### COLLECTION NAME: Townshend Collection.

### MAIN ENTRY: Townshend Collection. (267 letters in 30 folders in 1 box)

a) Letters directed to George Townshend, 1st Marquis, 1724-1807.
   Most are written 1767-1772 while he was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; a large number of these are requests for civil or military preferment.
   163 letters.

b) Other correspondence, 1711-1849.
   This material was acquired with the Townshend letters, and many of the writers or recipients are connected to the Townshend-Cornwallis-Ferrers-Wentworth circles. Discusses the Army, India, the East India Company, politics; reflects daily existence in all classes. Mostly written 1760-1820.
   104 letters.

### DATES COVERED: 1711-1849.

### TYPE: Collection of letters.

### LANGUAGE: English

### PLACE: Gt. Brit. & Ireland (esp. London and Norfolk); a few from India or Europe.

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#### a) Folders I-XXI. Letters to George Townshend, his secretaries (John Lees, George Macartney, Waite), or Lady Townshend; some related letters.

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The collection is not catalogued in depth. Attempts to identify persons have not generally been taken further than the DNB. Possible misidentifications have usually been indicated by a (?) after the heading in the MS card catalogue. The manuscript cataloguer will be glad to receive any additional information.

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Folders I-XVI are addressed to "My Lord" unless otherwise noted, and appear to have been meant for the eyes of George Townshend. Few of them actually bear an address; the letter is assumed to be directed to Townshend if "Your Excellency" is mentioned in the text and the letter bears a date within Townshend's period of viceroyalty (19 Aug 1767-30 Nov 1772). Other letters which have to do with Townshend's position directed to his secretaries (Waite and Lees), to Lady Townshend, concerning Sir George Macartney, his Chief Secretary, are included here, as well as a couple of letters containing matter probably concerning Townshend which are docketed in one of the hands which docketed the other Townshend-letters.

**Folder I: Townshend: To July 1767**

1. Wodehouse, Sir Armine, 1714-1777. Dear Sir...comp'ts to Lady Ferrers [T's wife].
   19 May 1763, Kimberley [Norfolk]:
   Pamphlets; Wilkes; our Constitution; "y'est best King that ever was in this Country"; army resignations; buy me a horse in Staffordshire.

2. same
   22 Sept 1763, Kimberly
   Sorry couldn't meet you in Norfolk; sending Grand Jury instructions.

3. Stanton, Frederick
   31 July 1767, Rotterdam
   Sending pickle herrings.

**Folder II: Townshend: Aug 1767**

1. Dixon,
   4 Aug 1767, Islington near Lynn [Norfolk]
   Your last payment for turnpike between Lynn and Wisbeck due.

2. Palairet, E
   4 Aug 1767, Piccadilly
   Application for position as private Secretary in his Lordship's new Irish Department.

3. Hunter, Robert
   6 Aug 1767, Marybone
   You said 15 months ago you would help me if you could; now you're Ld Lt may I serve you in Dublin; I will call on you at Rainham to learn your answer.

4. Blakeney, Mr.
   10 Aug 1767, Piccadilly
   Recommends Chri: Dunn, Master of the Draper, a Dublin Trader, to move heavy baggage to Dublin.

5. Freeman, Thomas
   Viscount Townshend, Audley Sq., London
   13 Aug 1767, Tamworth [T's Warwickshire estate]
   Thanks for letter you sent me by Capt Manby; asks for job for son 15.

6. Lowe, Mr (by E. Lowe's hand)
   16 Aug, 1767, Stiffkey [Norfolk]
   Congratulations on appointment.

7. Bonell, Thomas
   20 Aug 1767
   I would like a civil or military position in Ireland, though my speech is impaired; recommended by Mr Luttrell for services at Tamworth.
   Docketed: Mr Bonell. Attorney. not to be regarded. Private.

8. Parkhurst, Fleetwood
   28 Aug 1767, St James Coffee House
   As a fellow campaigner in Portugal I ask to be an Aid de Camp in Ireland.
   Docketed: Mr Lees to answer this... (directions for polite refusal; from T?)

9. Mercer, Richard (Major)
   29 Aug 1767, Dublin Castle
   Congratulations on your appointment; may I continue as Gentleman Usher?
   [Pencil note: already granted]
Folder III: Townshend: Sept-Dec 1767

1. Gordon, Abraham
   2 Sept 1767, Craven St.
   Requests Commission on Irish establishment for eldest son, aged 11: precedents.

2. Schomberg, Solomon
   2 Sept 1767, 60 Ludgate Hill
   I answered an attack on you in the papers of 28 Aug by a letter signed Philo Veritatis, and will answer yesterday's by another.

3. Clarke, Mrs. L
   4 Sept 1767, Bailey Hall, Hertford
   Thanks for your reply; remember my son.

4. Cornwallis, W
   8 Sept (docketed 1767) Mo...
   Condolences; I hesitate to write Lady Townshend at Whitehall, sir, brother's death.

5. Cooke, Adam Moses Emanuel
   "in the Name of the Patriarch of Church & State in the Isle of Wight."
   Crank politico-religious warning against going to Ireland to his destruction.

6. Cavendish, George (Lord George, bro. of Duke of Devonshire?)
   25 Sept 1767, Holker Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmoreland
   Please support me as Candidate for Derbyshire.

   2 Oct 1767, Langley Park, Norwich, Norfolk.
   I do not understand your letter; I never asked a favor of you.

8. Burslem, Mrs.
   13 Nov 1767, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire
   Please give the living of Walton to my husband who has been at great expense in a law-suit.

   24 Nov 1767, London
   Remember my brother-in-law, Lt Marshall Wright, put on half-pay at the Reduction in 1763.

10. Seilern, Le Comte de
     24 Nov 1767, London
     Introducing Capt. d'Obern.
     (In French)

11. Armstrong, General Bigoe
     10 Dec 1767, London, Argyle St.
     I wish to succeed to the 58th Reg.

Folder IV: Townshend: Jan-July 1768

1. Walsingham, R
   21 Jan 1768, Portugal
   I am extremely astonished that Mr Manly should say so; I sent them orders to support your friends through Sir Clement Trafford.
2. Cornwell  
   Viscountess Townshend  
   27 Jan [docketed 1768]  Commons
   Parliamentary news: Middlesex elections; bill vs election corruption (Beckford and Oxford corruption; appointments.

3. Cosby, Dudley Sydney  
   10 Feb 1768, Bath  
   Sorry I can't be in Dublin as Duke of Grafton asked: "I am in a course of Bath Water on account of a flying Gout."

4. Wood, Capt. Alexander  
   Viscount Townshend  
   22 Feb 1768, Derby  
   Wishing to exchange with a half-pay lieutenant out of the 65th Reg (Irish Establishment): enclose recommendation from Gen Monckton and Col Mackay.

5. Walsingham, Capt. R B  
   25 [docketed April 1768]  
   Sorry for your ill success in both kingdoms; my brother and son; first session will produce many petitions, suggest extra sheriffs ("Sir James Lowther's return, is a master piece, by all accounts, every one seems surpriz'd at the Sheriff's Fortitude."); Wilkes dancing.

6. Clare Nugent, Robert Craggs Nugent, earl, 1702?-1788. 1766 created Viscount Clare (I)  
   16 June 1768, St. George St.  
   I have accepted the ViceTreasurership of Ireland and am coming over with Mr Grenville.

7. Fortescue, M  
   9 July 1768, Reynoldston  
   Shall call on you after our election; my brother thanks you.

8. Dawson, Arthur  
   27 July 1768  
   I am ill and cannot call on you.

Folder V: Aug-Dec 1768

1. Scott, Col. John  
   9 Aug 1768, London  
   Lt. Herbert of the 10th wishes to sell his half-pay.  
   [docketed: For Mr Waite]

2. Lowther, George  
   25 Sept 1768, Kirbuck  
   Recommending Rev. Wm. Walker for the living of Kilsalaghan & Chappelmidway, Dublin.

3. Mackenzie, J.S.?  
   Lord Townshend  
   18 Oct 1768, Hill St [docketed: Mr Stewart Mackenzie]  
   Recommending Sir George Macartney for Lord Frederick Campbell's Irish post: related to our family by marriage.

4. Tenison, Mrs Henrietta  
   19 Oct [docketed 1768]  
   I am the widow of Col. Tenison who was forced to sell out to support a lawsuit against Dean Delany of Down; my relative the Duchess of Northumberland got me 50 of the Concordatum money; now I need more.

5. Framingham, Cozens  
   To John Lees Esq.  
   22 Oct 1768, Swaffham [Norfolk]  
   Thank his Excellency for me; unfortunately my sons are either too ill or too young for a military post.
6. Wilson, Col. ? William
13 Nov 1768, Kirby
"I have been from Rudham cRudham Grange, west of Raynham?...and shall not return till after Xmas, as Mrs Wilson Expects Every day to Lay in, (this Fox hunting keeps y' Ladies in full Employment) I hear Lady Townshend in y' same Situation" Will be glad to entertain Mr Conolly when he's at Rainham; fox-hunting; can we see you in Norfolk this winter?

7. Trafford, Sir Clement
22 Nov 1768, Dunton Hall cnorth of Raynham?
Recommmending Wensley of Wisbech cCambridgeshire? as steward of your courts, especially Soham cCambridgeshire?, of great service to the cause at the late Norfolk contest; thanks for message about Mr Pennington sent by Capt Manby, and order on Rainham Park.

8. Plukenett, John
27 Nov 1768. Waterford
Ran into debt by purchasing my Company, when 10th Go on this Establishment reduced: can you add something to my half-pay?

Folder VI: Townshend: Jan-Dec 1769

1. Dilkes, Gen. CB
8 Jan 1769, Dublin.
Please forward to the Lord-Lt this extraordinary thing which Mr Dunlop has brought.
CDB: Dilkes, Sir Thomas (1667?-1707)...said to have had two sons, Michael O'Brien Dilkes, lieutenant-general in 1774..."

2. Cornwallis, Caroline (Townshend), d. 1811. To Lady Townshend.
12 Jan 1769, London
Your sons George and Jack acted Syphax and Cato tonight at Lady Townshend's at Whitehall admirably well. "A Play, you know, was quite a new sight to the Archbishop." "I hope this will find you safe & well in your bed." "Wife of Cornwallis, Frederick, 1713-1783 who became archbp of Canterbury in Aug 1768; daughter of William Townshend (3rd son of Charles, 2nd viscount); married Feb 1759."

3. Compton, Lady M
1 Jan 1769, Bruton St.
Congratulations on birth of son. The 2 Mr Townshends here are well, and acted their parts beautifully.

4. Cuningham, Col. James
20 Mar 1769, St James Palace
This morning I took your letter of introduction to the Duke of Grafton. I said "that I apprehended that when you used your utmost endeavors to carry the Augmentation, you must have involved yourself in Military engagements...when the servants of the Crown were openly opposing the Lt Lieut & remaining in Office... his Grace said...if his advice...was followed, your Lordship must have power sufficient, & opportunities of forming a System to carry on the Kings service in that Country."

5. Fortescue, M can old Privy Counsellors?
19 May 1769, London
The Duke of Grafton is also assisting me in getting a peerage.

6. Clare csee IV:62
20 June 1769, Castleton
Jocular letter on poetry and characters of Townshend boys.
15 July 1769, Fernhill near Windsor.  
Shall go to Ireland in your service; wish a peerage.

8. Rooke, James  
7 Nov "Docketed 1769", London  
Sorry, can't come because of rheumatism which Sir John Pringle advises me to go home for.

9. St. George, Grace  
17 Nov 1769  
I am the distressed widow of Capt. George St. George.  
(Note paper: transparent writing lines)

10. Healy, John  
13 Dec 1769  
I, sponsored by your dead brother, need a competency; you disappointed me of a Barrackmaster's place; can you give me some Concordatum Money?

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Folder VII: Townshend: Jan-June 1770

1. Barwell, Nathaniel  
27 Jan 1770, Abingdon St  
Parliamentary news: debate on Wilkes' expulsion.

2. Leaver?, [M?]:  
5 Feb 1770, Montagu St, Strevans' Port  
Thanks; remember my daughter after my death.

3. Elsmere, Edward  
12 Mar 1770, Prospect near Ross  
Please appoint me Barrack-master of Limerick.

4. Burton, Pierpont  
13 Mar 1770  
Bradshaw will approve of my pension of £600 a year if you will.

5. Fitgerald, Richard  
17 Mar 1770, Henrietta St  
Lord Kingston tells me that I am reputed to have spoken against you; I did not.

6. Lowther, George  
23 Mar 1770  
Please make the Rev. Robert Gorges a Dean.

7. Castleton, N  
16 Apr 1770, London  
Recommending Capt Mannus; remember to keep Mary Cullen on the Concordatum list.

8. Palmer, Roger  
16 June 1770, Ballyshannon  
Sorry you were too ill to come to Curragh meeting here; Conolly of Kildare's favorite Richmond.

9. Noble, Jerome  
23 June 1770, Lisnisha  
Old soldier wants support: i.e. half-pay Lieutenancy for son, etc.

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*2A. Stokoe, Vincent  
1 Mar 1770, Custom House, London  
Enclose account of his Debt on p. 37; grateful for interest.
Folder VIII: Townshend: July-Dec 1770
1. Kelly, Capt.
I delivered the silk and gloves to the fair one, but I could only find one dozen gloves in Dublin; happy to do London errands; hope Lady T has got the better of her complaint and that the babes are well.
19 July 1770, Berry Green near Enfield Herts.

2. Dear cor Deen, John
27 Aug 1770, London
My misfortunes in Lisbon: delighted to be your Gentleman-at-Large and an Ensign.

3. Riddell, John
30 Oct 1770, Edinburgh
Condolesces on death of Lady Townshend; thank his Lordship for providing for my nephew.

4. Vernon, G
7 Nov docked 1770, Bolton ST
"Your Lordship is also Great in Affliction"; i.e., my patron is dead and failed to provide for me. Let me know if Lord Ferrers sends news of his schoolfellow Lord Granby.

5. Barwell, Nathaniel
13 Nov 1770, Abingdon St
Parliamentary news: address passed concerning King's action in Spain.

6. Cane, Lt. Col. (R. D. I.) Hu:
30 Nov 1770, London
The Orders for all officers on the Irish Establishment to repair to their posts are hard on me; I am just back from the Hague and my lands in Berkshire have been neglected for years.

7. Loftus, Lady Frances
docked 21 Dec 1770, Rathfarnham
Thanks: my brother's name is Henry Monro. Miss Townshend is well.

Folder IX: Townshend: Jan-May 1771
1. Cane, Col. Hu:
1 Jan 1771, London
I am coming to Ireland as you command.

2. Brandon, Lady E.
27 Feb 1771
"Go on...pursue your blow, Conquer, thoroughly Humble your Insolent presuming Enemys"

3. Cavendishce, Sir Henry
8 Mar 1771, London

4. Stanley, H
4 April 1771, Steep Hill, Isle of Wight
Introducing Major Bromhead on Dublin Duty. Congratulations de pacata Provincia; would you could do it to London; hope you'll be back soon.

5. Bayley, Dean Edward
29 May 1771
My daughter's husband, Mr Butler, became security for £1700 towards the purchase of a Troop of Horse for his brother, who has died. Ruin unless you intervene.
6. Heard, Edward
30 May 1771, Kinsale
If you come to Kinsale this summer, accept my house.

Folder X: Townshend: June 1771

1. 5 June 1771.
Memorandums left with Mr Waite by Sir George Macartney concerning Irish and regimental affairs and patronage.

7 June 1771, Cork St.
Introducing Mr Sloane (MP for Isle of Wight) who's visiting Ireland. I saw Lady Townshend and Lord Ferrers yesterday; they say your son Jack is doing well at Eton.

3. Monckton, Lt. Col
11 June 1771, Cork
Recommending Capt. Nevin.

4. Bouchetiere, Capt. L.
16 June 1771, Cove
Sir
Please deliver this Memorial to his Excellency; mentions the Collector of Youghal, Mr Moore, Capt Hannis, Bp of Waterford.

5. Bouchetiere, Lewis.
Viscount Townshend
Memorial: I am dying of gout: provide for my wife.

6. Palmer, Roger
26 June 1771
I will content myself with Mr Smyth's Place until you can put me on a Revenue Board.

7. Fetherstone, Mr.
29 June 1771, Ardagh near Longford.
Apologising for non-attendance; can't return because of Corporation business.

Folder XI: Townshend: July-Dec 1771

1. Castleton, N
17 July 1771, London
Mr. Lee has written me that widow Cullen will be given Concordatum money; thanks.
Wounded Lt. Stannus needs a pension; Lord Granby would have provided for him if he had lived.

2. Barry, Dr.
4 Aug 1771
Miss Townshend's present complaints principally proceed from a languor in her constitution.

3. Marlay, Col. (Thomas?)
6 Sept 1771, Celbridge
My brother wishes church preferment; I have given up all thoughts of promotion under Government.

4. Swift, John
16 Sept 1771, Dublin
I enclose Lord Halifax's recommendation: I was deprived of my Company more than 10 year ago.

5. Halifax, George Montague Dunk, 1st earl, 1716-1771.
Copy of letter to Lt. John Swift.
21 May 1771, Green House, Hampton Court.
My illness. Mr Waite knows I cannot assist you in Ireland at the present.
6. Morris, Capt. Apollos (27th Reg)  
17 Sept 1771  
Lord Townshend  
I wish to buy Major Foresters majority.

7. MacLean, Capt. Allan  
23 Sept 1771  
Lord Townshend  
Thanks for condolences; Miss Monro's affliction is excessive; Cortet Loftus.  
Hope you are getting rid of your present complaint.

8. Ferguson, Mrs M  
11 Oct 1771, Drogheda  
Lord Townshend  
Wishes preferment for husband: "My Present Concern is for Seven Sons and Six Daughters that God has Blessed me with Five of My Sons fit for Employment" 

9. 12 Oct 1771, Yarmouth  
Petition recommending Lt John Leake Burrage (44th Reg of Foot in the Irish Establishment) who wishes to buy a Company.  
Signed by Yarmouth burgesses: Anthony Taylor, mayor; Colman Manclarke; Thomas Martin; Richard Baker; F. Ramey; William Fisher; T. Adkin; John Ives.  
Docketed: Application from ye Gentlemen of Yarmouth in favor of Lt Burrege on half pay from ye 44th Regt to be put on full pay.

10. Marsh, Capt. J  
22 Oct 1771, Clonnikelty  
Lord Townshend  
I wish to purchase a majority.

11. Clerk, Col. Robert  
3 Dec 1771, Clarges St Piccadilly  
Lord Townshend, Ld Lt of Ireland  
Wants Regiment of foot; offers account of Prussian and Austrian armies and of their affairs civil and military.

Folder XII: Townshend: Jan-May 1772  
1. Mackye, J. Ross  
14 Feb 1772, London  
Introducing my relative, Capt Dunbar: disappointed of preferment he wishes to sell his Company; can you get the Ld Lt's permission?

2. Coghlan, (?F?)  
28 Feb, cdocketed 1772, Camerland St.  
"I look upon the Government Business as now totally finished" I have been supporting the Government here ever since I came into Parliament: may I have Eyre's £400 a year pension and the position of Clerk of the deliveries in the Ordnance?

3. Cuninghame, Col. James  
7 Mar 1772, St James Place  
Wish to exchange my company for Lt Col Windus' halfpay; if not possible, wish extended leave of absence "till after the Review, as my attendance with the Regt would lay me under the necessity of commanding both field Officers of the Regiment now in Garrison at Cork" 

4. Andrews, F (provost)  
4 Apr 1772.  
To Mr Lees, Castle  
Please remind his excellency about Rev. John Andrews and Rev. Gabriel Stokes who wish preferment.
5. Greville, Fr:

4 April "1771" cdocketed 1772, and 1772 from text;
Thanks for your kindness to Mr Bindon. In Town "everything seems to go on very smoothly & nobody hears a word of Politicks, the Royal Marriage-Bill....Lord Clive has...spoke wonderfully well also in the East India business. we are now much more interested in what passes on your side the Water.... expence...that goes forward here, The famous new Pantheon...equipages...play.... " Fox's resignation.

6. Rockfort Menczies?, Col. Richard
18 May 1772
Disappointed by your failure to get me Lt Colonelcy of 2d Home. Roger Palmer, Col Boyd, Ld Barrington. Ordered to join 39th Reg at Gibraltar.

7. Throckmorton, Sir Robert
27 May 1772, London
Please forward letter to my grandson when he arrives, or to Rome or Florence.
10. Gary, Col. W
28 Sept 1772, Dungiven
Lord Townshend would want to give my elderly neighbor a pension.

11. Holmœ, Capt James
30 Sept 1772, Marlborough St.
I am wasting my capital waiting for a Dublin post; give me any job.

Folder XIV: Townshend: Oct 1772
1. Manby, could-be-Manley
5 Oct 1772, Denver Cottage; Denver is S. of Downham Market, Norfolk.
I am reconciled to my loss; can I do an errand for you in London before you land? Remember the state of the Out-Pensioners from the Hospital of Kilmainham who live in England; an agent is needed to cash their checks.
Norfolk news: canvassing...the turnips succeeded extremely well.

2. Brandon, Lady E
6 Oct 1772
Request not made for nephew Francis Mathew, MP Tipperary, but for Jos: Mathews, MP Ennistioge who has been "a good Boy."

3. Johnston, Sir Richard
14 Oct 1772, Dublin
Barrack to be built in Gilford for the protection of Johnston's family and to keep order; your men say my house suited to be a Barracks; slander says this is corruption and I mean to leave the country; but I mean to stay and build a new house there.

4. Another version of XIV:3

5. Boddington, John
20 Oct 1772, Tower, London
Tell Lord Townshend that his Patent as Master General of the Ordnance dates from when he gives up the Sword of State; thanks for goodness to Bassett; General Conway's resignation.

6. Irwin, Mrs Maryann
22 Oct 1772, Smithfield
I am a widow recommended by Clare; pension me before you leave; early loss of your near friend, the most amiable of ladies.

7. Osborne, Sir William
24 Oct 1772; docketed 24 Oct 1772
Gout prevents me from attending your Excellency in Council; shall call on you in Dublin.

8. Crotty, A
24 Oct 1772, Dublin
Mr Dash promised that Lord Townshend would take care of me; I came to Dublin and spent all my capital waiting; now T is leaving.
Folder XV: Undated letters addressed to the Lord Lieutenant, and therefore probably to Townshend between 1767 and 1772.

1. Butler, John  
   Lord Lt. of Ireland  
   Clerk in the Chief Secretary's Office  
   Memorial asking for commission for his son.

2. Colthurst, John  
   My Lord  
   Why have you failed me in my desire to buy a captaincy?

3. Cunningham, Col James  
   Thanks for leave of absence; I need more pay and rank than that of an Irish Capt. of Foot, as friend of your late brother. "I most heartily wish your Excellency joy of your acknowledged popularity in Ireland, & the escaping abuse better than any of your predecessors."

4. Fuller, Lt. Edward  
   Ld Lt. Townshend  
   (letter fragile and torn)

5. Knox, John  
   Dear Sir  
   I hear that "my Lord Lieut. had taken offence at my Parliamentary Conduct--& that I was one of those on the List to be removed from my Employment" so I have rushed here from the North to get an appointment with him to tell him that I have only once voted against Government (Defense bill). I am sure Capt Erskine "would be pleased at doing even a stronger Justice." Come and play whist this evening. Molesworth St.

Folder XVI: Letters apparently addressed to Townshend Dec 1772-Jan 1800, and undated.

1. Hellen, Robert  
   My Lord  
   1 Dec 1772  
   Since I probably shall not see you again, I wish to say that I left the infants well at Holyhead, and to thank you for your kindnesses.

2. Bramham, James, Lt Gov Royal Military Academy  
   To Viscount T, Master Gen of Ordnance  
   5 Nov 1778, Woolwich  
   Major (Ralph) Gore has removed his son to be an Ensign in the 33rd Reg of Foot.

3. Colleton, Major of the Dublin Volunteers  
   Docketed To Lord Townshend  
   18 Aug 1784, Dublin  
   "The Hearts of Irishmen glow with Veneration & Gratitude...": we have elected you an honorary member and lament your short stay in Dublin.  
   (letter torn)

4. Copy of XVI:3

5. Ross (probably Ross, Sir John Lockhart Ross, 6th baronet, 1721-1790)  
   To Vis. Townshend  
   Recommending Mr Arthur Henry Irwine for a commission in your Regiment.

6. Hay, George  
   My Lord...comp'ts to Lady Townshend  
   29 July 1790, Inveresk  
   Yesterday sent Rutabago seed to Courtney in London: praises, cultivation, price. Glad you're better, come and visit, country news: game, rain, horses, elections.
7. Cox, Richard
29 July 1790, Craig's Court
Our business continues under name Cox and Greenwo\ld

8. Mason, W
21 April 1799, Weasenham (S of Raynham Park)
I have been packing. From your letter I hope we'll defeat our enemies in Germany and Italy: their power founded only on army victories, the citizens will revolt. The Troop; your business in Cambridgeshire.

9. Agar, W
31 Jan 1800, Custom House
Your recommendation of Mr Carr's for Blofield's position has sheets the attention of the Treasury; please write Mr Rose. I hope that your Lordship & Lady Townshend are perfectly recovered.

10. Browne, John
11 Sept, Preston, Spithead
I am coming home in the Preston; Admiral Parry; thank you. I hope Lord Townshend and the Family are well.

Folder XVII: Letters from Major S. Stanton to Townshend 1767-1771. Stanton appears to be a personal friend and an aide-de-camp writing Parliamentary news from London. Includes one letter to Stanton from Drummond.

1. c docketed 18 July 1767
Leaving country via Portsmouth with regret; appreciate it if you could send poor Susan some game (Mrs Stanton at Mrs James's, Prince's St., in St. Ann's)
cf. 132

2. c docketed 1768: 6 March, Mount Coffee House
Duke of Gloucester presents his compliments.
"What I mention'd in my last relative to the B f ds is most Certainly true. they push'd hard for Ld S h, but the D G who hates them worse than any Set of People whatever, from that encroaching disposition of theirs etc. will not let them get the better, a Friend of your Lordp's, desir'd me yesterday to acquaint you of this... It's said... that Lord Chatham will unite with ye D G, et les Bedfords s'en iriti?nt. upon their being refus'd for Ld S h they took Pet, and not one of them went to the House, on the day of the affair Nullum Tempus which has incens'd ye D G exceedingly. The Rockingham's & Grenvilles are united...poor Sir W. B. Proctor...has been most monstrously frightened." Today address from Essex, deploring increase of faction. Including silk for Lady Blaney in case of stockings I sent you.

3. 20 Dec 1768, London
May I have further leave of absence to go to Bath to recruit my health? Sir George Macartney will bring you London news; Pryse Campbell, Dyson, Lady Sarah Bunbury.
c docketed: leave given as long as his health requires it

4. 28 Jan 1769, Mount Coffee House
Thanks for leave, congratulations on birth of son.
Prince de Masserano's message concerning horse near Gibraltar. Duke of Gloucester & brother Cumberland want Irish Statutes and Commons Journals. Lord Cornwallis to be your Vice Treasurer, succeeded by Lord Waldegrave. House and Wilkes. American affair in Lords. The de Visi's have been very kind. Lady T and the Mr Ts are well. Lady Greenwich wishes to sell her share in the grant of lands.
5. 18 Sept c1770, Paris
    Condolences on death of Lady Townshend.

6. 1 June c1771, Dublin Castle
    Sorry you couldn't employ me; yes, I would like a £500 pension.

7. Drummond, Henry
    
    To Major Stanton
cocketed 17 Nov 1768, Craig's Court
Selling Lord Townshend's house: Lord Barrymore? Lord MountStewart?


1. 22 Oct 1768, Mill-Hill near Hampstead
   First book of my poem coming out next February; would like you to do caricatures for it—Strange & Grignon will execute the engravings. I am very poor. 18 ill of poem included differs from published edition.

2. 20 Feb 1769, The Marquiss of Granby's Knightsbridge
   Sorry I offended you; really wanted your son to do the caricatures. Schoolboy reminiscences. "It was always the ambition of your Brother Campaigner (my late Father) to have his Son Sidney in the "Suite" of a Lord Lieutenant of Ireland."

   "As I am printing off the last Sheets of my Poem--on the Battle of Minden--I beg permission to ask Your Excellency whether You will have any Objection to my celebrating a gallant action, of yours, which has hitherto been maliciously suppress'd" Would you peruse the first book and "point out the Material faults, in order that they may be amended, in the 3rd Edition"? "Copy--Original sent 3 posts before."


1. 7 Jan cocketed 1769, Merton
   I've had an operation and may not be able to attend Parliament "to pay a proper compliment to Wilkes and Liberty on the 27th." The question of the Militia will come up after adjournment; what are your instructions?

2. 22 Mar cocketed 1769, Spring Garden
   Pay of Militia for year 69 voted; passage of perpetual Militia bill:resignations. County will probably not agree: "according to Sir William Harrb?cord's judicious Speech represent me as an improper person to represent the County because I wore a red Coat, and their Liberties were not safe in such Hands as mine" "I know not how this want of Officers will be supplyd..."

3. Wed. night near 10 o'clock 22 Mar 1769?
   Tabulation of voting on perpetual Militia bill.

Folder XX: Letters from Col. E. Smith to My Dear Lord (apparen 1y T). 1771.

1. 6th Sat cocketed 6 Apr 1771
   Exchange of Capt Timperly involves Gen Lambton, Lord Barrington, Col Bourgoin, West Indies. No news: "we seem waiting for some thing extraordinary"
2. 14 April 1771

Lord Gore is too alarmed about the temper of the people; Lord North's resignation. I agree with you about the manner all these disturbances here should be treated. Irish defence: naturally Ireland must bear the expense, but the present state of the Revenue is not sufficient...the cunning of your Parliament.

Col. Roy, Lord George Germaine.

Our East India affairs don't go on as smoothly as was expected. Saw Lord Ferrers and Jack at the Masquerade.

3. 15 April Mon 1771

King has slighted Ministry by appointing his own governors of the Prince of Wales and giving Walpole's commission to Lyon not to Burgoyne-Halifax. North, Bedfords, Grenvilles, Ld George Germaine, Rockinghams. Just as well the King didn't know you meant to recommend me for that Colonelcy of cavalry. Lt Col Bourgoyne does not please the world.

1. 8th June 1771 Sat

Progress of Lord George Lennox' trouble with Mostyn; Gallatin's Lt-Colonelcy and me...Bourgoyne, North, Ancrum. Lord Ferrers is well.

5. 23 June 1771

Sorry that my last was unintelligible and dateless: it was because it was about military preferments and me. Preferments: me, Burgoyne, Walpole succession, Lord North, Gen Pitt, Burton succession, Ancrum succession, Gallatin, Lady Frances Burgoyne, Gen Harvey, Johnston, Tucker, Lord Barrington. I hoped you would back me but you didn't. At least let me take my chance with the Major & Lt Col Bourgoyne.

6. 28 June 1771, Friday

Lord North withdrew his sponsorship of Lt Col Bourgoyne for Lord Ancrum's succession in favor of me; but today Lady Frances Burgoyne insists he hold to it because it is now cheaper (Gallatin asks ca. £4,300). I am justified; but Lady Frances is to be indulged because she is a woman. If both Burton's & Ancrum's posts were open he'd give me Ancrum's...


Folder XXI: Letters addressed to My Lord with no other evidence that they were meant for Townshend. 1769; 1778-1800.

1. Shafto, Jen:
22 June 1769, Pall Mall
Debruyere
All I can tell you about Mr ... is that he is abroad with Mr Pelham; address Miss Gandolfi's, Leghorn.

2. Barker, John
26 Feb 1778, Lowestoffe
Clothing of the 1st Battalion of Norfolk Reg. while it was under my command; I believe Mowatt unjustly dismissed for incapacity.

3. Campbell, John
20 April 1784, Edinburgh Castle
Can you have the 9th Reg. ordered for the East Indies? If you interest Mr Dundass & your other friends for me in this business, I have no doubt of succeeding in getting to India, the country of all others in which I most wish to be employed.

4. Oranz, William
8 Oct 1784
Proposed reforms in Indian (?) Revenue Service; suggests post of Mazmadar and himself for the post.
5. Nepean, Sir Evan, 1751-1822.
   Tuesday, Admiralty
   "I shall be at the Secretary of State's Office between one and two and will call
   at the Office for Trade; perhaps your Lordship will be able to see me there."
   Sydney was President of the Board of Trade, Mar 1784-Aug 1786; Ferrars was named
   a member of the committee of the privy council which managed colonial commerce
   until the constitution of the board of trade on 5 Mar 1784 (DNB); Nepean was under
   secretary of state 1782; on committee of privy seal 1784; 1795-1804 Secretary of
   Admiralty, 1804-1806 Lord Commissioner of Admiralty (DNB).

6. Hewetson, Capt. Robert
   21 Aug 1785, Blanford
   Sergeant King is returned from Ireland; arrangements for his to buy Quarter-Master's
   Warrant.

7. Lewis, Mr. Matthew, deputy secretary-at-war, d. 1812? see DNB
   12 Oct 1787, War Office
   I sympathize with Lt. Stewart (of the late 100th Reg) whom you recommend.
   "The Letter, of which a copy is annexed to the Memorial, as coming from me, was a
   forgery, as impudent as it was cruel--if your Lordship cast your eye over it,
   you must have thought that I was not likely to have required a crippled Officer to
   travel six Hundred Miles to sollicit Promotion; and if I had, you wd. at least
   give me credit for doing it in a better style--" "I hope my Friend Nepean
   mentioned: my having been twice at the Office to thank your Lordship for your
   goodness about subsequent words lined out."

8. Vernon, Gen
   1 Mar 1791, Corke St
   Enclosing Lord Leicester's receipt for the plans. Sorry for delay.

9. Howdell, Richard (Lt.)
   23 Mar 1791, Wells, Somerset.
   I am in trouble over my health and lack of money. It is unfair to stop 3/6 a
   day from the pay of the junior Captain to make up a retired Capt's "full pay"

10. Massman?
   26 Feb 1799, Downing
   It has been found useless (under Mr Lewis' advice) to put a clause against
   "crimping" into the Mutiny Bill.

11. Burlton, Lt. Charles
    27 Aug 1799, Brig Hecate Mounts Bay
    Lord Spencer has forgotten his promise to advance me; may you not.

12. Williams, Watkin
    27 Feb 1800, Bath
    Sorry to again solicit promotion of Lt Robt Evans (now in East Indies) but
    his friends press me; backed by Marquis of Welleslev.
    Note: recommended 30 May 1798; we can't send out commission.

13. Nevill
    26 docketed May 1800, House Commons
    Parliamentary news: Union Bill; Grafton attacked Castlereagh

My Lord Marquis
ROSS, General Alexander, 1742-1827. (Digest of DNB)

1760 entered army as ensign in 50th Foot. Served in Germany; returned England May 1775.
1775 Capt 11th foot. Revolutionary Wars. Aide-de-camp to Cornwallis.
1780 Major.
1782 (May) to Paris to arrange exchange of Cornwallis.
Aug 1783: Lt Colonel and deputy major general in Scotland. "He served in a similar capacity in India under Lord Cornwallis."
Oct 1793: Colonel.
Aug 1794: "Went with Earl Spencer and Thomas Grenville to Vienna on an unsuccessful mission to arrange that Cornwallis should command the allies against the French."
Apr 1795: With Cornwallis as major-general to Warly camp.
June 1795: Surveyor-general of the ordnance.
Apr 1802: Lt Gen
Jan 1812: General
Colonel 59th foot and governor of Fort George. Intimate friend of Lord Cornwallis.

1. Conway, Gen.
20 July 1783, L. Warwick St.
You have been appointed Deputy Adjutant General in North Britain.

2. Fawcett, Lt Gen.
Thursday, Great George St.
Congratulations on appointment to Deputy Adjutant Generalship in Scotland and promotion to Lt. Colonel today.

3. Darell, Lionel.
8 Apr 1786, East India House
I hope to hear of your safe arrival in Bengal; and that my son won't disappoint you.

4. Cragg, Lt. William
12 Jan 1793, Barhampton
Please remind Lord Cornwallis that I should have my rank as Capt restored; wish a Battalion of Sepoys.

5. Close cB?c
20 Apr 1795, Madras
Your protege Mr Lcom?ind has been appointed a Lt. Fireworker; he is being trained in Math and Gunnery by Dr. Bell at the Male Asylum.

6. Pulteney, William
21 Jan 1796, Weymouth
Please recommend James Hamilton to Lord Cornwallis as a Cadet at Woolwich.

7. Keith, F. M.
26 July 1797, Lower Grosvenor Place
Enclosing books on military subjects.

8. Armit & Borough
21 Dec 1797, Dublin
Congratulations on getting command of 89th Foot; please keep us on as Agents to the

9. Inglis, Hugh
13 May 1799, East India House
Will forward Col Blomefield's letter to the Chairman.
10. Inglis, Hugh Gen. Ross
7 Sep 1799, East India House
Company will be obliged to the Ordnance if they will supply the Pieces mentioned in your and Col Blomefield’s letters; our ships won’t leave England for 2 or 3 months.

11. Garth, George Maj Gen Ross, Chelmsford
7 Sept 1799, Norwich
I have assumed command of Eastern District, and require your regimental report.

12. Garth, George Maj Gen Ross, Chelmsford
30 Sept 1799, Norwich
Thanks for report. Jealousy between the English and AngloRussians; discusses recent battle. Sealed; stamped Norwich.

13. Manningham, Coote (Col) Maj Gen Ross
27 Mar 1800, 99 Park St.
Rifle Corps in want of arms: has 150 Prussian Rifles, needs 350 new ones, and ammunition.

14. Manningham, Coote Sir
4 Apr 1800
The Rifle is too heavy for service (12 1/2 lbs); should be 9 1/2 (20 balls/lb) or (if my idea of a rifle Corps are adopted) 2 lb balls/lb, because lightness for rough marching essential... Baker is making a rifle of the Carabine Bore; bayonet;...

15. Manningham, Coote Maj Gen Ross
26 May 1800, Caesar’s Camp
Wilke’s Rifle appears extremely good, we are trying it; ammo (20 balls/lb) for Rifle Corps

16. Manningham, Coote (Col, Rifle Corps) Maj Gen Ross
9 May 1801, Bletchington B’ks, Seaford, Sussex
Please approve purchase of 850 powderhorns from Mr Baker for Rifle Corps.

17. Bebb, John Gen Ross
16 dec 1802, 4 Stratford Place
Please support me in my candidacy for a seat on the board of cIndia Co."

18. Duning, John Gen A. Ross 2 sheets
25 Feb 1805, Bombay
News of Indian war; Admiral Pellew inclined to quarrel with us; the order for buying country ships has leaked out; bribery in the India service--my request not upheld by Directors--please justify me if necessary, especially to Cornwallis; Sending you Sherray, share it with Lord Melville; Indian Revenue; Mr Mason a fine fel

1 July 1812, cSecret Committee Room?
Enclosing letter from Gen. Dixon; family with whooping cough at Worpthing, then Lancashire. Manufacturing Counties: "Some vigorous measures are necessary, & I have great hopes that the spirit of rebellion will in time be got rid of."
Franked.
Folder XXIII: Sydney, covering period 1784-1802 and unknown.

Sydney, Thomas Townshend, 1st Viscount, 1733-1800, son of Thomas T. 1701-1780 who was son of Charles T., 2nd viscount T (George's grandfather).

MP for Whitchurch, Hampshire, 1754-1763
whig...lord of treasury under Rockingham, Grafton
1767 joint-paymaster of forces, privy council
June 1768 resigned rather than be vice-treasurer of Ireland
Feb 1769 for Wilkes Persistent opposition
Mar 1782 secretary at war under Rockingham (10 July 1782-2 Apr 1783 Home Sec.)
1782 home office, leader of Commons
Mar 1783 Baron Sydney of Chislehurst (Kent)
for Pitt's bill vs abuses in public offices
Dec 1783 Sec of state in home dept. (Australian convict colony founded 1788)
June 1789 retired as secretary: viscount

His son: Sydney, John Thomas T., 2nd Viscount, 1764-1831
1783-1789 under sec of state for home dept
1789-1793 lord of admiralty
1793-1800 lord of treasury

Yonge, Sir George, bart., 1731-1812.
1754-1796 MP for Honiton
1766-1770 lord of admiralty
Apr-July 1782 vice-treasurer for Ireland
July 1782-Aug 1793, Dec 1783-July 1794 secretary of war
1794-Feb 1799 master of mint
Feb 1799-1801 blundering governor of Cape of Good Hope

1. Duncombe, H
5 Jan 1784, Copgrove
John Brown convicted 1782, sentenced to be sent to Africa; you, as Sec. of State, pardoned him 16 Dec 1782 "on condition of his serving in the Army or Navy"; but the pardon missed him, and he was transported. Free pardon?
ref. Folder XVI:10 ?

2. Pitt, William cdocketed Morton
7 July 1786, Poole
My dear Lord 1 sheet and 1 note
Minister
Mathew Mauger, one of my constituents, an invalid Lt., wishes a Fort of 10/- a day; his uncle Joshua, your old ally, thinks his past services are not forgotten by Lord Sydney; shall write to Mr. Pitt.
Note: I hope to receive such a letter as may one way or another quiet the applicant.

3. "Signed Sydney"
21 June 1787, Whitehall
Mr Pitt is not appointing any baronets. "Your Rank & property entitle you very fairly to such a Mark of distinction. I wish therefore that you had not added any other consideration. It is a subject upon which I can not talk with you, as in the least connected with this."
Draft?

4. Barry, Lt Col J
22 Nov 1789, Donnington Park
I enclose copy of XXIII:6 and XXIII:7; please forward 7 to Yonge if you think fit.

5. (Barry, Lt Col) (Copy?)
Oct 1789, James St. Terrace
Sir George Yonge
I require an answer according to your promise.

6. Yonge, George (Copy by Barry)
20 Nov 1789, War Office
Major Barry
I will forward your appeal to the King if you insist.
7. Barry, J.
22 Nov 1789, Donnington Park
You passed me over for Lt-Colonelcy of 34th Reg contrary to promise; nevertheless, withdraw my memorial to the King if it distresses you.

21 Dec 1789, Litchfield
Thank you for your judgement on the Yonge matter; I have decided not to press it.

9. Lady Burgoyne
undated c1783-1785?, Gt Cumberland St
Enclosing memo of Gen Stuart's rank which proves "that Gen'l Stuart certainly is as much a Kings Officer, as Sir John Burgoyne."

10. Tusten c17, W
17 Aug 1802, Fludyer St.
I am sending a letter to Lord Hobart (failing Lord Romney) requesting the allowance of 1 year to the Serjeant of your troop of Yeomanry, "notwithstanding the Numbers do not amount to Forty Rank & File, and I flatter myself that to retain the Services of so respectable a Troop Government will readily comply with his Lordships' request."

5 Oct c1787, 9 Duke St, Portland Place
Because of an Asthmatic Complaint I must travel; may I therefore sell my Lt Colonelcy?

12. DelaPole, John cSirj
19 Apr 1791, Royal Hotel
Thanks for placing young John Piper in the military line; when does he leave England?

13. Elphinstone, cJohn, 11th lord, 1737-94j
26 Oct c1782-1794?, Cumbernauld House by Falkirk
I recommended William Stewart for an Ensigncy to Sir George Young; please remind Sir George; the Secretr'y of War must admit I have not been very troublesome except where my son was concerned.
Folders XXIV-XXX are miscellaneous letters 1711-1849 (and undated) arranged chronologically.

Folder XXIV: Misc 1711-1766

1. Swanton, William
   17 April 1711, Sarum
   Enclosing a case for your opinion.
   Honoured Sir clater pencil note: Sir Peter King
   Peter King, 1st Lord King, Baron of Ockham in Surrey. MP 1701- (whig) 1708 Knighted. 1714 C. Justice of common pleas. 1715 Privy council. 1725 Speaker of House of Lords. 28 May a peer; 1 June Chancellor, resigned C. J'ship. 1733 19 Nov stroke & resigned. 1734 22 July died. 4 sons (John, Peter, Wm, Thomas) each succeeded. grandson Peter 6th baron d. 1793. Peter 7th baron 1776-1833. later Wentworth-Lovelace connections

2. ?arran
   24 Nov 1713
   Expiration of lease I had of you for this house; enclose rent; Mr Vernon. If it is Arran, it should be Charles Butler, in the peerage of Ireland from 1693 Baron Cloghrenan, Viscount Tullough and Earl of Arran, and in the peerage of England Baron Butler of Weston, d.s.p. 1759. Connected with later Ferrers-Cornwallis, Townshends.

3. Bettesworth, John
   15 July 1730
   Legal advice: marriage of minor Executrix (quotes 1702 case)

4. Jones, John
   19 Oct 1732, Langford
   Your health; my annual petition; Lord Hinton "stood Right w' me because I Judg'd he Stood Right with the Government... The Common Cry runs like a Torrent against him" your interest in the elections is mine; you may Depend on the most profound Privacy.

5. Herbert, docketed H.A.
   Tuesday docketed 1741, George St.
   Have finally gotten someone for Sheriff of Shropshire, as you see by enclosure; can you get excused the last person on the list for Warwickshire?

6. Dickins, Ambrose
   11 Mar 1742
   Send a letter like the following to the Navy Office:
   To The Master & the rest of Gentlemen at the Hall
   We thought it wrong to charge the Company with anything dropt in conversation, so we did not mention the private communication between Mr Dickins and Mr Gordon; but Mr Dickins answers by the inclosd.
   Docketed in secretary hand

7. Wade, Ed
   20 Apr 1745, Mr丘church Lane
   Hope to get you a buyer for the Baldwin Street Estate.

8. Legge, Henry Brilson
   2 Jan 1755, Treasury Chambers, Whitehall
   Document: Pay James West cjt. sec. of treasury? £10,000 for his Majesty's Secret Service without Account, in sale catalog pasted on dorser

9. Preston, Robert (Maj. 24th Foot)
   21 Feb 1760, Chelmsford
   I shall take the Reg't out of Chelmsford during the Assizes.
10. Wogan (?), John
12 Oct 1762, Neider Klein
My Dear Sir

I prefer a Majority to a Troop "they don't rise very quick in the heavy Dragoons"...it wouldn't be approved of by our friend the Noble Marquis, who is very tenacious of his own recommendations taking place, and makes it a rule, never to recommend out of the Corps"...Love to your brother. Havanna has just been taken. My Love & Duty to the Earl of Cornwallis who I hope you have received safe.

11. Reynolds, Capt. Law
3 Jan 1763, Guanavacoo
Dear Sir

I never received any arrears since Mr Bansford has been paymaster (June 1760); please pay to George Reynolds. Col. Philypps unhappy Fate.

July 1766, Ockingham

Please forward Lady George Lennox's snuff-box and my parcel of franks to me "Put in a deal box and Send it by the Ockingham Fly which sets out every day about Noon from the New White horse Cellar."

Folder XXV: Misc 1767-1777

1. Cecil, T
6 Sept 1768, Guesage
To Doctor Hoofft à Son Chateau

Bring over greyhounds.
Sealed

2. S. S. (of Bath?)
Aug 1769, Whitemoor
Miss Grant, Nottingham

Alas we were detained in Weymouth by business, their Graces, and weather, so our joint foreign expedition must be postponed till next year: Paris, etc, for 6 weeks or 2 mes. Miss Chapman; Susey at the Ball. Come to Whitemoor; tho' Mrs Mason is no more, you have other friends to accompany you.

3. Higgins, William
12 Feb 1770 (?), Lisburn
Mr. Doherty Gormon?;

I resign the place of Usher in Court of Exchequer in Ireland to you.

4. Ritchie, Capt. John (copy)
Mr Staunton
Undated; after 1771

Recommend wateringplace in Bengal Bay for E. Indiamen; enclose XXV:5.

5. Ritchie, Capt John (copy)
Extract from Log dated 4 Jan 1771.
Hon'd Sir...duty to Yourself, My Lady, and Master Wright. At Paris.

Description of Preparis Island N of Andamans, S. of Burma

6. Richmond, William (a servant)
10 June 1773, London
Trouble with getting to see Lord Worthington, who dislikes house cat Wray?; and will probably leave at midsummer; you had better settle the rent with him personally. Molly the laundry Maid.

7. Rochfort, George
18 Sept 1774, Rochefort near Mullengar
Arnold Nesbit

I am appealing to the House of Lords in the suit between me and Lord Ely; I need £200 bond; will you put it up again? Mr Hamersley will call.
8. Garrow, David (Rev.)
   28 Sept 1775, Hadley
   "My son has been applying pretty closely to Engrossing; under your tuition he may turn out useful."

9. Cowper, John
   21 Apr 1777, Greville St, Hatton Gardens
   Letter about lease of 2 houses in Holbourne near Warwick Court: Miss Morris, an Apothecary, Joseph Ragland.

Folder XXVI: Misc: 1778-1800

1. Gordon, Cosmo
   30 May 1778, Cluny by Aberdeen
   Dear Sir
   Please renew the protections of the enclosed fishers; I am not liable for treasury dues.

2. Grove, G. H.
   2 Mar 1780, Whitchurch
   "As to the Innkeepers Petition, I know they are burthened much more than the neighboring Towns. I have lately been a little in discredit with our Innkeepers on acct of my Billeting some Soldiers." I didn't sign King's Petition because I found a misrepresentation of Lord Barrington's letter to you in it; that Barrington "had removed some soldiers & gave the Innkeepers assurance they should have no more"...."he said Mr Smith had promised him he would get his son in law Mr Charles Townshend to present it."

3. Templeton
   21 Feb 1781, Castle Upton
   Sir
   I have told Mr Upton the conditions on which his son Henry Upton can leave Gibraltar; honorable for us to apply while Gibraltar under blockade; only answer that he raise a Company (if he can as an Irishman); ask his uncle (Sec to Privy Council). If any hopes, I will ask the Ld Lt.

4. A Friend to Truth
   23 Feb 1781, Plymouth
   Sir
   At Plymouth, the price paid for lands purchased for Fortifications was not settled by a jury.

5. Proposals of Earl Stanhope about the Militia 1786
cocketed: L'd Mahon's Ideas upon ye new Militia Bill St Alban's Terrace June 6 1786

6. Christie, John
   21 Dec 1786, Baberton
   Sir "Ross??"
   Please write to Lord Carmwallis in favor of my nephew Peter Ewart, who wishes to return to Bengal where he is an assistant surgeon to that establishment.

7. Stenhouse, A
   4 Feb 1788
   Chalmers, George, Whitehall
   Sketches of David Hume; George Urquhart can tell you about Lord Kaims and the Laws of Lawriston; Hume had £40 a year as Librarian; his gift to Blacklock shall give Mr Scott a copy.

8. Musgrave, Thomas
   Extract from a Letter dated 15 Sept 1791, Madras
   News of Indian war: Tippoo...Cornwallis...peace and plenty reign
9. Strachey, John
1 Feb 1796, Crown St Westminster
Madam [Curzon St]

Here are 2 drafts of an epitaph on Christopher D'Oyly, 1716-1795.

10. Greville, C F
5 Apr 1796, Kings Mews
Dear Sir

Returned plans to Lord Cornwallis; recommend Mr Stokes as an expert on the Indian Sea for Capt Hunt; congratulations on unknown female's betrothal.

11. Admiralty memo
10 April 1797

"The Date of the last Returns from the Fame & whether Andrew Hunter a Seaman belonging to that Ship was then living or dead?"

G. King answers: Le Puissant late Fame Andrew Hunter living 31 Jan 1797.

12. Grant, Charles
26 Sept 1798, India House
The Vicomte de Vaux, Little Charles St, Fitzroy Sq.

Sorry, but the Company declined your proposal on raising foreign soldiers. Your work on Mauritius.


"Say why this needless Pomp? Oh can his Ear...."

Folder XXVII: Misc 1801-1807

1. Martyr, J. T.G. Knapp
23 Oct 1801, Greenwich

Legal matters: Mr Kirke (d. 1760) survived co-trustee Dr Strahan (d. 1748)

Verso: draft reply from Knapp with Mortgage details; Horner; Thompson.

2. Shee, George
My dear Sir [Govt dept]
3 Feb 1802, Whitehall

Enclosed a letter on Roads between Military Ports in Ireland. Lord Pelham wants you to know it won't be at Dept's expense.

(Dirt-marks on back resemble those on Ross's letters.)

3. Myers Wilkinson
8 July 1802, Norwich
Mr Robinson and myself were elected yesterday as MPs

4. Perceval, E
Sir
23 Dec 1802, Stroxton Hall, near Grantham [Lincolnshire]

My property in Lancashire: asked £500 a year for the mill in the gloomy market of July last and almost got it, except for a question whether enough water for Calico Printing. Now market prosperous: fired my agent and advertised in Manchester paper for "a Man who has a knowledge of springs and the proper method of conducting them by Soughs where they may be useful for Bleaching, Printing & Dying—also how to...[find] Coal from the bearings of other Mines...[and] how to allot each Farm." Will you represent me in the sale of my Estates?

5. Copland, J
Sir
31 Dec 1803, Westminster

Compliments of the season; verses on his poverty.

6. Amyatt, James (an MP)
12 Jan 1804, Southampton

Would you give the enclosed Memorial from Smith to Lord Chatham? I do not know the Master General of the Ordnance; there is friendship between you & my son in law Sir John Kinnaway.
1. Selby, William
24 Jan 1809, London
Dear Sir (Baker St.)
Welcome back from Jamaica! what happened since I left concerning Truxton's sentence and the wrecked schooner--I'm worrying about our profit. I'm about to take command of a new frigate: Owen Glendour.

2. De Lacy, Thomas, archdeacon of Meath
12 April cdocketed 1810, Archdeaconry, Rolls
Enclose a draft for £58 for the carpeting.

3. Tilson, C. (Maj. Gen.)
4 Aug 1811, Dover
Major Dickson
Middlesex & Miners fetching Canteens & Haversacks from Canterbury; will deliver 53 unserviceable canteens to you.
<docketed 10>

4. Tilson, C.
16 Aug 1811, Dover
Lt. Col. Dickson
Requesting routes: one for baggage of Lancashire from Heights to Castle; other for Nonvolunteers of West Middlesex to Uxbridge Deptt.
<docketed 14>

5. Tilson, C.
20 Aug 1811, Dover
Dear Col.
Enclose return of W. Middlesex left here at the departure of the Regt. One Wagon load of Baggage.
<docketed 15>

6. Tilson, C
6 Sept 1811, Dover
A. A. General
What are wishes of Lt Gen Nicolls on a) leave for Lt. of 2nd Somerset Militia; b) imprisoned man of 11th Veteran Battalion & sick man of Carnarvon, both left behind after regiments sailed?
<docketed 21>

7. Tilson, C.
6 Sept 1811, Dover
Et Col Dickson
Request route for relieving Bucks Militia at St Margarets Bay by a detachment of the 3rd Lancashire.
<docketed 22>

8. Vincent, Ann
25 Sept 1810, London (10 Thornhaugh St Bedford Sq)
Sir...best regards to Mrs Ashwell
Money affairs of semi-literate widow

9. Ashwell?, Thomas?
17 (?) Dec 1812, Newark
Dear Madam
Happy to advise you; recommending no change till he's investigated; thanks for Christmas oysters.
<Draft>

10. Vincent, Ann
10 Mar 1813, London
Thomas Ashwell, Newark, Notinghamshire
Asking opinion about re-marriage: "is Person I Surpose you have a knowlige on but that as nothing to doo with amans goodness..."
<Draft reply on same letter>
Dear Madam
Folder XXIX: Misc 1814-1849

1. Addison, Sarah
20 Feb 1819, Chilton Hall
Documents relating to sale of Bluntisham have been mislaid; not among Mr Addison's father's papers at Sudbury.

2. Dysart ??
1 Nov 1820, Westhumble ?
I relinquish my privileges to Mr Leg; thanks for help.

3. unsigned 1st sheet of letters
undated; 1820?
"Gossipy old maid's letter..."Mrs Fowler drank tea with me yesterday I entertained her with giving her the Queens trial to read for I join at a penny week with Mr Crosbys & Brothertons..."

4. Macleod, John (of ?Colbean?)
24 Feb 1821, 10 Bury St, St James
Recommending Samuel Peake (a Quaker) to be an officer in the Bow St. Magistracy Office.

5. Best, R
31 Dec 1824, Bank of England
No.

6. Harris, John
9 July 1827, Eloctham near Hartford Bridges Hants.
Can't include Carriage Road for Timber through Mr Jones' premises in Lord Howe's plan for letting lands to Building Tenants.

7. Stutney, Sara
16 July [pencil note 1830?], Ridgmont
Dear friend--opinion of your poetry--Wordsworth--rsealed in black wax: rectangle Che sera sera

8. Gulston, W. E. M. ??
[watermark may read 1828 or 1838]
Sporty letter (from schoolboy?)

9. Macleod, A
10 May 1836, Belfast.
Introducing Mr Henry Gardner "scientific, learned and professional."
"I recollected the pleasure you took in the conversation of Mr Ramadge of Aberdeen after I had the satisfaction of travelling from London to Aberdeen by Steam in 1826 in your company." Congratulations on returning from perils.

10. Siddons, Capt H F
rdocketed Sept 1849?, 66 Upper Berkeley St, Portman Sq
Plate silver from Madras--customs regulations make it advisable to have pieces "battered and given up"; please get them from Customs.
Dear Sir

Dec. 9th, Fairfield

Thanks: Mr Millners death, Mrs Luttrell. Robt Mansell and Mr Lane candidates at Minehead "my Neighbours that have Votes they at present fill my house, and my Ears"

Added in another hand: "to Shine in velvet & to Eat on Plate
_ forsakes his freind & Sells ye State"

2. Reasons for inserting clause in Militia Bill that an Officer may be promoted without the presently required Estate.

3. Bag___ (Lord? has faint resemblance to Barrington, Brougham, Bangor) Dear Sir

27 rsep? Tuesday, Castle Hill Southwart

Glad that Mr Irvine accepts North Molton: if he would come over some day to Latham(? "& dine & take a bed" we could talk it over; recommends Mr Blackmore as a curate for Mr Irvine. Lady B(?)'s compliments to Mrs (Ross?).

4. Henley, Lady Elizabeth (Henley) Eden, m. 1783, d. 1821 and

Henley, Morton Eden, baron Henley, created 1799, d. 1830

1 Nov 1807-1815:

Bread-and-butter letter to sister; Sandwiches, trip Kirkby-Newport Pagnell-town; town news. Henley adds: "...We admired your House and Place and still more that Philanthropy & Benevolence which everything around you evinces"; food at Newport Pagnell; Wooburn; unwelcome visit of French King; flaw in Lord Townsend's Will: "His Widow is deprived of an Estate purchased near L(eans?)worth"and Weymouth St furniture--her jointure--may retain situation with Princess of Wales.

5. Wemyss, James

22 Aug, Wemyss Castle

I don't think Mr Coghlan should receive poor Bewick's prize money; I send this to my father at Cheltenham so you need not pay postage; Lord Exmouth, csince it mentioned Lord Exmouth, after 1796 and probably before 1833; therefore could be James Erskine Wemyss of Wemyss Castle (1789-1854) before 1822, or James Hay Erskine Wemyss (1829-1854) before 1854; if not for Exmouth could be James Wemyss, d. 1786--see Burke sub Wemyss)

6. Buller, John Edward Buller, Jr

Aug, Customs

Enclosure from your father; vacancy will be open until we have all had time to consider whether it is worth your acceptance or not.

(S) Seal: The commissioners of the customs of England. Fine condition.)

7. P t, Charles

19 July at sea

General dissatisfaction with prize money for Star, Magdalen

8. Kedde, Samuel Shering

I shall be a lawyer

(Child's careful writing)

9. Grose, Onslow, d. 1799 (son of the antiquary Francis Grose)

Anecdote about Capt Grose who fell at Seringapatam.

10. General Dilkes on the Subject of the Mattress

Account of the Court-Martial of a mattress. (see VI:1)
11. Bentinck, Willem (Graaf, Heer von Rhoonens), 1704-1774
   Biographical account in Dutch.

12. Ducis Buckingamedensis epitaphium.
   Pro Rege saepe, pro republica semper...
   [Draft?]
   [May be John Sheffield, Duke of Buckingham, 1648-1721.]