

HEBER, REGINALD, 1783-1826.

Reginald Heber letter, 1821

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Heber, Reginald, 1783-1826.
Title: Reginald Heber letter, 1821
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Abstract: Contains one signed letter from Reginald Heber.
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Biographical Note

Reginald Heber was born at Malpas, Cheshire, April 21, 1783. He attended Brasenose College, Oxford, where he proved himself a gifted poet and writer. In 1800, his "Carmen Seculare" won Oxford's Latin prize. In 1803, his most well known poem, "Palestine," won the prize for English verse. In November 1804, he was elected as a fellow at All Souls College, Oxford. In 1805,

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he won the prize for the best English essay with "The Sense of Honor." In 1807, following an extended tour of the continent, Heber was ordained and assumed the living at Hodnet. In 1809, he married Amelia Shipley, daughter of William Davies Shipley, dean of St. Asaph.

Heber frequently contributed works to the *Quarterly Review* and had several hymns published in the *Christian Observer*. Then, in 1812, he published a volume of hymns. Among Heber's best known hymns are: "Lord of Mercy and of Might," "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" and "Holy, Holy." In 1815, he was appointed Brampton lecturer at Oxford. In 1817, Heber was made prebendary of St. Asaph and was named preacher of Lincoln's Inn in 1822.

In 1823, after refusing twice, he accepted an appointment as Bishop of Calcutta. Prior to his departure for India, Heber was awarded the D.D. degree from Oxford. While serving in India he was vigorous in the performance of his duties. He made several tours of the country, consecrating new churches and opening new schools. The combination of a demanding schedule and the harsh Indian climate caused his health to weaken. Bishop Reginald Heber died while visiting Trichinopoly, India, on April 26, 1826.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of one signed letter from Reginald Heber to his bankers concerning his finances. The letter, written in Hodnet, is dated February 14, 1821.

