

LIST OF CORRESPONDENTS

SECTIONS IN WHICH FOUND

Alcock, Thomas [or George], of Cheshire, fl. 1829.	C:90
Allan, Thomas, fl. 1812.	B
Alsop, Anthony, fl. 1824.	D
Alsop, John, jr., of Lea Bridge (Derbyshire), fl. 1824.	D
Arnold, Thomas, 1752-1830.	C:6
Aspland, Robert, 1782-1845.	C:48
Atkins, George, of Morpeth, minister, fl. 1822.	C:57
Awbrey, Richard, fl. 1785.	E
Baker, John, of Ilminster (Somerset), fl. 1828.	C:88-89
Barling, , of Buckingham, Dissenting minister, fl. 1828.	C:85
Barnes, Thomas, 1747-1810.	C:2, 7
Bentley, John, of Highbury Grove (London), fl. 1822.	C:59
Bowden, Joseph, of Leeds, fl. 1769-1816.	C:40
Brand-Hollis, Thomas, 1719?-1804.	C:19
Bright, Richard, of Bristol, fl. 1789.	E
Brown, John Aquila, fl. 1828.	C:83
Butt, Thomas, fl. 1825.	C:74
Butterworth, Jos., fl. 1812.	E
Canning, George, 1770-1827.	C:69
Carpenter, B., Dissenting minister at Stourbridge, fl. 1813.	C:39
Carpenter, Lant, 1780-1840.	C:88
Cartwright, John, 1740-1824.	C:25
Chalmers, Charles, fl. 1806.	C:26
Chance, Robert Lucas, 1782-1865.	C:58
Clarke, Thomas, minister at Lyndhurst (Hampshire), fl. 1823.	C:63
Clean [or Clear], William [?], of Cork, fl. 1827.	C:80
Conder, Josiah, 1789-1855.	B; C:102
Cooke, T.V., of Staines, fl. 1824.	D
Cowie, Robert, fl. 1806.	C:26
Cribb, W., of Bishop's Stortford, fl. 1790-92.	C:16, 18
Davies, D.P., of Lea (Derbyshire), fl. 1829.	C:94
Davy, Isaac, of Fordton (Devon), fl. 1828.	C:88-89
Deday, Thomas, of Norwich, fl. 1821.	C:52
Dowden, Richard, of Cork, fl. 1830.	C:98
Draper, B.H., of Southampton, fl. 1828.	C:81
Dyson, John, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Dyson, Thomas, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Eaton, Edmund, fl. 1810-1816.	D
Ellenborough, 1st Earl of, 1790-1871.	C:60-62
Fawcett, Samuel, of Yeovil (Somerset), fl. 1829.	C:91
Flower, Richard, of Hertford, fl. 1790.	C:16, 18
Ford, David Everard, 1797-1875.	C:63
Fordham, Edward King, 1750-1847.	C:16, 18
Fraser, William, Moderator of the Presbytery of Aber- tarff, fl. 1818.	C:46-47
French, B., of Ware, fl. 1790.	C:16
Fullagar, John, of Chichester, fl. 1813-1825.	C:42, 79
Fuller, Thomas, Esq., of Bishop's Stortford, fl. 1790-92.	C:17-18
Gairdner, John, M.D., 1790-1876. [?]	C:95
Gisborne, J., of Temple, fl. 1790.	C:9, 13, 14
Gisborne, Thomas, 1758-1846.	C:9, 13, 14
Goulty, John Nelson, fl. 1828	E
Grisbrook, W., of Kent or Sussex, fl. 1821.	C:53

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Hanbury, William, 1748?-1807.	C:4
Hardy, James, M.D., of Northampton, fl. 1790.	C:11
Harris, , Rev. Dr., fl. 1785.	E:1
Hawkes, T.L., chairman of Protestant Dissenters (Birmingham), fl. 1813.	C:36
Heineken, N. [?], of Hertfordshire, Dissenter, fl. 1792.	C:18
Heywood, John Pemberton, 1755-1835.	C:100
Hillingley, R.H., of Hertfordshire, fl. 1792.	C:18
Hobhouse, Benjamin, Sir, 1757-1831.	C:3, 12
Holden, Lawrence, 1752-1844.	C:43
Holland, John, 1766-1826.	C:41
Hope, John Williams, 1757-1813.	C:23
Isaac, J., of Moretonhampstead, minister, fl. 1813.	C:35
Jeffries, Edward, chairman of Protestant Dissenting Deputies, fl. 1785-1801.	C:22
Kenrick, Samuel, of Worcestershire, fl. 1792.	C:20-21
Knowles, Adam, of Derbyshire, fl. 1810-1816.	D
Littleton, Edward John, 1st Baron Hatherton, 1791-1863.	C:74-75
Liverpool, 2nd Earl of, 1770-1828.	A
Lloyd, David, captain in the Navy, fl. 1819.	C:49
Luccock, John, of Leeds, fl. 1825.	C:73
Lushington, , of Doctors Commons, fl. 18--.	C:97
Mason, John, secretary of Wesleyan Missionary Society, fl. 1825.	C:77
Maurice, M., of Southampton, fl. 1828.	C:82
Maysey, Joseph, of Hertfordshire, fl. 1792.	C:18
Millard [?], James, minister at Lymington (Hampshire), fl. 1823.	C:63
Morgan, Thomas, secretary of Committee for ... French Protestants, fl. 1816.	E
Morley, G., secretary of Wesleyan Missionary Society, fl. 1825.	C:77
Morris, Patrick, of Newfoundland, fl. 1821.	C:54-55
Moses, David [?], of Cardiff, fl. 1829.	C:92
Nash, William, of Royston, fl. 1790-92.	C:16, 18
Nightingale, Frances, dau. of William Smith, b. 1788.	D
Nightingale, William Edward Shore, 1794-1874.	D
Nugent, George Nugent Grenville, Baron, 1789-1850.	C:51, 56
Parker, Samuel, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Perceval, Spencer, 1762-1812.	B
Rochat, Auguste, pastor of Bierre (Vaud, Switzerland), fl. 1824.	C:66
Rolt, John, Sir, 1804-1871.	C:104
Romilly, Samuel, Sir, 1757-1818.	C:48
Russell, John, Lord, 1792-1878.	C:71, 87
Russell, William, 1740-1818.	C:5, 8, 15; E
Scarlet.	C:97
Shore, Samuel, of Derbyshire, fl. 1813.	C:30
Sidmouth, Henry Addington, 1st Viscount, 1757-1844.	C:50
Smith, John Pye, 1774-1851.	C:64
Smith, Thomas Southwood, 1788-1861.	C:38
Somers, John Somers Cocks, 1st Earl, 1760-1841.	C:33
Stourton, William, 18th Baron, 1776-1846.	C:86
Talbot, Henry, of Kidderminster, fl. 1813.	C:32
Taylor, Edgar, 1793-1839.	C:70, 99; E

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Taylor, Edward, 1784-1863.	C:44, 78
Taylor, John, of London, fl. 1824.	D
Taylor, John, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Taylor, Meadows, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Taylor, Samuel, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Taylor, Thomas Lombe, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Thomas, George, of Carmarthen, fl. 1829.	C:96
Thrush, Thomas, of Yorkshire, captain in the Navy, fl. 1797-1825.	C:72
Valentine, Charles, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Vaughan, Charles Richard, Sir, 1774-1849.	C:69
Walker, Charles, of Derbyshire, fl. 1810.	D
Walker, John, 1768-1833. [?]	C:58
Walker, John, of Hampshire?, Dissenter, fl. 1789.	C:1
Wallace, James Cowdan, 1793-1841.	C:93
Walmer, John, of Hampshire?, fl. 1789.	C:1
Watson, George, of Norfolk, fl. 1825.	C:76
Watson, Richard, 1781-1833.	C:77
Waymouth, Henry, chairman of Protestant Dissenting Deputies, fl. 1832-1844.	C:101; E
Webster, John, secretary of Protestant Dissenting Deputies, fl. 1795-1822.	C:24, 27
Wellwood, Henry Moncreiff, Sir, 1750-1827.	C:28-29, 45
Welmer, John, of Hampshire?, fl. 1789.	C:1
Wilks, , Mr, of Paris, fl. 1824.	C:66
Williams-Wynn, Charles Watkin, 1775-1850.	C:84
Winter, Robert, secretary of Protestant Dissenting Deputies, fl. 1822-1835.	C:103; F
Worsley, Israel, 1768-1836.	C:34
Worsley, John, d. 1807.	C:18
Abertarff Presbytery.	C:46-47
British and Foreign Unitarian Association.	E
Catholic Divines of the Midland District.	F
Committee for Inquiry, Superintendence & Distribution of the Funds for the Relief of the persecuted French Protestants. 1816.	E
Dissenting Ministers (North Buckinghamshire).	C:85
Dissenting Ministers (Worcestershire).	E
Dissenting Ministers (Yorkshire West Riding).	F
Distributors of HM Bounty to the Protestant Dissenting clergy (Regium Donum).	E
Eastern Unitarian Society (Norfolk & Suffolk).	C:44, 78
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General Body of Ministers of the Three Denominations (Lancashire & Cheshire).	C:2, 7; F
Great Britain. Foreign Secretary.	C:69
Great Britain. Home Secretary.	C:50
Great Britain. Parliament.	E; F
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Great Britain. Prince Regent, petitions to.	E
Hope and Co. of Amsterdam (financiers).	C:23
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Northumberland Presbytery.	C:57
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Old Jewry Chapel (London).	C:59
Orphan Working School (Hoxton, London).	C:104
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Plymouth Unitarian Congregation (Devon).	C:34
Presbyterian ministers (Yorkshire West Riding).	C:40
Protestant Dissenters (Birmingham).	C:5, 36, 37; E; F
Protestant Dissenters (Bolton).	F
Protestant Dissenters (Brighton).	E
Protestant Dissenters (Bristol).	E
Protestant Dissenters (Hampshire).	F
Protestant Dissenters (Hertfordshire).	C:16-18
Protestant Dissenters (Leicestershire & Rutland).	C:6
Protestant Dissenters (Midland District).	C:15; F
Protestant Dissenters (Moretonhampstead).	C:35
Protestant Dissenters (Northamptonshire).	C:4, 10
Protestant Dissenters (Suffolk).	F
Protestant Dissenters (Wiltshire).	C:3, 12
Protestant Dissenters (Worcestershire).	C:20, 21
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St. John's (Newfoundland). Inhabitants. 1821.	C:54
Scottish Unitarian Association.	C:38
Southern Unitarian Society (Hampshire, Dorset, Sussex).	C:42, 79
Unitarian Association for Protecting the Civil Rights of Unitarians.	E
Unitarian congregation of Lea (Derbyshire).	C:94
Unitarian congregation of Yeovil (Somerset).	C:91
Unitarian congregations in Cardiganshire.	C:96
Unitarian Dissenters of Stockport (Cheshire).	C:90
Unitarian Presbyterians of the city of Cork.	C:98
Unitarians.	F
United Committee on Dissenting Grievances (1833-).	E; F
Vaud (Switzerland).	C:64-69
Wesleyan Methodist Church.	B; E
Wesleyan [Methodist] Missionary Society (London).	C:77
Western Unitarian Society (Devon, Gloucestershire, Somerset).	C:88

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

"Dissenters" are Christians who do not accept some of the tenets of the Church of England and who are reluctant to attend its services and take part in its sacraments. "Dissenters" are sometimes called "Protestant Dissenters" since there were some "Catholic Dissenters", but neither Catholics nor Quakers were regularly considered Dissenters. The three great denominations of dissent were Presbyterian, Independent (i.e. Congregationalist), and Baptist; later Unitarianism and Methodism joined them. ("Dissenters" and "Nonconformists" are nearly synonymous; a common modern phrase is "Free Church member"; "chapel" as opposed to "church" is colloquial.) Dissenters in England were allowed a modified religious liberty, but were denied many civil liberties until the mid-19th century. The "Protestant Dissenting Deputies" and William Smith, a Unitarian member of Parliament, were instrumental in obtaining these civil liberties.

Under Edward VI the newly established Church of England was made homogenous in its practices by an Act of Uniformity (1548). This was designed to drive out Catholics, but Puritans as well refused to follow some of these practices. Under Elizabeth those who attended other services, or who failed to attend the Church's services, were fined, imprisoned, or exiled; some were hanged as traitors. The English Universities would not grant degrees to students who would not subscribe to the "Thirty-Nine Articles" (the tenets of the Church). Persecution continued in the 17th century, and the dissenter denominations became formalised.

- 1662: Act of Uniformity, requiring all clergymen to subscribe to the whole of the new Prayer Book, and ejecting from the Church those who would not. This act forced many clergy into an adversary position, and divided English life into Church and Dissent.
- 1664: Conventicle Act, forbidding Nonconformist services for over 5 people.
- 1665: Five Mile Act, requiring ejected clergy to take an oath not to try to alter the government; he who did not take the oath could not teach, or come within 5 miles of any city or parish in which he had ever preached.
- 1673: Test and Corporation Acts, requiring every man holding a Crown or municipal office to take an oath of allegiance, and take communion in the Church of England. This act excluded Dissenters, Catholics, and Jews from the government or the armed services unless they did violence to their consciences.
- 1687: Declaration of Indulgence, suspending penalties for nonconformity.
- 1689: Toleration Act, abolishing penalties for nonconformity if the 39 Articles were subscribed to, and popery disavowed, thus relieving most Dissenters of religious (but not civil) disabilities. Did not cover Catholics or Unitarians.
- 1711: Occasional Conformity Act, penalizing and disabling officials who attended Nonconformist services. Repealed 1719.

In 1732 a general meeting of Protestant Dissenters was held in London, which appointed a Committee to consider when to apply to Parliament for repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts, and resolved that every congregation of the Three Denominations within 10 miles of London should send 2 Deputies to a general assembly to receive reports from the Committee. Thus began the PROTESTANT DISSENTING DEPUTIES (London laymen) and the COMMITTEE OF 21 who carried out the PDD's political wishes. The ministers were organised separately as the "General Body of Ministers of the Three Denominations". Although the PDD officially represented only London congregations, in practice the Committee protected country Dissenters as well; there was no national body of Dissenters, although there were a number of strong local associations. The Chairman was selected by the Committee and was the prime liaison between Dissenters and Parliament; Smith was Chairman 1805-1832, and an MP 1784-1830 (with interruptions). The PDD has been referred to by many different names (see p 9); the Committee generally has no specific name. From time to time subcommittees have been set up: a Committee of Correspondence (to liaison with country Dissenters), a legal committee, a finance committee, a Parliamentary committee... The PDD is still in existence.

During the 18th century many Presbyterians evolved into Unitarians, whose guiding principle was a belief in free inquiry. Denying the Trinity was illegal and punishable, and many such congregations continued to use Presbyterianism as a cover. This typified a general split in each of the Three Denominations, between the Rational and the Orthodox. Another split was caused by the evangelical spirit. The Methodist revival began in the 1740s, and, although the Methodists did not consider themselves Nonconformists, similar

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revivals occurred in the Three Denominations: the Rational and the Evangelical movements were in general opposed to each other.

As the 18th century and the Industrial Revolution progressed, well-to-do magnates from London and the industrial areas formed a powerful group of rational or orthodox Dissenters still laboring under civil disabilities: for instance, they could not send their sons to English universities. In practice, society often turned a blind eye to Dissenters holding office or attending university; but they had to compromise their consciences and could be challenged at any time.

- 1739. Committee's attempt at passing a Repeal Act (of Test and Corporation) fails.
- 1753. Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act, requiring all marriages to be celebrated in a consecrated building, not a Dissenter meeting-house.
- 1769. Sheriff's Cause (Lord Mansfield's definition of Dissent as a positive legal right). Hereafter the PDD assumed the duty of defending any Dissenter whose rights were being violated: most cases were from the country, some from the colonies.
- 1779. Act modifying the Toleration Act by allowing a substitution of belief in Scripture for the subscription to 39 Articles.
- 1770s. Reform Spirit; mobs for liberty.
- 1785. Smith brings in a marriage registry bill; defeated.
- 1787. Application Committee ("Committee to conduct the Application for Repeal to Parliament") founded; Smith a member. Beaufoy motions of 1787, 1789, Fox motion 1790. Fails.
- 1789. French Revolution. Dissenters, free-thinkers, radicals, and traitors now linked in the public mind; mob violence on both sides begins (Manchester, Leicester, Sheffield...)
- 1790. Application for Repeal finally defeated.
- 1791. Birmingham rioters burn Priestley's house.
- 1794. Priestley and others flee to America.
- 1795. Application Committee disbands.
- 1809-11. Sidmouth's bill to abridge the Toleration Act by registering ministers. Radical Dissenters found "The Protestant Society for the Protection of Religious Liberty", accuse Smith of cooperation with the government, defeat the Bill.
- 1812. New Toleration Act, repealing Five Mile and Conventicle Acts and loosening other limitations. (Brought in by Smith, backed by Perceval, Liverpool, Castlereagh.)
- 1812. Parish register bill; defeated.
- 1812-28. Smith and PDD push for Repeal of Test and Corporation Acts.
- 1813. Trinity Act ("Mr William Smith's Act"), abolishing penalties against Anti-Trinitarians (i.e., Unitarians).
- 1819. Smith brings in a marriage bill; defeated. Similar bills defeated 1822, 1823.
- 1826. PDD helps fund foundation of non-sectarian University of London.
- 1827. "United Committee appointed to conduct the Application to Parliament for the Repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts", chaired by Smith. Members from PDD, Unitarian Association, Protestant Society, London Presbytery. Supporters: Lords Holland, John Russell, Nugent; MPs John Smith, Hon. Robert Smith, Matthew Wood, Henry Warburton, Thomas Spring Rice, John Easthope.
- 1827. Unitarian Marriage Bill carried by Smith in Commons, but defeated in Lords.
- 1828 May 9. Repeal Act: Royal Assent. June 18. Public Dinner (Smith honoured). United Committee disbands.
- 1828. Smith brings in a marriage bill; defeated.
- 1832. Smith retires as Chairman of the Deputies. Farewell address plea for unity among Dissenters.
- 1833. Bill to open the Universities to Dissenters carried in Commons, defeated in Lords.
- 1833. "United Committee to consider the Grievances under which Dissenters now labour, with a view to their Redress" formed from the Committee of 21, the General Body of Ministers, the Protestant Society and the London Presbytery.
- 1835 May 31. Smith dies.
- 1836. Unitarians withdraw from PDD.
- 1836. Marriage and Registration Act, repealing restrictions on Dissenters' marriages.
- 1871. Universities Tests Act, opening the Universities almost completely to Dissenters.

COLLECTION NAME: Dissenters' collection: William Smith papers.

SMITH'S VITA: (based on Davis)

- 1756 Sept 22. Born to well-off Dissenting family of London and Isle of Wight. (Prosperous grocery firm.)
- 1764-69. French's Dissenting school at Ware; meets Thomas Belsham.
- 1769-72. Daventry academy.
- 1772-80. In family business. Father builds house in Clapham Common, London.
1779. Inherits uncle's fortune. Becoming political.
1781. Marries Frances Coape (Notts Dissenting gentry, related to Lowes and Sherbrookes). Eagle House, Clapham Common. Collecting paintings; touring.
- By 1781. Converted to Unitarianism.
- 1782-88. Working for the (radical) Society for Constitutional Information.
- 1784-90. MP for Sudbury (bought) with John Langston.
1785. Buys Parndon Hall, near Harlow in Essex.
1787. Active speaker for Repeal; lieutenant to Beaufoy; prominent member of Application Committee.
1787. Early supporter of Abolition Committee against slave-trade.
1789. From now on active speaker in Parliament on religious and civil liberties, and parliamentary reform.
1790. Loses Sudbury seat in June.
- 1790-92. London agent for Hertfordshire Dissenters.
- 1791-1830. See Historical Background.
- 1791-96. MP for Camelford (bought).
1791. PD Deputy from Clapham.
1791. Elected member of the Committee of 21, PDD.
1792. Breaks with Pitt over Reform; joins "The Friends of the People" (moderate Whigs).
1794. Moves from Clapham to No. 6 Park St (near Parliament).
1795. Reorganizes opposition to Treason and Sedition bills.
1795. Leads attack on Pitt's war loan; made Chairman of the Select Committee of enquiry.
1796. Elected to Whig Club; gives Whig parties at Parndon.
- 1796-1802. MP for Sudbury.
- 1797-1803. Rebuilding Parndon.
- 1798-1823. Head of family business.
- 1798-1807. Helps Wilberforce gain Abolition of Slave Trade.
- 1802-30. MP for Norwich. (Except 1806-07.)
- 1803-13. A Royal Commissioner appointed to supervise the building of roads and bridges in the Highlands.
- 1805-32. Chairman of the Dissenting Deputies.
- 1835. Vice-Chairman of the British Fisheries.
- 1806-35. Royal Society, etc. Charities. Foreign struggles for liberty.
- 1809-19. Business reversals.
1819. Grocery crashes; sells Parndon and Park St, moves to Philpot Lane.
1823. Almost bankrupt; moves to Upper Seymour St.
- 1823-30. Forms London Society for the Abolition of Slavery in our Colonies.
1830. Retires from Parliament; moves to 5 Blandford Square.
1832. Retires from Chairmanship of PDD. Remains a member of the Committee of 21.
- 1835 May 31. Death.

SMITH'S RELATIVES:

Davis, Smith's biographer, gives some information on them, but more investigation is needed. (The 1952 Landed Gentry has confused Smith's sons and grandsons.) Smith was an only child, but his father had five siblings, and he himself had 11 children. The line of his eldest son, Benjamin, assumed the name Leigh-Smith and is probably still extant; Benjamin's daughter, Barbara Leigh Smith Bodichon, moved in Pre-Raphaelite circles and founded Girton College. Daughter Frances (Fanny) married W. E. Nightingale (formerly Shore) and was the mother of Florence Nightingale, and of Parthenope, who married Sir Harry Verney, liberal MP. Daughter Joanna married John Carter, whose line assumed the name of Bonham-Carter; Victor Bonham-Carter is one of its representatives. Daughter Anne married Samuel Nicholson. Son Samuel married Mary Shore (sister of W. E. Nightingale); Samuel's son William Shore apparently assumed the name of Nightingale (Landed Gentry 1952), and Samuel's daughter Blanche married Arthur Hugh Clough. (MS Records contain rough notes taken from DNB, Davis, Landed Gentry 1863, 1952.)

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Joseph Travers & Sons, Cannon Street. Archives include Smith personal and business papers. [Smith and his cousin(?) Joseph Travers were in partnership.]

NAMES USED BY PROTESTANT DISSENTING DEPUTIES

Deputies of the Three Denominations (Presbyterian, Independent and Baptist) in and near London.

London Deputies.

- Protestant Dissenters (London).

Deputies of the Dissenting Congregations of the Three Denominations (Presbyterian, Independent and Baptist).

Dissenting Deputies (London).

General Body of Dissenting Deputies.

Congregations of the Three Denominations (Presbyterian, Independent, Baptist). Deputies.

Deputies of the Three Denominations, Presbyterian, Independent and Baptist, in and within twelve miles of London, appointed to protect their civil rights.

Deputies Appointed to Protect the Civil Rights of the Protestant Dissenters.

Deputies to Take Care of the Civil Affairs of the Dissenters.

Deputies in and within twelve miles of London.

The Deputation of Dissenters.

Deputies for the Civil Affairs of the Protestant Dissenters.

DETAILED CONTENTS:

A. Drafts, notes, etc. MS.

The material in this section is probably by Smith, with the exception of A:2, to which Smith merely added a postscript. The hand(s) resemble those in Section B (Letters by Smith) which may be by Smith himself or amanuenses with similar hands. All material is unsigned unless otherwise noted. (7 items in 6 folders.)

1. [1803 or later.]

[Protestant Dissenting Deputies.]

The Memorial of the Deputies for the Civil Affairs of the Protestant Dissenters [to HM Government].

A petition requesting that the kindness shown to Dissenters should be extended to every subject of the Empire.

Headed "As to India".

Dated from watermark.

Incomplete draft.

3p (1 sheet)

2. 1812 June 26.

[Liverpool, Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of, 1770-1828.]

Minute made by Lord Liverpool, replying to the [sub-committee of the Deputies headed by Smith] which had enquired on 23 June about inserting the repeal of the Five Mile Act into the New Toleration Act.

Begins "Under the present Circumstances..." [see Davis pp 180-1].

In L's hand? Covering note on pp 2-3 signed by Smith. 3p & d (1 sheet)

3. [1812 or later.]

[Draft for speech? with preliminary outline.]

On why the Dissenters resent the union of Church and State.

Mentions Church Rates; therefore likely to be 1828 or later.

Page 1 begins: "Two Sources of Discontent"; page 3: "It is sufficiently known"; page 5: "In this Country especially the Fire & Faggot"; page 7: "in modern times".

Dated from watermark.

First sheet tearing in gutter.

8p (2 sheets)

4. [1827 or later.]

"Notes for debate on religious liberty."

Title from docketing of 2nd sheet.

Page [1] begins: "Constitution what"; page [5] begins: "Judaism what".

Dated from watermark of 2nd sheet.

5p (2 sheets)

5. [1832 or later.]

[Draft for resolution.]

This committee wishes to record its opinion that Dissenters do not wish to enjoy the property of the Established Church.

Incipit: "That it having been often asserted..."

Dated from watermark.

4p (1 sheet)

6. [1832 or later.]

[Draft]

I am answering some of the points raised in public meetings, such as our necessity to unite; You [plural?] will thwart your old friends in making new ones.

Incipit: "would certainly join;..."

On same paper as A:5.

1p

7.

[Notes taken from] Defoe's History of ye Union

3p & d (1 sheet)

B. Letters by Smith; and a letter from Thomas Allan to Spencer Perceval.

These are retained copies, or retained drafts, not the letters sent; B:4 is a copy. All except B:4 appear to be composed by Smith, but some appear not to be in his hand. It is difficult to distinguish Smith's hand; either he had several amanuenses with reasonably similar hands (perhaps members of his family), or he himself used different styles. Items which resemble B:6 are described as "In WS's hand". (8 items in 3 folders.)

1812

1. Feb 17. To Rt Hon Sp **Perceval**. [London]: Park St.
On his interview with Perceval about Sidmouth's Bill.
(Partially quoted in Davis, pp 174-175, and cited as William Smith to Perceval, 16 Feb 1812, Liverpool Papers, BM Add. MSS 38,247 f. 84.)
In WS's hand; signed WS. 5p & d (2 pieces, sewn)
2. Apr 22. To same. [London]: Park St.
"I have had the honor to receive your communication of...the future Interpretations...on the Toleration Act..."
In WS's hand; signed Wm Smith. 6p & d (2 pieces, sewn)
3. Apr 29. To same. [London]: Park St.
"Inclosed is the paper..." Dissenters want more than just the Toleration Act.
In WS's hand; signed Wm Smith. 6p & d (2 pieces, sewn)
4. May 9. **Wesleyan Methodist Church**. Committee. [London]: Old Jewry: Frederick's Place **Allan**, Thomas.
Copy of letter to Spencer Perceval, discussing the New Toleration Act, and requesting him to direct it through Commons.
In formal hand throughout including copy of signature; some amendments over erasures.
Small hole in text. 2p (1 piece)

1834

5. Jul 17. To the Editor of the Morning Herald.
I agree with the recent letter taking a position against the regard shown by law for the security of property over that of person; but not with the letter's disapprobation of a judge who did not comply with a jury's recommendation to mercy in a case of **arson**. Vengeance; attacks the innocent; endangers lives. Short harvests; recently against parochial officers administering poor-rates and the rate-payers.
Draft.
Signed S.W. 3p (1 piece)
6. Nov 2. To Sir [Mr. **Conder**] [London]: Blandford Square
My recent letter to The Patriot; your courteous reply; dislike for controversy over definitions. You fear discussing the subject in public may wake suspicions. You say the Body of Deputies was not judiciously composed; I answer that it was proper for its purposes: defending religious liberty, the right of private judgment, and the liberty of prophesying. You say there are not enough Orthodox Northern representatives; but the body is not appointed to guard Religious Opinion, but its opposite, Religious Liberty. Previous threat of Northern irruption. I quote words of mine against "Orthodoxy" printed over 20 years ago. (I was nurtured in a hotbed of Orthodoxy.)
Draft.
Signed Wm Smith. 3p & d (1 piece)

B. Letters by Smith. [cont]

after 1833

7. ? ? Written on the blank 1 1/2 p. of the PRINTED Report of the Committee of 21 of the PDD for 27 Dec 1833. Draft; does not finish last paragraph.
To "Mr E [or C]" [Perhaps Conder?]
"I cannot but co-incide almost entirely in the Approbation...on the Diss' Letter to Ld Gr___" Howit[?]'s good sense at the Notts [Northern] meeting wasted. We have made no convert to the idea of Severance of Church and State. Upper party ready for battle. In a former letter I asked whether you are prepared for the warfare you are so ready to provoke? Yes, in a few commercial towns large groups have produced petitions. Burke found the loud disaffected actually very few, and ready for mischief not Reform. Now we don't mean mischief, but the resistance to our attack would throw the realm into confusion. The London Committee went as far as is safe. There are two very different opinions among Dissenters as to how to proceed. Some contend "not merely for the removal of those restraints on Marriage the Improvement of the Registers & the Exempt from Ecclesiastical Rates...into which if our applications were limited according to the Advice of the Committee, We might probably & peaceably succeed".
Unsigned; in WS's hand. 2p (1 piece)
8. ? ? Written as above on another copy. Draft; end wanting.
Unaddressed; perhaps to Conder.
"On reviewing the letter which I took the liberty of addressing to You some Weeks ago I cannot but think that I produced sufficient arguments to dissuade from pressing on our requests with such haste..." My advice agrees with the Report from the Com: that we should not urge Severance without the acquiescence of a majority of the people. The strong Nottingham resolutions omit the evils of a rash attempt. How can you get both Commons and Lords (including Bishops) to pass such a measure without the Body of People? Some say we need only insist on our Rights (No minister does rightly without being pressured). If this gov was so pressed, could they carry it? No.
Unsigned; in WS's hand. 2p (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith.

This section is arranged chronologically. Most of these letters bear a year-date; those that do not (items 25, 62, 70-71, 75, 105) have been placed at the first possible date. (This section contains 105 items in 32 folders.)

Most of these letters are addressed to Smith, at head, foot, or on the back. When Smith's name does not appear, the description includes "Recipient:" followed by the name of the recipient if not Smith (items 65-69, 74, 88, 97, 103 only), or by the wording of the salutation if no recipient is named. The description includes Smith as addressee only if there is an anomaly in the address.

Many of these letters and resolutions are written in the name of an organization by its chairman, secretary, or minister. In such cases, both the organization and the writer occupy the first two lines of the description; if the writer has added nothing personal to the organization's resolution his name follows that of the organization. "ch." stands for chairman, and "sec." for secretary.

If the writer's name includes dates of birth and death, he has been identified with fair certainty by the use of the DNB, Boase, Cokayne, or the pNUC. All letters are signed unless noted otherwise; the signature is quoted if it differs from the name-as-identified. Names of most organizations have not been found, but normalized from what appears in the letters themselves. "PDD" stands for "Protestant Dissenting Deputies", the London-based national organization which used a wide variety of names; "Protestant Dissenters ([locality])" has been used for the similar local organizations.

Physical description: "3p" means "contains 3 pages of text"; "& a" means that the back of the letter is addressed as well; "& d" means that WS or another has docketed (jotted a note of the contents on the back of) the letter; "& a/d" means that the back contains both address and docketing.

Place: primarily English counties and London. Wales: items 13, 14, 92, 96; Scotland: items 28-30, 38, 45-47, 95; Ireland: items 80, 98; Newfoundland: items 54-55; Switzerland: items 64-69.

1789

1. May 17. **Walker, John.** [Hampshire: Isle of Wight:] Newport
Nothing from the New Forest or Lymington Fair substantiates the reports in the London papers. North should have been told it was the duty of the Bishops to back the Application for Repeal. Test Act hypocrisy: candidates from here take the Test secretly in London. Family congratulations.
Signed Jno Walker, or Welmer, or Walmer; docketed "Mr Walker, Newport"
2p & a/d (1 piece)
2. May 22. **Barnes, Thomas, 1747-1810.** [Lancashire:] Manchester
[General Body of Ministers of the Three Denominations (Lancashire and Cheshire)?]
Friendly letter, forwarding the Resolutions of "my Brethren" of thanks for your support of the Application. The cause will yet prevail. Your character. Respects to Mr Urwick.
Foot of letter cut away with loss of text.
No enclosure.
Signed Tho: Barnes. (See DNB.)
Recipient: Dear Sir.
3p (1 piece)
3. Oct 1. **Hobhouse, Benjamin, Sir, 1757-1831, ch.**
Protestant Dissenters (Wiltshire). Wiltshire: Chippenham: Hortham House
Friendly letter, conveying the thanks of the meeting at Devises for supporting their position. The respectable character of the meeting.
Signed B: Hobhouse. (See DNB.) Sealed.
FRAGILE: tearing.
3p & a (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1789 [cont]

4. Nov 27. **Hanbury, William, 1748?-1807, ch.** [Northamptonshire:] Kelmarsh
Protestant Dissenters (Northamptonshire).

Friendly letter, transmitting thanks of the meeting at Northampton yesterday for supporting Beaufoy's motion on May 8. 2p & a/d (1 piece)

5. Dec 31. **Russell, William, 1740-1818.** [Warwickshire:] **Birmingham:** Showell Green
Protestant Dissenters (Birmingham). Deputies.

Transmitting a vote of thanks for WS's services in Commons; enclosing a printed sheet describing our proceedings.

No enclosure; cf. MS Q11:10:1.

Signed Willm Russell. (See DNB.)

2p & d (1 piece)

1790

6. Jan 1. **Arnold, Thomas, 1752-1830, ch.** [Leicestershire:] Leicester
Protestant Dissenters (Leicestershire and Rutland).

Transmitting thanks of the General Meeting at Leicester on 9 Dec for WS's support of Beaufoy's motion. Apology for the previous general letter sent by mistake in my absence.

Signed Thos: Arnold.

Recipient: Sir.

On pp [1-2]: a blank leaf conjugate with:

"1789 9 Dec." **Protestant Dissenters (Leicestershire and Rutland).**

[Leicestershire]: Leicester: Lyon-and-Lamb Inn

Resolutions 1-12 discussing Repeal, co-operation with all Dissenters, appointing a Committee, thanking Birmingham Committee, and others, including WS; Thomas Arnold, chairman.

1 PRINTED page, on p. [3].

3p & a/d (1 piece)

7. Jan 22. **Barnes, Thomas, 1747-1810.** [Lancashire:] **Manchester**
[General Body of Ministers of the Three Denominations (Lancashire and Cheshire)?]

My Brethren and I are delighted with your slave-trade letter of June. I enclose the resolutions of the Committee of PD Ministers of Lancashire and Cheshire. We will do much good by meeting together in a common cause in love, forgetting our minor differences. Your future career. Best to Mrs Smith and Mr Urwick.

No enclosure; probably MS Q11:10:5.

Signed Tho: Barnes.

Sealed.

3p & a/d (1 piece)

8. Feb 18. **Russell, William, 1740-1818.** [Warwickshire: **Birmingham:**] Showell Green

I regret that you did not receive timely thanks from our District Meeting at Leicester representing 9 Counties (the chairman missed the District Committee Meeting at Derby 4 Feb), so I am thanking you personally. Account of the meeting. Mr Shore Jr. Shocking that the King thanked the Chamber Lords who went into the country to stir up Jacobitism. Dissenters are "the last Friends to the Constitution". Fox's friends; the approaching debate will fail. We will succeed in due course if we approve the Union plan, which wants only the recommendation of the London Committee. Politics here. I send a pamphlet "printed this day but not yet published".

No enclosure.

Signed Willm Russell.

Sealed.

5p & a/d (2 pieces)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1790 [cont]

9. Mar 4. **Gisborne, Thomas, 1758-1846.** [Leicestershire: Rothley?:] Temple
Such a large defeat is surprising. Must not defend the Established Church with violence, but with argument. A Test (if any) should be general and civil, not religious. Logical end of Tests the disqualification of all minorities. The Dissenters should persevere; but take care not to make it a party issue between the Church and the Dissenters. Best to Wilberforce.
Signed T: [or J:] Gisborne. (See DNB.)
Recipient: My dear Sir. 4p (1 piece)
10. Mar 19. **Protestant Dissenters (Northamptonshire).** Committee and Delegates.
[Northamptonshire:] Northampton: the George
Resolution of thanks to WS for his 2 Mar speech supporting Fox's motion.
Regret and optimism.
Signed James **Hardy**. Chairman.
Docketed: Dr Hardy Northampton.
Recipient: None. 1p & d (1 piece)
11. Mar 20. **Hardy, James** [Northamptonshire:] Northampton
Covering letter for C:10; compliments to your father.
Signed James Hardy (pNUC/EM shows a James Hardy, M.D., writing on medical subjects, 1778-80).
Sealed. 1p & a (1 piece)
12. May 17. **Hobhouse, Benjamin, Sir, 1757-1831, ch.**
[Wiltshire:] Chippenham: Hortham House
[Protestant Dissenters (Wiltshire)]
Last Tuesday's General Meeting thanks you. I myself wish you had had more time for me in London. Family wishes.
Signed B. Hobhouse.
Recipient: Dear Sr. 2p & d (1 piece)
13. Jun 26. **Gisborne, Thomas, 1758-1846.** [Wales:] Merionethshire: Barmouth
Regret your loss of Sudbury election; we need an abolitionist MP. Family sea-bathing vacation.
Signed T: [or J:] Gisborne.
Sealed. 1p & a (1 piece)
14. Jul 10. **Gisborne, Thomas, 1758-1846.** [Wales: Merionethshire:] Barmouth
Jocular sympathy. Franking privileges. You represent not only the Africans and Dissenters, but the public good. Vice of following a party line. The French Constitution.
Signed T: [or J:] Gisborne.
FRAGILE: tearing. 3p & a/d (1 piece)
15. Jul 15. **Russell, William, 1740-1818.** [Warwickshire: Birmingham:] Showell Green
Protestant Dissenters (Midland District). Committee.
Thanks of the Committee. Congratulations on retaining seat [!]. We have been too busy since Parliament dissolved; enclose sheet.
No enclosure.
Signed Willm Russell.
FRAGILE: handle with care. 2p & a/d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1790 [cont]

16. Aug 12. **Protestant Dissenters (Hertfordshire)**. Committee. [Hertfordshire:] Bishop's Stortford
Cribb, W., of Bishop's Stortford.
Flower, Richard, 1761?-1829. [?] (of Hertford)
French, B., of Ware.
Fordham, Edward King, 1750-1847. (of Royston)
Nash, William, of Royston.
 Will you be our Agent in the United Committee to obtain Repeal? (Our chairman Thomas Fuller is at the sea-side.)
 Signed by each. (See Landed Gentry '52 sub Fordham of Ashwell, and of Melbourn.)
 On p. 1.
 n.d. [Smith, William.]
 Draft of acceptance.
 On p. 3. 2p & a/d (1 piece)
17. Oct 25. **Protestant Dissenters (Hertfordshire)**. Committee. [Hertfordshire:] Hertford
 Copy from the Minutes, appointing WS their Agent in the General Committee..., appointing Thomas Fuller of Bishop's Stortford and William Nash Delegates, and notifying Edward Jeffries, chairman of the PDD.
 Unsigned (in Fuller's hand).
 On pp 1-2.
- Oct 28. **Fuller**, Thomas, Esq., of Bishop's Stortford, ch.
 Covering letter. [Hertfordshire:] Bishop's Stortford
 Signed Thos Fuller.
 On p. 3.
 FRAGILE: hole with loss of text. 3p & a/d (1 piece)
- 1792 [cont]
18. Mar 5. **Protestant Dissenters (Hertfordshire)**. Committee. [Hertfordshire:] Hertford
Fuller, Thomas, Esq., of Bishop's Stortford, ch.
Nash, William, of Royston.
Heineken, N.[?].
Cribb, W., of Bishop's Stortford.
Maysey, Joseph.
Hillingley, R. H.
Fordham, Edward King, 1750-1847.
Flower, Richard, 1761?-1829. [?]
Worsley, John, d. 1807.
 We regret your resignation as our Agent, but understand that you have closer ties with those who have chosen you their Deputy.
 Signed by each. (See DNB sub Worsley, Israel.) 1p & a/d (1 piece)
19. Jun 12. **Brand-Hollis**, Thomas, 1719?-1804. [London?:] Chesterfeild Street
 A "meeting of certain friends of religious liberty".
 Group and individual thanks for your spirited introduction of the Commons motion to repeal religious penal laws.
 Signed T Brand Hollis. (See notes in MS Records.)
 Recipient: Sir.
 FRAGILE: burnt along folds with loss of text. Encapsulated in mylar (folded): no hidden text. 1p & d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1792 [cont]

20. Jun 20. **Kenrick, Samuel.** [Worcestershire:] Bewdly
Protestant Dissenters (Worcestershire).
 Our Association thanks you for your exertions on behalf of civil and religious liberty, as part of "the joyful voice of thousands". I annex the "conciliating Address".
 No enclosure; but letter on a mutilated half-sheet, probably once conjugate with another copy of the printed Address of C:21.
 Signed Saml Kenrick. 1p & a (1 piece)
21. Jun 30. **Kenrick, Samuel.** [Worcestershire:] Bewdly
Protestant Dissenters (Worcestershire).
 Flowery thanks from the Association [a variant of C:20?]. Regards to Mr Urwick.
 Signed Saml Kenrick.
 Written on blank leaf (p. [3]) conjugate with:
 May 9. **Protestant Dissenters (Worcestershire)**
 [Worcestershire:] Kidderminster: Lion Inn
 "Address to the Members of the Established Church."
 We are brothers; do not misapprehend our Country Associations as a sign of rebellion. The sufferings at Birmingham.
 Signed S. Kenrick, Bewdly.
 PRINTED, on pp [1]-2. FRAGILE: folds tearing. 3p & a/d (1 piece)
- 1795
22. Dec 18. **Protestant Dissenting Deputies.** General Meeting.
 [London:] King's Head Tavern in the Poultry
 Resolution thanking WS both in general, and for adding a clause excepting Dissenting Academies...from penalty to the "Bill for preventing Political Lectures".
 Signed Edwd Jeffries Chairman; body of text in clerk's hand.
 Recipient: None 1p (1 piece)
23. Dec 25. **Hope, John Williams, 1757-1813.**
 Thanks Smith and the Committee [Commons Select Committee investigating Pitt's 1795 War Loan] for concealing that the firm of Hope (financiers of Amsterdam and London) had taken part in the Loan: important in the firm's foreign relations.
 In third person as "Mr Williams Hope". (See DNB.) 1p & d (1 piece)
24. Dec 26. **Protestant Dissenting Deputies.** General Meeting.
Webster, John, sec. of PDD 1795-1822. [London:] Queen Street
 Note enclosing resolution of thanks.
 No enclosure; probably MS 3C:22. 1p & a/d (1 piece)
- [1796]
25. ? ? **Cartwright, John, 1740-1824.** [Lincolnshire:] Boston
 IMPERFECT: end of letter only. Begins: "...to insure success."
 Reform would be good for the nation. Evils of excessive taxation, laws. If France unites with Holland, the English people must be armed. Emigration to America. Unnecessary wars. Mr Tierney.
 Signed J. Cartwright; docketed "Major Cartwright 1795-805" and "Cartwright 1796". Postmarked Boston. See DNB for Cartwright, founder of Society for Constitutional Information.
 Recipient: W. Smith, Esq., M.P., Park Street. 3p & a/d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1806

26. Jun 21. **Chalmers, Charles** [London?:] Lime Street
Cowie, Robert
Dignified gratitude for "Legislative wisdom--independent principle--and... rectitude".
Recipient: William Smith Esq, MP for Norwich, London.
Lime Street in London (connecting Fenchurch and Leadenhall Streets) contained respectable companies and affluent merchants; but since this letter is directed to London it may have been written in another city.
3p & d (1 piece)

1812

27. Aug 11. **Protestant Dissenting Deputies.** General meeting.
[London:] Kings Head Tavern in the Poultry
Resolution of gratitude to WS. (Ebenezer Maitland in chair.)
Aug 12. **Webster, John**, sec of PDD 1795-1822. [London:] Queen St Cheapside
Transmitting resolution.
In clerk's hand; signed John Webster Secy. 2p & d (1 piece)

1813

28. [?] Mar 29. **Wellwood, Henry Moncreiff, Sir, 1750-1827.** [Scotland:] Edinburgh
The Catholic Question; pleased that you approve of my course; wish no publicity; do not bring forward the paper I sent you. I fear the Church of England's role in **India**; Scots in India should have the Scottish Established Church; see my petition from the General Assembly, which Castlereagh ignores; mention this to Whitbread. Family wishes.
Signed H. Moncreiff Wellwood. (Assumed Wellwood late in life; see DNB.)
Year-date broken off, but dated from likeness to C:29.
Recipient: My Dear Sir.
FRAGILE: brittle. Encapsulated in mylar, with provision for folding.
4p (1 piece)
29. Apr 19. **Wellwood, Henry Moncreiff, Sir, 1750-1827.** [Scotland:] Edinburgh
The Petition; the Church of Scotland has no funds so chaplains would be paid by the Company or the Government. Mr Spottiswoode (agent for the Church of Scotland) writes that Wm Dundas considers an established Church of S. inadmissible. Endowments. Present chaplains in India on shaky basis. Lauderdale; Sir Charles Grant. No publicity.
Recipient: My Dear Sir; addressed to "...m Smith".
FRAGILE: signature and some text missing. Encapsulated in mylar, with provision for folding.
3p & a (1 piece)

30. Apr 29. **Shore, Samuel** [Derbyshire:] Meersbrook
Congratulations on the Catholic Question, and on the proceedings of the London Dissenting Ministers & the Deputies in favour of universal religious liberty. Belsham's sermons on it. I fear safeguards which will give the Executive power; Dissenters should beware of being Established. Family wishes from here and Norton.
Signed Sam Shore.
Probably Samuel Shore of Norton and Meersbrook, 1738-1828, high sheriff of Derbyshire, whose niece and nephew married WS's children; possibly his son, b. 1761.
FRAGILE: tearing. 3p & a/d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1813 [cont]

31. May 28. **Wellwood**, Henry Moncreiff, Sir, 1750-1827. [Scotland:] Edinburgh
No one here will mind the Repeal, but don't ask us, because "tho' we have little Bigotry, we have great Store of politicks". Know that in Scotland a disused statute ceases to be law. Yesterday's General Assembly on the Catholic Question. My son's visit to you.
Signed H. Moncreiff Wellwood.
Recipient: My Dear Sir. 4p (1 piece)
32. Jul 26. **Talbot**, Henry [Cumberland:] Carlisle
I as a Unitarian thank you for the Trinity Bill. I solicited votes for you at **Worcester**. I live at Kidderminster & am touring the Lakes.
Sealed. FRAGILE. 1p & a/d (1 piece)
33. Jul 27. **Somers**, John Somers Cocks, 1st Earl, 1760-1841. [Herefordshire: Eastnor:] Castledich
Glad Trinity Bill passed; wrong to penalize ordinary folk on obscure theological points. Sorry omitted signing note from Reigate.
Signed Somers. Docketed Ld Somers. (See Cokayne.)
Recipient: Dear Sir. 1p & d (1 piece)
34. Aug 1. **Plymouth Unitarian Congregation**. [Devon:] Plymouth
Worsley, Israel, 1768-1836, minister of the Congregation.
Letter of thanks for the Trinity Bill from the "Congregation of Unitarian Dissenters meeting at Plymouth".
With 58 signatures. (See DNB for Worsley.)
OVERSIZE: unfold with care. 2p & d (1 piece)
35. Aug 9. **Protestant Dissenters (Moretonhampstead)**. (?) [Devon:] Moretonhampstead
Isaac, J. [probably Jacob], minister.
Letter of thanks for the Trinity Bill from the "members of the Dissenting Congregations in this Town"; discusses justice.
With 21 signatures. 2p & a/d (1 piece)
36. Aug 15. **Protestant Dissenters (Birmingham)**. Special general meeting. [Warwickshire:] Birmingham: New Meeting
Hawkes, T.L., ch.
Copy of three resolutions of thanks to Smith.
Signed T.L. Hawkes Chairman.
Recipient: none (presumably enclosed in C:37). 2p (1 piece)
37. Aug 21. **Hawkes**, T.L. [Warwickshire:] Birmingham
Protestant Dissenters (Birmingham)
Covering letter enclosing resolutions of thanks from the "congregation of protestant dissenters assembling at the New Meeting house in this town" (probably C:36).
Sealed.
FRAGILE: tearing. 2p & a/d (1 piece)
38. Aug 25. **Scottish Unitarian Association**.
Smith, Thomas Southwood, 1788-1861, sec. [Scotland:] Edinburgh: 16 Calton Hill
Vote of thanks to Smith passed at the "General Annual Association of the Unitarians of Scotland", 28 July, Skinner's Hall Chapel, Edinburgh.
Signed T. Southwood Smith, Secy. (See DNB.) 2p & a/d (1 piece)

COLLECTION NAME: **Dissenters' collection: William Smith papers.**

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1813 [cont]

39. Sep 15. **Carpenter**, Benjamin, Dissenting minister at Stourbridge. [Worcestershire:] Stourbridge
 Enclosing rough copy of yesterday's vote of thanks; certain that most Trinitarians agree with the Trinity Bill.
 No enclosure; probably MS 3E:9. Docketed "Worcestershire Ministers".
 Signed B. Carpenter; see BM and pNUC (there identified as 1752-1816).
 Recipient: Dear Sir. 1p & d (1 piece)
40. Sep 28. **Bowden**, Joseph, fl. 1769-1816, sec. [Yorkshire:] Leeds
Presbyterian ministers (Yorkshire West Riding) [unnamed group]
 List of attendees at the 22 Sep meeting at Bradford; resolution thanking Smith for Trinity Bill.
 With private note pointing out that Bowden and other unqualified teachers now would suffer from section 5 of the New Toleration Act.
 Signed Jo Bowden, Secy. (See DNB sub Bowden, John, d. 1750.)
 Docketed "Yorkshire Ministers". 3p & a/d (1 piece)
41. Sep 29. **Holland**, John, 1766-1826. [Lancashire:] Bolton
 [An association of **Unitarian** ministers and laymen in the neighborhood of **Manchester**.]
 Transmitting resolution (on p. 3) thanking Smith for Trinity Bill. The vote of thanks to Abp of Canterbury and Bp of Chester was withdrawn, since it was a lefthanded compliment insinuating that they should thank you.
 (See DNB sub Holland, Philip.)
 Recipient: Honoured Sir. 2p & d (1 piece)
42. Oct 13. **Southern Unitarian Society**. **Isle of Wight:** Newport
 Resolutions 1-10 concerning the Trinity Act (Thomas Cooke, ch., John Fullagar, sec.). Resolution 7 thanks WS.
 Begins: "At a meeting of the Southern Unitarian Society (for promoting the genuine knowledge of the Scriptures and the practice of Virtue by the distribution of Books)..."
 PRINTED by Tayler & Co. Printers, Newport.
 On p [1].
- Oct 16. **Fullagar**, John [Isle of Wight:] Newport
 Covering note, with thanks for the copy of the Act.
 On p [3]. FRAGILE: tearing. 2p & a/d (1 piece)
43. Oct 20. **Kent and Sussex Unitarian Christian Association**. [Sussex:] Northiam
Holden, Lawrence, 1752-1844, ch.
 Resolutions 1-5 concerning the Trinity Act. Resolution 4 thanks WS.
 Includes theology.
 In Holden's hand.
- Oct 21. **Holden**, Lawrence [Kent:] Tenterden
 Warm note of transmittal.
 Oversize; flattened. 1p & a/d (1 piece)

1814

44. Jul 30. **Taylor**, Edward, 1784-1863, sec. [Norfolk:] Norwich
Eastern Unitarian Society. Annual Yarmouth meeting.
 Transmitting resolution of thanks to WS for the Trinity Bill; explaining delay; pride and pleasure in having WS as their MP.
 Signed Edw. Taylor. Tentative identification; see C:78. 2p & a/d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1816

45. Feb 2. **Wellwood, Henry Moncreiff, Sir, 1750-1827.** [Scotland:] Edinburgh
Concerning the pledge given by the East India Co that the 3 Scottish chaplains would be fairly treated: the Calcutta chaplain has been refused a church; have sent details to Mr Horner. Personal news.
Signed H. Moncreiff Wellwood.
Recipient: My Dear Sir. 3p & d (1 piece)

1818

46. Feb 16. **Church of Scotland. Presbyteries. Abertarff.** [Scotland:] Fort Augustus
Fraser, William, moderator.
Representation and Petition to the Treasury.
Shows that the Highland parishes are immense and inaccessible, and that the papist threat is growing; requests money for setting up smaller parishes; notes the virtues of the Highlanders; rehearses the history of the problem; notes that the Prince Regent wants the number of churches of the Established Church to grow.
"/Copy/" Enclosed in C:47.
Signed William Fraser Moderator.
Recipient of this copy un-named; presumably WS. 4p (1 piece)

47. Mar 6. **Fraser, William, moderator.** [Scotland:] Fort Augustus
Church of Scotland. Presbyteries. Abertarff.
Enclosing a request (C:46) from the Presbytery to the Treasury. Asking for Smith's support; have also asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Wilberforce, Babington, Charles Grant, Sr.
Signed William Fraser Moderator. In same hand as C:46.
Dorse annotated "cut contents unknown FLP [?]".
FRAGILE: tearing. 1p & a/d (1 piece)

48. Nov 27. **Aspland, Robert, 1782-1845.** [London:] Hackney Road: Durham House
Publication plans for "The Plea"; [Henry Handley] Norris' failings. Dr Rees secretary of the Book Society. We Unitarians hope that you can do something in Parliament about the marriage law; contemplating a Society for the Protection of the Civil Rights of Unitarians [probably the Unitarian Association to Protect the Civil Rights of Unitarians, founded 1819]; Richard Taylor will ask you if you will be chairman.
Includes extract from Sir Samuel Romilly's letter to Aspland of 2 Nov 1817: Unitarians need special protection passed by Parliament.
(See DNB for Aspland and Romilly.)
Recipient: Dear Sir
FRAGILE: MYLARED, with provision for folding. Text damaged on fold of pp 3-4. 4p & d (1 piece)

1819

49. May 14. **Lloyd, David, captain in the Navy.** [Lincolnshire:] Louth: Fanthorpe Hall
As a Navy officer I thank you for the Trinity Act; now let's move to the Sacramental Test (since now Catholics can become Admirals and Generals); King William's stance. Of course Unitarians don't find the sacrament important. I have had to conceal my beliefs, but Navy men are very liberal.
Signed David Lloyd Capt. R.N.
Recipient: Sir 4p & d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1820

50. Mar 24. **Sidmouth**, Henry Addington, 1st viscount, 1757-1844. [London:] **Whitehall Great Britain. Home Secretary.**

Acknowledges, as Home Secretary, receipt of the Address of the PDD to the King; arranging occasion to present it.

Signed Sidmouth. (See DNB sub Addington.)

Recipient: William Smith Esq., 16 Duke Street, Westminster. 3p (1 piece)

51. Jun 8. **Nugent**, George Nugent Grenville, baron, 1789-1850. [London:] Pall Mall
I enclose an elementary tract I designed for my constituents; herewith the book you lent me.

(In humble and flattering tone.)

Signed Nugent. (See DNB sub Grenville.)

2p & a/d (1 piece)

1821

52. May 30. **Deday**, Thomas [Norfolk:] Norwich

We Catholics had hoped that Plunkett's bill would be amended, and I could not take advantage of your offer to present a petition for us. Looking over the names in the petition from the Board. We can easily take a simple oath of allegiance; but the language of the proposed oath was ambiguous.

Signed Thos Deday.

3p & a/d (1 piece)

53. Aug 9. **Kent and Sussex Unitarian Christian Association.** [Kent:] Tenterden
Grisbrook, W.

Transmitting resolution passed 1 Aug, thanking Smith for pleading the cause of religious liberty.

Recipient: Hon'd Sir

1p & d (1 piece)

54. Aug 10. **Inhabitants of Saint John's, Newfoundland** **Newfoundland:** Saint John's
Morris, Patrick, ch.

Resolution thanking WS for supporting their petition.

Signed Patrick Morris Chairman; body of text in clerk's hand.

Presumably enclosed in C:55.

Recipient: None

1p (1 piece)

55. Nov 23. **Morris**, Patrick, ch. **Newfoundland:** Saint John's

Enclosing vote of thanks [C:54]. This long oppressed people hail this first effort of Parliament to give them their rights; please continue their advocate. I enclose a local pamphlet.

Signed; body of letter in clerk's hand.

FRAGILE: tearing.

2p & d (1 piece)

1822

56. "Thursday" [paper watermarked 1822].

Nugent, George Nugent Grenville, baron, 1789-1850. [London:] Pall Mall

A humbler version of C:51.

Signed Nugent.

2p & d (1 piece)

- Jan 14. **Heywood**, John Pemberton.

The letter which appears to be dated 1822 is probably actually dated 1832.
SEE MS 3C:100 (0 pieces)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1822 [cont]

57. Jun 5. **Atkins**, George, the Rev. **Northumberland: Morpeth**
"Northumberland Presbytery"

Writes as clerk for the association of Dissenting Ministers in this County. Will the PDD attack the Marriage-law? May we help? Will the Bill extend to all Dissenters, or only to Unitarians? Will we be able to marry in our own chapels?

Signed Geo. Atkins.

Recipient: Sir

2p (1 piece)

58. Jun 18. **Chance**, Robert Lucas, 1782-1865. **[London:] Pauls Wharf**
Walker, John, [? see NOTE] **[London:] 8 Camden St, Camden Town**

Requesting an interview before S. frames his new marriage-bill. The Christian societies with which we are connected do not have ministers; since we wish legal marriages we have been going to Scotland. The State has an interest in civil marriages, but should not prescribe religious rites: it should use a civil magistrate. Most of our Societies in Ireland; the enclosed pamphlet on our other sufferings. Discussion of marriage.

Signed RL Chance, Pauls Wharf; John Walker, 8 Camden St. In Walker's hand.

NOTE: Robert Lucas Chance of Birmingham founded the great Chance family glass manufactory in Birmingham in 1830. (Boase 2:685). The birth-places of his children (Howard's Visitation of England and Wales, 3:61) indicate a London residence 1815-1829; his signature in the Visitation resembles this signature.

Walker is probably John Walker, 1768-1833, founder of the "Walkerites", also called the "Separatists", or "Church of God" (see DNB). C:58 is not in the same hand as C:1.

4p (1 piece)

59. Jun 30. **Old Jewry** [dissenting congregation] **[London:] Jewin Street: Old Jewry Chapel**
Bentley, John, deputy. **[London:] Highbury Grove**

Proceedings: approval of WS's Marriage Bill; resolution of thanks to WS for extending the civil and religious rights of Protestant Dissenters.

Signed John Bentley, Deputy. Sealed.

Recipient: Wm Smith...Philpot Lane.

2p & a (1 piece)

1823

60. Mar 8. **Ellenborough**, Edward Law, 1st earl of, 1790-1871.
Parliament. Lords. Select Committee to take into Consideration the State of the Laws relative to Marriage. (1823).

[London: Westminster?:] 21 Hill Street

Our Committee wishes to see your proposed marriage bill. What authorization will those calling themselves Dissenting Ministers have?

(The Committee was appointed in Feb 1823 and made a final report on 13 May 1823; see Lords' Journals.)

Signed Ellenborough. (See DNB sub Law.)

Recipient: Sir.

4p (1 piece)

61. Mar 15. **Ellenborough.** **[Surrey?: Putney?:] Roehampton**

Discusses points and politics of Marriage Bill as a member of the Committee.

Signed Ellenborough.

Recipient: Sir.

5p (2 pieces)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1823 [cont]

62. [?]Mar 25. [Year not given; presumably also 1823, but paper slightly different size.]
Ellenborough. Hill Street

Our Committee will not include the Catholics in the New Marriage Bill; your friends can try a separate Bill.

Signed Ellenborough.

Recipient: My dear Sir.

1p & d (1 piece)

63. Dec 29.

[Hampshire:] Lymington and Lyndhurst

Clarke, Thomas, minister of a dissenting congregation in Lyndhurst

Millard, James, minister of a dissenting congregation in Lymington

Ford, David Everard, 1797-1875.

We wish to cooperate with your circular about the Repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts. We suggest that each dissenting congregation should prepare a Petition which should be submitted en masse to Commons by the London Deputation. We sign together to show the union of the three congregations.

[Ford was Congregational minister at Lymington (see DNB).]

Signed by each; in Clarke's hand.

Recipient: William Smith...Chairman of the Dissenting Deputies...

2p & a/d (1 piece)

1824

64. May 1.

Smith, John Pye, 1774-1851.

[London?: Hackney?:] **Homerton [College]**

News concerning the persecution of dissenters ("**Mômiers**") in the canton of **Vaud**, Switzerland. Can you get Canning to remonstrate with Vaud government? Encloses C:65-68; see also C:69.

Signed J Pye Smith. [See DNB: tutor at Homerton College, nonconformist, not related to WS.] Text of letter probably not in Smith's hand.

Endorsed "Wm Smith".

8p, endorsed (2 pieces)

- 65.

Wilson, Daniel, 1778-1858.

Vaud (Switzerland). Arrêt issued Jan 15 1824.

[Extract entitled] A. Copy of an Arrêt...taken from the "Letters of an Absent Brother..." well known to be the production of the Revd Daniel Wilson...[with] remarks...by Mr. Wilson. vol. ii p. 34-38.

[The arrêt is directed against all who are not members of the national church. Wilson was later Bishop of Calcutta (see DNB). The extract is probably from the 2nd ed. (1824).]

In French and English. Annotated by J.P.S.

In two hands, neither that of C:64.

Recipient: none. Endorsed "Wm Smith".

6p & endorsement (2 pieces)

- 66.

Rochat, Auguste, pastor of Bierre, Vaud.

Wilks [probably "Wilks, Mark, of Paris"], translator.

B. Extracts from the Letter of...Rochat...to the Landamman...of **Vaud**, resigning his parish; dated Jan 22 1824. The translation is by Mr. Wilks of Paris...J.P.S.

In English.

In two hands, at least one not used in C:64-65.

Recipient: none. Endorsed "Wm Smith".

4p, endorsed (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1824 [cont]

67. "Le canton de **Vaud**, depuis quelques temps, a été témoin d'une puissante effusion de l'Esprit de Dieu...d'une paix prolongée."
Includes account of semi-lynching of "maudit mômier" **Magnin**. In French.
Same paper as 64-68; hand differs.
Recipient: none. 3p (1 piece)
68. "That the members of this Body, though many of them differ widely from the others...are...unanimous...that the right of forming religious sentiments... is a right of mankind...conscience towards God."
Lengthy historical **resolution** requesting the British Government to put pressure on Vaud government.
Fair draft. Same hand as text of C:64.
Recipient: none.
FRAGILE: tearing. 4p (1 piece)
69. May 23. **Vaughan**, Charles Richard, Sir, 1774-1849. [Switzerland: Bern canton:] Bern
[Copy of letter sent from Vaughan (minister to Switzerland) to Canning (Foreign Secretary).]
Returning WS's papers to you herewith, and enclosing 2 clippings. Account of excesses of the **Momiers**. Why Britain should not interfere.
Marked "(a Copy)". Docketed "...sent to me by Mr Canning".
Recipient: The Rt Honble George **Canning**. 15p & d (4 pieces)
(See DNB for Vaughan and Canning.)
Enclosed clippings:
Vaud canton. Décrète 20 mai 1824 against a nouvelle secte religieuse.
Vaud canton. Circulaire 16 janvier which accompanied the arret of 15 Jan against the Momiers, with examples of their insubordinate actions.
2 clippings mounted on 1 leaf & d (1 piece)
- [1824 x 1826?]
70. Mar 22. **Taylor**, Edgar, 1793-1839. [London: City:] Temple
Since the Solicitor General objects to the registration clause in our [Marriage] Bill, perhaps he would prefer the clause in our previous version which the Lords disliked; here are some copies.
Dating: "Solicitor General" has been glossed as "Sir C. Wetherall".
Wetherall was made S-G in Jan 1824, was knighted in Mar 1824, and was made Attorney-General in Sep 1826. Letter addressed to "Wm Smith Esq MP", therefore before 1830.
No enclosure.
Address page scribbled over with pale pencil notes, perhaps by WS. 2p & a/d (1 piece)
- [1824 x 1827?]
71. **Russell**, John, Lord, 1792-1878. [London:] 6 Burlington St
Lay the inclosed before your friends; do they think the question must go on? Mr Canning plans to oppose the motion.
Signed J [?] Russell.
Dating: watermark 1824; George Canning died Aug 1827.
Recipient: My dear Sir. 1p (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1825

72. Mar 5. **Thrush, Thomas** [Yorkshire:] Sutton near Thirsk
[probably the present Sutton-under-Whitestone-Cliffe]
Your previous kindness. I enclose my pamphlet on the unlawfulness of war. In it I have refrained from theology and have used a different publisher (although obliged to Mr Hunter). In secrecy I tell you that I have written a letter to the King resigning my commission on this principle. Personal news. Mr Belsham. Can you aid a Bill for Railway running North from Stockton to Coalpits benefiting descendants of my old patron Gen. Hale?
Signed Thos Thrush. [Navy List shows him a Lt 1797, Capt 1802.]
Probably refers to the proposed Tees and Weardale Railway (a rival to the Stockton and Darlington pioneer) which was to run S of Durham by way of Coxhoe and Quarrington collieries the lease of which was owned by three unmarried daughters of Gen. Hale. The Bill was thrown out by Commons on 10 May 1825; S & D was opened in Sept 1825; T & W was reincarnated as the Clarence Ry. (See W.W. Tomlinson, North Eastern Railway.) "Gen. Hale" is probably John Hale (4th son of Sir Bernard) of Guisborough, Yorks, d. 1806, who had 21 children: 3 spinsters d. in the 1850s (see Landed Gentry).
HANDLE WITH CARE: 2nd leaf tearing. 4p & a/d (1 piece)
73. Apr 4. **Luccock, John** [Yorkshire:] Leeds
Suggesting examples of persons who are not ordained ministers who are allowed to solemnize marriages of the C of E; suggests Dissenters might board an American vessel and be married by the Captain. Our friend Ld Holland's previous attempt to pass the Bill. 2p & d (1 piece)
74. Apr 30. **Butt, Thomas** [London?:] 34 Upper Bedford Place
Thanks for the copy of the amended [Dissenters' Marriage] Bill. Clause A removes my grand objection. Other minor objections; fear that it may promote Dissent (see our Petition to the House). [Apparently a petition from the Church of England.]
RECIPIENT: E.J. Littleton, Esq., M.P., 39 Portman Square.
Presumably enclosed in C:75.
Docketed with disjointed NOTES. FRAGILE: tearing. 3p & a/d (1 piece)
75. [?] May 2. [Year not given; but watermark 1824; and probably enclosed C:74]
Littleton, Edward John, 1st Baron Hatherton, 1791-1863.
[London:] Portman Square
Enclose a letter with suggestions. Your original Measure might have passed if you had not insulted the Established clergy by requiring them to register as well.
Signed W [?] Littleton. (Littleton used the surname Walhouse until 1812; see DNB sub Littleton.)
Recipient: My dear Sir. 2p (1 piece)
76. Jun 22. [Group of Unitarians, Diss.] [Norfolk:] Diss
Taylor, John, and others.
Thanks. Unitarians still suspect that we are liable to punishment by the Common Law despite the Act of Parliament; we rely on you to carry this matter through.
Cf. MS 3Fd:1.
Signed by John, Samuel, Thomas Lombe, Meadows, and Meadows (jun.) Taylor; by Thomas and John Dyson; and by Charles Valentine, George Watson, and Samuel Parker.

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1825 [cont]

76. [cont] The Taylors of Norwich were a numerous and talented family of Dissenters (see MS Records for rough genealogical notes based on DNB). John Taylor may be the Presbyterian minister of Norwich (1750-1826); Meadows Taylor of Diss was a solicitor in 1809 when Edgar Taylor (son of Meadows' brother Samuel) was apprenticed to him.
FRAGILE: tearing. 1p & a/d (1 piece)
77. Jul 9. **Wesleyan [Methodist] Missionary Society.** Committee. Secretaries.
Morley, G. [London:] Hatton Garden, Wesleyan Mission House
Watson, Richard, 1781-1833.
Mason, John.
Thanks for your part in the Commons debate on Buxton's motion on the outrages committed on our mission in Barbadoes, and for your stand for religious toleration in the Colonies, which enables missionaries to civilize Negroes.
Signed by each. (Morley may be George Morley, d. 1843, president of the Wesleyan Conference 1830 (Boase 1:976). (See DNB for Watson.)
2p & d (1 piece)
78. Jul 14. **Eastern Unitarian Society.** **Suffolk:** Framlingham
Resolution thanking WS for Marriage efforts; Civil Rights care;
Catholic Emancipation support.
Represents congregations from Norwich, Yarmouth, Diss, Bury, Ipswich, Framlingham, Bramfield.
Signed Edwd Taylor, sec.
On pp 1-2.
- Jul 20. **Taylor, Edward, 1784-1863.** **[Norfolk:]** Norwich
Friendly letter of transmittal: "closing my duties as Sec of the E.U.Socy... Truly Yours here, at the Poll, or any where else."
Signed Edw. Taylor.
Tentative identification based on DNB: this Edward Taylor (the musician) was one of the Norwich family of Unitarian Taylors (see MS C:76), and left Norwich to join a brother in London in 1825.
Recipient: My dr Sir.
On p. 3. 3p & d (1 piece)
79. Aug 3. **Southern Unitarian Society.** **[Dorset:]** Poole
Resolution thanking WS for Unitarian Marriage and his efforts towards civil and religious liberty.
On p. 1.
- Aug 9. **Fullagar, John, sec.** **[Sussex:** Chichester?
Letter of transmittal.
Signed John Fullagar Minister of the Unitarians Chapel Chichester.
Recipient: Sir.
On p. 3. 2p & d (1 piece)
- 1827
80. May 12. **Clear [?], William [?]** **[Ireland:** Cork:] Cork
Asking for support of petition by Protestant Dissenters to be exempt from the office of Churchwarden of the Established Church; notes that Catholics now have this privilege.
Signed Wm Clear (or Clean, but probably not Cleary). 3p (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1828

81. Feb 19. **Draper**, Bourne Hall, fl. 1816-1836. [Hampshire:] Southampton
 Troubling you on Mr Maurice's recommendation with two petitions on the Test and Corporation Acts, praying that all penal laws concerning religion be repealed. Chamberlayne (MP) is ill; the other member is opposed to alteration.
 Signed B.H. Draper. (The Rev. Bourne Hall Draper wrote religious books ca. 1816-1836, some published in Southampton; see BM.) 3p & a (1 piece)
82. Feb 19. **Maurice**, Michael, 1766- [?] [Hampshire:] Southampton
 You are the best person to present this petition concerning Repeal of Test, Corporation Acts, and all penal statutes to Lansdowne or Holland. Mr Robberds Jun [?] is working for the poor.
 Signed M. Maurice. [Probably F.D. Maurice's father (see DNB & Boase) who signs himself M. Maurice (see B6357 item 10) and who had moved to Southampton by 1830.]
 No enclosure.
 Recipient: Dear Sir. 2p & d (1 piece)
83. May 15. **Brown**, John Aquila, sec. [London:] 20 Bouverie Street
Philo-Judaeae Society
 Lord Mandeville has not seen the petition which I asked you to present in connection with the Repeal Act on behalf of the **Jews**, whose condition is worsened thereby; please make sure Commons see it; we hope to act later more effectively.
 (Viscount Mandeville was George Montagu, 1799-1855, MP, who became 6th Duke of Manchester in 1843.)
 Signed John Aq. Brown Secy. 2p (1 piece)
84. May 25 **Williams-Wynn**, Charles Watkin, 1775-1850.
 [Buckinghamshire: Cliveden?:] **Dropmore**
 Thanks for the resolution passed by the Committee of Protestant Dissenters over which you presided on May 12, and for the invitation to the Repeal Dinner. Reasons for rejoicing. But I think a public dinner inappropriate, so make my excuses.
 Signed CW Williams Wynn. (See DNB sub Wynn.) 3p & d (1 piece)
85. Jun 10. **Barling** [Buckinghamshire:] Buckingham
Dissenting ministers (North Buckinghamshire) [unnamed association]
 Forwarding resolution of thanks for Repeal Act to Lords Holland, Russell, Nugent, and Robert Smith. But you, as Chairman of the United Committee, deserve particular thanks for bringing about concerted public support, and taking care of the Petition to the Lords. Here there is no trouble between the Established Church and the Dissenters.
 Signed E [?] Barling. [Initial not clear, but not a J.] 3p & d (1 piece)
86. Jun 11. **Stourton**, William Joseph, 18th baron, 1776-1846. [London:] 10 Mansfield St.
 Acceptance of invitation to Test Repeal Dinner on 18 June.
 In the third person as "Lord Stourton".
 (Stourton was unable to sit in Parliament until the Catholic Exclusion Act was repealed in 1829; see Cokayne.) 1p & d (1 piece)
87. Jun 25. **Russell**, John, Lord, 1792-1878. [London:] 19 Halfmoon St.
 Our Repeal Act victory. Do you think we should quietly form a Committee consisting of Churchmen, Dissenters, and Catholics, to promote religious liberty throughout the United Kingdom?
 Signed J [?] Russell; docketed "Ld Jno Russell 1828 **Association for promoting Religious Liberty**" 4p & d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1828 [cont]

88. Jul 17. **Carpenter**, Lant, 1780-1840. [Gloucestershire:] Bristol
Western Unitarian Society. Committee.

The Annual General Meeting instructed this Committee to draw up a resolution concerning the Repeal Act to be signed by those presiding over the Meeting: please sign and forward to WS.

Recipients: John Baker; Isaac Davy.

On pp 1-2.

(See DNB for Carpenter.)

- Jul 17. **Western Unitarian Society.** Annual General Meeting. [Somerset:] Yeovil
Baker, John, of Ilminster, Somerset, ch.

Davy, Isaac, of Fordton near Crediton, S. Devon, ch.

Resolution to thank Holland, Russell, John Smith, for Repeal; of pleasure by the support by members of Established Church; of desire that all such disabilities may be soon ended. Also to promote Unitarianism; to praise WS's virtues.

Recipient: none.

On pp 3-4.

Signed by Baker and Davy.

FRAGILE.

4p (1 piece)

89. Aug 20. **Baker**, John
Davy, Isaac
 Transmitting C:88 to WS, with expressions of esteem.
 Signed by Baker and Davy.

1p & d (1 piece)

1829

90. Feb 17. **Alcock**, Thomas? [or George?] [Cheshire:] Stockport: Gatley Hill near Stockport
Unitarian Dissenters (Stockport). Meeting.

Please present this Petition in favour of the Catholic Church to the Commons.

Signed Tho: [or Geo:?] Alcock.

2p & d (1 piece)

91. Feb 22. **Fawcett** [?], Samuel [Somerset:] Yeovil
Unitarian congregation of Yeovil

At the request of the congregation and other friends of Religious Liberty here, I send you 2 petitions (Commons & Lords) for Repeal of all Acts which inflict Civil Disabilities on account of religious faith. I will die content.

Recipient: My dear Sr

Signed: Sam: Fawcett

2p (1 piece)

92. Feb 22. **Moses**, David [?] [Wales: Glamorganshire:] Cardiff

Although the Dissenters in London are backing the Catholics, those in the country have been frightened by Lord Winchelsea's address; the London Dissenters should dispel their ignorance by the same type of publicity used for the Repeal movement.

Signed Dd Moses.

3p & a (1 piece)

93. Mar 3. **Wallace**, James Cowdan, 1793-1841. [Sussex:] Brighton: 97 Western Road
 Herewith 2 petitions (Lords and Commons). Problems with petitions and the illiberal. Anecdote re the Vinallites and Lord Eldon.
 Signed J.C. Wallace.

3p & a/d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1829 [cont]

94. Mar 4. **Davies, David Peter** [?] [Derbyshire: Derby:] Belper near Derby
Unitarian congregation of Lea Derbyshire: Lea
 Forwarding a petition to remove all civil disabilities on account of religious opinions; please present it to Commons. (The Duke of Devonshire will handle the Lords.) Your virtues.
 Signed D.P. Davies--Minister of Lea, Derbyshire. (Tentative identification from OCLC.)
 Sealed. 2p & a (1 piece)
95. Mar 7. **Gairdner, John, M.D., 1790-1876.** [??] [Scotland:] Edinburgh: 18 Hill Street
 [A society in favour of liberty of conscience]
 Our society is well known to your friend Mr Fox. Will you submit our petition to Commons? Consult the letter from Douglas Gordon Halyburton [1777-1841] to Lansdowne who will handle it in the Lords.
 Signed John [surname illegible--probably starts Gai.] (See DNB for Gairdner.) 4p (1 piece)
96. Mar 7. **Thomas, George, of Carmarthen** [Wales: Carmarthenshire:] Carmarthen
Unitarian congregations in Cardiganshire (two) [Wales:] Cardiganshire
 Forwarding a petition for the extension of Religious Liberty to all; although remote these congregations are highly intelligent and moral, and known to Dr. Thomas Rees. I was a Steward at the Repeal Act Dinner, 1828.
 Signed Geo. Thomas. 1p (1 piece)
97. [?] Jun 18. [Year not clear]
Lushington [London:] Doctors Commons
 It is inadvisable to put WS's Marriage Bill on the same footing as Jews and Quakers since those marriages are not recognised as legal in relation to real property.
 Signed S [? initial not clear] Lushington. (Probably Stephen Lushington, 1782-1873; see DNB.)
 Recipient: "My dear **Scarlet**". (Possibly James Scarlett, baron Abinger, 1769-1844; see DNB.) 2p & d (1 piece)
- 1830
98. Feb 23. **Dowden, Richard** [Ireland: Cork:] Cork: Bowen [??] St.
Unitarian Presbyterians of the city of Cork.
 Please present our petition against serving as Churchwardens on behalf of all Protestant Non-Conformists. Proposed Vestries Act for Ireland will except Catholics; should except us. Faults of our MPs Hutchinson, Callaghan, Colthurst; our 1817 petition; have been waiting politely. "You are not to judge of Irish Dissent by English rules. we are a set of negatives." Dislike of the name Unitarian. The Government grant raises passions. Gov. bribing the Catholics.
 Signed Rich.d Dowden (R') 5p & a/d (2 pieces)
- 1831
99. May 2. **Taylor, Edgar, 1793-1839.** [London:] Temple
 Can't attend tomorrow's meeting. Had hoped the idea of using Dissenters as a political force had been quashed in the Russell elections. Discussion of principles involved. Devon politics. Finances.
 Signed E Taylor.
 FRAGILE. Corners and folds flaking off with loss of text.
 Encapsulated in mylar, with provision for folding. 4p (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1832 [cont]

100. [?] Jan 14. [Year unclear; looks more like 1822, but age of author indicates 1832.]
Heywood, John Pemberton, 1755-1835. [Yorkshire:] Wakefield
 I am trustee of **Lady Hewley's Charity** for the Relief of Poor Preachers of the Gospel; we trustees (our president is Samuel Shore of Norton and our treasurer is Daniel Gaskell) are Presbyterians. The Independents or Evangelicals have brought suit in Chancery to eject us as Unitarians; meanwhile the pensions have been stopped, the needy are in want. Our chief prosecutor is Thomas Wilson of Highbury Place; can you persuade him to let the pensions continue? My son Peter the barrister. Family news; I am declining at 76. (Tone of old friend.)
 Signed J.P. Heywood.
 DATING. Alum Cantab says JPH was aged 19 on 2 Nov 1774 and died 27 Nov 1835 aged 79; his son Peter was called to the bar in 1824.
 Lady (or Dame) [Sarah] Hewley's Trust (or Charity, or Foundation), set up in 1710 to support dissenting ministers, became administered by Unitarian trustees; a celebrated law-suit ensued, which culminated in 1842 with a judgement barring Unitarians. 3p & a/d (1 piece)

1834

101. Oct 11. **Waymouth**, Henry, Chairman of PDD 1832-1844. [Berkshire:] Windsor: St Leonards Hill
 PDD business and family wishes. The Committee has passed two resolutions concerning Lord John Russell and implementing his suggestion. I spoke with Lord Melbourne about Dissenters' grievances; he is amiable: insists on knowing if we can speak for Dissenters in Country, and on knowing all we want at once. Mr Winter. United Committee.
 Recipient: My dear Sir...remembrances to yourself & Mrs Smith.
 Signed H Waymouth.
 On slight mourning paper. 4p (1 piece)
102. Nov 6. **Conder**, Josiah, 1789-1855. [?]: Watford Field House
 No more than you am I in sympathy with the Northern extremist Dissenters. Political problems between the United Committee, the body of deputies, and the country members.
 Probably reply to MS 3B:6.
 Conder was a publisher and an important Deputy. At this time he was editing the Patriot newspaper. (See DNB.) 4p (1 piece)
103. Nov 19. **Winter**, Robert, secretary of PDD 1822-1835. [London:] 16 Bedford Row
Protestant Dissenting Deputies. Secretary.
 The Report from the Sub-Committee of Accounts of the United Committee is unfair to me, and it seems I must resign.
 A MANIFOLDED FORM LETTER in a clerical hand. Perhaps lithographed?
 Sent to each member of the United Committee, according to MS 3Fa:11. 3p & a/d (1 piece)

C. Letters to Smith. [cont]

1835 [cont]

104. Mar 18. **Orphan Working School** in the City Road [London: Hoxton]
Rolt, John, Sir, 1804-1871, sec.
[London]: Doctors' Commons: 18 Gt Knight Rider St.
Letter of invitation to anniversary dinner on 8 April, Albion Tavern, Lord Brougham presiding. Brief account of the Charity.
In clerk's hand; signed John Rolt Secy. (See DNB.)
Entry for school in BM "London. Orphan Working School, Hoxton."; in pNUC "London. Orphan working school and Alexandra orphanage." 2p & d (1 piece)

Undated

105. ? ? [No date; no signature.] [London?]
Legal notes sent as letter to William Smith Esq, Park Street, Westminster.
Begins "Atchison v Everitt Cowper 382 to 395".
Gives two legal opinions by Lord **Mansfield**: one on treating Dissenters' consciences with care; one on registering a meeting-house.
In two hands.
DATING: Watermark 1808; WS sold Park Street in 1819. 2p & a (1 piece)

D. Correspondence concerning Seven Rakes Mine in **Derbyshire, 1824-1825 & n.d.**

William Smith and T.V. [?] Cooke of Staines apparently had a quarter interest in a partnership in Seven Rakes Mine, Derbyshire; other members were Milnes and Bracebridge. The partnership neglected its rights, and in 1810 and 1816 the local lead-mining court gave local men (Adam Knowles, John and Michael Carding) the right to work parts of the abandoned mine. This correspondence is from 1824-5: WS is trying unsuccessfully to recover ground or profits. He is working through John Alsop Jr (a local man, related to the court officials), Richard Hurt (agent of Cooke & Co.), John Taylor of London, and William Edward Shore Nightingale (WS's son-in-law, of Lea Hurst, Derbyshire).

Area: The mine is on the Derwent River: Alsop writes from Lea Bridge, about 9 miles north of Derby on the Derwent, and Lea Hurst (later the home of Florence Nightingale) is close by. (Nightingale also mentions Smith's land at Ewhurst: this may be Ewhurst, Hampshire, near Kingsclere.)

Ornament: Cross-section of mine in D:7.

Document: D:3 contains copies of entries for **1810** and **1816** from the book kept by the Barmaster for the Liberty of Matlock.

Arrangement: 1-8 chronological; 9-12 undated, but probably ca 1820-1825. (12 items in one folder.)

HANDLE WITH CARE: some items torn or mutilated.

1. **Alsop, John.** To Dear Sir
1824 Mar 21 [Derbyshire]: Lea Bridge
Need further information from your friend about his share in the Seven Rakes Mine; which agent in Derbyshire? possible fraud. Mr Toplis willing to advance £30,000 on Pleasley Estate.
Annotated with answers: agent Charles Hurt. 2p (1 piece)
2. **[Nightingale, W.S.] [?]** To My dear Sir
1824 Jun 13 [might read 1821] [Derbyshire]: Lea Hurst
The learned say you are not liable for expenses for yr Derbyshire mines since the Barmaster dissolved the old partnership. The present miners have a new title to certain levels. Mr Hurt imprudently continued to pay a share from Mr Cooke's funds without determining if he was one of the new set. I leave today; "even if you came to Scotland, I fear we have no chance of seeing you here."
First leaf of letter only. Unsigned; resembles WSN's hand below; Lea Hurst was WSN's house. 2p (1 piece)
- 3a. **Alsop, John.** To William **Smith**, London.
1824 Jul 21. [Derbyshire]: Lea Bridge
Enclose copies of 1810 & 1816 transfers. Barmaster acted correctly; you may recover the ground but certainly not the receipts. Description of mine.
On pp 1 and 4. Hole in text p.1.
- b. **Eaton, Edmund**, Barmaster for the Liberty of Matlock [Derbyshire: Matlock]
Walker, Charles, Twentyfourman
1810 Sep 30
Copy of entry in Eaton's book giving Adam **Knowles** and John **Carding** certain land on the Seven Rakes. Bounds and restrictions given.
On p. 3.
- c. **Eaton, Edmund**, Barmaster [Derbyshire: Matlock]
Knowles, Adam, Twentyfourman
1816 Oct 17
Copy of entry in Eaton's Book giving Michael **Carding** other land on the Seven Rakes. Bounds and restrictions given.
On p. 3.
- d. **Alsop, Anthony**, Barmaster [Derbyshire]
Signed note authenticating his copy of b & c.
On p. 3. 3p & a/d (1 piece)

COLLECTION NAME: Dissenters' collection: William Smith papers.

D. Correspondence concerning Seven Rakes Mine, Derbyshire [cont]

4. **Taylor, John.** To William **Smith**, Upper Seymour Street, [London]
1824 Nov 8. London
Advantage was taken of the inattention of the old company, but a suit now not worth it: you have little more than a quarter share and could not get a majority; better to regain your part by treaty with the possessors. Employ Mr Alsop for the negotiations. Only hope to run mine efficiently is if the new neighboring company drains the water. 2p & a/d (1 piece)
- 5a. **Alsop, John.** To William **Smith**, London.
1824 Nov 28. [Derbyshire]: Lea Bridge
The new Welch Co have been draining the Side Mine across the river; if they succeed it will drain the Seven Rakes, but the Derwent floods have destroyed the works & they will probably not persevere.
On p. 3; address on p. 2.
- b. **Smith, William.** To T.V. **Cooke**, Sunning Hill, Staines.
1824 Dec 3. London
Forwarding note; initialed.
On p. 1; address on p. 4. Sealed. TEARING. 2p & 2a/d (1 piece)
- 6a. [**Nightingale, Frances Smith**] To William **Smith**, London, "My dear Father".
1824 Dec 14 [year from postmark]. [Derbyshire: postmarked Wirksworth]
Enclose interview which N [WS Nightingale, her husband?] had with Alsop [no enclosure]; Swettenham thinks necessary lawsuit not worthwhile.
Initialed FN. On p. 1.
- b. [**Smith, William**] To Dr Sir [Cooke?]
[1824] Dec 18. [London?]
Alsop, Nightingale, Swettenham connected. What do you recollect of our instructions to Hurt? must find out if he really did know what the Barmaster was doing.
Initialed WS. On p. 1. 1p & a (1 piece)
- 7a. **Alsop, John.** [To Smith?]
1824 Dec 15. [Derbyshire]
Adam Knowles and John Cardin say Mr Hurt, the agent of Messrs Cooke & Co, knowingly gave the South end up, and they refuse to deliver it. Not presently worth a lawsuit.
p. 1: Cross-section of area, coloured and labelled.
Imperfect?: no salutation.
- b. **Smith, William.** To T.V. **Cooke**, Sunning Hill, Staines.
1824 Dec 18. London
Address only.
Item 6 might have enclosed item 7, but the folds do not coincide. 2p & a/d (1 piece)
8. **Smith, William.** To T.V. **Cooke**, Sunning Hill, Berks.
1825 Oct 8. [Yorkshire]: Wakefield: Thorne's House
While lately with N at Lea I enquired about the mine; the enclosed letter from Mr A sums up the business. I have written Hurt that the Customs of the Mining Country are vicious if they mean a principal's property can be disposed of without informing him, and as such would not stand in a court of law. Estimated revenues to present possessors. Reward to us not worth much effort.
Mutilated: bottom third of last leaf removed. 3p & a (1 piece)

D. Correspondence concerning Seven Rakes Mine, Derbyshire [cont]

UNDATED

9. **Alsop, John.** To William **Smith**, Lea Hurst.
 Saturday morning [watermark 1823] [Derbyshire:] Lea Bridge
 "Mr Richard Hurt says no correspondence took place with Messrs Cook & Co previous to the relinquishment...Mr Milnes acting for Mr Bracebridge & others...determined upon its abandonment...
 pp 3-4 mutilated without loss of text. 1p & a (1 piece)
10. **[Nightingale, William Shore]** To William **Smith**, London.
 Jan 13 [watermarked 1820] [Derbyshire:] Matlock
 "Your last account of Ewhurst says 'only 600 [?] acres' of freehold land--The printed particulars says 'nearly 1200'..." We are setting out to visit your estate via Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, where I'll go hunting since "Frances is of course not anxious to make long days march".
 Mr Swettenham says the Barmaster gave title to 3 poor men, all according to law; no possibility of recovery. You may use my name to Swettenham.
 INITIALED: W.S.N. (or W.E.N.).
 DATING: Reads as if it precedes D:2. Frances' delicacy may be due to pregnancy, but DNB (sub Florence Nightingale) records only two births. Florence (the second child) was born in Italy in May 1820.
 EWHURST: There are Ewhursts in Surrey and Sussex, and a small village SE of Kingsclere, Hampshire. The last is 25 miles from Embly park, Hampshire, which was bought by Nightingale in 1826; thereafter the Nightingales spent summers in Derbyshire and winters in Hampshire. Ewhurst, Hampshire, contains 477 acres; Ewhurst Manor was owned by Robert Mackreth (see DNB) who died in 1819; the manor was then sold to Mr Symonds, and then to Sir Peter Pole, who sold it to Wellington in 1837. It is just possible that WS was considering its purchase, either before Symonds' purchase or before Pole's purchase; but WS was not affluent after 1819.
 NIGHTINGALE FAMILY: Peter Nightingale (of Lea and Woodend, Derbyshire) had a sister Anne. Her daughter Mary Evans married William Shore (1752-1822; son of Samuel Shore of Sheffield and Mearsbrook, 1701-1785, and brother of Samuel Shore of Norton Hall and Mearsbrook, 1738-1838). They had two children: William Edward Shore and Mary Shore.
 William Edward (1794-1874) assumed the name of Nightingale in 1815, and inherited Lea Hall (or Lea Hurst), Derbyshire. He married WS's 4th daughter, Frances (Fanny) SMITH (b. 1788) in 1818.
 Mary SHORE married WS's 3rd son, Samuel SMITH (1794-1880, "of Coombe Hurst and Lea Hurst"). She inherited Embly Park in 1874. Her son, William Shore Smith (1829-1894) assumed the name of Nightingale in 1893. (VCH: Hampshire 4: p. 536; Alum Oxon.)
 p. 1 struck out; p. 2 annotated "Mine"; a third of pp 3-4 cut away. 3p & a (1 piece)
11. **Smith, William.** To Dr Sir.
 Monday. [n.p.]
 "I send You the inclosed -- Do You...recollect what Documents Bradley gave us... respecting the Mine?--...Papers relating to the Old Stratf' Partnership... Dennett was then...Attorney..."
 The "Mine" may not be the Seven Rakes Mine. 2p (1 piece)
12. **[Smith, William]** To My dr Sir.
 [n.d.] [n.p.]
 "I fear the Informa' contained in the enclosed papers is decisive...may save You... fruitless search"
 Initialed: WS.
 Found lying between MS 3D:8 and MS 3C:78; may not be relevant to either.
 SMALL slip of paper, 7.5 x 12.5cm. 1p (1 piece)

E. MS Resolutions, Minutes, etc., not part of a letter to WS. (17 items in 15 folders.)

1785

1. Aug 4. [General Body of Ministers of the Three Denominations]
[London]: Dr Williams's Library, Red Cross St.
"General Body of Dissenting Ministers".
Resolution in form of a letter from the secretary, R. Awbrey, to the Rev.
Dr. Harris, York Buildings, Strand.
Thanks to WS for taking care of the Marriage Register Bill.
Signed R Awbrey, Secy; in Awbrey's hand. 1p & a/d (1 piece)

1789

2. May 18. [Protestant Dissenters (Bristol)] Bristol
"Delegates appointed by the different Congregations of Protestant Dissenters
in this City".
Resolution thanking WS for backing Beaufoy's Motion.
Signed Richd Bright Chairman; probably in Bright's hand. 1p & d (1 piece)
3. Dec 26. [Protestant Dissenters (Birmingham)] [Warwickshire]: Birmingham: The Hotel
"Deputies from the seven Congregations of Protestant Dissenters in
Birmingham".
We will not be able to have a Warwickshire Meeting before the Midland
District Meeting; therefore Birmingham now issues a Resolution thanking WS
for promoting the Repeal of the Test Laws.
Signed Willm: Russell Chairman...; in clerks hand. 1p (1 piece)

1790

4. [Mar 2] [Parliament. Commons] [London]
"List of Division on the Repeal of the Test Act 1790"
Alphabetical list of 174 names (apparently those favouring the Bill) of
which 76 are marked "d" in pencil. (The Bill was lost, 105 to 294.)
3p & d (1 piece)

[1806 x 1825]

5. ? ? Distributors of HM Bounty to the Protestant Dissenting Clergy. [London?]
Resolution (at the motion of Dr. Rees) thanking WS for reclaiming the
Bounty from Mr Martin.
Dating: Dr Abraham Rees (1743-1825) was made a distributor of the Regium
Donum in England in 1806 (DNB). (See EB for Regium Donum.) 1p & d (1 piece)

1811

6. May 28. [Protestant Dissenting Deputies] London: Kings Head Tavern in the Poultry
"Deputies appointed for protecting the Civil Rights of the Protestant
Dissenters"
Proceedings (WS in chair); 10 Resolutions of pleasure at the defeat of
Sidmouth's bill, and of thanks to WS and John Gurney.
Draft. 3p (2 pieces)

1812

7. Apr 14. [Wesleyan Methodist Church.] Committee of Privileges. [n.p.]
"General Committee of Privileges of the Societies founded by the late
Reverend Mr Wesley"
Extract from minutes: resolution thanking WS for guarding the privileges
of the preachers under the local Militia Bill.
Signed Jos: Butterworth Secy; in clerk's hand. 1p & d (1 piece)

E. MS Resolutions, Minutes, etc., not part of a letter to WS. [cont]

1812 [cont]

8. Aug 11. [**Protestant Dissenting Deputies**] [London?]
 "The Deputies...Maitland Esq in the Chair."
 15 Resolutions expressing general principles concerning freedom of worship; pleasure at the passage of the New Toleration Act and hope for full Repeal; thanks to Whitbread, Gurney, Gutteridge, et al.; detailed thanks to WS. 3p (1 piece)

1813

9. Sep 14. [**Dissenting Ministers (Worcestershire)**] [Worcestershire?]: Oldbury
 "An Annual Meeting of Dissenting Ministers holden at Oldbury"
 2 Resolutions thanking WS for Trinity Act; list of those present, with addresses.
 PLACE: There is an Oldbury W of Birmingham; most addresses are near Birmingham.
 Draft. Cf. MS 3C:39. 1p (1 piece)

1815

10. [1815 Dec 1] **Protestant Dissenting Deputies.** [n.p.]
Petition to Prince Regent: "Address from the Deputies in favour of the Fr. Prot. at Nimes". [so docketed]
 Requests intercession on behalf of persecuted **Protestants in France.**
 [Probably refers to the "White Terror"--the massacre of Protestants in the South of France before and after Napoleon's 100 days.]
 DATE from Davis, p. 457; watermark 1813.
 Draft. Signed by WS, but text in different hand.
 FRAGILE: 2 pieces wafered together; gutter tearing.
 5p & d (2 pieces wafered tog.)

1816

11. May 28. **Committee for Inquiry, Superintendence & Distribution of the Funds for the Relief of the persecuted French Protestants.** London: Williams's Library
 Resolution thanking WS for backing Romilly's motion (23 May) that Commons should present an address to the Prince Regent requesting copies of communications with the French government about the persecuted Protestants.
 Signed **Thos Morgan**, Secretary; in same hand. 1p (1 piece)

1820

12. May 26. **Unitarian Association for Protecting the Civil Rights of Unitarians.**
 [London?]: London Tavern
 Resolution thanking WS for stance against the Marriage Act.
 Signed **Edgar Taylor** Secretary; in Taylor's hand. 1p & d (1 piece)

1828

13. May 28. **British and Foreign Unitarian Association.** General Meeting.
 [London]: Finsbury Unitarian Chapel
 Resolution of modified rejoicing in Repeal Act; thanks to United Committee, MPs, HM Ministers (who supported Unitarians), most of the Church of England, the Press, Lord John Russell, John Smith MP, WS. Shall support Catholics.
 With striking details; praise of Charles James Fox. 5p (2 pieces)

E. MS Resolutions, Minutes, etc., not part of a letter to WS. [cont]

1828 [cont]

14. Jul 2. **Protestant Dissenters (Brighton: Union St. Chapel).** [Sussex]: Brighton
 "Repeal of the Sacramental Test".
 Proceedings (J.N. Goulty, pastor, chairman) and 9 resolutions of modified
 joy and gratitude.
 Signed John Nelson **Goulty** chairman, and **Wallance** [?] and Wm **Penfold**
 deacons.
 Fair copy, addressed to WS. Calligraphic title.
 Oversize. UNFOLD WITH CARE. 3p & a (1 piece, folded)

1832

15. Jan 27. **[Protestant Dissenting Deputies]** [London]: King's Head Tavern in the Poultry
 "Deputies from the several Congregations of Protestant Dissenters of the
 Three Denominations in & within 12 miles of London, appointed to protect
 their civil rights."
 3 resolutions regretting WS's retirement; planning to print his farewell
 Address and these thanks. Cf. MS 3Fa:1.
 Henry Waymouth in the Chair.
 Draft? 2p (1 piece)

1834

16. Oct 6. **[United Committee on Dissenting Grievances (1833-)]** ?
 [London]: Dr Williams's Library
 Minutes concerning actions on the Draft Marriage Bill (Brougham, Holland,
 Russell). Resolutions against Church Rates; appointing Subcommittee for
 General Purposes (Brown, Gale, Mills, March, Peck, Tidman, Taylor, Wilson,
 Yates) to consider Registration, exclusion from Universities, burial.
 Written continuously with:
 Oct 8. Subcommittee for General Purposes.
 [London]: Redcross Street: Dr Williams's Library
 Minutes concerning Melbourne and the Marriage Bill; problem with
 Brougham's bill on Registration; with University bill; Dr Brown to prepare
 Bill on burials. Will report to United Committee meeting of 27 Oct.
 Corrected copy. 3p (1 piece)

1835

17. Apr 6. **United Committee [on Dissenting Grievances (1833-)]** [n.p.]
 2 Resolutions that Peel's Marriage Bill requires more consideration.
 1p & d (1 piece)

F. Printed matter, sometimes addressed, docketed, or otherwise marked in MS.

This section has not been catalogued, carded, or indexed yet. Brief descriptions follow, arranged in the order Fa (Protestant Dissenting Deputies. 12 reports, etc., 1794-1835); Fb (United Committee on Dissenting Grievances. 1 item, 1834); Fc (Souvenirs of the Dinner commemorating the Repeal of the Test Act, 1828. 6 items); Fd (Unitarians. 1 petition, 1825); Fe (Parliamentary bills. 2 items, 1812 & 1832); Ff (Country organizations of Protestant Dissenters. 10 Minutes, 1789-1813. Classed in MS Q11:10.); Fg (Misc. 7 items, 1790-1834). Rough cataloguing notes appear as Appendix A of this description (pp 43-48).

Fa. Protestant Dissenting Deputies.

- Fa:1. PDD.
Resolutions of a meeting...on January 27, 1832... London, 1832.
8p. (1 piece)
Includes WS's Address on his resignation. Cf. MS 3E:15.
- Fa:2. As Fa:1. Leaves detached; annotated by WS on p. 7. (3 pieces)
- Fa:3. PDD. Committee of 21.
Report...January 2, 1824.
4p. (1 piece)
Includes a history of the PDD.
- Fa:4. PDD. Committee of 21.
Report...December 14, 1827.
INCOMPLETE: first leaf only. (1 piece)
- Fa:5. PDD. Committee of 21.
Report...December 19, 1828.
4p. (1 piece)
- Fa:6. PDD. Committee of 21.
Report...December 18, 1829.
4p. (1 piece)
- PDD. Committee of 21.
Report...27th December, 1833.
4p. (0 pieces)
Includes the founding and proceedings of the United Committee.
Two copies used by WS as letter-paper have been classed as MS 3B:7-8.
- Fa:7. PDD. Committee of 21.
Report...19th December, 1834.
4p. Tearing. (1 piece)
Includes the proceedings of the United Committee on Dissenting Grievances.
- Fa:8. PDD. Committee of 21.
List of the committee...For the Year 1835.
1p. (1 piece)
Gives addresses.
- PDD.
[A resolution at the meeting of 17 June 1794 including WS's] Address to the
Protestant Dissenters of England and Wales.
3p. OVERSIZE: call for as MS Q11:10:9. (1 piece)

F. Printed matter. [cont]

- Fa:9. PDD.
To the Protestant Dissenters of England. The Address of the Deputies...
[1820?]
4p. (1 piece)
Includes a history of the PDD; the text of the Petition against the Test Act
(July 1820).
- Fa:10. PDD.
[Petition to Commons requesting relief from Test and Corporation Acts, 1827.]
pp 1339-1342. (1 piece)
Extracted from "Appendix, Votes, &c" No. 1867, 12 die Junii, 1827.
- Fa:11. Winter, Robert.
Statement and letters upon the occasion of...resigning his office of Secretary
to the Deputies, and to the United Committee of Dissenters in London. [1835]
19, 4p. (1 piece)
Covers events through 31 Dec 1834: controversy over accounts. Cf. MS 3C:103.
MS: inscribed to WS.
- Fb:1. United Committee on Dissenting Grievances (1833-).
Brief statement of the case of Protestant Dissenters. 4th January, 1834.
4p. (1 piece)
Includes formation of United Committee.
- Fc. Souvenirs of the Dinner commemorating the Repeal of the Test Act (18 June 1828)
- Fc:1. [Admission ticket.]
MS: Signed Robt Winter. (1 piece)
- Fc:2. [Place-card for WS.]
MS: inscribed and docketed. (1 piece)
- Fc:3-5. [Seating diagram.]
3 copies. (3 pieces)
- Fc:6. Stewards.
Contains long list of names and addresses.
MS: docketed. Folded. (1 piece)
- Fd. Unitarians.
- Fd:1. Protestant Dissenters of the Unitarian Persuasion.
[Petition to the Lords, requesting that the assertions that Unitarians are
still punishable by common law should be investigated.] [July 1825.]
2p. (1 piece)
Printed in the Lords' Journals, 5 July 1825.
Cf. C:76.
MS: annotation.
- SEE ALSO MS 3C:42. Southern Unitarian Society. Meeting of 13 Oct 1813 at Newport.
- Fe. Great Britain. Parliament. Bills.
- Fe:1. A bill intituled An Act to relieve Members of the Church of England and others
from sundry penalties and disabilities. Ordered to be printed 2nd June 1812.
2p. Blanks left in text. (1 piece)
Lords' Journals call this Bill "Church of England Relief Bill" on this date.
A form of the New Toleration Act?

F. Printed matter. [cont]

Fe:2. A bill, intituled An Act for granting relief to certain persons dissenting from the Church of England, in relation to the celebration of Marriage. [1832 x 1837]
15p. On blue paper. Sewn. (1 piece)

**Ff. Minutes, resolutions, etc., from country organizations of Protestant Dissenters.
1789-1790.**

NOTE: This material is OVERSIZE, and is shelved in MS Q11:10. Do not call for it by MS 3 numbers, but by MS Q11 numbers. Item 1 gives history of and plans for establishing a Union of Dissenters throughout the country; the other items carry this purpose out. See "Rough Notes" (pp 43-48) for fuller descriptions.

- MS Q11:10:1. [Protestant Dissenters (Birmingham)]
[Meeting of 14 Oct 1789 at Birmingham.]
3p. (1 piece)
MS: signed "William Russell"; sent as letter to WS Jan 1790; sealed.
Cf. MS 3C:5.
- MS Q11:10:2. [Dissenting Ministers (Yorkshire West Riding). Committee.]
[Meeting of 11 Nov 1789 at Wakefield.]
4p. FRAGILE: tearing. (1 piece)
MS: docketed.
- MS Q11:10:3. [Protestant Dissenters (Suffolk)]
[Meeting of 1 Dec 1789 at Stowmarket.]
3p. (1 piece)
MS: note of transmittal from John Cumberland; sent as letter to WS 10 Dec; docketed.
- MS Q11:10:4. [Protestant Dissenters (Hampshire)]
[Meeting of 23 Dec 1789 at Southampton.]
2p. (1 piece)
MS: note of transmittal from John Carter; sent as letter to WS 1 Feb 1790; docketed.
- MS Q11:10:5. [General Body of Dissenting Ministers (Lancashire & Cheshire). Committee.]
[Meeting of 6 Jan 1790 at Manchester.] Cf. MS 3C:7.
2p. (1 piece)
- MS Q11:10:6. [Protestant Dissenters (Lancashire: Bolton)]
[Meeting of 7 Jan 1790 at Bolton-le-Moors.]
3p. (1 piece)
MS: sent as letter to WS 14 Jan; docketed.
- MS Q11:10:7. [Protestant Dissenters (Midland District). Committee.]
[Meeting of 17 June 1790 at Nottingham.] Cf. MS 3C:15.
3p. (1 piece)

SEE ALSO the following printed items which contain MS letters and have been classed in MS 3C:

- MS 3C:6. Protestant Dissenters (Leicestershire & Rutland).
Meeting of 1 Jan 1789 at Leicester.
- MS 3C:21. Protestant Dissenters (Worcestershire).
Meeting of 9 May 1792 at Kidderminster.
- MS 3C:42. Southern Unitarian Society.
Meeting of 13 Oct 1813 at Newport.

F. Printed matter. [cont]

Fg. Misc. printed matter.

MS Q11:10:8. [A Norwich Corresponding Society?]

[Meeting of 3 May 1792 at Norwich.]

Begins: "Parliamentary Reform. At a Meeting of Delegates..." Signed John Broughton.

Broadside. OVERSIZE.

(1 piece)

MS 3Fg:1. **Priestley, Joseph, 1722-1804.**

Letters to the Rev. Edward Burn, of St. Mary's Chapel, Birmingham.

[Extracts from the Preface.]

Begins: "The following Extracts from a preface to a late publication, entitled,...are humbly submitted to your consideration. Birmingham, February 26, 1790. On this Account I rejoice to see the Warmth..."

Broadside.

(1 piece)

Warns the govt and the Church that much repression will produce an explosion which will devastate them--see France.

MS 3Fg:2. The theological judgment of the **Catholic Divines of the Midland District** on the two Bills pending in Parliament, March 13, 1821.

2p.

(1 piece)

MS 3Fg:3. **The English Presbyterian.**

[Prospectus for] The English Presbyterian. London: Richard Taylor, [1834].

2p.

(1 piece)

MS 3Fg:4. [Falconer, Thomas, 1805-1882. ?]

[History, opinions...of the English Presbyterians, 1834. Addition. ?]

The Opinions, &c. of the English Presbyterians. Addenda.--No. 2.

pp [175] 176-177. (1 sheet).

(1 piece)

MS: docketed and annotated.

MS 3Fg:5. Abstract of the case of the **Vaudois**... [1825 or later]

pp [1-3] 4-8 (1 sheet). MUTILATED FRAGMENT of fuller work.

(1 piece)

MS 3Fg:6. [Fragments of an attack on Gisborne for asking support for the Schools and Clergy of the **Vaudois**/Waldenses. 1825 or later.]

pp 5-14. Once sewn together; now in 4 pieces. FRAGMENT.

(4 pieces)

NB. The Vaudois are a French sect unrelated to the inhabitants of Vaud (Switzerland) whose persecutions are discussed in MS 3C:64-69.

SEE ALSO: MS 3C:103 (Manifolded form letter issued by Robert Winter, 19 Nov 1834).

MS 3C:69 (Clippings from Swiss official publication: decrees against Vaud Momiers, 1824).

Appendix A: Printed matter: Rough Notes.

MS 3Fa:1-2

Deputies from the several congregations of Protestant Dissenters of the Three Denominations.

Resolutions of a meeting of the Deputies...held at the King's Head Tavern, in the Poultry, On Friday, January 27, 1832, on occasion of an Address received by them from William Smith, Esq. their late chairman. London: Fauntleroy and Burton, 156, Leadenhall-street, 1832.

8p.

Two copies; the second has its leaves detached, and is annotated on p.7: "My Address to the Deputies on Resigning the Chair."

MS 3Fa:3

Deputies of the Protestant Dissenters. Committee.

Report of the Committee of the Deputies... to the general body, January 2, 1824. Marchant, printer, Ingram-court, Fenchurch-street.

pp [1] 2-3 [4]. Caption- and docket-titles.

History of the Deputies...within Ten Miles of London to protect the Civil Rights of the Pro Diss from 1732. Present problems: Unitarian Marriage; Test and Corporation Acts.

MS 3Fa:4

Deputies of the Protestant Dissenters. Committee.

Report of the Committee of Deputies... to the general meeting, December 14, 1827. INCOMPLETE! first leaf only.

On: the prejudice inspired by the Test Act, and its decline; the joint Committee (Com of Deputies; Deputations from the Ministers of the Three Denominations, the Scotch United Associate Presbytery, of London, and the Unitarian Association); the disallowance of the Act in Jamaica.)

MS 3Fa:5

Deputies of the Protestant Dissenters. Committee.

Report of the Committee of Deputies... to the general meeting, December 19, 1828. Fauntleroy and Burton, Jun Printers, Leadenhall Street [imprint partly illegible-- taken from item Fa:6].

pp [1] 2-3 [4]. Caption- and docket-titles.

MS 3Fa:6

Deputies of the Protestant Dissenters. Committee.

Report of the Committee of Deputies... to the general meeting, December 18th, 1829. Fauntleroy & Burton, Jun. Leadenhall-Street.

pp [1] 2-3 [4]. Caption- and docket-titles.

Points covered: the Repeal; registration; London University; liberty for Catholics.

MS 3Fa:7

Deputies of the Protestant Dissenters. Committee.

Report of the Committee of Deputies... to the general meeting, on the 19th December, 1834. R. Fauntleroy, Printer, 156, Leadenhall Street.

pp [1] 2-4. Caption- and docket-titles.

Covers the proceedings of the United Committee.

MS 3Fa:8

Committee of Deputies, appointed to protect the civil rights of the three denominations of the Protestant Dissenters.

1835. A list of the committee...For the Year 1835.

1p. Caption-title.

Lists 24 members, with addresses (all in London).

COLLECTION NAME: Dissenters' collection: William Smith papers.

Appendix A: Printed matter: Rough Notes. [cont].

MS 3Fa:9

The Deputies of the Dissenting Congregations in the Metropolis.

To the Protestant Dissenters of England. The Address of the Deputies... Mar-
chant, printer, Ingram-court, London, [1820 or later].

pp [1] 2-3 [4]. Caption- and docket-titles (differing).

Signed by William Smith, Chairman to the Dissenting Deputies, &c.

History of the Deputies from 1736; although treated more liberally still cannot hold office. Subjoins a copy of the Petition against the Test of July 1820 (presented by Holland to Lords, and by Smith to Commons).

MS 3Fa:10

Great Britain. Parliament. Commons.

[Extract from "Appendix, Votes, &c." (perhaps from Votes of the House of Commons?) pp 1339-1342. (1 sheet), No. 1867. 12 die Junii, 1827.]

A Petition of the Deputies from the several Congregations of Protestant Dissenters of the three denominations, Presbyterian, Independent, and Baptist, in and within twelve miles of London, appointed to protect their civil rights.

Contains text of petition requesting relief from Test and Corporation Acts.

Signature: 15 I.

MS 3Fa:11

Winter, Robert

Statement and letters upon the occasion of Mr. Robert Winter, resigning his office of Secretary to the Deputies, and to the United Committee of Dissenters in London. F. Warr, Red Lion Passage, Holborn.

pp [1-3] 4-19, blank, [1] 2-4. Second part begins: "The circulation of the foregoing pamphlet was postponed..."; imprint on p. 19; bifolium of pp 19-2 inserted in gatherings between 18 and 3.

Covers events through 31 Dec 1834. Contains the dispute between Winter and the Sub-Committee of Mills, Challis, and Sewell over Winter's accounts.

MS: Title-page inscribed "William Smith Esq. with Mr. Beddowes [?] Compliments".

MS 3Fb:1

United Committee to consider the Grievances under which Dissenters now labour, with a view to their Redress.

Brief statement of the case of Protestant Dissenters. 4th January, 1834. R. Fauntleroy, Printer, 156, Leadenhall Street.

pp [1] 2-3 [4]. Caption- and docket-titles.

MS 3Fc:1

Dinner in commemoration of the Repeal of the Sacramental Test, at Freemasons' Hall, 18th of June, 1828.

Admission ticket no. 141. 9 x 12.2cm.

MS: Signed "Robt Winter", Secretary.

Sealed.

MS 3Fc:2

[Dinner as above].

[Place-card. Framed with blind embossed floral design, "Dobbs".] 8.5 x 12.5cm.

MS: "Wm Smith Esq're M.P.", and docketed "...Test Act Repeal Dinner".

MS 3Fc:3-5

Repeal of the Sacramental Test Commemoration Dinner Freemason's Hall. June 18th 1828.

[Seating diagram, and directions.]

3 copies.

Appendix A: Printed matter: Rough Notes. [cont]

MS 3Fc:6

[Dinner as above.]

Stewards. J. Moyes, Took's Court, Chancery Lane. 25.5 x 30.5cm. 1p.

MS: docketed "...Dinner & Festival 1828."

Contains long list of names and addresses.

MS 3Fd:1

Protestant Dissenters of the Unitarian Persuasion.

Petition [to the House of Lords].

[An act lately passed repealed our exception to the Toleration Act. But we find in practice that we do not share the benefits of the Toleration Act: we are not allowed to teach and preach. We pray for an inquiry.]

Date: mentions 53 Geo III, therefore 1812 or later.

pp: [1] 2, 2 blanks. No titles.

MS: one annotation.

MS 3Fe:1

Great Britain. Laws, statutes, etc.

A bill intituled An Act to relieve Members of the Church of England and others from sundry Penalties and Disabilities. Ordered to be printed 2nd June 1812.

pp 1-2, blank, [4]. Numbered (106.) in catchword-line. Caption- and docket-titles.

No one will be penalised for attending or refusing to attend a place of worship, or officiating as a preacher, or defending the principles of his religion (the peace being kept); ministers to non-conformists shall be exempt from civic duties.

MS 3Fe:2

Great Britain. Parliament.

A bill, intituled An Act for granting relief to certain persons dissenting from the Church of England, in relation to the celebration of Marriages.

pp [1] 2-15, blank. Caption-title. On blue paper. Stabbed.

Includes appendix of schedules (forms) of registry.

Dates: Watermark 1832; forms use William IV, who d. 1837.

MS 3Ff (shelved as MS Q11:10)

MS Q11:10:1

"Deputies from the seven congregations of the three Denominations of Dissenters in Birmingham."

Incipit: "At a numerous Meeting of DEPUTIES...held at the Hotel, in Birmingham... [14th] October, 1789. William Russell, in the Chair."

Contains: 1. 14 Oct resolutions.

2. 15 Oct letter of transmittal from Russell.

3. 26 Dec meeting; report from Com of Correspondence; resolutions.

4. Plan of Union for Dissenters throughout the Kingdom.

5. 8 Dec letter from G. Walker (Nottingham) to the Leicester meeting proposing the Union.

6. 31 Dec letter from William Russell to Walker.

General purport: Setting up the districts for a Union; a Com of Correspondence to bind them together; a fund for printing small pamphlets.

Oversize. pp [1-3], blank.

MS: Signed in MS "Will'm Russell"; sent as letter to WS Jan 1790; sealed.

FRAGILE: Tearing.

Appendix A: Printed matter: Rough Notes. [cont]

MS Q11:10:2

Committee of the Dissenting Ministers of the West Riding of the County of York.

Incipit: "At a Meeting of the Committee...held at Wakefield, November 11, 1789...Thomas Grove, chairman."

Contains: 1. Minutes.

2. Letter from the Com (signed by William Wood, sec) to William Wilberforce on his opposition to the repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts.

pp [1] 2-4

MS: Docketed.

FRAGILE: Tearing.

MS Q11:10:3

Deputies from the several Congregations of Protestant Dissenters, in the County of Suffolk.

Incipit: "At a Meeting of Deputies...held at Stowmarket,...1st...December, 1789, for the Purpose of deliberating on Measures...for obtaining a Repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts, John Cumberland, Gent. in the chair."

Resolutions on the Repeal; of thanks; and setting up a Com to co-operate with other bodies.

Imprint: Bury, printed by P. Gedge.

pp [1] 2-3, blank.

MS: Cumberland, John. Letter of transmittal to WS (p.3).

Address, postmark De 10 89, docketing (p. [4])

FRAGILE: Letter & signature partially torn away.

MS Q11:10:4

Delegates from the several Pr Dis'ng Congregations in the County of Hants.

Incipit: "At a Numerous and Respectable Meeting of Delegates...at Southampton... [23rd] December, 1789. Sir John Carter, in the Chair."

pp [1-2], 2 blanks.

MS: Carter, John. Letter of transmittal to WS, Portsmouth 1 Feb 1790. (p. [3])

Address and docketing (p. [4])

Letter partially cut away.

MS Q11:10:5

General Body of Pr Dis'g Ministers, of the Three Denominations, in the Counties of Lancaster and Chester. Committee.

Incipit: "Manchester, January 6, 1790, At a Meeting of the Committee...held this day."

Resolutions on the Union, on the French example, on the Nottingham prosecution, on circulating tracts. Signed Thomas Barnes, Chairman.

pp [1] 2, 2 blanks.

MS Q11:10:6

Deputies of the Pro Dis'g Congregations, of different denominations, in the district of Bolton.

Incipit: "Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire. At a Meeting of the Deputies..held...at the Boar's-Head-Inn, in Bolton...7th of January, 1790."

Contains: 1. Resolutions setting up a Com of Correspondence to implement the Union, and of thanks. Signed James Darbishire, chairman.

2. Letter of transmittal by Darbishire.

3. 9 Dec letter from G. Walker to the Leicester meeting proposing the Union.

Oversize. pp [1] 2-3, blank. Some holes in text.

MS: sent as letter to WS 14 Jan; docketing (p. [4])

Appendix A: Printed matter: Rough Notes. [cont]

MS Q11:10:7

Committee of the Midland District.

Incipit: "At a Meeting of the Committee...held at the Flying Horse Inn, in Nottingham,...June 17, 1790, William Russell, Esquire, in the Chair..."

Contains: 1. 25 resolutions setting up the Union; concerning the Repeal, Scotland, Regium Donum, etc; of thanks.

2. Letter of transmittal by Russell.

3. Committee appointed by the London Deputies to confer with the Delegates from the Country. Minutes of 4-5 March 1790, James Hardy, chairman.

Oversize. pp [1-3], blank.

MS Q11:10:8

Delegates forming a Committee of several Societies, composed chiefly of working persons belonging to the Manufactory of the City of Norwich, lately instituted for the Purpose of obtaining and diffusing political Information.

Incipit: "Parliamentary Reform. At a Meeting of Delegates..."

Signed John Broughton, Norwich, May 3d, 1792.

Resolutions recommending that the poor form themselves into informative societies so that they may vote sensibly; and seeking re-distribution of land.

Oversize. Broadsheet.

MS Q11:10:9

Delegates from the Protestant Dissenters of England and Wales, appointed to obtain the Repeal of the Test-Laws.

Incipit: "At a Meeting of the Delegates...at the King's-Head Tavern, in the Poultry, London...17th...June, 1794."

"Address to the Protestant Dissenters of England and Wales."

Signed William Smith, Chairman.

pp [1] 2-3, blank.

MS 3Fg:1

Priestley, Joseph, 1722-1804.

Letters to the Rev. Edward Burn, of St. Mary's Chapel, Birmingham. [Extracts from the Preface.]

Incipit: "The following Extracts from a preface to a late publication, entitled,...are humbly submitted to your consideration. Birmingham, February 26, 1790. ON this Account I rejoice to see the Warmth..."

1 p.

Warns the govt and the Church that much repression will produce an explosion which will devastate them--see France.

MS 3Fg:2

The Theological Judgment of the Catholic Divines of the Midland District on the two Bills pending in Parliament. Keating and Brown Printers to the...Vicars Apostolic, No. 38, Duke-street, Grosvenor-square, and [1] 24, Bartlett's-buildings, Holborn.

pp [1] 2, blank, [4]. Caption- and docket-titles.

Signed R. R. J. Milner, Vic. Apost., Rev. Walter Blount, Rev. William Benson, Wolverhampton, March 13, 1821.

Catholics cannot take this Oath of Supremacy, nor the oaths in the Bill of Pains and Penalties against their Clergy; we call upon the Catholics in general to oppose the enactment of these Bills.

Appendix A: Printed matter: Rough Notes. [cont]

MS 3Fg:3

The English Presbyterian.

[Prospectus for] The English Presbyterian. Printed by Richard Taylor, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street.

2p.

Includes Contents of nos 1-3. (NB: WS's Letter to the protestant Dissenters of Great Britain in No. 1.)

Date: All 8 nos appeared in 1834 (EM; Edinburgh Univ).

MS 3Fg:4

The Opinions, &c. of the English Presbyterians. Addenda.--No. 2.

pp [175] 176-177, blank. Caption-title. Bifolium. Signature: O.

Concerns precedents for not requiring more of a Christian than the Apostle's Creed.

Can this be an addition to [Falconer, Thomas, 1805-1882] History, Opinions and present Legal Positions of the English Presbyterians, Rowland Hunter, 1834?

pNUC says viii, 165p.; BM says 2 pt.; Halkett and Laig says BM copy has 181 p. Probably; annotated "No.1--Hunter".

MS: docketed; note on p. 175.

MS 3Fg:5

Abstract of the case of the Vaudois; publishe [mutilated] the Lichfi[mutilated] IMPERFECT. p [1-3] 4-8 only. 1 sheet: pp 1 and 7-8 largely torn away.

Caption-title: Case of the Vaudois. At a Meeting of the inhabitants of Lichfield and its vicinity, for the purpose of considering the wants of the Vaudois, and their claims on British assistance...(Com to be set up; the Lord Bishop of the diocese to be patron. Com has drawn up this abstract.) Mentions Acland's pamphlet; therefore 1825 or later.

MS 3Fg:6

[Fragments of an attack on Gisborne (clergyman of the Church of England) for asking support for the Schools and Clergy of the Vaudois/Waldenses; impossible to support a non-Episcopal Church.

IMPERFECT. pp. 5-14. Once sewn together, now in 4 pieces.

Incipit: "vocate, to venture unnecessarily..."

Explicit: "...To do a kind action,"

Mentions Acland's pamphlet, Gisborne's speech printed in the Lichfield Mercury. Gisborne must be Thomas Gisborne the elder, 1758-1846.

