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Scope and Contents

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This collection was a manuscript volume that has been disbound. The original order has been retained, and the item numbers assigned by the volume's creator have been placed in parentheses at the end of each title.

There are additional unlisted items in the collection.

Collection Contents

b. 1	"A true reporte made by the Bishops of Meathe and Kilmore, Sir Robert Dillon Sir Richard White, and Sir Thomas Le Strange, being latelie sent Commissioners into Connaught, joined with Sir Richard Bingham Chiefe Commissioner of that province to parle with Sir Morogh ne doe O'Flahertie ... the 4 of May 1598" (Item No. 2) Anonymous manuscript.	[ca. 1598]
b. 1	[Naughton, Sir Robert], 1563-1635. Fragmenta regalia, or observations on Q. Elizabeth her times & favorites (Item No. 3) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1640]
b. 1	Digges, Thomas, d. 1595. "Arguments proving the King Maties propriety in the Sealands and Salt shoares thereof" (Item No. 4) Anonymous manuscript copy. Printed in Stuart Moore, History of the Foreshore (London, 1888). Originally written in 1568-69; this copy was written after 1603. Extensive use of Bracton's opinions.	[ca. 1615]
b. 1	Charles I, King of Gt. Brit., 1600-1649. "The Kings Letter to the Judges ... 14th Feb 1636" (Item No. 5) Contemporary manuscript copy. Contents: The King's letter; His case also their generall Resolutions thereupon; My Lord Keeper's speech in ye starr chamber. Concerns ship- money controversy. Second part is issued in the names of John Bramston, John Finch, Humphrey Davenport, John Denham, Richard Hutton, William Jones, George Crooke, Thomas Trevor, George Vernon, Robert Barkley, Francis Crawley and Richard Weston.	[ca. 1636]
b. 1	Crooke, Sir George, 1560-1642. "Argument in the Case of Ship-money ... " (Item No. 6) Contemporary manuscript copy. Incomplete; the complete argument was published in "The Arguments of ... Sir George Croke ..." (London, 1641).	[ca. 1638]
b. 1	"Who ought to succeede the crown" (Item No. 7) Anonymous manuscript.	[late 16th century]
b. 1	Claim of Catherine (Grey) Seymour, Countess of Hertford, to the Crown of England (Item No. 8) Anonymous manuscript.	[early 16th century]
b. 1	Bagshaw, Edward, 1590?-1662. [Discourses as Lentleader of Middle Temple of the role of clergy in Parliament] (Item No. 9) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1639]
b. 1	"The Duell" (Item No. 10) Anonymous manuscript. Subtitle: The way of Duells before the king [Charles I].	[early 17th century]
b. 1	Marlborough, James Ley, 1st Earl of, 1550-1629. "Instructions for the Master of our Wards and Liueries ... " (Item No. 11) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1609?]
b. 1	"No free subject of this kingdome may be constrayned by any power to be his owne accusor of judgement, by ye o'the ex officio or other generall o'the common laws of England ... " (Item No. 13) Anonymous manuscript.	[ca. 1600]

b. 1	"The Resolution of all the Judges of England upon several Questions against Popish Recusants in Trinity Terme ... 1626" (Item No. 14) Anonymous manuscript.	[ca. 1626]
b. 1	"Resolutions of the Judges of Assises: 1633" (Item No. 15) Anonymous manuscript. Concerns church wardens.	[ca. 1633]
	Cotton, Sir Robert Bruce, 1571-1631	
b. 1	[The Kings shall consult in Parliament concerning marriage, peace, and war] (Item No. 16) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1600]
b. 1	"A Relacon of the proceedings against Ambassadors who haue miscaryed themselves ... Apr 26 1624" (Item No. 17) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1624 or later]
b. 1	Cooke, Sir Edward, 1552-1634. "A little treatise of Baile and maineprise written at the request of Sr William Haydon knight ..." (Item No. 18) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1600]
b. 2	Manwood, Sir Roger, 1525-1592. "The Argument in the Exchequer Court ... touchinge the case of a lease made by the Savoy Hospitall 1588" (Item No. 19) Scribal copy, signed.	1598
b. 2	Elsynge, Henry, 1598-1654. "The Antient Method and Manner of holding of Parliamts in England ..." (Item No. 20) Anonymous manuscript copy.	[1633 or later]
b. 2	Bacon, Francis, Viscount St. Albans, 1561-1626. "Considerations touchinge a Warre with Spaine ... " (Item No. 21) Contemporary manuscript copy. First published in Resuscitatio, second part, 1670.	[ca. 1588]
b. 2	Brackley, Thomas Egerton, 1st Viscount, 1540?-1617. "... Speech to the Lord Chiefe Justice ..." (Item No. 22) Contemporary manuscript copy. Followed by the Lord Chiefe Justice's reply.	1616
b. 2	[Case and judgement against Alexander Neville, Archbishop of York, Robert Tresilian, Lord Chief Justice, and others brought by Thomas Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester] (Item No. 24) Anonymous manuscript. In French. Published in Rotuli Parliamentorum, London, 1767-77.	[ca. 1600]
b. 2	James I, King of Gt. Brit., 1566-1625. "Speech in the higher house of Parliamt the 19th of Februarye 1623" (Item No. 25) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1623 or later]
b. 2	Coventry, Thomas Coventry, 1st Baron, 1578-1640. "Speach ... to both the houses ... in the Banquetting chamber at Whytehall on Thursday 30 march ano 1625" (Item No. 26) Contemporary manuscript copy. With remarks by the King [Charles I].	[1625 or later]

b. 2	Glanville, John, 1586-1661. "The Speache ... in a full Committee of both houses of Parliament 23th of May 1628 ... " (Item No. 27) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1628 or later]
b. 2	Gt. Brit. Parliament, 1629. House of Commons. [Journal of proceedings in Parliament, 20 January-2 March 1628/9] (Item No. 28) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1629 or later]
b. 2	Gt. Brit. Parliament, 1628. House of Commons. "The Remonstrance of the house of Comons presented to his Ma:tie by a Comitee of the whole house ... " (Item No. 29) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1628 Jun or later]
b. 2	Charles I, King of Gt. Brit., 1600-1649. "His Ma:ties Speach to both the houses of Parlament ... the 26 of June 1628" (Item No. 30) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1628]
b. 2	Gt. Brit. Parliament, 1628. House of Commons. "A Coppy of a Second Remonstrace Intended to bee presented by the house of Comons to his ma:tie upon ... the 26th of June. 1628. But prevented by his ma:ties Speech ... " (Item No. 31) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1628 or later]
b. 2	Gt. Brit. Privy Council. "A Letter written by the Lordes of the Counsell to the Kinge ... touchinge meanes to Advance the Kinges revenues ... " (Item No. 32) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1605]
b. 2	Gt. Brit. Court of the Star Chamber. "A Briefe of the Information agst Jn Bastwicke, Master Burton, mr. Prynn, & the rest in the Starre Chamber ... XI march ... 1636" (Item No. 33) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1636]
b. 2	Lennox, James Stuart, 4th Duke of, 1612-1655. [Speech before the king, 10 July 1638] (Item No. 34) Contemporary manuscript copy. Discusses a war againt Scotland.	[ca. 1638]
b. 2	Gt. Brit. Parliament, 1640. [Speeches in Parliament, 1640] (Item No. 35) Contemporary manuscript copy. Contains speeches at the opening of the Short Parliament, 13 April 1640; at the Presentation of the Speaker, 15 April 1640; and at the opening of Long Parliament, 3 November 1640.	[ca. 1640]
b. 2	"... Letter of the whole bodye of Scotland to the Kinges Counsell ... concerninge the Service booke, & booke of Cannons" (Item No. 36) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1636]
b. 2	Berkshire, Eng. Grand Jury. [Petition to the King, 11 July 1640] (Item No. 37) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1640]
b. 2	Yorkshire, Eng. Gentry. [Petition to the King, 28 July 1640] (Item No. 38) Contemporary manuscript copy. Signed by Wharton.	[ca. 1640]
b. 2	Scotland. Parliament, 1640. [Petition to the King, September 1640] (Item No. 39) Contemporary manuscript copy. With reply.	[ca. 1640]

b. 2	Scotland. Parliament, 1640. [Demands presented to the King, 8 September 1640] (Item No. 40) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1640]
b. 2	"A Peticon of certaine Lords to his Maty att Yorke in September 1640" (Item No. 41) Contemporary manuscript copy. With reply. Signed by Lords Bedford, Essex, Warwick, Bolingbroke, and Hereford.	[ca. 1640]
b. 2	Charles I, King of Gt. Brit., 1600-1649. "... Speech in Yorke the 24th September 1640 ... " (Item No. 42) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1640]
b. 2	Letter (unsigned) to Charles I (Item No. 43) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[ca. 1640]
b. 2	"Articles ... concerning the Cessacon of Armes betweene the England & Scottish Comissioners att Rippon the XXVIth of October 1640" (Item No. 44) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]
b. 2	Grimston, Sir Harbottle, 1603-1685. [Speech before Parliament, 16 April 1640] (Item No. 45[a]) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]
b. 2	Herbert, Sir Edward, 1591?-1657. [Speech before the House of Commons, 27 April 1640] (Item No. 45[b]) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]
b. 2	Bagshaw, Edward, d. 1662. [Speech before Parliament, 7 November 1640] (Item No. 45[c]) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]
b. 2	Windebank, Sir Francis, 1582-1646. [Letter to the Lord Chamberlain, 12 January 1640] (Item No. 45[d]) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]
b. 2	Seymour, Francis Seymour, 1st Baron, 1590?-1664. [Speech before the House of Commons, 1640] (Item No. 45[e]) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]
b. 2	Pym, John, 1584-1643. [Speech before the House of Commons, 1640] (Item No. 45[f]) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]
b. 2	Owens, Hugh, 1604-1670. [Speech before the House of Commons, 1640] (Item No. 45[g]) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]
b. 2	Gt. Brit. Parliament, 1640. [Journal of Proceedings in Parliament from 20 October 1640 to 27 November 1640] (Item No. 45[h]) Contemporary manuscript copy.	[1640 or later]

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