152. “Oh mighty monarch of the noses purple red,” December 1831 to January 1832, MS VIII. Previously unpublished.

See no. 148 for dating. This fragment tends to confirm the dating of the group to which it belongs, since it may be connected with Ruskin’s remarks in a letter of 14 January 1832 on the cold weather that made “my nose as if it had just swallowed a bottle of Burgundy that is red” (RFL, 258). Moreover, the same letter’s references to Henry IV, Part II and to Julius Ceasar (RFL, 257-58) conform with the Shakespearean character of no. 152.

Oh mighty monarch of the noses purple red

And most puissant prince of broken pate

Lord of the polished [foot beguiling skirts(?)]