my benefactress’ from Opie’s maid.
E. Select Biographical List

Lucy Aggs  dr. Henry Gurney, m. Thomas Aggs

Sir Edward Hall Alderson 1787-1857: 1834 Baron of Exchequer Court; churchman; conservative

Eliza Alderson AO’s cousin, sister of Sarah and Tom, m. Henry Perronet Briggs

James Alderson MD Amelia Opie’s father, d.1825

Robert Alderson AO’s cousin: Recorder of Norwich

Sarah Alderson AO’s cousin, sister of Eliza and Tom, m. Lenor de Barbot of Paris, 1827

Thomas Alderson AO’s cousin, solicitor, clerk

Rev John Alexander minister Princes st. Chapel, Norwich

Dr Ash AO’s physician until 1837

Jane Austen 1775-1817: writer

Sarah Austin

Thomas Ayton 1782-1822: organist, Ripon Minster

Jonathan Backhouse 1779-1842, m. Hannah Gurney; Darlington; Friend

Jane Bacon

Richard Makenzie Bacon 1775-1844: editor Norwich Mercury 1816-1844

Joanna Baillie 1762-1851: writer

Sarah de Barbot see Sarah Alderson

Henry Baring

John Bidwell

Jane Birkbeck dr. John Birkbeck, m. JJ Gurney 1817, d.1822

Samuel Boddington non-conformist minister, Stoke Newington, London

Lady Catherine Boileau 1797-1862: 1825 married Sir J Boileau

Sir John Peter Boileau 1794-1869: FRS, F.Antiq. Soc.; archeologist, DNB 1844 Sheriff of Norfolk
Eliza Briggs  see Eliza Alderson

Henry P Briggs 1791? -1844: painter, RA 1811-14; m. Eliza Alderson DNB

Cecilia Lucy Brightwell 1811-1875: author; biographer of AO DNB

Thomas Brightwell 1787-1868: cousin of AO; father of CL Brightwell DNB

Lord Henry Peter Brougham 1778-1868: L/Chancellor 1830-; author; lawyer; reformist; abolitionist; worked for national education DNB

Catherine Buck of Bury St. Edmunds, m. Thomas Clarkson 1760 or 1761-1846 Friend and abolitionist Lsf

Frances Burney 1752-1848: novelist

Lord Bury see Lady Charleville

Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton 1786-1845, abolitionist, philanthropist, politician NOWr

Lady Charleville Catherine Maria Dawson, 1762-1851. m. 1: James Tidsall, d.1797, two children: James T T Tidsall and Catherine A L Tidsall; m.2: Charles William Bury, Ld Tullamore and later Earl of Charleville, d.1835. one son. NOu

Archibald Constable 1774-1827, of Edinburgh: publisher DNB

Alfred Corder 1827-1875? of Ipswich. Friend, m. Sarah Shewell Lsf

George Crabbe 1754-1832, priest, poet, philosopher LEe

Anne Cruikshank

Pierre Jeanne David d'Angers artist, exhibited Paris 1829

Charles Dickens 1812-1870: novelist

Susan Dixon A. Opie's maid

George Dyer 1755-1841: author; Unitarian; friend of Charles Lamb DNB

Lady Elizabeth Lriy Eastlake 1809-1893

Maria Edgeworth 1767-1849: writer

William Enfield 1741-1797, m. Anna Fletcher, 1795 NOWR

Henrietta Erskine wife of Ld. Thomas Erskine 1750-1823, Ld. Chancellor NOWR

James Forbes 1779-1837: b. Aberdeen; army surgeon DNB

Anne Forster 1797-1873 of Tottenham, Friend Lsf
Alfred Fox 1794-1874, Friend, of Falmouth, Cornwall, s. of R.W. & E Fox, m. Sarah Lloyd 1804-1890; shipper

Elizabeth Fox 1768-1848, Friend, of Perran, Cornwall, m. Robert W Fox 1788

Jane Gurney Fox

Elizabeth Fry, nee Gurney 1780-1845 ‘Betsy’: Friend, reformer DNB

Robert Garnham of Bury St Edmunds

Dr Davis Giddy 1767-1839: MP, President Royal Society DNB

William Godwin 1756-1836: philosopher, husband of Mary Wollstonecraft DNB

Anna Gurney 1795-1857: dr. Richard Gurney = Rachel Hanbury; Friend, Anglo-Saxon scholar DNB NOWr

Daniel Gurney 1791-1880: banker, Norwich; conservative; JP; 1853 Sheriff of Norfolk; house North Runcton DNB

Hannah Gurney 1787-1850 dr. JJ Gurney, preacher, m. Jonathan Backhouse of Darlington, 1843 GE/Lsf

Hannah Gurney 1783-1872, m. Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton GE/NOWr

Hudson Gurney 1775-1864: 1816 MP Newton IoW; 1835 High Sheriff Norfolk; collab. Dawson Turner; portraits by J Opie (1795) and H P Briggs (1840) DNB

Joseph John Gurney 1788-1847: theologian, Friend. Thrice married: 1817, Jane Birkbeck; 1827, Mary Fowler; 1841, Eliza Kirkbride DNB

Mary Gurney nee Fowler, m. JJ Gurney 1827 GE

Priscilla Gurney 1785-1821, youngest dr. John Gurney of Earlham NOWr

Samuel Gurney 1786-1856: discounter, Overend Gurney co.; lived Ham House DNB

William Hayley 1745-1820: poet, author, patron of Blake DNB

Mary Hays 1760-1843: writer

Prince Hoare 1755-1834: dramatist and artist DNB

Dr Thomas Hodgkin 1798-1866: eminent physician; Friend; abolitionist DNB

Thomas HoReuqfit 1745-1809: radical; novelist; dramatist; translator DNB

Robert Hull AO’s physician
‘Mrs. Imlay’ – see Mary Wollstonecraft

Elizabeth Inchbald 1753-1821: novelist; dramatist; actress

Andrew & Priscilla Johnston

Charles Kemble 1775-1854, actor

Eliza Kirkbride 1801-1881, American Friend and preacher, third wife of JJ Gurney, m. 1841

Marie-Joseph Lafayette, marquis de, 1757 – 1834, soldier, statesman

Lady Caroline Lamb 1785-1828: novelist & poet

Laetitia Elizabeth Landon (L.E.L) 1802-1838, poet

Sir Thomas Lawrence 1769-1830: artist; President, Royal Academy

Elizabeth Lemaistre

J G Lemaistre

Johanna Maria (Jenny) Lind 1820-1887: singer

Charles Lloyd 1775-1839, poet

Sir James Mackintosh 1765-1832: philosopher; barrister; radical; 1803-1811, Recorder of Bombay; 1813, MP Nairn; professor of law

Hannah Martin ? Ward of Rev. F Cunningham/ Mrs. Richenda (Gurney) Cunningham, m. Rev. D Hinderer 1852, African missionary

Harriet Martineau 1802-1876: writer

Rev. Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868: Dean of St Paul’s; poet; translator of Sanskrit; editor of Gibbon

Richard Monckton Milnes, 1st Baronet Houghton 1809-1885: Cons. MP, crossed floor

Sarah Russell Mitford 1787-1855 writer

Frances Jane Monckton

Robert Nasmyth ? son James Nasmyth, 1740-1808

James Northcote 1746-1831: Unitarian; protégé of Reynolds

George Pellew 1793-1866, Dean of Norwich

Thomas Phillips 1760-1851: surgeon; philanthropist
Annabella Plumtre fl. 1795-1812: authoress; younger sister of Anna, 1760-1813, authoress, translator

Jane Porter 1776-1850: novelist

Jonathan Pim neighbour, Castle Meadow, Norwich (?)

Henry Reeve 1780-1814: physician, student of Martineau of Norwich; friend of Barbauld and Aiken; m. Susannah Taylor 1807

Thomas Richardson 1771-1853: financier; Friend

Margaret Roberts author, wife of Richard Roberts, Provost of Eton

Henry Crabb Robinson 1775-1867: diarist, Academician

Sarah Rose of Clapham, London

R.G. Russell MP for Thirsk

Sir Walter Scott 1771-1832: novelist

Sedgewick, Dr. or Prof. probably Adam Sedgewick, 1785-1873, geologist, academic

Sydney Smith 1771-1845: founded Edinburgh Review 1802; Canon of St Paul's; writer

William Smith 1756-1835: MP Sudbury, 1794-90; Norwich 1802-4, 1807-30; radical, worked for repeal Test Act, anti-slavery, painted by JO

Robert Southey 1774-1843: poet; author; historian

E. Sparshalls Edmund Sparshalls & Son, corn, malt, wine & spirit merchants, Norwich, 1815-1832

W.B. Sprague Clergyman of Presbyterian Church, Albany, New York

Mme. de Stael 1766-1817: writer

Leicester Stanhope, Earl Harrington 1784-1862: soldier; involved in Greek independence

Lord Charles Stanhope third Earl, 1753-1816: democrat; scientist

Edward Stanley 1779-1849: Bishop of Norwich; vigorous regulator of a lax diocese; philanthropist

Susannah Taylor d.1823: m. John Taylor 1777; early bluestocking, Norwich

George Thomson 1757-1851: Scottish musicologist, composer and collector
Dawson Turner 1775-1858: botanist & antiquary, collab. Hudson Gurney; m. Mary Palgrave

Mlle. du Vauld

William Whewell 1794-1866: Master of Trinity

William Windham 1750-1810: MP, Conservative, follower of Burke; contested Norwich unsuccessfully 1780, was elected 1784, 1790, saved seat after sharp fight 1794 after taking office under Pitt DNB

Mary Wollstonecraft 1759-1797: 'miscellaneous writer' (DNB) DNB

Dorothy Wordsworth 1771-1855: poet, diarist

William Wordsworth 1770-1850: poet DNB

Rev. Francis Wrangham 1769-1842: classicist; 1804, FRS DNB

Biographical Sources:

LEe = Brotherton Library, University of Leeds
DNB = Dictionary of National Biography
NOu = Marlay Collection, Univ. Nottingham
NOWr = Norfolk Record Office, Norwich
Lsf = Society of Friends Library, London
F. List of works and their writers referred to by Opie in her letters

anon.? Judas Maccabees (York: Haxby, c.1800)

Jane Austen 1775-1817 Pride and Prejudice (1813); Persuasion (1818)

Joanna Baillie 1762-1851

William Blake 1757-1827 ‘queer drawings’

John Bowring 1792-1872 Specimens of the Russian Poets (1820) ?

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