Calais
March 13, 1819

My dears friends,

After a stormy but very short voyage we have arrived at Calais & are at this moment at the point of proceeding. We are all very well in excellent spirits. Motion has always this effect upon the other, even when the mind knows that there are causes for dejection. With respect to tails & having some ready to carry, I wish to say, in a court of justice that they one of them said he would give up his copyright for Tails & that in lieu of that he would accept the profits of Tinnies until it was done. Being not satisfied

P.S. Write to Helena.
The day is full of business letters one to find this hasty notice of our safety. The children are in high spirits and very well. Our passage was strong but very short both here and William were sick but they were very good and slept all the time. We now expect to sail with fine weather I hope.

Farewell my dear friends. May you be happy. Your affectionate friend,
Mr. Leigh Hunt
13 Albion Grove North
Paddington
London

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"Sir, the biographical part of literature is what I love most."
SHELLEY (Percy Bysshe, and Mary Wollstonecraft)
Autograph Letters to Leigh Hunt, 2 pp.,
being a continuation of it, occupying the rest
W. S. dated March 13th, 1818; refers
Calais as "stormy but short. 'We are all very well and in excellent Spirits. Motion has always this effect upon the Blood, even when the mind knows there are causes for dejection. With respect to Tailor (sic) and Hessey, I am ready to Certify, if necessary in a Court of Justice, that one of them said he would give up his Copyright for the £20, and that in lieu of that he would accept the Profits of Rimini until it was Paid," &c.

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Yours ever affectionately
P B Shelley

Pray write to Milan.
[verso, in Mary's hand:] Shelley is full of business & desires me to finish this hasty notice of our safety—The children are in high spirits & very well. Our passage was stormy but very short both Alba and William were sick but they werly [deleted] were very good and slept all the time—We now depart for Italy with fine weather & good hopes

Farewell my dear friends

May you be happy.—

Your affectionate friend

Mary WS [WG?] 

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[blurred letter]; 4 o'Clock | 16 · MR | 1818 EV; FPO | MR · 16 | 1818. Postal fee: ½.
Address (in Mary's hand): Mr. Leigh Hunt | 13 Lisson Grove
North | Paddington | London | [line] | [lower corner]
Angleterre | [line].
Provenance: Newton sale, 30 October 1941 (no. 244). In a blue levant morocco solander case, with a gilt floreated border.
Listed in De Ricci, p. 149 (no. 371).

Notes: 1. The Shelleys left Calais for Lyon on this very day.
2. Hunt had received an advance for a new book, not yet written, from Taylor & Hessey. It was Taylor who did not go along with Hunt's proposal, seconded by Shelley while still in London, to repay the advance from the income on Rimini (1816).
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