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^[H. Davy]

Another important acquisition is an early autograph letter by Sir Humphry Davy of April 1808, referring to his exciting discovery of the alkali metals only a few months earlier. By passing an electric current from a chemical "pile" (battery) through molten soda or potash, Davy produced shiny globules of metal which burst into flame on exposure to air. This letter predates his published paper on these two new elements, which he here proposes to name potassium and sodium. He also writes that his recent work suggested the existence of similar ~~metals~~ new metals in alkaline earths. This work later led to the discovery of four more new metallic elements, barium, strontium, calcium, and magnesium.

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[[DAVY, Humphrey] Sir

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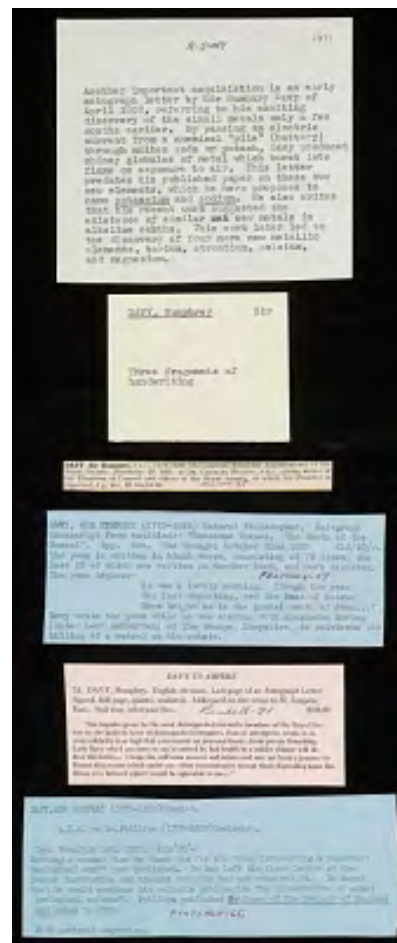
[[third note]]
DAVY (Sir Humphry, P.R.S., 1778-1829) Doc. SIGNED, From the Appartements of the Royal Society, November 19, 1821, to DR. CHARLES HUTTON, F.R.S., giving notice of the Elections of Council and offices of the Royal Society, at which his Presence is expected, 1 p. 4to, £3 10s/\$9.80 ^[[Elliott. 57]]
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[[fourth note]]
DAVY, SIR HUMPHRY (1778-1829) Natural Philosopher. Holograph Manuscript Poem entitled:- "Nonsense Verses. The death of the Weazel". 4pp. 4to. The Grange: October 22nd 1825 £10/10/-.
The poem is written in blank verse, consisting of 79 lines, the last 23 of which are written in another hand, and were dictated. The poem begins:-
^[[FLETCHER-57]]
It was a lovely morning. Though the year
Was fast departing, yet the hues of heaven
Were bright as in the genial month of June..."
Davy wrote the poem while he was staying with Alexander Baring (later Lord Ashburton) at The Grange, Hampshire, to celebrate the killing of a weazel on the estate.
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DAVY TO AMPERE

51. DAVY, Humphry. English chemist. Last page of an Autograph Letter Signed, full page, quarto, undated. Addressed on the verso to M. Ampere, Paris. Seal tear, otherwise fine. ^[[Rendell-71]] \$50.00

"the impulse given by the most distinguished scientific members of the Royal Society to the body in favor of distinguished foreigners, than to



attempt to create it, in your celebrity is so high that you require no personal favor...from private friendship. Lady Davy who I am sorry to say is carried by bad health to a milder climate will deliver this letter.... I hope she will soon recover and return and save me from a journey to France this season which under any other circumstances except those depending upon the illness of a beloved object would be agreeable to me...."

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DAVY, SIR HUMPHRY (1778-1829) Chemist.

A.L.S. to Wm. Phillips (1775-1828) Geologist.

2pp. 8vo. July 1st. 1822. £10/10/-

Writing a second time to thank him for his "very interesting & important Geological work" just published. He had left his first letter at the London Institution and thought Phillips had not received it. He hoped that he would continue his valuable publication "so illustrative of exact geological science". Phillips published ^[[O]]utlines of the Geology of England and Wales in 1822.
^[[Fletcher-66]]

With portrait engraving.

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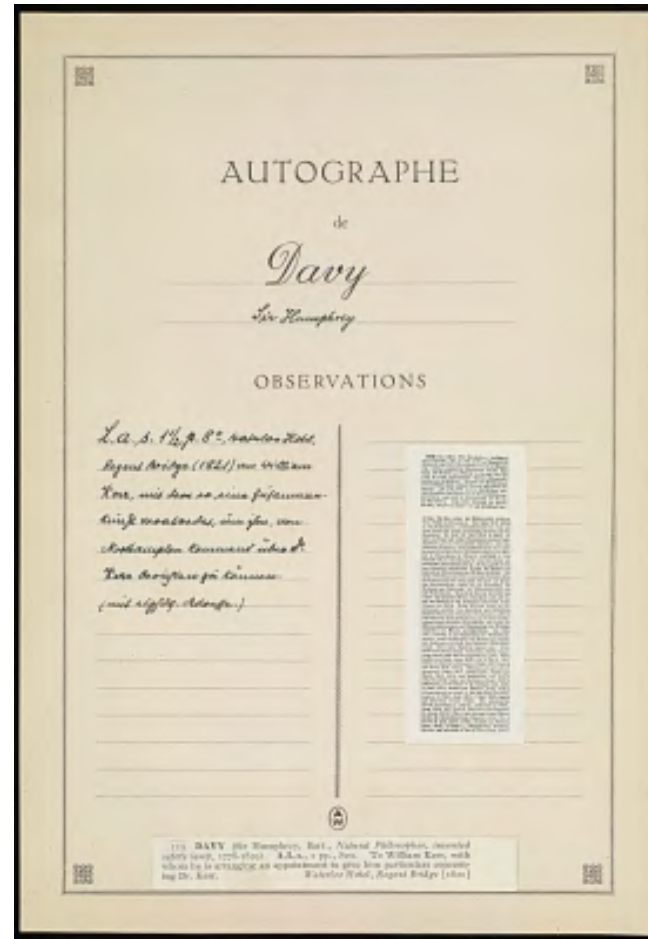
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AUTOGRAPHE
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^[[Davy
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OBSERVATIONS

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^[[L.a.s. 1½ p. 8°, Waterloo Hotel, Regent Bridge (1821) van William
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Northampton Kommend über Dr Kerr berichten zu können.
(mit [[nigsselg draonffn?]])]]
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Davy (spr. dehwi), Sir Humphry, berühmter engl. Chemiker, geb. 17.
Dec. 1778 zu Penzance in Cornwall, war seit 1795 Lehrling bei einem
Wundarzt, welcher zugleich die Apothekerei betrieb, kam dann als
Gehülfe zu Beddoes in Bristol, der ihn 1798 in seiner medicinischen
Anstalt (Pneumatic Institution) beschäftigte. Davy's erste Arbeit betraf
das Stickstoffoxydul, welches Beddoes als Heilmittel benutzte. Im Jahr
1801 ward er Hilfslehrer und 1802 Professor der Chemie an der Royal
Institution in London, auch hielt er Vorlesungen am Board of Agriculture.
Seit 1801 Mitglied der Royal Society, fungirte er 1820-27 als Präsident
derselben, bis ihn zuletzt ein Schlaganfall nöthigte, seine Stelle
niederzulegen. Im Jahr 1812 erhielt er die Ritterwürde, verheirathete
sich mit einer reichen Dame und machte nun häufige Reisen auf dem
Kontinent. Er starb 29. Mai 1829 in Genf. D. galt am Ende des ersten
Decenniums unsers Jahrhunderts als der bedeutendste Chemiker; mit
vorzüglicher Begabung, neue Hilfsmittel für die experimentale
Ermittelung der Zusammensetzung der Körper in Anwendung zu
bringen, vereinigte er eine damals seltene Unabhängigkeit von den
bisher anerkannten theoretischen Lehren. Er hat zuerst in dem von
Lavoisier aufgestellten System der Chemie eine wesentliche
Abänderung zu Geltung gebracht. Im Jahr 1806 begannen seine
eminenten Arbeiten über die Einwirkung des elektrischen Stroms auf
chemische Verbindungen, welche ihn zur Entdeckung des Kaliums und
Natriums, der Erdalkalimetalle und des Bors führten. Andererseits lehrte er
seit 1810 das Chlor als einfachen Körper betrachten und gab damit den
Anstoß zu den wichtigsten Reformen in der Theorie der Salze. Seine
Arbeiten ließen die Beziehungen zwischen den chemischen und
elektrischen Kräften klarer und bestimmter hervortreten, als dies bis
dahin der Fall gewesen war; er verwarf die Annahme eines besondern
Warmestoffs und suchte die Wärmeerscheinungen auf Bewegungen der
kleinsten Theilchen der Körper zurückzuführen. Im Jahr 1815 entdeckte
er die Eigenschaft der Metalldrahtgewebe, dem Umsichgreifen der
Flamme zu wehren, und konstruirte die nach ihm benannte
Sicherheitslampe. Von seinen Schriften nennen wir: "Chemical and
philosophical researches, chiefly concerning nitrous oxid and it
respiration" (Lond. 1800; deutsch von Rasse, Leipz. 1812-14, 2 Bde.);
"Elements of chemical philosophy" (Lond. 1812; deutsch von Wolff, Berl.
1814, von Herbstädt, das. 1817); "On the safety-lamp and on flame"
(Lond. 1828); "Salmonia, or the Days of fly-fishing" (das. 1828, 5. Aufl.
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John D., erschienen in 9 Bdn., Lond. 1839. Vgl. Paris, The life of Sir
Humphry D. (Lond. 1831, 2 Bde.), und die von seinem Bruder John D.
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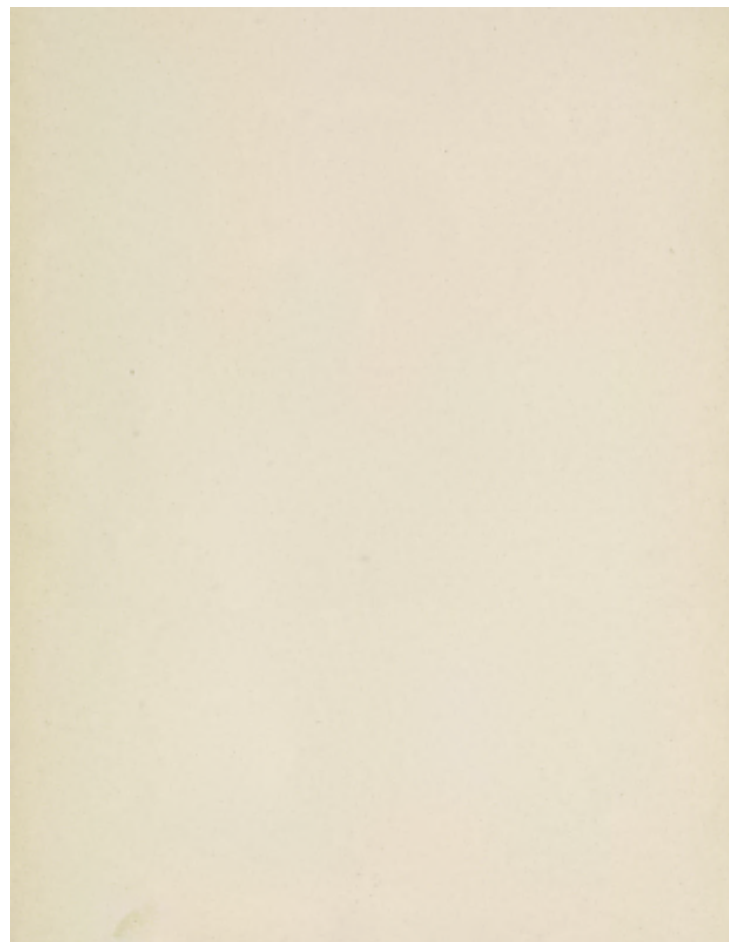
literary and scientific of Sir H.D." (Lond. 1858).

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110 DAVY (Sir Humphrey, Bart., Natural Philosopher, invented safety lamp, 1778-1829) A.L.s., 2 pp., 8vo. To William Kerr, with whom he is arranging an appointment to give him particulars concerning Dr. Kerr. Waterloo Hotel, Regent Bridge [1821]

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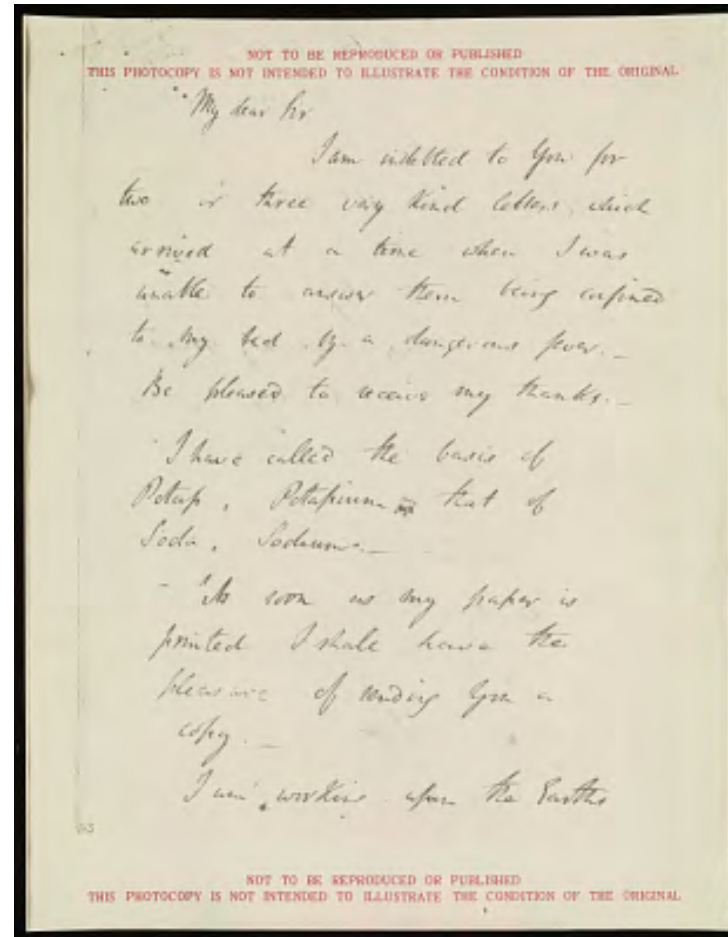
I am indebted to you for two or three very kind letters, which arrived at a time when I was unable to answer them being confined to my bed by a dangerous fever.
Be pleased to receive my thanks.

I have called the basis of Potass, Potassium that of Soda, Sodium.

As soon as my paper is printed I shall have the pleasure of sending you a copy.

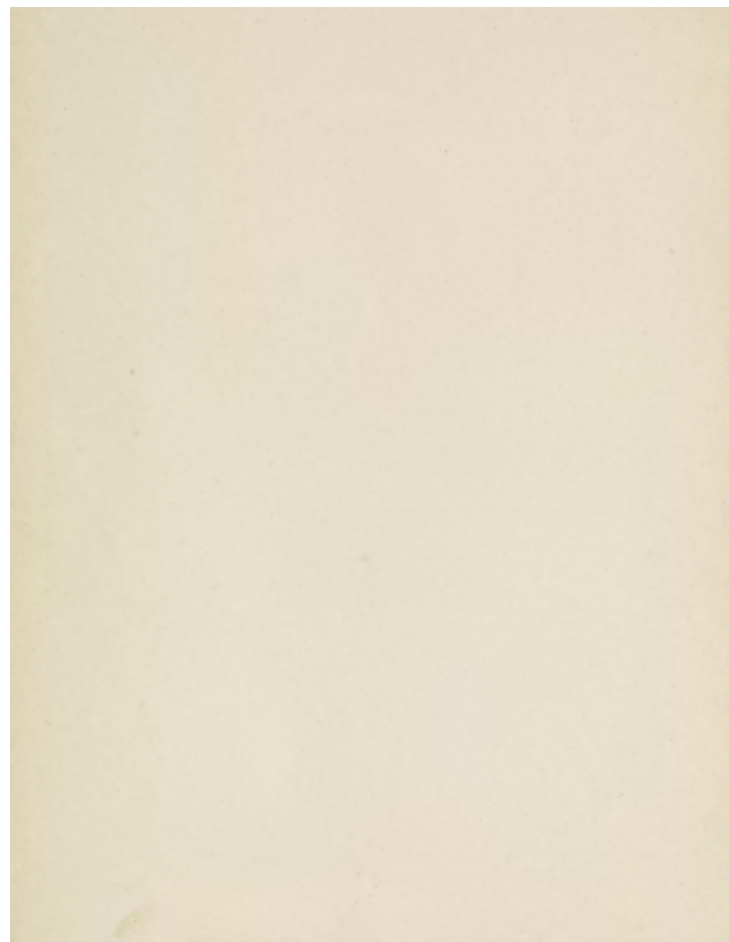
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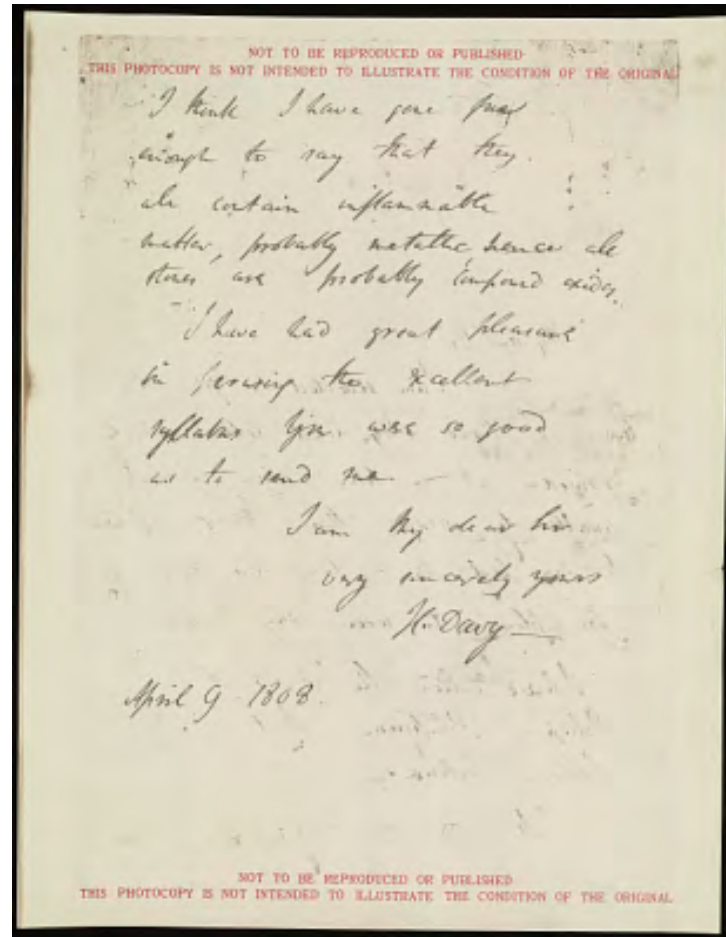
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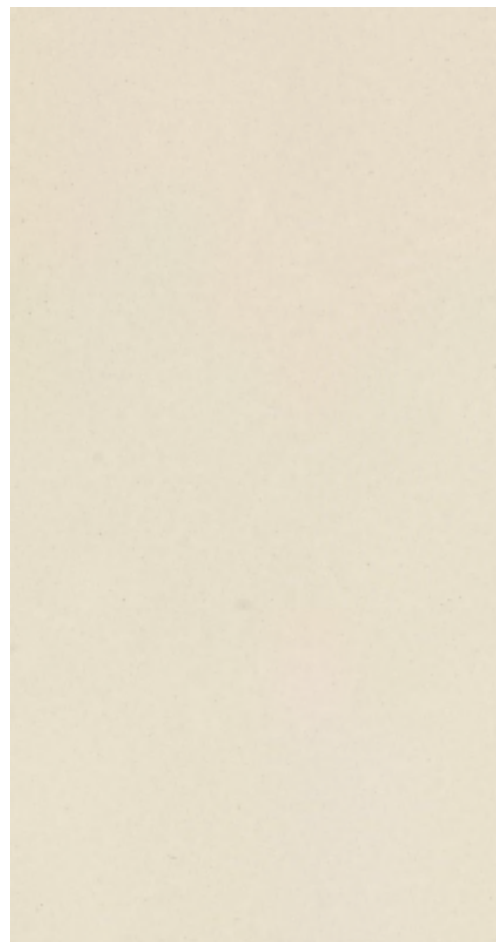
I think I have gone just enough to say that they all contain inflammable matter, probably metallic hence all stones are probably compound oxides.
I have had great pleasure in perusing the excellent syllabus you were so good as to send me-
I am my dear Sir very sincerely yours
H. Davy
April 9 1808

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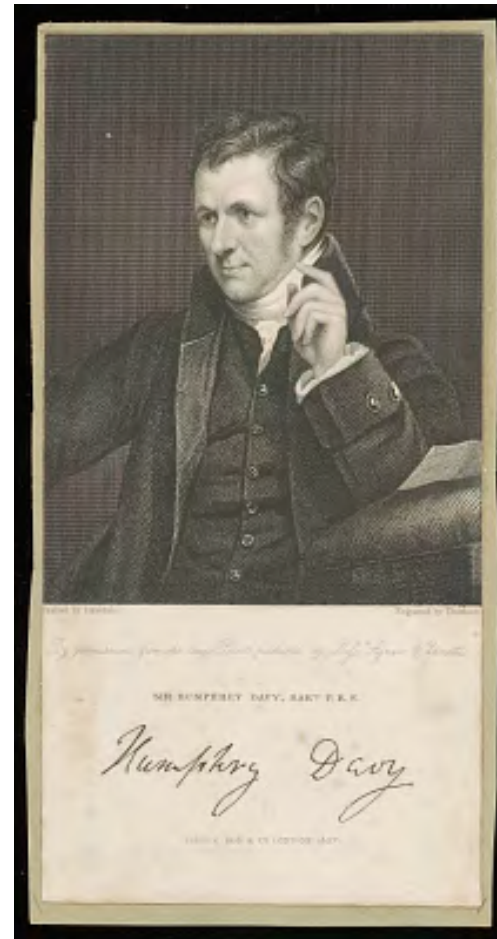
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SIR HUMPHREY DAVY, BAR.^T P.R.S.

Humphry Davy

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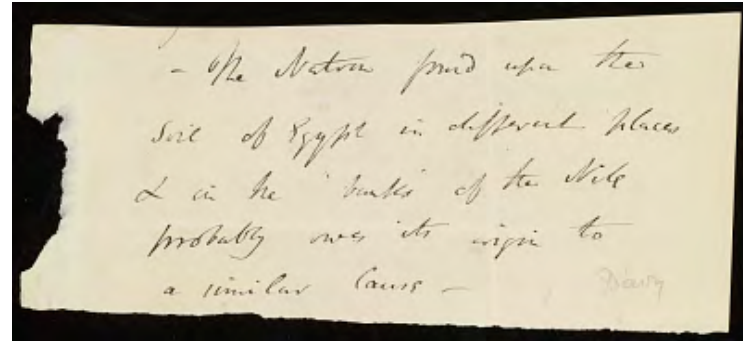
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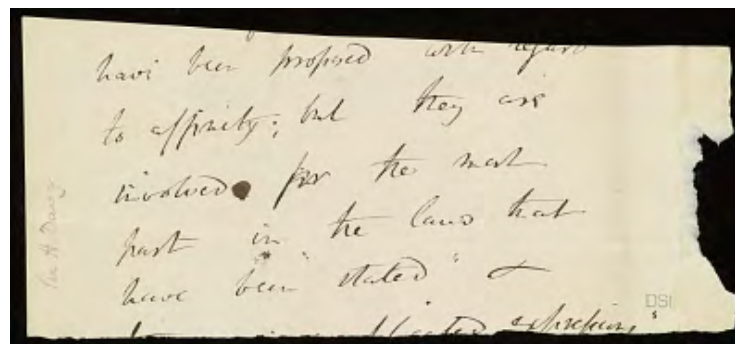
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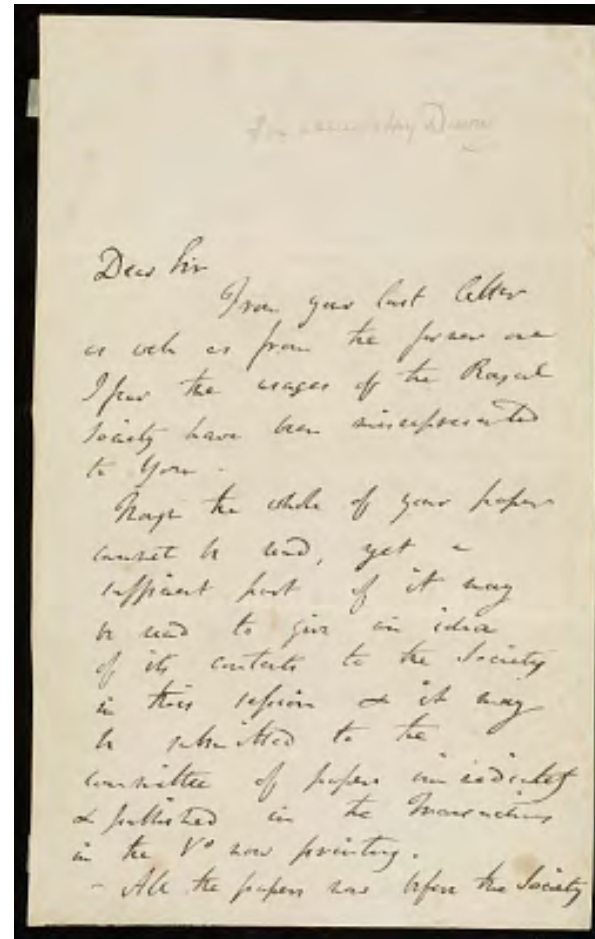
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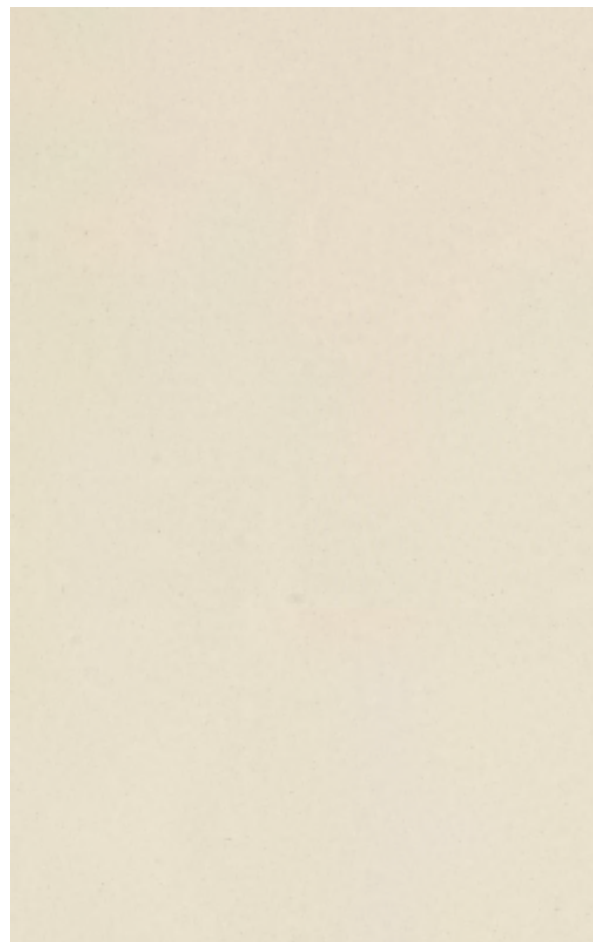
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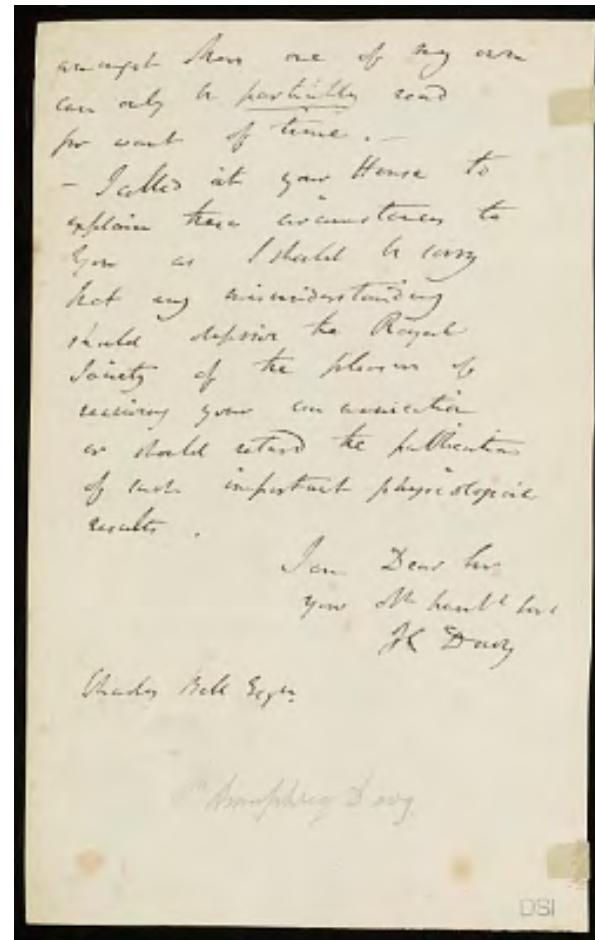


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Charles Belk Esqr

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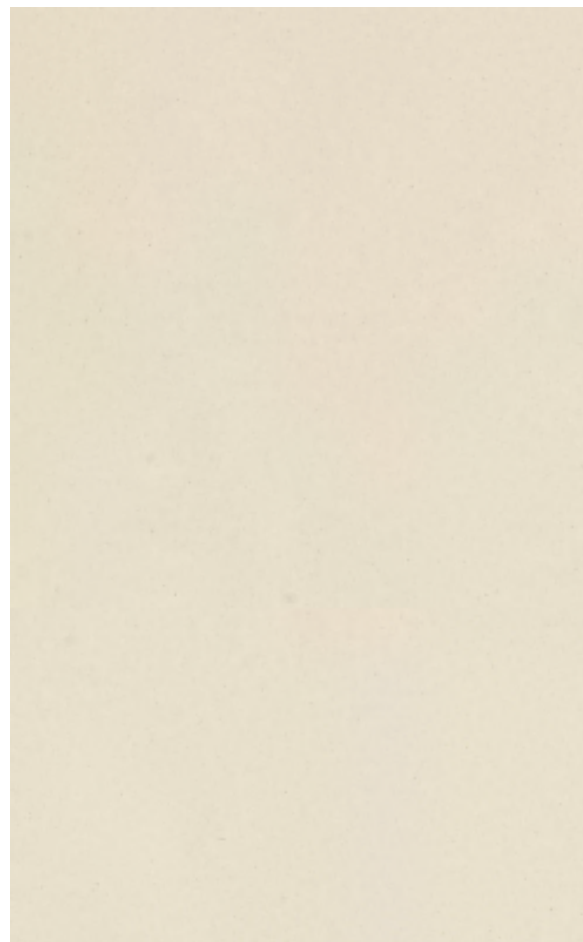
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to hurry near D. to
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5 o'clock Saty afternoon

Dear Doctor
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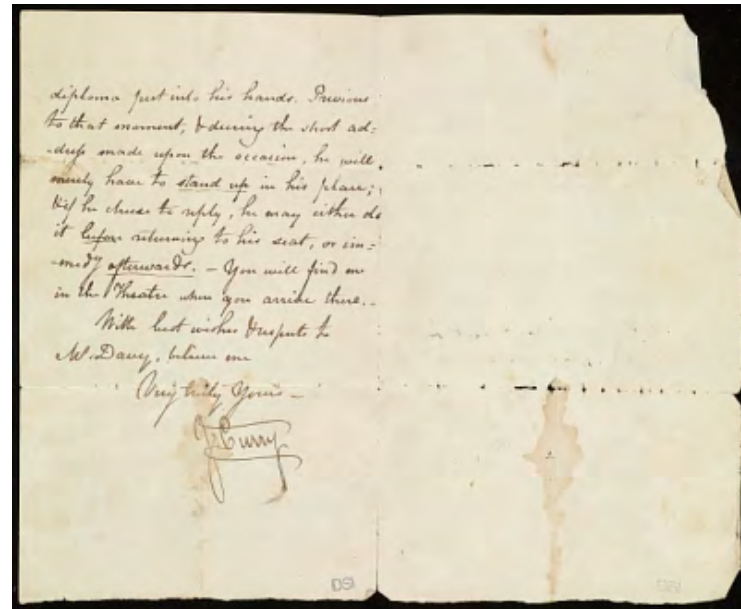
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diploma just into his hands. Previous to that moment, & during the short address made upon the occasion he will merely have to stand up in his place; & if he chuse to reply, he may either do it before returning to his seat, or immedy afterwards. - You will find me in the theatre when you arrive there.

With best wishes & respects to M ^r. Davy, believe me

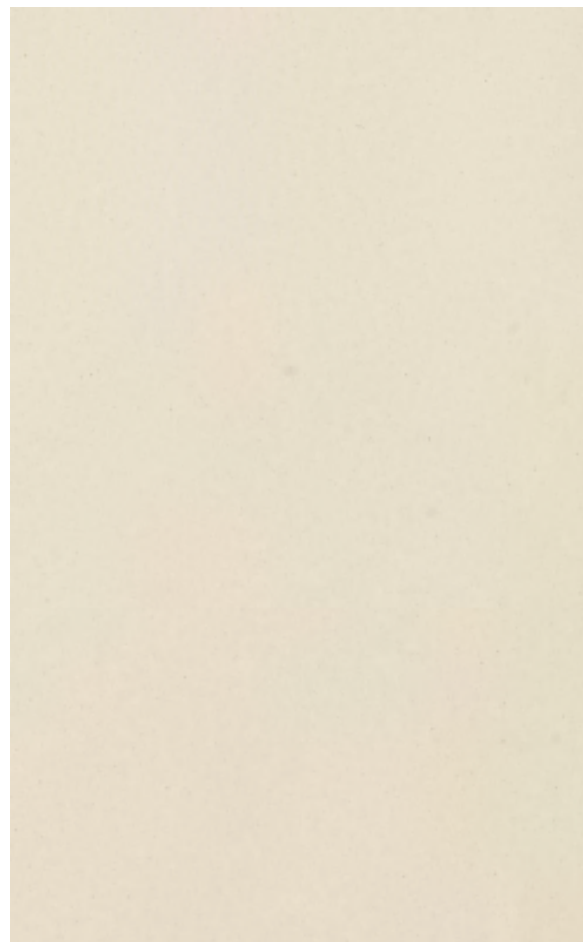
Very truly yours -
G. Curry

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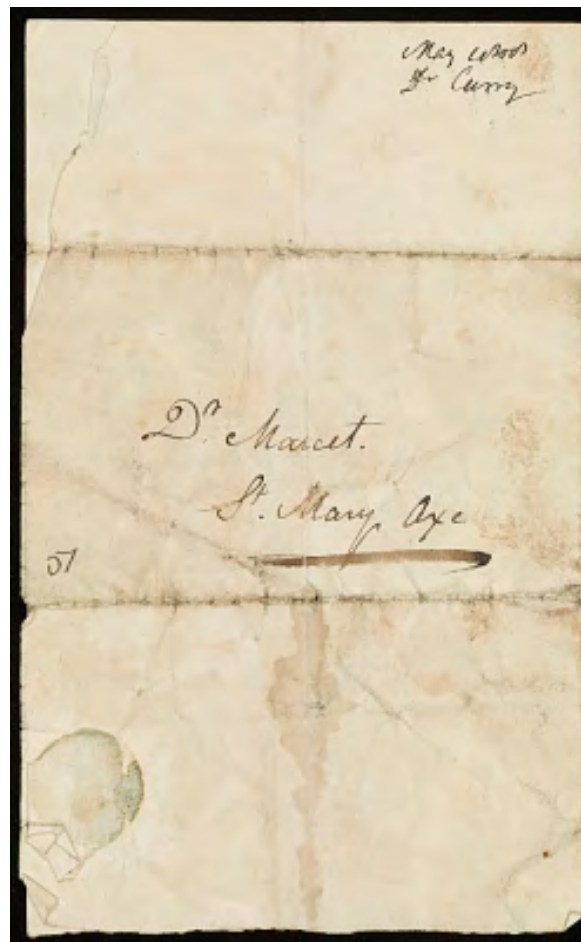
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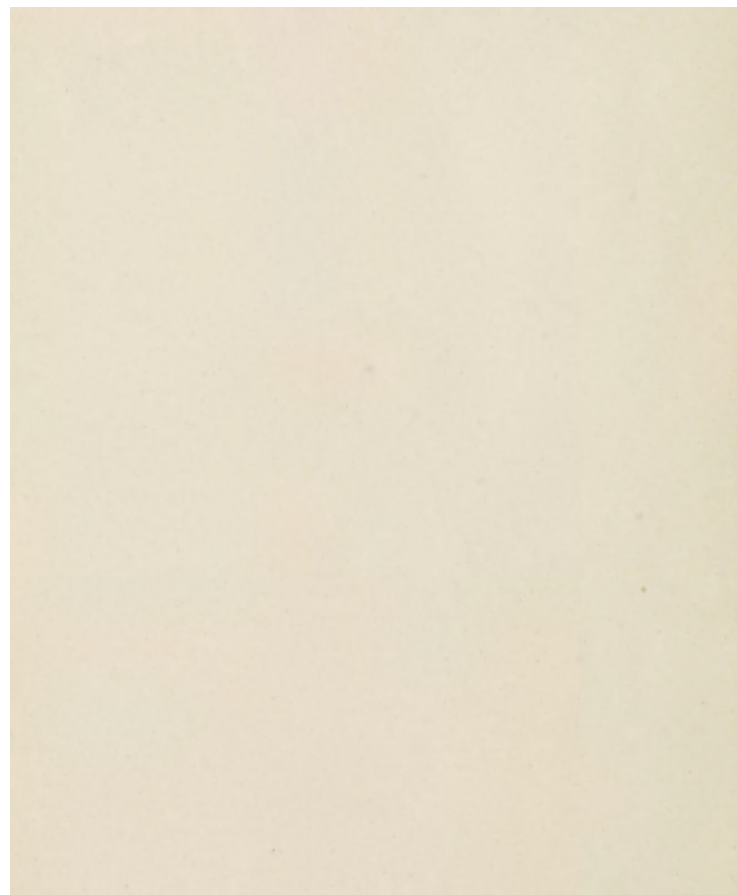
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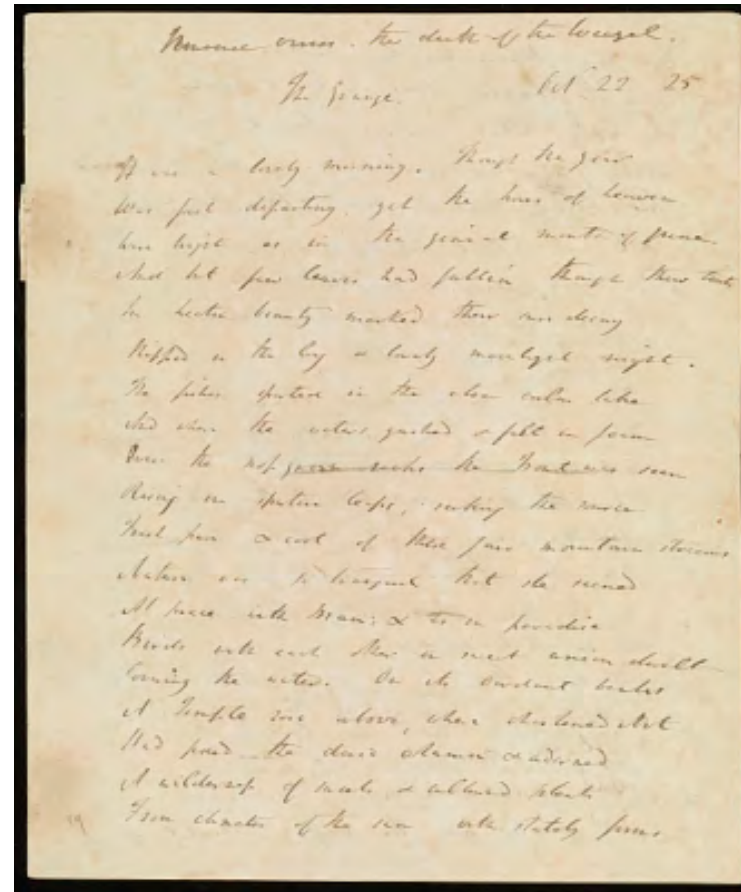
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Nonsense verses. The death of the Weazel

Oct 22 25

The Grange

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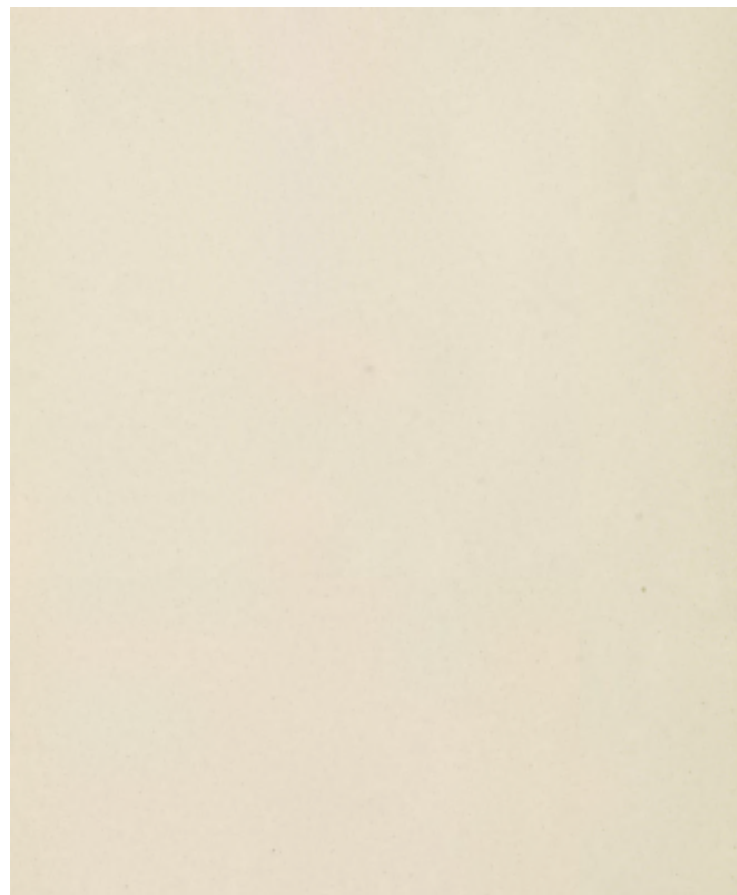


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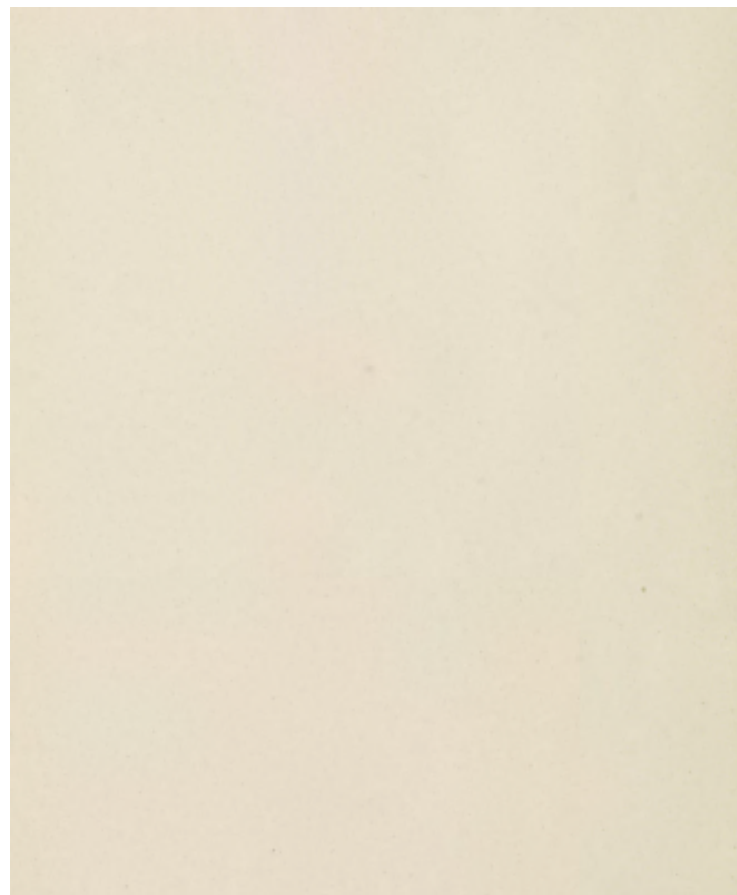
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 Before the temple stood & lovely dames
 In happy social converse. Senators
 Who from their grateful country oft had gained
 The highest need of praise, those who despised
 All base & popular applause & ranged
 By high enduring & enobled works
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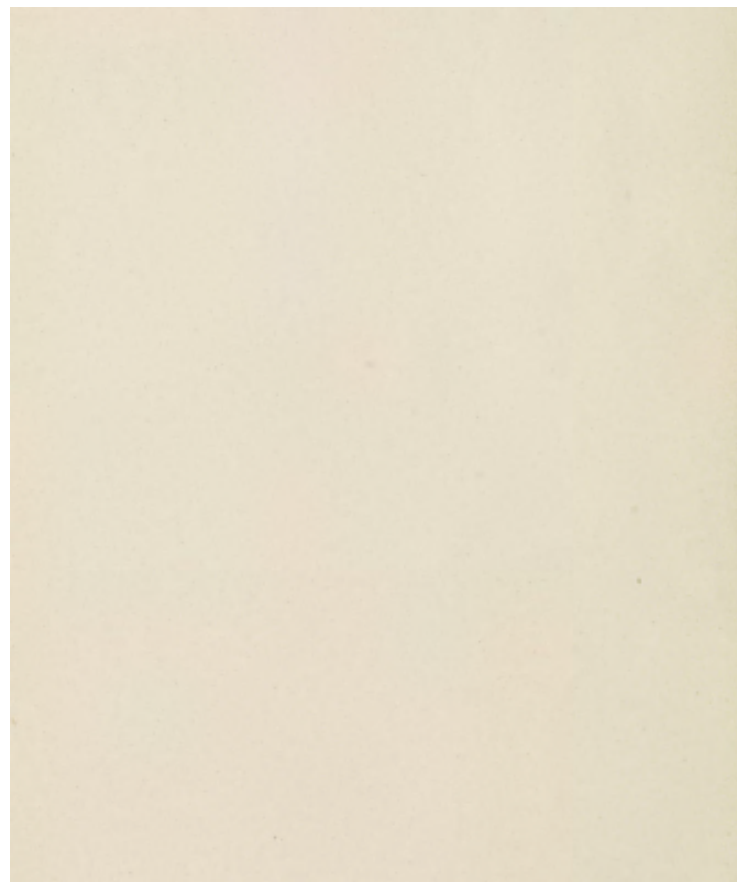
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 Armed with a piercing point & cutting edge
 His talons sharp. His aspect horrible.
 Thrashing Undaunted yielding to the knee
 Of high impetuous courage onward rushed
 Youth with powerful arms came
 Who in person direts with master eye the attack
 Charges him made fierce & repulse
 Full quaking from the attack the monster fled
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 He ran down at
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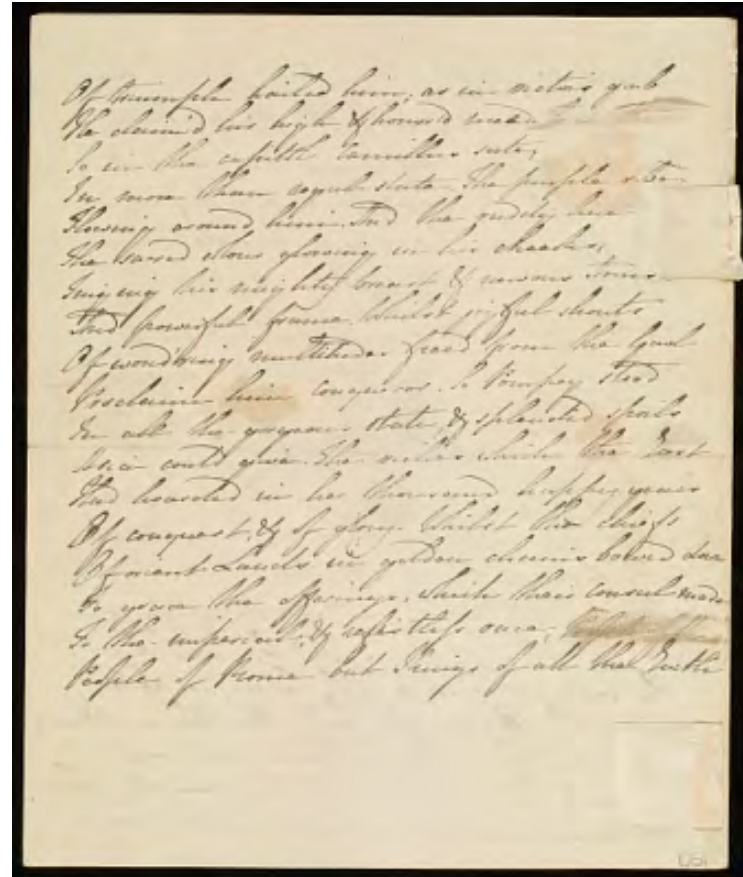
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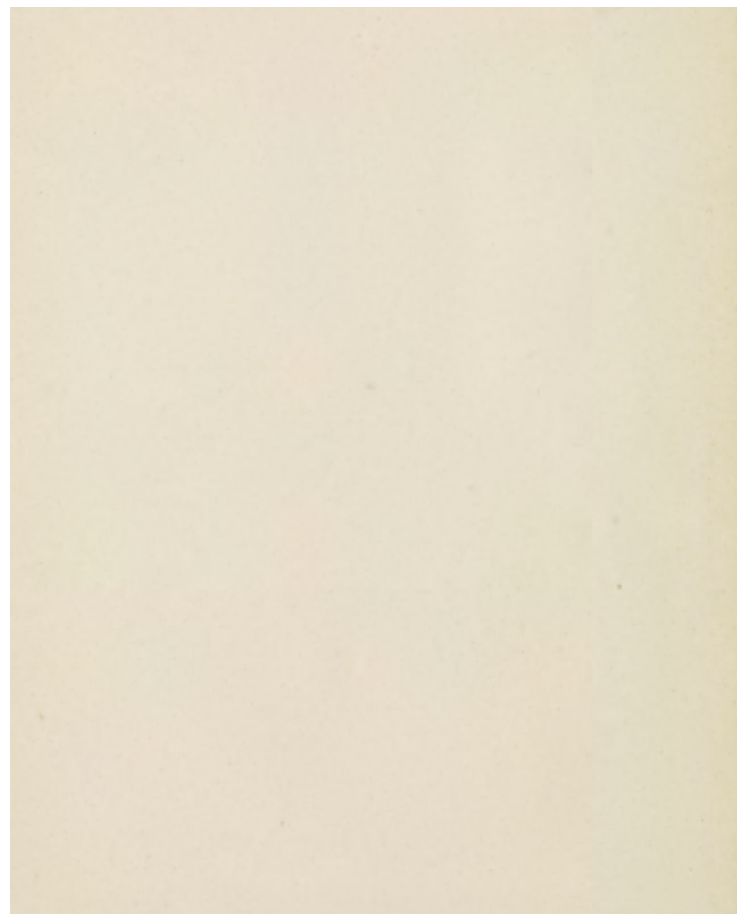
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Of triumph hailed him, as in victor's garb
 He claim'd his high & honor'd *[[wish?]]* *[[Smear'd/blotted out text "So in the" repeated on next line]]*
 So in the capitol *[[Cassilica?]]* *[[sector?]]*
 In more than regal state. The purple robe
 Flowing around him. And the ruddy hue
 The sacred *[[shows?]]* glowing in his cheeks,
[[Inspiring]] his mighty breast & *[[newocis?]]* times
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 This powerful frame. Whilst joyful shouts
 Of wond'ring multitudes freed from the Gaul
 Proclaim him conqueror. So Pompey stood
 In all the gorgeous state, & splended spoils
 Asia could give. The riches which the past
 Had hoarded in her thousand happy years
 Of conquest, & of glory. Whilst the chiefs
 Of ancient lands in golden chains bowed down
 To grace the offerings, which their consul made
 To the - imperial, & *[[regfir?]]* *[[thefs?}]* race, *[[smear'd or blotted out text, "People of Rome?]]*
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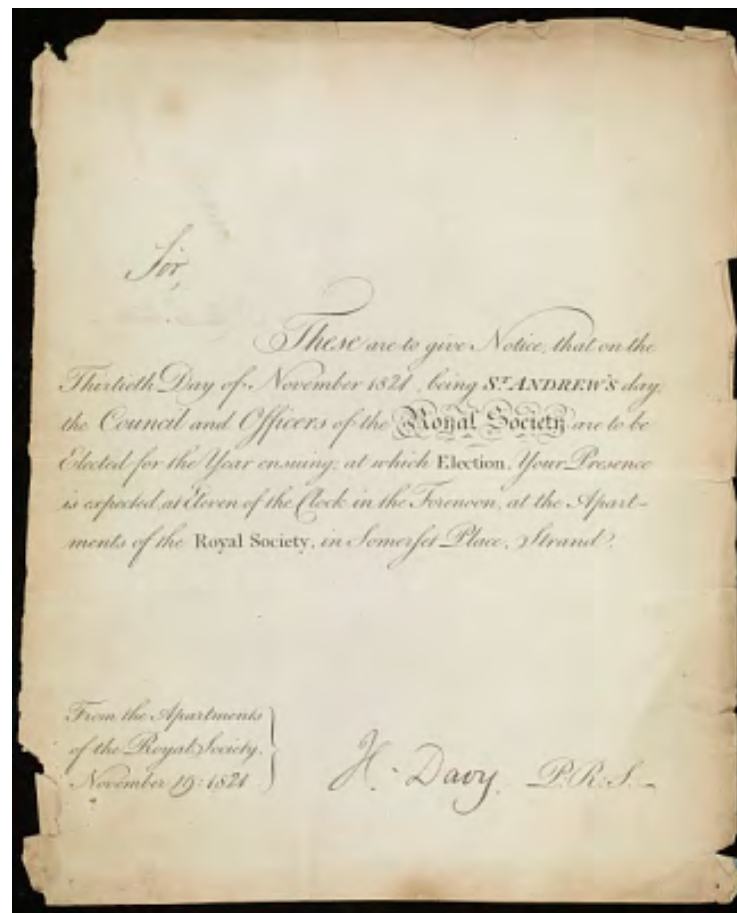
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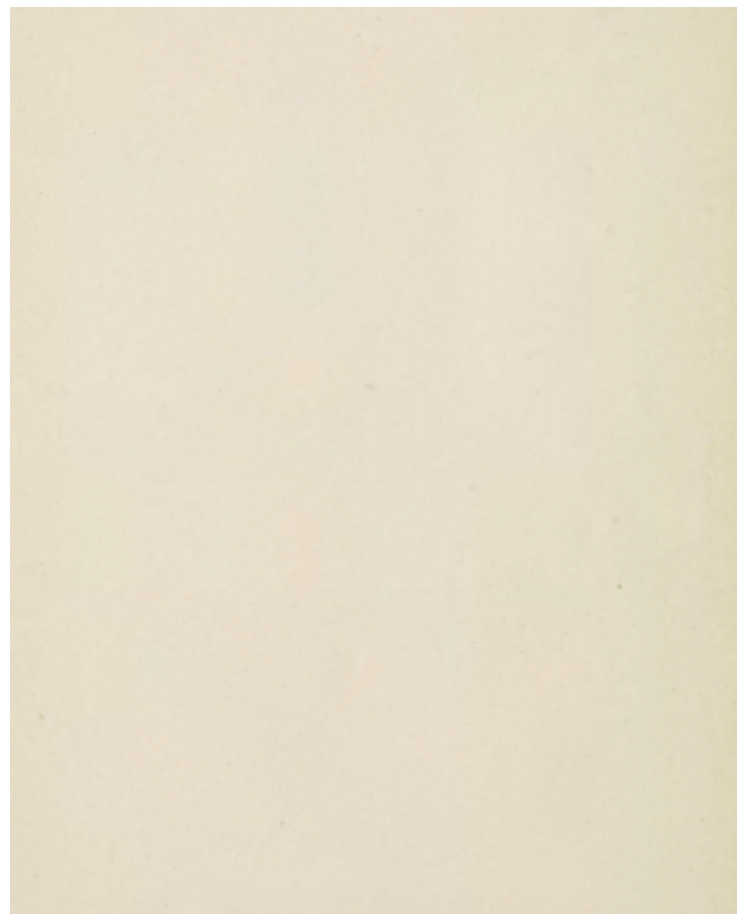
Sir,
These are to give Notice that on the
Thirtieth Day of November 18th [21], being St. ANDREW'S day, the
Council and Officers of the Royal Society are to be Elected for the Year
ensuing; at which Election, Your Presence
is expected at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the Apartments of
the Royal Society, in Somerset Place, Strand.

From the Apartments }
of the Royal Society }
November 19th, 18th [21] } ^[[H. Davy]], P.R.S.



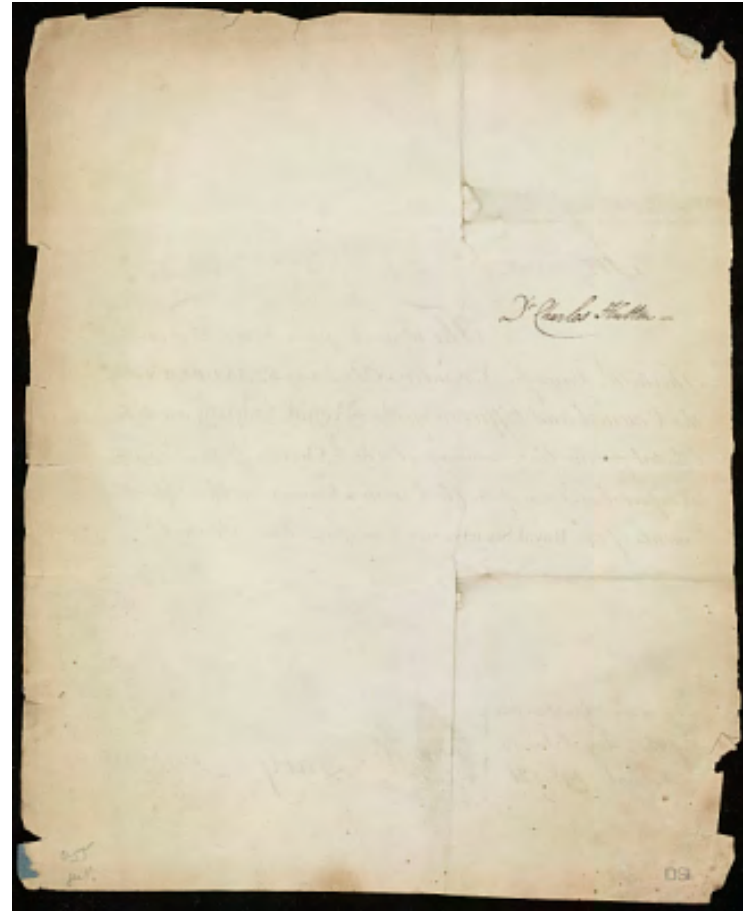
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Dr. Charles Hutton -



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Wm Kerr Esqr
7 Union Street
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1821 [[underline]]Sir H. Davy [[/underline]]

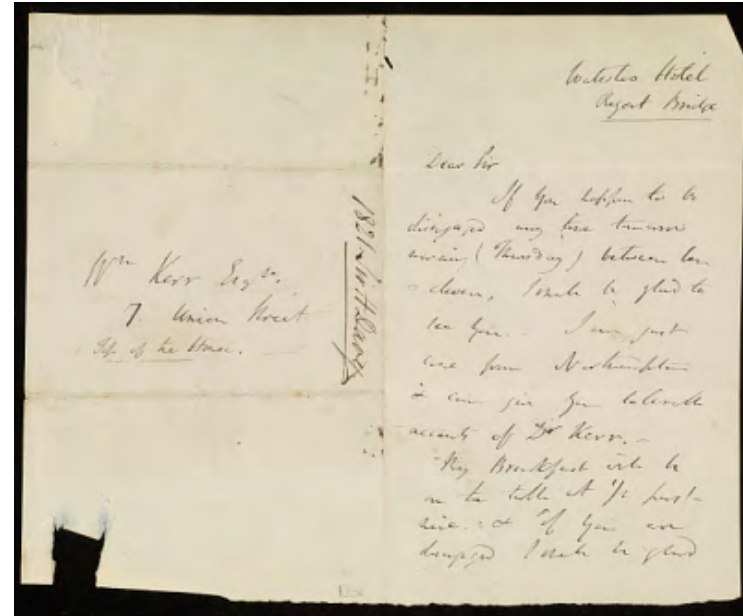
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Waterloo Hotel
[[underline]]Regent Bridge [[/underline]]

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Dear Sir
If you happen to be
disengaged any time tomorrow
morning (Thursday) between ten
& eleven, I would be glad to
see you. I am just
come from Northampton
& can give you tolerable
accounts of Dr. Kerr.
My Breakfast will be
on the table at 1/2 past
nine & if you are
disengaged I will be glad

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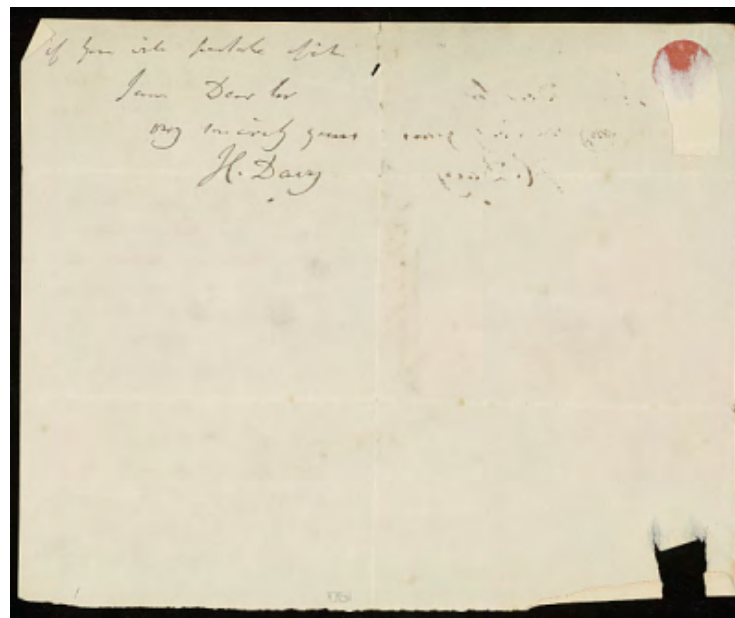


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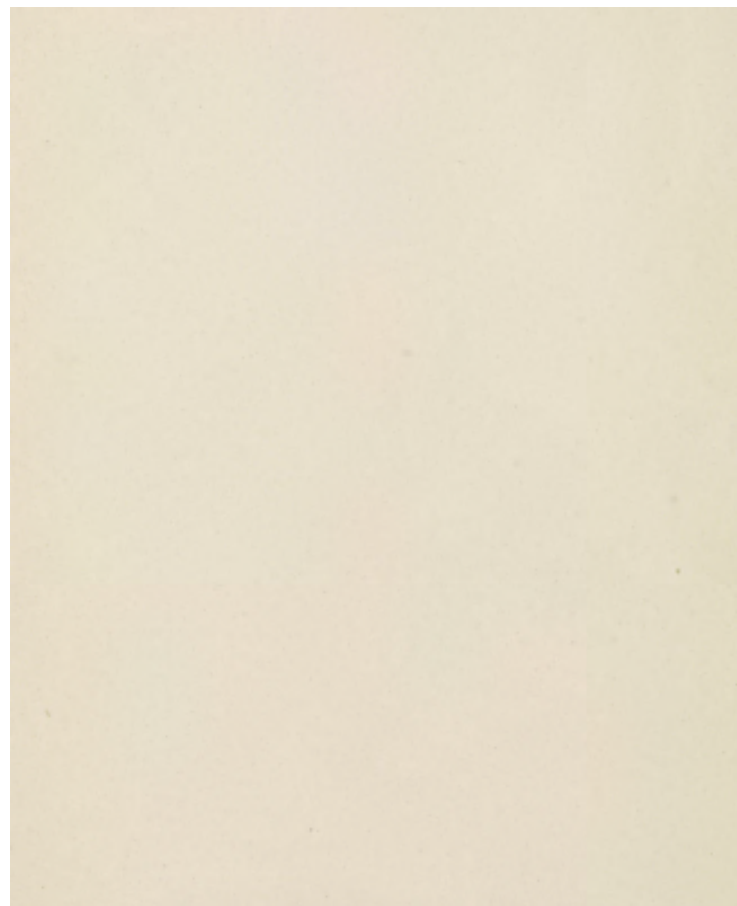
I am Dear Sir
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H. Davy



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Sir Humphrey
Davy

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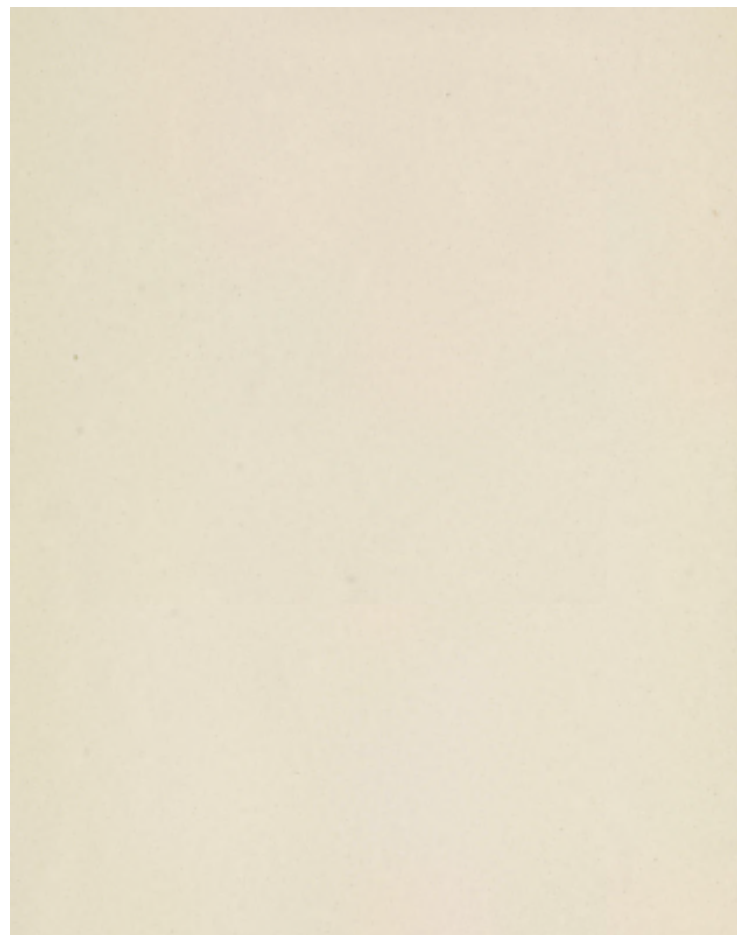
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A Monsieur
M. Ampere, Membre
del Academie Royal des Science
&c &c &c
H. Davy PRS a Paris



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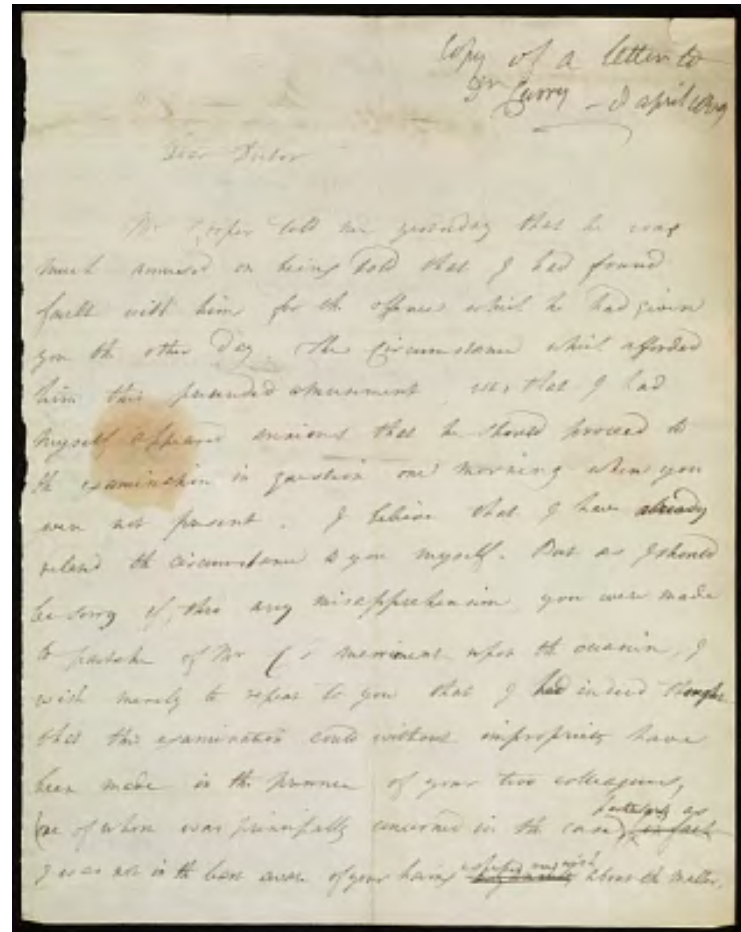


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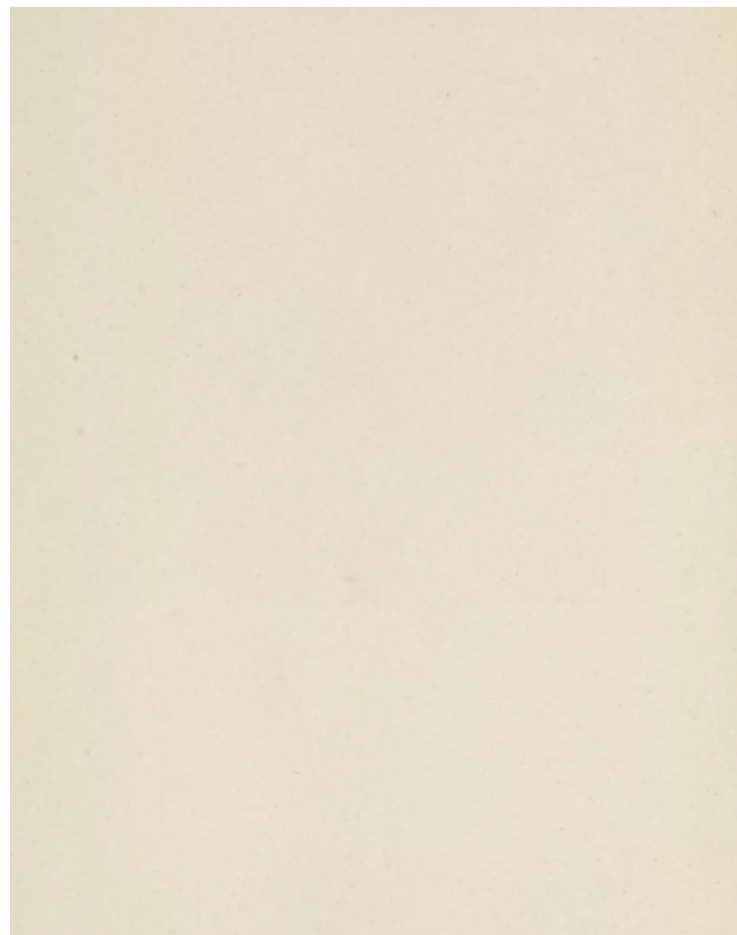
Dear Doctor

Mr. Cooper told me yesterday that he was much amused on being told that I had found fault with him for the offence which he had given you the other day. The circumstance which afforded him this pretended amusement was that I had myself appeared anxious that he should proceed to the examination in question one morning when you were not present. I believe that I have already ~~explained~~ the circumstance to you myself. But as I should be sorry if, thro' my misapprehension, you were made to partake of Mr. C's merriment upon the occasion, I wish merely to repeat to you that I had indeed thought that this examination could without impropriety have been made in the presence of your two colleagues (one of whom was principally concerned in the case) ~~in fact~~ ^{particularly as} I was not in the ~~least~~ aware of your having ~~any anxiety~~ ^{expressed any wish} about the matter.



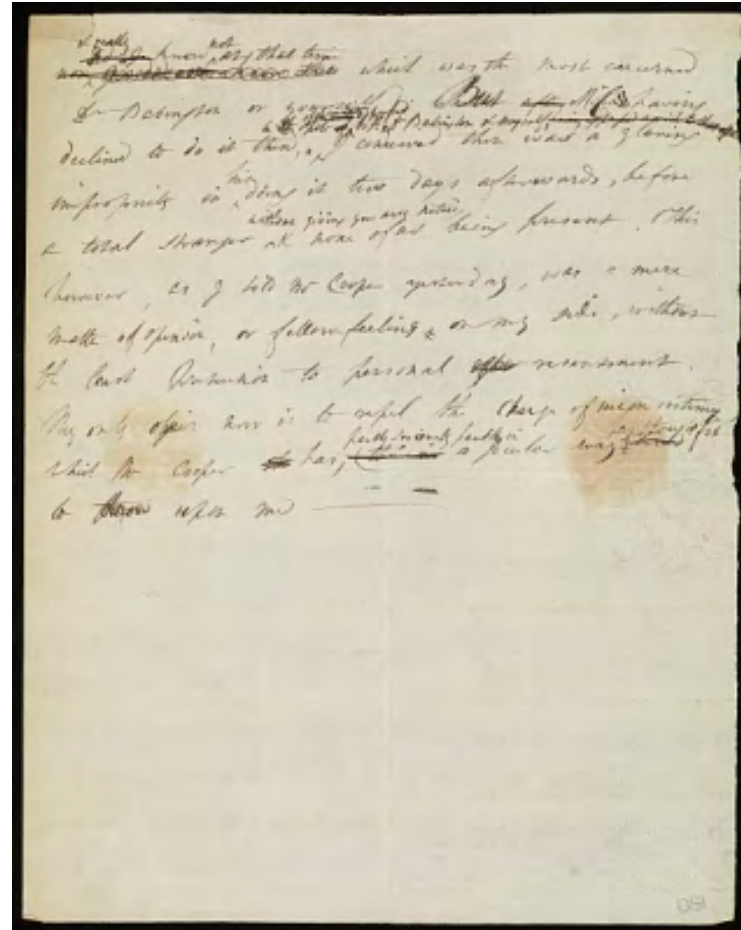
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I really ~~did not~~ knew not at that time which was the most concerned Dr. Babington or yourself. But ~~after~~ Mr. C having declined to do it then ^{in spite of the curiosity} ~~Dr. Babington & myself~~ having expressed again to that affect ~~conceived~~ there was a glaring impropriety in ^{his} ~~doing it~~ two days afterward, before a total stranger ^{without giving you any notice,} & none of us being present. This however, as I told Mr. Cooper yesterday, was a mere matter of opinion, or fellow feeling on my side, without the least Attention ~~to personal~~ ~~resentment~~ My only option now is to repel the charge of inconsistency which Mr. Cooper ~~has~~, ^{partly seriously partly in} a jocular way ^{to throw upon me.}



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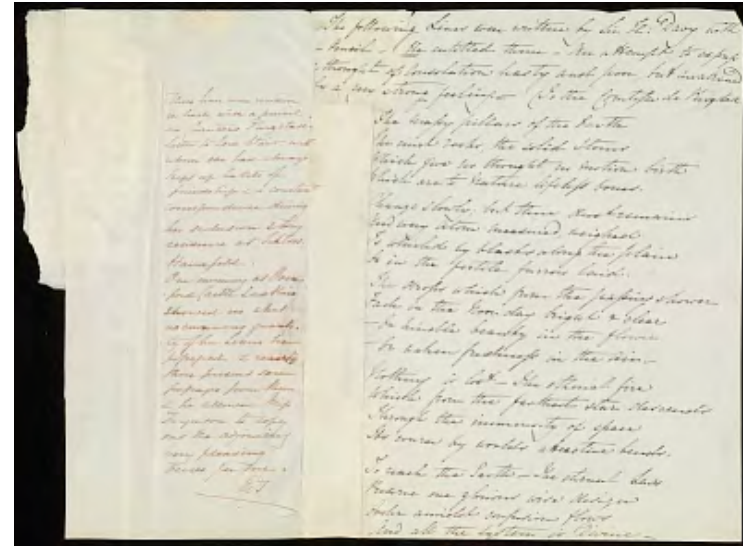
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These Lines were written in haste with a pencil, on Countess Pungstall's Letter to Lord Stair, with whom she had always kept up habits of friendship & a constant correspondence during her seclusion & long residence at Schloss Hainefeld. One morning at Oxenford Castle Lord Stair showed us what an enormous quantity of her Letters he possessed & reading those present some passages from them, & he allowed Miss Furgenson to copy out the adjoining very pleasing verses for me.
HD



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The following Lines were written by Sir H. Davy with - Pencil - he entitled them - An attempt to express a thought of Consolation hasty and poor, but awakened by a very strong feeling. -- (To the Countess de Pungstall.

The mossy pillows of the Earth
The inert rocks, the solid Stones
Which give no thought, no motion birth
Which are to Nature lifeless bones.

Change slowly, but these Must remain
And every atom measured, weighed
Is whisked by blasts along the plains
or in the fertile furrows laid.

The crops which from the passing shower
Each in the Noonday bright & clear
--Or kindle beauty in the flowers
--Or waken perhaps in the the air --

Nothing is lost -- the ethereal fire
Which from the farthest star descends
Through the immensity of space
Its course by worlds attractive bends.

To reach the Earth -- The eternal Laws

Preserve one glorious wise assigned
further amidst confusion flows
And all the system is Divine --

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If matter cannot be destroyed
The living mind can never die
If e'en creative when alloy'd
How sure is Immortality.

Then think, that Intellectual Light
Thou lovedst on Earth is becoming still
Its lustre purer & more bright
Obscured no more by mortal will.

The things most perfect on the earth
Though transient, and shortlived they
Have yet a Source of Heavenly birth
-- Are not the fabric of a Dream.

The lovely thoughtful light of Even
The fading gleams of morning skies
The transient rainbow tints of Heaven
From the Eternal Sun arise.

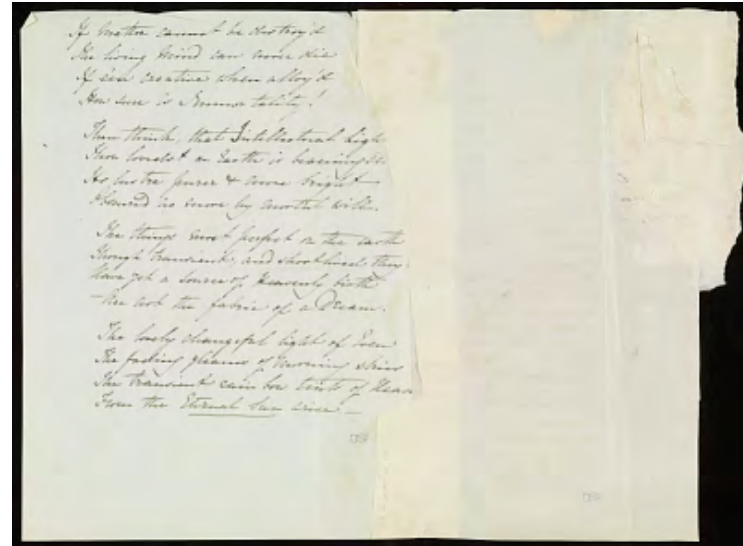
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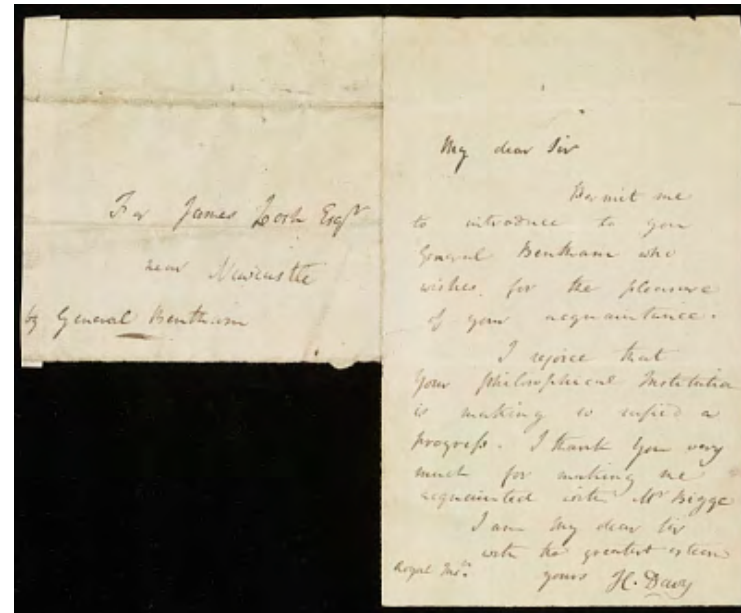
Sir James [[North?]] Esqr

near Newcastle

by General Bentham

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My dear Sir
Permit me
to introduce to you
General Bentham who
wishes for the pleasure
of your acquaintance.
I rejoice that
your Philosophical Institution
is making so rapid a
progress. I thank you very
much for making me
acquainted with Mr. Bigge.
I am my dear Sir
with the greatest esteem
Royal Ins. yours H. Davy



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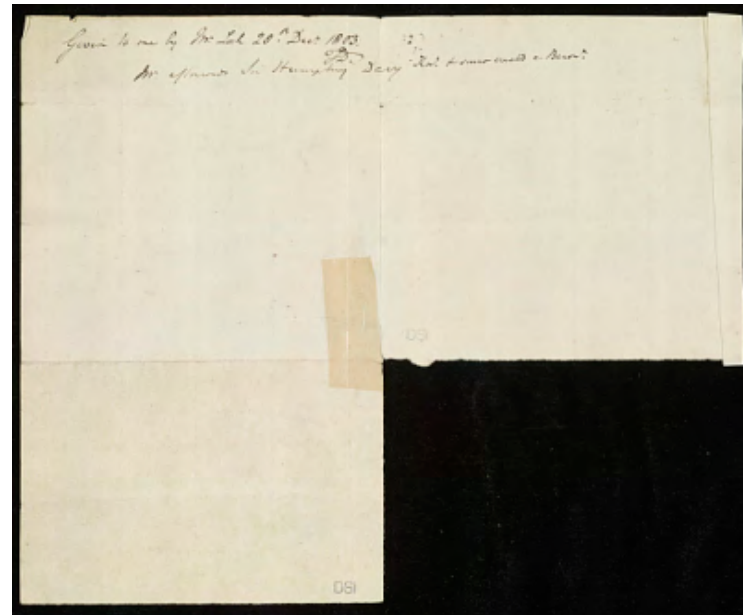
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Given to me by Mr. Lock 28th Dec. 1803
HD.

Mr. afterwards Sir Humphry Davy Knt & since created a Baronet.



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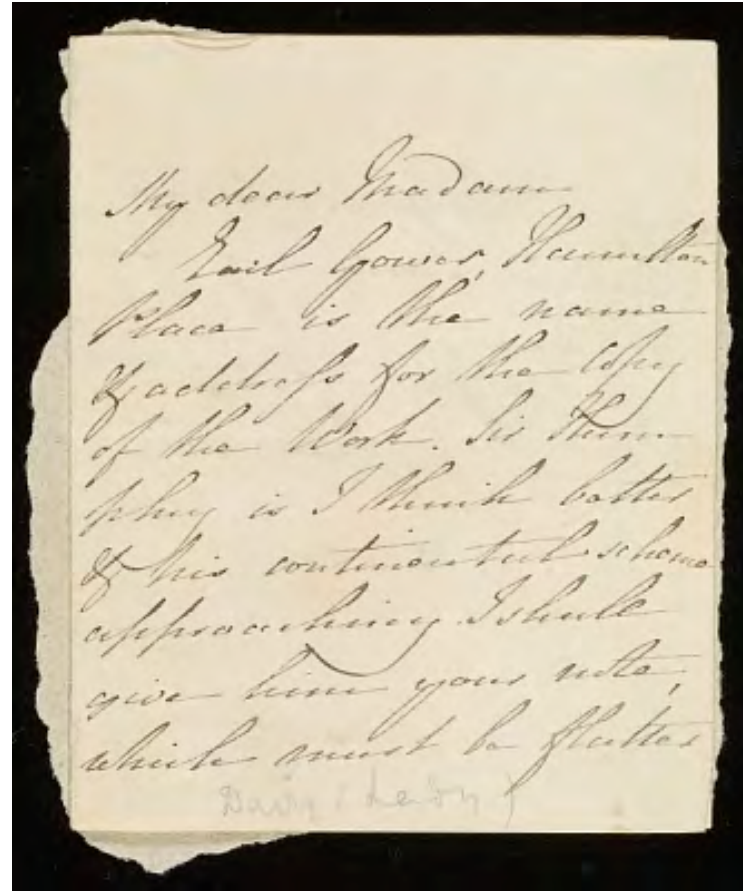
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My dear Madam

Gail Gower, Hamilton
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is I think better
& his continental scheme
approaching. I shall
give him your note
which must be flatter-

Davis Levy
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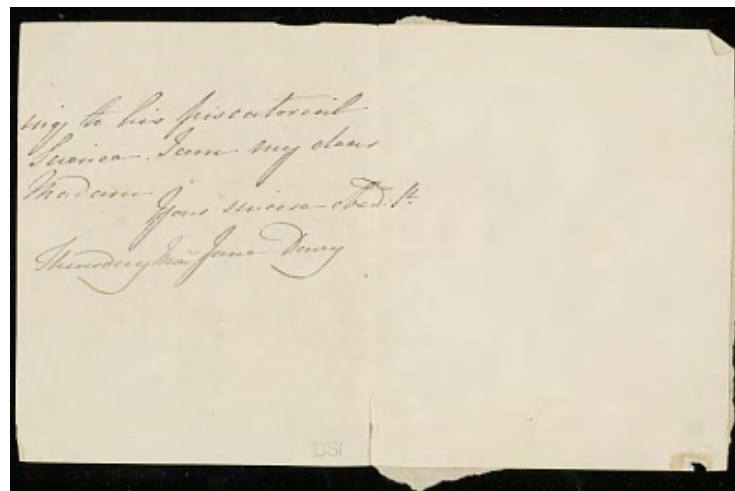
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Your sincere obedt. st.
Thursday Morn Jane Davy

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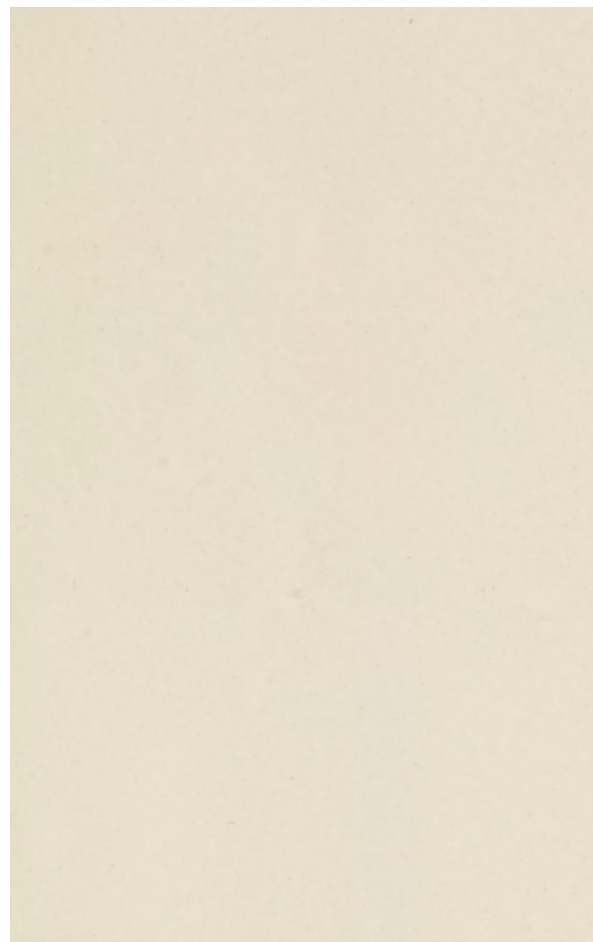
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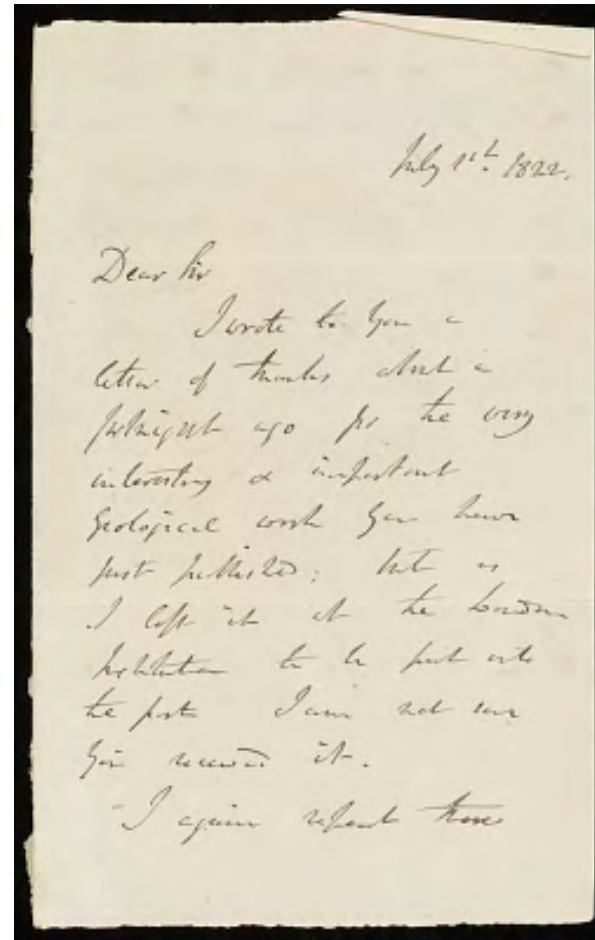
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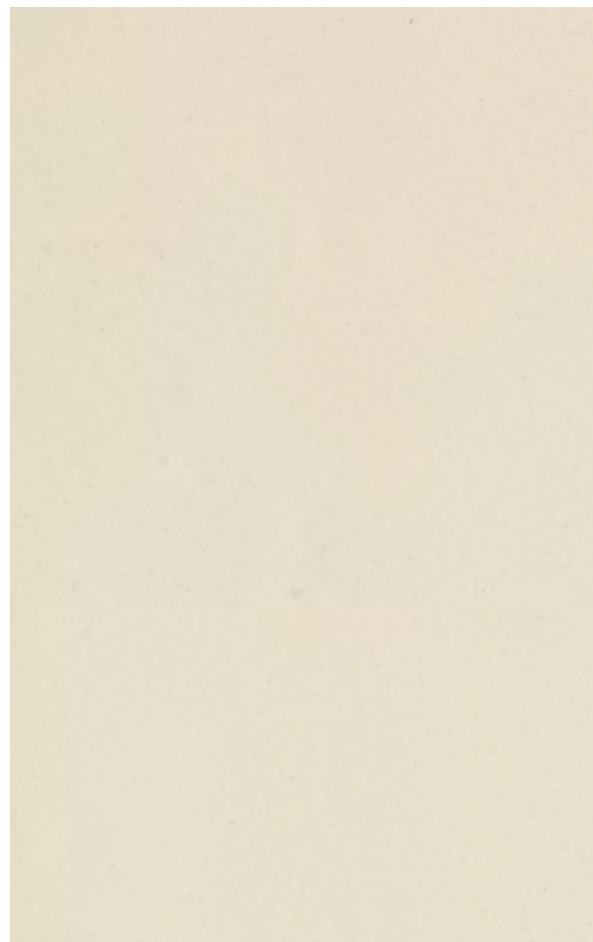
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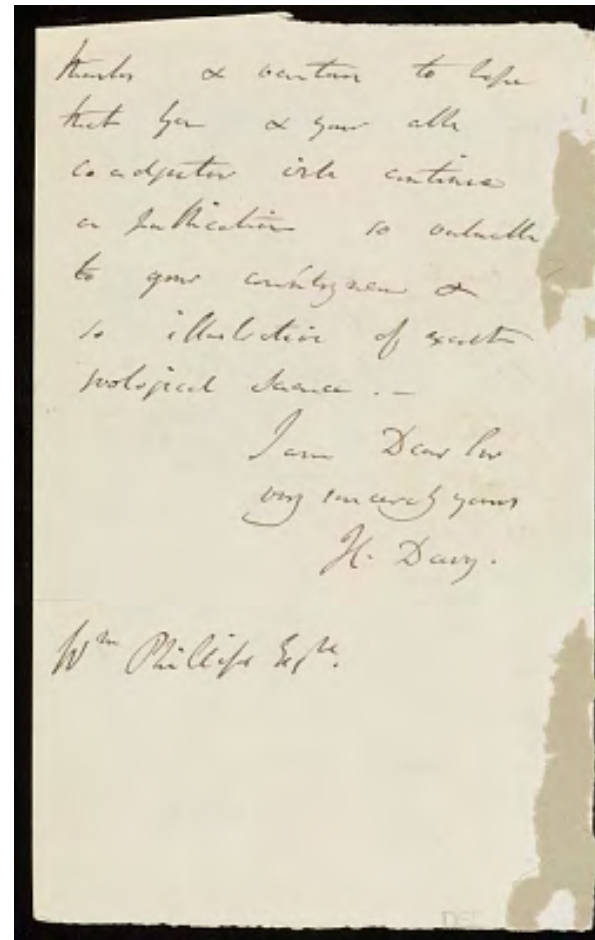
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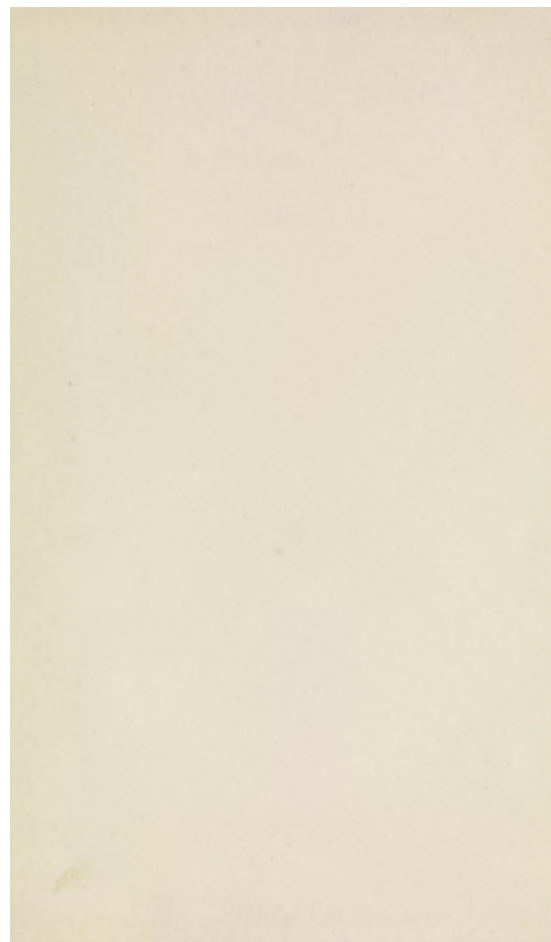
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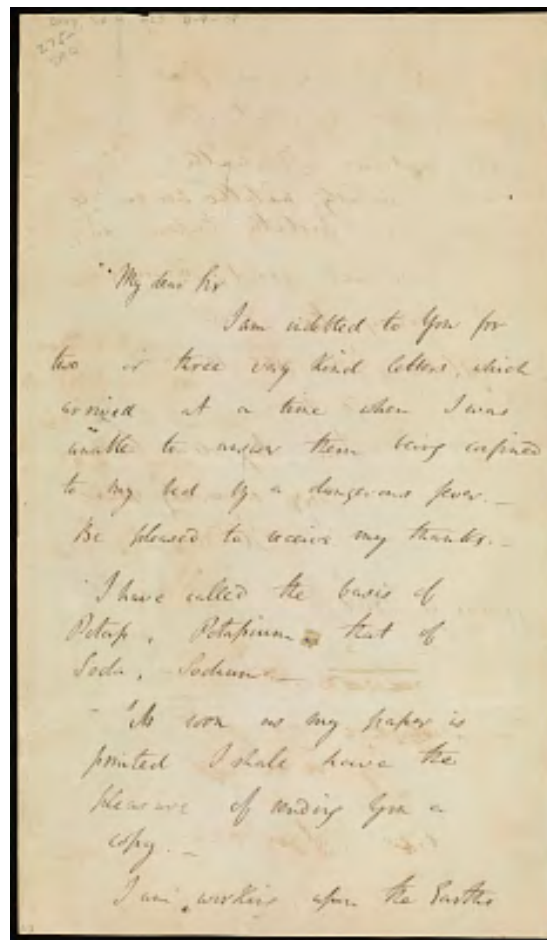
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unable to answer them being confined
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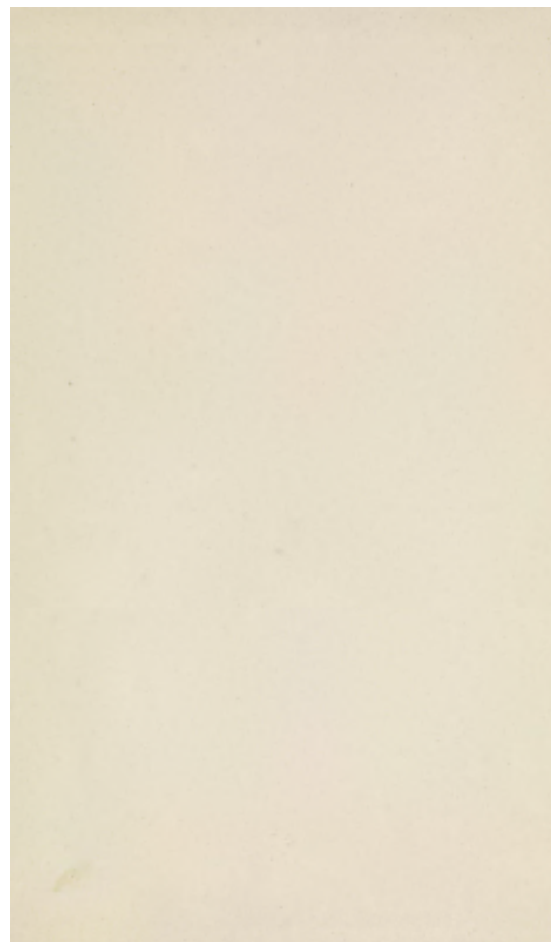
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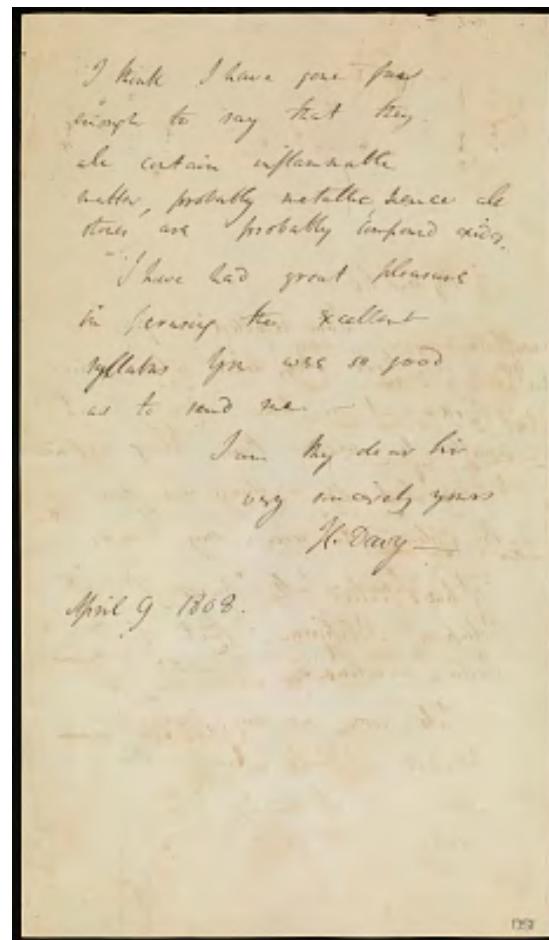


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I am my dear Sir
very sincerely yours
W. Davy -

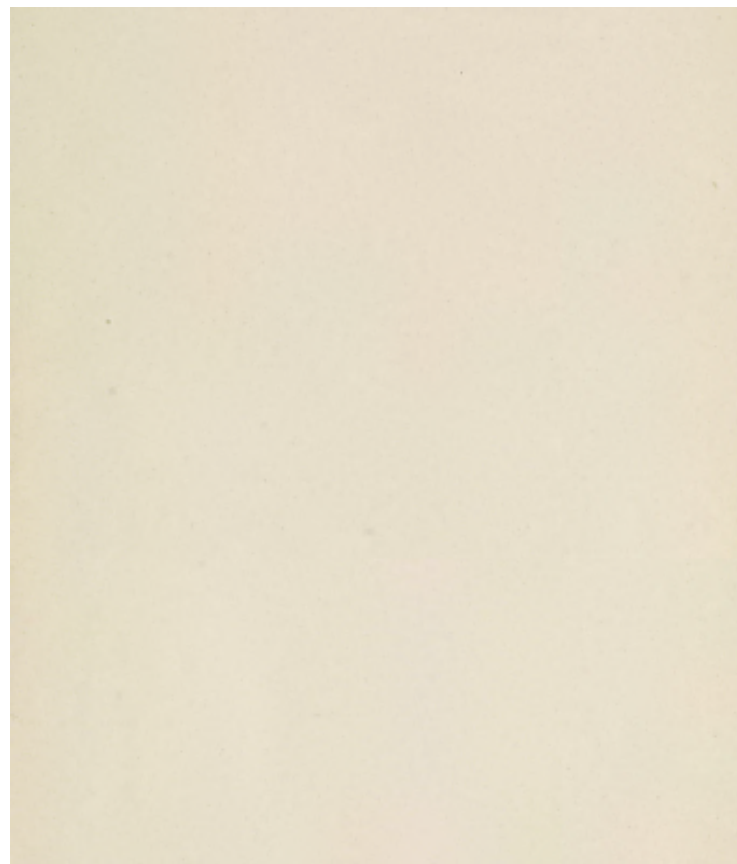
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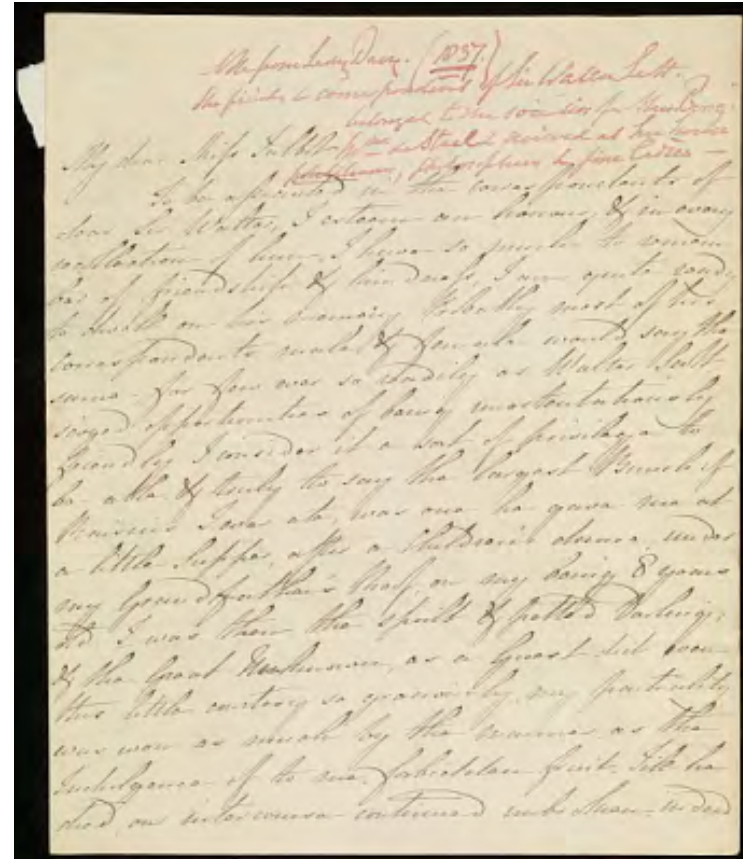


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Note from Lady Davy. (double underscore) 1837 [[/underscore]].
The friends & correspondent of Sir Walter Scott.
belonged to the societies of [[Mme?]] Benz;
Mme de Stael & received at her house politicians, philosophers & fine
ladies -- [[/red ink]]

My dear Miss Talbott

To be associated in the correspondents of dear Sir Walter, I esteem
an honour; & in every recollection of him, I have so much to remember
of friendship & kindness, I am quite ready to dwell on his memory.
Probably most of his correspondents male & female would say the
same, for few ever so steadily as Walter Scott, seized opportunities of
being unostentatiously friendly. I consider it a sort of privilege as to be
able, & truly to say the largest Bunch of Raisins I ever ate, was one he
gave me at a little Supper, after a Children's dance, under my
Grandfather's Roof, on my being 8 years old. I was then the spoilt &
petted Darling & the Great [[Unknown?]], as a Guest did even this little
courtesy so graciously, my [[practicality?]] was won as much by the
manner, as the Indulgence of to me, forbidden fruit. Till he died, our
intercourse continued unbroken, indeed



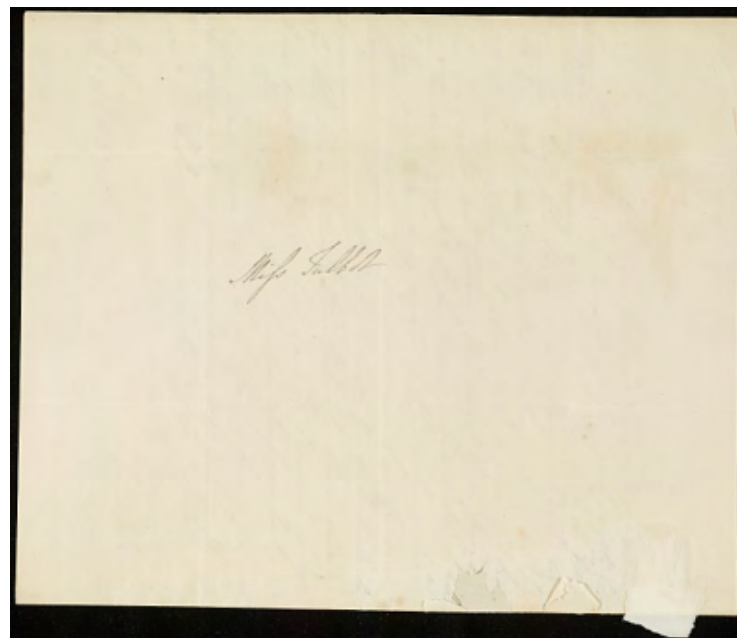
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