

18th And 19th Century Manuscript Nonconformist Letters. No. A1
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NB. ALS means Autographed Letter. Signed

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Benjamin Fawcett Dissenting Minister (1715-1780) Born at Sleaford, Lincs.
Youngest of 10 children. Entered Doddridges Academy 1738. Became Minister of

Pauls Meeting, Taunton in 1741. Ordained 16th June 1742. Removed to Kidderminster
1745 where

his work prospered in an amazing degree (Doddridge). Zealous in founding country
congregations.

Could be unconventional. Job Orton who retired to Kidderminster in 1766 was
scandalised when

a drum-major of the Northamptonshire Militia was allowed to preach in Fawcetts
pulpit, and a

learned worthy minister shut out. (DNB). Before his death he published, in an
eirenic spirit, some

reflections on ways in which the doctrine of the Trinity can be stated. Orton
thought the private

manuscript might ruin Fawcett's considerable reputation. Nevertheless he
probably was responsible

for its publication in Shrewsbury in 1777, three years before Fawcett's death.
An ardent evangelical

as his letters show, he may have speculated unwisely in his last years in
response to the doctrinal

arguments of the age. Like Baxter, he unlocked a door which others would later
rush through. After

Fawcett's death, the congregation divided. The Independents' retained the
meeting house, and an

Arian session built their own church. Fawcett's son Samuel also became an Arian
and was minister

at Yeovil from 1801-1816. As the letters belong together, an order for the whole
will take precedent

over individual choices. The latter will be kept on file and processed quickly
if they are not sold as

one.

1. Cartright/Fawcett/ALS/Preaching License. Quarto. 1pp. A very interesting
License To

Preach which reads "This is to certify whom it may concern, that we

whose names are subscribed above this seventh Day of March 1739/40 examin Mr.
Benjamin

Fawcett and find him competently well qualify'd for the Ministerial Office.

Wherefore we

recommend him to such Churches of Christ, as shall stand in need of his labours,
hoping he may by

the blessing of God, be greatly useful in his day for all the Purposes of a
Gospell Ministry. Thomas

Cartright; Jas. Floyd'. On the other side of the page is written in Fawcett's
writing "License to Preach,

given March 7. 1739/40' and again "Certificate March 7. 1739/40'.

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2. Benjamin Fawcett ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 28 lines. Dated. Taunton, March 27. 1742

Good. Addressed To My Dear Bro. He says "I received yours of the 2nd of February and was very thankful to God for the comfortable change in your circumstances. The times look still threatening..greater judgements are coming from the Lord. The Lord fit us by incomes of grace and strength in our souls'. And later "I bless God for such a friend as Mr. Roe. Not only on my account but yours...I have had no letter yet from Sleaford...As for me, all things go well with me, excepting my return of duty and gratitude to a kind, gracious, merciful and compassionate God and Father in Christ. Doctor Doddridge being expected here in June, it is determined by my Rev. Pastour, and the Heads of the Congregation that I should then be ordained. Pray for me, my dear Bro...the Lord fit a worthless worm for the services He has me to do etc **£215/\$398**

3. Benjamin Fawcett Ordination Testimonial. Quarto. 1pp. 11 Lines. Dated. Taunton

(P. Doddridge) Junio Sexto Decimo. 1742 Text in Latin, reading: "Nos in Fra

Subscripta Testamur Benjamin Fawcett ad Sacri Ministeri Minis Consecratum Jejunio. Precatione & Manuum Impositione -De Locoqi Predicto. With the testifying signatures of: "Johannes Moore AM; Thomas Pearce MD; P.Doddridge DD; Sam Stoddon'. On the other side Fawcett has writtenneatly: "Ordination Testimonial, June 16. 1742'. A brief but unique little document bearing such signatures as the influential evangelical, Phillip Doddridge. Fourty ministers were present at the ordination service. Doddridge was present and was introduced to Fawcetts future wife, on whose charms of fortune (a good 1400) and person, he descants to Mrs Doddridge that "the lady needs nothing but a little more colour, which now and then I gave her **£250/\$462**

4. Benjamin Fawcett. Qto. 1pp. Dated Taunton. July 24. 1742. Addressed To "My Dear Bros' He writes: "I have the opportunity by Mrs Hutchins to send you Dr.Doddridge on Regeneration, and the Sermons of my late predecessor Mr. Staffs...In The first week in August is fixed (God willing) for my marriage. I desire your prayers for me...I shall be very glad to see Mr. Roe & hear from you. I have not yet heard from Sleaford & can by no means account for such unkindness etc'. Letter a bit worn lower & inner edge, tear across the fold. Sound **£175/\$324**

5. Benjamin Fawcett ALS. Quarto. 2pp. 62 Lines. Dated. Taunton December 25. 1742. Addressed to My Dear Bros. He writes: 'I have just now a few minutes for leisure to employ in expressing my tenderest affection for you. I think your last letter was dated as long as August 24...I told my wife if the frost continue in Christmas My Bro. John would perhaps come on foot to see us...I wrote a letter to Mr. Roe, dated November 26, in which I desired

him to hasten your writing...it is not my being marryd, but the supply of stated ministry that will always render my journey to Sleaford extremely difficult...Trade is extremely bad in this town...Mr. Hutchings, who was with you, is gone to gaol for debt. The poor amongst us are extremely numerous...Religion much decaying...My family consists of my wife, her own sister, her own she-cousin, and a maid servant...God gives at home prosperity and peace...God has given some seals to my ministry, Pray I may have still more abundantly. The interest of the dear Redeemer is at a low ebb in the present day...yet blessed be God, there are not wanting some glorious instances of conquering grace here and there...Oh That the Spirit of Jesus might be poured down upon His churches and ministers...Never is our spiritual state more thriving than when we can pray for the church of Christ...Oh how sweet it is to converse with Christ etc'. Two small tears. Good **£215/\$398**

6. Benjamin Fawcett ALS. Quarto. 2pp. 44 Lines. Dated Taunton. January 7. 1743/4.

He writes 'This morning I received your acceptable letter...I assure you, I am very glad to hear Birmingham has been favoured with Mr. Whitfield, a Thing I much desired, and indeed mentioned it to him when I was with him. I heard him preach at Mr. Bros. Darracotts(?) meeting at Wellington which is five miles from Taunton, and I introduced him into another pulpit...and would have had him at Taunton but my pastor and congregation both oppos'd it. However he is to take his lodging at my house and to preach in a field of my providing...I utterly dislike the conduct of all those ministers that oppose him, or are afraid to receive him, but it is not fit I should therefore condemn them as unsound or unchristian. God has done great things by him, and I hope will yet do much greater. I shall be extremely glad to hear of his success with you, for depend upon it, bringing souls to Christ and Salvation is the most effectual Way to end controversy's and root out heresy's...My principle design in writing...whether you will come and live at Wellington...about the size of Sleaford, but has no Cutler in it etc etc' The letters refers at length to Whitfield, who was at the height of his powers. Following his controversy with the Erskines, Whitfield engaged in a further tour of Scotland in 1742 and ministered in the 'Cambuslang Revival'. He had married shortly before. His meetings with Fawcett occur about this time **£250/\$463**

7. Benjamin Fawcett AL Quarto. 2pp. 68 Lines. Dated. Taunton. October 15. 1743 Unsigned. Addressed to My Dear Bro. A highly spiritual letter. He

treats first of 'the people at Kederminster who have had some difficulty in choosing a minister'. Two names seem to have divided the congregation: Messrs Williams and Statherne...together with the

violent intervention of one Mr. Brown. Fawcett comments on the equity of the situation but he does chide Mr. Brown for 'he meddles in a matter that does not concern him etc'. He adds that 'liberty to think does not include in it liberty to speak angry censorious words...truth is best vindicated by soft words and hard arguments'. His brother has asked more specifically for comment on 'doctrinal issues especially Mr. Bourne concerning the Trinity, Original Sin, imputed Righteousness 'I by no means think you have any call to answer such objections against those doctrines which may be raised by a peevish contentious wit...but continue humbly to adore Father, Son and Holy Ghost as one living and true God...continue to apply the blood of Jesus to atone...I bless God my time is better filled up than with controversy'. He does however recommend 'the fifth, the tenth and twenty first sermons of the Berry Street Lectures'. The letter ends abruptly with no farewell or signature. One tear in fold. As already noted, Fawcett was to become the minister at Kidderminster in 1745, so the outcome of the tussel mentioned above, did not apparently result in any settled ministry

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8. Bond/Fawcett ALS. Folio. 2 Sides. 28 Lines + 66 Lines. On one side is a 28 line letter addressed to 'Dear Sir'. In the margin is written twice. 'Mr.

Bond. October 5. 1751: October 21 The searching letter rehearses the writers own concern over the state of his soul, and thanks the sender (Benjamin Fawcett) for 'your good discourse on Isaiah 1. & 18 (?) in which you have been so good as to transcribe on purpose for my perusal, that I may be able by Gods grace to take comfort from. I am not without great troubles that the day of grace should be pass with one, as I can find no relief by prayer or hearing the Word...I can take no comfort from any of the promises, as they seem to be not intended for such great sinner's. At times, I have such terrible sensations of future everlasting misery, that I seem...Without hope...Sir, your earnest prayers for me that God will carry on a sound and thorough conversion etc'. At the bottom he writes 'please turn over'. There we find 66 lines in two parallel columns in a beautiful small neat shorthand. All that is quickly decipherable is the date: 21.8.1751' and the final signature. 'B.F' It would seem this shorthand is the transcript of Isaiah referred to on the other page. There are some underlines, indicating especially promises of Gods mercy, in all likelihood

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9. Benjamin Fawcett Will/Statement/Letter. Folio. 4pp. On one double side is 'The State of Mr. Fawcetts and Mrs Culverwells temporal affairs as it stood at 1779. Then follows a listing of their assets. Ie. 'Farm at Bathpool- 36 per annum; 800. Farm at Axminster. 30 per annum. 500. (Etc). The total assets are 4945.5.0. The second side records 'Mrs

Culverwells Will and Mr & Mrs Fawcetts Wills, appoint as follows etc etc. The other side of the document is a double sided letter. Addressed 'Dear Sir'. It treats of Melancholy in 54 lines and a further 6 lines of shorthand. 'All the power of Hell cannot pluck me out of the Redeemers hands, but working out Salvation with fear and trembling, making our calling and election sure, to do this is the gift of God...the mystery of God is known only by Christians'. Fawcett published his last work 'Observations on the Causes and Cure of...Religious Melancholy, 1780' in the year he died. This document clearly connects with the same **£250/\$463**

10.J.W.N./Fawcett Autographed Poem. Qto. 2pp. Dated. August 1782. Signed J.W.N. (But last letter is difficult to read). Addressed to 'The Rev.Mr.Fawcett'.

Red wax seal. The author seems to have borrowed Fawcetts umbrella and waxes eloquent by way of thanks. 'By Fawcetts umbrella and cloak well protected. As homeward last night I my footsteps directed...The umbrella My Fancy Compared to Religion, Which shields from the storm and from Blasts That are Stygean...Such religion as Fawcetts Which Blesses mankind, who though zealous and moral, yet is liberal and kind, though rigid in doctrine and practice yet free. From the rancour of party, nor a bigot is he. Oh if, I could but borrow one spark of that fire, Which His life and discourses at once both inspire' etc. As Fawcett died in 1780, it is not clear why this is dated 1782. **£185/\$342**

19th Cent Autographed Letters Connected With The Rev.Thomas Haweis

The following small collection of letters are written in the main to the celebrated evangelical Anglican and patron of Methodism in the Countess of Huntingdons Connection Converted under Samuel Walker of Truro, he declined to study with Thomas Adam of Wintringham, preferring to go to Oxford instead. Became Assistant Chaplain at the Lock Hospital under Martin Madan. He secured the ordination of John Newton. Whitfield sought to persuade him to go to Philadelphia in 1763, but he declined. He accepted the living at Aldwinkle in Northamptonshire, which he held until his death in 1820. His major pastoral and preaching work were conducted in this parish 'where the Revival message had not yet penetrated'. John Newton declared 'that the preaching of Haweis sounded through the countryside like the report of a canon'. In 1774 he became one of Lady Huntingdons Chaplains. He devoted several months each year to itinerating, relying on a curate in his absence. When Lady Huntingdon died, he was named as trustee-executor with Lady Anne Erskine. He was the author of a considerable commentary on the bible, but one of his main burdens was the sending of missionaries overseas. In 1794 he urged the formation of an Interdenominational

Missionary Society. This led in 1795 to the formation of the LMS of which he was a co-founder.

After 44 years at Aldwinkle, Haweis retired to Bath but continued to preach despite failing health.

Most of these letters were written at the close of that ministry, its immediate transfer to the ministry

of other Curates, with considerable distress in the parish as the letters reveal. He was buried in Bath

Abbey. His full importance has only recently been recognised after the manuscript Autobiography

and correspondence were examined. He is seen as a major figure in 18th century evangelicalism. He

was a stalwart for orthodoxy, but with a warm heart. He contributed to christian literature,

hymnology, missionary enterprise, but above all preaching the gospel. His extensive manuscript

autobiography and Diary and correspondence are preserved in Mitchell Library, Sydney. Other letters

are to be found in the Sutro Library, San Francisco and the National Library of Wales. Although

these letters are not by him - with one honourable exception - they are addressed to him and reveal

something of his mind and council in letters which he had penned, and to which these were a reply.

They are offered as a collection in the first instance, but will be sold separately if no such order is

Received

11. Anonymous Letter. Qto. 1pp. 24 Lines. Dated August 18. 1801. Addressed on the reverse to 'Rev. Dr. Haweis, Chappel House, Brighton'. Date stamped.

Also: inscribed 'Copy to Hardcastle'. Written with 'two grand objects in mind. To prevent our funds

being frittered away in trifling objects contrary to our original design of the Heathen Mission. Also

To keep up some great object in pursuit, which will engage the interest of the whole Christian World

Etc'... My dear Master knows there is no sacrifice I would not make, when I can the object worthy

the effort'. UNSIGNED. References are to the inauguration of the London Missionary Soc. in 1795,

in which Haweis was regarded as one of co founders with John Eyre & David Bogue. The

'Hardcastle' referred to is most likely Jos. Hardcastle (1752-1819), Methodist Cotton Importer. He

travelled to Paris with Wilberforce in 1802 to start an evangelical work there. His country house and

later residence at Harcham, were the settings of many meetings of the LMS, RTS & BFBS. £150/\$278

12. Bp of Peterboro ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 28 Lines. Dated Pal; Pet; Jan. 12. 1809.

Addressed to the Revd. Doc. Haweis. Rector of All Saints Aldwinkle'.

With wax seal. The Bishop apologises for a delay in answering Haweis letter, having been ill for

a considerable time - indeed I may say, seriously ill. Its content is to ignore the complaints of

anonymous clergymen who were accusing Haweis of 'your after ordaining at Cheshunt College,

Herts, and that Lady Anne Erskine attended you upon those occasions', partly because of the anonymity of the writers and because Haweis denied it. The Bishop of Peterborough at this time was Spencer Madan.

£95/\$176

13. Bp of Peterboro ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 20 Lines. Dated Baldock, Herts. May 10.

1809

Addressed to 'Rev. Dr. Tho. Haweis. No. 4 Vineyards, Bath'. Date

stamped. Seal. A letter from the Bishop of Peterboro, in answer to Haweis request for a 'license for Non Residence', which he is happy to grant, but needs to know 'how long for up to a maximum of 2 years'. This was requested shortly after Haweis retired to Bath.

£85/\$157

14. William Cooper ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 86 Lines. Dated Dublin, February 25. 1801

Addressed to 'Rev. Dr. Haweis, Chapel house, Vineyard, Bath'.

Date stamped. Wax seal. Small marginal loss second page, and corner loss, losing a letter or two.

A stirring letter to Dr. Haweis who he counted as his dearest friend. He laments the lack of any

correspondence from him, but didn't know he had moved to Bath. In the letter he recounts his

abundant itinerant ministry and the blessings of God in the Revival of those times. He speaks of 'the

great apparent success which has attended my ministry in His Kingdom and of that Universal Spirit

(at least) of Hearing which prevails among the people. After my return from Cork I spent two

months supplying Plunket St while brother itinerated in the province of Ulster. The chapel was

already crowded and many have been awakened (etc). Lately I returned from visiting Limerick...I

tarried a month. Never, never, in any place did I receive so much favour as in Limerick...the dear

Bishop of Limerick (Bernard) behaved to me as a father, and all the church clergy as Brethren. In

particular Messrs John and William Noare'. He speaks highly of Trinity College and 'of Mr. Haldane

of Scotland who has sent 3 men to the work'. He speaks of many other places he has visited,

including 'the private rooms of some Gentry'

£195/\$360

15. William Cooper ALS. Quarto. 1pp. Dated Cooper, July 23. 1801. About Episcopal Orders. Signed 'W.C.'. Addressed to 'Dr. Haweis at Lady Ann----(?)',

Springfield, London. Crossed out to 'Spa Fields Chapel, London'. Also 'If he is not there to be re-directed and forwarded to him all possible speed. July 24.

1801'. Also addressed to 'Aldwinkle,

Northamptonshire, and Thrapston'. Date stamped. Red seal. (Who would be a postman?). He says

'Not knowing whether you are in London or at Brighton...I have more things to say to you of the

Lords unparalleled favour to me, but I am quite exhausted with writing, and besides my paper is full as ye can perceive. I hope to see you in about 2 months in England, and pray give your Opinions Decisively and soon. I am greatly perplexed'. W.C. PS. William and Henry are well, also my dearest wife, who sends her love. Our love to Dr. Lady Ann etc.
£150/\$278

16. William Cooper ALS. Folded Folio. 4pp. 134 Lines. Dated Armagh, July 23. 1801. Addressed only to 'Dear Sir (ie. Dr Haweis)'. A very interesting

and detailed letter to a friend who's advice he craves, before he accepts the Bishop of Limericks desire to ordain him and 'make him still more useful in the kingdom'. He adds 'My Dublin friends are in general very warm in their wishes. Mr. Walker in particular, who has drawn up a short address to the Bishop in the following words'. The request contains the names of Mr. Walker and Dr. Stopford of Trinity College, Dublin. 'As he has hitherto itinerated in his gospel labours, he is in earnest to know Gods will'. 'Oh that He would give me a deeper light. My heart is set upon high things...I only want to advance my redeemers kingdom(etc.)'. He adds the significant remark 'If I get his ordination, I hope I shall still be considered as connected with Lady Huntingdons Connexion and shall preach as agreed in it etc. etc'. I presume the Mr. Walker of Trinity College, Dublin, is the same Mr. Matthew Walker who was educated at the said college and ordained soon after (1800). He succeeded in 1804 to become the founder of the Walkerites-strict Calvinists, Nr Stopford (1766-1833), was an Irish Don and incumbent. His life was tied up with Trinity College also, where his conservative influence furthered the Evangelical Revival in the Irish Church and University. The Bishop in question is Barnard. William Crookshank mentions a Mr. William Cooper in Volume 4 of his History of Methodism in Ireland. On May 4th 1881, Dr. Clarke at the conference set aside 'William Cooper and William Wilson...for foreign missions'. He is also mentioned as labouring after the Conference in Liverpool, before proceeding to the West Indies and dieing from disease in gospel work there. However, as Cooper talks about Anglican ordination and Huntingdon Connection, it is probably another.
£195/\$360

17. Thomas Erskine ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 21 Lines. Dated 1804. October 24". Addressed

to 'Dr. Haweis'. He says 'the long and intimate acquaintance you had with my sister may enable you to judge better than I as to the state of her affairs...Whether she had any collateral funds to-----concerning of the Chapel etc'. Signed. Contemporary note on reverse reads 1804. Autograph letter from Thomas Erskine the Lord Chancellor to Dr. Haweis. Erskine

(1750-1823). Highly influential figure, and sometime Lord Chancellor, as indicated **£98/\$181**

18.Mr. Fenney ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. Dated Thrapston, 6 February 1810.

(Griffin) A letter from someone offering Haweis legal advice on how to remove

Rev. John Sell from the Curacy, Haweis's house at Aldwinkle. It also includes a bill of charges incurred between 'Mr. Griffin and the Rev. John Sell of Aldwinkle, whom Mr. Griffin had had considerable trouble to get him to deliver up possession of your house and curacy'. The bill was 2.8.2. There is a long piece written at the end of the letter informing Haweis that 'Sell has yesterday left Aldwinkle and gone to torment some Clergyman in Leicestershire'. There is a further amusing detail of the writers 'wining and dining'. Sell at his house, despite his wife's black looks, with a view to making him more amenable. Sell seems to have 'wanted lodgings at Thrapston'. Failing that 'would he order a chaise to take him to Kettering **£95/\$176**

19.W.Hanbury ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 94 Lines. Dated Ch:Ch: Oxon. 19 October 1804. Addressed to 'Rev. Dr. Haweis, Aldwinkle, Thrapston,

Northamptonshire'. A highly spiritual letter in which author rehearses all the lessons his manifold trials have taught him. In particular he had intended 'to return the Miss J.Journals which I had hoped to be able to get conveyed to Thrapston'. He bemoans the spiritual state around him. 'When I read accounts of Whitfield's days there seems at present to be no such thing in existence, no such several and precious seasons of Divine Power...I am sure there is a conspiracy against Truth, a dreadful storm brewing. If the Devil's servants have their wish, they will carry away the Lords Sheep, etc'. Also comments on Haweis advice to 'his friend Birch(?)', about 'his taking Rowel Curacy and Aldwinkle occasionally'. There is also an early digression on the back page by another person. I believe this is from the Rector of Church Langton whose Curate I was for a few months etc. (Indecipherable initials)'. **£135/\$250**

20.Egerton Leigh ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 73 Lines. Dated Brownsover(?) 2d Sept. 1805. (Some wear near top edge). Addressed to 'Rev. Dr. Haweis,

Aldwinkle, Near Thrapston, Northamptonshire'. An exchange of mutual greetings from Lady Leigh and himself, to Dr. Haweis and his wife. His concern is for the Evangelical Clergymen in his part of the world. 'The living at Harborough...in Lady Leighs gift, and has occupied much of our thoughts...our duty to promote the late Mr.B's welfare, would...have got him inducted to it'. Other names are mentioned. 'William Hanbury at Oxford', 'Mr. Jones at Creaton. (He is an able

preacher)'. He complains of 'pluralities' etc. Also a request to Dr. Haweis to occupy his pulpit at Rugby. Sir Egerton Leigh (born S.C. in USA. Died 1818). Baptist Minister, Converted on his return from the USA, becoming in his own words 'a signal monument to Sovereign Grace'. Encouraged to itinerant preaching by Rowland Hill and 'encountered much opposition'. Formed the Bedfordshire Union of Christians. Also one of the directors of the LMS. When he became a Baptist, he erected Baptist Chapels, including the one in Rugby where he settled as Pastor. It was formed on just one article of faith 'the plan of Particular Redemption'.

£150/\$278

21. Baptist Noel ALS'. Folded Folio. 3pp. 53 Lines. Dated Winkfield Rectory, Nov. 8. 1809. Addressed to 'Rev. Dr. Haweis. Beauford Buildings, Bath'.

He thanks Haweis 'for his kind and enthusiastic advice...nothing delights him more than visiting the Poor'. He mentions news 'of our Lords gracious dealing with our beloved sister (Mrs Hoade?) In giving her a son. Oh that he may be a son by adoption and praise of our Almighty Jehovah' similar sentiments. Minor repairs to outer edge of back page, losing a letter or two. Baptist Noel (1798-1873). Anglican, then celebrated Baptist minister..He became a leading advocate of foreign missions with such evangelicals as DAubigne. Seceeded from Anglicanism in 1848 rather dramatically. In 1864 protested against Spurgeons criticism of the evangelical clergy as 'a breach of brotherly love'.

His family correspondence is in the Leicestershire County Record Office

£120/\$222

22. John Owens ALS'. Folded Folio. 3pp. 67 Lines. Dated Cheshunt College, Aug. 25 (1815). Addressed to 'Rev. Dr. Haweis, 5 Beauford Buildings, Bath,

Somersetshire'. Date stamped. A spiritual letter, rehearsing his christian testimony; delight at being at Cheshunt College and his indebtedness to Haweis in introducing him to the same. He comments on there 'being ten students in college at present; two are gone into the Connection, and two lately entered the Establishment'. There is also a disguised plea for help to purchase books in the footnotes.

Minor blemishes else good. **£120/\$222**

23. J. Powys ALS. Folded Folio. 4pp. 73 Lines. Dated Aldwinkle, February 30. 1809. Addressed to 'Dr. Haweis, Bath'. He writes to inform Haweis of

Mr Sells unwillingness to quit the Parish til Lady Day'. In the event he disappeared quickly and left the manse in quite a mess. Powys writes of 'needing to come to some financial arrangement about renting the use of the furniture, as he cannot afford to buy it if he wishes'. He assures Haweis in conclusion 'that I will use the utmost of my ability in fulfilling the trust committed to me etc'.

£98/\$181

24.J.Powys ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 16 Lines. Dated Aldwinkle, June 18. 1809. Addressed to 'Sir' (ie. Dr Haweis). He requests information whether 'the

purchaser of the advowson of Aldwinkle All Saints, would be enabled to have immediate possession of the house...I have been very desirous to become the purchaser myself...I understand from my neighbours here that it is not your intention to return to Aldwinkle etc'.

£75/\$139

25.J.Powys ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 37 Lines. Dated Aug. 7. 1809. Addressed to 'The Rev. Dr. Haweis, Bath.'. Date stamped. Rex wax seal. Powys

writes that 'he has relinquished all thoughts of purchasing the advowson at Aldwinkle...I understand that the present Curate (Mr. Sell) is not likely to remain long...that it is not your intention to return at present..Taken the liberty of proposing myself as your tenant in case your house being vacant..I should have no objection to taking the Curacy...I have no doubt in the ready acquiescence of the Bishop etc'.

£95/\$176

26.J.Powys ALS. Folded Folio. (With Insert). 2(+1)pp. Dated August 14.

(T.Haweis) 1809. Addressed to 'The Rev. Dr.Haweis, Bath'. Date stamped. Wax

seal. He thanks Haweis 'for suspending any further steps to remove his furniture...My most earnest and zealous endeavour for the welfare of the Parishioners will not be found wanting in the event of my becoming their minister, though I cannot refrain from saying that the present Curate is...unfit for the situation which he holds'. He doesnt know whether 'Mr Sell is under notice from you'. As he will be away for three weeks, he requests any replies be addressed to 'The Earl of Northampton, Castel Ashby, Northampton'. 'As soon as I hear that Mr. Sell is prepared to quit the Curacy, I shall take the earliest opportunity of an interview with the Bishop'. He is 'sorry to hear of the indifferent state of Mrs Haweis health'. Included with this letter is THOMAS HAWEIS ORIGINAL LETTER, 37

Lines, to which Powys gives the reply above

£295/\$545

27.J.Powys ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 57 Lines. Dated Aldwinkle September 22. 1809. Addressed to 'Rev. Dr.Haweis, Bath.'. Date stamped. Three

letters lost outer middle margin. An interesting letter, apologising for a day delay in the post which made his reply seem delayed. He is glad 'that Mr. Sell appears inclined to make no difficulty about his removal...it will suit me better to remain in my present residence till the Spring'. He seeks to reply to two searching questions from Haweis. 'Firstly, I have no hesitation in explicitly signifying my perfect accord with you in regard to the great and leading doctrines of our Religion etc.'. The second question concerned whether his appointment at Aldwinkle 'met with their approbation (the

Church)'. He confesses that due to the unsettled state of the Congregation, they had not been consulted. He further complains 'that the greater part of the Parish now constantly desert their church and are every Sunday dispersed over the county in search of instruction from I know not whom'.

£135/\$250

28.J.Powys ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 71 Lines. Dated Aldwinkle. August 6th. 1810. Addressed to 'The Revd Dr.Haweis, Bath.'. Date Stamped...In this

letter Powys justifies the purchase of the many effects and tries to settle a dispute about the ownership of articles of China and Glass that Haweis has left behind at the manse. He adds 'I have no place to lock them up in and if the China is left in the Chimney Piece where it now stands, it must be liable to accidents from the carelessness of servants etc'. He also discourse of the 'Bishops complaint to me...respecting you non-residence at...Aldwinkle. It is not in the Bishops power to grant a license of non-residence as you know, for more than 2 years at a time etc.'.

£135/\$250

29.David Pugh ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 40 Lines. Dated Newport, Near Cardigan on July 15. 1803. Addressed to 'Rev. Dr.Haweis, Aldwinkle, Thrapton,

Northamptonshire' and re-addressed 'gone to Brightelmston. Postage Not Paid'. 'To My very dear Sir'. Apologising for his 'culpable indulgence which occasions my aversion to letter writing'. But spurred to write by 'my ever dear Wills, of whose death I have had a certainty'. He had lost contact with 'his old Oxford friends' but now and then he had 'pleasure of hearing something of your indefatigable labour of love to Christ and Souls...To pray the Lord of the Harvest to prolong your valuable life and usefulness etc'. Small hole back blank page. Date stamped. Quite good. Pugh not identified with certainty, but any connection or descendant of John Pugh, Anglican/Methodist, Merioneth? Or Philip Pugh, Blaenennal, Wales, Methodist? **£95/\$176**

30.Walter Shirley ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 30 Lines. Dated February 24. 1801. Alinbury(?).Addressed To Rev. Dr.Haweis, Bath. Date stamped. 'To be

forwarded immediately if not here'. He writes 'I am at this moment in the greatest distress. I know not anyone that can extricate me out of it but yourself. The Sheriffs Officers are now actually in my house to attacke me for a debt of 250gs, owed to Mr. D'Arblay(?)...the effects this has had on Mrs Shirley is most distressing'. He seeks an advance of 150gs. Walter Shirley (born Loughborough, Ireland 1768. Died 1830). Anglican Clergyman and Calvinist Methodist Preacher. The debts of his family and Methodist connections made it difficult to obtain a living and he moved frequently between Ireland and England. Shirley was the son of Walter Shirley of Leicester, friend of Thomas

Haweis and staunch Methodist. He was also godson of Richard De Courcy
£150/\$278

31.H.Thompson ALS. Folded Quarto. 32 Lines. Dated Aldwinkle, July 19. 1809".
Addressed To Rev.Dr.(T.Haweis. No 4 Vineyards, Bath.). 'Date stamped..

A very interesting letter from a member (or church officer) of Haweis,
apologising for' the ill-treatment you have received from us. It has been very
uncomfortable with us ever since you left us...if
it would please the Lord to bring you back again, I should be very thankful. Mr.
Sell labours under
very poor health...but he is not such a preacher as you would wish us to have at
Aldwinkle... The
Church is very thin...we are losing our congregation very fast'. An interesting
reflection on the fact
that though Haweis had been the renowned minister at Aldwinkle for 44 years
commencing in 1864,
nevertheless his departing was clearly under unhappy circumstances.
£135/\$250

32.Charles Townsend ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 53 Lines. Dated Calstone(?), May
30th.
1807. Addressed to 'My Dear Uncle...Rev. Dr. Haweis, Aldwinkle,

Thrapstone, Northamptonshire'. Slight loss lower inner fold affecting a few
letters. Repair outer
middle margin back page. Informs Haweis 'that I am going, next Monday to Dr.Ford
at Melton
Mowbray, where Lucy is just gone, where I propose staying till the beginning of
July. I hope to
return, not 'alone'. Thanks Haweis for his advice for the prospective 'domestic
arrangement', not
least the need for 'family worship'. Also comments 'that you are able to lay
aside your stick is very
good news indeed. Perhaps by this time you have made trial whether you are still
equal to a London
Congregation etc'. Mainly quite good. No portrait in this case.
£85/\$157

(3) Sundry 19th Century Evangelical Nonconformist Autographed Letters

33.John Arundel ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 18 Lines. Dated Great Surrey St. Dec. 8.
1828. Addressed to 'Rev. I.Mann'. With wax seal. He says 'Our ardent

wish that you and others of our Baptist Friends be invited to unite with us at
our Monthly Missionary
Prayer Meetings...you had expressed your readiness to join us etc'. With a
contemporary printed
engraving of 'Revd. John Arundel, Home Secretary to the London Missionary
Society, 1831'. Lower
damp stain. For note on Isaac Man see item.
£75/\$139

34.Joseph Belcher ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 23 Lines. Dated Feb 23. 1832. 9 King
St.
Chelsea. Addressed to W.Paxon Esq (Solicitor), 9 Grays Inn Terrace,

Grays Inn Lane. Date stamped. He writes 'Will you have the kindness to present
to the Managers

of the Baptist Fund my best thanks for their kind gift of 'Booth on Paedobaptism' which I shall greatly value...Mr. Paine of Eythorne write me that the vote...Trustees to give him 6 worth of books. (Henry, Doddridge, Watts). Thank you for the trouble you have taken with the profile of our dear friend Mann in my 'Revivalist' etc.'. With an engraved portrait of Belcher. Belcher was a leading light in the Baptist Home Missionary Society. Pastor at Chelsea at the time and later became editor of 'the Revivalist' periodical in 1832. It incorporated into England the teaching of Charles Finney by way of 'stirring up sluggish Calvinist Churches into life'. Became Secretary of the Baptist Union in 1832. Very influential man **£95/\$176**

35. Joseph Belcher ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 21 Lines. Dated May 2. 1834. 9 King Street, Chelsea. Addressed to 'W. Paxon Esq., Solicitor, Grays Inns

3 Terrace'. Date stamped. He says 'I wrote to Oundle that 6 would be given them, because you told me it was even so. The poor fellow is staying there with 8 children, on £20 a year, if you can help him soon...I am writing a report of the State of the Denomination...what has been given away(?)...in favour of the Voluntary Principle'. Regarding Belcher, see above.
£85/\$157

36. Thomas Belsham ALS. Folded Quarto. 1pp. 16 Lines. Dated Essex Street. May 12. (1809). Addressed to 'Rev. I. Mann at Richard Nichols Esq., Maiden

3 Lane, Wood St.'. Date stamped. Letter unsigned, written on behalf of Mr. Belsham (by a secretary?), saying that 'If Dr Mann will...call upon Mr. Belsham any morning before the twelve, Mr. B. Will see whether he can comply with Mr. Manns request for him giving him specimens of the handwriting of the ministers whole names he has mentioned'. He is sorry he cannot be there in person... Presumed to be Thomas Belsham, the Socinian Theologian of considerable note. After succeeding Dr. Priestley at Hackney, he became Pastor of Essex Street Chapel, London, 1805. Had a principal part in bringing out a 'Socinian' NT. Isaac Mann, the Baptist Minister and Peace Campaigner, held an extensive collection of letters dated from 1811-1831 which is deposited in the National Library of Wales & a supplementary group of 86 letters at Yale Univ. Presumably Mann went to Belsham not out of theological affinity, but because he knew where more letters were.
£85/\$157

37. James Bennett ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 16 Lines. Dated Rotherham. Feb. 15. 1820. Addressed to 'My Dear Sir. (I.e. Rev. B.B. Kidd)'. He is agreeing to

preach on a Tuesday in March. I can leave Sheffield by the mail between seven and eight on Monday. Will thank you to reserve me a place in the coach from Manchester on Tuesday...with earnest prayers for the Divine Presence to attend your approaching solemnities...'. With a

contemporary printed engraving of 'Revd James Benett, Theological Tutor at Rotherham College, 1818'. James Bennett (1744-1862). Congregational Minister and historian. Converted under Moravian/Methodist influences in Bath; confirmed in the call to the ministry by William Jay. Began preaching in the villages 1792. Founder of the LMS and worked with the Haldanes on their evangelistic tours. Recommended John Angel James to Birmingham. Became Principal of Rotherham College. Minister of Masbro Chapel in 1813. Suffered breakdown in health in 1821-1827 (just after this letter was written). Wrote the 'History of Dissenters' with David Bogue.

£85/\$157

38. Benjamin Brook ALS. Folded Quarto. 1pp. 19 Lines. Dated Tutbury, November 30. (1811). Addressed to 'Rev. Sir. (Ie. Rev. Mr. Sutcliff, Olney)'. He

says 'I feel ashamed for having detained your Books so long...I do not pay the carriage, but you will keep an account of it. I shall request Mr. Fletcher to pay you the next time he comes to Olney'. The Lives of the Puritans 'is nearly completed, although I have no high opinion of my own productions, I think it will be found acceptable and useful...Your friend. B. Brook. Benjamin Brook, Nonconformist Divine, best known for his admirable 'Lives of the Puritans', which he so interestingly refers to above. It was first published in 1815, some 4 years after the letter. Mr. John Sutcliffe (1752-1814) was trained at the Bristol Baptist Academy. From 1775 til his death, he was minister of the Baptist Church at Olney, home of Newton and Cowper. Was influenced by Jonathan Edwards, whose work 'an Humble Attempt' he promoted for reprinting. Founder member of the BMS. Often consulted by Fuller, who together with Ryland, were an informal executive for the Society. Got on well with Newton and Scott.

£95/\$176

39. George Burder ALS. Quarto. 2pp. 40 Lines. Dated London, April 25. 1811. Addressed to 'Dear Bro' only. He writes 'I did not immediately answer

your letter, because I wished first to mention it to the Directors...our friend entertains the highest respect for you', 'good wishes for the prosperity of the Baptist Mission...but when the proposal was made for Mr. Boyce to go to Scotland to collect for the Missionary Society, which was so long as September last, the Directors knew nothing of your intention to visit Scotland in the ensuing summer...As to Dr. Collyer and Mr. Raffles journey, they were not undertaken by desire of the Society etc'. With a contemporary printed Portrait of 'Rev. George Burder, Senior Secretary of the London Missionary Society, 1824'. Burder (1752-1832) one of the most influential men of his day. A Congregational Minister, Secretary of the LMS, Editor of the Evangelical Magazine, Founder of the RTS, the BFBS and the Warwickshire Association for the Spread of the Gospel at Home and Abroad.

Friend of all 'Gospel Men', and author of the 8 volumes of 'Village' sermons which were of such evangelistic value, etc. **£185/\$342**

40.H.F.Burder ALS. Small Octavo. 17 Lines. Dated Hoxton. 23 May 1826. Addressed to 'Rev. I.Mann' and date stamped. It concerns 'a book

printed by Mr. Henry'. With two contemporary printed engraved portraits of Burder. **£85/\$157**

41.I. Campbell ALS. Small Octavo. 1pp. 8 Lines. Dated November 17. 1830. Shacklewell. Addressed to 'My Dear Sir' only. 'In answer to your

enquiry, I find from our printed lecture list that on the evening of December 12th, Mr. Griffin preaches at Kingsland Chapel'. With a printed engraving of 'Rev. I.Campbell, Kingsland Chapel, London, 1821'. **£48/\$89**

42.William Chaplin ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 20 Lines. Dated Bishops Stortford. December 6, 1821. Addressed to 'M.Beddome Esq, Fenchurch Street.

By Favour of Mr. Ely'. He is providing a recommendation in particular of a 'Mr. Waldron. I should suppose he is a proper object for assistance from the Baptist fund etc'. With a contemporary printed engraving of Rev. William Chaplin, Bishop Stortford, Herts, 1816. **£75/\$139**

43.P.J.Charrier ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 10 Lines. Dated Sept. 14. 1824. Addressed to 'The Reverend. Mr. Hargreaves, Charles Street, Goswell Street Road,

London'. Date stamped. He says 'by a friend I have done myself the pleasure to send you a couple of tracts I promised etc'. The addressee is presumably James Hargreaves (1768-1845). Baptist, Pastor at Little Wold St Chapel, London, in 1822. **£45/\$83**

44.John Clayton Sen ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 17 Lines. Dated Gaines. August 22. 1828. Addressed to 'Dear George (Rev. G.Clayton). He says 'Enclosed is the

amount of Mr. Wharton's Bill for the Papers up to June 21. 1828. Accept our thanks for this kind service and for all filial duties...the prayers of your parents will attend you in your prospective journey. They will be gratified by hearing of your well-being during our excursion. With love to the dear Ladies. I am your affectionate Father, John Clayton. With a contemporary engraving of Rev. John Clayton Sen. Senior Clayton was an influential figure in the Countess of Huntingdons connexion, he tutored at her college in Trevecca and pastored several important congregations in the connexion. **£120/\$222**

45.John Clayton Jnr ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 17 Lines. Dated Hackney, July 6. 1816.

Addressed to 'Mr. Maitland, Walworth'. Wax stamp. He writes 'You

will oblige me by an early line...informing me whether there is any person of the name of Thomas in the India House...sending me his Christian name and exact place of abode etc'. Together with a contemporary printed engraving of 'Revd. John Clayton Junior, London'. John Clayton Senior (1754-1843) was a Congregational Divine, converted under Romaines ministry. The Countess of Huntingdon placed him at her college in Trevecca, and subsequently pastored important chapels in the Connexion. John Clayton Junior (1780-1865), was son of the above. He trained at Homerton, & went to Kensington, then Camomile Street. The latter moved to Poultry Street in 1818, which he pastored for 30 years. One of two secretaries of the LMS & Founder of Mill Hill School. £75/\$139

46. John Clayton Jnr ALS. Folded Quarto. 3pp. 60 Lines. Dated 11 Wilson Street, Finsbury, April 9. 1829. Addressed to 'My Dear Brother (Reverend

G. Clayton)'. He says 'Among my earliest thoughts this morning, your natal day occupied my pleasant and prayerful recollections...may you be found by the God of Providence and Grace, with many holy, useful, honourable, and happy returns of the interesting anniversary. Events have occurred to try our principles, and put our affections to the test...I trust these sentiments and dispositions will be cherished in our breasts...which will keep alive the flame of fraternal love etc...my family circle joins in love to you, sister, thine, with my dear brother'. With a contemporary engraving of Rev. John Clayton Junior, Minister of New Chapel, Poultry. £95/\$176

47. George Clayton ALS. Folded Quarto. 2pp. 46 Lines. Dated Herne Hill, August 6. 1827. Addressed to 'My Dear Sir (ie. Mr. G. Maitland)'. A letter of

well wishes on Mr. Maitlands birthday. Also he informs Maitland 'I shall be at Maistone on my way to Staplehurst where I am engaged to preach...May the Spirit of God rest upon all who may be gathered etc'. With a contemporary printed engraving of Rev. George Clayton, Walworth). George Clayton (1783-1862) trained at Hoxton; Assistant Minister at above Bar, Southampton, then Pastor of York Street, Walworth, where Robert Browning was in his congregation. £95/\$176

48. George Clayton ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 23 Lines. Dated Herne Hill, Dulwich, February 2d. 1831. Addressed to 'My Dear Madam' (only). He says

'I have sent you a few autograph specimens...to the good pastors collection. There is something peculiarly impressive about surveying those manuscripts which have been traced to hands now mouldering in the dust...yet how cheering is the hope that they who also sleep in Jesus...shall bear a legible and indelible inscription to the praise of Him who was dead, but is alive again...With Kind

Regards to Mr. L. (Or T) Sharman and the 'olive branches' around your table etc'. With a contemporary engraving of Rev. George Clayton, Walworth. £85/\$157

49. George Collins ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 23 Lines. Dated Hackney, November 14. 1812. Addressed to 'Rev. Mr. Mann. Mr. Phillips, Oxford Street'.

He declines an invitation to preach. He regrets also that 'I shall not be able to introduce you personally to our Friends - one of our former friends was robbed last Lords Day Evening. As our people are determined to make a private collection towards restoring his loss - this will necessarily prevent me from contributing to any other case at present etc.'. With a small contemporary engraving of Revd. George Collison. £65/\$120

50. George Collison ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 11 Lines. Dated 'Hackney, Nov. 11th 1826. Addressed to 'The Rev. Isaac Mann. 131 Long Lane, Bermondsey'. Date

Stamped. He says 'I am sorry I was at Walthamstow when you called at Hackney. I hope to be with you on Tuesday next at your settlement(?) at Eleven I think etc'. Small hole in border. With two contemp engravings of Rev. G. Collison, Pastor of the Independent Church, Walthamstow. £65/\$120

51. Spedding Curwen ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 27 Lines. Dated At Mr. Cox's, Cambridge Heath, Hackney, December 6. 1824. Addressed to: 'Rev.

James Hargreaves, 29 Charles Street, City Road'. Dated Stamped. Respectfully declining 'a kind and reasonable request...to take one of the lectures. Our regular services at the Barbican is morning and evening...the good folk expect their minister to be at his post etc'. With a contemporary engraving of Revd. Spedding Curwen, London. Hargreaves (1768-1845) was an influential Baptist minister. Some time secretary of the Baptist Building Fund. Espoused causes such as 'the Bible Society, Baptist Ministeries Education. (This letter is presumably connected with that)'. Also Secretary of the London Peace Society. Curwen was a fellow Baptist we presume. £85/\$157

52. J.C. Edmonds ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 59 Lines. Dated Aberdeen, November 5. 1804. Addressed to 'Mr. Thomas Clarke, No. 53 Barbican, London.

(November 7)'. Date Stamped. An interesting account of Edmonds removal to Aberdeen by ship and a fearful storm that kept the ship out of Aberdeen harbour. 'Apprehensive of going to the bottom...Not one interval of hope...Not one ray of light...for nearly 36 hours, I was in a state of utter delirium. When my reason returned, I only awoke to unutterable misery. What added to my unspeakable horror was that in those dreadful moments of distraction, religion refused to lend me her fortifying consoling aid'. He goes on 'I walked in darkness and had no light'. They eventually

reached harbour 'to the astonishment of all Aberdeen, for the people had all expected we must have been lost. What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits etc'. Together with a contemporary engraving of J.C. Edmonds, 1831. **£120/\$222**

53. John Evans ALS. Small Octavo. 1pp. 4 Lines. Dated April 26, 1824. Addressed to 'Mr. Paxon, With D. Evans Compliments. Hington, April

26. 1824'. With a small portrait of Rev. Mr. Evans affixed. Addressed on other side to Mr. Paxon etc. With an early note on left hand corner 'Revd. John Evans, LLD, Pastor of Gen. Baptist Church, Worship Street. Died January 1827. Aged 60'. Presumably Mr. Paxon as a solicitor had requested a picture of the said Rev. Evans for purposes not detailed **£45/\$83**

54. Greville Ewing ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 55 Lines. Dated Glasgow, 10 July 1826. Addressed to 'Rev. William Orme, 7 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London'.

It concerns his representation of 'a Committee of the Society of Dissenting Ministers In Glasgow... a bill for building additional Places of Worship in Scotland was thrown out last session etc etc'. Small piece lost outer margin back page. Date stamped. With contemporary engraved portrait of Revd. Greville Ewing, Glasgow. Ewing was the primary architect of Scottish Congregationalism. Worked closely with the Haldane brothers til their defection to the Baptist cause. After this he organised the Glasgow Theological Academy (1809), the Congregational Union of Scotland (1812), together with Ralph Wardlaw. **£135/\$250**

55. Alex Fletcher ALS. Folded Quarto. 1pp. 16 Lines. Dated 8 Finsbury Circus, June 5. 1839. Addressed to 'Mr. W. Paxon, 9 Grays Inn Lane'. Wax

seal. A brief note requesting 'two receipts for the money paid last year on account of the meeting of the Baptist Irish Mission Society'. **£48/\$89**

56. Daniel Griffiths ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 22 Lines. Dated Long Buckby, November 28. (1834). Addressed to 'William Paxon, London'. Written to a friend

concerning a Baptist Church in Oundle. Also a request by Griffiths to obtain subscribers for a work by his son on 'Two Years Residence in the US', and an account of the state and revival of religion. Date stamped. With a printed contemporary engraved portrait of Griffiths. **£65/\$120**

57. R.W. Hamilton ALS. Folded Oct. 1pp. 14 Lines. Undated. Circa 1815. Addressed to 'Reverend Dr. Clume(?)'. 'My Dear Sir'. 'I shall be much obliged

by your attendance(?) Next Lords Day. May I hope you will take the evening etc.'. Signed 'R.W. Hamilton, (Leeds)'. Some words a little hard to read. **£48/\$89**

58.R.W. Hamilton ALS. Folded Quarto. 14 Lines. Dated Leeds, May 22. 1824. Addressed to 'Rev. I.Mann, A.M.Shipley'. He says 'I am obliged to

decline the invitation of yourself and friends. I have played truant too frequently of late. Besides, it would be carrying coals to Newcastle...'. With two printed contemporary engraved portraits of Revd.

W.Hamilton, Leeds. From one Baptist to another.

£85/\$157

59.Wm.Hammerton ALS. Folded Quarto. 1 page. 12 Lines. Dated 18 Dec. 1832. 346 Oxford Street. Addressed to 'Wm.Paxon Esq., Solicitor, 10 Terrace,

Grays Inn Lane. Date stamped. A brief note 'to beg leave to remind you that I leave London next

Thursday or Friday'. With two printed contemporary engraved portraits. Rev. William Hammerton

(Baptist), Newton, Near Swansea, Glamorganshire.

£45/\$83

60.John Hargreaves ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 23 Lines. Dated Ogden near Rochdale. May 6. 1813. Addressed to 'Mr. Burks(?)', 56 Lothbury, London'. He

says 'It has been thought proper to transmit Both. Our Petitions to your disposal and having no one

in our society who is acquainted with our county ministers'. The nature of the petition is not

explained. With an additional contemporary printed portrait of Rev. James Hargreaves, with a second

past-down signature of Hargreaves, November 29. 1827. Hargreaves (1768-1845). Served as a

number of Baptist Churches. Espoused the causes of the Bible Society and Baptist Ministerial

Education. Was Secretary of the Baptist Building Fund (1824-1831). Also Secretary of the London

Peace Society for 20 years from 1818.

£95/\$176

61.William Harris ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 20 Lines. Circa Nov. 15. 1827. Addressed

to 'Bannister Slight (or Flight) Esq'. He writes 'The Church of Christ

assembling at the Meeting House, Chichester Street, Stoke Newington, to Bannister Slight Esq. We

have been as you are - destitute of Deacons - our eyes are turned towards you requesting that you will

undertake that office in conjunction with Messrs Bartlett & Clarke...Ordered at a Church Meeting

especially convened for this purpose. November 15. 1827'. With additional contemporary printed

engraving of Rev. W.Harris LLD, Hoxton. Harris was a Congregationalist.

£95/\$176

62.Ebeneser ALS. Folded Quarto. 1pp. 21 Lines. Dated September 17. 1831.

Henderson Addressed to 'The Rev. Isaac Mann, AM., 46 Long Lane, Bermondsey'.

Apologising for 'a note and a couple of scraps' he had failed to send an answer to by Manns request

on Feb. 26. 1831. 'The now enclosed are cut off from letters which I can not part with...I do not live at the College...But...Mrs Brown the Housekeeper will show you over the premises etc'.

E.Henderson (1784-1858). Served as a Missionary in various North European countries. Supervised the translation of the Scriptures as one competent in eight languages himself. Founded the Danish Bible Society. Established the first Swedish Congregational Church. Served in Russia. In 1825 he returned to Britain and took charge of the Missionary College at Gosport and moved with them to Hoxton College. From 1830-1850 he was tutor at Highbury College and then retired. Mann himself was also active in Missionary work.

£98/\$181

63.S. Hillyard ALS. Folded Quarto. 2pp. 32 Lines. Dated 21 November 1831. Addressed to 'William Paxon Esq, 9 Grays Inn Terrace, London'. Small

piece lost outer middle edge losing a few letters. Hillyard confesses 'that he had not heard of the person after whom you enquired and knew but very little of the newly raised Meeting at Barton...I have subsequently had the expected interview and Mr.McKnight, the very respectful Pastor of the Baptist Church at Houghton(?) Informs me that he knows Mr.Warren and the church at Barton. He believed both minister and church are worthy of attention...recommended by Mr. Daniel, Late of Luton, Now Missionary in Ceylon...I remember the pleasure of drinking tea with you...hope you enjoy the blessings of the upper and the nether springs'. With a contemporary printed engraving of Revd. S.Hillyard, Bedford. Apparently Hillyard was a Congregational divine

£85/\$157

64.Edward Hull ALS. Very small Oct. 13 Lines. Dated September Ye 28. 1846.

(Thomas Raffles) Addressed to 'My Dear Sir' (Rev. Thomas Raffles)'. He says 'I beg you

to accept my thanks for the donation which I have received in answer to my circular. I can readily imagine the multiplicity of calls for similar objects made upon your purse. Believe me to be Rev. Dr. Raffles, yours truly. Edward Hull'. An early note along the fore-edge states 'Clergyman to Blind School, Liverpool, 1846'. See No.78 regarding Raffles.

£48/\$89

65.Joseph Johnson ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 48 Lines. Dated Farnham. December 24. 1830. Addressed to 'The Rev. Isaac Mann, 46 Long Lane, Bermondsey,

London', Date stamped. He writes 'as I know nothing of M.Page, I write immediately on reception of your letter to my friend Revd. J.Percy of Guildford for any information he could give me respecting...I shall therefore get one of my daughters to copy M.Percy's account'. Also 'It will give me pleasure at any time to see, serve and converse with you on all the way through which the Lord

has led us. I rejoice in your comfort and usefulness etc'. The second page is a copy of 'M.Percy', letter', 'Mr. Page was a member of the Baptist Church in this town (Farnham) and was introduced to the little cause at Horshall...He is(now) in much straitened circumstances etc. His family I think have left G. And have been told 'he has taken a little flock at Chertsea or in that neighbourhood'. With a printed contemporary engraving of Revd. Joseph Johnson, Farnham.
£85/\$157

66.George Lambert ALS. Bottom half of a folded page only. 1pp. 19 Lines. Addressed to his daughter 'Miss Elizabeth Lambert with the Rev. John Sommer, Sunderland, Near Dur(ham). Dec. 8. 1793'. The letter starts at the point where he comments 'so then, you have been making shirts for poor soldiers. My Dear Elizabeth, you and I need a better garment than we can provide for ourselves...we need a Robe of Right's and a Garment of Salvation. Jesus in pity to Sinners has provided such a garment for us, he made it Himself. He presents it to us in the Gospel. Oh my dear girl, make it your main concern, to put on the Lord Jesus X & to be found in Him etc. This letter was sent off December 8. 1793. Yours affectionately, G.Lambert'. With a printed copy of Rev. George Lambert, Minister of the Gospel at Hull. Lambert was an influential evangelical Congregational divine, and sometime Minister of Fish Street, Church in Hull, now a Pentecostal Church.
£95/\$176

67.John Leifchild ALS. Folded Quarto. 1pp. 18 Lines. Dated December 26. Alfred Place. 1831. Addressed to 'Mr. W.Paxon, 9 Grays Inn Terrace'. Date stamped. He writes rather imprecisely. 'I hope my delay in replying to your application...will not prejudice the good man to whom it refers...the care where he is placed'.
£65/\$120

68.John Leifchild ALS. Folded Quarto. 2pp. 37 Lines. Dated December 31. 1833. Alfred Place. Addressed to 'Mr. W.Paxon, 9 Grays Inn Terrace'. He is complaining that the Missionary Prayer Meeting on a Monday is too much for him, 'because of the previous days excitement at Craven'. Nevertheless he concludes 'Tea shall be made at the Vestry next Monday, and I will try and be with you etc.'. With a contemporary printed portrait of Revd. John Leifchild, Bristol. Leifchild (1780-1862) was a Congregational Minister. He was at Craven Chapel, Bayswater from 1831-1854. Founder of the EA. Published sermons and hymns.
£95/\$176

69.Thomas Lewis ALS. Folded Quarto. 2pp. 35 Lines. Dated September 29. 1830. Date stamped also. Addressed to 'W. Paxon at Grays Inn Place' Concerning 'monies in connection with the Baptist Society'. Good. With a contemporary printed

engraving of Rev. Thomas Lewis, Islington.
£58/\$107

70.Thomas Jackson ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 17 Lines. Dated Feb. 25. 1829, Brixton Place. Addressed to 'Rev. Isaac Mann, Southwark'. Date stamped.

Requesting him to preach at the Anniversary Meeting of Surrey Chapel on Thursday March 31. Not clear who this Thomas Jackson is, but probably not the famous Methodist. His connexion with Surrey Chapel, and his request of a Baptist to preach suggests not. Mann was pastor of the Maze Pond Chapel in 1826, and in great demand as a preacher. His extensive collection of letters is in the N.L. of Wales. With a printed contemporary portrait of Revd. Mr. Jackson, 1808
£85/\$157

71.George Morley ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 60 Lines. Dated Newcastle Under Lyme, May 4. 1806. Addressed to 'Mr.Pindar, Methodist Chapel, Bilpor,

Derbyshire'. He writes 'We have heard of your affliction...time, company & spiritual exercises under the influence of Divine Grace, have I trust nearly healed the wound'. He speaks of the Work of God and the death 'of Mr. Jackson, after hearing Mr. Miller preach' & the 'greatest company ever seen at any funeral in Burslem...may we who are young, exert all our power to the glory of God, and the salvation of souls'. He also complains of the loss of many ministers to the district etc. Morley (1772-1843). Was a Methodist Minister of some repute. A friend of Tho.Coke. Founder member of the WMMS. Elected President of the Conference in 1830. With a contemp printed engraving. **£135/\$252**

72.Danial Miall ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 22 Lines. Dated April 16. 1813, Portsea.

Addressed to 'Joseph Guttridge Esq., Long Lane, London. Date stamped. He speaks of 'The Commissioner and some of the corporation here have agreed to a General Petition on behalf of the Mission. John Griffin the Independent Minister has united with them, and has recommended that they all meet together. I feel some difficulty how to act etc.'. He asks 'what the Committee would recommend?'. With a contemporary printed portrait of Rev'd Daniel Miall, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Portsea. With an additional signature of Miall pasted at base. I presume Daniel Miall of Portsea must have some family connections with Edward Miall of Portsmouth (1809-1881). The latter was a leading Independent Minister and spokesman for 'Voluntaryism'. He also sat in the House of Commons. The Guttridge spoken of here was a Baptist Layman and Philanthropist (1752-1844). He was Treasurer of the Particular Baptist Fund. He persuaded the Dissenting Deputies to make successful representation to Parliament, allowing benevolent persons of the various congregation of Christendom, intent upon the promulgation of Christianity, to enter into India, under registration, and unmolested.
£120/\$222

73.Caleb. Morris ALS. Folded Quarto. 1pp. 13 Lines. Dated April 30. (1834). From Caleb Morris. 13 Duncan Terrace, Wednesday Morning. Addressed

to ;Mr. Paxon, 9 Grays Inn Terrace'. 'In answer to your letter, allow me to say that, the Deacons and myself anticipate the pleasure of seeing you and the ministers to tea at the --- (?) On Monday. I am my dear sir. Yours, Caleb Morris</R>. With a contemporary printed engraving.

£75/\$139

74.Richard Morris ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 12 Lines. Dated August 29. 1815. Date stamped. Addressed to 'Mr. Benjamin Lepard, No.56 Lothbury, London.

Paid 7d. From the Revd. Richard Morris, Amersham'. He speaks of 'a gift of £10 from Mr. Joseph Guttridge, Treasurer of the Fund', with directions 'to make any further requests for financial help (after his hearing loss) to Mr.Lepard'. With a large contemporary engraved portrait of Rev. Richard Morris, Late of Amersham, Bucks. **£58/\$107**

75.John Owen ALS. Very small Quarto. 1pp. 19 Lines. Dated Bishop Stortford, September 22. '95. Addressed to 'Gentleman'. He says 'would be

obliged to you to send two copies of last sermon to Mr. Smith, No.19 Little Morfields, my brother-in-law, writing upon one the name of Mr. Smith, and upon the other that of Mr. Owen'. He also complains that has not heard from the Press and asks for the matter to be looked into. Signed Your humble servant. J.Owen'. With a later note indicating that to be The John Owen (1766-1822) that became first Anglican secretary to the BFBS, Because Curate at Fulham in 1795 **£58/\$107**

76.Edward Parsons ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 20 Lines. Dated March 6. 1829, Fairway Square, Leeds. Addressed to 'My Dear Mrs Powell. (Mrs Powell, Hand

Court, Upper Thames Street, London'. Date stamped). 'Having arrived at my sisters house, I discovered your note and learning that a parcel is made up for town, I send thy hurried note...Mrs Powell I am happy to inform you is about to be unmoved from her confinement etc'. With two contemporary engraved portraits of Rev. Edward Parsons of Halifax. Edward Parsons was a well known Congregational Minister in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Author of several books. **£95/\$176**

77.W.Morley Photograph And Signature. A small sepia photograph of Punshon

Punshon seated at a wrought iron table supporting an elaborate plant stand. It is

pasted down on a quarto piece of Victorian paper. Beneath it is a paste down signature of W.Morley Punshons signature from a letter he has signed. Beneath the whole is written in a very neat 19th century hand: 'Born 18.d.18. Wesleyan Minister and eloquent preacher and lecturer'. Punshon

(1824-1881) was educated as a timber merchant, Joined Wesleyan Society at Hull in 1838; Ordained Wesleyan Minister, 1845; Lived in London 1858-64. Laboured in Canada 1867-82
£48/\$99

78.Thomas Raffles ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 24 Lines. Dated September 5. 1823.
Addressed to the 'Church of Christ under the Pastoral care of the Revd.

W.Blackburn(?) At Claremont Chapel, Pentonville, London'. It is from 'The Church of Christ in George Street, Liverpool' recommending 'our friends Jeremiah and Margaret Hough, being now resident in London and desirous of enjoying Christian Communion with you, we hereby at their request, cordially dismiss them from their church relation to us, and commend them to your christian regard etc'. The letter is signed 'Thomas Raffles, Pastor', on behalf of the church, together with the signatures of four other deacons...Slight wear at both edges; one side re-edged. Two small tears in fold. Thomas Raffles (1788-1863). Sometime Wesleyan, but became ardent and influential Congregational Divine. He built up a powerful congregation in Liverpool between 1812 and 1864. His preaching tours home and abroad were quite famous.
£85/\$157

79.John Rogers ALS. Folded Folio. 12 Lines. Dated August 17. And August 21.

Thomas Shirley 1819. Appears to be two character references. The first by John Rogers,

Eyresford Kent. 'From the personal knowledge I have had of the Pastor of the Church...at Wadhurst for many years, as a pious, humble, laborious minister...I consider it a very deserving ministerial case'. The other is from Thomas Shirley, Seven Oaks, Kent. 'Being intimately acquainted with the case...presented to the Baptist Fund, and fully believing the foregoing statement, I most cordially recommend it to their benevolent interest'. Addressed on reverse to 'Mr. Benjamin Lepard, No.56...Lothbury, London'. There is a note saying N.C.Shovers Green, Nr. Wadhurst, Sussex. Nathaniel Tidd, Pastor, Wife and two children, Kent and Sussex Association Member 27. Sunday School 86 child. Meeting House Built 1817 are now £120 in debt'. It is not clear whether this has been detached from a larger document with further information. With an engraved portrait of John Rogers, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Eyresford, Kent.
£65/\$120

80.Samuel Saunders ALS. Quarto. 1pp. 16 Lines. Dated Frome, October 29. 1819.
Addressed to 'Dear Sir'. No address on following side. 'I have made

enquiries respecting Mr. Richard Persons and understand that the information you have received in relation to his circumstances is perfectly correct...The church who he is placed with are very poor; a desire to make him a more liberal acknowledgement for his labours is, I imagine the cause of their

application, rather than Mr. P's real necessities...I write in confidence etc'.
£58/\$107

81.T. Sharp ALS. Folded Quarto. 1pp. 20 Lines. Dated November 1833-36.
Marchant Street. Addressed to 'Mr. W. Paxon, Grays Inn Terrace'.

Date stamped. He speaks of 'being seriously ill'. With an additional
contemporary engraved portrait
of T.Sharp, Minister of Union Chapel, Woolwich. **£58/\$107**

82.Robert Simpson ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 9 Lines. Dated Hoxton, December 28.
1815. Addressed to 'Rev. George Clayton, Walworth(?)'. Date stamped.

Concerns an acceptance of an invitation to preach on the 3rd of the next month.
Simpson (1764-1817).
Congregation Divine. From 1791 til his death he was a remarkably effective tutor
at Hoxton
Academy, increasing the student body from 4 to some 220 men. John Owen was his
favourite author.
He firmly held to the three 'R's of Reformed Theology, Ruin, Redemption and
Regeneration'. He
stressed to his students that their preaching should embrace '</Q>Animation,
Affection and Application'.
Small tear back page. Good. **£65/\$120**

83.Thomas Sleigh ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 59 Lines. Dated Newcastle, May 16.
1830. Addressed to 'Reverend Isaac Mann, Long Lane, Bermondsey,

London'. Dated stamped. He comments on Manns 'placing the Salters Hall Meeting
in the hands of
the orthodox party'. Also requests that Mann would discreetly obtain for his
preaching engagement
in the Capital for four Sundays in summer. He also wanted to know 'what they
give their supplies
from the country...as I have married'. Small piece lost middle outer margin
(NAT).With contemp
engraving of Rev. Thomas Sleigh, Newcastle under Lyme...No further details
found. **£95/\$176**

84.John Styles ALS. Folded Quarto. 1pp. 12 Lines. Dated February 2. 1831.
Addressed to Isaac Mann. 'Dear Sir. A gentleman has just called in your

name respecting a specimen of my handwriting. I suppose you want any autograph
such as it is etc.'.
With a contemporary engraved portrait of John Styles DD, North Brixton. Styles
was a popular
Methodist preacher at Brighton, and an author of considerable worth.
£98/\$181

85.Rev. Jenkin ALS. Qto. 1pp. 18 Lines. Dated Oxford, June 9. 1821. Addressed
Thomas to 'Mr. Paxon, 9 Grays Inn Terrace, London</R>'. Date stamped. 'It is my

full intention to be present at the Baptist Mission...but I have been out
already for more Sabbaths
than I can justify etc.'. Minor blemishes else good. **£58/\$107**

86.William Vint ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 30 Lines. Dated Idle, August 4. 1829.
Addressed to 'Rev. Isaac Mann, 46 Long Lane, Bermondsey, London'. A

request that he would receive and advise 'Mr. Stafford Colam, a native of London, who has resided four years under my roof as a student...made considerable progress in knowledge of classical literature, and has been well received as a preacher by our congregation'. Because of his youth, he wishes to study further at London University, which course he hopes Mann will advise on. Contemporary portrait of 'Rev.Wm. Vint, Tutor of the Seminary at Idle' supplied with it. **£85/\$157**

87.Ralph Wardlaw ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 24 Lines. Dated Glasgow, September 20. 1821. Addressed to 'Thomas M.Coombes, Ludgate Street, London'.

Date stamped. Declining a visit to the Bible Society, in the interests of 'his constituents, to which everything else must give way'. Accompanying contemporary engraved portrait. Very good. Ralph Wardlaw was the renowned Congregational Divine. Originally took theological training for the Burghey Secession Church. Actively promoted the interests of the LMS & Bible Society. **£160/\$296**

88.Thomas Waters ALS. Folded Folio. 1pp. 12 Lines. Dated Worcester, January 9. 1829. Addressed to 'William Paxon Esq, Solicitor, 9 Grays Inn Terrace,

London'. Date stamped. He says 'I have seen Mr. Carey, and he requests me to inform you that it will not be in his power to supply for you on Lords Day Week. Mrs Waters and family are tolerable well, and I am much recovered from late fever and indisposition etc.' With contemporary engraved portrait of the Rev. Thomas Waters MA, London. **£85/\$157**

89.Richard Watson ALS. Folded Folio. 3pp. 49 Lines. Dated City Road December 2. 1830. Addressed to 'Rev. Isaac Mann, 46 Long Lane, Bermondsey'.

Date stamped. Concerns 'General Redemption' as distinct from the 'Calvinistic Brethren'. With a promise to send Mann a volume on the subject that Watson had written. With a contemporary engraved portrait of Richard Watson, Secretary to the Wesleyan Methodist Missions. Mann (1785-1831) was originally a Wesleyan himself but became a Baptist Minister. Interesting that for Manns own work on the Atonement, Brown University made him AM in 1825. Richard Watson was one of the most influential of the Wesleyan Ministers. President of the Conference in 1826. He was born at Barton on Humber in 1781 - not far from the proprietors house. **£185/\$342**

90.Charles Wesley ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 40 Lines. Dated London. Woodstock. Nottingham Place. April 27. 1812. Addressed to 'Charles Worthington

Esq., Lansdowne Crescent, Bath'. Date stamped. Red wax seal. He says 'I saw Sir Will's Cockburn in town, and W.Blyth being returned from Yorkshire wishes me to intimate, he wishes to have the dimensions of Lansdowne Chapel, and what room can be allowed for the organ. Blyth says the organ he lately made for Brentwood Church is 8ft wide, and 14 feet high (etc)...The organ at Brentwood

cost 230 guinees, but he would endeavour to accommodate you in every respect you desire...etc...I

remain your very humble servant, Charles Wesley'. There are further lines written in a less neat hand

on the next page. Also: Another letter. Folded Folio. Dated London. August 14. 1813. 3pp.

Full of technical details about church organs. It seems to be by another organ builder, with extensive

notes by Mr. Worthington. Charles Wesley ((1767-1834). Eldest son of Charles Wesley and gifted

musician. At age two he could play the Harpsichord with some deftness...Became the organist of

various London Chapels. Wrote many pieces of music. His early musical precocity never really

produced any lasting greatness in later life. He seems to have possessed little of the evangelical

fervour of his worthy and esteemed father.

£285/\$527

91.Robert Winter Two ALS. (1) Folded Folio. 20 Lines. Dated August 1817. Great Ormond. Addressed to the 'Rev. R.Raffles, Liverpool, with red wax

Seal'. 'You are probably apprized that as a substitute for Dr.Byre in his illness, I am appointed to

visit Liverpool etc.'. With contemporary engraved portrait. (2) Folded Folio. 3pp. Dated January

1826. Sidmouth Street. Labelled 'A Protest Against the Publication of Milner'. It did not

constitute a 'Tract' and several other reasons. With an additional contemporary engraving of Winterwith a signature of the same pasted down to lower margin.

Also a third engraving. Robert Winter,

Congregational Divine. Thomas Raffles (1788-1863). Originally a Wesleyan Methodist, but became

a celebrated Congregational Divine. He built up a powerful congregation in Liverpool between 1812

and 1863

£175/\$324

92.Chris Wollacott ALS. Folded Folio. 2pp. 21 Lines. Dated January 4. 1834. 14 Wilmot Street. Addressed to 'W. Paxon Esq, Grays Inn Terrace'. He

requests a meeting with 'William Paxon, as a part of the deputation appointed to confer with me...I

had intended to have replied to your suggestions serialising etc.'. Chris Wollacott (1789-1879).

Baptist Minister in Devon and London. Committee member of the Baptist Tract Society and he wrote

22 tracts for them

£85/\$157

Addenda - Last Section

93.J. Oswald Dykes ALS. Small Oct. 1pp. Dated London. 49 Gordon Sq, W6. 23 Aug. 1882. Addressed to 'Dear Sir'. He says 'I regret that the pressure of

home duties at that season will prevent me from visiting Wolverhampton in the interests of the Bible

Society, In Nov. Yours Sincerely. J.Oswald Dykes'. There is a pencil note on the reverse which says

'To the Rev. J.Everard'(?).Author not identified

£38/\$70

94.John Morison Portrait/Signature. An Octavo engraving of Rev. John Morison, by

Fisher & Son, 1830. Engravure probably by Wivell & Woolnoth, who's

names appear underneath the portrait. With a paste-down contemporary manuscript signature at base

which reads 'My Dear Doctor, Yours Very Sincerely. John Morison'. Probably John Morison, 1791-1859. Congregational Minister. Trained at the London Hoxton Academy, Awarded Glasgow DD in 1830. Chair of the Congregational Union in 1850.

£48/\$89

95. Baptist Noel ALS. Small Oct. 1pp. 11 Lines. Dated Hornsey, March 4" only. Addressed to 'Dear Sir' only. He says 'The anecdote to which you refer

belongs to Mr. Cornwall and I rather think that he wishes to make use of it in a publication which he contemplates. I am dear sir, Yours faithfully, B.W.Noel'. See item 21 for note on Noel. **£45/\$83**

96. W.M. Punshon ALS. Small Oct. 1pp. 10 Lines. Dated Leeds, June 10. (Mid 19thCent). Addressed to a Mr. Gaylar Esq. He says 'Sir, I am at present in

a condition to take any lecture engagements for the ensuing Winter, etc.'. Two small tears. See note under 77 for reference to the well known Wesleyan Methodist Preacher.

£48/\$89

97. C.H. Spurgeon Signature. The easily recognisable signature of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, neatly cut from a letter perhaps, and pasted down onto a larger

card. Good condition. Spurgeon needs no introduction. His signatures always sought. Not dated, but clearly a late Victorian original. **£150/\$278**

98. Agnes Weston ALS. Small Oct. 14 Lines. Dated Royal Sailors Rest. Devenport. September 18. '03. Addressed to ' secretary for the Cabin Dept is away for 10 days on his holidays. As soon as he returns you shall have several rubbings of cabin brasses. It is no trouble at all - the verses are beautiful. Yours very truly Agnes E. Weston'. Agnes Weston (1840-1918). Miss Weston moved from correspondence with sailors to opening 'Rest Rooms' for them. Began work in Devonport for the Royal Navy Temperance Society in 1873. Awarded GBE 1918. **£48/\$89**

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