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Letters from various correspondents to Sir Roderick Impey Murchison F.R.S., with a few to Lady Murchison. The subject-matter is personal rather than scientific, although several letters relate to the business of scientific institutions, including the Royal Geographical Society. A few correspondents were Fellows of the Royal Society, notably Charles Darwin. Generally, however, the writers are of aristocratic or literary backgrounds, often fellow-members of the Athenaeum Club. Persons represented are John Gibson Lockhart (1794-1854), Sarah Austin (1793-1867), Sydney Morgan (1783?-1859) and Caroline Norton (1808-1877). 1815-17 and n.d., 149 items.

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1. Jos. Muter, Brussels, 27 July 1815, 2p.Ms.
2. William Harry Vane, 3rd Earl of Darlington, Raby Castle, 20 September 1819, to 'any Keeper or Person appointed by me to preserve & watch my Game', 1p.Ms. [bearer's letter allowing Murchison shooting rights on Darlington's estates.]
3. Game Duty Certificate D: for the year 1820. Certificate signed by Thomas Bowes, Clerk to the Commissioners, Office of Taxes for Darlington Ward, County Durham, as a receipt for Game Duty paid by Roderick Impey Murchison, 3 August 1820. 2p. printed and Ms.
4. William Harry Vane, Marquis of Cleveland and 3rd Earl of Darlington, n.d. [endorsed '1830'], 3p. Ms.
5. Hudson Gurney, Keswick nr. Norwich, 16 November 1831, 2p.Ms.
6. Spencer Joshua Alwyne Compton, 2nd Marquis of Northampton, St. James's Hotel, 7 June 1832, 1p.Ms.
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8. Charles William Wentworth Fitzwilliam, Viscount Milton [later 5th Earl Fitzwilliam], Milton, 28 December 1832, 2p.Ms.
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11. William Harry Vane, 1st Duke of Cleveland and 3rd Earl of Darlington, Newton House [?], 21 January n.y. [w.m. 1832, c.1833], 4p.Ms.
12. Henry Vane, Earl of Darlington [later 5th Duke of Cleveland], no place, n.d. [w.m. 1829, endorsed 'January 1833'], 1p.Ms.
13. Francis Legatt Chantrey, no place, 14 February 1833, 1p.Ms.
14. Henry Philpotts, Bishop of Exeter, 9 Mansfield Street, 17 May n.y. [w.m. 1832, endorsed '1833'], 2p.Ms.
15. E.B. [Elijah Barwell?] Impey, Clapham Common, 9 June 1833, 3p.Ms.
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19. James Parke [later Baron Wensleydale], n.d. [February 1834], 1p.Ms. With a programme of a dinner at the Athenaeum Club, 14 February 1834, in the hand of R.I. Murchison, 2p.Ms.
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22. J.G.L. [John Gibson Lockhart], no place, n.d. [endorsed '1837'], 1p.Ms.
23. J.G.L. [John Gibson Lockhart], S.P. [Sussex Place], n.d. [endorsed 'about 1839?'], 1p.Ms.
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46. 'The question is settled...'. Note in the hand of R.I. Murchison, quoting 'Lonsdale to me when his articulation failed him, Bath Octr.25.1853'. [presumably William Lonsdale (1794-1871) F.G.S.], 1p.Ms. and endorsement.
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- 1869, 1p.Ms.
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