Construing Humphry Davy

Frank James

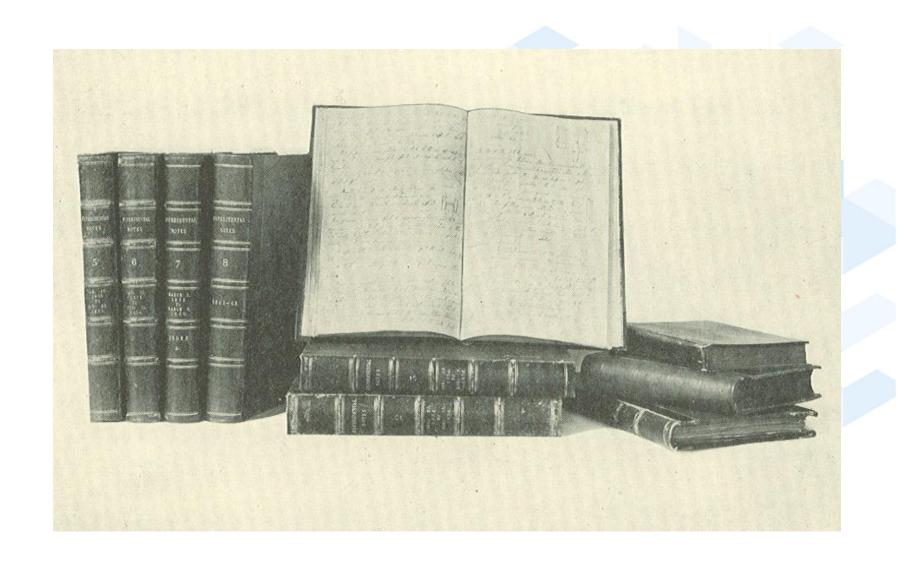












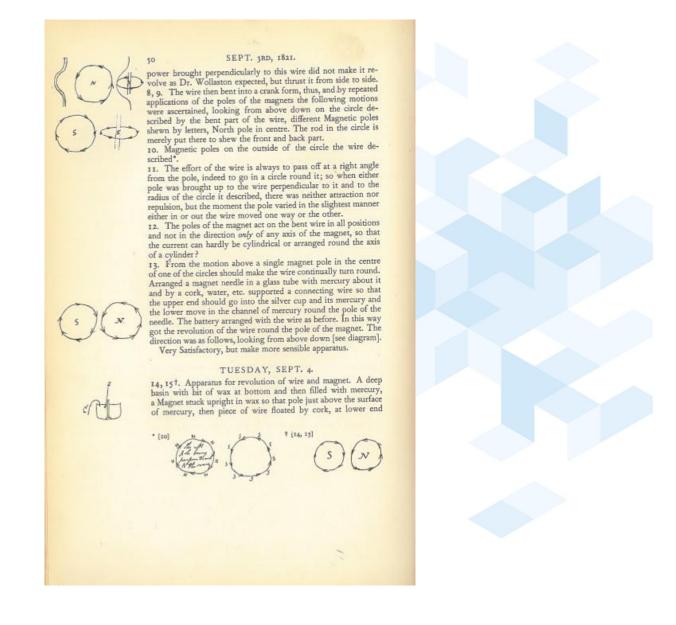






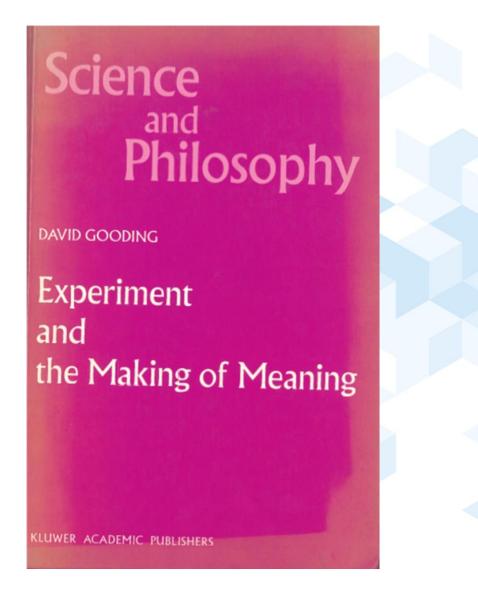






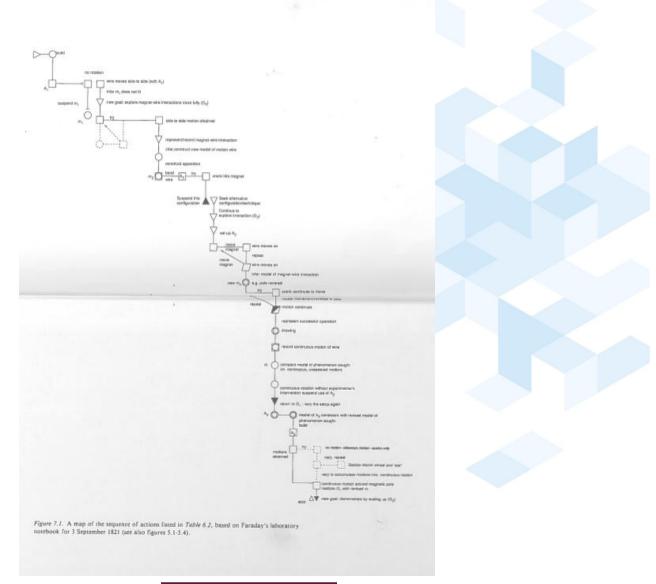






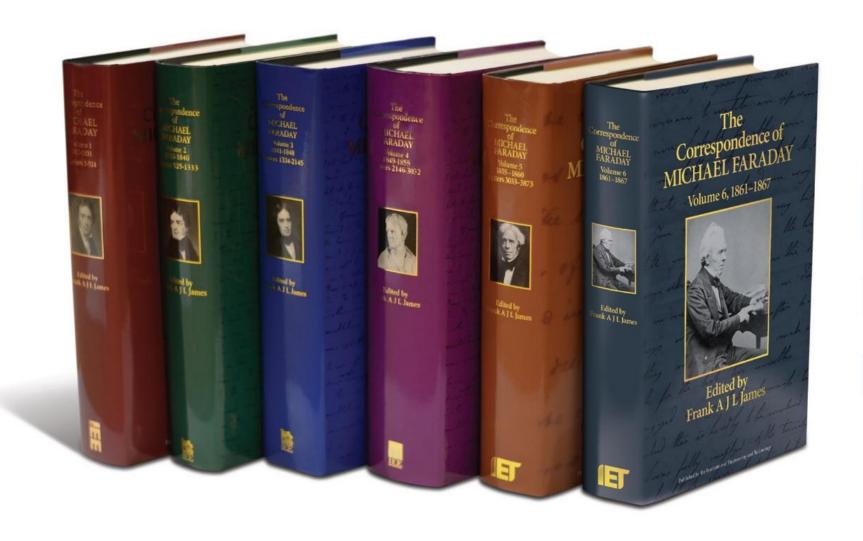












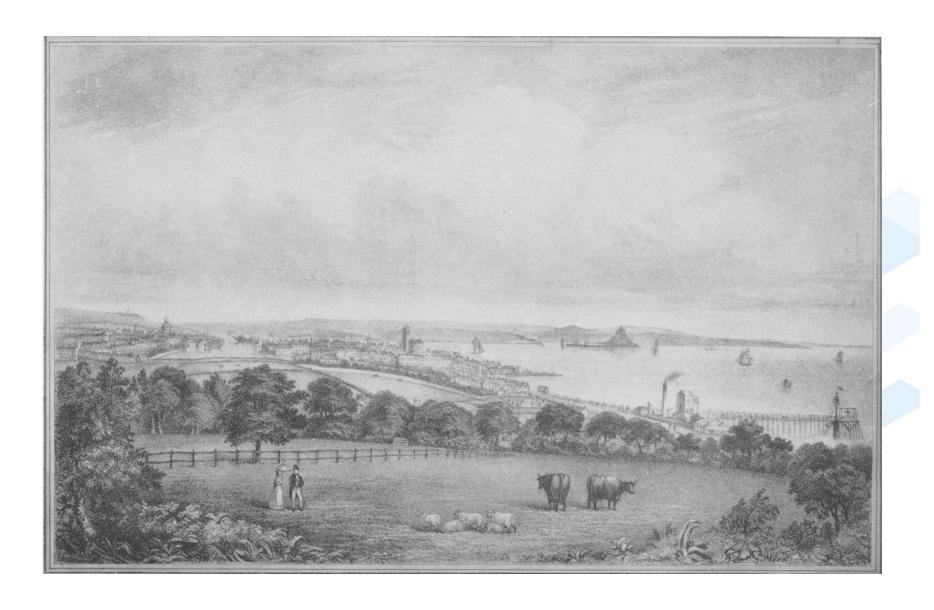
























National Chemical Landmark

Sir Humphry Davy Bt MRI PRS (1778-1829)

Apprentice apothecary to John Bingham Borlase in this building, 1795-1798. Progressed to the Medical Pneumatic Institution, Bristol, 1798 and to the Royal Institution, London, 1801.

Davy established the nature of acids, identified 9 elements and invented the miner's safety lamp.

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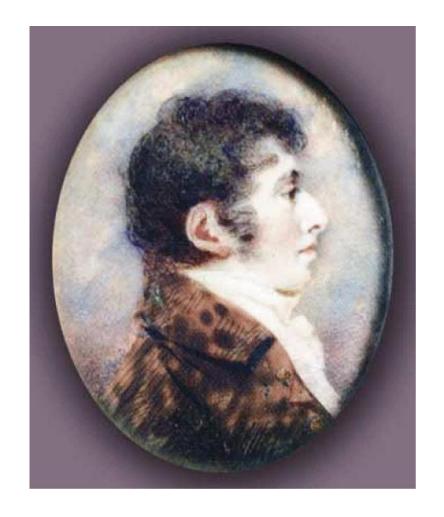
The sober eve with purple bright Sheds o'er the hills her tranquil light In many a lingering ray; The radiance trembles on the deep, Where rises rough thy rugged steep, Old Michael, from the sea.

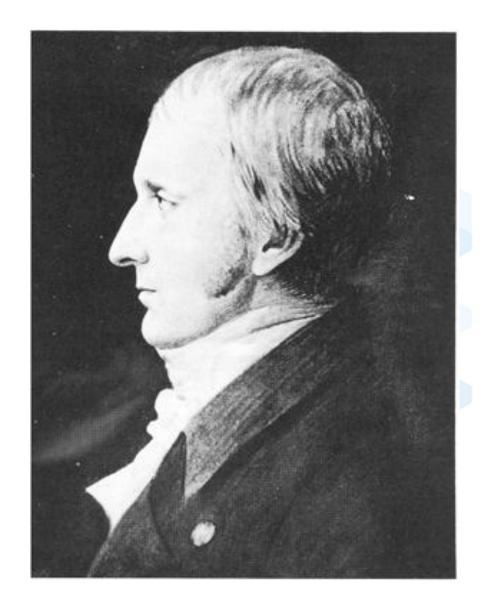
Humphry Davy, 'Ode to St Michael's Mount', 1796, RI MS HD/13/H,













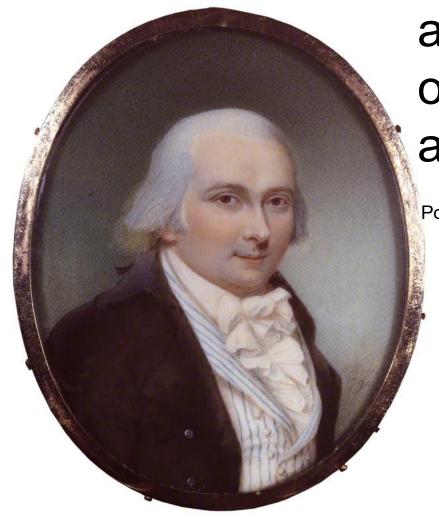








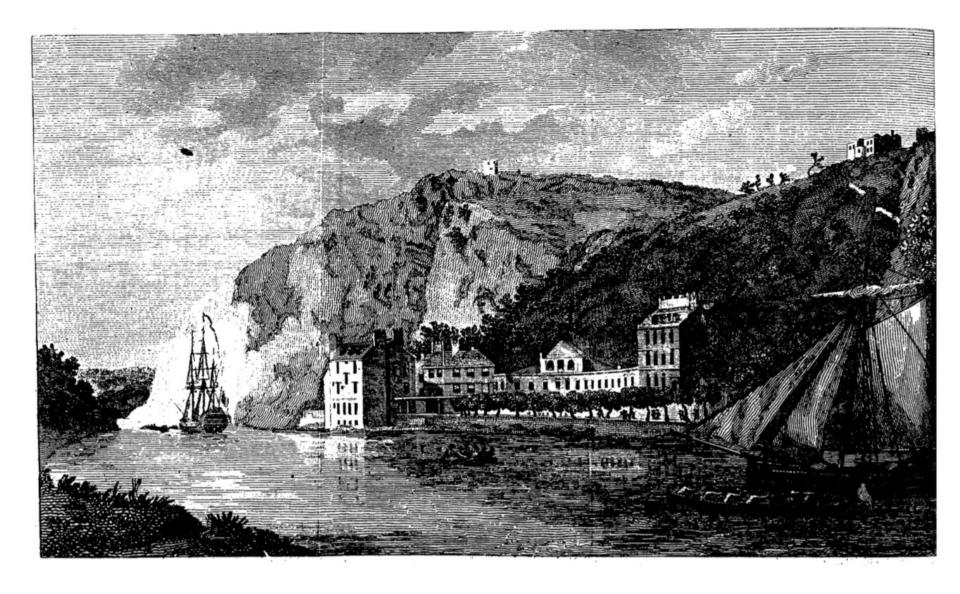




a little fat Democrat of considerable abilities

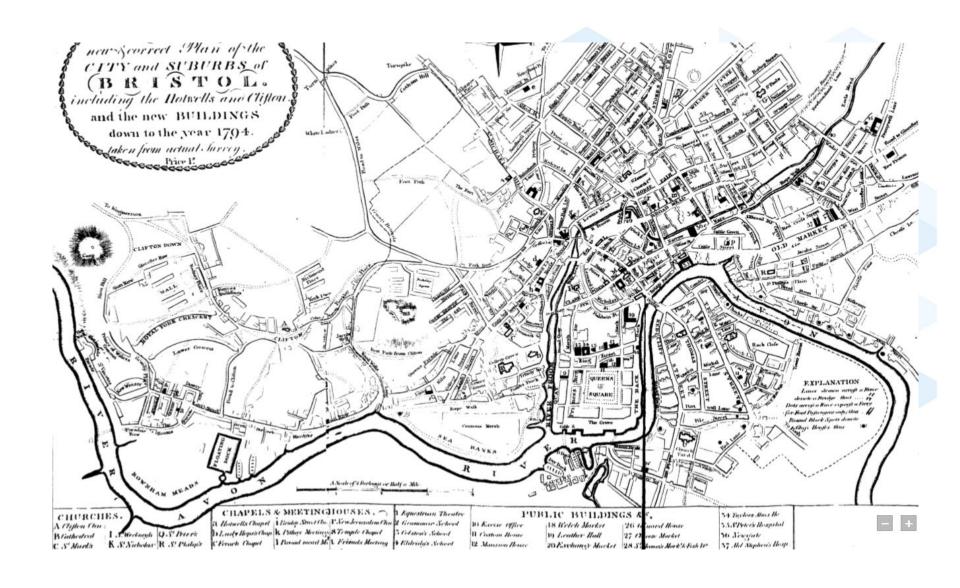
Postscript by Richard Edgeworth to Maria Edgeworth to Margaret Ruxton, 21 July 1793, NLI MS 10166/7/105

















The houses in it [Rodney Place] are the best at Clifton & I have bought the best

Thomas Beddoes to James Watt jr, October 1798, LoB MS 3219/6/2/B/72





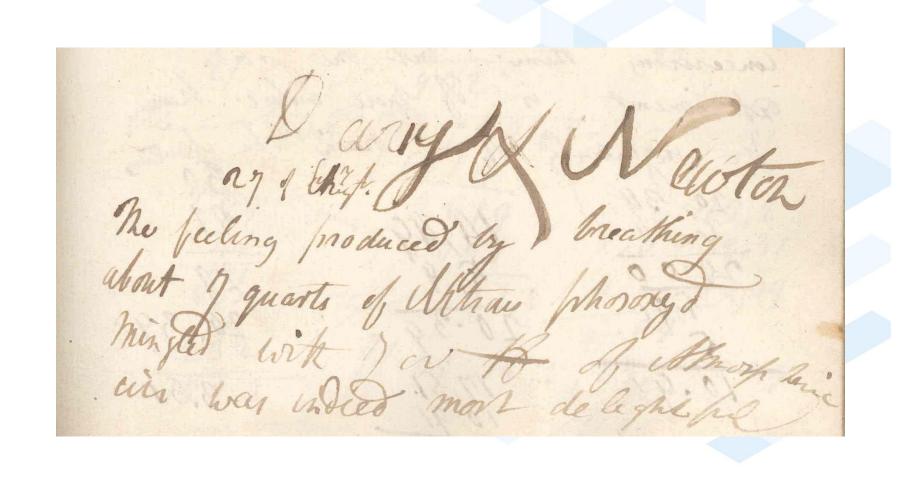






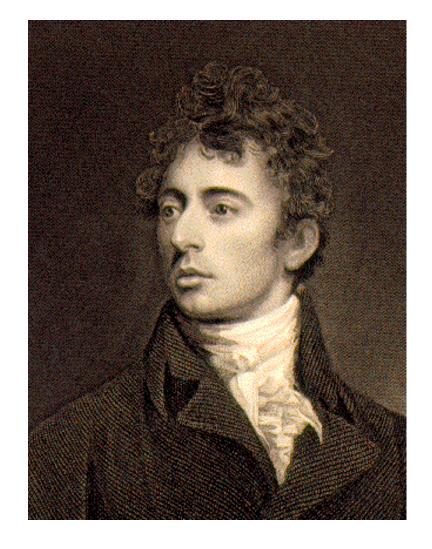














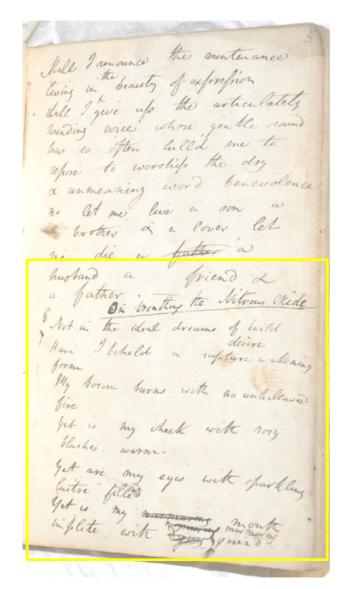


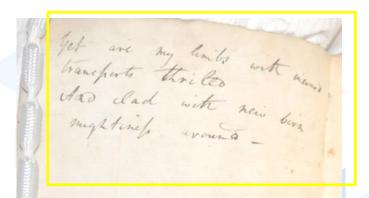












RI MS HD/13/C, pp.5-6

On breathing the Nitrous Oxide

Not in the ideal dreams of wild desire
Have I beheld a rapture wakening form
My bosom burns with no unhallowed fire
Yet is my cheek with rosy blushes warm
Yet are my eyes with sparkling lustre filled
Yet is my mouth replete with murmuring sound
Yet are my limbs with inward transports thrilld
And clad with new born mightiness around —











