

# Guide to the Howard of Escrick Papers

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**CREATOR:** Howard of Escrick, Edward Howard, Baron, -1675

**TITLE:** Howard of Escrick papers

**DATES:** 1640-1641

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.4 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers contain correspondence and documents pertaining to Charles I's expedition to Scotland in 1640 and 1641, including transcripts of letters from John Pym, John Hampden, and the Committees of Parliamentary Instructions and Ordinances.

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## Scope and Contents

These papers represent an important collection of source materials surrounding Charles I's expedition to Scotland in 1640 and 1641. Edward Howard, though he originally agreed with the King's decision, was also one of the twelve dissenting peers who signed a petition on 28 August 1640 outlining the popular grievances and dangers attendant on the expedition.

The Howard of Escrick Papers are organized into three chronologically arranged series. [Series I, Committee Correspondence](#) includes transcripts of relevant letters from Pym, Hampden, Fiennes, Lord Howard, and the Committees of Parliamentary instructions and ordinances, and letters to Lord Mandeville, Vane, Pym, the Speaker, the Earl of Essex, Hollis, Lord Holland, and others, all concerning the expedition and the reaction among Howard's contemporaries.

Items in [Series II, Documents](#) section include a "Sedule contayning the particular sums of the Scotch losses & charges 7 Jan. 1640 (1)," the "Scotch com[missione]rs charge against the Earle of Strafford Dec. 16 1640" and "Instruccions of the Lordes and comons in Parliam[en]t to the Committees of both houses now attending his Royal Ma[jes]t[y] in Scotland." Included in [Series III, Letters Cataloged Separately](#) are an autograph letter from Thomas Barrington to Lord Howard, assuring Howard of the country's support of Parliament, and two ALSs from Edward Littleton on the correspondence of a committee appointed by the House of Lords.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Committee Correspondence, 1641 Aug 22

b. 1, f. 1	<a href="#">Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to the Speaker Wm. Lenthall, Stilton</a> 1 p., 31 x 20 cm Scots have disbanded part of their army; some mutiny in Lord Carre's regiment. Also written to Earl of Essex by Lord Howard.	1641 Aug 22
b. 1, f. 2	<a href="#">Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to John Pym; Stilton</a> 1 p., 31 x 20 cm Second letter of this day to Pym; relays news that Earl of Traquair was beheaded in effigy and that Earl of Montrose was removed to a stricter prison.	1641 Aug 22
b. 1, f. 3	<a href="#">Fiennes to the Speaker Lenthall, 8 pm, York</a> 2 p., 30 x 20 cm. Concerning payment and disbanding of troops; need for money; shipment of ordnance from Berwick to London. Also written to Earl of Essex with slight alteration.	1641 August 25
b. 1, f. 4	<a href="#">Fiennes, Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to Denzil Holles; York</a> 2 p., 31 x 20 cm Requests L 36,000 to disband the cavalry, more to disband foot soldiers, monies to be collected from nine counties in proportion to subsidy; Scots disbanded army despite Earl of Argyll's opposition in Parliament.	1641 Aug 26
b. 1, f. 5	<a href="#">Lord Howard to Earl of Essex; Darlington</a> 1 p., 30 x 21 cm Refers problem of gaining commission by King's great seal back to Parliament; apologizes for any discrepancy between his letter and a Mr. Nicolls'. Also written by Committee to the Speaker.	1641 Aug 27
b. 1, f. 6	<a href="#">All the Committee to the Earl of Holland; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 31 x 21 cm Profuse thanks for a favor; reports having met Lord Maitland on the road with orders from Parliament for Earl of Holland to disband his English Army.	1641 Aug 31

b. 1, f. 7	<a href="#">Lord Howard to Earl of Essex; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 21 cm Reports Lord Maitland is on way with directions for disbanding Army. Scots have ratified the treaty and will do so under Great Seal to satisfy Parliament of England. Scots still have 5000 foot and 500 horse.	1641 Sep 1
b. 1, f. 8	<a href="#">Fiennes, Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to Pym; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 20 cm Worries over lack of correspondence from London, of directions for their mission, and of Parliamentary recess. Without commission under Great Seal can only act as conduit to Parliament of England.	1641 Sep 1
b. 1, f. 9	<a href="#">Fiennes, Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to Speaker Lenthall; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 31 x 20 cm On behalf of Sir Michael Ernely, officer in garrison at Berwick, requests one month's pay for the troops (L 3000), and presents John Conyer's petition for employment.	1641 Sep 1
b. 1, f. 10	<a href="#">All the Committee to the Earl of Essex; Edinburgh</a> 3 p., 30 x 21 cm Scots refuse to disband until English do; if made to wait, many want recompense; previous account of E. of Traquair proves false.	1641 Sep 3
b. 1, f. 11	<a href="#">Fiennes, Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to Pym; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 30 x 20 cm Requests more specific information on money to pay off army and garrison to satisfy Scots. Urges appropriation of the whole sum.	1641 Sep 3
b. 1, f. 12	<a href="#">Fiennes, Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to Speaker Leuthall; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 30 x 20 King received letter from Spanish ambassador re: 4000 soldiers. Charles I approved their release from army in Ireland in accord with Parliament.	1641 Sep 3

b. 1, f. 13	<a href="#">All the Committee to Earl of Holland; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 20 cm From Lord Grandison heard that although cavalry is disbanded and foot soldiers will be by the 18th, money for the garrisons not certain; Edinburgh promises to pay Scots to adhere to treaty when appropriate.	1641 Sep 10
b. 1, f. 14	<a href="#">Lord Howard to Lord Keeper Littleton; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 20 cm Reports having told Charles I of Spanish request for 4,000 men; seeks money for garrisons of Berwick and Carlisle; Scots will not disband their armies until two garrisons are discharged. This letter also written to Pym by the Committee.	1641 Sep 14
b. 1, f. 15	<a href="#">All the Committee to Earl of Holland; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 31 x 20 cm Acknowledges Parliament's command to disband the army and the artillery; Scots will likewise disband and withdraw regiments facing the garrisons of Berwick and Carlisle. Hopes for perfect peace.	1641 Sep 17
b. 1, f. 16	<a href="#">All the Committee to Mr. Treasurer Vane; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 20 cm Yesterday King delivered to Parliament list of councillors minus bishops, papists, and prisoners, but including Lords Lindsay, Loudon, Dunfermline.	1641 Sep 18
b. 1, f. 17	<a href="#">Lord Howard, Stapelton, and Hampden to Pym; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 20 cm Orders for disbanding relayed; ratification of officers and councillors; King may leave Oct. 4; authors want to leave before the weather turns bad.	1641 Sep 20
b. 1, f. 18	<a href="#">All the Committee to Mr. Maxwell; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 31 x 20 cm Thanks for his friend's generous accommodations.	1641 Sep 22

b. 1, f. 19	<a href="#">Lord Howard to Lord Keeper Littleton; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 31 x 20 cm Reports meeting with Committee of the Army over discharge of garrisons; Scots regiment at Aberdeen to be disbanded presently, others when English garrisons are. Also sent to Mr. Pym from the rest of the Committee.	1641 Sep 24
b. 1, f. 20	<a href="#">All the Committee to unidentified Commissioner of the Treasury; Edinburgh</a> 2p., 31 x 20 cm L 8,000 for Berwick is insufficient, ships needed for transport of munitions; Lord Mourtons's removal from list of Councillors delays King's return, which Committee wishes to hasten.	1641 Sep 25
b. 1, f. 21	<a href="#">Lord Howard to Lord Keeper Littleton; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 29 x 20 cm King's departure likely to be delayed one month; wishes to leave to return to England sooner, his charge being completed.	1641 Sep 28
b. 1, f. 22	<a href="#">Fiennes, Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to Pym; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 30 cm Regarding the fortifications of Berwick, destruction or restoration? King's departure delayed by selection of officers and councillors. Seeks leave to return for Parliament ahead of King.	1641 Sep 28
b. 1, f. 23	<a href="#">All the Committee to Lord Mandeville; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 20 cm Jealousies and suspicions that they must remain in Scotland to the benefit of some faction, fear of ill weather, desire to be at Parliament; requests leave to return, charges being done.	1641 Sep 28
b. 1, f. 24	<a href="#">All the Committee to Michael Ernely; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 31 x 20 cm L 18,000 for the garrison at Berwick on its way; L 18,000 (11,000?) to follow. Authority to slight the outer works of the town; if orders for Committee are sent to Berwick, send them on.	1641 Sep 29



b. 1, f. 25	<a href="#">All the Committee to Court of the Bishoprck of Durham; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 31 x 20 cm Invitation by Lord General and Officers of Scots Army to perform some act of justice between Soldiers and Landlords where they billeted. Relations between them mentioned.	1641 Oct 2
b. 1, f. 26	<a href="#">All the Committee to Michael Ernely; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 31 x 20 cm Enclosure wanting. Returning arms of Townsmen seized; needs warrant to keep the arms and munitions at Berwick.	1641 Oct 6
b. 1, f. 27	<a href="#">All the Committee to Michael Ernely; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 30 x 20 cm Declining to oversee the matters at Berwick, leaving them instead to Michael Ernely.	1641 Oct 8
b. 1, f. 28	<a href="#">All the Committee to Pym; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 29 x 20 cm Gratitude for letters and intimation that orders for their return are being sent.	1641 Oct 11
b. 1, f. 29	<a href="#">Fiennes, Armyne, Stapelton, and Hampden to Pym; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 29 x 20 cm Evidently has been made Lt. Gov. of Berwick; recommends title not be taken away; will not have been to Berwick.	1641 Oct 11
b. 1, f. 30	<a href="#">Lord Howard to Lord Keeper Littleton; Edinburgh</a> 2 p., 29 x 20 cm News of plot to seize Marquess Hamilton, Earl of Argyle and Earl of Lanericke, also of depositions in Parliament by a Captain Stewart.	1641 Oct 14
b. 1, f. 31	<a href="#">All the Committee to Michael Ernely; Edinburgh</a> 1 p., 29 x 19 cm Acknowledges information of King's command to disbanding the remainder of the garrison; will send more on question of removing the drawbridge and gates.	1641 Oct 16
b. 1, f. 32	<a href="#">All the Committee to Pym; Edinburgh</a> The garrison is now disbanded; the Scots have withdrawn to the city. Due to differences over examination of Marquess Hamilton and Earl of Argyle nothing has been done.	1641 Oct 18

b. 1, f. 33

[All the Committee to William Carnaby; Edinburgh](#)

1641 Oct 18

2 p., 29 x 20 cm

As Ernely has already begun slighting the works at Berwick, does not plan to visit; question of drawbridge, inner works. Works near Sir James Douglas' to be slighted as well.

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**Series II: Documents, 1640 Dec 16**

b. 1, f. 34	<a href="#">DS; Adam Blair; no place</a> 7 p., 31 x 20 cm Scottish committee charges against E. of Strafford.	1640 Dec 16
b. 1, f. 35	<a href="#">DS; Adam Blair; no place</a> 7 p., 31 x 20 cm Schedule containing particular sums of Scottish losses and charges.	1640[1] Jan 7
b. 1, f. 36	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 2 p., 30 x 20 cm Acquittals of John, Earl of Traquair and James, E. of Montrose.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 37	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 1 p., 29 x 19 cm Appt. of Committee -- E. of Bedford, Lord Howard, Armine, Stapelton, et. al. and their duties.	[1641 Aug]
b. 1, f. 38	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 1 p., 29 x 19 cm Petition to Charles I to accept Lord Howard et. al. as Commissioners to act as intermediates between King and Parliament.	[1641 Aug]
b. 1, f. 39	<a href="#">DS; William Lenthall and Edward Littleton; no place</a> 2 p., 29 x 19 cm Ordinance of Parliament with instructions to the Committee.	1641 Aug 20
b. 1, f. 40	<a href="#">DS; E. of Holland to Viscount Grandison; no place</a> 2 p., 30 x 20 cm Instructions...to be observed by him in his present journey into Scotland.	1641 Sep
b. 1, f. 41	<a href="#">DS; John Browne; no place</a> 4 p., 30 x 19 cm Instructions to the Committee of both Houses now in Edinburgh.	1641 Sep 8
b. 1, f. 42	<a href="#">DS; John Browne and Henry Elsyng; no place</a> 5 p., 30 x 19 cm Instructions to be sent to the Committee of both houses now attending his majesty at Edinburgh.	1641 Sep 9

b. 1, f. 43	<a href="#">DS; John Browne; no place</a> 2 p., 30 x 19 cm Concerning the raising and transporting forces of horses and soldiers.	1641 Sep 9
b. 1, f. 44	<a href="#">DS; John Browne and Henry Elsyng</a> 2 p., 30 x 19 cm Concerning raising and transporting forces of horses and foot out of his Majesty's kingdom.	1641 Sep 9
b. 1, f. 45	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 2 p., 30 x 20 cm King to nominate officers and councillors subject to Scottish Parliament's opposition.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 46	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 1 p., 30 x 20 cm Also concerning King's nomination of Scots officers and councillors. Suggests recess for the Commission of the Council.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 47	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 2 p., 30 x 20 cm Answers to doubts proposed by King on election of officers, etc.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 48	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 2 p., 29 x 19 cm Unlabelled orders 1-7: Commission for ordering Treasury be drawn up, Agenda of Scottish Parliament(?).	n.d.
b. 1, f. 49	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 1 p., 18 x 20 cm King's message to Parliament, refusal to grant commission, disbanding of Army.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 50	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 1 p., 15 x 20 cm fragment Will welcome any members of English Parliament to be present at Scottish Parliament's ratification of the treaty.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 51	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> Summaries of King's request of Committee (?) to write to Berwick, to not write to Parliament, to write Lord Keeper regarding week by week adjournment.	n.d.

b. 1, f. 52	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 1 p., 30 x 20 cm Committee's response to King's request: to wait for word from Parliament on slowly disbanding garrison, to report to Parliament, to let Parliament decide adjournments.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 53	<a href="#">DS; Jo[hn] Throckmorton DCP; no place</a> 1 p., 30 x 19 cm Commanding Lord Howard's return, as requested in his last letter.	1641 Sep 21
b. 1, f. 54	<a href="#">DS; Jo[hn] Throckmorton DCP; no place</a> 1 p., 22 x 19 cm Note to Committee -- high burgesses, several burgesses and assistants.	1641 Oct 5
b. 1, f. 55	<a href="#">DS; Jo[hn] Throckmorton DCP; no place</a> 2 p., 29 x 19 cm Provisions for public safety due to disbanding of the army.	1641 Oct 5
b. 1, f. 56	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 2 p., 29 x 19 cm Captain William Stewart's deposition on the E. of Crawford's plot against Marquesses Hamilton and Argyle.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 57	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 2 p., 29 x 19 cm Opposition to public trial of a recent incident.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 58	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 2 p., 29 x 18 cm A Sillogism for the Private Committee: advocates private Committee for examination of secret plots before examination in Parliament.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 59	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 3 p., 29 x 19 cm Declaration of Parliament against this new plot.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 60	<a href="#">Document; no place</a> 3 p., 30 x 19 cm Instructions from Parliament to the Committee of both Houses attending Charles I: on E. of Crawford's plot, treaty with Scotland, disbanding of garrisons at Carlisle and Berwick.	1641 Oct

## Series III: Letters Catalogued Separately

BARRINGTON, SIR THOMAS, BART., C. 1589-1644

b. 1, f. 61

[ALS to Lord Howard; Hatfield Broadoaks, Essex](#)

1641 Jul 24

3 p., 32 x 21 cm, with address  
Mentions difficulties in executing  
ordinances for disarming papists and  
collecting Poll-money. Assures  
Ld. Howard of country's support  
of Parliament.

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LITTLETON, EDWARD LITTLETON, 1ST BARON, 1589-1645

b. 1, f. 62

[2 ALS \(one signed\) to \[Lord Howard\]](#)

1641, n.d.

2 p., 29 x 18 cm, 20 x 14 cm  
Regarding letters to and replies from  
committee appointed by House of Peers.

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## 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.

### Geographic Names

Great Britain -- History -- Charles I, 1625-1649  
Scotland -- History -- Charles I, 1625-1649

### Names

Armyne, William, Sir, 1593-1651  
Barrington, Thomas, Sir  
Bedford, William Russell, Duke of, 1613-1700  
Blair, Adam, Sir  
Browne, John, 1580-1659  
Carnaby, William, Sir  
Charles, King of England, I, 1600-1649  
Essex, Robert Devereux, Earl of, 1591-1646  
Fiennes, Nathaniel, 1607 or 1608-1669  
Grandison, William Villiers, Viscount, 1614-1643  
Hamilton, James Hamilton, Duke of, 1606-1649  
Hampden, John, 1594-1643  
Holland, Henry Rich, Earl of, 1590-1649  
Holles, Denzil Holles, Baron, 1599-1680  
Howard of Escrick, Edward Howard, Baron,  
-1675  
Lauderdale, John Maitland, Duke of, 1616-1682  
Littleton, Edward Littleton, Lord, 1589-1645  
Loudon, John Campbell, Earl of, 1598-1663  
Manchester, Henry Montagu, Earl of,  
1563?-1642  
Montrose, James Graham, Marquis of,  
1612-1650  
Pym, John, 1584-1643  
Stapleton, Philip, Sir, 1603-1647  
Traquair, John Stewart, Earl of, -1659