

Extracts from letters on John James Audubon, [n.d.]
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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
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Abstract	This volume contains extracts, chiefly in an unknown hand (probably Charles Waterton), from Ord's letters, 1831-1835, criticizing Audubon as a man and as a naturalist. Ord wrote the last part of the volume (signed and dated June 29, 1838), and there are manuscript comments by Charles Waterton.

Background note

George Ord was a naturalist and philologist.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Acquisition Information

Gift from Yvonne Wateron and accessioned, 04/--/1962 (1962 528ms).

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Manuscript Essays
- Scientific Correspondence

Occupation(s)

- Naturalists.
- Ornithologists.

Personal Name(s)

- Audubon, John James, 1785-1851
- Waterton , Charles, 1782-1865

Subject(s)

- Natural History

- Science and Technology

Other Descriptive Information

The repository holds some of the original letters from Ord to Waterton that are copied in this volume. See PAAV87-A212.

Other Descriptive Information

This single volume serves as George Ord's indictment of Audubon's work. The volume contains twenty-two letters likely written by Ord between 1831 and 1838 that highlight deficiencies and mistakes in Audubon's work. There is also a manuscript copy of a review of Audubon's work that details Audubon's history in Philadelphia and the origins of the rivalry between Ord and Audubon.

This volume compliments the correspondence contained in the George Ord Collection. The other collection contains letters Ord wrote to Charles Waterton that touch on a range of subjects, although Ord's rivalry with Audubon is prominent in that collection as well.