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Letter LI, refers to one of a sequence of imaginary letters between James Hackman, a soldier who became a clergyman, & Martha Ray, who was the mistress of the earl of Sandwich. She was shot by Hackman (her lover) as she was leaving Covent Garden in 1779.
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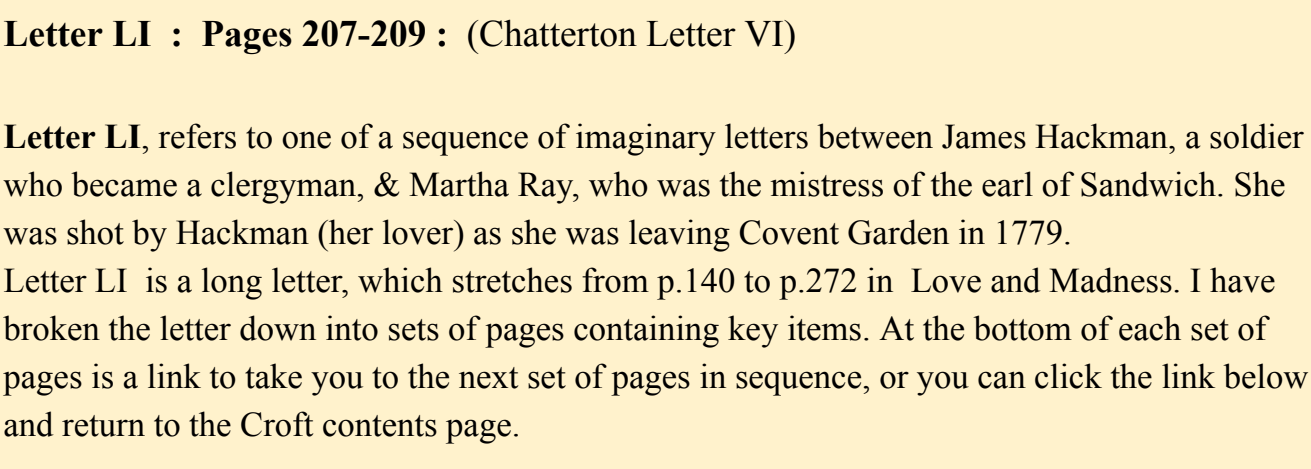
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  Chatterton's Letter to his Mother, July 8th, 1770
  'I shall forestall your intended journey, and pop down upon you at Christmas'

  Just 46 days after he wrote the above sentence, Chatterton was dead;
  What could have been if his mother had made the trip as planned?

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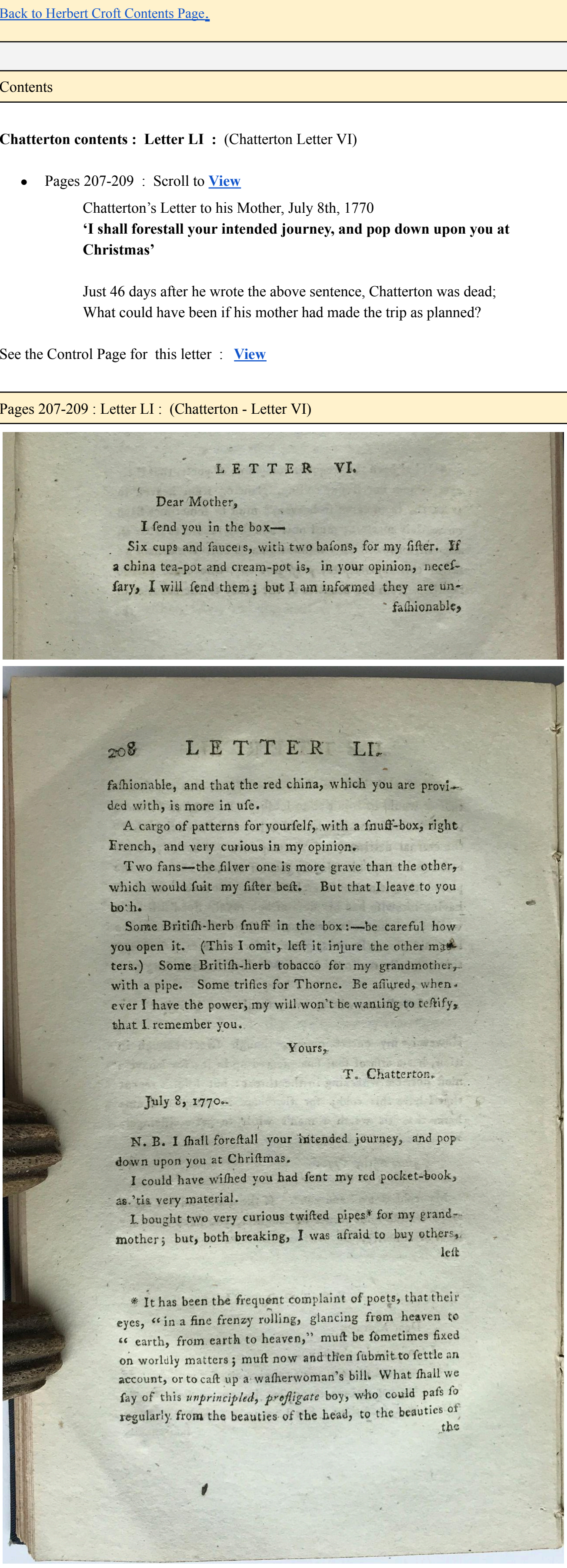


LETTER VI.

Dear Mother,

I ſend you in the box—

Six cups and ſaucers, with two baſons, for my ſiſter. If a china tea-pot and cream-pot is, in your opinion, neceſſary, I will ſend them; but I am informed they are unfaſhionable,



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faſhionable, and that the red china, which you are provided with, is more in uſe.

A cargo of patterns for yourſelf, with a ſnuff-box, right French, and very curious in my opinion.

Two fans—the ſilver one is more grave than the other, which would ſuit my ſiſter beſt. But that I leave to you both.

Some Britiſh-herb ſnuff in the box:—be careful how you open it. (This I omit, leſt it injure the other matters.) Some Britiſh-herb tobacco for my grandmother, with a pipe. Some trifles for Thorne. Be aſſured, whenever I have the power, my will won't be wanting to teſtify, that I remember you.

Yours,

T. Chatterton.

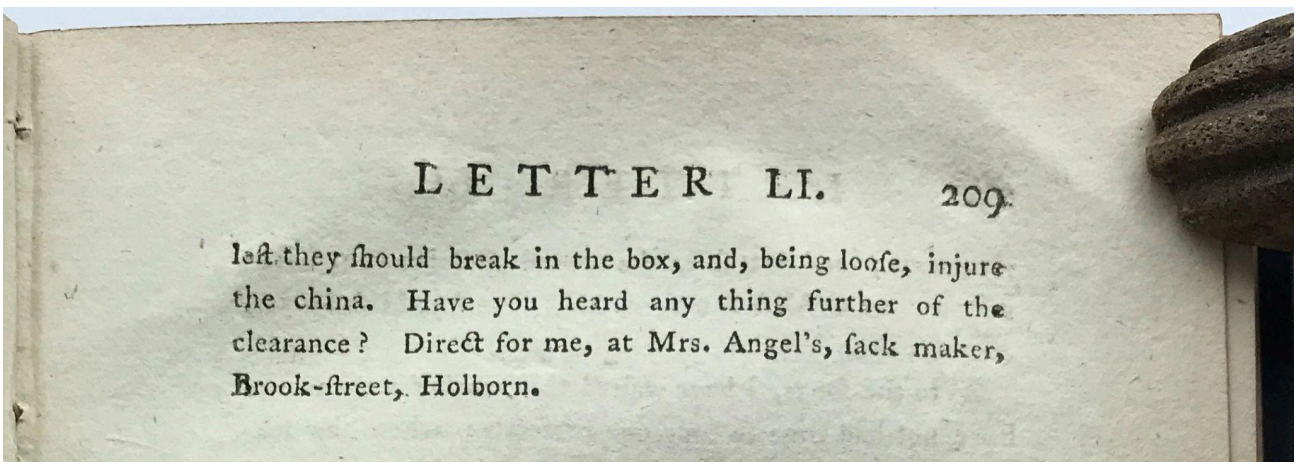
July 8, 1770.

N. B. I ſhall foreſtall your intended journey, and pop down upon you at Chriſtmas.

I could have wiſhed you had ſent my red pocket-book, as 'tis very material.

I bought two very curious twiſted pipes* for my grandmother; but, both breaking, I was afraid to buy others, leſt

* It has been the frequent complaint of poets, that their eyes, "in a fine frenzy rolling, glancing from heaven to "earth, from earth to heaven," muſt be ſometimes fixed on worldly matters; muſt now and then ſubmit to ſettle an account, or to caſt up a waſherwoman's bill. What ſhall we ſay of this *unprincipled, profligate* boy, who could paſs ſo regularly from the beauties of the head, to the beauties of the



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leſt they ſhould break in the box, and, being looſe, injure the china. Have you heard any thing further of the clearance? Direct for me, at Mrs. Angel's, ſack maker, Brook-ſtreet, Holborn.

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