

**Richard Owen papers, 1827-1889**  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains correspondence on natural history, especially mollusks, fishes, and birds, and on medicine and social affairs, with references to the British Museum of Natural History. Also included are a paper by Owen on dinosaurs and a synopsis of a course of lectures, 1857.

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## Background note

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Sir Richard Owen (1804-1892, APS 1845) was a comparative anatomist, zoologist and paleontologist. Owen gained a deep knowledge of vertebrate anatomy while cataloging the natural history specimens of the Hunterian Museum. French naturalist Georges Cuvier and the Oxford geologist William Buckland excited his interest in “fossil zoology”. From the mid-1840’s to the mid-1850’s Owen’s focus shifted to paleontology. Owen’s caustic review of Charles Darwin’s *Origin of Species* in the *Edinburgh Review* led to attacks by Darwin’s ally Thomas Huxley (1825-1895, APS 1869) on Owen’s science and ideology. Spurned by practitioners of the new biology, Owen retreated from the fray and concentrated on bringing together earlier writings in monumental compilations such as *Palaeontology* (1860) and *Anatomy of the Vertebrates* (1866-68). Owen also worked to establish an independent British natural history museum..

Richard Owen was born in Lancaster on July 20, 1804, the sixth child and second son of Richard Owen, a merchant in the West Indies trade, and Catherine Longworth, a descendant of French Huguenots. Owen’s father died five years after his son’s birth, and to support her family Catherine Owen opened a girls’ boarding school with her three unmarried daughters. In 1810, Owen entered the Lancaster grammar school as a day student. He was not very studious and prone to practical jokes.

At age 16, Owen was unable to proceed to university, and instead decided to become a surgeon-apothecary, beginning a succession of three apprenticeships over a four year period. As a surgeon’s apprentice, he developed a skill for dissection and a knowledge of human anatomy. Lancaster had few opportunities for scientific training, and Owen left for Edinburgh to complete his medical education. Arriving in October 1824, he took classes for two terms with John Barclay, completing the required course for students preparing to enter medical practice. He was most impressed with Barclay’s final course that placed human anatomy in the context of the wider animal kingdom. Barclay introduced Owen to an anti-materialistic, holistic approach to surgery, and his “earnest teaching” inspired Owen’s interest in zoology. Barclay recommended that Owen leave Edinburgh and go to London to complete the requirements for membership in the Royal College of Surgeons. Barclay gave him a letter that strongly recommending him to John Abernethy, a professor of the St. Bartholomew’s Hospital medical program and president of the Royal College of Surgeons, who hired Owen as a teaching assistant. After reaching the minimum age requirement of twenty-two, Owen passed the examination for membership in the College, and in 1826 set up a practice at the nearby Inns of Court. Abernethy’s continued patronage opened other doors for Owen in the crowded London medical community.

In the mid-1820s, the medical journal *Lancet* criticized the Royal College of Surgeons for not producing a catalog for its Hunterian collection of specimens in comparative anatomy, pathology, osteology and natural history. Conservator William Clift was unable to produce the catalog, and when a Conservator’s assistant position opened up, Abernethy arranged for Owen to fill it. The appointment began his career as a natural scientist. Owen supplemented his museum stipend by maintaining his surgical practice and doing odd jobs. In 1828 he presented optional lectures in comparative anatomy at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital while assisting senior members of the college. Although he briefly considered a position as a hospital surgeon-apothecary in Birmingham, Owen decided to remain at the college to make his future

as a comparative anatomist. Owen's principal tasks as Clift's assistant was to redescribe the specimens in the Hunterian's collection and to prepare soft tissue samples after further dissection and comparison with recent acquisitions. His situation gave him an opportunity to explore the new fields of comparative anatomy and zoology that were being expanded by continental scientists. Owen occasionally substituted for Clift, providing guided tours of the collection for distinguished visitors. Such an opportunity came when French naturalist and zoologist Georges Cuvier arrived in 1830. Since Owen knew French, he acted as guide. Cuvier reciprocated by inviting Owen to visit him in Paris at the Jardin des Plantes.

In 1830 Owen also became the youngest and most active member of the new Zoological Society of London. In what would be his first publication, Owen described his recent dissection of an orangutan that had died shortly after its arrival at the society's garden. The availability of specimens at the Zoological Society's gardens led Owen to focus on vertebrates.

During the summer of 1831, Owen spent a month in Paris visiting Cuvier and examining the osteological collection that served as a source for Cuvier's comparative anatomy and "fossil zoology" research. At public and private meetings of the Institut de France Owen witnessed a lively discussion of differing views of nature, including Cuvier's teleological functionalism, the transformationism of Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire and the materialism of Jean Baptiste Lamarck.

After Owen's return to London, the Hunterian Museum provided him with other specimens received from travelers and members who had visited colonial outposts. One of these was a rare specimen of a pearly nautilus, similar to the fossilized ammonites often found in Mesozoic marine deposits. Another rare specimen that Owen examined was the duck-billed platypus, whose classification was disputed because it laid eggs and had mammalian characteristics. Although Owen's immediate prospects remained uncertain, his research on the anatomy of the nautilus, his early papers on marsupial and monotreme generation and his Zoological Society memoir on the orangutan all proved fruitful for his career. These works distinguished him as a professional comparative anatomist. During his first five years at the Hunterian, Owen emerged as an active member of a small community of researchers who were constructing and defining a new discipline. One of its most important members was the geologist William Buckland, who followed Cuvier's functionalist model for shaping fossil remnants into life forms of earlier eras. In 1832 Owen heard him present an animated public lecture in which Buckland vividly described the extinct giant *Megatherium* of South America at the meeting of the new British Association for the Advancement of Science. He returned to London, excited about developing the potential of fossil zoology through the use of comparative anatomy, and in subsequent correspondence with Buckland established a close professional and personal friendship through which the older man provided Owen with advice, support and patronage.

In September, 1832 after the death of William Clift's son, Owen became Clift's de facto co-conservator at the Hunterian Museum, and three years later married Clift's daughter Caroline. In 1834 Owen was elected a member of the Royal Society, and in 1836 he was appointed Hunterian Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Physiology at the Royal College of Surgeons. During the first decade of his career as a comparative anatomist, he would publish over 150 studies—abstracts, monographs, books, articles and reports on a wide range of anatomical and paleontological topics while fulfilling his regular curatorial duties. The climax of his efforts was a two-part report on British fossil Reptilia, funded by the British Association, which examined the many available collections, described the fossils, and classified them anatomically. The report would serve as a basic resource for paleontological research for the rest of the nineteenth century. In the second part of the report in 1841, Owen defined the category of large terrestrial

reptiles for which he called Dinosauria. In 1842 he succeeded his father-in-law as Resident Conservator of the Hunterian Museum.

From the mid-1840s to the mid-1850s Owen maintained his scholarly productivity, averaging ten descriptive articles annually but his research focus shifted from zoology to paleontology. Virtually all naturalists at the time rejected ideas of continuous creation to explain the emergence of new species. Owen, as one of the foremost paleontologists of his generation felt the need to weigh in on the topic of species change. In his essay "On the Archtype and Homologies of the Vertebrate Skeleton" (1848), he attempted to explain diversity, change and progress among species by means of prototypes in the mind of God.

In 1856 Owen was appointed superintendent of the natural history departments of the British Museum. He also accepted a three-year appointment as Fullerian Professor of Physiology at the Royal Institution and started a paleontological lecture series at the School of Mines. His 1858 election to the presidency of the British Association for the Advancement of Science seemed to crown his career, recognizing him as a "statesman of science".

However, Owen's prominence was undermined during the 1850s by his inability to come to terms with the new biology that assumed the unity of organic nature and belief in transformationalism, thus threatening the fixity of species that was axiomatic to the Cuvierian view. Although Owen was not unsympathetic to the new German developmental physiology and had created a limited transformationist model based upon his notion of vertebrate "archtype," he considered himself a Cuvierian for whom species were an unchanging reality. The most serious threat to Owen's reputation resulted from his intemperate review of Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species* in the *Edinburgh Review* (111, 1860, 487-532) that questioned the author's professional competence to discuss the species question. For Owen, the problem of organic diversity was an anatomical question that required a laboratory solution. Careful dissections, rather than field work, would shed light on divisions between species. Ignoring much of Darwin's careful argument, Owen instead aimed his invective at the heresy of species indeterminance. Owen ended the review with a credo that summed up his increasingly dated views of science, namely "That classification is the task of science, but species the work of nature." Owen also objected to the implications of Darwinian theory for the "man question." Aware of the numerous physical affinities between humans and other primates, Owen maintained the distinctiveness of the human species based upon an anatomical proof of the uniqueness of the human brain. Owen's stubborn insistence on his position in the face of repeated proof to the contrary merely showed his fallibility as an anatomist, but the repeated attacks by Thomas Huxley (Darwin's "bulldog") on Owen's science and ideology alienated the younger generation of biologists from Owen's scientific views.

Recognizing his estrangement from the new biology and its proponents, Owen limited the scientific work of his later years to the continued description and classification of the accumulated fossil materials from England and her colonies. In works such as his *Palaeontology* (1860) and the three-volume *Anatomy of the Vertebrates* (1866-68) he compiled the results of earlier studies. He followed these with compilations of his earlier works on extinct mammals of Australia (1877-78), the extinct birds of New Zealand (1879) and on British fossil reptiles (1884) from which he supposed his successors might benefit.

Owen also worked for the establishment of an independent British natural history museum. He first proposed the plan to erect one in South Kensington, after discovering the unmet needs of natural science at the British Museum. Although the plan was initially stalled by partisan politics, it was approved in the

early 1870s, and finished in 1881. The new British Museum of Natural History was Owen's last great contribution to natural science

Owen was knighted on January 5, 1884 and retired to Sheen Lodge, but continued to work in his new museum. Owen lived to the age of 88, but was embittered by the suicide of his only son. Disillusioned, he grew old among his grandchildren, who neither understood nor appreciated his life's work. He died on December 18, 1892, and was buried in the cemetery at Ham churchyard next to his wife Caroline, who had died in 1873.

Although history generally treated him poorly, recalling his invectives against Darwin instead of his lasting contributions to comparative anatomy, paleontology and natural science, Owen was recognized throughout his life with numerous medals and honors. These included the Geological Society's Wollaston Medal in 1838 for his work on Darwin's fossils; the Royal and Copley Medals of the Royal Society in 1846 and 1851; membership in the Légion d'honneur in 1855; the Prix Cuvier of the Institut de France in 1856; the Baly Medal of the Royal College of Physicians in 1869; and the honorary medal of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1883. He also held many honorary memberships and degrees, including membership in the American Philosophical Society (1845), and honorary degrees from Edinburgh (1847), Oxford (1852) and Cambridge (1859). In 1873, Queen Victoria created him Commander of Bath and in 1884 Knight Commander of Bath.

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## Scope & content

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Owen's correspondence reveals a gregarious individual, who enjoyed social engagements, as well as scientific endeavors and administrative accomplishments. The Owen Papers include longstanding correspondence of thirty years and more with several friends and colleagues. His most frequent correspondents over the course of fifty years (1835-1887) were the surgeon-oculist William White Cooper and his wife Mary. The letters to the Coopers cover a variety of situations, ranging from dinner invitations to Owen's seemingly interminable preparations for the British Museum of Natural History. Although much less frequent, Owen's longest running scientific correspondence was with the French zoologist and student of Georges Cuvier Henri Milne-Edwards. Milne-Edwards, who specialized in research on French marine fauna, corresponded periodically with Owen between 1845 -1880. Many of the Owen's letters to Milne-Edwards deal with zoological topics in the latter's specialty of marine biology. A letter of March 24, 1845 is typical. Owen writes that "I passed the evening reading over your report, & especially that highly important and interesting one on the evidences of a diffused circulation in the venous system of the Mollusca. This is a capital discovery of the period in Invertebrate Anatomy." However, their friendship was such, that Owen might also express warm feelings of concern, as he did in the letter he addressed on July 10, 1848 after the bloody "June days" of the 1848 Revolution in France. He wrote, "I have often thought of you and always with profound and sincere sympathy during the events that have tended to previously interrupt the course of peaceful scientific labours. I have always hoped that distance, which exaggerates most catastrophes, may have added to the reports of the evils that have afflicted your beautiful city, and especially your immediate neighborhood." An intriguing letter dated April 14, 1880 offers glimpses and thoughts from Owen's involvement in the discovery of the earliest bird, Archaeopteryx. He thanks Milne-Edwards for "the opinions you expressed on the nature and affinities of Archaeopteryx," taking exception with the inferences of Professor Carl Vogt, who concluded that the only feathers on the creature were those on the wings and tail with "the trunk . . . covered with scales and scutes." Owen counters with a theory derived from an experience from his youthful habitat near Morecombe Bay, where a fine sand is "left bare at low water." "There," he reports "I have seen the carcass of a gull left by the tide, consisting only of skin and limbs, the legs so loosely attached, by skin, to the body as to be floated, the right to left side . . . by the waves. Commonly, the only feathers retained were the strong quill feathers of the wing & tail. The more delicate plumage of the trunk was gone. Such seems to me to have been the condition in which the first Archaeopteryx was imbedded by the fine mud left by successive tides."

Owen's numerous other scientific correspondents include a variety of prominent, and not so prominent British naturalists, some affiliated with the Royal College of Surgeons. Much of the correspondence is brief and routine, such as Owen's August 13, 1843 note to Sir John Richardson the naval surgeon famed for accompanying John Franklin on his first two Arctic expeditions (1819-22, 1825-27). He writes to Richardson of his plans "to call at the Museum on Tuesday morning to examine the large Elephant's grinder in the Montellian Collection mentioned on p. 283." In a letter written more than twenty years



later (March 8, 1865) to William Sharpey, the father of modern physiology in Britain, he complains about being cited in an abstract from the Proceedings of the Royal Society, that “misrepresented” his thinking about “the nature & homologies of the Cerebral Commissures of the Marsupalia.” Owen’s May 8, 1867 letter to naturalist Thomas Campbell Eyton, a friend and correspondent of Darwin, who opposed Darwinian theories, merely offers a glimpse of the evolutionary controversy swirling around these naturalists, mentioning that “Prof. Huxley’s paper is not yet out. I know it only by an abstract report . . . , with the appended fling at Cuvier.”

Several of Owen’s most frequent correspondents in the last four decades of his life were not even scientists. One was the poet Richard Hengrist Horne, who corresponded with Owen between 1852-1883. Another was the painter William Holman Hunt to whom Owen penned many brief notes in the 1880s. No doubt, following up on Hunt’s suggestion, Owen admits in a December 30, 1880 letter “that . . . passing an hour or two in your Studio would be a most healthful rest from the labour awaiting me at my new Museum.” But it was to his old friend Horne that he writes on the letterhead of the British Museum (Natural History) about the satisfaction he feels with this institution, which was his last great contribution to natural science. He writes on August 11, 1883 that “As my years increase so do my labours and responsibilities, but they are tasks of pleasure, being in relation to the use of an Edifice which surpasses all that I have contended for during the last quarter of a century.” Table of Contents available (but incomplete)

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### Corporate Name(s)

- British Museum (Natural History).

### Personal Name(s)

- Bonaparte, Charles Lucian, 1803-1857
- Buckland, William, 1784-1856
- Buxton, Charles, 1768-1833
- Carpenter, Philip Pearsall, 1819-1877
- Clark, James, Sir, 1788-1870
- Cooke, William Fothergill, 1806-1879
- Cooper, Mary, Lady
- Eyton, Thomas Campbell, 1809-1880
- Hooker, William Jackson, Sir, 1785-1865
- Horne, R. H., (Richard H.), 1802-1884
- Hunt, William Holman, 1827-1910
- Lankester, E. Ray, Sir, (Edwin Ray), 1847-1929
- Lubbock, J. W., (John William), 1803-1865
- Lyell, Charles, Sir, 1797-1875
- Milne-Edwards, H., (Henri), 1800-1885
- Murchison, Roderick Impey, Sir, 1792-1871

- Paget, James, Sir, 1814-1899
- Richardson, John, Sir, 1787-1865
- Sedgwick, Adam, 1785-1873

### **Subject(s)**

- Beyond Early America
- Birds.
- Dinosaurs.
- Fishes.
- Medicine.
- Mollusks.
- Natural history.

### **Other Descriptive Information**

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This manuscript collection falls outside the geographic scope of the Early American guide (British North America and the United States before 1840). It may be of interest to scholars interested in global history, international relations, imperialism, or the U.S. in the world.

## Correspondence

## Collection Inventory

## Correspondence

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<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	June 21, 1828	9x7-1/2
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Letter to William Clift, London;

Lancaster, A.L.S. 3p. and add. Friendly letter.

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<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Oct. 3, 1835	9x7
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Letter to William White Cooper, Lincoln's  
Inn Fields;

College of Surgeons, A.L.S. 1p.and add.,end. (see R.Owens. Letters to various persons, no. 1.)

Thanks for mussels. Originally B Ow2.1

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<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Aug. 14, 1837	9x7-1/2
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Letter to William White Cooper, Bath;

A.L.S. 4p.,add. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no.2.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1

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Receipt from Sarah Guichoud for skeleton of a bird.	Dec. 20, 1837	
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<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	March 23, 1838	10x8
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Letter to [M. Laurillard];

A.L.S. 4p. (see Sir Richard Owen. Papers.) His reaction to Coste. Refers to Arago, Cuvier, Milne-Edwards. Forwards first part of Darwin's publication.of fossill zoology. Natural history. Formerly B Ow2.7

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<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	March 1, 1840	9x7-1/2
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Letter to Mrs. Cooper, Bath;

Regents Park, A.L.S. 4p.,add.,end. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 3.) Friendly letter.

Concerning W. W. Cooper. Originally B Ow2.1

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## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	March 4, 1840	9-1/2x7-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
A.L.S. 1p.and end. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 4.) Invitation to dinner. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Aug. 29, 1840	9x7
Letter to William White Cooper;		
Oxford, A.L.S. 3p.and add. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 5.) Friendly letter. Refers to Buckland. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Nov. 9, 1840	
Letter to J. S. Bowerbank;		
<b>Owen, Robert, 1771-1858</b>	Dec. 30, 1840	7x4-1/2
Letter to commissioners of Bristol;		
Bristol, A.L.in 3rd.P. 3p. (see Sir R.Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 23.) Concerning collection for tickets for a public debate. Formerly B Ow2.2		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	May 25, 1841	7-1/2x5
Letter to Sir John F. Lubbock;		
A.L.S. 1p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 6.) Refuses invitation. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	August 25, 1841	
Letter to "My dear Cooper";		
<b>Clift, William, 1775-1849</b>	July 28, 1842	
Letter to [Richard] Owen;		
<b>Buckland, William, 1784-1856</b>	October 23, 1842(?)	
Letter to [Richard] Owen;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	March 7, 1843	7-1/2x4-1/2
Letter to Mrs. Poyser;		

## Correspondence

A.L.S. 3p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 7.) Cannot spend the summer with them.  
Refers to Cooper. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

May 9, 1843

7x4-1/2

Letter to Miss Poyser;

A.L.S. 4p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 8.) Friendly letter. Describes Cooper's first lecture. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

July 15, 1843

Letter to Miss Poyser;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Aug. 13, 1843

7x4-1/2

Letter to Jno. Richardson;

A.L.S. 1p. (see Sir R. Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 1.) Concerning paleontology.  
Formerly B Ow2.2

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Oct. 23, 1843

7-1/2x4-1/2

Letter to Sir William Hooker;

A.L.S. 2p. Has forwarded a pamphlet to Colenso on ornithological matters.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Sir Richard Owen papers.)

**Indexing Terms**

**Personal Name(s)**

Hooker, William Jackson, Sir, 1785-1865 -- Correspondence

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Nov. 13, 1843

Letter to "Dear Barlow"

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

June 8, 1844

7x4-1/2

## Correspondence

Letter to William White Cooper, Hanover  
Square;

A.L.S. 1p.and add. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 59.) Friendly letter. Originally B  
Ow2.1

### Indexing Terms

#### Personal Name(s)

Cooper, William White -- Correspondence

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#### Owen, Richard, 1804-1892

Oct. 18, 1844

7x4-1/2

Letter to Mrs. Poyser, Harrogate;

Southampton, A.L.S. 4p.,add. (see R.Owen Letters to various persons, no. 10.) Friendly letter. Refers  
to Cooper. Originally B Ow2.1

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#### Owen, Richard, 1804-1892

Dec. 17, 1844

7x4-1/2

Letter to J[ohn] Ella;

A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen papers.) Cannot join the Musical Union, although music is his favorite  
amusement. Formerly B Ow2.16

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#### Owen, Richard, 1804-1892

March 24, 1845

7x4-1/2

Letter to "My dear Edwards";

A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen papers.) Read his report on the venous system of the mollusks. Sorry he is ill.  
Formerly B Ow2.19

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#### Owen, Richard, 1804-1892

March 25, 1845

7x4-1/2

Letter to [Henri Milne-] Edwards;

A.L.S. 3p. (see Owen papers Forwards writing on medicine. Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.8

### Indexing Terms

## Correspondence

**Personal Name(s)**

Milne-Edwards, H., (Henri), 1800-1885 -- Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b> Letter to Mr. Dixon;	Nov. 29, 1845	
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b> Letter to Rob[er]t Dunn;	Feb. 26, 1847	
Letter to [Richard Owen];	August 16, 1847	
<b>Chadwick, Edwin, Sir, 1800-1890.</b> Letter to Prof. Owen;	Nov. 11, 1847	
<b>Buckland, William, 1784-1856</b> Letter to [Richard] Owen;	Dec. 13, 1847	
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b> Letters to Henri Milne-Edwards;	1845, 1880	
A.L.S. 5 items. Various sizes. Table of contents available. Formerly B Ow2.8		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b> Letter to William White Cooper;	Jan. 11, 1848	7x4-1/2
A.L.S. 2p. (see R.Owen. Letters to Various persons, no. 11.) Letter of sympathy. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b> Letter to "My dear B.";	Feb. 25, 1848	
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b> Letter to ----.	March 22, 1848	
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b> Letter to Milne-Edwards;	July 10, 1848	
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Sept. 1, 1848	



## Correspondence

Letter to Lindley;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Oct. 12, 1848

Letter to "My dear Cooper";

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**Taylor, John, 1781-1864** Nov. 22, 1848

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 28, 1848 7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to ----;

A.L.S. 2p. (see Sir Richard Owen. Papers.) Identifies fossils from Palermo. Formerly B Ow2.5

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**Owen, Richard, 1810-1890** Jan. 3, 1849

Letter to Mrs. C. Southwood Hill;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** April 6, 1849 7x4-1/2

Letter to [Philip Pearsall] Carpenter;

A.L.S. 2p.,end. (see Sir R.Owen Papers. Letters to various persons, no. 2.) Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.2

### Indexing Terms

#### Personal Name(s)

©Carpenter, Philip Pearsall, 1819-1877 -- Correspondence

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**Lyell, Charles, Sir, 1797-1875** June 15, 1849

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** July 7, 1849

Letter to Mr. Murray;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** September 11, [1849] 7 x 4 1/2

Letter to "Dear Sir;"



## Correspondence

A.L.S. 1p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 13.) Accepts invitation. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Oct. 18, 1850

7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to Tho[ma]s [Charles] Waterton;

A.L.S. 4p., enclosure wanting. Owen, on behalf of the commissioners of the Great Exhibition, requests Waterton to send some of his choice specimens of birds, insects, quadrupeds and Crustacea as examples of the improvements made in the art of tax idermy. Mentions Mrs. Owen.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Dec. 2, 1850

7x4-1/2

Letter to William White Cooper;

A.L.S. 1p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 14.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Jan. 8, 1851

7x4-1/2

Letter to Sir John Lubbock;

A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 41.) Accepts invitation for dinner. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Jan. 31, 1851

Letter to Sir Philip [Egerton];

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**Clark, James, Sir, 1788-1870**

May 8, 1851

6 x 3 3/4

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

Brook Street, ALS 1p. Invitation to dinner on Saturday the 17th at a quarter to seven o'clock.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

June 23, [1851?]

4-1/2x3-1/2

Letter to ----;

A.L.S. 2p. (see Sir R.Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 3.) Concerning Brandt. Formerly B Ow2.2

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

July 29, 1851

7x41/2

Letter to "My dear Lance";

A.L.S. 2p. "...had hoped to have been able to have called for [his umbrella] and asked how you all are after your agreeable & gay entertainment."

**Other Descriptive Information**

## Correspondence

See: (Owen papers.)

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Aug. 18, 1851

7x4-1/2

Letter to [J. A. Ransome];

A.L.S. 3p. Looks forward to visiting with them. His family will use the house by the sea. Refers to Quekett.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Sept. 4, 1851

7x4-1/2

Letter to George Ransome;

A.L.S. 2p.and add.,end. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 15.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1

### Indexing Terms

#### Personal Name(s)

Ransome, George -- Correspondence

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**Carpenter, William Benjamin, 1813-1885** Oct. 15, 1851

Letter to Prof. Owen;

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**Sedgwick, Adam, 1785-1873**

Oct. 19, 1851

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

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**Clark, James, Sir, 1788-1870**

Jan. 10, 1852

6 x 3 7/8

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

ALS 3p. Concerns Certificate sent by Dr. Davy. Dr. [Charles Edward?] Blair would have another chance of election to the Royal Society; Owen has personal knowledge of him.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Feb. 4, 1852

Letter to R[ichard] H[engist] Horne;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

May 20, 1852

Letter to ----.;

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## Correspondence

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** May 20, 1852  
Letter to [Richard] H[engist] Horne;

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** May 23, 1852  
Letter to "My dear Friend";

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** May 26, 1852 7x4-1/2  
Letter to [George William] Manby;

A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen papers.) Thanks for the theater performance. Comments on the theater.  
Formerly B Ow2.15

## Indexing Terms

## Personal Name(s)

Manby, George William, 1765-1854 -- Correspondence

**White, Adam, 1817-1879** July 6, 1852  
Letter to Prof. Owen;

**Longman, William** Dec. 1, 1852  
Letter to Prof. Owen;

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 21, 1852 7-1/4x4-1/2  
Letter to "Dear Sir;"

A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen papers) Thanks for the Christmas present. Tells how much he appreciates it.  
Formerly B Ow2.20

**Hooker, William Jackson, Sir, 1785-1865** Jan. 16, 1853  
Letter to [Richard] Owen;

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 24, 1853 4x3-1/2  
Letter to Sir John [Lubbock];

## Correspondence

Sheen Gate, A.L.S. 2p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 16.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** August 9, 1853  
Letter to G. H. Lewis;

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**Broderip, William John, 1789-1859** August 29, 1853  
Letter to [Richard Owen];

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**Playfair, Lyon Playfair, Baron, 1818-1898** Dec. 11, 1853  
Letter to Prof. Owen;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** May 18, 1854 7x4½  
Letter to Mr. Thompson;

London, A.L.S. 1p. Asks Thompson to show the bearer of the letter, who "takes great interest in Natural History,...the activity of the great Serpents, Which is sometimes remarkable, after sunset, in, sultry weather".

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Owen Papers.)

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 2, 1854 4-1/2x3  
Letter to Mrs. H. Parker;

A.L.in 3d P. 4p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 17.) Thanks for shells. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Clark, James, Sir, 1788-1870** June 8, 1854 6 x 3 7/8  
Letter to [Richard Owen];

Brook Street, ALS 1p. Asks Owen to have some one point out the more important parts of the [British Museum to Dr. Chelluti (?) of Malta.

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**Clark, James, Sir, 1788-1870** Aug. 5, [18]54 6 7/8 x 4 1/2  
Letter to [Richard] Owen;

Brook Street, ALS 2p. Saw Dr. Khan when he visited museum; shall be glad to have Khan call on him any morning. Thinks part of Khan's museum ought to be open to the public.

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## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Sept. 29, 1854	
Letter to ----.		
<b>Gibson, John</b>	Oct. 4, 1854	
Letter to [Richard Owen];		
<b>Thomson, W.</b>	Oct. 10, 1854	
Letter to Prof. Owen;		
<b>Thomson, W.</b>	Oct. 13, 1854	
Letter to [Richard Owen];		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Nov. 14, 1854	
Letter to ----.		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 12, 1855	7x4-1/2
Letter to Samuel H. Beccles, Brighton;		
London, A.L.S. 3p. (see Owen papers.) Geological study and fossil remains. Formerly B Ow2.11		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	June 30, 1855	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
A.L.S. 1p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 18.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Oct. 1, 1855	10x7-3/4
Letter to [E. L.] Layard;		
London, A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen papers.) Comments on Austin Layard. Concerning zoological specimens for museums. Natural history discussions. Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.12		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Nov. 24, 1855	7" x 4 1/2"
Letter to ----;		
London, A.L.S. 1p. Acknowledges notification of the meeting of the Branch society.		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	29 Nov., 1855	7 x 4 1/2
Letter to [William] Sharpey, London;		
ALS 2p. env. Sends instructions on how to reach cottage by taking train to Mortlake.		

## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Dec. 16, 1855	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
A.L.S. 3p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons. no. 19.) Friendly letter. Refers to Dickens. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Broderip, William John, 1789-1859</b>	Jan. 7, 1856	
Letter to [Richard Owen];		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Feb. 5, 1856	7x4-1/2
Letter to [Edward] Jesse;		
London, A.L.S. 2p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 21.) Friendly letter. Fishes. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Feb. 23, 1856	
Letter to "My dear Pickersgill";		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 22, 1856	
Letter to "Dear Warren";		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	June 27, 1856	
Letter to "My dear Warren";		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Sept. 18, 1856	7x4½
Letter to [Edwin] Lankester;		
A.L.S. 1p. Informs Lankester of Prince Albert's contribution to the geographical and zoological researches of Ida Pfeiffer. Mentions the British Association.		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Sept. 23, [1856?]	7-1/4x4-1/2
Letter to Dr. [Thomas] Horsfield;		
A.L.S. 1p. Thanks for his gift of skeletons of animals to Royal College of Surgeons.		
<b>Other Descriptive Information</b>		
See: (Richard Owen Papers.)		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Oct. 5, 1856	7-1/4x4-1/2
Letter to [Henri] Milne-Edwards;		



## Correspondence

A.L.S. 3p. (see Owen papers.) Announces his appointment as professor of comparative anatomy and paleontology at the British museum. Formerly B Ow2.8

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

October 20, 1856

7x4½

Letter to "My dear Sir";

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 4p. Refers to Mrs. Cox's investigations of beds of native fossil manure forming part of the Red Crag deposits of Suffolk and Essex. Mentions British Association; John Hunter; Royal College of Surgeons; and Mr. Liddell

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Owen papers.)

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Nov. 27, 1856

Letter to "Dear Linton";

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

February 27 - April 3, 1857

Synopsis of a course of lectures... by  
Professor Owen, F.R.S.;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

June 17, 1857

7x4-1/2

Letter to Messrs. Dalgrel, Brothers;

British Museum, A.L.S. 2p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 23.) Concerning a publication. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

June 29, 1857

Letter to "My dear Madam" [Duchess of Argyle?];

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

July 1, 1857

Letter to Miss Fisher;

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**Clark, James, Sir, 1788-1870**

July 17, 1857

6 1/8 x 3 7/8

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

ALS 2p. Makes no apology for sending Dr. [John?] Davy's note; would like more information on it. "Would be great triumph if one could people the rivers of one quarter of the world with fish from another."

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## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	March 26, 1858	7x4-1/2
Letter to "My dear Lord" [Thomas Spring-Rice? Baron, Monteagle of Brandon];		
A.L.S. 3p.and end. (see Sir R.Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 4.) Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.2		
<b>Warren, Samuel</b>	April 19, 1858	
Letter to Prof. Owen;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	June 10, 1858	
Letter to [Henri] Milne-Edwards;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Sept. 27, 1858	
Letter to Ed[ward] Baines;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Dec. 8, 1858	7-1/4x4-1/2
Letter to Dr. Sharpey;		
A.L.S. 4p. (see Richard Owen papers.) Prepares answer for the British Association for the Advancement of Science to question to the Prince Consort's question, and refers to Sir John Herschel and Sir Benjamin Brody. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Sabine, Edward, Sir, 1788-1883</b>	Dec. 30, 1858	
Letter to [Richard Owen];		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Jan. 12, 1859	7x4-1/2
Letter to Hepworth Dixon;		
British Museum, A.L.S. 1p. (see R.Owen. Letters to Various persons, no. 25.) Friendly letter. Sends report of his lecture on the gorilla. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	March 11, 1859	
Letter to ----.		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	[April 11, 1859]	
Addressed envelope to Jabez Hogg;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 16, 1859	7x4-1/2

## Correspondence

Letter to William White Cooper;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 26.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

June 18, 1859

7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to Mr. Parker;

A.L.S. 1p. Not which should have accompanied his Revises of "my Reader's Lecture" did not. Asks him to visit and dine.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Sir Richard Owen Papers. )

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

June 23, 1859

Letter to "Dear Warren";

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

July 26-27, 1859

8x5

Letter to [E. L.] Layard, London;

A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen papers.) Concerning the establishment of an aquarium. Zoology. Asks for shipment of sherry. Formerly B Ow2.13

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

August 30, 1859

Letter to ----.

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**Murchison, Roderick Impey, Sir,  
1792-1871**

Jan. 25, 1860

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Nov. 5, 1860

Letter to [William] Buckland;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

April 16, 1861

6x4

Letter to "Dear Maria;"

A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen Papers.) Friendly letter. Lectures at the Royal Institution Friday night.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

May 25, 1861

6-1/4x4-1/2

## Correspondence

Letter to [Sir Roderick Impey] Murchison;

A.L.S. 4p.,end. Cites Du Chaillu in the Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

June 12, 1861

7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to [Charles R. Darwin];

A.L.S. 2p. (see Owen papers.) Concerning proof for publication. Formerly B Ow2.14 no. 253

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

June 26, 1861

Letter to John Gould;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Oct. 1, 1861

Letter to Lady Cust;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Oct. 28, 1861

Letter to [Sir E. Ray] Lankester;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Dec. 6, 1861

7x4-1/2

Letter to "My dear Madam";

British Museum, A.L.S. 3p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 27.) Cannot give them a lecture. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Jan. 7, 1862

Letter to Messrs. Williams & Norgate;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Feb. 17, 1862

Letter to "My Lord Duke";

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

March 19, 1862

Letter to Mr. Longman;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

May 5, 1862

7x4½

Letter to [Sir Austen Henry] Layard;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 4p. Relates his efforts to help Layard's brother obtain an appointment. Mentions Sir George Grey.

**Other Descriptive Information**

## Correspondence

See: (Owen papers.)

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**                      May 19, 1862  
Disraeli's speech on economy.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**                      May 21, 1862                      7x4-1/2  
Letter to "My dear Friend";

A.L.S. 5p. Has read his interesting lecture on the cuckoo. Owen just gave a lecture on the bowerbird of Australia. Owen expresses his appreciation for giving him the information that "led to so welcome a change as that from Kew to this sweet spot."

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**                      June 4, 1862                      7" x 4 1/2"  
Letter to ----;

British Museum, A.L.S. 3p. Discovery and comments on pair of stag's antlers.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**                      Nov. 7, 1862                      7x4-1/2  
Letter to ----;

A.L.S. 4p. Lists speaking engagements and discusses where he is to be. Then, perhaps they can get together and talk.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Richard Owen Papers.)

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**                      Nov. 10, 1862                      7" x 4 1/2"  
Letter to Mr. O'Callaghan;

British Museum, A.L.S. 2p. Requests information on a certain institution. Acquired with the author's On the extent...of a national museum of natural history (507.42: Ow20.2).

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**                      Jan. 26, 1863                      7¼x4½  
Letter to [Sir Austen Henry] Layard;

British Museum, A.L.S. 4p., end. Has received a letter from Layard's brother, which "foreshows all the usefulness which his comparatively independent position will enable him to manifest towards Natural History, both there [Cape Town] & here".

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Owen papers.)

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## Correspondence

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**  
Letter to G[eorg] Forchhammer

June 26, 1863

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Nov. 23, 1863

7x4½

Letter to "My dear Sir";

A.L.S. 1p. Suggests to his correspondent that "it would be instructive to add a Cut of the structure of the serpent's skull..."

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Sir Richard Owen papers.)

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Dec. 8, 1863

10-1/2x8

Letter to Meyer;

London, A.L.S. 1p.and end. (see Sir R.Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 5.) Thanks for the publication. Formerly B Ow2.2

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

March 9, 1864

Letter to ----.

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

April 29, 1864

6x4

Letter to [Charles Buxton];

A.L.S. 2p. (see Sir R.Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 6.) Accepts invitation. Formerly B Ow2.2

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

July 4, 1864

7x4-1/2

Letter to William White Cooper;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 28.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

September 8, 1864

7-1/4x4-3/4

Letter to "My dear Sir";

A.L.S. 3p. Concerning the horns of various animals including cattle, goats and deer.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Sir Richard Owen papers.)

## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Sept. 30, 1864	
Letter to "My dear Conybeare";		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Nov. 15, 1864	7x4-1/2
Letter to "Dear Sir";		
A.L.S. 1p. (see Sir R. Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 7.) Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.2		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Feb. 3, 1865	
Letter to Mr. Breswell;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	March 8, 1865	7-1/4x4-1/2
Letter to [William] Sharpey;		
A.L.S. 2p. (see Owen papers.) Thinks he has been misrepresented in an Abstract published in the Royal Society Proceedings. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	May 23, 1865	7-1/4x4-1/2
Letter to Mrs. Denman;		
A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen papers.) Thanks for her specimens of natural history of Panama. Concerning Indians skinning the sea otter. Formerly B Ow2.18		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	June 22, 1865	
Letter to Mrs. Arthur Severn		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Nov. 6, 1865	4-1/2x3-1/2
Letter to Ed[ward] Wimmer;		
A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 29.) Makes a request. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Feb. 1, 1866	7x4-1/2
Letter to [Lady] Mary [Cooper];		
A.L.S. 1p. (see R.Owen Letters to various persons, no. 20.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 20, 1866	
Letter to [Sir James] Paget;		





## Correspondence

Letter to Beresford Hope;

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Dec. 13, 1868

7x4-1/2

Letter to [Lady] Mary [Cooper];

A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 31.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

July 2, 1869

Letter to Mr. Pollock;

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Nov. 25, 1869

7x4½

Letter to "My dear Sir";

A.L.S. 1p. "I regret, on your acct., that I am not a Fellow of the Geographical Soc....[I] am not entitled to recommend for the Fellowship."

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Owen papers.)

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

April 6, 1870

6x4

Letter to [William Fothergill] Cooke;

A.L.S. 1p. (see Sir R.Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 9.) Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.2

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

May 17, 1870

Letter to Mr. Cooke;

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Sept. 2, 1870

Letter to [J. T. Simon];

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Feb. 11, 1871

7x4½

Letter to Mr. Pennell;

A.L.S. 3p. States that "No seal has two skins; but some have two kinds of hair growing from the same skin". Describes the difference between "hair seals" and "fur seals".

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Owen papers.)

**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Feb. 25, 1871

## Correspondence

Letter to Prof. Turner;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

May 11, 1871

7x4 1/2

Letter to "My Dear Frank";

British Museum, A.L.S. 1p. Asks a favor.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Sept. 4, 1871

Letter to R[ichard] H[engist] Horne;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Oct. 7, 1871

7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to [Ashley] La Touche;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 3p.and end. (see Richard Owen papers.) Comments on powers of observation in people and wants a bone from the "sea-serpent." Formerly B Ow2.9

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Oct. 21, 1871

6x3-1/2

Letter to [William] Longman;

A.L.S. 1p. (see Sir R. Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 10.) Friendly letter. Refers to Frazer. Formerly B Ow2.2

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

[1871]

The fate of the Jardin d'Acclimatation during the late Sieges of Paris.;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

March 12, 1872

6x4

Letter to [Lady] Mary [Cooper];

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 3p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 32.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

April 12, 1872

7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to G[eorge] R[obert] Gray;

A.L.S. 1p. Asks for his genera, "included by Alph. Milne Edwards in his families" for four animals. Previously cataloged as "B Ow2.21"

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Sir Richard Owen papers.)

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## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	July 20, 1873	
Letter to Gwyn Jeffreys;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 12, July 15, 1873	9-1/2x7-1/2
Note to Miss Poyser;		
A.N.S. 1p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 9.) Acknowledgment of her help in his lectures. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Dec. 18, 1873	7 x 4 1/2
Letter to [James] Paget;		
London, ALS 4p. Discusses plans to move to warmer climate, comments on Paget's illness, gives regards to Lady Paget. Has sent copy of "Hospi Reports" to Langtham.		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	June 11, 1874	7-1/2x4-1/2
Letter to "My dear Sir";		
A.L.S. 2p. (see Sir R. Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 11.) Concerning fossils. Formerly B Ow2.2		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Oct. 8, 1874	7x4-1/2
Letter to Mrs. [Samuel Pickworth?] Woodward;		
A.L.S. 1p. (see Sir R. Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 12.) Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.2		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Nov. 11, 1874	
Letter to Mr. Collingwood;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	May 13, 1875	
Letter to Mrs. Rogers;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	July 5, 1875	
Letter to Mr. Allingham;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	July 31, 1875	7 1/4 x 4 1/2
Letter to W[illiam Henry] Flower;		

## Correspondence

British Museum, ALS 2p. Omitted to send to British Museum originals of fossil casts; asks that Flower give them to bearer of letter.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** April 10, 1876

Letter to Messrs. Williams & Norgate;

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Letter in Italian to unknown. Jan. 29, 1877

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Feb. 14, 1877

Letter to R[ichard] H[engist] Horne;

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**Paget, James, Sir, 1814-1899** Feb. 19, 1877

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** May 16, 1877 7x4-1/2

Letter to [Edward William?] Cooke;

A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 33.) Friendly letter. Refers to the Geological society. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 9, 1877 7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to "My dear Ellen;"

A.L.S. 3p. Tells her that Sussex is good for her and he will come as soon as he can leave London.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Sir Richard Owen papers.)

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 14, 1877 7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to [President of the British Museum?];

A.L.S. 2p. (see Sir Richard Owen Papers.) Delighted with his steps for recovering natural history specimens which were shipped out of the country. Formerly B Ow2.6

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** July 6, 1877 7 1/4" x 4

Letter to [Peter Martin] Duncan; 1/2"

A.L.S. 3p. Claims of the National museum of natural history to certain collections of natural history. Formerly B Ow2.3

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## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Nov. 2, 1877	
Letter to Mr. Grev. Pennell;		
<b>Holding, Robert E.</b>	Nov. 26, 1877	
Letter to Prof. Rich[ard] Owen;		
<b>Mivart, St. George Jackson, 1827-1900</b>	Dec. 7, 1877	
Letter to Prof. Owen;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	May 25, 1878	
Letter to "My dear Cooke";		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	June 1, 1878	7x4-1/2
Letter to "My dear Neighbour";		
A.L.S. 2p.,end. (see Sir R.Owen. papers. Letters to various persons, no. 13.) Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.2		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Aug. 30, 1878	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
A.L.S. 4p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 34.) Friendly letter. Concerning natural history and extinct birds. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Müller, F. Max -- (Friedrich Max), -- 1823-1900. -- Science of language.</b>	Oct. 14, 1878	
Letter to Prof. Owen;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Dec. 25, 1878	6x4
Letter to William White Cooper;		
Richmond park, A.L.S. 3p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 35.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Jan. 1, 1879	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
Richmond Park, A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 36.) Friendly letter. Refers to the Geological society. Originally B Ow2.1		

## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Jan. 2, 1879	6x4
Letter to [Henri] Milne-Edwards;		
A.L.S. 2p.,end. (see Owen papers.) Thanks for, and praises, his work on "Physiologie". Formerly B Ow2.8		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 16, 1879	7x4-1/2
Letter to [Lady] Mary [Cooper];		
A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 37.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	May 14, 1879	
Letter to "My dear Cooke";		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Jan. 16, 1880	7x4-1/2
Letter to ----;		
A.L.S. 3p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 38.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 14, 1880	7x4-1/2
Letter to [Henri] Milne-Edwards;		
A.L.S. 4p.,end. (see Owen papers.) Concerning the archeopteryx. Friendly letter. Formerly B Ow2.8		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	May 15, 1880	6x4
Letter to [Lady] Mary [Cooper];		
Richmond Park, A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 39.) Cannot meet her as she wishes. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	May 19, 1880	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 40.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	June 6, 1880	
Letter to H. Charlton Bastian;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	July 7, 1880	7x4-1/2
Letter to [Henri] Milne-Edwards;		

## Correspondence

A.L.S. 3p.,end. (see Owen papers.) Regrets he could not show them through the new wing of the British museum. Believes his work very valuable, and praises it highly. Formerly B Ow2.8

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**Murray, T. Douglas** Dec. 29, 1880

Letter to Prof. Owen;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 30, 1880

Letter to William Holman Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 30, 1880

Letter to "My dear Murray";

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** January 6, 1881

Letter to William Holman Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** January 27, 1881

Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Feb. 10, 1881 7x4-1/2

Letter to Sir Walter Elliot;

A.L.S. 4p. (see Owen papers.) Will try to help William Grant get the position in the British Museum. Formerly B Ow2.17

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** February 11, 1881

Letter to [John] Greville Fennell;

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**Judd, John W., (John Wesley), 1840-1916** March 3, 1881

Letter to [Richard] Owen;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** March 28, 1881

Letter to William Holman Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** April 4, 1881

Letter to William Holman Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** April 5, 1881

## Correspondence

Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
 Hunt;

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**DuChaillu, Paul Belloni, 1838-1903** April 13, 1881

Du Chaillu, Paul B[elloni] to Marion Edith  
 Waugh Holman Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** May 14, 1881

Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
 Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 23, 1881

Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
 Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** August 3, 1881

Letter to William Holman Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Nov. 8, 1881

Letter to R[ichard] H[engist] Horne;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Jan. 11, 1882 7-1/4x4-1/2

Letter to Mrs. Hale;

A.L.S. 2p. Works mostly at the Natural History Museum. Thinks St. George Mivart may wish a  
 Cuvier letter and Sketch.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Sir Richard Owen Papers.)

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Feb. 25, 1882 7x4½

Letter to "Dear Sir";

A.L.S. 1p. Work prevents Owen from visiting his correspondent's "grand & varied & instructive  
 Country." Refers to the British Museum and its national collections of natural history.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Owen papers.)

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## Correspondence

<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 6, 1882	6x4
Letter to William White Cooper;		
Richmond Park, A.L.S. 4p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 42.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	April 20, 1882	3x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
A.L.S. on postcard. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons no. 58.) Thanks for catalogue. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	May 25, 1882	
Letter to R[ichard] H[engist] Horne;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	July 8, 1882	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
Richmond Park, A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 43.) Concerning birds. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	July 20, 1882	7x4-1/2
Letter to "My dear Friend" [William White Cooper?];		
Richmond Park, A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 44.) Friendly letter. Concerning birds. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Sept. 2, 1882	
Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman Hunt;		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Oct. 25, 1882	6x4
Letter to "Dear Emily";		
Richmond Park, A.L.S. 3p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 45.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Jan. 6, 1883	6x4

## Correspondence

Letter to [Lady] Mary [Cooper];

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 3p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 46.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** July 10, 1883

Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** July 14, 1883

Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** August 11, 1883

Letter to R[ichard] H[engist] Horne;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 29, 1883

Letter to "My dear Friend" [Cooper];

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Feb. 19, 1884 6x4

Letter to "Rev. & dear Sir";

A.L.S. 1p.and photograph. (see Sir.R. Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 14.) Friendly  
letter. Formerly B Ow2.2

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** March 16, 1884 7x4-1/2

Letter to William White Cooper;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 47.) Friendly letter. Refers  
to the Geological society. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 14, 1884 6x4

Letter to William White Cooper;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 2p. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 48.) Concerning bird  
skeletons. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** July 19, 1884 6-1/2x4-1/2

## Correspondence

Letter to "My dear Friend" [William White  
Cooper?];

A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 49.) Thanks for the gift. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** July 21, 1884  
Letter to "My dear Mary";

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 1, 1884 6x4  
Letter to [Lady] Mary [Cooper];

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 3p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 50.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 6, 1884  
Letter to William Holman Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Feb. 2, 1885 6x4  
Letter to William White Cooper;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 4p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 51.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Feb. 26, 1885  
Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 20, 1885  
Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Oct. 16, 1886 6x4  
Letter to H[enry] Cholmondely-Pennell;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to Various persons, no. 52.) Congratulates him on  
his book of English fishes. Originally B Ow2.1

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Letter to "My dear Robinson"; Nov. 3, 1886

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Nov. 19, 1886

## Correspondence

Letter to H[enry] Cholmondely-Pennell;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** April 2, 1887 7x4-1/2

Letter to "My very dear Friend" [William White Cooper?];

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 53.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 4, 1887 7x4-1/2

Letter to Woodhouse Braine;

A.L.S. 1p. Cannot be Steward at the annual dinner of the Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See: (Sir Richard Owen Papers.)

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**Marr, J. E. (John Edward), 1857-1933** Dec. 1, 1887

Letter to Richard Owen;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 26, 1887 8x5

Letter to Lady [Mary] Cooper;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 54.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** January 19, 1888

Letter to the Master and Wardens of the Salters Company;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Dec. 1, 1888 6x4

Letter to Richard Owen;

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 4p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 55.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** April 12, 1889 7x4-1/2

Letter to Lady [Mary] Cooper;

## Correspondence

Richmond Park, A.L.S. 2p.and add. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 56.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** June 24, 1889

Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
Hunt;

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** undated

Letter to ----.

A.L.S. 3p. January 20[?].

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** undated

Letter to Sir John Lubbock;

A.L.S. 1p. March 6.

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**Clark, James, Sir, 1788-1870** Undated 7 1/4 x 4 3/4

Letter to Richard Owen;

Monday, n.y. A.L. 1p. Arranges time and place for Owen to give lecture. 20th April.

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**Hawkins, Caesar H.** undated

Letter to Richard Owen;

A.L.S. 1p. April 29.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** undated

Letter to Marion Edith Waugh Holman  
Hunt;

A.L.S. 2p. April 29.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** undated

Letter to ----.

A.L.S. 2p. June 2.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Undated 7x4-1/2

Letter to Mrs. E[lizabeth] Evans;

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Richmond Park, A.L.S. 3p. July 1. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 60.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Jones, Bence, 1814-1873** undated

Letter to Prof. Owen;

A.L.S. 2p. July 8.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** undated

Letter to William Fothergill Cooke;

A.L.S. 1p. July 14.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Undated 7x4-1/2

Letter to Mr. Bather;

A.L.S. 1p. July 20. Pasted on back in printed advertisement of Owen's works. (see Sir R.Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 16.) Friendly letter. Refers to the Zoological society and the ant-eater. Formerly B Ow2.2

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** undated

Letter to Mr. Ward;

A.L.S. 1p. July 29.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** Undated 6x4

Letter to Lady [Mary] Cooper;

A.L.S. 1p. August 14. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 61.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892** undated

Letter to "My dear Cooke";

A.L.S. 1p. September 5.

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**Chadwick, Edwin, 1800-1890** undated

Letter to Richard Owen;

A.L.S. 1p. November 1. Note "47 w m".

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## Correspondence

<b>Sedgwick, Adam, 1785-1873</b>	undated	
Letter to Richard Owen;		
A.L.S. 2p. November 10.		
<b>Brodie, Benjamin, Sir, 1783-1862</b>	undated	
Letter to Richard Owen;		
A.L.S. 1p. December 10. Note "58 w m".		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Undated	2x4-1/2
Autograph.		
A.D.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 70.) Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Undated	9x7-1/2
Letter to Edward Parker Charlesworth;		
Saturday. A.L.S. 1p. (see Sir. R. Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 21.) Concerning mollusks. Formerly B Ow2.2		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Undated	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
A.L.S. 1p.and add. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 67.) Introduces F. Dalton. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Undated	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
Sunday morning. A.L.S. 1p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 62.) Friendly letter. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Undated	7x4-1/2
Letter to William White Cooper;		
Sunday Evening. A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 63.) Recommends a patient. Originally B Ow2.1		
<b>Owen, Richard, 1804-1892</b>	Undated	7-1/2x4-1/2

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Letter to William White Cooper;

Wednesday. A.L.S. 1p.and end. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 64.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Undated

7x4-1/2

Letter to William White Cooper;

Friday. A.L.S. 1p.and add. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 65.) Friendly letter.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Undated

7x4-1/2

Letter to [Lady] Mary [Cooper];

Saturday morning. A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to Various persons, no. 66.) Invitation to dinner.  
Originally B Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

undated

Letter to "My dear Cooper";

A.L.S. 1p. Saturday.

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Undated

7x4-1/2

Letter to [Henry?] Curling;

A.L.S. 2p. (see R. Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 68.) Illness of Robert Clift. Originally B  
Ow2.1

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Undated

6x4

Letter to [Hepworth?] Dixon;

A.L.S. 2p.and end. (see Sir. R.Owen papers. Letters to various persons, no. 22.) Friendly letter.  
Formerly B Ow2.2

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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Undated

7x4-1/2

Letter to Eliza;

Friday. A.L.S. 3p.

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**Sedgwick, Adam, 1785-1873**

Undated





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**Owen, Richard, 1804-1892**

Undated

10x8

Memoir on the Dinornis, portion of  
manuscript;

addressed to Dr. Fraser. A.D.S. 1p. With this is an autograph of Owen, dated Nov.1,1865. Formerly  
B Ow2.4

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**Zoological Society of London**

Undated

3x4-1/2

Passes to the gardens of the Zoological  
Society of London.

by order of R[ichard] Owen. D.S. 7 items. (see R.Owen. Letters to various persons, no. 69.)  
Originally B Ow2.1

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