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Pietro Gamba manuscript material

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Summary

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· Holograph account of the "Pisan Affray" : [ca. late Mar 1822] : (B'ANA 0298) : in Italian; titled

"Memorie per Teresa."

- Account (scribal copy) signed by Pietro Gamba, "Viaggio di Lord Byron da Cefalonia a Missolonghi" : [after Jan 1824] : in Italian; on Lord Byron's passage from Cephalonia to Missolonghi in Dec 1823-Jan 1824, in the course of which he was nearly captured by a Turkish vessel.
- Declaration (scribal copy) : 18 Apr 1824 : (B'ANA 0337) : from Missolonghi : in Italian; stating that he has entrusted the assets of the Brigade to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hodges, Jarvis and Stetzelberg; signed by the Secretary of the Provisional Government of Greece, with government stamp.
- Autograph memo (draft) : [1825] : (B'ANA 0307) : in Italian; on the situation in Greece; written sometime after his return from London.
- Holograph last will and testament signed : 20 Feb 1826 : (B'ANA 0347) : from Athens : in Italian; ending with the words, "che la mia memoria possa esser cara ai miei amici -- quanto mi fu sempre la loro amicizia."
- To Charles F. Barry, English banker at Leghorn : 1 autograph letter signed : 6 Jun 1824 : (B'ANA 0436) : from Missolonghi : in Italian; announcing his arrival with Byron in Greece, his capture by a Turkish frigate, and Byron's reception in Missolonghi.
- To Edward Dawkins, British Consul in Italy : 1 autograph letter signed : 8 Jul 1822 : (B'ANA 0647) : in Italian; seeking aid for Lord Byron and his own family ; informing him of the threat to expel his father from Tuscan territory after the Masi affray, which he thinks is motivated by dislike of Lord Byron.
- To Giuliani, friend of the Gamba family : 1 autograph letter signed : 23 Jul 1823 : (B'ANA 0398) : in Italian; describing his two departures from Genoa with Byron, and the purpose of their journey to Greece. Giuliani had stayed with Byron and Teresa Guiccioli in Genoa during the previous winter (cf. Origo's Last Attachment, p. 334).
- To the Greek government : 1 autograph letter (draft) : 22 Jul 1825 : (B'ANA 0345) : in Italian; regarding conditions for the English loan to the Greeks.
- To Teresa Guiccioli, his sister : 9 autograph letters signed, all in Italian : -- 15 Jul 1821 : (B'ANA 0385) : from Bologna : on family matters, and mentioning his hope to spend time with his sister and Byron; confident that Byron will do what he can to help his persecuted friends. -- 10 Aug 1824 : (B'ANA 0327) : from London : having been in England for 10 days, offering to come to her in Italy if his presence can be of any help. -- 29 Sep 1824 : (B'ANA 0328) : from London : saying he cannot leave England until November; mentioning Mary Shelley and Jane Williams. -- 3 Mar 1825 : (B'ANA 0329) : from the brig Lively : saying that he's left his sister's papers with Mary Shelley; mentioning the success of his book, and Medwin's Conversations of Lord Byron; saying that he believes Jane Williams will remarry, but her intended (Hogg) is the most odious person in the world. -- 7 Mar 1825 : (B'ANA 0330) : from Portsmouth : saying that he is returning to Greece as agent for the contractors of the new loan; advising her to prepare her memoirs in the wake of Medwin's Conversations. -- 15 Jun 1825 : (B'ANA 0441) : from Lazareth di Zante : with a long account of his stay in England, and prospects for the war in Greece; also, on his meetings with some of Byron's family, including Augusta Leigh; remarking that Medora (then eleven) is much like Byron. -- 18 Sep 1825 : (B'ANA 0331) : from Clarenza : news of his own movements, and the progress of the Greek war. -- 18 Jul 1826 : (B'ANA 0332) : from Nauplia : speaking hopefully of the prospect of a settlement in Greece, and his own return to Italy. -- 20 Aug 1826 : (B'ANA 0333) : from near Poros : saying that after being bedridden with a fever for 15 days, he is recovering and hopes to be free of his commitments in Greece by the end of the year.

- To Alexandros Maurokordatos, Greek statesman : 1 autograph letter (draft) : 10/22 Apr 1825 : (B'ANA 0342) : from Nauplia : in Italian; saying that he has arrived from London with the last payment of the loan; discussing the arrangements for the second loan and the situation in Greece.
- To J. Ricardo : 1 autograph letter signed (draft?) : 25 Feb 1825 : (B'ANA 0340) : from London : in Italian; offering to write him from Greece.
- To Mary Shelley, novelist : 1 autograph letter signed : 1 Nov 1824 : (S'ANA 0662) : in Italian, with translation by Mr. Gay of the Keats-Shelley Memorial, Rome ; urging her to waste no time should she wish to write to Trelawny.