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Description: Single small sheet of paper, written on one side with note on reverse. Bill from James Dodsley for books, 1768.

Transcript:

1768	David Garrick Esq[ui]r[e] D[ebto]r to Ja[me]s Dodsley	
April 31	Mason's <i>Poems</i>	0 : 5 : 6
1770		
Feb. 15	Jenuns's <i>Works</i>	0 : 6 : 0
Sept. 21	<i>Sublime and Beautiful</i>	o : 6 : 0
1776		
Mar[ch] 15	<i>Runaway</i>	<u>0 : 1 : 6</u> £0 : 19 : 0

Rec[eive]d Nov[ember] 29 1776 the Contents
Ja[me]s Dodsley

Reverse: M^r Dodsley P[ai]d in 1776 by my Hus[ban]d

Notes:

James Dodsley (1724-1797): bookseller. Younger brother to Robert Dodsley, writer and bookseller, who contracted Samuel Johnson to write his *Dictionary*. DNB: www.oxforddnb.com/view/article/7754 accessed 6 April 2010.

Little and Kahrl, *Letters*, 300? Letter to James Dodsley. Dated Jan. 26 [1763?] addressed to M^r Dodsley, Pall Mall. Note 1 says: 'The recipient is presumably James Dodsley (1724 – 1797), for after the breach in 1756-57 Garrick and Robert Dodsley, James' elder brother, were evidently never again on speaking terms. For many years James and Robert were associated in the bookselling business, and when the latter retired in 1759 he left James in complete charge of the shop in Pall Mall'.

Mr Mason: William Mason (1724 – 1797), ordained 1754, poet and dramatist, was the intimate friend and biographer of Gray'. Little and Kahrl, *Letters*, 122n. A correspondent of Horace Walpole, I. McIntyre, *Garrick* (1999), 502n, 531.

Little and Kahrl, *Letters*, 122, 903, 1148? LETTER TO: 122; see also *Caractacus; Elfrida*

Letter 1002 from Bath, [15 April 1775] to George Colman 'M^r Mason is certainly peevish, but I think there is poetry about him'

Jenuns: Possibly Soame Jenyns (1704 – 1787), miscellaneous writer; though often criticized by Johnson, he waited until after the latter's death to publish the lines (*G[entleman's M[agazine]*, vol. LVI, Aug. 1786, p. 696) quoted in a note sent by Garrick to the countess Spencer on 15 November 1776. Little and Kahrl, *Letters*, 1062:

Here lies poor Johnson: reader have a care;
Tread lightly, lest you rouse a sleeping bear.
Religious, moral, generous and humane
He was; but self-sufficient, rude and vain;
Ill-bred and overbearing in dispute;
A scholar and a Christian, and a brute.
Would you know all his wisdom and his folly,
His actions, sayings, mirth and melancholy,
Boswell and Thrale, retailers of his wit,
Will tell you how he wrote and talked, and coughed and spit!

***The Runaway*:** by Mrs Hannah (Parkhouse) Cowley (1743 – 1809), dramatist and poet. *The Runaway* was produced at Drury lane on 15 February 1776 and had a long run. Little and Kahrl, *Letters*, 856n, 913?, 1101.

Letter 856 Hampton, 29 Aug. 1774 to Richard Cumberland. 'I have seen y^e *Lady-Author* we talk'd about — she is most worthy of your friendship, and regard — She is very clever & very modest, & what will still make you, more her friend, she is distress'd. I have her play in my hands, she sh^d be much honour'd, if You would See it, 7 give y^r opinion freely — She deserves all Encouragement — if I knew how to Send her play I would— You'll be surpriz'd I assure you'

Letter 913, Adelphi, 3 June 1775 to Elizabeth Griffith. '... another Lady of great merit has likewise intrusted me with a performance of 5 Acts, which I must immediately look over, with all the care and delicacy due to her Sex and talents...' [possibly *The Runaway*]

Letter 1101 Adelphi [27 May 1777] to Hannah Cowley. Smoothing over a presumed affront to Mr Cowley, alluded to in a letter from Cowley, and inviting them both for breakfast the following Sunday. Note 4 says 'Mrs Cowley had continues in her letter: "Determin'd, however, to preserve *a reason* for calling on you uninvited, I very cunningly kept back a *Runaway* [published in the preceding year], which was bound in a manner, I rember'd you liked (and in which I had *written* the dedication) reserving it as an apology, for M^r Cowley's intrusion, or mine, whenever we might be admitted. M^r Cowley accordingly put it in his pocket every time he went to the Adelphi, and every time brought it back with concern. M^r Cowley has spirit Sir — he has great spirit, and nothing less than his sentiments for you, could have enabled him to submit, to such repeated denials — deliver'd by your servants in the most insulting manner'.