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Had I a power, Lady, to my will,
 You should not want Hand Writings. I would fill
 your leaves with Autographs — resplendent names
 of knights and Squires of old, and courtly Ladies,
 Kings, Emperors, Popes. Next under these should stand
 The hands of famous Lawyers; a grave band,
 who in their Courts of Law or Equity
 Have best upheld Freedom and Property.
 These should moot cases in your book, and vie
 To shew their reading, and their Seryeantry.
 But I have none of these; nor can I send
 The notes by Bullen to her Great Lord
 In her authentic hand, nor in soft hours
 Lines writ by Rosamund in Clifford's towers.
 The lack of such rare Signatures I moan,
 With scarce the courage to set down my own.

Chas Lamb

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Dear m I got your welcome ~~epistolary~~ epistle & most
satisfactory last night, and ^{brought home} rumbling over the Evee hills produced
what you have read this morning. I have just time to put it
in the post & say adieu

venite cito et revisito nos -
et rescribito

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