



## Printed Books, Maps & Decorative Prints, Autographs, Documents, The Donald & Monique King Collection (JUN21)

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### Lot 152

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#### Edward Jenner (1749-1823). An important unpublished Autograph Letter Signed, 1802

**Edward Jenner (1749-1823).** Pioneer of smallpox vaccination and the father of immunology. An important unpublished Autograph Letter Signed, 'Edw[ar]d Jenner', Bond Street, [London], 15 April 1802, to the Yorkshire physician Dr [John Glover] Loy, about vaccination and equination, being an enthusiastic and triumphant response to a pamphlet by Dr Loy [dedicated to Jenner] proving Jenner's own early assertions about the equine origin of cowpox, '... I know of no Production on the Vaccine subject which has afforded me more satisfaction, since it was first brought before the Public, than yours. It contains the Experimentum Crucis & has effectually put a stop to the sneers of those little minded Persons who think everything impossible which does not come within the narrow sphere of their own comprehension. I regret that your confirmation of the Fact I had adduced, is not more generally known. You will be surprised to hear that this day before a Committee of the House of Commons, Dr [George] Pearson exalted at having refuted my preposterous supposition respecting the origin of the Cowpox. This circumstance alone will, I trust, induce you to send some of your pamphlets to London where they have a long time been loudly call'd for and I hope too that you will fully advertise it in the London Papers. ...', concluding the letter with indirect reference to true and spurious horsepox, 3 pages with further text written horizontally at head and foot of page 4 (inside folds of address panel), some age wear to folds, small contemporary light blue-green stain to one fold intersection in lower part of letter, with very slight acidic loss to paper but barely touching letters and with no loss of sense and away from signature, indistinct circular postmark and seal remains, address and outer panels soiled, 4to, together with a half-length oval albumen print portrait of Dr Loy as an elderly man, 1850s, 9 x 7 cm, passe-partout mount within decorative oval wooden wall frame, inscribed 'Dr Loy' in an old hand to backing paper, overall 27 x 23 cm

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