

My dearest friend

Direct to the London

largest post office my own name.

I hope to reply with the mail

Harriet is with me we are in a

slight pecuniary distress. We shall

have seventy-five £ on Sunday

night when I am gone and 10 £

more if in luck

Yours
Mary Kelly

J. Jefferson May 25
Mrs. Sargent
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PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY, A. L. S., [midnight, 26 August 1811,] to Thomas Jefferson Hogg.

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Yours

Percy Shelley

ALS. 1 page. Double sheet, 22.6 x 18.7 cm.

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Address: T. Jefferson Hogg Esq^r | M^{rs}. Doughty's | Coney Street.

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Notes: 1. Shelley and Harriet left London for Edinburgh (where they were married on 28 or 29 August) on 25 August 1811, and passed through York at midnight of the next day. Hogg received this letter by messenger on the morning of the 27th. Shelley received only twenty-five of the anticipated seventy-five pounds (see Jones, I, 139).

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39 A. L. s. "Percy Shelley", 1 p. 4to [York, August 25, 1811?], to T. J. Hogg
(Hogg, I, 425; Ingpen, 80)

** THE DRAMATIC NOTE ANNOUNCING SHELLEY'S ELOPEMENT WITH HARRIET
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