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Commonplace book of Caroline, Lady Combermere, 1815-35. Lady Combermere was the second daughter of Captain W.Fulke Greville, RN, and second wife of Stapleton Cotton, first Viscount Combermere. Combermere had fought with the Duke of Wellington during the Peninsular War and commanded the allied cavalry in Paris in 1815. Lady Combermere accompanied her husband to Paris in 1815.

Lady Combermere has signed at the front of the volume "Caroline Combermere, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1815". The commonplace book contains extracts of poetry, in English and French, and prose pieces dated and written in specific locations, such as Brighton or Tonbridge. Two small samples, of flowers and leaves respectively, as well as of a small hank of wool, have been flattened within the pages of the volume. The poetry in the volume is a mixture of original or unidentified and some from Thomas Moore. These include: 'Translation of a French couplet by Mrs Greville'; 'The Goshawk La Garenne'; 'Lines on Lady Ellenborough, June 1829, Paris': 'Farewell Bessy [from a poem by Thomas Moore]'.