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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: OSBORN FB94

TITLE: Civil War. Collection of letters and state papers, apparently from the papers of John Pym

DATES: 1584-1643

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.15 linear feet (1 volume)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Collection of 28 letters and other documents, many written to John Pym and all concerned with military activities of the Parliamentary army during the English Civil War. Numerous writers request financial assistance, food, clothing, and arms for their soldiers, including Alexander Carew, who asks for money and arms to combat an uprising in Cornwall; Sir William Balfour, who requests back pay for his services as commissary and captain of a troop in Ireland and requests two months' advance for his soldiers, or else they will be unable to subsist; and William Jephson, who begs Pym to be as active for him in Parliament as his soldiers have been on the field, and who are now in rags without enough food to eat. Other letters report on threats of armed uprisings and on the movements of King Charles I as well as the movements of Queen Henrietta Maria at The Hague.

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Scope and Contents

The following finding aid is a complete inventory of the contents of [Osborn fb94](#). This list was reformatted from previously existing cataloging.

Collection Contents

Osborn fb94

BALFOUR, SIR WILLIAM, D. 1660.

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|------|--|------------|
| b. 1 | LS to John Pym.
n.p.
1 p.; 30 x 18 cm.
"Sir Give me leave to arreast your noble promise of endeavor on my behalfe..." Includes list of payments and expenses due to Balfour.
folder 1. | 1641 Dec 6 |
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MANCHESTER, EDWARD MONTAGU, 2ND EARL OF, 1602-71

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| b. 1 | ALS to John Pym.
Worcester.
1 p.; 30 x 20 cm.
"Sir I received your letter this afternoon and I fully agree with your way..." Discussion of military situation near Worcester.
folder 2. | [1642] Oct 7 |
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JENNINGS, GABRIEL.

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| b. 1 | ALS to John Pym.
Marshalsea of the Four Courts in Dublin.
2 p.; 29 x 19 cm.
"After 3 years Strong oppression, I am now in Ireland..." Complains about his imprisonment.
folder 3. | 1641 Oct 5 |
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NORTHUMBERLAND, ALGERNON PERCY, EARL OF, 1602-68

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| b. 1 | LS to unnamed recipient.
Derby House.
1 p.; 31 x 20 cm.
Countersigned by John Campbell, 1st Earl of Loudoun (1598-1663). Draft of reply on the same page. "Sir, The King being now marched with all his forces..." Reply: "According to your Lordships commands..."
folder 4. | |
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BEDFORD, WILLIAM RUSSELL, 1ST DUKE OF, 1616-1700

BEDFORD, WILLIAM RUSSELL, 1ST DUKE OF, 1616-1700 (continued)

- b.1 [LS to the Committee of Safety.](#) 1642 Oct 18
- Worcester.
1 p.; 32 x 22 cm.
"My Lords & Gentlemen, In obedience
to the commands of the Houses..."
Discusses the King's refusal to
receive a petition. Also signed by
Viscount Mandeville; Denzil Holles,
1st Baron Holles of Ifield
(1599-1680); Philip Wharton, 4th
Baron Wharton (1613-96); Robert
Greville, 2nd Baron Brooke (1608-43);
Francis Willoughby, 5th Baron
Willoughby of Parham (1613?-66);
Arthur Goodwin (1593?-1643) and one
other.
Great Britain. Committee of Safety;
Charles I, 1600-49.
folder 5.

JEPHSON, WILLIAM, 1615?-59?

- b.1 [ALS to John Pym.](#) 1642 Oct 15
- Cork.
1 p.; 33 x 22 cm.
"Noble Cousin, Wee are now brought
to the last Pynche of beinge able to
subsist..." A plea for supplies for
the troops around Cork.
folder 6.

PEYTON, SIR THOMAS

- b.1 ALS to Robert Hales. 1641 Apr 29
- n.p.
1 p.; 19 x 15 cm.
"Good Cousin, The Lord Petition for
the expedition of justice..." Also
discusses a tax plan for raising
money.
Taxes -- Great Britain.
folder 7.

NICHOLAS, SIR EDWARD, 1593-1669

- b.1 [LS to Sir William Boswell \(d. 1650\).](#) 1642 Sep 21
- Shrewsbury.
2 p.; 29 x 20 cm.
"Sir, His Majesty arrived here
yesternight..." With nine line
autograph postscript stating that
he would rather die in the King's
cause, "than prosper by taking arms
against God's annoynted."
folder 8.

ESSEX, ROBERT DEVEREUX, 3RD EARL OF, 1591-1646

ESSEX, ROBERT DEVEREUX, 3RD EARL OF, 1591-1646 (continued)

b.1 [ALS to the Committee of Safety.](#) 1642 Oct 18
 Worcester.
 1 p.; 29 x 19 cm.
 "My Lords and Gentlemen, In obedience
 to your commands..." Concerns a
 petition sent to Charles I.
 Great Britain -- Committee of Safety.
 folder 9.

BERKER, JOHN

b.1 ALS to Robert Devereux, 3rd Earl of Essex (1591-1646). 1643 Mar 14
 Coventry.
 1 p.; 30 x 19 cm.
 "May it please your excellency, We
 received youres expressing your care
 by diversion..." Discusses military
 situation around Coventry.
 Also signed by H. Mackworth, William
 Purefoy (1580?-1659) and George
 Abbott.
 folder 11.

CHOLMELEY, SIR HUGH, 1600-57

b.1 ALS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 3
 Stamford Bridge.
 2 p.; 30 x 21 cm.
 "Sir, I am this day come to Stamford
 Brigge..." Detailed description of
 military situation in his area.
 folder 12.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670.

b.1 [Memorial to the States General of the United Netherlands] 1642
 1 p.; 30 x 20 cm.
 Manuscript in French.
 An appeal to refrain from helping Charles I. Accompanied by the Declaration
 of the States General (in Dutch), to remain neutral in the English Civil War,
 1642 Oct 18. Netherlands (Unites provinces, 1581-1795). Staaten Generaal.
 folder 13.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b.1 ALS to John Pym. 1642
 1642 Oct 31-Nov 10
 The Hague.
 1 p., 33 x 21 cm.
 "The Queen hath demanded ships and
 appointed the 17th of this month to
 depart from hence..." Discussion of
 affairs at the Hague including a note
 about plans to raise money by pawning
 jewels.
 folder 14.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b. 1 ALS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 1
The Hague.
1 p., 31 x 22 cm.
"Sir, This gentleman Mr. Knight is
soe well known to Mr. Lawrence and
Serjeant Major Skipham..." Discloses
Queen Henrietta Maria's plans to
visit England.
folder 15.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b. 1 ALS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 19
The Hague.
2 p., 31 x 21 cm.
"Sir, I have formerly informed you
haw there were designes upon Harwich
and Yarmouth Hull and Portsmouth..."
Discussion of naval matters, and the
fleets of Parliament and the Queen.
folder 16.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b. 1 LS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 3
The Hague.
2 p., 30 x 19 cm.
"Sir, ...I received the 30th your
stile, and am very glad affaires of
your Kingdom are in so good a
condition..." Discussion of the
situation in Holland.
folder 17.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b. 1 ALS to John Pym. [1642] Nov 13
The Hague.
1 p., 32 x 21 cm.
"Sir, Since I writ my packet I heare
Sir Fredericke Cornwallis..." Short
discussion about the situation
around the Hague.
folder 18.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670 (continued)

b.1 ALS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 19
The Hague.
3 p., 30 x 20 cm.
"Sir, Yours of the 28 of Octob I
received in wch..." Appeal for help
in Parliament concerning the
Prince-elect, also news about the
Queen's naval plans.
folder 19.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b.1 LS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 19
The Hague.
1 p., 32 x 21 cm.
"Sir, Yours of the 28 of October I
received..." Concerning the "Ralph"
of Newcastle and the projects of the
Queen.
folder 20.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b.1 LS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 20
The Hague.
2 p., 30 x 19 cm.
"Sir, The Lords of the States
Generall have laterly received a
letter from a Lady in England, the
Countess of Darby..."
folder 21.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b.1 ALS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 20
The Hague.
2 p., 20 x 15 cm.
"Sir, I am informed there is one Mr.
Clarke, a gentleman who lives neare
Charing Cross..." Exposes several
threats to the safety of several
supporters of the parliament's cause.
folder 22.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b.1 LS to [John Pym]. 1642 Nov 28
The Hague.
4 p., 31 x 20 cm.
"Sir, Yours of the 17th of Octob: I
received..." Discussion of situation
in Holland and an appeal for
Parliamentary reinforcement of his
diplomatic position.
folder 23.

STRICKLAND, WALTER, 1670

STRICKLAND, WALTER, 1670 (continued)

- b.1 [Protest to the States General of the United Netherlands] 1642 Dec 2
2 p., 33 x 21 cm.
Manuscript in French, signed, with
autograph postscript in English.
Protest concerning the breaches of
the order of the States General
against the transport of soldiers
and arms to England.
Netherlands (United provinces,
1581-1795) Staaten generaal.
folder 24.

BUTTON, JOHN

- b.1 ALS to John Pym. 1642 Nov, 4
Southampton.
1 p., 30 x 20 cm.
"Sir, In obedience unto your
letters..." Report on the situation
in Southampton. Also signed by
Edward Hooper.
folder 25.

CAREW, SIR ALEXANDER, 1609-44

- b.1 LS to John Pym and the Committee of Safety. 1642 Nov 11
Plymouth.
1 p., 30 x 20 cm.
"Sir, Wee have not word either by
this nor last poste..." Renewing an
appeal for immediate support and
supplies. Also signed by Francis
Butler, J. Elliot, John St. Aubyn,
John Trefusis, John Carter, Francis
Godolphin, Richard Erisey and T.
Arundell.
folder 26.

WARWICK, ROBERT RICH, 2ND EARL OF, 1587-1658

- b.1 ALS to John Pym. [1642]
n.p.
4 p., 27 x 18 cm.
"Mr. Pimme, I received your letter
on Saturday last..." Tells of the
needs for supplies for the merchant
men, a piracy against some English
ships, and the foul actions of a
Captain Ketelby.
folder 27.

LONDON. CITIZENS.

LONDON. CITIZENS. (continued)

b.1 [Petition to both Houses of Parliament] [1642]
1 p., 31 x 20 cm.
Contemporary MS copy.
Request that a voluntary levy be
raised for the defense of the
country.
Great Britain -- Parliament.
folder 28.

SACKETT, JOHN

b.1 ALS to Robert Hales. 1648 Aug 11
Mungebarn.
1 p., 31 x 20 cm.
"Sir, The last night about nine of
Clocke I was warned to send a light
horse..." Discussion about the
burden of maintaining a troop of
horse. Hales was Captain of the
troop of horse for the Lath of St.
Augustine (Co. Kent).
folder 29.

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

England -- Foreign relations -- Scotland
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Great Britain -- History -- Civil War, 1642-1649
-- Campaigns
Great Britain -- Politics and government --
1625-1649
Scotland -- Foreign relations -- England

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Correspondence

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Bedford, William Russell, Duke of, 1613-1700
Charles, King of England, I, 1600-1649
Essex, Robert Devereux, Earl of, 1591-1646
Henrietta Maria, Queen, consort of Charles I,
King of England, 1609-1669
Manchester, Edward Montagu, Earl of,
1602-1671
Nicholas, Edward, Sir, 1593-1669
Northumberland, Algernon Percy, Earl of,
1602-1668
Pym, John, 1584-1643
Strickland, Walter, -1670

Corporate Bodies

Great Britain. Army
Great Britain. Parliament