

**Accession number:** 1992-24/39e/s

**Description:** Small sheet of paper watermarked 'HEALE MILL 1823'. Written on both sides. Pencilled text overwritten in ink. Notes on the subject of the Correspondence of David Garrick. n.d. [1825]

**Transcript:**

*Verso* On the subject of the Correspondence of D[avid] G[arrick]

*Recto:* The Test[ato]r directs all his Houses Pictures Household Goods & furniture of & in the Houses at Hampton & the Adelphi at the time of his decease (of which an inventory shall be taken) shall be sold at the death of his wife &c & the surplus to go to the next of kin

Accurate & exact inventories of the Houses Pictures Household Goods & furniture were taken. But two cabinets standing in the Breakfast room at Hampton, which contained the Letters & confidential correspondence of the Testator & his numerous Friends are omitted in the Inventory & it is impossible to conceive they were not omitted by design, as they were conspicuous pieces of Furniture, could not be overlooked, and every other article of furniture in the rooms was expressly noted in the s[ai]d inventories.

That they were omitted by design is a natural inference since it is impossible that the Testator could have intended his confidential Letters, the private correspondence of his whole life to be sold, or to go out of the hands of his relations.

It is not therefore strongly presumable that he had given directions that they should remain in the hands of his widow during her life & that they should then be given to his Nephew & heir at law Carrington – Carrington died before M<sup>rs</sup> G. But she seems to have acted agreeable to this idea by telling his son Christopher, they were for him.