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**CALL NUMBER:** OSB MSS 48

**CREATOR:** Pelham, Henry, 1695?-1754

**TITLE:** Pelham papers

**DATES:** 1742-1749

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence mainly concerning the War of Austrian Succession. There is a significant amount of correspondence from Robert Hampden and from Thomas Hunter regarding various aspects of the war.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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### Conditions Governing Access

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## Processing Information

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## HENRY PELHAM (1695?-1754)

Henry Pelham was elected to the House of Commons to represent Seaford in 1717. In 1720, he was appointed treasurer, and in 1721, one of the lords of the treasury. In 1722, he returned to the House of Commons to represent Sussex, a position that he held for the rest of his life. In 1724, he resigned from the treasury and was appointed secretary of war. In 1725, he was appointed a member of the privy council, and in 1730, paymaster of the forces. In 1743, he was appointed lord of the treasury and chancellor of the exchequer.

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## Scope and Contents

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**Correspondence, 1746 Jul 20, Jul 24**

b. 1, f. 1	Batthyany, Comte de. 2 ALS (copies) to Thomas Hunter, [n.p.] In French, requesting £100 sterling from the English Treasury.	1746 Jul 20, Jul 24
b. 1, f. 2	Clayton, Jasper. ALS to Henry Pelham, Ghent Tells of his sorrow because his report on food supply has been contradicted, but claims that Lord Stair will support him in his views.	1743 Jan 2
b. 1, f. 3	Drummond, Robert Hay, Abp. of York, 1711-76. Letter (copy) to [?], Hanaw	1743 Jun 28
b. 1, f. 4	Hampden, Robert Hampden Trevor, 1st Viscount, 1706-1783. 11 ALS to Henry Pelham, The Hague "Most Secret" letters concerning the whole range of activity associated with the war. Includes thoughts on the lamentable state of English military operations, much European royalty, commanders of armies, politics, finances, conventions, treaties.	1744 May 12-1745 Sep 21
b. 1, f. 5	Harrington, William Stanhope, 2nd earl of, 1719-1779. Receipt, signed For ammunition from Montagu.	1749 Jun 27
b. 1, f. 6	Honeywood, Sir Phillip, d. 1752. ALS to [Henry Pelham], Ghent Thanks Pelham for his kind words to the King regarding Honeywood's desire for "wearing a Ribband." Wonders when his promotion to General shall come. Claims that spirits have risen since the arrival of 20,000 Dutch troops.	1743 Feb 12
b. 1, f. 7	Hume, Abraham. Diary (extract), Bruxelles Contemporary manuscript copy. Concerning the managing of food stores and forage for the Hanoverian and Hessian troops.  Hunter, Thomas Orby, ca. 1716-1769 Concerning the day to day expenses and progresses of the War of the Austrian Succession. Remarks on the Jacobite rebellion.	1742 Aug 22-Oct 29
b. 1, f. 8	3 ALS to Henry Pelham, Aix la Chappelle, Frankfort	1743 Jul 26-Sep 17
b. 1, f. 9	6 ALS to Henry Pelham, Antwerp	1745 Jun 9-Nov 1
b. 1, f. 10	11 ALS to Henry Pelham, Rotterdam	1746 Apr 15-Jul 29
b. 1, f. 11	7 ALS to Henry Pelham, Rotterdam	1746 Aug 16-Nov 22
b. 1, f. 12	10 ALS to Henry Pelham, Rotterdam	1747 Feb 28-Jun 20
b. 1, f. 13	10 ALS to Henry Pelham, Rotterdam	1747 Jul 7-Oct 31
b. 1, f. 14	2 ALS to Henry Pelham, The Hague	1748 Oct 18/29-Oct 21/Nov 1

b. 1, f. 15	Montagu, John Montagu, 2nd duke of, 1688?-1749. ALS to [Henry Pelham], Blackheath "The book of the Establishment of the French army is not to be bought here, and it is forbid to be printed in France." He copied the number of French Land Forces from one of these books and sends it along (not included).	1742 Nov 2
b. 1, f. 16	Mordaunt, Sir John, 1697-1780. 3 ALS to [Henry Pelham], Bamberg, Egra, Pilsen Tells of dissatisfaction with the Russians as allies, especially on the march into Bohemia. Very cynical about the "virtuous set of Patriots" who shall bring on a new war.	1748 Aug 11, Aug 29, Sep 2
b. 1, f. 17	Nicoll, John Luke. 2 ALS to [Henry Pelham?], Rotterdam Concerning finances of the late campaigns of the War of Austrian Succession. Mentioning the "Spirit of Riot and Confusion" in Holland, he scoffs at this in the first letter; later he learns that the Prince of Orange has been detained by magistrates in Amsterdam.	1748 Aug 13, Sep 13
b. 1, f. 18	Pelham, Henry, 1695?-1754. AL (draft) to Thomas Hunter, London Requests the continuance of correspondence from Hunter. Informs him that Maj. General Huske is to take command of a certain group of troops in Holland. He is to receive credit from Hunter, as deputy paymaster.	1747 May 8
	Walpole of Wolverton, Horatio Walpole, 1st Baron, 1678-1757	
b. 1, f. 19	ALS to [?], Cockpitt	1745 Jan 4
b. 1, f. 20	ALS to [Charles Townshend], Chateau	1729 Sep 5
b. 1, f. 21	ALS to Sir Robert Walpole, The Hague	1734 Nov 9

**Documents, 1742-43, n.d.**

b. 1, f. 22	Computations regarding the War of the Austrian Succession.	1742-43, n.d.
b. 1, f. 23	Convention for the Campaign	1745
b. 1, f. 24	"Copy of Mr. Gore's Letter to Mr. Corn. Munter of Hry. Bicker Jans, 24th June 1743."	1743 Jun 24
b. 1, f. 25	"Translation of a printed paper dispers'd underhand at the Hague the the 18th August 1747."	1747 Aug 18
b. 1, f. 26	Warrants Countersigned at the Treasury out of Contingencies in Flanders, and included in Mr. Hunter's Memorial.	[1742]

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Austrian Succession, War of, 1740-1748

### **Names**

Hampden, Robert Hampden, Viscount,  
1706-1783

Hunter, Thomas Orby, approximately 1716-1769

Pelham, Henry, 1695?-1754