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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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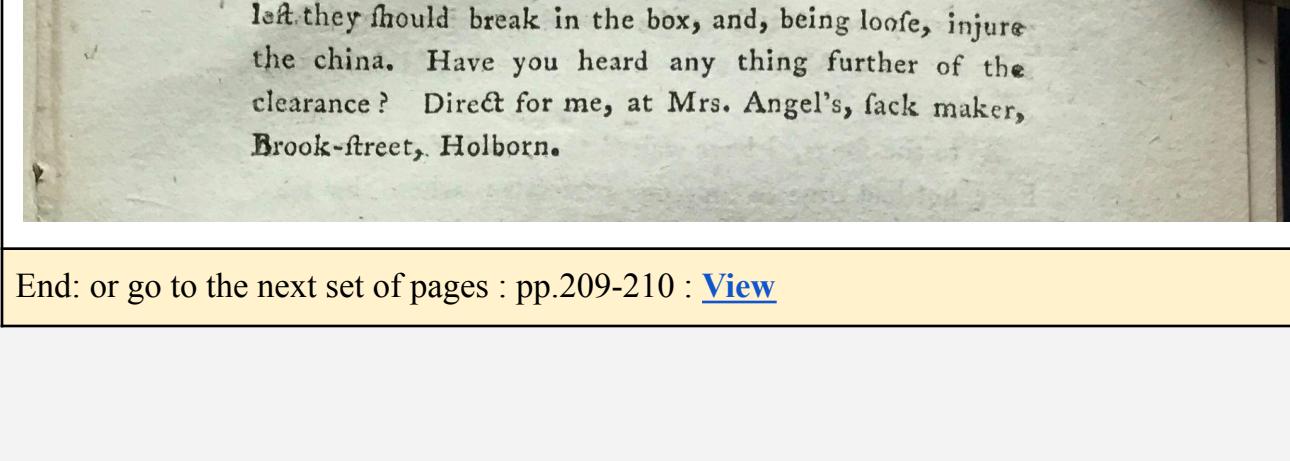
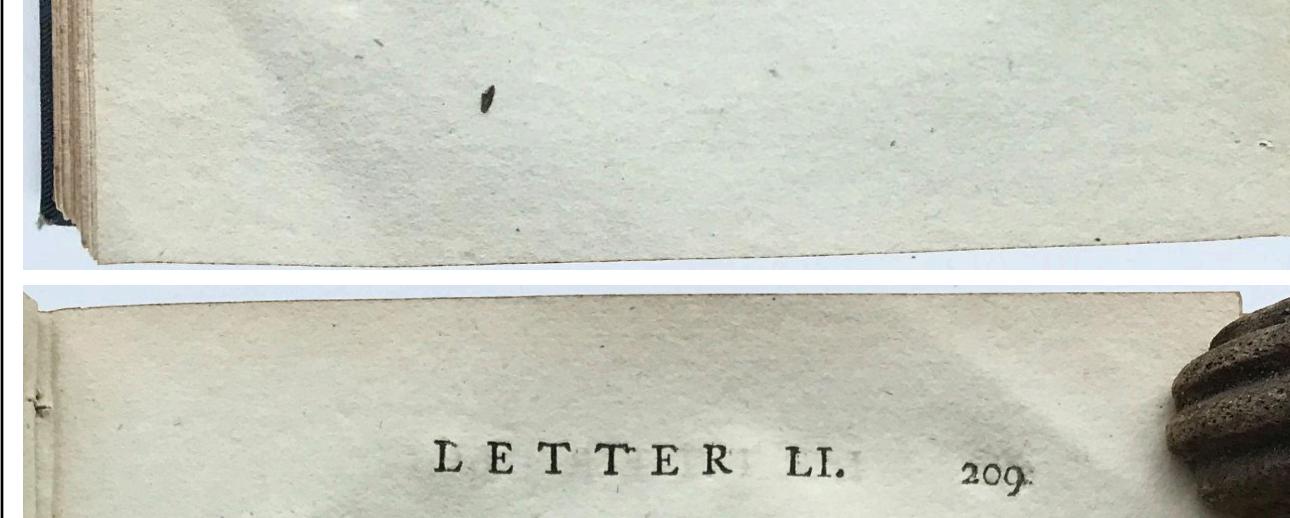
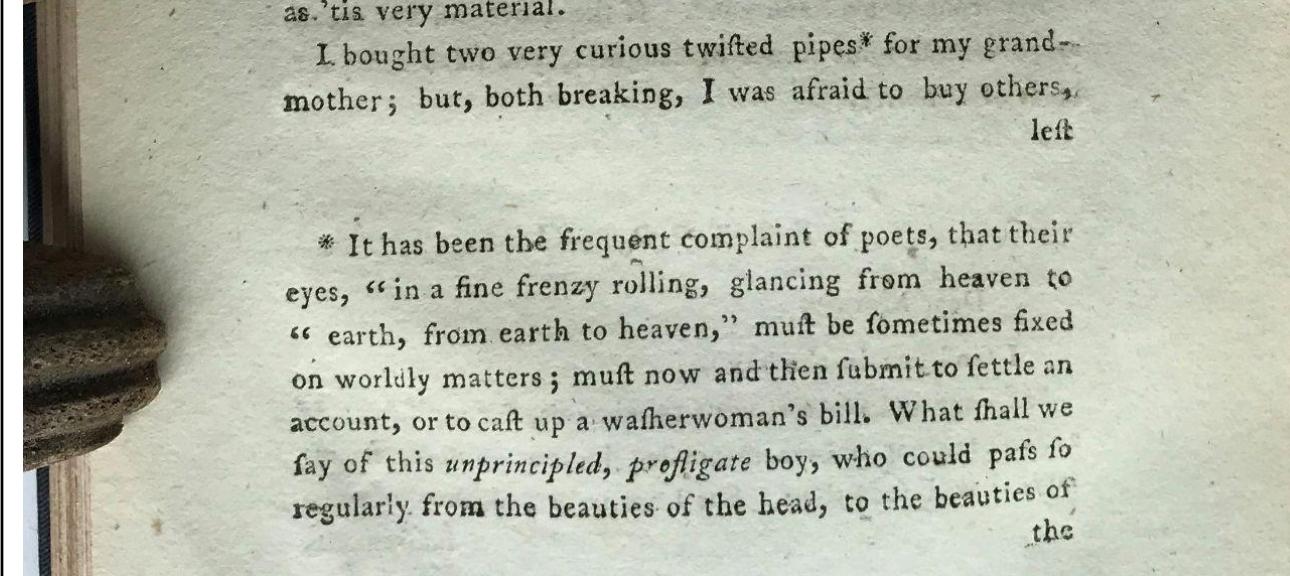
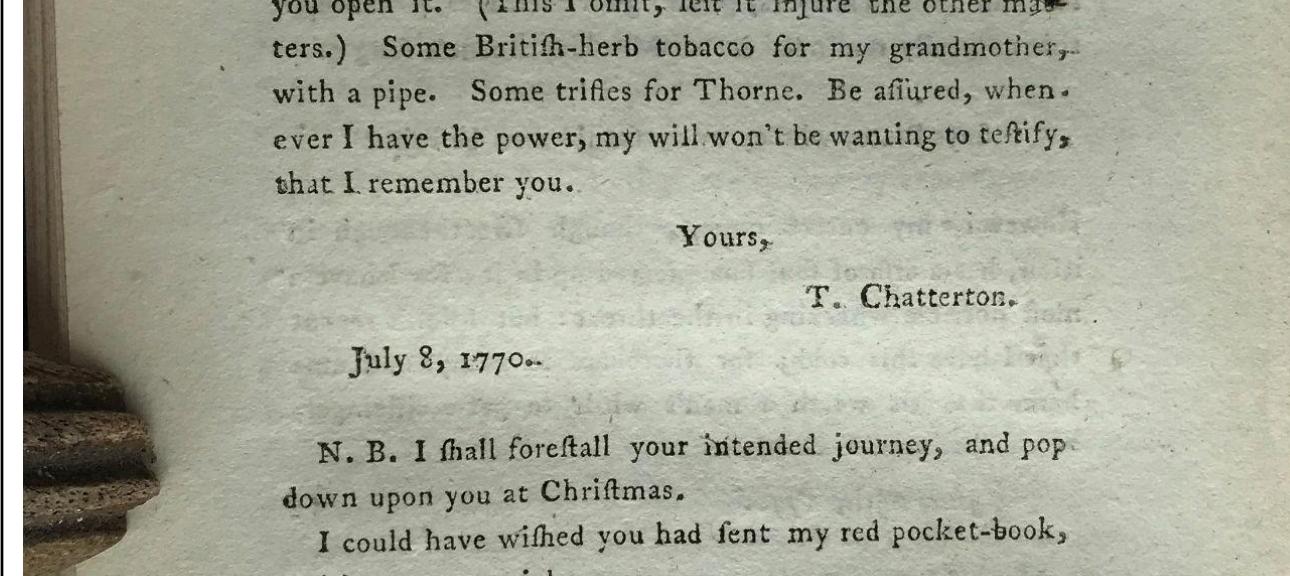
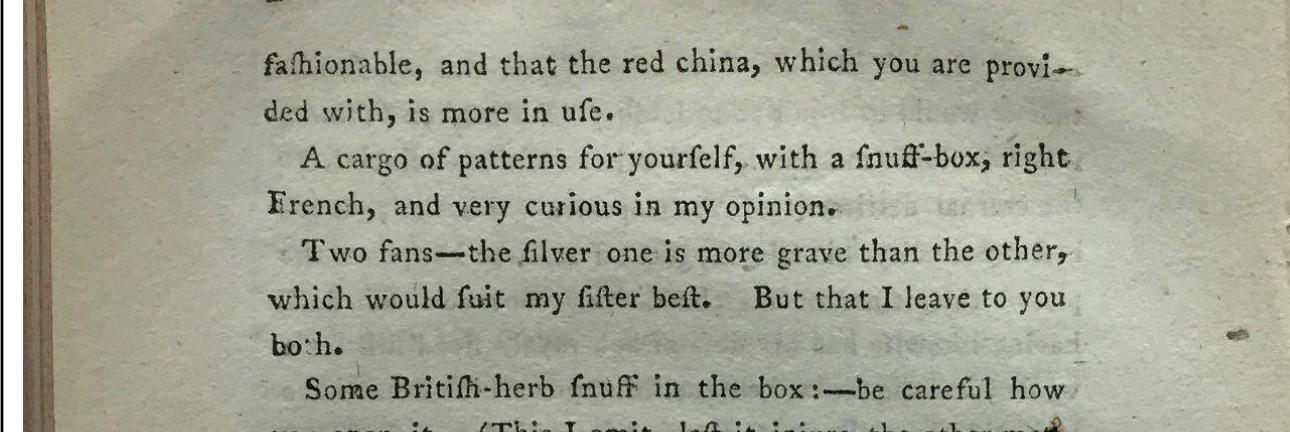
Chatterton's Letter to his Mother, July 8th, 1770

**'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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