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Key Terms

Subjects

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Names

Anglesey, Henry William Paget, Marquis of, 1768-1854
Bergami, Bartolomeo Bergami, Baron
Caroline, Queen, consort of George IV, King of Great Britain, 1768-1821
Wood, Matthew, Sir, 1768-1843