

**Reference code:** GB165-0087

**Title:** Jane Digby Collection

**Name of creator:** Mezrab, Jane Elizabeth Digby El (1807-1881) formerly Lady Ellenborough

**Dates of creation of material:** 1861-1870

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 reel

**Biographical history:** Mezrab, Jane Elizabeth Digby El (1807-1881) formerly Lady Ellenborough

Born 1807, daughter of Rear-Admiral Henry Digby. Married 1st, 15 Sept. 1824, Edward Law, 2nd Baron Ellenborough - 1 son (d.1830). Divorced by Act of Parliament, 1830, following her adultery with Prince Schwarzenburg in 1828. Travelled in Europe and the Middle East. Married, 2nd, Sheikh Mijwal el Mezrab and settled in Damascus. Died 1881.

**Scope and content:** Microfilm of Jane Digby's housebook and accounts, Damascus, 1861-1870.

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

**Physical Condition:** A microfilm reader is necessary to view this reel

**Conditions governing reproduction:** No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received from Prof. Joseph J. Malone, American University of Beirut, October 1970.

**Location of originals:** No information

**Location of copies:** John Brinton, Beirut.

**Related Units of Description:** Letters, poetry & sketchbooks in the possession of Lord Digby.

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Publication note:** For biographies of Jane Digby see:

- Schmidt, Margaret Fox, *Passion's child: the extraordinary life of Jane Digby*, Hamish Hamilton, 1977
- Lovell, Mary S., *A scandalous life: the biography of Jane Digby el Mezrab*, Richard Cohen, 1995.

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