

# Guide to the Miles & Edwards and Charles Hindley & Sons Correspondence

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**CALL NUMBER:** MSS 4

**CREATOR:** Miles & Edwards (London)

**TITLE:** Miles & Edwards and Charles Hindley & Sons correspondence

**DATES:** 1832-1875

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection of letters from notable clients sent to the London interior decoration firm Miles & Edwards and its successor, Charles Hindley & Sons, from 1832 to 1875.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired April 2005, Paul Mellon Fund.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Each letter has been pasted to a piece of card stock, occasionally obscuring an address or other notes on the verso.

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## Biographical / Historical

The firm of Miles & Edwards began operation in 1822 at [134 Oxford Street, Westminster, London](#). It specialized in fabric for curtains and furniture, as well as linings, fringes, cords and other fabric notions. They also sold carpets and wallpaper, made curtain rods and draperies to order, and took in furniture to be upholstered. While most of their clientele was in London, they took orders from across the British Isles. Customers in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Wight requested fabric samples and wrote letters with their orders. Though best known for its middle class clientele\*, Miles & Edwards attracted customers from the highest levels of society, such as the Duchesses of Bedford and Marlborough.

Charles Hindley & Sons bought out Miles & Edwards in 1844, moving into their Oxford Street premises. Under the new management, the company continued to offer a similar line of products and services, with the addition of furniture sales. Charles Hindley & Sons operated until 1892.

\*For information on the clientele of Miles & Edwards and Charles Hindley & Sons, see: Microulis, Laura. "Charles Hindley & Sons, London house furnishers of the nineteenth century: a paradigm of the middle-range market." *Studies in the Decorative Arts*, v. 5 (Spring/Summer 1998) p. 69-96.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection comprises business correspondence sent by clients to the Miles & Edwards company and its successor, Charles Hindley & Sons. The bulk of the letters date from either the 1830s-1840s or the 1870s, with a few scattered letters from the decades in between. The authors of the letters were overwhelmingly female, eighty percent being written by or on behalf of women. The unknown collector of the letters evidently chose to include them based on the importance of the author. The authors include many countesses, marchionesses, earls and barons, as well as several duchesses, a maid-of-honor to the Queen, and an archbishop. Many of the women were daughters of earls or barons who had married men of the same rank. Authors of both sexes ranked as baronets or higher, or occupied important posts in the clergy or military.

Some time after the collector gathered the letters (perhaps around 1880), he or she mounted them on card stock and made handwritten notes about each of the authors. In most cases, the notes include the author's first name, parentage, and marriage names and dates. The unknown annotator seems to have been interested in exploring the family ties and social position of each of the authors. Because he or she was working many years after most of the letters were written, this interest must not have been directly linked to business concerns. The purpose of the notations is not clear, though one might speculate that the annotator was simply interested in finding out more about the firm's former clientele, or perhaps was an amateur genealogist.

Because the collector separated these letters from a larger group of correspondence, they cannot be used as a comprehensive source for the business history of Miles & Edwards or Charles Hindley & Sons. However, they do contain valuable information on what sorts and quantities of fabric notable English women ordered for their households in the nineteenth century. A large proportion of the letters that specifically mention fabric types include references to chintz, showing the wide popularity of this material. Several mention particular designs such as stripes or small patterns. A noteworthy example is that of Lady Grace Gore, who requested fabric samples patterned with wild hops, strawberry leaves, lilac larkspur, and shamrocks (Box 1, folder 69). Others discuss colors such as pink, green, orange or blue. The size of the orders is often quite large: several involve quantities of 20 yards of fabric or more, while one on behalf of the Countess Robilant in Turin was for 372 yards (Box 1, folder 3).

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Microulis, Laura. "Charles Hindley & Sons, London house furnishers of the nineteenth century: a paradigm of the middle-range market." *Studies in the Decorative Arts*, v. 5 (Spring/Summer 1998) p. 69-96.  
Microulis, Laura. "The furniture drawings of Charles Hindley & Sons, 134 Oxford Street, London." *Furniture History*, v. 37 (2001) p. 67-90.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by letter writer's name.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Letter: The Priory, Stanmore, Middlesex (?). Abercorn, James Hamilton, Duke of, 1811-1885 Requesting an estimate on altering silk curtains; ordering chintz curtains.	1841 March
b. 1, f. 2	Letter: The Priory, Stanmore, Middlesex (?). Abercorn, Louisa Jane Russell, Marchioness of, 1812-1905 Ordering paper, Scotch carpet and chintz curtains.	1841 April 13
b. 1, f. 3	Letter: Turin, Italy. Abercromby, Mary Elizabeth, lady, 1815?-1874 Ordering, on behalf of the Countess Robilant in Turin, 372 yards of red striped chintz.	1846 May 23
b. 1, f. 4	Letter. Anstruther, Charlotte Lucy, Lady, 1806?-1890 Returning paper patterns and requesting the company not to send anything more, as she did not like them.	1841 June 3
b. 1, f. 5	Letter: Enniscorthy, Ireland. Arran, Elizabeth Marianne Gore, Countess of, d. 1899 Regarding payment of a bill.	1852 September 25
b. 1, f. 6	Letter: Southwood House (Isle of Thanet, East Kent?). Ashburnham, Charlotte, Countess of, 1776-1862 Requesting chintz patterns to make 2 sets of curtains and cover a couch bed, and for lining patterns, and for 2 pieces of Swiss muslin.	1842 November 4
b. 1, f. 7	Letter: Dublin, Ireland. Ashford, Olivia Charlotte Guinness, Baroness Ardilaun of, 1850-1925 Regarding delivery of carpets; inquiry about price of a large piece of [chatting?] to use as a floor covering.	1874 August 11
b. 1, f. 8	Letter: 21 Berkeley Square, London. Balcarres, Maria Margaret Frances Lindsay, Countess of, d. 1850 Regarding payment of a bill.	Undated
b. 1, f. 9	Letter: British Hotel. Bantry, Richard White, Earl of, 1800-1868 Regarding delivery of an order, including 15 yards of drapery fringe; also a request for "patterns of chintz furniture."	1843 September 21
b. 1, f. 10	Letter: Busbey (?) House, Teddington. Barrington, Charlotte, Lady, d. 1858 Regarding delivery of fabric [?] for a chair.	1838 September 3
b. 1, f. 11	Letter: Campden Hill, London. Bate, Maria, Marchioness of Requesting color-fast chintz patterns for drawing room furniture.	1841 May 31

b. 1, f. 12	Letter: Woburn Abbey. Bedford, Georgiana Russell, Duchess of, 1781-1853 Requesting a washing table to be covered in marble.	1838 July
b. 1, f. 13	Letter: Wolverstone past Ipswich. Berners, Archdeacon Ordering muslin for 3 sets of curtains.	[Unidentified year] May 15
b. 1, f. 14	Letter: 36 Wilton Crescent, London. Bishop, Lady Ordering 5 yards of chintz to match her furniture.	1844 April 24
b. 1, f. 15	Letter: Erskine, Glasgow, Scotland. Blantyre, Charles Stuart, Lord, 1818-1900 Requesting pattern of fern-print chintz.	1845 January 9
b. 1, f. 16	Letter: Taymouth. Breadalbane, Elizabeth Campbell, Marchioness of, 1803-1861 Ordering wood curtain rings and poles, and chintz to cover several chairs.	1852 June 30
b. 1, f. 17	Letter. Bridport, Samuel Hood, Baron, b. 1788 Confirming payment of £200.	1843
b. 1, f. 18	Letter: Broke Hall, Suffolk. Broke, Philip, Sir, 1804-1855 Returning patterns of marble paper and green baize; requesting 3 more pieces of paper; requesting bill.	1844 February 17
b. 1, f. 19	Letter: Compton Corner. Brooke, Julia Henrietta Anson, Lady, d.1886 Requesting estimate for a drawing room table and a Scotch striped cloth.	[Circa 1840] Apr 19
b. 1, f. 20	Letter. Bruce, Lady Regarding the time when a house will be vacant.	Undated
b. 1, f. 21	Letter: Inchcomb (?). Buckinghamshire, Anne Glover, Countess of Requesting covers for furniture to be made ready.	1841 March 29
b. 1, f. 22	Letter: London. Byles, John Barnard, Sir Regarding payment of a bill.	1874 January 10
b. 1, f. 23	Letter: 21 Eaton Place, London. Byron, Elizabeth Mary, Lady, d.1873 Ordering a dark orange cover for a table.	1838 February 5
b. 1, f. 24	Letter: Putney Heath, London. Cadogan, Henry Charles, Earl of, 1812-1873 Returning chintz patterns and requesting description of a "folio holder."	1846 June 19

b. 1, f. 25	Letter: Tittenhanger (?). Caledon, Jane-Frederica Alexander, Lady Regarding payment of a bill.	1847 November 6
b. 1, f. 26	Letter: Evely (?). Carr, Lady (wife of Bishop Robert James Carr of Worcester) Returning a table cover that she did not like.	1841 July 6
b. 1, f. 27	Letter: Bath. Carrington, Charlotte Augusta Annabella Smith, Lady Returning chintz patterns.	1840 April 10
b. 1, f. 28	Letter: Holly Hill, Southampton. Cholmondeley, Henry Vere, Lord, 1834-1882 Returning a paper pattern and requesting 4 more pieces.	Undated
b. 1, f. 29	Letter: Carlton St., London. Cholmondeley, Susan Somerset, Marchioness of, 1804-1886 Requesting that a piece cloth be mounted [?] as an ottoman stool.	1841 July 27
b. 1, f. 30	Letter: 32 Belgrave Square, London. Clanwilliam, Elizabeth Meade, Countess of, circa 1809-1858 Requesting that a person be sent to take measurements for rods for hanging pictures.	1838 July
b. 1, f. 31	Letter. Clare, Elizabeth Julia Georgiana Fitzgibbon, Countess of, 1793-1879 Requesting receipt for a chair [?].	Undated
b. 1, f. 32	Letter: Straffan, Colbridge. Clarina, Susan Elizabeth Massey, Lady Returning chintz patterns.	1843 October 14
b. 1, f. 33	Letter: Bowood, Calne. Cole, Mary, Lady Sending payment and requesting receipt.	1843 February 3
b. 1, f. 34	Letter: Abington House, Abington. Colebrooke, Elizabeth Margaret, Lady Ordering another set of blue ribbon and flower [illegible], and requesting her cleaned chintzes be sent.	[Circa 1860] November 11
b. 1, f. 35	Letter: Namptwich. Combermere, Mary Woolley Cotton, Viscountess of, ca. 1799-1889. Complaining that the company did not inform her of a delay.	1848 December 14
b. 1, f. 36	Letter. Conroy, Alicia Parsons, Lady Returning a pattern of chintz.	1844
b. 1, f. 37	Letter. Courtenay, C., Lady [Illegible request.]	1871 April 11



b. 1, f. 38	Letter: Combe (?) Abbey. Craven, Louisa, Countess of, circa 1782-1860 Disputing a bill.	[Before 1860]
b. 1, f. 39	Letter. Croft, Anne Knox, Lady Asking Mr. Edward to call on her.	1843 February 11
b. 1, f. 40	Letter. Crompton, Lady Requesting calico lining pattern, and confirming order of 60 yards of chintz.	1844 July 2
b. 1, f. 41	Letter: Chevening, Kent. Dalmeny, Catherine Lucy Wilhelmina Primrose, Lady, 1819-1901. (Later Duchess of Cleveland.) Ordering 45 yards of bright green fabric.	1852
b. 1, f. 42	Letter: Kirtlington Park, Oxford. Dashwood, Sophia, Lady, d. 1894 Returning lined curtain pattern and requesting 3 pieces of fabric.	[Unidentified year] January 26
b. 1, f. 43	Letter: Lucen's? Park, Brighton. Denbigh, Rudolph William Basil Feilding, Earl of, 1823-1892 Ordering 1 piece of tabinet and 1 piece of chintz "for covers."	1846 August 15
b. 1, f. 44	Letter: Kilkenny (?), Ireland. Desart, John Otway O'Conner Cuffe, Earl of, 1818-1865 Returning chintz pattern; ordering 90 yards of it with lining and binding.	1843 October 2
b. 1, f. 45	Letter: 4 Bryanstone Court (?), London. Devon, Elizabeth Fortescue Courtenay, Countess of, 1801-1867 Requesting sketches of several "different shapes in the style of the age of Louis quatorze."	1838
b. 1, f. 46	Letter: 52 S. [illegible] Street. Requesting a person to come [... illegible].	1874 August 8
b. 1, f. 47	Letter: 21 Belgrave Square, London. Ducie, Elizabeth Moreton, Countess of, d. 1865 Requesting several patterns of chintz.	1843 April 12
b. 1, f. 48	Letter: Witley Court, Stourport. Ordering additional chintz from a previous request, to make chair covers, curtains, and door portieres.	1827 January 7
b. 1, f. 49	Letter: [Ken?]sington. Dufferin, Anne Dorothea, Lady Regarding payment of a bill.	1839 July 9
b. 1, f. 50	Letter: 30 Lowndes St., London Effingham, Charlotte Howard, Countess of, circa 1776-1864 Ordering 3 yards of cotton print fabric, and requesting bill for an ottoman stool.	1844 March

b. 1, f. 51	Letter: Batchford (?). Egerton, J., Lady Ordering 2 pieces of chintz.	1843 April 13
b. 1, f. 52	Letter: Hamilton Place, London. Eldon, Louisa Duncombe Scott, Countess of, 1826-1852 Ordering hair for a hair-pillow; requesting a key for a drawer she had put in a table; and requesting repairs on several other drawers.	1844 February 20
b. 1, f. 53	Letter: 48 Charter Sq., London. Ely, Anna Maria Loftus, Marchioness of, circa 1790-1857 Regarding payment of a bill [?].	1854 June 1
b. 1, f. 54	Letter. Essex, George Capel-Coningsby, Earl of, 1757-1839 Ordering 40 yards of linen.	1838 August 30
b. 1, f. 55	Letter: Farnham. Farnham, Anna Frances Esther Maxwell, Lady, d. 1868 Complaining of faulty workmanship on a chintz sofa cover, and requesting another order of chintz to replace it.	1843 October 7
b. 1, f. 56	Letter: Farnham. Farnham, Henry Maxwell, Baron, 1799-1868 Sending a payment of £204.	1844 January 13
b. 1, f. 57	Letter: Larkwith (?) Street, London. Feilding, Elizabeth, Lady Requesting 2 carpets to be installed.	1843 October
b. 1, f. 58	Letter: Bure Homage, near Christchurch... Confirming receipt of curtains and requesting bill.	1838 January 23
b. 1, f. 59	Letter: Delgaty Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Fife, Agnes Georgiana Elizabeth Duff, Countess of, 1829-1869 Regarding a delivery.	1840 July 13
b. 1, f. 60	Letter: 15 Halkin Street West, London. FitzHardinge of Bristol, Charlotte Berkeley, Lady, 1806-1881 Ordering a covering for a chair; describing details of how she would like it decorated.	1843 March
b. 1, f. 61	Letter: Connaught Place, London. Fitzwygram, Selina, Lady Complaining that the bed and window curtains she ordered have taken too long to be prepared; Explaining that the company must now keep them until she returns to London next year.	1843 January 21
b. 1, f. 62	Letter. Flahault-de-la-Billardrie, Margaret Nairne Flahault, Countess of, 1788-1867 Sending a carpet sample for matching to her silk curtains.	1838 July

b. 1, f. 63	Letter: Near Kincardine, Scotland. Flahault-de-la-Billardrie, Margaret Nairne Flahault, Countess of, 1788-1867 Ordering 4.5 yards of blue [illegible] and at least 10 yards of Chinese pattern crimson silk; inquiring about green satin.	1838 August 15
b. 1, f. 64	Letter: Stoke Edith Park, Hereford. Foley, Emily, Lady, d. 1900 Requesting Venetian carpet patterns "for the back stairs."	1874 April 20
b. 1, f. 65	Letter: Castle Hill, Devon. Fortescue, Countess Complaining that not enough made-to-order chintz was delivered; requesting more if it is ready-made, or alternative patterns if it is not.	1868
b. 1, f. 66	Letter: 4 Seamon (?) Place, Park Lane, London. Franklin, Jane Griffin, Lady Regarding a furniture delivery.	1873 May 24
b. 1, f. 67	Letter. Getland?, Sophia Jane, Countess Regarding delivery of silk damask and screens [?].	1842 November 28
b. 1, f. 68	Letter: Niton, Isle of Wight. Gordon, Julia, Lady Regarding delivery of chairs.	1841 April 23
b. 1, f. 69	Letter: 28 Brunswick Square, Brighton. Gore, Grace, Lady Requesting pieces of fabric patterned with wild hops, strawberry leaves, lilac larkspur, and shamrocks; inquiring about paper she ordered; inquiring about price of a bed [cover?].	1844 January 26
b. 1, f. 70	Letter: Fowler's, Hawkhurst, Kent. Grant, Lady Regarding payment of a bill.	[Unidentified year] February 23
b. 1, f. 71	Letter: Wrest Park, Silsoe. Grey, Henrietta Frances Robinson, Countess de, d. 1845 Requesting "strong & cheap" cotton and chintz patterns for covering chairs in servants' rooms.	1841 January 26
b. 1, f. 72	Letter: Melville Carth (?). Haddington, Thomas Hamilton, Earl of, 1780-1858 Regarding an insurance payment.	1848 September 14
b. 1, f. 73	Letter. Hamond, Graham Eden, Sir, 1779-1862 Regarding payment of a bill.	1843 July 17
b. 1, f. 74	Letter: Stapleford Park, Melton Mowbray. Harborough, Robert Sherard, Earl of, 1797-1859 Regarding delivery of a flower stand.	1844 January

b. 1, f. 75	Letter: Bishopthorpe, York. Harcourt, Edward, 1757-1847  Reporting that the pieces of chintz he received did not match the fabric he already had, but that he will use it anyway to cover the backs of some furniture.	1838 August 31
b. 2, f. 76	Letter. Harcourt, Edward William  Reporting that Lady Susan did not like the pattern she was sent.	1873 July 2
b. 2, f. 77	Letter. Hardwicke, Charles Philip Yorke, Earl of, 1799-1873 [Short illegible note.]	1844
b. 2, f. 78	Letter. Hardwicke, Elizabeth Yorke, Countess, d. 1858  Ordering paper, and remarking on its pink color.	[Circa 1844?]
b. 2, f. 79	Letter. Hardwicke, Susan Yorke, Countess of 1810-1886. Requesting that the company hold some items for her for a few hours while she arranges delivery; regarding delivery of furniture.	1838
b. 2, f. 80	Letter. Hatherton, Edward Richard Littleton, Baron, 1815-1888  Ordering a mahogany dumbwaiter and 2 trays.	1874 August 17
b. 2, f. 81	Letter. Headfort, Thomas Taylour, Marquess of, 1787-1870  Regarding repayment of money he had loaned the company.	1852 May 19
b. 2, f. 82	Letter. Henley, Hariett, Lady (wife of Robert Henley, 2nd baron)  Inquiring whether a hatchment could be altered to include Lord Henley's arms, and requesting the price.	1844 February 22
b. 2, f. 84	Letter. Henley, Lady. (wife of Anthony, 3rd Bart.)  Ordering 2 folding chairs; regarding delivery of a cabinet.	1872 September 25
b. 2, f. 85	Letter. Hervey-Bathurst, Clare Emily, Lady, d. 1867  Delivery of baskets [?] to be lined with muslin; and request for "Chinese pattern chintz" to cover an ottoman.	Undated
b. 2, f. 86	Letter. Heytesbury, William Henry Ashe A'Court, Baron, 1809-1891  Regarding possible order of a table.	1873 February 28
b. 2, f. 87	Letter. Higgins, Samuel G., Sir  Requesting Mr. Miles or Mr. Edwards to call on him.	1838 July 21

b. 2, f. 88	Letter. Ordering 50 yards of fabric; requesting pink color-fast patterns, and red-striped patterns for a bedroom sofa.	1843 May 14
b. 2, f. 89	Letter. Home, Cospatrick Alexander Douglas-Home, Earl of, 1799-1881 Ordering an additional 24 yards of blue fringe and 2 [lapels?].	18[51?] October 28
b. 2, f. 90	Letter. Home, Lucy Elizabeth Douglas-Home, Countess of, 1805-1887 Ordering 97 yards of linen.	1871 February 7
b. 2, f. 91	Letter. Honywood, Mary, Lady, d. 1849 Regarding payment of a bill.	1843 July
b. 2, f. 92	Letter. Hume-Campbell, Juliana Rebecca, Lady Requesting chintz patterns.	1843 August 2
b. 2, f. 93	Letter. Jersey, Margaret Elizabeth Child Villiers, Countess of, 1849-1945 Scheduling a meeting.	[1842?] December 2
b. 2, f. 94	Letter. Johnston, Maria, Lady Regarding the details of how her bonnet baskets are to be lined with pink calico.	1843 May
b. 2, f. 95	Letter. Keats, Lady Regarding the sending of furniture from her drawing room.	1841 August 19
b. 2, f. 96	Letter: Killarney, Ireland. Kenmare, Augusta Anne, Countess of Ordering 18 additional hangers [for curtains?].	1846 July 15
b. 2, f. 97	Letter. Kerry, Lady Ordering a table.	1843 July 21
b. 2, f. 98	Letter: Bournemouth. Kintore, Louisa Madeline, Countess of Reporting that the last silk pattern she received was too light; requesting another pattern to match a piece of dark velvet.	[After 1851] May 15
b. 2, f. 100	Letter: Sarsden. Langston, Julia, Lady, d. 1863 Ordering a red Persian-stripe patent felt table cloth.	1844 June
b. 2, f. 101	Letter. Lansdowne, Henry Petty-FitzMaurice, Marquess of, 1816-1866 Regarding a bill.	1841 July

b. 2, f. 102	Letter: Bowood. Lansdowne, Louisa Emma Petty-FitzMaurice, Marchioness of, 1785-1851 Regarding a delivery.	[Before 1851]
b. 2, f. 103	Letter. Lennox, Mary Margaret, Lady Regarding a delivery.	1838 July 1
b. 2, f. 104	Letter. Lethbridge, C., esq. Washford Declining an invitation.	1874 March 9
b. 2, f. 105	Letter. Lethbridge, Julia, Lady, d. 1855 Inquiring about the price of a chintz pattern.	1838 June 1
b. 2, f. 106	Letter: Wynyard? Londonderry, Charles William Vane, Marquess, 1778-1854 Ordering 19 more pieces of [illegible] gold paper.	1841 July 4
b. 2, f. 107	Letter: Barley Thorpe, Oakham, Rutland. Lonsdale, Countess of Reporting that she will be away for several days.	[Unidentified year] January 2
b. 2, f. 108	Letter. Lovell, Francis Frederick. Badminton, Chippenham Regarding payment of a bill.	1873 February 19
b. 2, f. 109	Letter: London (?). Lowther, Lucy Eleanor, Lady, d. 1848 Requesting a meeting.	1844 March
b. 2, f. 110	Letter: Shrewsbury (?). Lyster, Charlotte Barbara, Lady Ordering 24 yards of fabric, tacks with small gilt heads.	[Unidentified year] August 31
b. 2, f. 111	Letter: London (?). Manners, Jane, Lady, d. 1846 Ordering curtains to be made.	1841 March 19
b. 2, f. 112	Letter: Blenheim. Marlborough, Jane Spencer-Churchill, Duchess of, 1798-1844 Ordering chintz, a bed with straight cornices, bed curtains lined with green glazed calico, four window curtains that can be drawn side-to-side (not the old fashioned way of drawing up), and a plain valance with a fringe, all to furnish the Duke's bedroom.	1843 January 17
b. 2, f. 113	Letter: Godalming. Meath, Melosina Adelaide Brabazon, Countess of, circa 1781-1844 Ordering 20 yards of modern pattern chintz.	1852 June 11
b. 2, f. 114	Letter: London (?). Ordering linen curtains to be made with two breadths of fabric, rather than one, as they look "rather plain & scanty."	1832 May 25

b. 2, f. 115	Letter. Middleton, Jane, Lady Requesting a piece of light glazed calico, or twilled if the glazed is not available.	1844 November 22
b. 2, f. 116	Letter. Middleton, Lady Brumstead [Illegible note, regarding an order that was not received or incorrect.]	1871 July
b. 2, f. 117	Letter: London. Middleton, Augusta Mary Brodrick, Viscountess of, d. 1903 Requesting the company to arrange two places [in the shop?] from which to view a royal procession.	1874 March 6
b. 2, f. 118	Letter. Milbanke, Augusta, Lady. Thorp Persow Ordering a piece of "furniture print" fabric, a piece of blue dining calico, and a table cover with striped colors and a fringe.	[Unidentified year] June 25
b. 2, f. 119	Letter. Montague, Jane Margaret, Lady Giving notice that she received barely 7 yards out of the 10 yards of fabric she had ordered.	1858 November 11
b. 2, f. 120	Letter. Monteagle of Brandon, Thomas Edmund Spring-Rice, Baron, 1849-1926 Regarding a disputed bill.	1873 June 27
b. 2, f. 121	Letter: East Bergholt, Suffolk. Morton, Frances Theodora Douglas, Countess of, d. 1879 Acknowledging receipt of a bed and furniture, returning several chintz patterns, requesting new patterns of green and white striped or figured chintz for armchair covers.	1838 May 14
b. 2, f. 122	Letter: London (?). Munro, Jane, Lady, d. 1850 Regarding delivery of furniture and curtains.	1852 December 28
b. 2, f. 123	Letter: Buntingford. Murray, Susan Catherine Sanders, Lady, d. 1860 Ordering two chairs and two table covers.	1844 May 18
b. 2, f. 124	Letter. Normanby, Maria Phipps, Marchioness of, 1798-1882 Regarding payment of a bill.	1844 July 20
b. 2, f. 125	Letter. Northbrook, Arabella Georgina Baring, Baroness, 1809-1884 Regarding delivery of fringe, lining, and sewing silk.	1841 April 19
b. 2, f. 126	Letter. Parker, Lady Perthshire Ordering 100 yards of chintz with a pale buff background, and lining.	[Unidentified year] March 6

b. 2, f. 127	Letter: Cambridge. Philpott, Henry, 1807-1892  Inquiring about a set of trays to fit inside a wardrobe he had ordered; complaining about the quality of a mirror he received.	Undated
b. 2, f. 128	Letter: Wakefield. Pilkington, Isabella Elizabeth Georgiana, Lady  Ordering 9.75 yards of white and red striped fabric, 9.75 yards of brown and red fabric, and inquiring whether they are also available in another width.	[After 1857] April 25
b. 2, f. 129	Letter. Ripon, Sarah Louisa Albina Robinson, Countess of, 1793-1867  Ordering 60 yards of fabric and thread to match.	1845 January 23
b. 2, f. 130	Letter: Brighton. Rivers of Sudeley Castle, George Pitt-Rivers, Baron  Regarding the status of an order for rods and curtains.	1841 July 10
b. 2, f. 131	Letter: Claybury, Wales. Riversdale, Charlotte Theodosia, Lady, d. 1853  Ordering one piece of "blue trellis furniture calico", and one piece of "speckled dining."	1841 August
b. 2, f. 132	Letter: London. Romilly, Georgiana Elisabeth, Lady, d. 1867  Requesting three painted towel horses for a nursery to be sent with her dining room table.	1852 April 27
b. 2, f. 133	Letter. Rosebery, Archibald John Primrose, Earl of, 1783-1854  Regarding a table cover.	1852 June 22
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b. 2, f. 139	Letter: London. Somers, Caroline Harriet Cocks, Countess of, d. 1873 Ordering 3 yards of crimson Brussels carpet, and 3 yards of [Coctonne?].	1871 October 30
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