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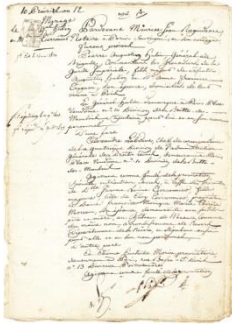
## Lion Heart Autographs Brings a Bit of Romance to Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show in Celebration of Valentine's Day

### Documents of Emperor Napoleon & Josephine; Admiral Nelson & Emma Hamilton; The King & I

#### Three Extraordinary Love Stories That Changed History

February 10-16, 2016: Palm Beach County Convention Center, Booth 820

West Palm Beach, Florida – (February 4, 2016) – Just in time for Valentine's Day, Lion Heart Autographs (New York) will offer an extraordinary group of three rare documents and manuscripts detailing the lives of some of history's most romantic couples and famous love stories to highlight its exhibition at the forthcoming Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show, February 10-16, 2016, Palm Beach County Convention Center, Booth #820.



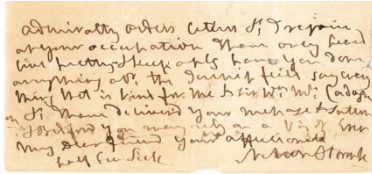
Guests visiting Lion Heart Autographs' booth can both admire *and* acquire the finest marriage contract ever signed by Napoleon and Josephine, a rare letter from English Admiral Horatio Nelson (Napoleon's naval nemesis) to his mistress Emma Hamilton and a full page manuscript written in Persian and English by the English governess to the children of King Mongkut of Siam, Anna Leonowens, better known as the "I" in the memorable Broadway musical, *The King and I*. (photo shown at left: marriage document signed by Napoleon & Josephine)

Emperor Napoleon and his consort Josephine remain one of the most intriguing and studied couples of all time. As Napoleon's first wife, Josephine lived a life filled with rumored infidelities and barren promises. Her husband's military campaigns throughout Europe and North Africa and her wandering eye soon led to the annulment of their childless marriage. Lion Heart's marriage contract, which Napoleon, Josephine and six of Napoleon's marshals signed as witnesses to the marriage between General August Hulin (1758-1841) and his bride, Marie Jeanne-Louise Tiersonnier (1782-1826), will be for sale at Palm Beach's most popular annual show.

(photo right: Viscount Horatio Nelson letter to Emma Hamilton)

The passionate love affair between Viscount Horatio Nelson (1758-1805) and Emma Hamilton (1765-1815) conducted in defiance of society's morals and prejudices, adds a remarkable twist to the story of the Battle of Trafalgar's victor and Great Britain's greatest military hero. Nelson's scandalous love affair with Emma was the biggest love story of its time. Their liaison endured six years and transformed their lives and the public's perception of them. Nelson, known as Napoleon's archrival on the high seas, fell madly in love with Hamilton, even though both were married at the time. During their affair Nelson urged Hamilton to destroy the many love letters they wrote to each other, making it surprisingly unusual to find this letter, one of the few such missives between them still in private hands, which Lion Heart Autographs will offer for sale. This fine example dated October 14, 1801, on board the *Amazon* and bearing the remnants of Nelson's black wax seal, was written just a few months after the birth of their illegitimate daughter, Horatia.



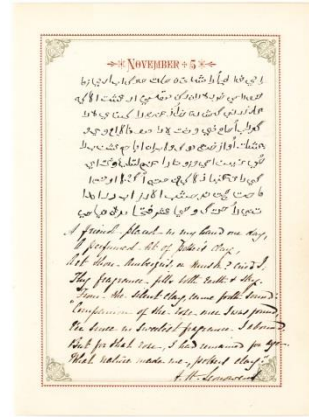


It finds the Admiral in a fury, bitterly complaining about one of his naval “Band of Brothers” and concludes with the remarkable line in Nelson’s hand, “*Ever my dear friend your affectionate half sea sick Nelson & Bronte.*” Distance, public ridicule, the demands of war, and momentary sea-sickness could not thwart their intense love!

(photo left: letter showing Nelson’s own hand and stating he is sea sick)

East versus West makes for a dramatic background, let alone for a relationship destined to become the core of one of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s most famous musicals. The true story of the “King and I” is a fascinating tale set in 1862 Siam (Thailand) where an English widow, Anna Leonowens, and her young son arrived at Bangkok’s Royal Palace. Leonowens had been summoned by King Mongkut not only to tutor his many wives and children, but to help reshape his largely barbaric public image. Anna and the King soon came to understand each other in ways many others could not and their mutual respect eventually led to a unique love story that inspired Margaret Landon’s 1944 best-selling novel, “Anna and the King of Siam.” Through the magic of Rodgers and Hammerstein, the book was transformed into one of the most enduring musicals of all time, “The King and I,” an evergreen on both stage and screen.

(photo right: Anna Leonowens full page manuscript)



Their remarkable story is reflected in a verse written upon a sheet of paper in the hand of Anna Leonowens that has crossed the oceans of time and space to become the third part of the intriguing collection of romantic artifacts Lion Heart Autographs will offer during Valentine’s Day week at the Palm Beach Show. It is a rare, full page entry written in Persian and English penned on a page taken from a “birthday book” printed with a decorative border in red and green and in perfect condition. The quotation, dated November 5, Leonowens’s birthday, can easily be interpreted as Leonowens’s feelings about the role that made her famous. After beholding a piece of raw clay in her hands and admiring its delicious fragrance, the clay magically responds:

*Companion of the rose once I was found,  
E’er since as sweetest fragrance I abound,  
But for that rose, I had remained for aye,  
What nature made me, potted clay.”*

“I am thrilled to share these three extraordinary documents during the upcoming Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique show that chronicle three singular and interesting love stories. In addition to the finest marriage contract in private hands signed by Emperor Napoleon and his consort Josephine, guests to our booth (#820) will undoubtedly be intrigued by the stories portrayed in the rare Horatio Nelson – Emma Hamilton letter and the hand-written verse by Anna Leonowens,” said David Lowenherz, founder & owner of Lion Heart Autographs in New York, who adds, “These wonderful documents, along with the hundred others we will have on hand, offer a rare glimpse into the splendid ‘affairs’ of important historical figures of yesteryear. I am thrilled at the opportunity to premier these three precious documents at the Palm Beach Show during a week when love and romance will certainly be in the air.”

**WHO:** David Lowenherz, founder and owner of Lion Heart Autographs New York

**WHAT:** Three extraordinary and rare documents that chronicle three distinct love affairs and offer a glimpse into their subjects’ private lives, including Emperor Napoleon and Empress Josephine, Horatio Nelson and Emma Hamilton and The King of Siam and Anna Leonowens.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 10, 2016 – Tuesday, February 16, 2016

**WHERE:** The Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show at the Palm Beach County Convention Center – Booth #820

**NOTE:** Media is invited to request a sneak peak of documents prior to the show for story coverage.

### **ABOUT LION HEART AUTOGRAPHS**

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