Coote, Sir Eyre, 1759–1823

Eyre Coote papers, 1775–1925

Bulk 1775–1830

Size: 41 boxes with 1,925 numbered items; 26 over-size maps; 83 periodicals.
Introduction\(^1\)

The Coote family

Charles Coote (d. 1642) was an officer in the English army and fought under Lord Mountjoy during the latter stages of the Nine Years War (1593-1603) in Ireland. His success was rewarded with various offices and a baronetcy. Like his contemporary, Richard Boyle, earl of Cork, he was astute in purchasing tracts of land and thereby enriched his family. By his death in 1642 the family had estates in Queen’s County, and Counties Leitrim and Roscommon. His eldest son, Charles (d. 1661) inherited much of these lands, and, like his father, was a military officer and political magnate, who managed to opportunely change sides between the Cromwellian and Restoration periods. Charles was created 1st earl of Mountrath in 1660, which title continued in the male line until the death Charles Henry Coote (1725-1802), when it became extinct.

Sir Eyre Coote (d. 1823) descended from Charles Coote’s (d. 1642) second son, Chidley (d. 1668), of Killester, County Dublin who purchased an estate at Ashhill near Kilmallock, County Limerick in 1667. His eldest son Lieut.-Colonel Chidley Coote inherited this property, which in turn passed to his son, Rev. Chidley Coote (d. 1730). Rev. Chidley had among other sons, Eyre (1728-83) and Charles (1713-96). Eyre joined the army and became a distinguished general, whose successes in India in the 1750s and later in the 1780s ensured his and his family’s fame.\(^2\) Military success also brought financial gain, which allowed Eyre to purchase estates in both England, at West Park in Hampshire, and Ireland, in Queen’s County. His younger brother, Charles, dean of Kilfenora, Co. Clare, acted as agent for his brother’s estates in Ireland and inherited that property on the General’s death in 1783.

Charles was made dean of Kilfenora, in the diocese of Killaloe, in November 1758.\(^3\) For much of his life he resided at Shaen’s Castle, Queen’s County. He acquired property\(^4\) in that County as well as in Leopardstown, County Dublin, where he built Leopardstown House, later the seat of his eldest son, Charles Henry, 2nd Baron Castlecoote (1754–1823). The Castlecoote estates were ultimately inherited by the second Sir Eyre’s son, Eyre (d. 1834). The Dean married firstly in 1753, Grace, daughter of Thomas Tilson and widow of Thomas Cuffe, of Grange, Co. Kilkenny. This marriage produced two sons, Charles Henry Coote (1754–1823), created 2nd Baron Castlecoote in 1802, and General Sir Eyre Coote (d. 1823), whose papers are catalogued here.

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1 The Coote papers provide much of the evidence for the introduction. Any additional information has been footnoted. For a cursory biography see Coote’s entry in H. C. G. Matthew and Brian Harrison (eds.), *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (60 vols., Oxford, 2004).
3 *Public Gazetteer*, 7 November 1758. He also held the prebends of Ennisclatihie [sic – Scattery Island], the vicarages of Kilrush, Killferagh, Killballyhone, Moyarta and Killard in the diocese of Killaloe, all in Co. Clare.
4 Dean Charles Coote leased Stabog, Queen’s County, from William, earl of Shelburne, for £234 per annum, on 30 August 1769 (National Archives, Ireland: Ms. 999/480/13).
Eyre Coote (1753-1823)

Early years

Eyre Coote was born in 1759. Little is known of his early years. He was admitted to Eton College in 1767 and remained there until 1771, though spent some of his summers in Ireland. Three years later, on 1 November he matriculated at Trinity College, Dublin. Much to his father’s angst, Eyre was removed from the College in December 1774 at the request of his uncle, General Sir Eyre Coote, in order to join the General’s regiment, the 37th, as an ensign.

Military career

The outbreak of the American Revolutionary War in 1776 was fortunate for young Eyre. Promotions were easier to obtain during war time, and with his father’s financial assistance as well as his uncle’s influence, he became lieutenant in the 37th in 1776, and captain in 1778. Coote participated in the battles of Brooklyn (27 August 1776), Brandywine (11 September 1777), Germantown (4 October 1777), and Monmouth Court House (28 June 1778), among others. In 1780, the British war effort switched to the southern colonies, where Coote was stationed from 1780. Serving under Charles, 2nd Earl Cornwallis, he was captured at the battle of Yorktown in 1781. Coote remained a prisoner until he was paroled in April 1782, when he returned to England.

Eyre had hopes of joining his uncle in India when the latter was sent there in 1778, but these were never fulfilled. When his uncle died in 1783, Coote was left without a patron, though successfully used his uncle’s reputation to his advantage in the years that followed. Though he continually desired to follow in his uncle’s footsteps in India, the British government never appointed him. In February 1783 he was commissioned a major in the 4th regt. of foot and five years later he purchased the lieut.-colonelcy of the 70th regiment. Between 1782 and 1792 Coote spent his time garrisoned in either Britain or Ireland. As was customary for high-ranking officers, Coote was introduced to George III at a levee at St. James’s Palace, on 28 October 1790.6

His first significant command was under Sir Charles Grey, on an expedition to attack the French in the West Indies, which was not entirely successful. Coote, however, distinguished himself.7 He was promoted colonel in 1794, and on his return to Britain participated in the unsuccessful expedition to the Netherlands in 1794-5, covering the retreat of the Allied armies.8 In 1795 he was appointed aide-de-camp to George III. In 1796 he participated in a second West Indies campaign, under the command of Sir Ralph Abercrombie. In the same year he was promoted brig.-general on the Irish establishment.

On his return from the West Indies in 1796 he was sent to Ireland and stationed at Bandon, Co. Cork, under the overall command of General William Dalrymple. Coote had operational command of the area around Bantry, Co. Cork, where the French attempted to land in December 1796. The weather prevented a landing, though Coote was among the officers who were credited with preventing the

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5 Freeman’s Journal, 23 August 1769.
6 The Times, 29 October 1790.
7 Ibid., 20 August 1794.
8 This campaign is not recorded in the military papers. See Coote’s entry in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.
invasion. As a result his reputation rose. On 1 January 1798 he was promoted to maj.-general and given command at Dover, where a French invasion of England was expected.

In 1798, Coote was ordered to command an expedition to destroy the sluice gates of the Bruges Canal and other fixtures near Ostend, in the Netherlands. In this he was successful, though was wounded and taken prisoner by the French. He was eventually exchanged in September 1798. Coote resumed command in Dover, but was soon after, in 1799, sent to command a brigade in the Netherlands near Helder. In 1801 Coote accompanied Sir Ralph Abercrombie to Egypt, where he was responsible for the siege and capture of Alexandria. For his success in Egypt he was invested a knight of the Bath in May 1802.

Between 1801 and 1805 he was stationed at various places in Britain and Ireland, where his knowledge of defensive strategy proved advantageous. Throughout this period he continued to seek preferment, hoping to command in India, or in some other sphere where war was threatened. But government ignored him. In 1805, he was eventually given the governorship of Jamaica, and appointed to command an expedition to protect the West Indies from French attack, which in the end, did not transpire. The same year Coote was made a lieut.-general. Coote remained in Jamaica between 1806 and 1808, where he clashed with the Jamaican assembly over the long-running dispute over providing money for the army and the upkeep of barracks.

His last significant operation followed in 1809, when he was made second-in-command to Lord Chatham for an expedition to the Netherlands. Although Coote captured Flushing and occupied Walcheren Island, Chatham’s army lost strength as it approached Antwerp, and was eventually ordered to return to England, leaving a reluctant Coote to garrison Walcheren. However, disease spread among the troops and decimated the army there. By the end of 1809 most of the soldiers had been ordered to return to England. The failure of the expedition resulted in a parliamentary enquiry and a vote in the House of Commons to censure the government for its conduct over the expedition.

In the years that followed Coote failed to obtain command either on the continent or in India. He was promoted general in 1814, but failed in his desire to gain a peerage. It was claimed that Coote’s behaviour in his later life was erratic and eccentric, caused by the effects of the climate in Jamaica. The same excuse was used to pardon his activities in 1815 when he was charged before the lord mayor of London with indecent conduct, having allegedly paid boys at Christ Church Hospital to whip him. The lord mayor’s court did not convict him, though Frederick, Duke of York, deemed Coote’s actions inappropriate and court-martialed him. Coote’s friends and doctors, including his brother-in-law, Col. William Bagwell, argued that Coote had suffered a temporary ‘mental derangement’. Coote was dismissed from the army and stripped of his knighthood. This disgrace and the death of his daughter led to his increasing mental and physical decline. He died in London on 10 December 1823.

As a general, Coote was of the second-tier of British commanders; neither wholly successful nor a failure. This was recognised in his own lifetime, which perhaps accounts for his failure to obtain command of important expeditions. He certainly did not match the capability or prowess of his more famous and distinguished uncle. Still, Coote was a proficient commander, skilled in the art of defence and siege craft.

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A plain statement of facts, relate to Sir Eyre Coote (London, 1816). The Clements Library has a copy of this pamphlet, shelved with the Eyre Coote papers.
Political career

Eyre’s military career ensured that his political activities remained secondary if not marginal. He was first returned to the Irish parliament in 1790 for the borough of Ballynakill, Queens County, which he purchased from Lord Drogheda. In 1797 he was returned for the family borough of Maryborough, Queen’s County. He disagreed with his brother, Charles Henry Coote, on whether the family should support the proposed act of union in 1799 and 1800. His brother favoured the measure, despite Coote’s advice to adopt a contrary position. The dispute between them resulted in Coote’s resignation of his seat, and his acceptance of the office of escheator of Munster in January 1800. However, in 1802 he was elected unopposed as MP in the United Kingdom parliament for Queen’s County, which he held until 1806. In 1812 he was elected for the borough of Barnstaple in Devon, after an expensive contest. He held this seat until 1818, whereupon he decided to retire from parliament.10

In the United Kingdom parliament, he supported Catholic claims for additional rights. He opposed, on 15 March 1813, the abolition of flogging in the army. At various points he sought a peerage, citing his uncle’s service, as well his own military merits. These requests were rejected.

Family

On 9 November 1786, Eyre married Sarah (d. 1795), daughter of John Rodbard, in Marylebone Church, London.11 The marriage produced three daughters: Sarah (d. 1815), Susanna (b. 1787), and Catherine. On 25 August 1805 he married secondly, Jane, daughter of John Bagwell, of Marlfield, County Tipperary.12 This marriage produced a son, Eyre (1806-34). He died in the summer of 1834, while on a yachting trip in the Mediterranean. His son and namesake inherited the British and Irish estates, which, on his death in 1864, passed to the last Eyre Coote, who died without male issue in 1925.

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10 Edith Mary Johnston-Lüik, *History of the Irish parliament* (6 vols, Belfast, 2002), iii, 500-1; for the union crisis in the family see Eyre Coote papers, 33/1-25. For a printed letter from the freemen of Barnstaple to Coote on his retirement in 1818, see *The late elections: an impartial statement of all proceedings corrected with the progress and result of the late elections* (London, 1818), p. 7.
11 *The Times*, 11 November 1786.
12 *Limerick General Advertiser*, 29 August 1805
William L. Clements Library
University of Michigan
Eyre Coote papers

Genealogy of Coote of West Park

Sir Charles Coote of Castle Cuffe, Queen's Co., provost marshal of Connaught d. 1642

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Scope and contents

The collection comprises forty-one boxes with 1,925 numbered items, and is divided into Eyre Coote’s military papers and family and estate material.

Military papers

There are 1,160 pieces of correspondence mostly to Eyre Coote. In addition there are twenty-two letterbooks, which have copies of Coote’s correspondence to predominately military and political figures. There are sixty-two order books covering Coote’s career from 1775 to 1809. In addition there are thirty-five journals, notebooks, and diaries recording expedition details, day-to-day activities, or financial accounts.

The military papers are arranged under each of Coote’s military operations or stations. Except for the 1794-5 Netherlands expedition, the papers cover most of Coote’s operations. The sections are divided into:

- Correspondence
- Letter books
- Order books
- Journals and notebooks
- Maps (*in the Map Division*)

The National Army Museum [NAM] serial numbers marked on many of the manuscripts are provided on the extreme right hand column where they exist.

Family and estate papers

The collection has correspondence between Coote and various members of his family, including letters from Sir Eyre Coote (d. 1783) to Dean Coote’s family. These letters are arranged by correspondent. The correspondence of Coote’s second wife, Jane, and his son, Eyre, are also catalogued under a separate heading. The remaining correspondence concerns Eyre Coote’s (d. 1834) education, and the organisation of the Fordingbridge Yeomanry Cavalry.

The estate papers are divided between the Coote estates in Ireland and those concerning West Park, in England.

Newspapers

There are eighty-three newspapers in the collection, nearly all collected by Eyre Coote (d. 1925) with various references to either Sir Eyre Coote or the Coote family.
Provenance

The Coote papers remained at West Park until the death of the last Eyre Coote in 1925, and were then inherited by the Sykes family. In the 1940s or 1950s, that family deposited the papers on loan with the National Army Museum, London. While in that institution’s possession the papers were sorted and numbered. At some point before 1979, the family withdrew the collection.

In March 1979, the collection was offered for sale at Sotheby’s, London. Although the collection was sold, the papers remained in the Sotheby offices. An attempt to sell the collection was made again in 1988, but no purchaser was found.

In 1990, the collection was purchased by the Clements Library.

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<td>Centre for Kentish Studies, Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom.</td>
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Sir Eyre Coote (d. 1823) commissioned a large folio of maps in 1803 from Robert Ely of Mountrath, which shows all of the General’s Irish properties.

Northamptonshire Record Office, Cohayne (Rushton) collection (C 2963) The arms of Sir Eyre Coote’s esquires, 1803.

David A. Fleming
August 2006.
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<td>Coote, Frederick town [Virginia], to Major Delany, adjutant general, informing him that the British prisoners in the town require medicine, blankets and provisions, that he expects the number of prisoners to rise to 2,000, and asks how he is to settle accounts through New York. CL, 3 pp.</td>
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Reverse has portion of a letter from Coote to Thomas, asking him to lay a letter [not found] before General [George] Washington concerning grievances of British prisoners. CL, 1 p.
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1/14  Copy of a memorial from Coote and other officers as prisoners of war, [Frederick Town], to Sir Henry Clinton, asking him for expenses to cover their costs. 1 p.  

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Reverse has Coote’s reply, informing Bayley that he has asked Thomas to make an enquiry into the affair. ALS, 1 p.  

1/16  Coote, to Colonel Skinner, Commandant General Prisoners, informing him of the ‘disagreeable situation of the British prisoners at Frederick Town’, that there have been three prisoners wounded by militiamen, his failure to receive local redress, and asking that his letter be shown to Washington. CL, 3 pp.  

1/17  William Stile? to Coote, Lancaster, concerning permission for Coote and other British officers to go to New York or Europe. ALS, 2 pp.  

1/18  William Jackson, assistant secretary at war, War Office, Philadelphia, to Coote, concerning the parole for Coote and other British officers. CL, 1 p.  

Enclosure has an undated and unsigned note from Coote and the other British officers seeking parole to go to New York. 1 p.  

1/19  Edward Hand, Philadelphia, to Coote, informing him that General Lincoln has given permission to grant Coote and the other British officers parole. ALS, 1 p.  

1/20  Copy of a parole document signed Coote, Capt. William Baymond, Lieut.-Captain Charles Gould and Lieut. Isaac Hall, [Lancaster], agreeing to abide by the terms stated in the document. Also signed by William Witzeth, commissary of prisoners at Lancaster. 1 p.  

Order books  


22/3  Regimental order book of the 37th regt, landing at Elkton, Maryland and marching towards Chadds Ford, New Jersey. Octavo un-paginated, 138 pp.  25 August – 8 September 1777  6912/14/34

22/4  Regimental order book of the 37th regt, marching from Kenneth’s Square onto Dellworth and taking part in the battle of Brandywine and preparation for Germantown. Octavo un-paginated, 180 pp.  9 September – 3 October 1777  6912/14/35

22/5  Regimental order book of the 37th regt, stationed at Philadelphia. Octavo un-paginated, 177 pp.  Reverse has a ‘captain’s roster’. 7 pp.  10 October – 1 December 1777  6912/14/36


22/7  Regimental order book of the 37th regt, stationed at Philadelphia. Octavo un-paginated, 160 pp.  Reverse has captains rooster, field officers roster and various memoranda. Octavo un-paginated 7 pp.  30 December 1777 – 1 February 1778  6912/14/38


22/9  Regimental order book of Coote’s company in the 37th Light Infantry, though endorsed ‘Captain Spike’s Orderly Book’ on inside cover, stationed at Jamaica, [Rustor, Long Island]. Also has a list of ‘articles in the 37th Company store’ divided by officer, 22 October [1778]. Octavo un-paginated, 36 pp.  Reverse ‘Mess roll of the 37th light company’ and company accounts. Octavo un-paginated, 18 pp.  5 November 1778 – 20 January 1779  6912/14/40

22/10  Battalion order book of the battalion stationed at Jamaica [Long Island, New York], Staten Island, at sea, and at Ferry, James Island, Drayton House, William’s House, Charleston and Monk’s Corner, South Carolina. Octavo un-paginated, 236 pp.  13 November 1779 – 31 May 1780  6912/14/41

22/11  Battalion order book of the battalion at Philipsburg, South Carolina and Babcock’s House, East Chester and Flushing New York. Octavo un-paginated, 156 pp.  1 June 1780 – 27 October 1780  6912/14/42
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Correspondence

1/21 Richard Pitt, Royal Hospital [London], to Major Eyre Coote, 47th foot, concerning Coote’s companies on the Isle of Man. ALS, 2 pp. 24 April 1784

1/22 Two vouchers, one for a leather trunk with flap and brass plate signed by Jn. Nikells and the other for clothing material, signed by James Sulthorpe. 9 November and 13 December 1784

1/23 Sir C. Gould, to [Coote], regarding the general court martial of Lieut.-Colonel Campbell, and Mr Guynne who has charged Campbell. ALS, 2 pp. n.d. 6912/14/59B

1/24 George Vallancey, Royal Hospital [London], to Coote, Serses? Coffee House, Haymarket, London, informing him that the commander-in-chief has agreed to Coote’s purchase of the lieut.-colonelcy of the 69th regt. Also informs him of other promotions and the expected trial of [?] Harris. ALS, 2 pp. 5 October 1786

1/25 Copy of a draft letter from Coote to Rutland, thanking him for agreeing to his purchase of a lieut.-colonelcy in the 69th regt. Also a draft letter from Coote to General [William Augustus] Pitt, thanking him for making representations to Rutland concerning his promotion. CL, 1 p. 20 December 1786

1/26 Coote to Dean Charles Coote, concerning Coote’s purchase of the lieut.-colonelcy in the 69th regt, how the purchase is to be completed and informing him that secrecy is required to prevent ‘Castle party men undermining any [scally?] who may wish to expect preferment’. CL, 1 p. 25 February [1787]

1/27 Coote to [Dean Coote], expressing his disappointment that the Dean has not yet completed his part of the transaction for Coote to purchase the lieut.-colonelcy, informing him that the outstanding debt after the sale of his company is £3,000, and dismissing the option of seeking to be appointed aide-de-camp to the new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. CL, 2 pp. 2 April [1787]

1/28 Rt Hon. Sir Joseph Yorke, Rockhampton, to Coote, at James Ormsby’s Esq, Dawson Street, Dublin, advising him that he has written to Lord Sydney and the commander-in-chief [copies enclosed], on hearing of Rutland’s death and Coote’s account of what Rutland was to have done for him by way of promotion. ALS, 1 p. 5 November 1787

Enclosure: Sir Joseph Yorke, Rockhampton, to Lord Sydney, informing him of Coote’s predicament on the death of Rutland, who had wished to promote him, and hoping that he will assist Coote in his solicitation. CI, 1 p. [nd]

Enclosure: Sir Joseph Yorke, Rockhampton, to ‘My Lord’, thanking him for his ‘attention to and protection of … [General Sir Eyre Coote’s] 12 October 1787
nephew and heir, Major Coote, whose situation and disappointments are to well known to you’ and recommending that Coote be promoted lieut.-colonel of the 69th regt in place of General [Philip] Skene. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Rutland, Dublin Castle, to Sir Edward Affleck, informing him that he cannot appoint his nephew Major James Affleck of the 19th light dragoons to be lieut.-colonel of the 69th, as he is under an engagement to appoint an ‘officer of great professional merit’. CL, 1 p.

19 October 1787

1/29

Sir George Young, War Office [London], to Lieut.-Col. Coote, 70th regt, No. 54 St. James’s Street [London], informing him that will inform the King of Coote’s offer of raising a regt ALS, 1 p.

29 October 1790

1/30

Opinion of Major-General Prescott on the 70th regt, which he reviewed at Newry, Co. Down. 1 p.

c. 27 June 1791

1/31

Robert Hobart, [chief-secretary] Dublin Castle, to Coote, Hot Wells, Bristol, informing him that he has laid Coote’s letter before [John Fane, 10th, Earl of Westmorland], Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, but that it will not be in the latter’s power to accede to his request [to be appointed adjutant general in place of General Dundas]. ALS, 1 p. and cover.

14 August 1791

1/32

Westmorland, Dublin Castle, to Coote, informing him that he cannot appoint him adjutant general if General Dundas resigns from that post. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.

17 August 1791

1/33

Pitt, London, to Coote, 70th regt, Hotwells, Bristol, declining to be of help in supporting Coote’s application to become adjutant general. CLS, 2 pp.

17 August 1791

1/34

‘Account of the reckonings of 70th foot for the year 1791’. Signed by William Hutchinson. 1 p.

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1/35

‘Supposed savings to the Colonel [Lord Suffolk] on one year’s clothing by paying the non-commissioned officers and privates government’s allowance’. 2 pp.
‘Computation of the expenses of clothing a regiment of foot’. 2 pp.

Copy of the foregoing with ‘Net personal pay of a colonel of foot per annum’.

1/36

Lieut.-Colonel Coote’s memorial to Westmorland, desiring to raise a regt, and enclosing a plan for that purpose. Copy, 1 p.

1 February 1793

1/37

Copies of letters from Coote to Rt. Hon. Sir George Younge, War Office, 7 February – 18 6912/14/59B

February 1793

1/38 Amherst, St. James’s Palace, to [John, 15th] Earl of Suffolk, advising him that if Coote’s plan to raise a regt is referred to him by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Amherst will give it all the attention in his power. CL, 1 p.

27 February 1793 6912/14/59B

1/39 Amherst, St. James’s Palace, to Coote, advising him that he would be happy to consider his plan for a raising a regt if referred to him. ALS, 1 p.

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1/40 Three field returns of the 70th regt at Newry, Belfast, and Kinsale.

22 June 1791, 16 June 1792, 9 July 1793 6912/14/59A

1/41 Six cards with instructions for various reviews involving the 70th regt in Ireland.

25 September 1789, 10 May, 16, 22 June 1791, 9 July 1793, nd. 6912/14/59A

1/42 Nine letters from the soldiers of the 70th regt at Kinsale, stating their gratefulness to Coote for his command over them. Signed in each case by numerous soldiers.

10 – 17 July 1793 6912/14/59A

1/43 Copies of letters regarding a complaint made against Coote by an anonymous soldier in the 70th regt, numbered one to sixteen. CL, 3 pp.

11 June – 23 August 1793 6912/14/59A

No. 1. Edward Cooke, [under-] Secretary at War, Dublin Castle, to General [Robert Cunningham] commander-in-chief, asking him why soldiers from the 70th regt have reason to complain to Lord Westmorland.

11 June 1793

No. 2. L. Morce to Cunningham, forwarding him a letter that Lord Amherst had received which was intended for Cunningham.

15 June 1793

No. 3. ‘Grievances sent by government to [Lieut.-] General [Flower] Mocker to enquire into’ regarding soldiers grievances over clothing and pay, with Mocker’s answers.

nd

No. 4. Coote, Kinsale [Co. Cork], to Mocker, asking him to order an enquiry into the state of the regt’s clothing or to inspect the regt himself, enclosing a letter from Coote to Major Edward Cane, agent of the regt (No. 5).

3 July 1793

No. 5. Coote to Cane, asking him various questions about pay for the soldiers and the arrangements for yearly clothing the soldiers and its costs.

3 June 1793
No. 6. Edward Cane to Coote, in reply to his of the 6 June, informing him that the Treasury delayed payment to him, which prevented him from paying the soldiers, but that the situation was now remedied, and answering his queries relating to payment for clothing.

8 June 1793

No. 7. Memorandum outlining the proceedings of an assembly of the 70th regt on 9 July held before Mocker.

No. 8. Cunningham, Royal Hospital, to Mocker, asking Mocker to tell Coote that he has Cunningham’s ‘fullest approbation’ in his conduct regarding the clothing and pay of the 70th regt.

12 July 1793

No. 9. Coote, Charles Fort, [Kinsale], to Cunningham, thanking him for his support over the accusations brought against him and suggesting that the Lord Lieutenant might write a letter to Coote expressing his approbation of Coote’s conduct, as Coote is fearful that the public and the King has heard of the affair.

27 July 1793

No. 10. Charles Handfield, Cunningham’s secretary, Royal Hospital, to Coote, in reply to No. 9, stating that the anonymous letter had not been seen by Amherst, and that Cunningham’s public letter to Mocker would be a sufficient expression of his good conduct.

3 August 1793

No. 11. Cunningham, Royal Hospital, to Coote, advising him of the letters sent on his behalf, and re-assuring him of getting a better position in the future.

3 August 1793

No. 12. Coote to Cunningham, expressing his disappointment that Westmorland will not write a letter to him approving of his conduct, and requesting Amherst to prevail on Westmorland to do so.

10 August 1793

No. 13. Coote, Charles Fort, to Cunningham, stating that though the anonymous letter was not officially laid before Westmorland, it was investigated in a public manner, and therefore desires a public letter from Westmorland.

10 August 1793

No. 14. Cunningham, Royal Hospital, to Coote, in reply to 12 and 13, stating that he has done his utmost and cannot do any more and enclosing a letter (no. 15) from Cooke.

15 August 1793

No. 15. Cooke, Dublin Castle, to Cunningham, stating how the anonymous complaints were dealt with, that no official charge was brought against Coote and therefore no official letter from Westmorland is required. Cooke informed Coote’s brother, Charles Henry Coote, of these particulars.

14 August 1793

No. 16. Coote, Charlesfort, to Cunningham, expressing his thanks to Cunningham for all he has done, lamenting that a letter from Westmorland could not be obtained, and angrily dismissing Cooke’s letter (No. 15).

23 August 1793
[William Petty, 1st Marquess of] Lansdowne, Bowood Park, advising him that he has sent 'everything I could to Sir Charles Grey and have reason to believe that he will meet your wishes'. ALS, 1 p.

15 November 1793

Order books

See also 22/13


Reverse has various memoranda. Octavo un-paginated, 6 pp.

8 May – 6 July 1782


Reverse has various memoranda. Un-paginated, 5 pp.

7 July – 2 October 1782


Reverse has rosters of sergeants, corporals and non-commissioned officers for 25 June 1783. Also a duty roll of the 56th and 47th regts for 6 September 1783. Un-paginated, 19 pp.

14 June – 18 November 1783


18 September – 31 December 1783


29 November 1783 – 28 April 1784


1 January – 14 May 1784

Standing orders for the 70th or Surrey regt. Quarto paginated, 95 pp, with table of contents.


Printed Regimental standing orders, issued by the field officers and to be observed by the 70th (or Surrey [sic]) regiment of foot. And to be read to the men, with the articles of war (Printed by Catherine Finn, Kilkenny, 1788). 50 pp. with additional blank forms of documents. Endorsed Lieut.-Col. Coote.

Journals and notebooks

Pro-forma diary and account book entitled The Gentleman’s and Tradesman’s memorandum-Book … 1784 (Dublin, 1783?), recording Coote’s daily movements and his spending. Small octavo, un-paginated, 130 pp.

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Coote’s bankbook containing lodgements and withdrawals from Walpole, Clark and Pot, Bankers in London. Octavo, un-paginated, 68 pp.
West Indies 1794, 1796

Correspondence

Some correspondence to Coote at Dover, where he was temporarily stationed on his return from the 1st West Indies campaign, is included below.

1/46 ‘Instructions to all the generals of the Allied Army and to the other officers commanding corps detached from the same’ with orders to engage the French in the West Indies. Head Quarters, Vallenceinnes [near Calais, France]. 39 pp. 12 March 1794 6912/14/64

1/47 Sir Charles Grey, [commander of the expedition against the West Indies], informing Coote that an assault on Morne Fortuné, St. Lucia, will be undertaken the next day at 3 am and giving him orders how to proceed, and congratulating him on doing ‘the business’ last night. 2 pp. 3 April 1794 6912/14/62

1/48 General Orders, congratulating Coote on attacking the French redoubt at Morne Fortuné, [St. Lucia]. 1 p. 3 April 1794 6912/14/64

1/49 Memorandum for Colonel Coote from the Prince, ordering him to attack various places in Guadeloupe. 1 p. c. early April 1794 6912/14/62

1/50 Grey to Coote, giving him orders for an attack on Grand Ance [sic – Anse, Guadeloupe]. 2 pp. 16 April 1794 6912/14/64

1/51 Grey, Trois Revieres [Guadeloupe], to Coote, Bass Terre [sic – Basseterre], St. Kitts, informing him that he has received intelligence of brigands in the woods, ordering him to leave behind a force to protect his baggage, and sending him a guide. ALS, 1 p. and cover. 17 April 1794 6912/14/64

1/52 Grey, Trois Revieres [Guadeloupe], to Coote, concerning the breaking open of houses by soldiers in Coote’s battalion, ordering that a general search be undertaken, and that those found to have plundered be reported to the commander-in-chief. ALS, 2 pp. 18 April 1794 6912/14/62

1/53 Intelligence of Jean La Croix, Gabriel Pinard, Jean Baptiste and Joseph Briotte (a free mulatto), providing information on the French position in Valcaard, Delaynay and Grand Anse, Guadeloupe. 4 pp. c. mid April 1794. 6912/14/62

1/54 [Grey] to [Coote], ordering him to have a conference with Col. Cradock and Capt. Rogers of the Navy. 1 p. c. mid April 1794 6912/14/64

1/55 Grey, [HMS] Boyne, to Coote, wishing him a happy voyage home, that Grey expects to follow him, and asks Coote not to reveal that he is ‘indisposed’. 10 May 1794 6912/14/64

Endorsed on inside ‘Most kind and affectionate letters to Sir Eyre, then B[rig.-] General Coote, and valuable documents to his family, with respect
to him by his attached friend Sir Charles Grey – since the 1st Earl Grey. ALS, 1 p.

1/56 Grey, [HMS] Boyne, to Coote, informing him that he will ‘think of your nephew Bathurst’, asks him to return a bag of his letters as the Caymen expedition is over ‘being too much for us in every respect’. Informs him that he is ‘far from well’. ALS, 1 p. 10 May 1794 6912/14/62

1/57 Grey, Brimston Hill [St. Kitts], to Coote, stating that he is happy Coote has recovered from some ailment, informing him that the Boyne will leave the next day to meet [HMS] Winchelsea, suggesting he should sail on board that ship for home, and that Col. [John] Cradock should do likewise if strong enough. ALS, 3 pp. 4 June 1794 6912/14/62

1/58 Grey, [MS] Boyne, to Coote, Basse Terre, St. Kitts, stating how happy he is to hear that both Coote and Cradock are well, and pleased that both can travel with him on board the Winchelsea. ALS, 1 p. 4 June 1794 6912/14/62

1/59 [Coote] to [Lord Lieutenant of Ireland?], recommending various officers and non-commissioned officers for preferment. 3 pp. c. 1794 6912/14/63

1/60 Sketch map of showing the British batteries at Palmiste, St. Lucia. c. 1794 6912/14/62

1/61 Letter from Coote and eleven other officers who served in the West Indies expedition, to Grey, assuring him of their support against ‘prejudicial and infamous’ reports about Grey’s conduct in the West Indies. CL, 3 pp. c. January 1795

1/62 Capt. Thomas Hyde Page, Royal Engineers, to Maj.-General Smith, concerning the defences of Dover Castle, the town and surrounding district. ALS, 18 pp. 8 February 1795 6912/14/131

1/63 Grey, Her[ford St [London], to Charles Henry Coote, expressing his flattering opinion of Eyre Coote’s service in the West Indies and thanking him for his service in delivering an address to Grey from the Irish House of Commons. 17 February 1795

Sir John Gervis to Charles Henry Coote, expressing his flattering opinion of Eyre Coote’s service in the West Indies, and informing him of his health. CL, 2 pp.

1/64 Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, concerning promotions in the army, stating that he adheres strictly to the principle of seniority and merit. He goes on to state that ‘our affairs remain exactly as you left them, not having yet had any answer to our letters etc to the Duke of Portland and Mr Dundas, they being I suppose so loaded with the weighty business of Ireland etc etc etc, for which reason we think it right not to hurry them, or precipitate matters’, adding that he does not think the British army in Europe is safe, particularly Lord Cathcart’s corps, as the French are in full movement. Concludes by complaining of his health due to the weather. ALS, 4 pp. 14 March 1795

Enclosure: Endorsed ‘Copy of instructions from Richmond to Pitt’.

‘Orders given out by General Grinfield on Mr Pitt’s arrival at Walmer [Kent]’, 1 p.

Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, stating ‘Altho, I knew you are not precipitate, yet I cannot rest, from what Jervis has communicated to me, without requesting you will decide nothing, until I see you. I will not say more than holding A in contempt.’ ALS, 1 p.

Coast signals effective in the Dover district. 1 p.

Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, No, 29 Lower Grosvenor Street, [London], stating that he has written to Lord Moria, is grateful for his attachment to him, mentioning his son ‘Tom [a captain in the 39th regt], I will say nothing about, but you know his natural thirst for employment any where, as much I cannot but wish he was indulged …’, discussing an expedition, and asks that Coote dine with him at the Goldsmith’s Company the next day. ALS, 3 pp.

Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, Franham, Surrey, informing him that he has ‘had the strangest hint how acceptable my services would be but the die is cast and no temptation whatever can induce me to throw again’, that he has dined with Napier, and was to meet Sir Ralph Abercrombie and [Rear-] Admiral [Hugh] Christian, the two West Indies commanders, though the former could not come. Talks of an expedition [to the West Indies], that Christian and the Navy say they are ready, but Abercrombie is not. That a force of 15,000 men is promised to Abercrombie and 10,000 more for St. Domingo. Thinks the expedition will not succeed and that ‘the whole is a puff’ as peace is being negotiated, which cannot be too soon ‘for our prospect of bettering ourselves is, in truth, very gloomy’. Then talks of the Defenders in Ireland who gain in numbers daily and create confusion in every part, breaking open houses and securing all the arms they can, administering an oath to be faithful to the republican system …’. Concludes with rumours of who is to command in certain places. ALS, 4 pp.

Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, Southampton, expressing his happiness on hearing of the safe arrival of Mrs. Coote after ‘her severe and alarming time’ when giving birth to a child, informing him that he has received a letter from Tom who was about to sail with emigrants from the last expedition to the West Indies, stating that Jervis is to take command in the Mediterranean in place of [Admiral William] Hotham, informing him that the intended expedition to the West Indies cannot be earlier than the end of next month, and that parliament is to be adjourned. ALS, 3 pp.
1/72 Grey to Coote, concerning the health of Coote’s wife, Sarah, and enclosing Grey’s letter to General Rainsford (not found). ALS, 2 pp. 28 September 1795

1/73 Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, No. 2 Gloster Row, Clifton, Bristol, concerning Sarah Coote’s health, informing him that Coote has the Duke of York’s carte blanche to be absent, and that Tom is to go with the 39th regt to the West Indies. ALS, 2 pp. 14 October 1795

1/74 Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, Clifton, near Bristol, lamenting Coote’s situation over his wife’s illness, informing him that the expedition is not yet ready, that the St. Domingo business is given up until the fate of the Leeward Islands is determined, that the troops on the Isle Orci are to return home, that Chorette is ‘hemmed in by a numerous Republican army’ and has no communication with the coast. ALS, 3 pp. 27 October 1795

2/1 ‘Extract from the [Ordinance] Board’s letter respecting ammunition being issued for exercise? of great guns, at the recognition of the B[rig.-] General’. 1 p. 13 April 1796 6912/14/131

2/2 Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, thankimg him for stepping forward to assist him in the last expedition, praising Coote and Cradock and asking him to deliver a letter to Cradock on Coote’s arrival in Ireland, informing him that a shoemaker, named Hall, has been dismissed from supplying shoes to a regt of militia for voting for Mr [Bartholomew] Bouverie in Burlington and asking that Coote consider him as a supplier for the 70th regt, also stating that Coote’s stay in town is too short to allow Grey to introduce him to a very agreeable family and some nice young women, adding ‘Sir James St. Clair married one of the daughters’. ALS, 4 pp. 26 July 1796

2/3 Distance and times of travel from Margate, Dover, Dunginess to various places in Kent. 1 p. July 1796 6912/14/131

2/4 Grey, Falloden [Northumberland], to Coote, at James Ormsby Esq, Dawson Street, Dublin, informing him that Grey succeeds the Duke of Richmond as commander in the southern district of England, wishing that Coote and Cradock had been among his staff, talks of a possible invasion by the republicans who must be given a ‘hearty bleeding reception’, his endeavours to acquire a suitable house in the district and his standing within the army, and other military news. ALS, 4 pp. 15 August 1796

Order books

23/5 General Order book of the expedition to the West Indies, headquartered at Port Royal, Martinico [Martinique]. Octavo un-paginated, 124 pp. 22 June 1793; 6912/14/61C 14 May – 28, 29 June 1794

Reverse has a journal of an engagement with the French in the West Indies. Octavo un-paginated, 18 pp. 5 – 23 June 1793
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Bandon, County Cork 1796–8

Correspondence

2/5  Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, at James Ormsby Esq. Dawson Street, Dublin, informing him that Richmond is hurt at being deprived of his command of the southern district, dealing with Coote’s recommendation of Lieut.-Colonel Taylor as quarter master, talks of a possible war with Portugal and Spain, declining to take up the position of commander-in-chief in Ireland, as he does not know the country and would not like to be curtailed in his military capacity by parliament, the confused state of the country and fears of invasion, and the failed expedition in the West Indies where his son Henry is serving. ALS, 4 pp.  
6 September 1796

2/6  Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, Cork, Ireland, stating that the Duke of York offered to make him commander-in-chief in Ireland, but has declined, giving the reason mentioned in his letter to Coote of 6 September. Talks of rumours that either Sir Robert Sloper or Lord Moira will be appointed instead, and the expected peace negotiations with France. ALS, 3 pp.  
9 September 1796

2/7  Colonel Lord Jocelyn and the officers of the 1st Fencible Irish Light Dragoons, Mallow, to Coote, thanking him for his “most mark encomiums” and approbation of the corps when they were reviewed in Mallow on 14 September. ALS, 1 p.  
16 September 1796

2/8  Copy of letters from Coote to Thomas Pelham [chief secretary, Dublin Castle], offering to raise a corps of light infantry for service either in Britain and Ireland or abroad. CL, 4 pp.  
27 September 1796


2/9  Grey, Brighton, to Coote, Cork, stating that he is happy that Coote has a prospect of being given the command of the Flank Corps, declining to promote Coote’s ambition to serve in the current expedition to Portugal as Grey thinks it a waste, thanks him for sending him Taylor, discusses the defence of the southern district of England and strategy should the French invade, Lord Malmsbury’s peace negotiations with the French, general promotions in the army, and his son Henry. ALS, 4 pp.  
17 October 1796

2/10 ‘Arrangements for the regular communication through the Dover District by the Orderly Dragoons’. 2 pp.  
17 October 1796

2/11 Vernan Pick, mayor of Bandon, to Coote, stating ‘I think so little foundation for alarming the public that unless another express arrives. I shall not call a council immediately, satisfied as I am that had the French
being off Bantry, I should have had an express to the purpose’. Endorsed by Coote ‘Mayor’s ridiculous letter’. ALS, 1 p.

2/12 Lord Jocelyn to Coote, expressing his thanks for his friendship, and that nothing private would be revealed by him. ALS, 1 p. 27 December 1796 6912/14/88

2/13 Camden, Dublin Castle, to Coote, Cork or Bantry, expressing his satisfaction at his conduct during the French invasion attempt in Bantry Bay. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 30 December 1796 6912/14/85

2/14 Draft letter from Coote, Dunmanway, Co. Cork, to Lord Camden, thanking Camden for his approbation of his conduct. CL, 1 p. 1 January 1797 6912/14/88

2/15 Deposition of William Warren, master of the Brig Mary of Bristol, concerning the French invasion fleet. Copy, 4 pp. 2 January 1797 6912/14/85

2/16 Deposition of Joseph Harvey, an English sailor captured by the French Fleet. Copy, 3 pp. 4 January 1797 6912/14/85

2/17 Deposition of Guillaume Proteau, lieutenant in the French navy, to Generals Dalrymple and Coote, concerning the strength of the French expeditionary force for the invasion of Ireland, and their progress from Brest. Copy, 3 pp. c. early January 1797 6912/14/85

2/18 Grey, Brighton, to Coote, Cork, reprimanding Coote for not writing to him sooner, stating that he suspects a second French expeditionary force to invade Ireland, wondering about the whereabouts of Hoche and the French fleet, the disposition of the Irish inhabitants had the French landed, talks of his own preparations for the defence of southern England, prospects of peace and his opinion that the army and navy should be augmented. ALS, 4 pp. and cover 22 January 1797 6912/14/85

2/19 Capt. John Bateman, Royal County Limerick Militia, Bandon, to Coote, Bandon, offering their ‘cheerful and unanimous resolution to attend you to any part of his majesty’s dominions …’. ALS, 1 p. 25 January 1797 6912/14/87

2/20 Copies of letters numbered one to four between General Dalrymple and Thomas Pelham. 1 February – 5 April 1797.

No. 1. Dalrymple, near Clonmel, to Pelham, London, advising that should the French invade the agreed plan to destroy roads and built fortifications to halt the French would not work, that the Irish peasants would support the army but would support the French if there is a sign of failure. Offers reasons why the French are not likely to land in the east, west or north but the southern coast, particularly Bantry, projects how the French would have easily captured Cork due to the British army’s numbers and lack of resources, and suggesting the immediate re-enforcement of the area. 1 February 1797

No. 2. Dalrymple, Stephen’s Green [Dublin], to [Henry Hawes Luttrell, 2nd] Earl of Carhampton, outlining some of the same opinions on the 8 February 1797
defence of the south and the inadequacies of the current plans for defending the country.

No. 3. ‘General Dalrymple’s observations on the enclosed sketch [not found], copied from the Chausseé by Captain Gordon’ sent to Pelham. 2 April 1797

No. 4. Dalrymple, to Pelham, Dublin, regarding the positioning of the army in case of invasion. 5 April 1797

Endorsed ‘papers relevant to the defence of Ireland’. Copy, 6 pp.

2/21 ‘Memorandum with regard to the defence of Ireland’ outlining the possible landing sites of any invasion and the disposition of the army. 3 pp. February 1797 6912/14/85

2/22 Copy of a letter from Carhampton to Majors Brown and La Chaussée, ordering both men to assist Coote at Bantry, should be require them. CL, 2 pp. 10 March 1797 6912/14/88

2/23 Carhampton, Cork, to Coote, Bandon, informing him that he has ordered Major Brown to complete defensive works at Bantry harbour, outlining a strategy should the French invade, and the disposition of the army. ALS, 10 pp. and cover. 12 March 1797 6912/14/88

2/24 Carhampton, Royal Hospital, to Coote, concerning the strategy to be adopted in the event of a French invasion on the southern coast. ALS, 8 pp. 11 April 1797 6912/14/88

2/25 Thomas Pelham, Dublin, to Coote, Bandon, acknowledging his letter containing the information released to Coote by Lord Bandon and Mr Beamish, which he has laid before the Lord Lieutenant, who commands Coote to arrest a French officer at Dunmanway, Co. Cork and all other French officers in the area. ALS, 3 pp. 14 April 1797

2/26 Pelham, Dublin Castle, to Coote, Bandon, stating that the disaffected are making preparations in the expectation of a second French invasion. Coote is to exert himself to discover those involved. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 14 April 1797

2/27 Pelham, Dublin Castle, to Dalrymple, informing him that the ‘disaffected’ in Cork expect a second invasion, that Mr Roger O’Connor [a Wexford militia man] is one of their leaders, who is to be arrested on a warrant (enclosed). ALS, 1 p. 15 April 1797 6912/14/85

Enclosure: Warrant for Roger O’Connor’s arrest. 1 p. 15 April 1797

2/28 ‘Memoir Militaire sur Bantry’. 11 pp. in French. 25 April 1797 6912/14/144

2/29 Pelham, Stephen’s Green [Dublin], to Coote, Bandon, suggesting that an example should be made of Roger O’Connor before a general court martial rather than in the civil courts, and informing him that he intends 29 April 1797
to make him a justice of the peace for the county of Cork. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.

2/30 Grey, Barham Court, near Canterbury, to Coote, Bandon, lamenting the death of his son Tom, fears that Ireland would be lost if the French invade, though does not expect a general insurrection, the prospects for England after the Emperor's peace with France, informs Coote of the ministry who carry everything with large majorities in both houses, and prospects of peace. ALS, 4 pp. 7 May 1797

2/31 Pelham, Dublin Castle, to Coote, Bandon, marked 'private', informing him that he has received information at various times from Mr Robert O'Connor, who was the first to inform on his brother, Roger O'Connor, and now accuses St. John Freeke, which Pelham dismisses as party and election feelings in O'Connor. Pelham is suspicious of the Meath Militia and particularly Sergeant Kelly, discusses reward money for informants and Coote's spies, and asks Coote to examine any strangers or northern men that appear in Cork and to send a description of them to Dublin. ALS, 4 pp. and cover 27 May 1797

2/32 Camp regulations for Bandon. 5 pp. 2 June 1797 6912/14/86

2/33 Pelham, Dublin Castle, to Coote, Bandon, informing him that Richard O'Connor is still lurking about his own house, that Mrs O'Connor is gone to Kinsale, but that Frederick McCarthy is gone into O'Connor's house to save appearances'. Bottom left hand corner has 'anonymous letter'. ALS, 1 p. and cover. 7 June 1797

2/34 Pelham, Dublin, to Coote, marked ‘private’, informing him that Roger O'Connor has taken the oaths of allegiance at Mallow and now appeals to the Lord Lieutenant not to execute the warrant against him. Pelham asks Coote to get him to confess all that he knows, particularly regarding the intentions of the French. ALS, 2 pp. 24 June 1797

2/35 Certificate signed by the Westmeath, Meath, Limerick, Roscommon, Sligo, Wexford, Fermanagh and Leitrim militia men swearing allegiance to the King, before Coote. 2 pp. 26 June 1797

2/36 Pelham, Dublin, to Coote, Bandon, marked ‘private’, expressing his opinion that Coote's activities in discovering the designs of the conspirators will prevent mischief, and advising that general courts martial are desirable to punish the guilty. ALS, 3 pp. and cover. 27 June 1797

2/37 Pelham, Dublin, to Coote, Bandon, marked ‘private’, approving of his conduct and the means of controlling the disaffected within the army and militia. ALS, 2 pp. 1 July 1797

2/38 Pelham, Phoenix Park [Dublin], to Coote, Bandon, concerning the court martial of soldiers and arrangements for those who are to serve for life and others who are to serve abroad. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 13 July 1797
Roger O’Connor, Bandon, to Coote, Bandon, stating that he is at a loss as to why he has been treated with so much severity, stating that he had tried to preserve the peace in his neighbourhood before going to England, and informing him of his wife’s distress brought on by the government’s actions. ALS, 3 pp.

25 May and 20 July 1797

Four copies of ‘informations’ against Roger O’Connor for having administered the United Irishmen oath.

No. 1. Information of John Cullinane, a farmer, of Gortaleen, parish of Rineagh and barony of the west division of East Carbery, Cork, against Roger O’Connor. 2 pp.

No. 2. ‘The examination on oath of John Cullinane of Gortaleen …’ 3 pp.

No. 3. Examination of Francis Peaton of Derrigra, Co. Cork, against Roger O’Connor. 3 pp.

No. 4. Information of John Shinick, lawyer, of Ballahannan, Co. Cork, against Roger O’Connor. 1 p.


Pelham, Dublin Castle, to Coote, Bandon, thanking him for enclosing a letter from Roger O’Connor of 18 July, returning the letter to him, and discussing the arrangements for those who have been informed upon. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.

Enclosure: Roger O’Connor, Bandon, to [Coote?], concerning the circumstances of his arrest and his desire to leave Ireland. ALS, 1 p.

Pelham, Phoenix Park, to Coote, Bandon, informing him that O’Connor has been discharged and professes loyalty to the government and his innocence. ALS, 2 pp.

Pelham, Phoenix Park, to Coote, concerning the arrest of Roger O’Connor, and asking that he be sent to Dublin. ALS, 1 p.

Grey, Barham Court, to Coote, Bandon camp, stating that some letters have miscarried, the alarming situation in Ireland, his opinion that many [disaffected] remain in embryo, now kept down by the military, and only waiting to break out in full force, prospects of peace, the rumoured promotion of Abercrombie to a peerage and the command of Ireland, that he has been appointed governor of Guernsey, other moves, and the appearance of the Dukes of York and Clarence and the Prince of Wales on the coast for reviews. ALS, 4 pp, and cover.

Grey, Barham Court, to Coote, Bandon, thanking him for his congratulations on Grey’s appointment as governor of Guernsey, discussing the emoluments he expects because of it, the untrue rumours of the peace negotiations at Lisle, recounting the Stadholder of Holland’s
visit to the Duke of Clarence at Dover, the weather, the price of commodities in the markets, Admiral [Horatio] Nelson's failed expedition to Tenerife and news of Mr Dundas. ALS, 4 pp.

2/47 Grey, Barham Court, to Coote, Bandon, hoping that the task of directing the execution of traitors went off quietly, the desire of all sides for peace, the terrible weather in the south-east of England, the price of corn, news of the movements of the Duke of Clarence, Mrs. Jordan and her children, Mr Pitt, Mr Dundas and Lady Jane. ALS, 4 pp. and cover.

2/48 Pelham, Dublin Castle, to Coote, Bandon, informing him that Pelham has given permission to Roger O'Connor to attend the assizes, as he is involved in some case with [ ] Hurley, assuring him that Pelham had no communication with O'Connor without Coote's knowledge, and his that O'Connor will leave Ireland. ALS, 3 pp. and cover.

2/56 Form of a committal issued by Coote as a justice of the peace for Co. Cork. 1 p.

2/57 Form of a recognisance, with blanks though the name of Patrick Crowley, tailor, of East Gully, Parish of Ballymodan, Kinnalmeaky Barony, Co. Cork appears. 1 p.


2/59 Pencil sketch of an infantryman's shelter or arbor. 1 p.

2/60 Ink sketch of the road from Bullen’s Bay to Cork. 1 p.

2/61 Cover from Coote to Capt. Popham, commanding HMS, Expedition, Deal. Reverse has ‘Lord Lieutenant's letters and Irish papers concerning the defence of the south west district. 1 p.

3/1 Capt. John Richardson, 9th light company, Bandon, to Coote, enclosing an address from the non-commissioned officers and privates of his company on Coote’s departure from Cork. ALS, 1 p.


3/2 Sergeants Tully and Sutton, Bandon, to Coote, thanking him for his kindness in preferring them above other non-commissioned officers and expressing their sorrow at his departure. ALS, 1 p.

3/3 Richard Thomas Orpen [Inishshannon, Co. Cork], to Coote, expressing their uneasiness at Coote’s departure when the district is threatened by a second invasion. ALS, 2 pp.

3/4 Address of the officers of the garrison of Bandon to Coote on his

3/5 Pelham, Dublin Castle, to Coote, Bandon, thanking him for some intelligence he has sent and advising him that the troops should be put on guard in case of any disturbance. Endorsed ‘the papers relative to the subject of this letter are in my black case. Brown can bring it, probably there are other papers in it that [ ] may want’. ALS, 1 p. and cover. 19 January 1798

3/6 Sergeant Patrick Turner, Dublin County Militia, Bandon, to Coote, Dublin, asking Coote to recommend him for a position in the army. ALS, 1 p. 17 January 1798

3/7 Colonel Earl of Westmeath, Clonakilty [Co. Cork], to Coote, enclosing a letter from the Westmeath regt of militia. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 18 January 1798

Enclosure: Westmeath to Coote, Cork, acknowledging his services as commander of the battalion on his departure from Cork. ALS, 4 pp. 18 January 1798

3/8 Coote to the Officers at Bandon, thanking them for their address to him. CL, 3 pp. 18 January 1798

3/9 Kilconnel to Robert Eyre, Charlesfort [Kinsale], agreeing to chair a meeting of the regt to come ‘to what determination they shall think’. ALS, 1 p. 18 January 1798

3/10 Lieut.-Colonel William Monro, Caithness Legion, to Coote, Bandon, transmitting an address from the garrison at Bantry on his departure. ALS, 1 p. 20 January 1798

Enclosure: Address from the garrison lamenting Coote’s departure and wishing him well. ALS, 2 pp. 20 January 1798

3/11 Lord Bantry to Coote, Bandon, enclosing a letter from a meeting that Bantry chaired on 21 January, and expressing his regret at Coote’s departure. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 21 January 1798

Enclosure: Address from the principal inhabitants of the town and vicinity of Bantry to Coote for his constant attention to ‘this part of his district during a period of infinite anxiety and alarm’. 2 pp. and cover. 21 January 1798

3/12 Camden, Dublin Castle, to Coote, expressing his concern of being deprived of Coote on his departure for command in England. ALS, 2 pp. 22 January 1798

3/13 Coote, Bandon, to Lieut.-Colonel Monro, thanking him and the garrison for their address on his departure. CL, 2 pp. 25 January 1798

3/14 Coote, Bandon, to Lord Bantry, thanking him and the inhabitants of Bantry and vicinity, for their address on his departure, and praising Bantry’s conduct as a magistrate. CL, 2 pp. 25 January 1798
3/15  Coote, Bandon, to Westmeath, thanking him and his regt for their address to him on his departure. CL, 2 pp. 25 January 1798

3/16  Capt. Thomas Jones, Sligo Light Infantry militia, to Coote, Bandon, expressing the congratulations of the officers and non-commissioned officers and privates of his company on his promotion as major general. ALS, 1 p. 25 January 1798 6912/14/87

3/17  Lieut. Robert Eyre, Galway Light Company militia, Bandon, to Coote, expressing the congratulations of the officers and, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Galway Light Company on his promotion as major general. ALS, 1 p. 25 January 1798 6912/14/87

3/18  Capt. J. Cullen, Leitrim Light Company of militia, to Coote, expressing the company’s congratulations on Coote’s promotion. ALS, 1 p. c. mid-late January 1798 6912/14/87

3/20  Return of HM forces in Bandon. 1 p. 30 January 1798 6912/14/88

4/22  ‘Rapport de l’expédition d’Irlande aux order de Général Humbert’. In French, Endorsed: Private report of General Humbert. 17 pp. post September 1798 6912/14/90

**Letter books**

18/1  Copies of letters from Coote at Dublin, Drogheda, Belfast and Londonderry. Reverse has copies of correspondence to Lieut.-Colonel William Yorke, 69th regt at Cork, Major Boulter Johtone and Capt. Thomas Neill, both of the 70th regt at Belfast and Londonderry. Un-paginated 354 pp. 9 March 1789 - 10 September 1792 6912/14/51

18/2  Copies of letters from Coote at Cork. Paginated with table of contents, 57 pp. Reverse has copies of correspondence to Coote. 6 pp. 10 August - 2 December 1796 6912/14/82

18/3  Copies of letters from Coote at Cork and Bandon. Paginated with table of contents, 162 pp. Reverse has copies of correspondence to Coote. 5 pp. 15 December 1796 – 18 July 1797 6912/14/83

18/4  Copies of letters from Coote at Bandon. Paginated with table of contents, 113 pp. 20 July 1797 – 13 January 1798 6912/14/84
Order books


23/12 General order book of the regts garrisoned at Dunmanway and Bandon, Co. Cork. Octavo un-paginated, 146 pp. 23 January – 10 March 1797


24/1 General order book of the regts garrisoned at Bandon. Octavo un-paginated, 154 pp. 25 April – 30 May 1797

24/2 General order book of the regts garrisoned at Bandon. Octavo un-paginated, 248 pp. 1 June – 6 August 1797


24/5 General order book for the regts garrisoned at Bandon. Octavo un-paginated, 118 pp. with one enclosure. 25 October – 26 November 1797

24/6 General order book for the regts garrisoned at Bandon. Octavo un-paginated, 342 pp. 27 November 1797 – 26 March 1798

27/7 Notebook containing: regulations for the army in Ireland. Un-paginated, 20 pp. 1796

Copy of a letter from the anonymous correspondent of Downpatrick to Dean Annsley. 7 pp. 21 April 1797

Thoughts on the defence of Ireland, and the disposition of 5,000 cavalry and 28,000 infantry with 1,400 artillery. 15 pp. 1788

General orders for the expedition to Egypt, headquartered of Cadiz and Mahone. 49 pp. 4 October – 2 May 1800

Journals and notebooks


29/15 Pro-forma diary and account book entitled *The Military Pocket-Book; or a soldier's assistant ... 1795* (London, 1794?), recording Coote’s daily movements and his spending. The diary has numerous printed appendices, including a list of the army with Coote’s annotations. Small octavo, paginated, 172 pp. with map of England facing title page.


Maps

Oversize maps in the map division

*Reconnaissance militaire ... Bantry ... de Dunmanus [sic – Dunmanway, Co. Cork].* Ms. 43.4 x 48.2 cm.

Le Comte de La Chausée, *Reconnaissance militaire du pays ... entre Bandon ... et Mucroom.* Ms. 32 x 43.5 cm.

[Military sketch of the roads etc. county of Cork] Ms. title from verso. 54.5 x 103.3 cm.
Dover 1797–8

Correspondence

2/49  Plan for the future establishment of the British infantry in response to the threat posed by the French light troops. 5 pp.  November 1797  6912/14/132

2/50  ‘Calculation of the no. of men that will be required to defend the castles and batteries erected for the protection of the Downs and coast from Walmer to Sandwich Haven’. 3 pp. 2 December 1797  6912/14/131

Another copy with the addition of ‘numbers at present quartered in the Castles and batteries’. Signed by Colonel Henry Maister. 3 pp.

2/51  ‘Return of the quantity of provision lodged in the different castles near Deal’. 1 p. 14 December 1797  6912/14/131

2/52  ‘Return of the number of men that may be lodged under bomb roofs at the different castles near Deal’. 1 p. 16 December 1797  6912/14/131

2/53  D[ ] to George III, concerning strategy for the defence of southern England. Copy, 14 pp. 16 December 1797  6912/14/131

2/54  Grey, Barham Court, to Coote, Bandon, concerning Coote’s expectation of being promoted a major general, the new Irish commander-in-chief and his secretary, and Cradock’s resignation from the quarter master general’s department. ALS, 3 pp. 29 December 1797

3/19  Capt. R[alph] H[enry] Bruyeres, Royal Engineers, to Sir Charles Grey, recommending the storing of provisions in the castles and batteries from Walmer to Sandwich Haven, England. ALS, 2 pp. 25 January 1798  6912/14/131

3/21  Return of ordnance, mounted and dismounted in the Dover District. 1 p. 17 February 1798  6912/14/131

3/22  Return of the ordnance stores and provisions at Dover. 1 p. 10 March 1798  6912/14/131

3/23  ‘Distribution of the East Yorkshire Militia at their respective alarm posts according to their present strength’. 1 p. 13 March 1798  6912/14/131

3/24  ‘Distribution of a detachment of the Royal artillery under the command of Captain [Richard] Buckner’ at Deal. Addressed to Coote, Dover. 1 p. 14 March 1798  6912/14/131

3/25  Major George Lewis [Marines], to Coote, with the ‘Distribution of the Royal Artillery to the batteries etc at Dover in case of alarm’. 1 p. 18 March 1798  6912/14/131

3/26  Lieut.-Colonel Douglas Smith, Walmer, to Coote, providing the distance in statute miles and hundredth parts of mile for the coast and vicinity of Dover, Canterbury, Deal and Folkestone. ALS, 5 pp. 31 March 1798  6912/14/131
3/27 Major George Lewis, Dover, to Coote, with the ‘Distribution of practice with powder only from the different batteries in the district under the command of Major General Coote’. 1 p.


3/29 Williamson, [Coote’s adc], Dover, to Major Lewis, informing him that if any soldier under his command is guilty of any irregularity, he is to call a court martial. CL, 1 p.

3/30 Coote, Dover, to Cuppage, acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 4th, stating that he has observed the rules of the service and that no correspondence between them would answer any good purpose, and refusing to refer the matter to Sir Charles Grey. CL, 1 p.

3/31 Capt. Home Popham, commander of the sea Fencibles in the south-east district, Royal Navy, to Grey, concerning his observations on possible enemy landing places in the district from Beachy Head to Deal. ALS, 8 pp.

3/32 Camden, Dublin Castle, to Coote, Dover, stating that he has heard from Coote’s brother that Coote would like to again serve in Ireland, hoping that the Duke of York will consent to his wishes and has written to the Duke of Portland on the matter. ALS, 1 p. and cover.

Inside: Coote, Dover, to Camden, Dublin, thanking Camden for his endeavours for seeking his return to Ireland. CL, 1 p.

Back: Coote, Dover, to Camden, stating that since his letter he expects to be employed ‘on a very important service’ and therefore cannot return to Ireland. CL, 1 p.

3/33 ‘Return of the powder, arms and ammunition in custody of the storekeeper at this office’, signed Thomas Biggs. 1 p.


3/35 Draft orders for the southern district with regulations on how recruits are to be integrated and train in regts. 4 pp.

3/36 Orders for the Calvary at Sandwich. 2 pp.

3/37 ‘Instructions for the Officer commanding at St. Margaret’s’. 4 pp.

3/38 ‘Regulations for the confinement of prisoners belonging to the corps in the garrison of Dover town and castle’. 3 pp.

3/39 Card: ‘Form of a review for the brigade at Dover’

2 April 1798 6912/14/131

4 April 1798 6912/14/131

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5 April 1798 6912/14/131

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Card: ‘Days of salute at Dover Castle, 13 guns’

| 3/40 | ‘Distribution of the troops for the defence of Dover Castle’. 1 p. | c. early 1798 | 6912/14/131 |
| 3/41 | Sketch entitled ‘Reference to a sketch of the southern district denoting the lines of defence and the chain of posts to each together with the distance of miles between each post and the number of hills where one lines falls back into another’. 22.5 x 37. 3 cm. 1 p. | c. early 1798 | 6912/14/132 |
| 3/42 | Printed notice ‘for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of a plan for rendering the body of the people useful towards the general defence, in case of invasion …’. 1 p. | c. early 1798? | 6912/14/48 |
| 3/43 | Ms notebook containing commands and words of command, endorsed ‘1st or King’s Regt’. 42 pp. | c. early 1798 | 6912/14/132 |
| 3/44 | Four tables on linen backing outlining the number and type of artillery [in the southern district?] | c. early 1798 | 6912/14/132 |

**Order books**

| 23/8 | General and garrison Order book of the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 258 pp. | 14 June – 18 October 1796 | 6912/14/571/19A |
| 23/10 | General and garrison order book of the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 208 pp. | 19 October 1796 – 24 March 1797 | 6912/14/119B |
| 23/14 | General order book of the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 206 pp. | 25 March – 7 October 1797 | 6912/14/119C |
| 24/4 | General order book for the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 344 pp. | 8 October 1797 – 12 March 1798 | 6912/14/119D |
| 24/7 | General and garrison order book for the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 240 pp. | 16 March – 18 August 1798 | 6912/14/120 |
| 24/8 | General and garrison order book for the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 336 pp. | 9 March 1798 – 20 August 1798 | 6912/14/121 |
| 24/9 | General order book for the regts garrisoned at Dover and Canterbury. Octavo un-paginated, 242 pp. | 25 March – 18 October 1798 | 6912/14/128A |
### Journals and notebooks

| 29/18 | Pro-forma diary and account book entitled *Kearsley’s gentleman and tradesman’s pocket ledger for the year 1798* (London, 1797?), recording Coote’s daily movements and his spending. Small octavo, paginated, 192 pp. | 1 January – 31 December 1798 | 6912/14/24 |
Ostend, the Netherlands 1798

Correspondence

3/45  ‘Secret memorandum on the possibility of destroying the sluice gates of the Bruges Canal and the lock gates leading onto that canal from the Harbour of Ostend’. Marked No. 1. 6 pp.  c. April 1798

3/46  ‘Military and Naval force submitted for a secret expedition [to Ostend]’ signed by General Charles Grey, Major General Eyre Coote, and Capt. Home Popham. Copy, 3 pp.  15 April 1798  6912/14/94

3/47  ‘Original demand for the artillery force upon the present expedition’ signed by Coote and Popham. 3 pp.  27 April 1798  6912/14/94

3/48  Henry Dundas, Parliament Street, to Grey, marked ‘most secret’, giving him instructions for the embarkation of the troops and proceeding to Ostend and other points in Flanders to destroy the gates there. CL, 5 pp.  1 May 1798  6912/14/94

3/49  Grey, Barham Court, to Coote, sending him his instructions numbered 1 – 2 and general orders numbered 3. to be read to the men, ordering him to Margate to await Capt. Popham for embarkation, and expecting him to return with laurels after a successful expedition. ALS, 2 pp.  10 May 1798  6912/14/94

No. 1. ‘Instructions for Major General Coote’, signed by Grey, marked ‘most secret’, ordering him to proceed to Ostend ‘and there make a prompt and vigorous attack, for the purpose of destroying the navigations the enemy have made there for invasion and above all the total destruction of the bridges, canal gates …’ then onto Flushing. After that onto Blankenbourgh and any other place as a secondary objective. 4 pp.  8 May 1798

No. 2. ‘Additional instructions for Major General Coote’, signed by Grey, ordering Coote to detach the 11th Foot to take the island of Amelands in order to provide support for the intended naval blockade of Texel. 2 pp.  9 May 1798

No. 3. General orders, signed by Grey, with Coote’s orders to the troops. 6 pp.  9 and 13 May 1798

3/50  Colonel C. Douglas Smith, Military Hospital, Deal, to Coote, marked ‘private’, enclosing copies of papers which he has received, acquainting him that he has secretly arranged for Mr [Dickens] Buckle to attend the expedition. Adding that the gun vessels, bombs etc. sailed last night from the Downs. ALS, 3 pp.  10 May 1798  6912/14/95

Enclosure: Evan Nepeau, Admiralty Office, to Lieut. [George Lewis] Cole, governor, Royal Hospital, Deal, authorising him to dispense medicines to anybody authorised by Sir Charles Grey. CL, 1 p.  5 May 1798

Enclosure: Governor George Lewis Cole, Royal Hospital, Deal, to Mr [Dickens] Buckle, stating that the surgeon and dispenser of the hospital 10 May 1798
cannot supply all the medicines he requests and provides a list (not found) of what medicines can be dispensed. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: Dickens Buckle, surgeon of the forces, Deal, to Lieut.-Colonel Smith, informing him that he cannot be supplied with all the medicines he has requested, and outlining what he has received. CL, 1 p.

Wrap: endorsed ‘medical people for the expedition’.

3/51  Henry Fox Brownrigg to Coote, with a list of the ‘Stores and tools to be embarked from Dover’. 2 pp.

‘To carry the stores under Lieut. Brownrigg, will require …’ 1 p.

List of the stores to be embarked with Lieut. Brownrigg’. 1 p.


Reporting the misconduct of Lieut.-Colonel Lord [George] Errol, [1st Foot Guards] who disclosed the Barnard’s destination ‘contrary to his word of honor’ and adding that ‘either from continual drinking and other causes he appears to us in a state not to be entrusted with any responsibility’. ALS, 2 pp.


3/54  ‘Reference to the position of the troops and shipping’ for the attack on Ostend. 1 p.

3/55  Popham to Coote, concerning the difficulties faced by the expedition on arrival off the coast, and the disembarkation of the troops.

Endorsed: ‘Two other notes received from Capt. Popham to desire the General to make as much haste on board as possible. The General wrote to Popham to send boats as soon as possible.’ ALS, 1 p.

3/56  Popham to Coote, informing him that the wind is shifting from the north west and requesting that he not remain on shore much longer, and commending the actions of Capt. Matlock. ALS, 1 p. [In need of conservation.] [16-18?] May 1798

3/57  ‘Private memorandum’ containing Coote’s opinion on the landing of the expedition near Ostend, his destroying the gates and his subsequent capture. 6 pp.

3/58  Coote and Popham, east of the harbour of Ostend, to the Commander of Ostend [Arnauld Muscar], informing him that they intend to bombard the town unless he surrender the place to them within half an hour. CL, 2 pp.

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[Arnauld] Muscar, commander at Ostend, to Coote, informing him that a council of war in the town has refused to surrender. In French. CL, 1 p.

3/59 [Coote and Popham] to the Commander of Ostend, informing him that they intend to bombard the town unless he surrender within half an hour. In French. CL, 1 p.

3/60 Muscar, Ostend, to [Coote], informing him that the town will not surrender. ALS, 1 p.

3/61 Dispatch from Coote, on a ridge of sand hills, three miles to the east of Ostend, informing him of the details of the expedition and its success. CL, 7 pp.

3/62 Popham, Ostend Road, to Coote, concerning Coote’s wound, Coote’s exchange on being taken prisoner by the enemy, stating that a ship shall stay off the coast if he is to be allowed return to England, and informing him that only fifty or sixty men were killed and wounded. ALS, 2 pp.


3/64 Muscar’s certificate stating that Coote has been confined in Citizen Fausseprez’s hotel and that he nor his ade will attempt an escape nor hold any correspondence without Muscar’s knowledge. 1pp.

Copy of the same in French. 1 p.

3/65 Colonel Robert Brownrigg, Horse Guards, to Coote, lamenting Coote’s capture along with the other British soldiers, sending him Mr Joberns, a surgeon and bearer of the letter, informing him that the Duke of York is pleased with the success of the expedition, asking Coote to continue his protection of Brownrigg’s nephew and to send his compliments to General Burrand. Informs him that a negotiation for his exchange will be entered into. ALS, 3 pp. and cover.

3/66 General [Jean Etienne Vachier] Championnet, Bruges, to Coote, informing him that he did not receive any letter from Coote requesting that two aides be sent to England with Coote’s dispatches, but that he has made a request to the French government to permit them. ALS, in French. 1 p.

3/67 R. H. Bruyeres, Dover, to [Coote], offering his service respecting his house, and offering the same service to Capts Williamson and [Monatgu] Thorley, wishing him a speedy recovery from some illness and passing on the compliments of Mr Broderick, Admiral Bazely and other friends. ALS, 2 pp.

3/68 Coote, Ostend, to General Championnet, concerning Ensign Charles Pratt, of the 49th regt, informing him that Pratt is a solider in the 49th
Coote’s certificate that Pratt is an ensign in the 49th regt. In English. 1 p.

Another copy.

Coote, Ostend, to Muscar, concerning the sending of his dispatches, informing him that it was not the custom of government to send public dispatches for the men to read, and assuring him that he has not written a single word against the French Republic. CL, in French. 3 pp.

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Muscar, Ostend, to Coote, informing him that he cannot allow Coote to send any letters without first examining them, and reminding him that French and British customs differ. ALS, in French. 1 p.

15 Prairial 6 année [3 June 1798]

Coote, Ostend, to the French Directory, Paris, requesting that two of his aides be sent to England with his dispatches. CL, in French. 1 p.

3 June 1798 6912/14/96

Coote, Ostend, to the French Directory, Paris, informing them that Coote’s despatches would concern what happened to him, that he has been informed his previous request was denied, but hopes that the Directory will permit his return to England once his wound heals. CL, in French. 1 p.

8 June 1798 6912/14/96

Championnet, Bruges, to Coote, Ostend, acknowledging Coote’s previous letters concerning Lieut. Pratt, which he has forwarded to General [Jean Gerard] Bonnaire, and expects that the War Council is aware of the matter. ALS, in French. 1 p.

20 Prairial 6 année [8 June 1798]

Muscar, Ostend, to Coote, [Ostend], requesting Coote not to communicate in writing or otherwise without his permission. ALS, in French. 1 p.

22 Prairial 6 année [10 June 1798]

Reverse: Coote to Muscar, inviting Muscar to visit to Coote so that the matter can be discussed. CL, in French. 1 p.

James Cote, Paris, to the French Directory, concerning permission for Coote’s aides-de-camp to travel to England, and requesting that Coote’s servant accompany Coote should he be given permission to return to England. CL, in French. 2 pp.

23 Prairial 6 année [11 June 1798]

James Cote, agent for British prisoners of war, Paris, to Coote, Ostend, stating that he has written to the French minister of War to request that Coote’s ades, Capts. Williamson and Fisher, and his servant, Bernado Perronne, be allowed to carry his dispatches to England, that he does not expect Coote will be permitted to return to England any time soon and that he will not be able to send him any English newspapers, as he does not read them. ALS, 3 pp.

11 June 1798 6912/14/96

Enclosure: Cote, Paris, to the French Minister of War, concerning Coote’s ades. CL, 3 pp.

23 Prairial
3/77  Cote, Paris, to Coote, Ostend, stating that he has forwarded his two letters to the Directory, that the prospect of his exchange goes on slowly, and that he has received new propositions from England regarding his exchange. ALS, 2 pp.  
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3/78  Clnegau?, Paris, to Coote, concerning Mr Blake who has left the country, having displeased Coote. ALS, 1 p.  
13 June 1798

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Capt. George Seith, junior, Walmer Castle, to Capt. Emmerson, commanding Sandwich Volunteers, enclosing the same. CL, 1 p.  


3/80  Coote, Ostend to Citizen Muscar, Ostend, informing him that his health is improving, requesting that Mr Joberns, the surgeon, be allowed to return to England, and enclosing a letter from Joberns to Coote on the subject. CL, 1 p.  
16 June 1798  6912/14/96

Inside: Jno. Joberns, Ostend, to Coote, asking that he be allowed to return to England. CL, 1 p.  
16 June 1798

3/81  Jno. Joberns, surgeon, Ostend, to Muscar, Ostend, acknowledging Muscar’s permission to allow him the liberty of the town, but stating that he is not a prisoner of war and informing him why he is at Ostend. CL, 2 pp.  
20 June 1798  6912/14/96

3/82  Cote, Paris, to Coote, Ostend, stating that he has sent letters that Coote had not received, that there is no answer from the Minister of War concerning Coote’s exchange, but that the matter is before the Directory. ALS, 2 pp.  
24 June 1798  6912/14/96

3/83  Coote, Bruges, to Cote, informing him that he is to go to Lisle, asking that he do all he can to have him returned to England, that he give an account of Coote’s situation to government, and concerning his letters and servants. CL, 2 pp.  
27 June 1798  6912/14/96

3/84  Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle [France], informing him that he has received an answer from the French minister of war who will not allow his aee and servant to return to England. Cotes has been informed from England that he is not considered as a commissary for the exchange of prisoners, but expects to act as such once Monr. Niou arrives in England. ALS, 3 pp.  
5 July 1798  6912/14/96

3/85  Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, stating that he awaits news of Monr. Niou’s arrival before negotiations for an exchange can begin, and concerning the sick prisoners in Ostend’s hospital. ALS, 2 pp.  
7 July 1798  6912/14/96
3/86 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, informing him that he has written to the French minister of War to request a passport for Mr Joberns, but that he has not yet had an answer, and stating that Coote cannot expect his own business to go as quickly as he imagines it. ALS, 2 pp.  

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3/87 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, informing him that the propositions regarding an exchange are being considered in England, that he cannot meet Coote at Lisle, that Mr Jervis's return to England cannot be affected, and concerning the contractors for supplying the sick with assistance. ALS, 3 pp.  

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3/88 Droit, commander of the citadel, Lisle, to Coote, informing him that two prisoners were not present when the roll was taken yesterday, and requesting that Coote enquire into the matter and inform his officers that they will be punished if their men are not present at roll call. ALS, in French. 1 p.  

1[ ] Thermidor, 6 année [late July-early August 1798] 6912/14/96

4/1 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, informing him that he will write to the minister of war regarding the refusal to allow surgeons attend the sick prisoners in the hospital, stating that he will authorise payment for any medicines required for the prisoners, that Lieut. Gillham will not be forgotten when the exchange happens, and sending letters to General Burrard. ALS, 2 pp.  

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4/2 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, concerning some litigation over the contract to supply provisions for the prisoners at Ostend, stating that he should not be alarmed at what he reads in the papers regarding his exchange and mentioning the refusal to allow General [Richard] England to return to Britain. ALS, 2 pp.  

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4/3 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, concerning the final arrangements for exchange of prisoners, mentioning that General Baraquay D'Hilliers has arrived in Paris with his adc ‘which may be favourable to the demand you desire me’. ALS, 2 pp.  

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4/4 [Maj.-General] [James] [Henry] Craig, Colchester, to Coote, marked ‘private’, in reply to Coote’s letter to him urging the defence of certain points of the coast. Craig states that it is impossible and imprudent to defend every point, his orders for Coote, and concerning the volunteer and yeomanry corps in Coote’s district. ALS, 4 pp.  

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4/6 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, acknowledging receipt of Coote’s letter with two certificates addressed to the Minister of Marine, and informing him that Cotes has asked the French that Jervis might attend Coote on his return to England. ALS, 1 p.  

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4/7 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, that he has forwarded Coote’s letter and the  

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surgeons’ certificates to the minister of marine, that he has asked that Jervis be allowed to return to England with Coote, that he ‘doubts as for Baraquay D’Hilliers, he has not been received and I am told he is broke so that I do not attack great hopes from his arrival’, continuing that he does not expect an exchange of officers until everything is minutely settled between the governments, and that if Coote is allowed to return it will be on account of his wounds, and that Niou’s final propositions are before the British admiralty. ALS, 2 pp.

4/8 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, stating that he has not yet received an answer from the minister of marine regarding Coote’s requests. ALS, 2 pp.

4/9 Extract from the registers of French Directory, Paris, regarding permission for Generals Coote and England to return home for three months for the recovery of their health, and stating that this is not an exchange. In French 1 p.

Reverse: Letter from [Eustace] Bruix to Droit, Lisle, providing his consent and certifying the authenticity of the extract. In French.

4/10 Cotes, Paris, to ‘Citoyen Ministre’, requesting that Coote and his surgeon be allowed to return to England, adding that Coote’s recovery requires the air of his homeland. CL, in French. 2 pp.

[Eustace] Bruix, Minister of the Marine to Cotes, Paris, informing him that he has given orders for a passport for Coote for three months, and that Coote’s surgeon will be allowed to return to England. CL, in French. 2 pp.

4/11 Cotes, Paris, to Coote, Lisle, informing him that he will be permitted to go to England for three months, as is General England. ALS, 1 p.

4/12 ‘Monthly return of the prisoners of war in the citadel of Lisle, town of Bruges and Ostend, and Fort L’Scarpe’. 1 p.


4/15 Droit, Lisle, to Coote, Lisle, concerning Coote’s request to have the 23rd and 49th regts accommodated in two buildings which are currently being used for storage. Droit has ordered that one room be emptied, but the not the other. ALS, in French. 1 p. and cover.

4/16 Capt. George Leith, to General Fisher, commanding officer at Dover, enclosing letters to the commanders of volunteers companies at Sandwich and Deal (same as 3/36) and stating that he is ready to march with the Walmer Company to join them at Upper Deal Mill in case of alarm. ALS, August 1798
1 p.


4/17 Coote, Gravelines, to [ ], promising not to serve against the French in the future and that he and his servant will return after three months. CL, in French. 1 p.

15 Fructidor 6 année [1 September 1798] 6912/14/174A

4/18 Coote, London, to Colonel Brownrigg, requesting that he present Coote’s letter to the Duke of York asking for bat and forage money for the men who participated in the expedition to Ostend, and asking that some other compensation be given to Lieuts Hanson and Van Coutland of the Flank Battalions. CL, 1 p.

7 September 1798 6912/14/95

4/19 Coote, London, to Brownrigg, providing the names of officers who served under him at Ostend who are to be ‘recommended’. CL, 1 p.

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13 September 1798 6912/14/97A

4/21 *Cartel for the exchange of prisoners of war between Britain and France.* Printed in English and French. 8 pp. with Coote family bookplate on insider cover.

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Letter book

18/5 Copies of letters from Coote at Dover, Ostend and Lille. Paginated with table of contents, 7-131 pp. 1-6 pp missing.

Reverse has copies of letters to Coote. 122 pp.

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Order book


19 May 1798 – 7 April 1799 6912/14/91

Reverse has copies of regulations, victualling [*sic*] tables, allowances to prisoners, letters, and accounts of prisoners at Lille. Paginated with table of contents, 86 pp., but un-paginated thereafter to p. 99.

Journals and notebooks

28/4 Small notebook endorsed on inside cover: ‘a journal kept by M[aj]-

19 May – 2 6912/14/93

Note laid in: ‘Surgeon of ye 11th told me at Ostend that he heard the officers on board ship say that we were not going to be scarf iced’. 1 p.

28/5 Notebook entitled ‘Journal of an expedition to destroy the sluice gates at the Bruges canal under M[aj.]-General Coote for the land forces and Captain Popham for the naval force’. Octavo, un-paginated, 18 pp.


Maps
Oversize maps in the Map Division

John Mackellar, [Plan of Ostend]. Ms. from Coote notebook. 11.8 x 17.3 cm. 1798

Sketch of the town and harbour of Ostend (London: W. Faden, 1798). 62 x 50.3 cm. 1798

[Map of Ostend] Ms. title from verso. 60.2 x 74.5 cm. nd

[Ostend]. Ms. title from verso. 26 x 42.5 cm. nd

September 1798
Correspondence

4/23 Capt. Williamson, 70th regt, to Coote, Dover, enclosing copies of the accounts of gratification money extended to prisoners of war at Lisle, and stating that he never received one line from Cotes acknowledging receipt of copies he sent to him. ALS, 2 pp.


Enclosure: ‘Account of cash issued to the non-commissioned officers, drummers, privates and seamen …’ 1 p. and cover July–August 1798

4/24 Hutchinson, Downing Street, to Sir Charles Grey, marked ‘private’, stating that there are three ribbons available, but that it is not in the ministry’s power to dispose of them at the moment, but that Coote is considered in a very favourable light by Mr Pitt and Mr Dundas. ALS, 1 p.

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4/25 Major Andrew Armstrong, 11th Foot, Dover, to Coote, Dover, sending a list of soldiers of the 11th foot (not found) who have arrived on parole and those who remain in France, asking him to support some request he has made to the Duke of York, stating that he hoped the trouble Coote experienced with the 11th regt at Ostend was not a reason why another officer was promoted before he was, and stating that he feels disappointed, having served under Coote’s uncle, Sir Eyre Coote, in his last campaign in India. ALS, 2 pp.

Inside: Coote, Dover, to Armstrong, thanking him for his letter, hoping his memorial to York will be successful, stating that his dispatches from Ostend were sent after promotions in the 11th regt were considered, and that he named Lieut. Hely for promotion, being the son of Colonel Hely who was killed. CL, 2 pp. with complete seal.

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4/26 General Harry Burrard to Coote, Dover, with an extract from a letter from [ ] Nixon who has been mistakenly removed from the list of bat and forage that Coote had sent to the War Office, and requesting that the mistake might be rectified, enclosing a letter (not found) concerning the conduct of [Capt. Charles Moore Sirie] and the [11th] regt which he belongs to, that he sent a book of orders with a letter to the Princes of Wales’s coffee house, which he hopes he has received, that he has leave until 1 February and intends to go to Hampshire, and that his children have measles. ALS 3 pp. with complete seal.

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4/27 General Orders from Duke of York, Horse Guards, to Charles Grey, Barham Court, and forwarded to Coote, concerning the keeping of reports on the field exercises, economy and other particulars of each regt. ALS, 4 pp.

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4/28
Capt. Charles Moore Sirie, 11th regt, Margate, to Coote, Dover, expressing his disappointment at Coote's recommending junior officers for promotion before him, recounting his actions in Ostend and his career in the army and asking Coote for a letter outlining Coote's sentiments on his conduct. ALS, 3 pp. 15 December 1798 6912/14/94

4/29
Draft letter from Coote, Dover, to Sirie, stating that he never recommended Capt. Knight for a majority in the 11th regt, and that he never represented any disapprobation of his conduct nor has he heard of any report injurious to him. CL, 1 3 pp. 18 December 1798 6912/14/95

4/30
William Windham, War Office, to Coote, Dover, informing him that an allowance of forage money will be paid to the extra adcs and stating that Messrs MacDonald and Co. were incorrect in stating that the naval officers who served during the Ostend Expedition had been refused forage money by the War office, rather their application was returned to them so that they might send it to the Admiralty. ALS, 1 p. 22 December 1798

4/31
Plan, Ink, of the coast near Folkestone, Kent. 20.3 x 32.4 cm. 1 p. 1798

4/32
Windham, War Office, to Coote, Dover, informing him that the Admiralty will not grant any forage money to the naval officers who served at Ostend, and ordering an enquiry into the matter. Windham encloses a copy of a letter from Mr Lewis on the subject (not found) and a list of naval officers who are entitled to forage money. ALS, 2 pp. 7 January 1799 6912/14/95

4/33
Enclosure: John MacKellar to M. Lewis, concerning forage money for the naval officers attached to the army at Ostend. CL, 2 pp. 3 January 1799

4/34
Enclosure: 'List referred to in Mr Lewis’s letter’. 1pp. 7 January 1799

4/34
Coote, Dover, to Windham, thanking him for reconsidering his recommendation to allow bat and forage money for the naval officers who served on shore at Ostend, acknowledging the distinction between those naval officers who served on shore and those on sea, and advising him that there are others not included in his previous list which require the same allowance. CL, 1 p. 11 January 1799 6912/14/95

4/35
Printed circular letter from Adjt.-General George Hewett, Dublin, to the General Officers commanding districts, with a circular to the general officer commanding in North Britain, in the different districts in South Britain, and in the island of Jersey and Guernsey. 3 pp. 2 February 1799 6912/14/132

4/35
Printed circular letter from Adjt.-General George Hewett, Dublin, to the General Officers commanding districts, with a circular to the general officer commanding in North Britain, in the different districts in South Britain, and in the island of Jersey and Guernsey. 3 pp. 16 February 1799 6912/14/131

4/36
Dundas, Downing Street, to Major Vaughan, commanding the Merioneth Militia [Wales], concerning the militia's service in Ireland, that the existing militia in Ireland wish to return to England, expects the enemy to persevere with an invasion of Ireland, and hoping that the Merioneth militia might serve again in that country. CL, 3 pp. 5 March 1799 6912/14/131

4/36
‘Instructions to the officer commanding at St. Margaret’s’ issued by Coote, Dover, and signed by Majors Montagu Thorley and H. Smith. 5 March 1799 6912/14/131
Copy, 3 pp.


4/38 Coote, Dover, to Grey, transmitting his observations of the various militia regiments under his command, in compliance of the Duke of York’s orders of 15 December.

‘Observations at an inspection of the Hertford regiment of militia, by Major General Coote’, 7 pp.


‘Observations at an inspection of the Royal Merioneth regiment of militia by Major General Coote’. Dover. 4 pp.

‘Observations at an inspection of the East York regiment of militia by Major General Coote’, Deal, which inter alia contains copies of letters from an anonymous letter to the Duke of York, and another from Lieut.-Colonel Peter Ackton to Coote, concerning the misbehaviour of the regt’s colonel, [Henry] Maister. 9 pp.

4/39 Grey, Barham Court, to Duke of York, concerning the flank companies of the militia stationed in the southern district. CL, 9 pp.


4/41 Brig.-General Scott’s Light Infantry manoeuvres, at Athlone, Ireland. 6 pp.

4/42 Printed circular letter from Adjt.-General Henry Calvert, by order of the King, to dispense with general and staff officers appearing at reviews, inspections and other field days in laced uniforms. 1 p.

4/43 Colonel John Morrison to Coote, South Middlesex militia, Dover, concerning his surprise and mortification at hearing Sir Robert Laurie’s orders which reprimanded him and his regt for the poor state of the barracks they occupied. ALS, 3 pp.

4/44 Major Andrew Armstrong, No. 2. Bridge Row, Chelsea, to Coote, Dover, stating that Capt. Wilson of the Artillery has lately made a most severe and groundless attack on Armstrong’s conduct and character, which has resulted in a general court martial, and that Armstrong has given Coote’s and General Burrard’s name to the Judge. ALS, 1 p.
Inside: Coote [Dover], to Armstrong [Chelsea], informing him that he has already been summoned as a witness to the court martial. CL, 1 p.

4/45 Questions that Coote expects to be asked at Armstrong’s court martial. 6 pp.

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Letterbooks

| 18/6 | Copies of letters from Coote at Dover. Paginated with table of contents, 130 pp. | 20 May 1799 – 25 February 1800 |
| 18/7 | Copies of letters from Coote at Dover. Paginated with table of contents, 135 pp. | 1 March – 4 June 1800 |

Order books

| 25/1 | General orders for the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 280 pp. | 11 August – 12 November 1798 |
| 25/2 | General orders for the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 263 pp. | 21 October 1798 – 22 May 1799 |
| 25/3 | General orders for the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 324 pp. | 13 November 1798 – 10 March 1799 |
| 25/4 | General orders for the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 294 pp. | 11 March – 13 June 1799 |
| 25/5 | General orders for the regts garrisoned at Dover. Octavo un-paginated, 288 pp. | 14 June – 3 September 1799 |
| | Reverse has general orders for the regts garrisoned at Canterbury and Deal. Un-paginated, 82 pp. | |

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The Helder, the Netherlands 1799

Correspondence

4/46 Ralph Abercrombrie, on board the *Isis in the Downs, to Coote, with instructions for Coote for some expedition to the Helder and the island of Goeree-Overflakkee, Netherlands. 5 pp. 13 August 1799 6912/14/103

4/47 Colonel Sartack’s remarks on the Island of Goeree. 3 pp. mid August 1799 6912/14/103

4/48 ‘Examination of Dutch prisoners’ regarding the defences at the Helder. 4 pp. mid August 1799 6912/14/103

4/49 Memorandum to the Duke of York on Coote’s proposals on where the troops should march once landed at the Helder. 3 pp. mid August 1799 6912/14/103

4/50 Coote’s memoranda for the expedition to the Helder. 6 pp. mid August 1799 6912/14/103

4/51 C. Slone, adc to Lieut.-General Dundas, to Coote, with orders for the troops while on the march during the Helder expedition. 3 pp. mid August 1799 6912/14/103

4/52 ‘Return of the killed, wounded and missing of the 3rd Brigade under the command of Major General Coote at the attack of the Sandhills near Helder. 1 p. 27 August 1799 6912/14/104

4/53 Picto-map of the landing place of Sir R. Abercrombrie’s army near Helder, showing the road to Helder and Amsterdam. 20 x 31.3 cm, 1 p. 27 August 1799 6912/14/105

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**4/74** Resolutions of the militia at a meeting at the Thatched House Tavern, resolving that the forming of flank companies out of the militia is contrary to the act of parliament and asking the meeting’s chairman, Lord Fitzwilliam to express such opinion to the Duke of York. 6 pp.

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**5/4** Return of clothing received by the 2nd Battalion, 17th regt of foot issued for the year 1799’, Dover Castle, signed by Quarter Master Patrick Ferguson. 1 p.

**5/5** Lieut.-Colonel [Richard] Stovin, 1st battalion, 17th regt, Dover, to Coote, Dover, expressing his and the regt’s warmest acknowledgements to Coote for his kindness to the regt, on their departure for foreign service. ALS, 1 p.

Inside: Coote, Dover, to Stovin, acknowledging his letter and thanking the regt for their sentiments. CL, 1 p.

**5/6** Lieut.-Colonel D[avid] L[atimer] Tinling, 2nd battalion, 17th regt, to Coote, expressing his and the regt’s warmest acknowledgements for Coote’s attention to the regt, on their departure. ALS, 2 pp.

**5/7** Coote, Dover, to Tinling, thanking him for his ‘flattering and affectionate’ letter and wishing him and the corps success in the future. CL, 1 p.

**5/8** H. Motz, Prize agent to the army, Great George Street, Westminster, concerning prize money arising out the capture of the Dutch fleet adding that he will ‘certainly be somewhat richer for the Dutch expedition, but to what amount is impossible for me to guess’, and enclosing various related
Enclosure: Motz, Great George Street, Westminster, to W. Huskinson, outlining the most appropriate means of claiming the prize money owed to the captors of the Dutch fleet. 4 pp.

Enclosure: ‘Comparative view of two different modes of distributing of prize money’.


5/12 Tinling, to Coote, Dover, expressing his gratitude and attachment to Coote, on Tinling’s brigade’s departure, adding that Colonel Wood has informed Tinling that they are to go to Gibraltar and his hope of returning to England and joining Sir C’s expedition. ALS, 3 pp.

5/13 Coote to Tinling, giving him a carte blanche to procure everything that would be useful to the men, which may be put on Coote’s account, and asks him to inform Col. Wood of Tinling’s return to England. CL, 2 pp.

Order books

25/7 General and battalion orders for the expedition to Helder, Netherlands, headquartered at Schagerburg and Helder. Octavo un-paginated, 176 pp. 28 August – 30 September 1799 6912/14/101

25/9 General and battalion orders for the expedition to the Helder, headquartered at Schaganburgh [Schagerburg]. Octavo un-paginated, 86 pp. 1 – 29 October 1799 6912/14/102
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### Copies of letters

1. Armstrong, Ashton near Bristol, to Coote [Dover], informing him that he has been on business in Ireland, desiring Coote to acknowledge that the charges brought against him at his court martial were groundless and malicious.

2. Coote, No 62 Jermyn Street, London, to Armstrong, stating that the evidence he gave at Armstrong’s court martial ‘must operate for itself’ and denying that he had any part in bringing the charges against Armstrong.

3. Armstrong, Ashton near Bristol, to Coote, stating that Coote’s evidence was ‘evasive and malicious’ and challenging him to a duel.

4. Grey, Hertford Street, to Coote, suggesting that Coote should not accept any challenge to a duel offered by Armstrong, and if he persists in challenging you to prosecute him, and advising him to reply immediately to Armstrong’s previous letter.

5. Lord Moira, St. James’s Place, to Coote, advising him not to accept Armstrong’s challenge as it would be ‘infinitely mischievous’ to the service, and that he should prosecute Armstrong through the attorney general.

6. Legal opinion of J. Mitford, stating that Armstrong has challenged Coote because ‘he hopes to retrieve his character by bringing himself into notice in a contest with a person of the known courage of General Coote’. The opinion is endorsed by William Grant.

7. Opinion of T. Erskine, professor of law, Serjeant’s Inn, stating that Coote is bound to prosecute Armstrong, and that as soon as he receives
Coote’ affidavit he will give instructions to Mr Dunn to prepare the case for the King’s Bench.

No. 8. Duke of York, Oatlands, to Coote, approving of the advice of Grey and Moira and approving of Coote’s ‘acting in strict conformity to them’, and stating that he will bring the matter to the attention of the King.

No. 9. Henry Calvert, Horse Guards, to Coote, signifying the King’s approbation of his conduct and providing George III’s opinion on the matter.

Another copy.

5/19 J. Mitford, and countersigned by William Grant, to Coote, providing his legal opinion. (see 5/18 above). ALS, 2 pp. 18 June 1800 6912/14/89

5/20 T. Erskine, Serjeant’s Inn, to [Coote], providing his legal opinion. (see 5/18 above). ALS, 2 pp. 18 June 1800 6912/14/89

5/21 Draft letter from Coote, No. 62 Jermyn St. [London], to Duke of York, enclosing papers relating to the Armstrong challenge, and stating that he considers it his duty not to be forced into a duel, and hoping that his conduct meets the approbation of the King. CL, 2 pp. 20 June 1800 6912/14/89

5/22 Cutting from a contemporary newspaper giving Erskine’s address to the court of King’s Bench in the Armstrong case, 20 June 1800. 1 p. post 20 June 1800 6912/14/89


5/24 [Prince] William Frederick [Duke of York], Oatlands, to Coote, approving of the advice of Grey and Moira and approving of Coote’s ‘acting in strict conformity to them’, and stating that he will bring the matter to the attention of the King. ALS, 2 pp. 22 June 1800 6912/14/89

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5/25 Henry Calvert, Horse Guards, to Coote, signifying the King’s approbation of his conduct and providing George III’s opinion on the matter. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 25 June 1800 6912/14/89 6912/14/97A

5/26 Draft letter from Coote to Henry Calvert, asking him to deliver Coote’s letter to Duke of York. CL, 1 p. 26 June [1800] 6912/14/89

Reverse: Draft letter from Coote to Duke of York, expressing his thanks for York’s and the King’s approbation on his conduct regarding the Armstrong case. CL, 1 p. [26 June 1800]

5/27 T. Erskine, Serjeant’s Inn, to Coote, concerning the filing of papers against Armstrong and advising him that he should only act with the

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5/29 ‘Some general observations respecting the state of Bellisle [off the coast of Brittany, France], in the view of its being attacked by the British forces’. 2 pp.

Another copy. 3 pp.

5/30 Picto-map or ‘Plan of Palais with its defending works and redoubts, the principle post in Belle Isle. Taken from His Majesty’s Ship l’Impetueux at anchor bearing by the compass …’ signed by Robert Brereton. Ink and watercolour. 30.3 x 40.2 cm. 1 p.

5/31 Sketch map of the islands of Belle Isle, Quiberon, Houat, and part of the coast of Brittany. Endorsed ‘draught of part of the coast of Brittany [sic] from Quiberon to St. Gildas’. Ink and watercolour. 32.6 x 40.5 cm. 1 p.


5/33 Thomas de Morla, Cadiz [Spain], to ‘the English Admiral’ [Lord Keith], stating that he was surprised to see his fleet off Cadiz, that the blockade has caused great alarm among the inhabitants of that place, that if attacked the garrison will defend the place, and stating his astonishment that the port’s fishing vessels have been stopped from entering and leaving the port. CL, 2 pp.

Inside: R. Abercrombie and Admiral Keith, on board the Foudragant off Cadiz, to Morla, stating that they do not believe the distress of the inhabitants to be as great as Morla says it is, that they have received orders to destroy the Spanish ships of war in Cadiz, and asking that the ships might be surrendered to avoid a conflict. CL, 2 pp.

Reverse: Morla to Abercrombie and Keith, stating that they must have misinterpreted his last letter as they have presented an insulting proposal to him, and suggesting they might provide a ‘more subtle proposition if you intend they should be accepted’. CL, 1 p.


5/35 Notes pertaining to the reckonings, bearings and distance recorded by Coote on his way to Egypt. 34 pp.

5/36 Papers pertaining to ‘the reckonings, bearings and distance of the different places taken by General Coote on his voyage to Egypt’, recorded under the instruction of Lieutenant Eggleston, Royal Navy. 48 pp.
5/37 Aide for calculating reckonings, bearings and distance. 1 p.  

5/38 ‘Notes relative to Egypt’ concerning topography, positions of redoubts and forts, describing the roads from Alexandria to Rosetta, and the road which the French marched after the capture of Alexandria, the roads from Danutta to Grand Canoby Land, the forts and redoubts at Rosetta, and the road from Rosetta to Gizah. 14 pp.

c. December 1800 6912/14/112


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24 April 1801

5/41 Colonel Edward Paget, in camp, to Coote, informing him that he has visited the hospital at Aboukir and that the patients seemed to be generally content, that a shed is being built to house the patients currently in tents, but the want of materials will hinder completion of the work, that orderlies are wanted, mentioning the rubbish and dirt surrounding the camp, and returning Coote’s letters to Hutchinson concerning the Aboukir hospital. ALS, 3 pp.

29 April 1801

Enclosure: copies of letters from Coote and Hutchinson, concerning the Aboukir hospital, numbered 1 to 4. CL, 3 pp.

26 March – 14 April 1801

No. 1. Coote, Aboukir, to Hutchinson, reporting the poor state of the hospital, particularly the attendance of medical staff on the patients, the diet, the attendance of surgeons, the want of necessaries. Coote has ordered a bakery to be built and an old stable to be converted for the reception of patients, the expectation of additional patients, and the arrival of useless tents.

26 March 1801

No. 2. Coote, Aboukir, to Hutchinson, reporting that Mr Harris, one of the hospital’s mates, was so drunk on the morning of the 22nd that he could not attend the wounded patients.

26 March 1801

No. 3. Coote, Aboukir, to Hutchinson, reporting the improved condition of the hospital, that the soldiers have no complaints, that the old stable is now ready for patients, bedding is still wanted, that 600 men can be additionally catered for, and that 200 men are ready to rejoin their regts.

3 April 1801

No. 4. Coote, Aboukir, to Hutchinson, reporting the contented state of the soldiers at the hospital, that the old stable will be completely finished tomorrow, the numbers of men in the hospital, the lack of fresh supplies, and enclosing a state of the sick (not found).

14 April 1801

5/42 Hely-Hutchinson, Rosetta, to Coote, camp near Alexandria, marked ‘private’, informing Coote that he intends to attack [El] Rahmaniya in two or three days, and asking him to send the 50th regt and 100 cavalry with good horses, adding that the French are strong at Rahmaniya. ALS, 2 pp.

30 April [1801]
Col. J. Abercromby, camp at Hamed, to Coote, marked ‘private’, expressing his concern at leaving his command, informing him that 5,000 Turkish cavalry under the command of Faher? Pasha detached from the Grand Vizier will join Abercromby tomorrow, and lamenting the delay in attacking the French. ALS, 3 pp.

Translation of a letter from Hely-Hutchinson, headquarters of the English army, La Rosetta, to Osman Bey, lamenting the death of Múrad Bey and congratulating him on being chosen leader of the Beys, Mamalucks and Cachess, assuring him of his support and alliance, informing him that the Turks are well disposed to Osman Bey, offering the protection of the English army, and asking that an alliance be agreed to fight the French. CL, 2 pp.

Colonel James Kempt, head quarters, British camp upon Derout, to Coote, informing him that the French left their position this morning, that patrols have been sent out to observe whether they intend to retreat to Rahmaniya or Alexandria, that the Turkish cavalry have not yet joined them, and the proposed alliance with Osman Bey. ALS, 2 pp.

Major Tomas Gage Montresor, adc, Head quarters, to Coote, requesting that he send 200 men of the 13th regt and one corps to Hutchinson who are to relieve the dismounted dragoons in the town of Rosetta, that the 27th regt should eventually proceed to Rosetta when it arrives at Alexandria, that he expects any battle to happen in the interior of the country, which will decide whether the English or French are masters of Egypt, and informing him of Hely-Hutchinson’s illness. ALS, 2 pp.

John Abercromby, Camp near Rahmaniya, to Coote, that Hutchinson will march on the enemy to Cairo, sending Capt. Maxwell, a friend of General Hope’s, to Alexandria, ALS, 2 pp.

Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, camp before Alexandria, to Coote, informing him that the French have retired from Rahmaniya to Cairo, the fort of Rahmann has surrendered with almost 300 prisoners, that the plague is at Rahmann, that he sets out tomorrow for Cairo, concerning British re-enforcements from Malta and ordering him to send troops to Rosetta, that Coote is to take command of Rosetta and all of lower Egypt, the killed and wounded, and the cavalry at Alexandria. ALS, 5 pp.

Hely-Hutchinson, Camp, Mechallet? Bish, to Coote, informing him that he has sent back the 27th regt to Rosetta as they have no camp equipage and are rather sickly, that they are to be employed against the Fort of Berelor, and asking that Coote get all the information he can on Alexandria, the chief engineer thinking that it impossible to besiege the place. ALS, 1 p.

Hely-Hutchinson, Camp, Mechallet? Bish, to Coote, camp near Alexandria, ordering him to send troops up the river Nile to prevent the French from attacking the Grand Vizier and informing Coote of an outbreak of plague in the French hospital. ALS, 1 p.
5/51 Capt. J. Pelby, adc, Caffre Deis, to Coote, camp near Alexandria, informing him that Hely-Hutchinson has marched twelve miles, that he has captured seventeen germs and 150 Frenchmen, that Turkish troops have been placed at Demonhour and Rahmainie, and that General [David] Baird has arrived at either Suez or Jedda with a considerable force from India. ALS, 1 p. 14 May 1801

5/52 Capt. William Henry Ford, Royal Engineers, camp near Alexandria, to Coote, reporting his reconnaissance of the French position near Alexandria. ALS, 6 pp. 16 May 1801

5/53 Printed general orders from Col. Henry Calvert, adjutant general, Horse Guards [London], informing the troops of the King’s happiness with the success of the British expedition to Egypt. 4 pp. 16 May 1801

Six other copies.

5/54 Capt. William Henry Ford’s remarks, to [Coote], on cutting the canal at Alexandria below Redoubt No. 7 for the purpose of inundating the ground in front of the left flank and centre of the British position. ALS, 4 pp. c. 16 May 1801

5/55 Hely-Hutchinson to Coote, informing him that he has taken 600 prisoners and 600 camels coming from Alexandria and going to Cairo, and ordering Coote to prepare for a siege of Alexandria. ALS, 1 p. 18 May 1801

5/56 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, Ackham camp, to Coote, camp near Alexandria, marked ‘private’, concerning the capture of French officers and soldiers, ordering Coote to drive the French out of Burlos, the defeat of the British navy and Hely-Hutchinson’s poor opinion of them, and that Baird arrived on 17 April with 5,000 men. ALS, 4 pp. 19 May 1801

5/57 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, camp near Ackham, to Coote, ordering Coote to again write to Lord Keith who has refused to support an attack on Burlos, to request him to supply the requisite naval vessels, and informing him of the French troops at Burlos and their attempt to get to either Alexandria or Cairo, the state of the French at Alexandria, expected re-enforcements for Coote, bat and forage money for the officers, the battle between the French and the Grand Vizier’s army on 16 May, suggesting that his Arab messengers ride instead of walk to facilitate communication between them, payment and positions for officers at Rosetta, the attack on Burlos, the mutiny of some soldiers, and transmitting Coote money. ALS, 5 pp. 21 May 1801

5/58 Maj.-General Cradock, Alkam camp, to Coote, enclosing a copy of his letter to Hely-Hutchinson concerning the state of the British army in Egypt, asking him to forward a letter to his wife if he does not return, and saying that ‘he is sick to death of everything here …’. AL, 4 pp. 22 May 1801

Enclosure: Cradock, Alkam camp, to Hely-Hutchinson, expressing his support for Hutchinson, though is fearful of disaster if Hutchinson 21 May 1801
proceeds on the course he has intended, wondering why Alexandria has not been Hutchinson’s object, and the desperate state that the British army will be in if the course is not changed. CL, 6 pp.

5/59 John Abercromby, camp, to Coote, camp near Alexandria, informing him that the Vizer’s army is now encamped about ten leagues from Hutchinson’s camp, that the enemy are entrenched at Cairo, that there are divisions within the British army as to whether to go to Cairo or to Alexandria, that he is happy that Coote has established a post at Beda, and stating his opinion on the French hold on Egypt. ALS, 3 pp. 24 May 1801 6912/14/112

5/60 Cradock, Alkam Camp, to Coote [camp near Alexandria], concerning Cradock’s present position, the necessity of ‘everything’, and Hely-Hutchinson’s reactions to Cradock’s disapproving letter. ALS, 6 pp. 29 May 1801 6912/14/112

5/61 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, camp at Alkam, to Coote, ordering that two battalions be sent to re-enforce General Hope for the attack on Cairo, and saying that he cannot provide half a month’s subsistence for Coote’s troops, that England has forgotten them entirely, the difficulties he has faced with financial matters, intends to ask the Captain Pasha to send him boats and a surgeon, and informing him that the India people are somewhere on the Red Sea and are not expected to join the army. ALS, 4 pp. 30 May 1801

5/62 Hely-Hutchinson to Coote, concerning the exchange of Mr Smith, a surgeon. ALS, 3 pp. c. May-June? 1801

5/63 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, camp ten leagues below Cairo, to Coote, concerning the obstacles that impeded his march on Cairo, that 2,000 Indian troops have arrived at Kossin?, that he has given up on Sir Home Popham and his re-enforcements, that there are no signs of plague in this camp, suggesting that Coote send some stone that he has found to the Antiquarian Society in Britain, that he has 1,000 Mamalukes with him, which are the best mounted cavalry he has seen, that there is only £29,000 left in the military chest, that he will send some money to Coote, that the Arabs have got nothing, and that he hears nothing from England. He asks Coote to report on the French at Alexandria, mentions horses he has received as presents, and asking him to send the enclosed (not found) letter for Brownrigg to England. ALS, 4 pp. 6 June 1801

5/64 Lord Keith, Foudragaut, off Arabs Tower, to Coote, concerning French troops landing on the westward side of Arabs Tower, their sickly nature, and a defeated French attempt to re-enforce Alexandria. ALS, 2 pp. 9 June 1801 6912/14/112

5/65 Coote, camp before Alexandria, to Col. Brownrigg, providing information to the Duke of York of the disposition of the army, knowing that Hely-Hutchinson’s dispatches will not reach the ship in time. CL, 2 pp. 13 June 1801 6912/14/112

5/66 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, British camp, to Coote, sending an order for £3,000 to be paid to the corps under Coote’s command, lamenting the lack of financial support from London, giving his approbation to Coote 13 June 1801
to defend his position if the French land, informing him that the re-enforcements from the West Indies are not expected, that the 70th regt has joined him, that re-enforcements from Europe were stopped by Pigot and Fox, the sick at Aboukir, and that he has not received the information Coote sent regarding the French fleet. ALS, 5 pp.

5/67 Keith, at anchor off Alexandria, to Coote, camp [near Alexandria], stating that until Alexandria is invested there is no safety, concerning the French fleet and their prospects of landing, and information on the French in Alexandria. ALS, 2 pp.

5/68 Copies of letters between Coote, Keith and Capt. Thomas Hand, concerning gun boats, numbered 1 to 8. 6 pp.

No. 1. Capt. Thomas Hand, Asp, gun vessel, head quarters, to Coote, informing him that he cannot reconnoitre the lake as Coote requests, as Keith has ordered otherwise.

No. 2. Keith, Foudragaunt off Alexandria, to Hand, stating that he sees no advantage in inviting the French to attack with boats, and referring him to his letter of 11 June (No. 3).

No. 3. Keith, Foudragaunt off Alexandria, to Hand, stating that he sees no purpose in putting a force on the lake.

No. 4. Coote, camp near Alexandria, to Keith, wondering what his intentions are regarding the gun boats and whether or not the commanding land officer is to have any direction over them, stating that Coote is the best judge of where the boats should operate, and that they are required to prevent the French garrison at Alexandria communicating with the countryside.

No. 5. Keith, Foudragaunt off Alexandria, to Coote, informing him that he has placed Capt. Guion in charge of the gun boats, in place of Capt. Hand, and that he sees no good effect in putting the boats on the lake.

No. 6. Coote, camp before Alexandria, to Keith, lamenting Keith’s decision, that he takes no responsibility if the French are supplied from the country through the Lake, and transmitting the correspondence between them to Hely-Hutchinson.

No. 7. Keith, Foudragaunt off Alexandria, to Coote, stating that he does not know of any difference of opinion between them, that it would be contrary to the King’s orders in council for any part of the navy to be commanded by land officers, and that the French are being constantly supplied through the western desert.

No. 8. Coote, camp before Alexandria, to Keith, stating his earlier opinion that there is a necessity for the gun boats to be on the lake and commanded by the land officer.
5/69 Hely-Hutchinson, to Coote, mentioning Coote’s adc, Thomas Walsh, concerning re-enforcements from Colonel Murray, that he does not expect to see General Baird and his 1,000 black troops, and lamenting the state of destitution which Coote finds himself in. ALS, 2 pp. 19 June 1801

5/70 Coote, camp before Alexandria, to [ ], suggesting that he temper his letter to Hutchinson, which he considers too strong. CL, 2 pp. 22 June 1801 6912/14/113

5/71 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, camp before Giza, marked ‘secret’, informing him that the combined armies moved forward on both sides of the Nile, the twenty-four hour armistice agreed between the British and French at Giza, and the evacuation of the French within twelve days, and discussing Coote’s position at Alexandria. ALS, 3 pp. 30 June 1801

6/1 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, camp near Giza, to Coote, informing him that the French are preparing to leave Cairo, the terms of the treaty, his intended arrival at Rosetta by 22 July, that he should not purchase horses as the French are to give horses to Hutchinson, the arrival of re-enforcements from Malta, General Baird’s troops, Coote’s correspondence with Keith over the gun boats, that he could not think of attacking Alexandria while the French were in Cairo, that he will besiege Alexandria if possible and if not blockade it, accepting blame for cutting a breach in the canal and expressing his approval of Coote’s burning the items belonging to plague victims. ALS, 6 pp. 3 July 1801

6/2 Coote, camp before Alexandria, to Col. Brownrigg, informing him of Hely-Hutchinson’s treaty with the French garrison at Cairo, hoping that the French will seek terms if Alexandria is invested, the state of his corps, and the return of invalids to England. CL, 1 p. 5 July 1801 6912/14/112

6/3 Coote to H[ely-Hutchinson], desiring leave to go to England, after the fall of Alexandria, due the death of Coote’s [step-] mother and Mrs. Bain, his sister-in-law, who had the care of his children. CL, 2 pp. 19 July 1801

6/4 Coote, camp before Alexandria, to Col. Brownrigg, informing him for the information of the Duke of York of the arrival of the Ancient Irish Fencibles and two battalions of the 20th and 60th regts, and enclosing a state of the troops (not found) under his command. CL, 1 p. 20 July 1801 6912/14/112

6/5 Keith, Foudrogaunt, Bay of Alexandria, to Coote, stating that he has not heard anything from Hely-Hutchinson, whom he fears is sick at Cairo, and wondering if the reduction of Alexandria can be put in forwardness. 21 July 1801 6912/14/112

Inside: Coote, camp before Alexandria, to Keith, replying that he has not heard of Hely-Hutchinson’s plans for Alexandria nor of his illness, and therefore cannot do anything, but agreeing to write to Brig.-General Lawson and also the commanding engineer to see if they are ready for a siege. CL, 1 p. 22 July 1801

6/6 John Abercromby, head quarters, camp at Nickla, to Coote, concerning the re-enforcements lately arrived, Coote’s recommended promotions, 23 July 1801 6912/14/112

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lamenting the delay for the reduction of Alexandria, informing him that they are twenty miles from Rahmaniya, and that the French conduct themselves with the greatest propriety. ALS, 4 pp.

6/7 Hely-Hutchinson to Coote, camp [before Alexandria], regarding the prevention of Monr. Estere, a French officer, from entering Alexandria. ALS 2 pp.


6/11 ‘Sketch of the coast to the westward of Alexandria’, showing position of French and British gunboats. Ink. 25.6 x 36.4 cm. 1 p.

6/12 Sketch of Alexandria, showing fortifications, canal, harbour and island in Lake Maeotis. Ink. 17.6 x 29.5 cm. 1 p.

6/13 Hely-Hutchinson to Coote, camp [before Alexandria], hoping to see him tomorrow morning and informing him that the naval arrangements will not be ready until the 17th due to the conditions. ALS, 1 p.

6/14 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, to Coote, with instructions for the westward attack on Alexandria. 5 pp.

6/15 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, to Coote, concerning artillery, cavalry, the Turks and Mamelucks which he has sent Coote for the attack on Alexandria. ALS, 2 pp.

6/16 French commander, Marabout, to Coote, offering the fort’s capitulation. In French, ALS, 1 p.

Enclosed: Terms of the capitulation.


6/18 Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, to Coote, expressing Hutchinson’s high sense of the merits of Coote and his troops, and concerning reinforcements and heavy ordinance for Coote. ALS, 1 p.

6/19 Capt. William Henry Ford, army of the Liberian Desert, to Coote, west of Alexandria, reporting his opinions on the siege to be carried out west of Alexandria. ALS, 6 pp.
6/20  Hely-Hutchinson to Coote, concerning skins, mules and other necessities that he has sent or ordered for Coote. ALS, 1 p.  25 August 1801

6/21  [Abdoulaye?] Menou, Alexandria, to Coote, enclosing a letter that Menou has written to his superior general concerning an armistice, which he is awaiting an answer. ALS, in French. 1 p. and cover with complete seal of ‘Armée D’orient’.

  Enclosure: Menou, Alexandria, to [ ], concerning a proposal to call an armistice for three days. ALS, in French. 2 pp.  8 Fructidor 9 année [26 August 1801]

6/22  Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, to Coote, informing him that Menou’s adc has returned with the news that the capitulation will be brought out at 2 o’clock tomorrow, and agreeing to suspend hostilities until that time, but stating that he is determined to bring the matter to a conclusion one way or another, and mentioning the French demands. ALS, 2 pp.  29 August 1801

6/23  Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, to Coote, informing him that Menou proposes to send out the capitulation at 2 o’clock tomorrow and that he has agreed a further suspension of hostilities until that time. ALS, 2 pp.

  Inside: Coote to Hely-Hutchinson, agreeing to observe his instructions. CL, 1 p.  29 August 1801

6/24  Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, camp before Alexandria, to Coote, informing him that the French are to evacuate and ordering a cessation of hostilities. ALS, 1 p.  30 August 1801, 11 pm

6/25  Hely-Hutchinson to [Coote], informing Coote that Keith is with him and concerning Sir Sydney Smith who believed the capitulation of Alexandria had been signed and wishes to return to England. Hely-Hutchinson informs Coote that the capitulation will not be affected for another twenty-four hours. ALS, 3 pp.  31 August 1801

6/26  Hely-Hutchinson, head quarters, to Coote, sending him the capitulation and ordering him to take possession of the entrenched camp, forts and other places at 12 o’clock tomorrow, and asking that a number of Turks be assigned for that purpose on the request of Captain Pasha. Informs Coote that Sir Sydney Smith is to take possession of the ships, and giving permission to Bathurst to leave when Coote wishes. ALS, 4 pp.  1 September 1801

6/27  ‘Return of the patients affected with plaque received into the general hospitals at Aboukir and Rosetta, during the months of April, May, June, July and August 1801’ signed by Thomas Young, surgeon general. 1 p.

  Another copy.  1 September 1801

6/28  [Abdoulaye?] Menou, Alexandria, to Coote, providing the names of officers to negotiate the surrender of Alexandria. ALS, in French. 1 p. and

  Enclosure: 15 Fructidor 9 année [2
Coote, camp west of Alexandria, to Brownrigg, congratulating him on the defeat of the French in Egypt, hoping that he has received Coote’s letters recommending his ade, Lieut. Thomas Walsh, and hoping that the Duke of York will consent to Coote’s request to return to England owing to the death of his stepmother. CL, 3 pp.

Robert Hugh Kennedy to Colonel Kempt, concerning the amounts of money received by Coote and entered into Mr Metz’s books and how Coote’s accounts may be ‘adjusted’, adding that four regiments have sent Kennedy their accounts of drawn rations amounting to £1,555 15s. 7d. ALS, 2 pp.

Kennedy’s certificate stating that Coote has lodged his contingent and secret service accounts, amounting to £435 9s., in his office. 1 p.

‘Account of contingent expenses incurred by Major General Coote from 6 May to 20 September 1801’ with the total of his secret service account. 2 pp.

Voucher from James A. Dante, confirming receipt of £550 15s. from Coote. 1 p.

Sketches of camels, with two representations of Egyptian inhabitants, in pencil. By Thomas Walsh? 14 x 21.6 cm. 2 pp.

Sketch of El Buregeat, in pencil and ink. By Thomas Walsh? 18.5 x 23.5 cm. 1 p.

Sketches of a stone sculpture and water or wine vessels, in pencil and ink. By Thomas Walsh? 16.5 x 40 cm. 1 p.

Sketch of the ‘interior of a Turkish coffee house’ showing two men and a hookah, in watercolour. By Thomas Walsh?.

Bundle of letters in Arabic.

Coote, Malta, to Brownrigg, concerning his leave to return to England to transact business the death of his stepmother, concluding that there should be no difficulty since peace was signed between England and France on the 1 October, and again recommending Walsh. 2 pp.

‘Names of the Beys of Egypt’ 4 pp.

[Lieut.-General] H[enry] E[ward] Fox, Malta, to Coote, with orders from Lord Hobart to go to Gibraltar and there to present himself to General O’Hara, the governor and informing him of the corps that are to be under his command. ALS, 4 pp.

Enclosure: Extract of a letter from Brownrigg, horse Guards, to Fox, Malta, ordering reinforcements to Gibraltar. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Extract from a letter from Hobart, Downing Street, to Fox, Malta, ordering that the reinforcements for Gibraltar proceed with all due speed.

Enclosure: Extract from a letter from the Duke of York, Horse Guards, to Fox, informing him that notwithstanding the signed peace, he is to garrison Malta with 6,000 men, Minorca with 5,000, Gibraltar with 5,000, and that the remainder of the army be sent home. He provides a breakdown of the regts to serve in each garrison and particular instructions regarding certain regts and the militia that serve with them. CL, 7 pp.

Enclosure: Composition of ‘General Coote’s corps’, which are to follow him to Gibraltar. 1 p.

Warrant from Fox, Malta, to Coote [Gibraltar], authorising him to convene a court martial at his discretion. ALS, 2 pp.

Four pro-forma assignments from Fox to Capt. William Brooke, 48th regt, assistant paymaster general, to pay a given sum to the recipient. One annotated with ‘or for rent of houses as barracks, or expenses incurred in the department’. 1 p.

Coote, Gibraltar, to Fox [Malta], that he has waited on O’Hara with the various papers that Fox gave him, that Coote found no instructions waiting for him, and states his intention to England. CL, 3 pp.

Memoranda of meetings between Coote and General O’Hara in Gibraltar. 3 pp.

Fox, Malta, to Coote, Gibraltar, enclosing an extract from a dispatch from the Duke of York (not found), concerning the replacement of certain regts, his leave to return to England, and enclosing a return of camp equipage and stores shipped on board the Peace transport, intended for the expedition under his command, but which O’Hara will now probably store in Gibraltar. ALS, 3 pp.

Enclosure: ‘Return of camp equipage and necessaries, shipped on board the Peace transport … destined for the expedition under the command of Major General Coote’.

Fox, Malta, to Coote, informing him that Col. Cradock, who has gone home by land, has left Coote’s grey horse with Fox and promising to...
safely ship him to Coote. ALS, 1 p. and cover.

6/44 Lord Hobart, Downing Street, to Coote, communicating George III’s intention of investing him a knight of the Bath. ALS, 2 pp. 3 April 1802 6912/14/103

6/45 Address of the Mayor, sheriffs and commons of the city of Dublin, to Coote, congratulating him on his return to Ireland, and his successes in Egypt. 2 pp. 30 April 1802

Inside: Coote to the Lord Mayor and corporation of Dublin, thanking them for their address. 2 pp.

The address and answer is ordered to be printed in the Freeman’s Journal, and is signed by Allen and Greene, town clerks. [In need of conservation.]


6/47 Papers concerning the disturbances and state of mutiny in the army in Gibraltar in December 1802. 14 pp. 8 January 1803 6912/14/210

Letter book

See also 19/2

19/3 Copies of letters from Coote at Marabout and Alexandria. Paginated with table of contents, 11 pp. 18 – 26 August 1801 1801 6912/14/141A

Reverse has copies of letters from Coote, at Ipswich, England; Athlone, Loughrea, Castlebar, Fermoy and Cork. Paginated with table of contents, 127 pp. 11 June 1803 – 25 July 1804

Order books

25/10 General orders for the expedition to Egypt, at sea on board HMS Kent. 31 December 1800 – 20 February 1801 6912/14/107

Reverse has ‘list of field officers present and belonging to the regts which compose the 1st brigade’, as well as captains and subalterns rosters. Octavo un-paginated, 246 pp.


Journals and notebooks

‘Journal of Major General Coote, when ordered from Dover’, kept by Lieut. Thomas Walsh during the expedition to Egypt, with numerous maps and sketches. Quarto, paginated, 91 pp.

The following are the plans, maps and sketches in the journal:

- Exercises of the army under Coote, facing p. 3.
- Picto-plan of Nettley camp, facing p. 4.
- ‘A map of Belle Isle from Cassini, August 1800’ appended to p. 7.
- ‘Map of the harbour of Ferrol’, facing p. 11.
- Map showing the town of Ferrol and surrounding area’, appended to p. 11.
- Map of Gibraltar, facing p. 17.
- ‘View of the town of Ceuta, as it appears sailing down the Straights’, facing p. 22.
- Map showing the various forts surrounding Fort Cadiz [sic – Cadiz], facing p. 23.
- Sketch of ‘Tangiers as it appears sailing up the Straights’, facing p. 25.
- Map showing the straights of Gibraltar, facing p. 26.
- Map showing the southeast part of the Spain, the islands of Minorca and Mallorca, and northern coast of Barbary, facing p. 30.
Map of ‘Minorque’. 32 x 40 cm, facing p. 31.

Map of the forts east of Port Mahon, Minorca, facing p. 32

‘Plan of a tower erected at Adaya for a traversing gun, also to receive a garrison of eighteen men and stores and provisions for them for two months, erected in 1800’. 29.5 x 41.2 cm, facing p. 33

Map of the island of Malta. 12.2 x 23.4 cm, facing p. 35.

Map of the town of Florina. 28.5 x 39 cm, facing p. 36.

Map of the islands of Candia and Rhodes, facing p. 45.

Sketch of Marmorice, bearing S.S.E. half a mile. 13.8 x 22.4 cm, facing, p. 47.

Sketch of Marmorice camp, facing p. 48.

Watercolour sketch of ‘Albanian costume’, facing p. 50.

Sketch of the ‘amphitheatre near Macri, the ancient Telmissus’. 15.1 x 28.4 cm, facing p. 52.

Sketch of the ‘remains of a Grecian tomb now lying in the water’. 18.3 x 15.9 cm, facing p. 53.

Sketch of Grecian mausoleum at Marci’, facing p. 54.

Map of Alexandria, the canals and coastline as far as Aboukir. 21.8 x 15.4 cm, facing p. 60.

Order of the march near Alexandria, March 1801, facing p. 63.

Order of the march near Alexandria, March 1801, facing p. 64.

Order of the march near Alexandria, March 1801, facing p. 65.


Positions of the British and French, 6th May, facing p. 74.

Map of Alexandria showing its defences. 17.9 x 30 cm.

Sketch of a monument dug out of the ditch at a redoubt before Alexandria, facing p. 80.

‘British entrenched camp, iv [4] miles from Alexandria, 1 June 1801, under the command of M[aj.]-General Coote’. 41.5 x 63.5 cm, facing p. 81.
‘Sketch of the canal of Alexandria from Beda to Gabile.’ 35 x 35.4 cm, facing p. 82.

Journal of Coote’s expedition to Egypt kept by Walsh, with numerous maps and sketches. Quarto, un-paginated, with several laid-in papers.

July – 14 December 1801

The following are the maps and plans in the journal:

Sketch map of Coote’s landing place in Egypt on 17 August 1801. 25 x 33.8 cm.

‘Plan of operations to the westward of Alexandria by the division of the army under the immediate command of Major General Coote, from the 22nd to 26th August 1801 (inclusive)’ 22.5 x 40 cm.

‘Chart containing Major General Coote’s tract, with the different expeditions under Generals Sir James Pultney and Sir Ralph Abercrombie, together with that of his return from Egypt to England’. 21.8 x 44.7 cm.

The following are the pencil and ink sketches in the journal:

‘A front view of the colossal figure of the Sphynx [sic], with the three pyramids’.

‘North faces of the 1st and 2nd pyramids with the entrance into the former’.

‘View of Gizeh alim Memphis, taken from the island of Rauodha or Rodda.’

‘Defences and fortifications of Alexandria.’ Showing views of the western or Rosetta Gate, Modern Pharos, south west view of the old walls, and semi-circular towers on the west side of the old walls.

‘Pompey’s pillar’

‘Cleopatra’s needle’

Four different methods of drawing water.

‘Sarcophagus of beautiful black granite brought by the French from Cairo to Alexandria and there put on board a ship for France but seized by General Hutchinson …’ beneath which is ‘a germ or scherme, kind of boats for navigating in the Nile’.

‘Mode of carrying water, used over all Egypt’

‘Plan of the Mokkias in the island of Roda near Cairo’.

‘Florina Gate, or Porte des Bombes’.
‘Palace of the Grand-Masters’.

Untitled sketch of the funeral monument of Ralmondo Perellos, 64th Grand Master of the Order of St. John, in St. John’s Co-Cathedral on Malta.

Untitled sketch of the funeral monument of Antonio Manuel Vilhena, 66th Grand Master.

Untitled sketch of the funeral monument of Nicola Cotoner, 61st grand master.

28/8 Ms. journal of Lieutenant Thomas Walsh, which was published in 1803 as Journal of the late campaign in Egypt (London, 1803). Draft, Quarto, un-paginated, 82 pp and 16 pp. laid in.

Reverse: First two pages of foregoing journal in French. 2 pp.

[Walsh’s journal was published as Journal of the late campaign in Egypt: including descriptions of that country and of Gibraltar, Minorca, Malta, Marmorice, and Macri (London, 1803). A copy is in the Clements Library, use call number F2 1803 Wa]

Maps
Oversize maps in the Map Division

Plan of the entrance and port of Ferrol … surveyed by Vincente Tofino de St. Miguel … Ms. 52 x 81.7 cm.

Kauffer, Carte de l’Egypte (Constantinople, 1799). 45.5 x 56.5 cm

Map of part of the coast of Egypt … ([London:] T. Egerton, 1800). 34.1 x 33.7 cm

A chart of the bay of Marmorice … Ms. 32.1 x 40.7 cm

Sketch of the movements made by the troops under the command of Majr. Genl. Coote … Alexandria’. Ms. 37.7 x 30.7 cm.

Thomas Walsh, Plan of Major General Coote’s landing … Alexandria ([London:] Cadell & Davies, 1803). 27.8 x 37 cm.

W. H. Ford, A map of the peninsula of Aboukir. Ms. 24.9 x 92.7 cm.

[Map of the Nile from Alkaam to Giza] Ms. 66 x 32.7 cm.

[Sketch of the harbour of Valletta, Malta.]. Ms. 16.4 x 40.6 cm.

Sketch of the entrance of the harbour [of Valletta, Malta] from the inside.
Pen and ink. 17 x 40.7 cm.
Correspondence

7/1 Copies of letters from Joseph Henry Blake, 1st Baron Wallscourt, to the earl of Clanricarde, concerning the defence of the north west coast of Ireland, numbered 1 to 3. [Coote must have come into the possession of these papers on taking command in the west of Ireland in 1803.]

No. 1. Wallscourt, Ardfry [Co. Galway], to Clanricarde, concerning Clanricarde’s plan for the defence of Ireland, that he will consult with Capt. Hartt (who is in charge of the Revenue cruiser off the west coast) about the coast from Loop Head, Co. Clare, to Killalla, Co. Mayo where a landing could take place, and mentioning that the fisherman of Galway, who number between 500 and 600, are extremely loyal and could be relied on to serve in whatever plan Clanricarde has in mind. CL, 2 pp.

No. 2. Wallcourt, Ardfry, to Clanricarde, reporting his observations on the coast from loop Head to Galway. CL, 4 pp.

No. 3. Wallscourt, Ardfry, to Clanricarde, reporting his observations on Kinvara Bay, Co. Galway and proposing that the castle at Dungurin be converted into a barracks. CL, 2 pp.

1 February – 6 April 1801

7/2 Colonel Alexander Hope, adjutant general, Royal Hospital [Kilmainham], Dublin, to the Duke of York, providing his observations on the defence of the western coast of England, particularly at Ipswich, Suffolk. Has ink and watercolour sketch map (facing p. 6) of the area along the Ipswich river from the coast to Blackenham magna, showing roads and locations of residences, also a sketch map (facing p. 16) of villages and hamlets around Bobbingworth, in Epping Forrest, Essex, showing locations of farmsteads. 17 pp.

[Coote must have come into possession of this when appointed to the commanded of the eastern district in early 1803]

4 August 1801

7/3 Printed ‘copies of circular letters and general orders, applicable to the militia forces, and which have been issued to the army since the period of disembodying the militia’. 10 pp.

21 April 1802 – 12 March 1803

7/4 Minutes of a conversation between Coote and Lord Moira, in London, concerning some difference between them over a vote, and mentioning the Prince of Wales. 3 pp.

22 March 1803

7/5 Minutes of a conversation between Coote and Moira, concerning the difference between them. 2 pp.

24 March 1803

7/6 William Ramsay, Woolwich, to [Coote], informing him of a new type of ammunition invented by Major [Henry] Shrapnel, and asking that Coote say nothing about it until further investigation is carried out. ALS, 2 pp.

9 May 1803
7/7 Lieut.-General J. H. Craig, Colchester, to Sir Eyre Coote, KB, transmitting the private instructions of Sir Charles Grey concerning the defence of the eastern district. CL, 19 pp.

7/8 Sketch map ‘Soundings in the mid-channel of the river Ald, taken at low water in fathoms from the quay of Aldborough [Suffolk] to Eaton Church and from Eaton Church to Snape Bridge in soundings of feet’. 32 x 40.2 cm. 1 p.

7/9 Printed ‘form of the paper to be given in showing the live and dead stock of the [Hundred of Wilford] in the county of Suffolk’, completed in ms. 1 p.

Memorandum concerning livestock at Wilford. 1 p.

7/10 Remarks on the Hundred of Wilford. 3 pp.

7/11 ‘Signals to be made on the church steeple to denote the approach of the enemy’ near Aldborough, Suffolk, 1 p.

7/12 Notebook entitled ‘Defence of Hollesley Bay [Suffolk]’. Has ink and watercolour sketch map of Hollesly Bay (facing p. 3) showing the coast, roads, prominent features of the coast and ‘Alderton[’s] position’. Small octavo, 11 pp.

[There is a version of this in Lydney Park Estate papers, Gloucestershire Record Office, D421/X19].

7/13 Coote, London, to J. Lineith?, North York [regt], informing him that Coote is ordered to Ireland, thanking his brigade for their services. 1 p.

Reverse: Coote, London, to [?] 24th regt of infantry, informing him that Coote is ordered to Ireland and thanking the officers and men of the 24th regt and acknowledging their good conduct. CL, 1 p. [corner in need of conservation]

7/14 Lieut.-Colonel G. MacDonald, 24th regt, Bromwell Camp, to Coote, informing him that he has communicated Coote’s letter of the 29 September to the officers and men of the 24th regt and expressing their regret at hearing of his departure. ALS, 2 pp.

7/15 J. Sibthorp, Bromwell Camp, to Coote, thanking him for Coote’s approbation of the good conduct of his regt and expressing his regret at Coote’s departure. ALS, 1 p.

7/16 Colonel Dundas, Bromwell Camp, to Coote, expressing the regret of the officers and men of the North York regt on learning of Coote’s departure. ALS, 1 p.

7/17 Robert Anstruther, Adjutant General’s Office, Dublin, to Coote, marked 6 October 1803 6912/14/144
‘most secret’, providing him with instructions for the defence of the western district of Ireland. ALS, 10 pp.

7/18 Henry Addington, [prime minister] Richmond Park [London], to Coote, Dublin, Athlone, marked ‘private’, informing Coote that Sir John Cradock has been appointed to the command at Madras [India], which Coote had sought for himself. ALS, 5 pp.

7/19 Capt. George Bridges, Athlone, to Coote, providing his observations on the defence of Galway and the defensive works which he proposes to be built. ALS, 4 pp.

7/20 Sketch map of the town and surrounding area of Galway, showing roads, general location of buildings and proposed location of defensive works, in pencil and watercolour. 26.2 x 33.4 cm. 1 p.

7/21 Sketch map showing Oran or Galway Bay, and the road network from Galway to Kilvara, Co. Clare. Ink. 23 x 18.2 cm. 1 p.

7/22 Grey, Whitehall, to Coote, Athlone, concerning some ‘perils and entrapments’ which Coote had lately experienced, Coote’s failure to succeed Major-General Stuart [at Madras], a false invasion alarm due to the incompetence of a navy captain, and his opinion of the expected French invasion. ALS, 4 pp. and cover.

7/23 Printed ‘general orders’ from Lieut.-Colonel Robert Anstruther, adjutant general, Royal Hospital [Dublin], concerning the army in Ireland. 9 pp.

7/24 Memorandum on the defence of the River Shannon. 11 pp.

7/25 Sketch map show the defensive works and the number of men stationed in them, on the Shannon at Banagher, Co. Offally. Ink. 20 x 32.5 cm. 1 p.

Sketch map show the defensive works, and the number of men stationed in them, on the Shannon at Mellick and Kellogue, Co. Galway. Ink. 20 x 32.5 cm. 1 p.

Sketch map show the defensive works and the number of men stationed in them, on the Shannon at Shannonbridge, Co. Offally. Ink. 20 x 32.5 cm. 1 p.

7/26 Printed sketch of the Grand Canal and the adjacent country from Dublin to the river Shannon. 14.5 x 20.5 cm. 1 p.


Reverse: Copy of a letter from Coote, Loughrea, to Brig.-General Fuller, ordering him in the event of a French landing at Galway, Fuller is to order
the Louth regt of militia from Boyle and the half brigade of artillery from Carrick-on-Shannon to Tuam, French Park and Dunmore, and concerning the artillery he is take with him from Athlone. CL, 1 p.

Lieut.-Colonel Pill, assistant adjutant general, to Fuller, accompanying the above private instructions, giving him additional instructions in case of a French landing. CL, 1 p.

7/28 Printed circular from Coote, Commanding Western District, Loughrea, concerning the regulations that are to apply in the event of a French invasion of the west. 1 p.

Four other copies.

7/29 Coote, Loughrea, to Capt. Lambart and the officers of the Loughrea Clanricarde cavalry, thanking them for their ‘flattering address’ to him, on his departure. CL, 1 p.

7/30 [Robert Dillon, 1st Baron] Clonbrock to Coote, enclosing an address of a meeting of which Clonbrock was chairman, on Coote’s departure from the west of Ireland. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Address from the nobility, lieuts of division, deputy governors, magistrates, etc, Loughrea, to Coote, expressing their regret on Coote’s departure to another part of Ireland. 2 pp.

Inside: Coote, Cork, to Clonbrock, acknowledging his letter and the address from Galway. CL, 1 p.

7/31 Capt. Blake, Loughrea Clanricarde Infantry, Loughrea, to Coote, transmitting the Loughrea Clanricarde Infantry’s address to Coote on his departure from the west. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Address of the Loughrea Clanricarde Infantry, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s departure. Signed by Andrew Nowlan and Anthony Blake. 2 pp.

Inside: Coote [Cork], to Blake and the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Loughrea Clanricarde Infantry, thanking them for their address. CL, 1 p.

7/32 Address of the inhabitants of the town and county of Galway, to Coote, thanking him for his service and regretting his departure. 1 p.

7/33 Col. Frederick Beckwith [military secretary], Royal Hospital, Dublin, to Coote, transmitting copies of letters from Major General Eyre Power Trench, [commander of the sea fencibles at Galway] with an account of the expenses incurred in the building of signal stations on Coote’s orders between Galway and Loughrea, and asking for a report on the building work which exceeded ‘considerably the expense which was expected’. ALS, 2 pp.
Enclosure: Trench, Ballinalsoe [Co. Galway], to Beckworth, transmitting an estimate of expenses of the signal stations between Galway and Loughrea received from General Hill, with Hill's letter. CL, 1 p. 7 February 1804

Enclosure: Brig.-General R. Hill, Galway, to Trench, forwarding the accounts for the building of the signal stations and concerning the payment of workers, outlining how the signal stations are to work in the event of an invasion, and the conditions in the guard houses and barracks. CL, 4 pp. 5 February 1803

Enclosure: ‘Account of expenses by the erection of signal posts between Galway and Loughrea’. 1 p. c. 5 February 1803

7/34 Coote, Cork, to Beckwith, forwarding him a report on the building of signal stations in Galway and Loughrea and concerning the expense of the project. CL, 3 pp. 14 February 1804 6912/14/144

7/35 Beckwith, Royal Hospital, Dublin, to Coote, asking for a detailed report on the circumstances which induced him to build the signal stations between Loughrea and Galway and an explanation of the original estimate of the expense of the project, so that payment can be made. ALS, 3 pp. 18 February 1804 6912/14/144

7/36 Coote to Maj.-General Trench, Ballinasloe, enclosing various papers relative to the signal stations in Galway, and asking him to procure several vouchers from Brig.-General Hill, which must accompany his memorial to the Lord Lieutenant. CL, 1 p. Between 18 and 20 February 1804 6912/14/144

Enclosure: Beckwith, Royal Hospital, Dublin, to Coote (see 7/35). CL, 2 pp.

7/37 Draft memorial from Coote to Philip [Yorke, 3rd] earl of Hardwicke, Lord Lieutenant and General Governor of Ireland, asking that the expense of erecting the signal stations between Galway and Loughrea, amounting to £273 16s. 6½d. be paid. Copy, 1 p. 20 February 1804

7/38 Secret instructions in the event of a French invasion of the south west, providing the number and kind of troops to be stationed at given areas. 14 pp. February 1804 6912/14/144

7/39 Evan Nepeau, Dublin Castle, to Coote, informing him that Hardwicke approves of the payment of the expenses incurred in building the signal stations from Galway to Loughrea, and that the sum will be paid by the Treasury. CL, 1 p. 12 March 1804 6912/14/144

7/40 Beckwith, Commander [of the] Forces Office, Royal Hospital [Dublin], to Coote, transmitting a copy of a letter from Sir Edward Baker Littlehales authorising the expenditure incurred in building the signal stations in Galway, advising him that he include the whole expense in his accounts. CL, 2 pp. 26 March 1804 6912/14/144
Enclosure: Sir Edward Baker Littlehales, Dublin Castle, to Beckwith, authorising the expenditure incurred in building the signal stations in Galway. CL, 2 pp.

7/41 Copy of Coote’s certificate that he has been paid the sum of £273 16s. 6½d. in payment for the erection of signal stations in Galway. 1 p.

7/42 Ten vouchers with the expenses incurred in the erection of the building of signal stations in Galway.

7/43 Brig.-General Hill, Galway, to Coote, transmitting his certificate stating that he has been paid £273 16s. 6½d. for building the signal stations in Galway. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Hill’s certificate. 1 p.

7/44 List of the general and other orders numbered 1 to 14. 1 p.

No. 1. William Raymond, deputy adjutant general, Adjutant General’s office, Dublin, with general orders concerning the camp at the Curragh [Co. Kildare] and the troops that are expected there on 25 July. CL, 7 pp.

No. 2. General Orders, Adjutant General’s Office, Dublin, concerning regulations while in camp at the Curragh. 10 pp.

No. 3. General Orders, Adjutant General’s Office, Dublin, concerning regulations for retreat and the cavalry. 6 pp.

No. 4. General Orders, Adjutant General’s Office, Dublin, concerning regulations for stoppages for bat and forage allowance. 1 p.

No. 5. General Orders, Adjutant General’s Office, Dublin, ordering that the names of officers concerned in supplying provisions to the troops in the Curragh be sent to the deputy commissary general. 1 p.

No. 6. General Orders, Adjutant General’s Office, Dublin, providing the names of the chaplains appointed to battalions in the Curragh. 2 p.

No. 7. General Orders, Adjutant General’s Office, Dublin, concerning the exercise of the troops in the Curragh. 28 pp.


No. 11. General Orders, from Robert Anstruther, Adjutant General’s Office, Dublin, to Coote, concerning the break up of the camp in the Curragh. 6 pp.

No. 12 [not found]


7/45 ‘Proposed plan for recruiting the army and keeping up a constant effective force by enlisting for limited periods’. 2 pp.

7/46 Coote, Cork, to Littlehales, concerning the ownership of and compensation for a ‘wretched cabin’ near a signal station in Galway. CL, 1 p.

7/47 Sketch map of the area surrounding Blarney, Co. Cork, showing Blarney Castle, the village of Blarney, the road network and mountains. Ink. 18.8 x 22.5 cm. 1 p.

7/48 Quarto folio with ‘De Regles, attentions et precautions, qui concernent la presure et la force des camps’. In French. Paginated, 18 pp.


7/49 Quarto paginated folio with ‘different military reports concerning the defence of Ireland’, mostly initialled D[avid] D[undas]. vizt.


‘Memorandum’ concerning the defence of Cork, Kinsale, and Waterford. pp. 26–36

‘Observations on the bays of Bantry, of Baltimore, with the roads leading from them to Cork, etc. with remarks on the several posts on the road which are as follows – copied from a report of Major Vallacey of the Engineers’, and also concerning the fords, bridges and ferries on the River Shannon. pp. 37–57

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‘Memorandum’ concerning Cork harbour, Spike Island, Carlisle Fort, Cove Port and Haulbowlin Island, all in Cork. pp. 57-61

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7/50 Statement of the commissariat expenditure on account of the late encampment at Killady Hill [Cork]’. 1 p. 25 September 1804 6912/14/147

7/51 Rear Admiral T. M. Russel, on board HMS Romney, to Rear Admiral Kikkeet, Dutch Navy, thanking him for the return of English naval officers who had been wrecked on the Dutch coast. CL, 2 pp. 2 December 1804 6912/14/133

7/52 John Cowan, A description of the upper part of the River Shannon … (printed by J. Carrick, No. 10 Bedford Row, Dublin, 1795), has list of subscribers. 14 pp. 1795 6912/14/148

7/53 Frederick [Duke of York], to [John, 1st Baron] Hutchinson, offering him the position of commander-in-chief in Ireland. CL, 1 p. [12 December 1804] 6912/14/97A

Inside: Hutchinson to Duke of York, declining the offer, as he cannot serve in Ireland in an inferior situation and because of his political views which would be at variance with the current administration there. CL, 3 pp. c. December 1804

Inside: Frederick [Duke of York] to Hutchinson, [marked ‘private’] informing him that York was not aware of the political reasons for refusing the position and suggesting that in his public letter to him he might plead health as the reason for refusing the position. 2 pp. c. December 1804

Cover endorsed: ‘To be preserved with great care’.

7/54 Eight (or the King’s) Regiment: Instructions for officers in the Ranks (Printed by John Albin, Newport, Isle of Wight, 1804) 35 pp. 1804 6912/14/132

7/55 Pocket memorandum of the defence of the south west [of Ireland], giving strength of various militia and army regts in different areas. 1 p. 1 January 1805 6912/14/144

7/56 ‘Observations on Cork Harbour and its means of defence’ Paginated, 17 pp. 15 April 1805 6912/14/144

Inside: Ideas upon the defence of the Shannon’. 3 pp.

7/57 ‘Monthly return of the army in Ireland’, providing strength of the cavalry, infantry and militia, signed by Coote. 3 pp. 1 May 1805 6912/14/144
7/58  Warrant from Hardwicke to Coote, authorising Coote to hold courts martial. 3 pp. 14 May 1805 6912/14/145

7/59  ‘Return of the forces at each quarter in the south west district [of Ireland].’ 1 p. 1 June 1805 6912/14/144

7/60  Coote’s ‘Account of extraordinaries for the force under his command’ 1 p. 17 July 1805 6912/14/147

7/61  Coote’s ‘Account of extraordinaries for the general staff and medical officers at Cork’ and ‘for providing passages to Jamaica from Cork’. 1 p. 10 October 1805 6912/14/144

Letterbook

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19/1  Copies of letters from Coote at Cork. Paginated with table of contents, 54 pp. 26 July – 14 November 1804 6912/14/141B


Order books

26/2  General and district orders for the regts garrisoned at Athlone and the western district, Ireland. Octavo paginated, 130 pp. with table of contents. 25 October 1803 – 2 February 1804 6912/14/137

26/3  General and district orders for the regts garrisoned at Dublin, Cork and the south-western district, Ireland. Octavo paginated, 151 pp. with table of contents. 1 February – 12 June 1804 6912/14/138

26/4  General and district orders for the regts garrisoned at Dublin, and the south-western district, Ireland. Octavo paginated up to 133 pp, plus 7 pp. with table of contents. 13 June – 20 August 1804 6912/14/139

26/5  General and district orders for the regts garrisoned at Cork and the south-western district, Ireland. Octavo paginated 152 pp. with table of contents. 21 August – 22 September 1804 6912/14/140

Journals and notebooks

29/1  ‘Journal of Major general Sir Eyre Coote, K.B. etc. commencing Saturday, 11 June – 14 6912/14/142
June 11th, 1803', while in Ireland. Quarto, paginated to p. 12, in total 117 pp.

Maps
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John Bean, *A new hydrographic sketch of the north, south, and middle channels …* (London: Robert Sayre, 1786), The map shows the Thames estuary from Goodwin Sands and Sandwich to Oxford Ness in Suffolk. There are numerous ms. notations showing positions for beacons and guardships with tables of references for each. 53 x 68.2 cm


‘Redoubt for 250 men …’. Ms. 49 x 39.2 cm.

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**Correspondence**

| 8/1 | Lieut.-General [Alexander Lindsay, 6th earl of] Balcarres, Jamaica, to the commander-in-chief, concerning the defence of Jamaica. CL, 9 pp. | 31 July 1800 | 6912/14/161 |
| 8/2 | [Francis Mackenzie, 1st Baron] Seaforth’s speech to the council of assembly of Barbados’. 3 pp. | 14 April 1801 | 6912/14/165 |
| | Seaforth’s speech to the council of assembly of Barbados. 3 pp. | 11 March 1803 |
| 8/3 | G[eorge] Nugent, governor of Jamaica [King’s House], to Major Gould at Messers Atkinson and Co, Kingston, seeking his and other members of Jamaican Assembly’s support to withdraw the black troops and replace them with 5,000 infantry paid for by the Assembly. 2 pp. | 28 May 1802 | 6912/14/162 |
| | ‘Memorandum of the expense for the pay and support of 5,000 troops for one year’. 1 p. | c. May 1803 | 6912/14/162 |
| 8/4 | William Beckwith, Board of Works, Jamaica, to John Tyrrell Esq, concerning the barracks at Stoney Hill, which the Board are refusing to pay for as the works have exceeded what was originally agreed. CL, 4 pp. | 3 September 1802 | 6912/14/161 |
| | Enclosure: Extract of a letter from W[illiam] Bullwck Esq to Lieut.-Colonel Gordon, 85th regt, informing him that the [Jamaican] Board of Works has agreed to the commander-in-chief’s request that the artificers of the 85th regt should carry out the work at Stoney Hill instead of the contracted tradesmen, and transmitting a statement of the work carried out. CL, 1 p. | 12 March 1802 | 6912/14/161 |
| | Inside: Gordon to William Bulwck, in reply. CL, 1 p. | 17 March 1802 |
| 8/5 | J. Heninf?, Savanna-La-Mar, [Westmoreland parish, Jamaica], to [ ], recommending Mr Thomas Pernon to be waiter and searcher due to the death of Alexander Ochterloney Esq. ALS, 1 p. | 2 September 1802 | 6912/14/162 |
| 8/6 | L. Stuart and David Finlayson, Savanna-La-Mar, to [ ], informing him that Mr Ochterlon[e]y, the waiter and searcher in that place, has died and recommending Robert Stewart as his successor. ALS, 1 p. | 6 September 1802 | 6912/14/162 |
| | Reverse: [ ], [Kingstown] to [L. Stuart], stating that the Lieut.-Governor cannot comply with his request as the position has been offered to Mr Hytton junior for the benefit of Mrs. Skinner, widow of Mrs. Nugent’s brother and her child. CL, 1 p. | nd |
| 8/7 | Camden, Downing Street, to [George] Nugent, governor of Jamaica, with instructions to enter licenses for trading between the free ports in the | 3 January 1805 | 6912/14/162 |
West Indies with the Spanish colonies in South America in time of war, and setting the cost of the license at £1. CL, 2 pp.

8/8 Lieut.-Colonel Gordon, Horse Guards [London], to Nugent, enclosing a letter from the Duke of York to Lieut.-General Sir William Myers, concerning promotions in the West India regts. CL, 1 p.

Frederick [Duke of York], Horse Guards [London], to Lieut.-General Sir William Myers, commander of the Windward and Leeward Islands, informing him that the West Indies regts are not to be used as ‘steps for promotion’. CL, 2 pp.

8/9 Camden, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘secret’, informing him that re-enforcements are to assemble in Cork for service in the West Indies and that Coote is to command the force, that a large French and Spanish fleet has sailed to the West Indies, and giving him orders on arriving in Barbados and Jamaica if the French have attacked. ALS, 3 pp. and cover

Enclosure: Camden, Downing Street, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, arranging the convoy to accompany Coote’s re-enforcements for the West Indies and orders for the commanding admiral on his arrival there. CL, 7 pp.

8/10 Frederick [Duke of York], to Coote, informing him that the King has directed that he be the commander of the re-enforcements for the West Indies, the strength of the force, and orders when he arrives. ALS, 7 pp.

8/11 [Edward] Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, enclosing a letter with a copy from Camden to General Myers, which he is to deliver to Myers. AL, 1 p. and cover.

Enclosure: Camden, Downing Street, to Myers, with instructions should the French attack the Leeward Islands or Jamaica. 3 pp.

8/12 [Alexander Lindsay, 6th Earl of] Balcarrs, London, to Coote, expressing his good wishes for his government and providing him with ‘some hints’ for governing Jamaica, particularly regarding the House of Assembly, HM’s Council, the Chancery, the Board of Correspondence, Mr Lyon, who is agent in London and correspondent of the Board of Correspondence, the Attorney General, the Board of Works, and popularity. ALS, 7 pp.

8/13 E[dward] Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘private’, informing him that the French and Spanish fleets are at Cadiz and that ships have been sent from Spithead to Cork, where he is to await final orders, asking him to pay the sum of £11 5s. 6d. fees for his commission as lieut.-governor of Jamaica, and intelligence regarding the French movements in the West Indies. ALS, 2 pp.

8/14 W[illiam] Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, with orders that if on arrival at Madera he receives orders to proceed to the West Indies with a part of
the force, he is to take the 8th and 89th corps to Jamaica. ALS, 2 pp.

8/15 Cooke, London, to Coote, marked ‘private and confidential’ transmitting Camden’s final instructions, wishing him well, asking Coote to write to him at all times, intelligence of French movements, and enclosing his commission as lieut.-governor of Jamaica. ALS, 3 pp.

Enclosure: Camden, Arlington Street [London], to Coote, informing him of the uncertain and contradictory accounts that the British government have received from Cadiz regarding the French and Spanish Fleet, and wishing him well. ALS, 3 pp.

Enclosure: Camden, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘secret’, with additional orders on his arrival in Barbados. ALS, 5 pp.


8/16 Camden, Downing Street, to Coote, ordering him to remain at Cork till further orders. ALS, 1 p.

8/17 Camden to Coote, marked ‘private’, informing him that he is to remain in Cork because the Rochfort squadron of the French fleet has returned to port, which makes it less probable that the Tonlon squadron is gone to the West Indies. ALS, 1 p. and cover.

8/18 Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him of intelligence regarding the movements of the French fleet, that government have suspended orders for Coote’s sailing, and that Camden was ‘hurt’ at reading that Coote had communicated his orders to [William Schaw, 1st Viscount] Cathcart, as no ‘orders are to be communicated to anyone at all’. ALS, 2 pp.

8/19 Printed letter from Lord Seaforth, Pilgrim, Barbados, to the colonels of militia, concerning what they are to do in case the French and Spanish attack the island. 3 pp.

8/20 Copy of a draft letter from Coote to [Camden], explaining that he only stated ‘part’ of his orders to Lord Cathcart, as his superior officer in Ireland, and admitting his fault in so doing. CL, 1 p.

Reverse: ‘The governors of the Carrohane School of Industry take the liberty of enclosing three tickets for the Ball advertised in aid of that institution and hope for the honour of Sir Eyre Coote’s patronage and support’. 1 p.

8/21 Copy of a letter from Coote, Cork, to Cooke [London], thanking Cooke for informing him of Camden’s distress over Coote’s communication with Cathcart, and hoping that his letter to Camden will do away with any bad impression that the event has left. CL, 1 p.
8/22 Camden to Coote [Cork], acknowledging his letter of 11 June and that the matter has been fully accounted for. ALS, 1 p.

Reverse: Coote, Cork, to Camden, in reply. CL, 1 p.

8/23 Camden, Downing Street, to Coote [Cork], informing him that the French and Spanish fleet have sailed to the West Indies, as has Lord Nelson with ten ships of the line, and ordering him to proceed to Barbados with a portion of the original intended force, with a copy of his letter to Myers. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Camden, Downing Street, to Myers, informing him that two regts will re-enforce his position in Barbados, two other regts will follow Coote to Jamaica, and further orders depending on the enemy’s intentions. CL, 2 pp.

8/24 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, Cork, concerning Coote’s adjutant general Capt. Forster of the 96th regt, who is to remain with Coote for as long as Coote desires, and advising him that Lieut. Wyndham should not be left in the West Indies for more than a year, informing him that he will be directed to the West Indies on account of the French and Spanish fleet having arrived at Martinique, and concerning the deputy adjutant and deputy quarter master general offices under his command. 5 pp.

8/25 Frederick [Duke of York], Horse Guards, to Coote, ordering that the 8th, 32nd, 83rd an 89th regts be immediately embarked for the West Indies. ALS, 3 pp.

8/26 Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘private’, informing him that Coote will receive his sailing orders tonight, that Lord Nelson will meet Admiral Dacres’ squadron which he thinks sufficient to annoy any intended landing in Jamaica, that if the enemy has landed in Jamaica additional forces will be sent there, that Coote’s desire for double bat and forage cannot be complied with, desiring to know which engineer he is to take with him, and wising him well for his government. ALS, 3 pp.

8/27 Camden, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘private’, informing him why government decided to send only a portion of the original force destined for the West Indies, stating that he was the fittest person to command them as he had desired the position of lieut.-governor of Jamaica, the disposition of the troops once arrived, and the planned settlement of the Barrack and Ordnance departments in Jamaica on a better footing. ALS, 8 pp.

8/28 Camden, Arlington Street, to Coote, ordering him not to proceed to the West Indies until further orders. ALS, 2 pp.

8/29 Camden, Arlington Street, to Coote, marked ‘private and confidential’, with intelligence from Myers that the French fleet have been seen off Antigua and that Lord Nelson expects that they will return to Europe. ALS, 1 p.
8/30 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, Cork, informing him of the admiralty’s orders to embark for Maderia and there to await further orders, that the government will not order the force at Cork to embark until they have further intelligence as to the number of French and Spanish in the West Indies, and the transfer of certain regts at Cork to General Baird for the Mediterranean. 4 pp and cover.

20 July 1805 6912/14/163

8/31 Camden to Coote, informing him that Camden has been appointed president of the council, and that Lord Castlereagh is to take his place as secretary of state, stating the return of the French fleet from the West Indies has left Coote uncertain as to his orders, but that once Nelson returns Coote will receive definitive orders. ALS, 3 pp.

C. 23 July 1805

Reverse: Draft letter from Coote to Camden, recommending that the four regts remain on board ship because they are likely to desert if disembarked. CL, 1 p.

23 July 1805

8/32 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, marked ‘private’, stating that he is to follow Coote’s example and is to be married to Miss Bennett of Buckingham? in Kent. 'I think, on due consideration, that she is more qualified for the situation of assistant secretary than any other person of my acquaintance. You will be gratified to hear (in as much as it flatters my pride) that an offer has been made from Mr P. to become an additional secretary to the Treasury. On making this known to the Duke, HRH was pleased to observe “that my loss would be a very serious embarrassment to him”. I have therefore declined it’. 3 pp.

10 September 1805 6912/14/164

8/33 Printed order from Nugent ‘to any lawful surveyor’ to survey and lay out unto Charles Hamilton Smith Esq 300 acres of land in the parish of Clarendon, Jamaica. Signed by Nugent and his secretary J. Tyrrell. 1 p.

19 September 1805 6912/14/162

8/34 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, concerning the payment of officers under his command and their bat and forage allowance. 2 pp.

30 September 1805 6912/14/163

8/35 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him that orders have been given for a suite to be readied on board HMS Fishguard, a frigate, for his passage to Jamaica, in case the convoy has already left without him, and that officers who have failed to get passage on board the merchant ships may be accommodated in a transport. 1 p.

30 September 1805 6912/14/163

8/36 Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, concerning the reason why Coote is to travel on board a frigate, giving him ‘hints’ on how to deal with the Jamaican assembly should they refuse any expenditure to him, the leading members, never to give up any point before communicating first with London, and the expenditure of money for military purposes, recommending Mr Hinchcliffe, the judge of the Admiralty in Jamaica as a most estimable man, and thinks that the French will not be concerned with Jamaica as they have ‘too much upon their hands’. ALS, 3 pp.

1 October 1805 6912/14/163

8/37 ‘Statement of monies paid out of the Receiver General’s Office from the

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1st January 1800 to 31st December 1805 … ’. 3 pp.

‘Amount of grants made to the Board of Works from the year 1800 to the year 1805, inclusive for the Barracks and public edifices’. 1 p.

8/38 ‘List of licenses [to trade with Spanish ports in South America?] paid for by Messrs Garnett Hardy and Co. as appears on their books, but many more were paid for at the same rate, which were never entered’. 1 p.

8/39 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, marked ‘private’, recommending the bearer, Mr Lynch, to his patronage. ALS, 1 p.

8/40 Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting a printed copy of the speech with which the lords commissioners opened the session of parliament on Tuesday 21 January with parliament’s addresses thereupon. ALS, 1 p.


Enclosure: Printed extract ‘The humble address of the House of Commons to the King’, 2 pp.


8/41 ‘Return of the barracks in the island of Jamaica with the number of men each is calculated to contain’ Spanish Town. 1 p.

8/42 Circular letter from W[illiam] Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, Jamaica, informing Coote that Windham has replaced Castlereagh as secretary of state for the War and Colonial departments. ALS, 1 p.

8/43 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, authorising the return to England of the 85th regt from Jamaica.

Enclosure: Extract of a letter from Lieut.-General Nugent to Lieut.-Colonel Gordon, recommending that the 85th regt be sent to England, after permitting the privates and volunteers to enter the 55th regt, as both regts have suffered while in Jamaica. CL, 2 pp.

8/44 Windham, Downing Street, to Nugent, transmitting two letters concerning the Board of Health’s measure to prevent infectious diseases in foreign counties. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Sir Stephen Cottrell, Council Office, Whitehall, to Edward Cooke, enclosing a letter from the secretary of the Board of Health concerning measures to prevent infectious disorders in various foreign
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| 8/53| 2 April 1806 | Windham, Downing Street, to Nugent, transmitting the directions of the
Board of Trade that a bounty of 2s. be paid for the importation of salted fish from the Newfoundland fisheries that appropriate provisions should be made in each of the West Indian assemblies thereto, concerning a duty to be placed on all fish imported from the United States of America, and the convoying of ships from the British American colonies to the West Indies. ALS, 7 pp.

8/54 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, acknowledging receipt of his dispatches numbered three to six, and that in consequence of the capture of Brig.-Generals [William] Balfour and Montresor by the French, he is to receive Brig.-Generals [Christopher] Darby and [William] Wilkinson on the Jamaican staff, and that the 54th regt has been ordered to proceed to Jamaica. ALS, 4 pp.

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8/55 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, Jamaica, informing him that the 54th regt of foot with 700 men are to embark for service in Jamaica. ALS, 1 p.

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8/56 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, concerning the memorial of Mr Dyer, agent to the free settlers at Honduras, who desire that Honduras be made a free port and that certain Spanish vessels be permitted to trade with the port. ALS, 3 pp.

4 April 1806 6912/14/168

8/57 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that the King has approved of Brig.-Generals Christopher Darby and William Wilkinson being placed on the staff of the army serving in Jamaica. ALS, 1 p.

5 April 1806 6912/14/164

8/58 Windham, Downing Street, to Nugent, transmitting a copy of the embargo on all Prussian ships trading with British colonies. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Orders of the Privy Council placing an embargo on all Prussian ships, signed by Stephen Cottrell. Copy, 3 pp.

6 April 1806 6912/14/168

8/59 Windham, Downing Street, to Nugent, transmitting papers regarding the prevention of infectious diseases spreading from the colonies. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Stephen Cottrell, Council Office, Whitehall, to Sir George Shee, transmitting a letter from Nugent concerning the outbreak of yellow fever among the seamen of the merchant vessels preparing to go to England, with the Privy Council's desire that special instructions be sent to the West Indies to prevent the fever from spreading. CL, 2 pp.

18 April 1806 6912/14/168

8/60 W. H. Robinson, commissary general, Kingston, to Coote, concerning Robinson's difference of opinion with Coote over who has instructions to provision the army in Jamaica. CL, 4 pp.

25 April 1806 6912/14/165

8/61 Sir George Shee, Downing Street, to Nugent, transmitting the several papers relative to the application of the Prize Act in Jamaica. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Sir George Shee, transmitting papers, including a letter from Mr Hinchliffe, judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court in Jamaica, on the subject of prize goods etc carried 29 March 1806
into that island, and asking that the papers be laid before Secretary
Windham. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: Charles Bishop, Doctors Commons, to the Commissioners of
the Treasury, stating that he has laid the papers of Hinchliffe before the
Advocate General, who has advised that no further action is necessary.
CL, 3 pp.

Enclosure: John Henry Hinchliffe, Kingston, Jamaica, to the
Commissioners of the Treasury [London], with his report concerning the
proceedings relative to prize goods and vessels in the ports of Jamaica.
CL, 7 pp.

Enclosure: J. H. Hinchliffe, Kingston, Jamaica, to W. S. Bourne Esq,
concerning the application of the Prize Act and his desire that any
misconception that the commissioners of the Treasury may have might be
removed. CL, 2 pp.

8/62 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting a copy of an order in
Council placing an embargo on all Prussian vessels trading with the
colonies. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Printed orders of the King in Council. 1 p.

8/63 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, transmitting a letter from Maj.-General
Calvert concerning certain sums of money which have been received by
Captain J[ohn] Holwell, 5th West India Regt for the purpose of
purchasing clothing, but appropriated by him for other purposes, and
ordering Nugent to send a brig.-general to Honduras to investigate the
matter. ALS, 2 pp.

Harry Calvert, Horse Guards, to Gordon, informing him that two
complete suits of clothing for the 5th West India Regt were lost, one
being captured and the other wrecked off the island of St. Domingo, and
as a result Calvert received orders as commander of the regt to purchase
other clothing for the men, which he ordered Holwell to do. But on
noticing certain irregularities, Calvert refused to honour Holwell’s bill.
Asks that the matter be laid before Duke of York. CL, 3 pp.

[Enclosures are numbered 1 to 6].

No. 1. Capt. J. Holwell, 5th West India regt, Bay of Honduras, to Lieut.-
General Calvert, concerning the loss of clothing which Holwell was
responsible for, asking that he contact his family who will repay the loss,
and if not to consent to his selling his commission and being put on the
half pay. CL, endorsed by Richard Connor as a true copy on 19 May 1806
1 p.

Enclosure marked No. 1. J[ohn] H[olwell] to Mr Stephen, stating ‘the bill
drawn by Captain Holwell of the 5th West India regt on General Clavert
for £783 is to be paid, can you tell me where it lies’.
No. 2. Bill for £783 paid by the order of Thomas Davis Esq, on account of clothing due to the non commissioned officers, drummers and privates of 5th West India regt for the year 1802. Signed by John L. Holwell, Honduras. 1 p.

12 March 1805

No. 2 [sic]. Copy of No. 2 above.

No. 3. Major Arthur MacDonald, commanding 5th West India Regt, Belize, to Capt. Holwell, 5th West India Regt, asking him where to find the sums of £500 and £780 owed for clothing to enable him to settle the claims. CL, 1 p.

22 January 1806

No. 3. Capt. J. Holwell, St. George’s Key [sic – Quay] to Major MacDonald, asking him for some time to finish the business he is on before complying with MacDonald’s letter of 22 January. CL, 1 p.

4 January [1805]

No. 5. Extract of a letter from MacDonald, Honduras, to Calvert, informing him that the clothing for the regt has not been settled, and enclosing copies of MacDonald’s letters to Holwell and his reply. CL, endorsed by Richard Connor as a true copy, dated 12 May 1806, 1 p.

26 January 1806

No. 6. MacDonald, Honduras, to Calvert, transmitting a monthly return of the 5th West India Regt for February, and informing him that the bills drawn by Capt. Holwell for the regt’s clothing are protested, that he suspects Holwell has been involved in other irregularities, and stating that his commission will have to be sold in order to compensate the loss. CL, endorsed by Richard Connor as a true copy, dated 19 May 1806, 1 p.

12 February 1806

Undated Memorandum in Coote’s hand with questions regarding the Holwell affair.

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8/64 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, acknowledging Coote’s dispatches numbered 7 to 11, concerning appointments to the Jamaican military staff, mentioning Thomas Walsh, Major Bathurst, concerning Brig.-Generals Balfour and Montresor’s report on their capture, the return to England of officers of the 18th foot for the recovery of their health, and the health and disposition of his government in Jamaica. ALS, 5 pp.

7 May 1806 6912/14/164

8/65 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, acknowledging three letters from Coote marked ‘private’ numbered 5 to 7, concerning the confusion over the appointment of Coote’s nephew, Major Bathurst, to be lieut.-colonel in the King’s German Legion and deputy quarter master general in Jamaica, the failure to accommodate the troops in Jamaica, control of the ordinance, the use of a ship as a hospital for those with fever and ulcerated limbs, that Coote will not be made a general as he requests, that re-enforcements are on their way to Jamaica, recommending Major Campbell of the 54th regt, the succession of brig.-generals in Jamaica on the exchange of Montresor and Balfour, Nugent’s good health on his return, Lord Egremont’s son’s return to England, wishing Lady Coote well and informing him that his comrade Cradock has returned from

7 May 1806 6912/14/164

8/66  Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, ordering him to transmit to the Treasury a return of all Spanish shipping and goods which were taken and sold before hostilities began. ALS, 3 pp.  19 May 1806  6912/14/168

8/67  Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting a copy of an order in Council dated 14 May taking off the embargo on certain Prussian vessels. ALS, 2 pp.  20 May 1806  6912/14/168

8/68  Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting papers and orders that Prussian vessels and those of the town of Papenburg are to be attacked and destroyed, except those exempted by the King’s license. ALS, 1 p.  3 June 1806  6912/14/168


Enclosure: Printed letters of marque for attacking Prussian vessels. 2 pp.

8/69  Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, acknowledging his dispatches numbered 12 to 15, concerning the barracks to be erected in Jamaica, the return of the 2nd West India Regt to Jamaica from New Providence, promotions, and the memorial of Lieut.-Colonel Douglas regarding Lieut. Frend who wishes to become a captain in 55th regt. ALS, 4 pp.  3 June 1806  6912/14/164

8/70  Nugent, London, to Coote, concerning the invalid commissions made by Nugent’s secretary, Tyrrell, while in Jamaica and the subsequent complications regarding the paid fees, and hoping that Coote will comply with his request. Adding that he hopes Coote and his wife are comfortable in Jamaica, informing him that he has declined to replace General Lake as commander in India, that Coote’s name has been mentioned for that position, that both of them have been removed from their regts, Nugent to the 6th and Coote to the 62nd, that many officers are to be taken off the British and Irish staffs, and Windham’s preoccupation with the House of Commons which restricts his attention on the West Indies. ALS, 3 pp.  4 June 1806  6912/14/162

Enclosure: Extract from a letter from Nugent, London, to William Bullock, concerning the commissions that Nugent’s secretary made to certain individuals in Kingston, and informing him that Tyrrell’s report on the same will be sent to him. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: List of men with the value of their commissions or supposed commissions in the Jamaican service. 1 p.  31 May 1806

8/71  Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, acknowledging receipt of his dispatches numbered to 16, concerning the floating hospital for the sick in Jamaica, some matter referred to the Treasury, the trade between Jamaica and the United States in neutral ships, Coote’s plan for reforming the way expenditure is granted for barracks and fortifications vis-à-vis the Assembly, the present barrack situation, the reasons for limiting the
licensing fees for trading on the Spanish Main, and the best place to position a barracks at Maroon town. ALS, 8 pp.

8/72 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him that the Assembly’s twenty-seven acts have been transmitted to the Privy Council and reciting them. ALS, 5 pp.

8/73 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, returning a list of recommendations and promotions transmitted in Coote’s despatch of 22 March, and arrangements for processing the same in the future. ALS, 3 pp.

8/74 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, transmitting a letter from Sir George Shee to Gordon. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Sir George Shee, Downing Street, to Gordon, stating that he has laid Coote’s letter recommending increased pay for Coote’s military secretary before the Treasury, and Windham’s determination to forward the matter with the Secretary of War. CL, 2 pp.

8/75 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, transmitting a copy of a letter from Mr Moore concerning the loss of Brig.-Generals Balfour and Montresor’s baggage and Major Maxwell’s baggage. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: F. Moore, War Office, to Gordon, stating that the amount payable by the War office for loss of baggage is £120, and that application should be made directly to the War Office. CL, 2 pp.

8/76 William James Stance, Fort Augusta, to Lieut.-Colonel Walsh, concerning his appointment to the position of waiter and searcher of the port of Kingston, which he had to relinquish on the arrival of a confirmed officer have arrived from England, that from his various positions he only makes £40 per annum and hoping that Coote will consider him for an ensigncy in the 2nd West India Regt. CL, 1 p.

8/77 Stance, Fort Augusta [Jamaica], to Walsh, stating that he is determined to make a career in the army, hoping to be left with the captaincy of Fort Augusta which he purchased for £700, and makes him only £182 10s. per annum, and concerning the allowances once paid to captains of forts in Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

8/78 ‘Agent General’s charges for the supplies of provisions etc issued to the 2nd West India Regt from 1 April to 30 June 1806’. ALS, 1 p.

‘Statement of monies paid out of the Receiver General’s office from 1st January 1800 to the 31st of December 1805 …’ 1 p.

9/1 John Jacques, mayor of Kingston, to Coote, informing Coote of French residents in Jamaica who are being enlisted into the militia, and seeking ‘measures to relieve the community from the presence of persons of so disaffected and dangerous principles’. ALS, 1 p.
9/2  Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting a letter from Sir George Shee concerning the sale of captured Prussian and Papenburgh ships, and informing him that Joseph Phillimore and Philip Egerton Ottey are to be appointed commissioners to effect their sale. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Sir George Shee, transmitting papers regarding the appointment of commissioners for the sale of captured Prussian and Papenburgh ships in Jamaica. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: J. Phillimore and P. E. Ottey, Doctors Commons, to John King, enquiring whether the commissioners of the Treasury have informed the various colonial governors of their appointment. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: John King, Treasury Chambers, to C. Bishop, King's Proctor, informing them that Joseph Phillmore, Thomas Brockhurst Barclay, Samuel Fellow and Philip Egerton Ottey are nominated as agents for the appraisement of the captured Prussian and Papenburgh ships. CL, 3 pp.

9/3  Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, replying to Coote's despatches of 22 April numbered 16 and 17, concerning the absence of officers from the 60th regt and their recall to Jamaica, the promotion of John McKenzie to a lieutenancy in the 85th regt, and the ensigncy which then becomes vacant. ALS, 2 pp.

9/4  Coote to Stephen Liddle, agent for prisoners of war, Kingston, ordering the arrest of Mon. Gilbert, a Frenchman alluded to the mayor's letter to Coote of 1 July, and his detention on board one of the prison ships in Kingston harbour. CL, 1 p.

9/5  Stephen Liddle, Transport Office, Kingston, to Coote, stating that he has put Antonie Freoraye on board the America Prison Ship, as directed by Coote. ALS, 1 p.

9/6  Admiral J[ames] W. Dacres to Coote, marked 'private', concerning Coote's orders to Lieut. Liddle, which he cannot make as only Dacres can order naval officers, informing him of a convoy sailing from Negul? Bay, and news from Lord Seaforth about French warships. ALS, 3 pp.

9/7  Dacres, Admiral's Penn, to Coote, sending [John] Hinchliffe opinion on the disagreement between Dacres and Coote concerning the authority to give orders to Lieut. Liddle, agent for prisoners. ALS, 2 pp.

9/8  Dacres, Admiral's Penn, to Coote, lamenting that Hinchliffe was not able to resolve the difference between them, and agreeing that the matter be referred to 'superior powers', and stating his objection that no land officer should give orders to any naval officer under Dacres' command. ALS, 3 pp.

9/9  Dacres, Admiral's Penn, to Coote, again stating that the lieut.-governor can send prisoners of war to Liddle, but only Dacres can give him orders, and wishing to leave the matter to be resolved in England. ALS, 2 pp.
9/10 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, replying to his dispatches numbered 17 to 20, referring Coote’s proposal to form a light brigade of field artillery to the Master General of the Ordinance, which, if agreed, must be paid for by Jamaica, that the expense attending the proposal is much greater than expected, enclosing letters from Castlereagh to Nugent (not found) to help Coote determine the exact role of the commissary general in Jamaica concerning the provisioning of the army, and the pay increase for Coote’s military secretary. ALS, 3 pp.

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9/11 Lieut.-Colonel Hamilton, Belize, Honduras, to Coote, transmitting a petition (not found) from the magistrates and respectable inhabitants of Honduras concerning their trade with the United States of America. ALS, 2 pp.

13 July 1806 6912/14/168

9/12 Circular letter from Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, requesting that a more detailed return of the licenses for trade with the Spanish colonies in South America be sent to the Committee of Trade. ALS, 2 pp.

17 July 1806 6912/14/168

9/13 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, in reply to his dispatches numbered 18 to 20, concerning Coote’s reasons for not yet sending the 85th regt to England, promotions and appointments to the army in Jamaica, and the death of Capt. Worsley of the Royal Artillery. ALS, 2 pp.

17 July 1806 6912/14/164

9/14 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, in reply to his dispatches numbered 21 to 24, concerning the return of the 85th regt to England, the cancellation of the appointment of Brig.-Generals Darby and Wilkinson on account of the exchange of Balfour and Montresor, and promotions in the 2nd West India regt. ALS, 3 pp.

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Another copy. 2 pp.

9/15 ‘A list of the vessels condemned to the King with their dates and by what vessels taken’. 1 p.

26 July 1806 6912/14/168

9/16 Coote, King’s House, Jamaica, to Nugent, in reply to his letter of 4 June which Coote felt some uneasiness at the suggestion that Coote was under an obligation to Nugent, informing him that he will gazette the officers whose commissions were not fully dealt with by his secretary, Tyrrell, and mentioning Coote’s accommodation in Jamaica. CL, 3 pp.

1 August 1806 6912/14/161

9/17 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, replying to his dispatches numbered 21 to 35, concerning trade with the Spanish Main, Coote’s unfavourable opinion of the state of the Jamaican militia, the duties to be performed by the commissary general, informing him that Coote’s request for re-enforcements has been delayed because the government does not wish to send them during the ‘unhealthy season’, that Coote’s request for armed vessels to be stationed of Jamaica would not pay for itself, and that the Privy Council cannot see the Assembly objecting to the bounties proposed on British American fish. ALS, 5 pp.

6 August 1806 6912/14/168
9/18  Nugent, Bath, to Coote, recommending Mr Ashley in the parish of Vere, Jamaica, who is going to his estates there. ALS, 1 p.

Reverse: Coote, King’s House, to Nugent, informing him that he will do all in his power to accede to Nugent’s request, informing him of the taking of Curacoa from the Dutch, that the climate does not agree with Coote, and that Lady Coote and her little boy are well with a postscript ‘you promised to write frequently’. CL, 1 p.

9/19  Circular letter from Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting additional papers concerning the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases and requesting to inform him of the healthy situations where the British army might be stationed in the West Indies. ALS, 1 p.

9/20  George Howell, secretary, Office of Public Accounts, to Lieut.-Colonel [Thomas] Walsh, secretary, informing him that the Board of Public Accounts never received any communication from Nugent or the Treasury regarding the appointment of a commissary general, that the only communication on the subject was with Nugent when the Board recommended that the business be conducted by contract, which Nugent declined, and transmitting an extract of the Board’s minutes of 7 January 1803 and a copy of a letter from Tyrrell on the subject of the Board’s proposition. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Minute of a meeting of the Board of Public Accounts, Jamaica, with the Board’s resolution not to transfer their duty of victualing the army to the commissary general. Copy, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Extract from the Board’s minutes of the Board of Public Accounts, with a proposal to contract the provisioning of the army.

Reverse: J. Tyrrell, King’s House, to James Smith, informing the Board that the existing system of provisioning the army is sufficient. CL 1 p.

9/21  Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, replying to his dispatches numbered 26 to 32, concerning the request of Lieut.-Col Hamilton who desires promotion to the local rank of colonel at Honduras, the Holwell affair, the resignation of Major Watling from the 2nd West India regt and the succession of Lieut. Bradley, Coote’s instructions to Montresor on his going to Honduras, the Duke of York’s refusal to allow men form the 85th regt volunteer into the artillery, the expense incurred for Balfour’s and Montresor’s exchange, and Coote’s uncertainty when the rest of the 85th regt will sail for England. ALS, 4 pp.

9/22  Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, transmitting a letter from the paymaster general, and the Duke of York’s opinion that Coote has acted according to precedent and without a desire to assume more authority than Coote is vested with, but that the full pay has not been agreed by parliament, and therefore Coote is to acquiesce with the opinion of the paymaster general. ALS, 1 p.
Enclosure: D. Thomas, Pay Master General’s Office, Whitehall, informing him that he has received a warrant from Coote directing that orders be given to the deputy paymaster general at Jamaica to pay the general staff and medical officers their full pay, and asking that the Duke send out his directions to the governors. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: Coote [Jamaica], to N. Salmand, deputy paymaster general in Jamaica, directing him to pay the general staff and medical officers in Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

9/23 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, asking him to transmit to the Privy Council an account of the quantities of provisions and lumber imported into Jamaica between 1794 and 1805 from the United Kingdom, the colonies and the United States of America. ALS, 3 pp.

9/24 Richard FitzPatrick, War Office, to Coote, Jamaica, requesting him to provide a rate of allowance for Capt. Simon of the European garrison for postage and stationary. ALS, 1 p.

9/25 William Pitcairn, Custom House, Port Antonio [Jamaica], certifying that he has received the sum of £500 for paying the bounties on fish imported from the British American colonies. ALS, 1 p.

9/26 Brig.-General Charles Shipley, commanding Royal Engineers, West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, to Coote, with his observations on Nugent and Rock Forts. ALS, 20 pp.

‘General observation respecting the coast batteries, Jamaica’. nd

9/27 G. Delavand, in the secretary’s absence, Custom House, London, to Rt Hon. Nicholas Vansittart, informing him that as a result of the irregularities of Mr Wells, a collector is to be appointed pro tempore in Demarard, and that proper instructions should be given to governors to require such officers to require security. CL, 2 pp.

9/28 G. R. Hutchinson, Custom House, Kingston, to Col. Walsh, concerning receipts issued to the Treasury for their information. ALS, 1 p.

9/29 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting an order in council authorising governors in the West Indies to permit the importation of staves, lumber and other provisions. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Printed orders in Council permitting the importation of certain provisions to the West Indian colonies. 2 pp.

Another copy. 2 pp.

9/30 Circular letter from Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, ordering him to relinquish control over the sale of captured Prussian vessels and goods to agents appointed by the Treasury. ALS, 1 p.
9/31  N. Vansittart, Treasury Chambers, to Coote, Jamaica, informing him that he is to receive within the next three months £1m dollars from Messrs Gordon and Murphy & Messrs Reid and Irving and Co., merchants of London, contractors to supply certain quantities of dollars, which is to be applied for the King's service. ALS, 1 p.

9/32  Sir George Shee, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting a letter from the Treasury concerning the conduct of Mr Salmond, the deputy paymaster general in Jamaica.


Enclosure: D. Thomas, Pay Office, Horse Guards, to George Harrison, transmitting a copy of the minute of a meeting of the paymaster general, which he desires him to lay before the commissioners of the Treasury. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: 'Copy of paymaster general's minute of 29th August referred to in Mr Thomas's letter to Mr Harrison dated 30 August 1806', concerning Coote's unfavourable opinion of Salmond, that Salmond's conduct has been diligent and faithful, that Salmond did act contrary to his instructions by not informing Coote of the deputy Salmond had appointed in his place, though had the approbation of the paymaster general, and that Salmond is only answerable to the paymaster general in London. Copy, 7 pp.

9/33  Circular letter from [Charles Grey] Viscount Howick, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting an order in council to permit the importation of livestock into the West Indian colonies. ALS, 1 p.

9/34  Howick, Downing Street, to Coote, replying to his dispatches numbered 36 to 48, concerning the death of Capt. Dyson of the Royal Engineers and Coote's request that more officers from that corps be sent to Jamaica, his opinion on the dispute between Dacres and Coote that Coote cannot give orders to the agent for prisoners, the proceeds of captured Spanish vessels and Coote's imposition of an embargo on all foreign ships. ALS, 3 pp.

9/35  Circular letter from Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, transmitting a copy of a letter from the deputy secretary at War relative to the pay that may have been received by assistant surgeons as hospital mates beyond the dates of their appointment, and asking Coote to give orders for the reimbursement of the pay. ALS, 1 p.

9/36  Lieut.-Colonel Hamilton, Belize, Honduras, to Coote, concerning the memorial of the inhabitants of Honduras, recommending that slat beef and pork be permitted to enter Honduras from the United States of America, enclosing a letter that Hamilton received from the magistrates on the subject, that the settlers feed their 'Negroes' with salted pork, and that the 'Negroes' on the plantations are distressed for want of salted-
pork. ALS, 3 pp.

Enclosure: ‘Memorial and petition of the subscribers … settled in Honduras’ to Coote, seeking permission to import wet provisions, flour etc. from the United States to Honduras. Signed by fifty-two people. ALS, 3 pp.

9/37  Brig.-General Henry Trucker Montresor’s report to Coote, concerning the Holwell affair, and state of the defences of Honduras. ALS, 40 pp.  12 July 1806

9/38  Copies of correspondence relative to the conquest of Buenos Ayres and the claim preferred by an agent of the Philippine Company to the dollars captured there and remarks on the strength of the forces in the Isle de France’. 16 pp.

Charles Fraser, Flamouth, to Windham, stating that he has been pursuing commercial pursuits in the Spanish colonies for the past twenty years and willing to provide intelligence, and providing him with ‘an actual’ sketch of the state and productions of Buenos Ayres and Paraguay, which follows.

Fraser, Lincoln’s Inn, New Building No. 3, to Windham, concerning the Indians in South America, and the Royal Philippine Company.

30 September 1806

Thomas Amyet, private secretary to Windham, Downing Street, to Fraser, informing him that Windham had directed a note to him at Falmouth, and thanking him for the information he has supplied which Amyet will forward to Windham, who is in Norfolk, but in a postscript asking Fraser to meet Amyet in Downing Street to discuss the matter.

Information of Fraser regarding the Philippine Company and the £1 m dollars at Buenos Ayres, with a covering letter from Fraser to Amyet.

2 October 1806

Windham, Downing Street, to Fraser, stating that he will not be able to meet him as he goes to Norfolk.

25 September 1806

[Windham] to Col. Crawford, concerning the strength of the Spanish forces at the Isle of France.

22 October 1806

Note from Sir J. H. Hipplesey to Sir John Cox, with Fraser’s state of Buenos Ayres and of the memoranda of the various disadvantages the British government labours under there, and concerning the importation of staves and lumber from that place.

Copy of correspondence from a relation of Angus MacDonald’s Esq many years resident in South America and laid before Lord Grenville in October 1806 in order to invalidate the claim preferred by the Philippine Company for dollars taken at the capture of Buenos Ayres, by the army and navy under the command of General Beresford and Sir Home Popham’. 3 pp.
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Enclosure: W. Fawkener, Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade, Whitehall, to Shee, transmitting a copy of a minute of the Committee’s resolution concerning the importation of provisions from the United States of America into the Bay of Honduras, and to transmit the same to Windham who is to inform Coote. CL, 2 pp.

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Enclosure: George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Shee, concerning the proceeds of Spanish property captured previous to the declaration of war with Spain, transmitting to Shee the report of the King’s Proctor, an extract of the minute of the Treasury Board of the 8 November, and informing him that the Treasury have suspended any decision to pay £1,500 or £2,000 Jamaican currency to Mr Moloney or to pay any rewards to the captors until an account of sales is transmitted to the Treasury. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: Copy of the report of the King’s Proctor. Copy, 6 pp.


Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting an order in Council dated 26 November 1806 authorising Mr William Tudor to import ice and snow from the United States of America into the islands of Jamaica, Barbados and Antigua. ALS, 1 p.

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Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, in reply to his dispatches numbered 33 to 43, concerning the embarkation of the 89th regt for England, a schedule of promotions which are to be dealt with, the proposed appointment of a garrison or town adjutant at Honduras which cannot be complied with, another schedule of promotions, payment of Mr Pherson of the 2nd West India Regt by Capt. Carr of the 83rd regt, the volunteers that Coote had allowed to join the artillery in Jamaica which cannot be allowed, the appointment of Assistant-Surgeon Bacon to the 2nd West India regt, Major Drummond’s return to England to be replaced by General Darby, the resignation of Lieut.-Colonel Irving as deputy muster master general and Coote’s appointment of his military secretary Capt. Foster in his stead which cannot be complied with as the King has already
appointed lieut.-Colonel Myers of the 70th regt to that position, more promotions, the discharge of Drummer William Shiffer of the 60th regt, acknowledging his two private letters, stating that Capt. Worsley has been removed from the 85th regt and that Lieut. Vallancey will be noted for promotion after some time has been elapsed. ALS, 6 pp.

9/48 Charles R. H. Ross, HMS Pique, Port Royal, to Coote, transmitting intelligence regarding the situation and military defences of Carthagena. ALS, 2 pp.

9/49 G[ordon], Horse Guards, to Coote, marked ‘private’, concerning ‘the idle’ rumours about the Duke of Sussex, transmitting a copy of his memorandum regarding the proposed floating hospital in Kingston harbour, his opinion of the Board of Health’s report on the same, enclosing a note from Capt. Shore thanking Coote for his kindness in promoting his brother-in-law in Jamaica, his opinion of the power of the French on the continent, and mentioning the war between France, Turkey and Russia. 5 pp.

Enclosure: Copy of Gordon’s memorandum concerning a floating hospital in Kingston harbour. 5 pp.

Enclosure: Alexander Shore, Ibbotson’s Hotel, London, to Gordon, informing him that Gordon’s recommendation of his sister’s husband, Mr Lynch, has been ‘attended with the most happy consequences’ and expressing his thanks to Coote. ALS, 1 p.

9/50 Circular letter from Fredrick [Duke of York], Horse Guards, to Coote, to yield to the acquiescence of the paymaster general to withhold payment to the general staff and medical officers, as it has not and will not be agreed by parliament. ALS, 2 pp.

9/51 Remarks relative to a proposed attack on Peru to secure the trade of Buenos Aries, by Brig.-General Shipley. 3 pp.

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9/52 Memorandum relative to the revenue of Buenos Ayres, by Shipley. 5 pp.

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9/53 Remarks relative to the Spanish colonies in South America, by Shipley. 4 pp.

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9/54 ‘General observations relative to the island of Auracoa, demonstrating its peculiar commercial and political importance, by Shipley 9 pp.

9/55 ‘Remarks relative to South America’ by Shipley. Endorsed: ‘transmitted to
Generals Beresford and Gower’. 8 pp.

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9/56 Copy of a letter from Lord Seaforth, lieut.-governor of Barbados, to Hon. Miles Braithwaite, concerning the defence of Barbados. 25 pp.
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9/59 Note calculating the ‘duty paid in England upon 300 hogsheads of sugar’. 1 p.
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9/60 Cover with memorandum in Coote’s hand regarding the militia in Jamaica. 1 p.
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9/61 Card with a minute of Coote’s conversation with Camden, Melville and Castlereagh. 1 p.
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9/62 ‘Schedule of papers left with General Villette’s’. 1 p.
nd 6912/14/161

9/63 Memorandum on ‘Comparative Rank in America’, 1756, and the rank and precedence of officers in America, 1764. 3 pp.
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10/1 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, in reply to his letters numbered 60 to 69, concerning Coote’s efforts to reduce expenses in the West Indian colonies, bounties on British American fish, and the duties of the commissary general in Jamaica. ALS, 2 pp.
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10/2 Dacres, The Penn, to Coote, informing him of the capture of Curacoa by Capt. Brisbane. ALS, 1 p.
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Reverse: Coote to Dacres, thanking him for his letter, and informing him that he yesterday received the news of the capture of Curacoa by Brisbane and ‘his gallant little squadron’. CL, 1 p.
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10/3 Circular letter from Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting an order in Council concerning the prohibition of trade between British colonial ports with those of France. ALS, 1 p.
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Enclosure: Printed orders in Council to prevent trade with any port belonging to France or its allies 1 p.
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10/4 Dacres to Coote, informing him that the capt. of the Superceiure? Will take his dispatches and desiring a discussion with Coote on the capture of Curacora when they next meet. ALS, 1 p.
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10/15 Circular letter from Shee, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting copies of the plan of finance that was laid before the House of Commons on 29 January. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Printed plan of finance ‘to provide for the means of maintaining the honour and independence of the British empire’. 3 pp.

10/16 Dacres, Port Royal, to Coote, concerning arms for the militia which are being delivered by ship to various named places. ALS, 1 p.

10/17 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, marked No. 12, in reply to Coote’s letters numbered 72 to 76, concerning trade with the United States of America, the admission of salted beef and pork to Honduras, the state of the gunboats at Honduras, and the state of the forts and ordinance in Jamaica. ALS, 3 pp.


Enclosure: Lieut.-Colonel Frederick Smith, Royal Artillery, Jamaica, to Board of Ordinance [London], transmitting a return of the artillery and ordinance under his command in Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: ‘Return of the brass and Iron ordinance … under the immediate charge of Lt.-Col. Smith, Royal artillery’ in Fort Charles, Port Royal and other places in Jamaica.


Enclosure: Capt. Edward Crofton, HM Sloop Snake, Downes, to [ ], concerning the settlement at Honduras and the disposition of the army and militia there. CL, 10 pp.

10/18 Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘no. 13’, transmitting a copy of a letter concerning the shipment of dollars to Jamaica. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: N. Vansittart, Treasury Chambers, to Shee, marked ‘secret’, asking that a receipt be issued by Coote for receipt of dollars that are to be sent to Jamaica. CL, 1 p.
10/19 Account of the Battle of Eglau between the Russians and French on 8 February 1807. Sketch map with detailed plan of the battle of Eglau, in ink and colour. 2 pp.

10/20 ‘Account of the Prussian officers respecting their movements’ by Lieut.-Colonel Bathurst. 31 pp.

10/21 Richard FitzPatrick, War Office, to Coote, approving of the payment of £10 per annum to Capt. Simon, commanding the European Garrison Company for postage and stationary. ALS, 2 pp.


10/23 Draft letter from Coote to Gordon, concerning the floating hospital in Kingstown harbour, Mr Lynch whom Gordon had recommended, the war in Europe, informing him that he is to commence a tour of militia inspections, Coote’s desire to obtain the rank of major for Capt. Foster, and the climate which does not agree with him. CL, 3 pp.

10/24 Dacres to Coote, concerning his return from Curacoa and hoping to hear of the welfare of Lady Coote and himself. ALS, 1 p.

Reverse: Coote to Dacres, informing him that the ship intended for supplying arms to the militia was not sufficiently large for that purpose and is now waiting for a vessel for that purpose, and that Lady Coote and ‘the young one’ are well in Port Henderson. CL, 1 p.

10/25 Circular letter from Windham, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him of the bill passing through parliament of the immediate abolition of the slave trade and desiring that he ‘render its effects as beneficial as possible’, reassuring the anxiety of those who have ‘a great interest at stake’. ALS, 3 pp.

10/26 Lieut.-Colonel Hamilton, Belize, Honduras, to Coote, concerning trade between Honduras and the United States of America, enclosing a letter from the magistrates of Honduras, that the distress of the inhabitants still continues, that Coote’s proclamation allowing a limited trade should be extended by eight months, and suggesting that a custom house officer might be stationed in Honduras to prevent smuggling between Honduras and the United States of America. ALS, 3 pp.

Enclosure: Hamilton, Belize, to Magistrates of Honduras, asking them to form an opinion respecting the necessity of allowing the importation of provisions from the United States of America, at Coote’s request. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: Six magistrates, Court House, Honduras, to Coote, reporting the distress of the island for want of salted provisions from the United States of America. CL, 1 p.

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States of America and outlining why they cannot import the same from England. ALS, 3 pp.

10/27 Circular letter from Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him that he has replaced Windham as secretary of state for the colonial and war departments. ALS, 2 pp.

10/28 Various accounts of monies owed to Coote as governor of Jamaica. 6 pp.

Draft return of lodging money due to Coote. 1 p.

Return of Green Forage money due to Coote for the quarter ending … 1 p.

Amount of contingent expenses incurred by Coote from 1 January 1807 – 31 March 1807. 1 p.

Memorandum showing the amounts of money owed to Coote, Walsh and Capt. Worsley. 1 p.

Accounts of Coote as governor of Jamaica. 1 p.

Another copy, with slight differences. 1 p.

10/29 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, in reply to Coote’s dispatches numbered 48 to 56, concerning permission for Lieut.-Colonel Drummond to discharge Sergt. Klein whose period of service has expired, the demotion of seven white sergeants to privates in the 2nd West India regt and Coote’s recommendation that they be allowed to transfer to any other corps, the failure of the 99th regt to return to Jamaica from the Bahamas due to sickness, the general court martial of Paymaster Price of the 55th regt, the debt of Lieut. Barrett of the 18th regt and his sister Martha Fahy of Clonmel [Co. Tipperary, Ireland], the want of hospital mates in Jamaica, General Balfour and other members of the court martial staff, and Balfour’s explanation for the loss of his baggage. ALS, 6 pp.

10/30 Circular letter from Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him that in future he is not to issue warrants for the payment in advance of staff officers. ALS, 2 pp.

10/31 Circular letter from Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, directing him to provide the commissary at Jamaica with quarterly or musterly returns of the number of forces supplied with provisions and stores, which are to accompany the commissariat accounts, by order of the Treasury. ALS, 2 pp.
Enclosure: George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Shee, transmitting a copy of the report of the comptrollers of army accounts dated 13 February 1807.

Enclosure: J. M. Leake and K. King, comptrollers of army accounts, Comptroller's Office [London], to the Treasury, outlining their report on various papers laid before them relative to the purchase of provisions. CL, 3 pp.

10/32 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked 1, in reply to Coote’s dispatches numbered 77 to 85, concerning the buildings intended to be erected in lieu of a floating hospital, bedding supplies for the barrack at Up Park, the appointment of revenue officers at Port St. Anne, the specie from Carthagena intended for the Treasury, the return of recruits to the West India regts, Coote’s dissolution of the assembly in consequence of their vote in favour of Vice Admiral Sir John Duckworth, the augmentation of Coote’s secretary’s pay, the specie on Jamaica, the likelihood of a ‘Negro’ insurrection, the arrival of ‘French Negroes’ from St. Domingo which Coote is to investigate, Coote’s request for reinforcements, requesting that Coote continue to send returns of the quantities of lumber imported into Jamaica, General Pimock’s appointment to a seat in the Council of Jamaica and leave of absence for Mr Beresford and Mr Scott. ALS, 6 pp.

Enclosure: Extract from a letter from George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Sir George Shee, regarding the pay of Coote’s military secretary. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Stephen Cottrell, Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, Whitehall, to Shee, asking that Coote continue to send returns of the quantities of lumber and provisions imported into Jamaica. 2 pp.

10/33 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that the 18th regt of foot, about 700 strong are under orders for Jamaica, and that Coote will detach a sufficient force to garrison to Island of Curacoa. ALS, 1 p.

10/34 James Pullines, War Office, to Coote, acknowledging his letter regarding the supply of specie for certain corps in Jamaica. ALS, 1 p

10/35 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that an allowance of £60 will be paid to Balfour for the loss his baggage. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: F. Moore, War Office, to Gordon, informing him that an allowance of £60 will be given to Balfour for the loss of his baggage. CL, 2 pp.

10/36 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that the War Office cannot comply with Coote’s request that Balfour receive forage allowance. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: F. Moore, War Office, to Gordon, informing him that the War
Office will not pay Balfour’s allowance of forage money, because he is no longer a member of the house staff and that he should apply to Coote for the money. CL, 2 pp.

10/37 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, requesting information about Lieuts. Hinckeldy and Lieut. De Bosse and their positions in Jamaica. ALS, 1 p. 30 April 1807 6912/14/164

10/38 Dacres, HMS Shark, Port Royal, to Coote, regarding the transport of various regts around the West Indies, which he cannot undertake until the summer convoys have left, and apologising for not acquainting Coote of a sailing to Barbados and transmitting a letter to General [Henry] Bowyer. ALS, 3 pp. 2 May 1807 6912/14/167

10/39 Dacres, The Penn, to Coote, informing him that the Reindeer will sail to Honduras and carry his dispatches, the transportation of the 2nd West India regt, agreeing with Coote that military and naval commanders should cooperate with each other, and other news. ALS, 2 pp. 5 May 1807 6912/14/167

10/40 Castlereagh, Downing Street, Coote, marked ‘No. 2’, informing him that twenty-nine acts have been laid before the Privy Council, and reciting them. ALS, 7 pp. 7 May 1807 6912/14/168

10/41 Castlereagh, Downing Street, Coote, marked ‘No. 3’, informing him that those colonies who have not made provision for granting a bounty for the importation of Newfoundland fish will be excluded from participating in the scheme. ALS, 1 p. 7 May 1807 6912/14/168

Enclosure: William Fawkener, Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade, Whitehall, to Edward Cooke, concerning the same. CL, 3 pp. 5 April 1807

10/42 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, with more about the Treasury’s order accompanying his letter of the same date (above), and authorising him to depart from the orders if provisions are urgently required. ALS, 2 pp. 7 May 1807 6912/14/168

10/43 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘No. 4’, in reply to his dispatches numbered 86 to 93, concerning the transportation of ‘disaffected Negroes’, the memorial of Kingston’s merchants to have a free commercial intercourse with Curacoa, the lease of Lynch Island by the Naval commissioner, and the placing of a garrison on Curacoa. ALS, 3 pp. 9 May 1807 6912/14/168

Enclosure: Fawkener, Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade, Whitehall, to Cooke, permitting the merchants of Kingston to trade with Curacoa. 4 May 1807

10/44 Dacres, HMS Veteran, Port Royal, to Coote, concerning thirty-three suspicious or dangerous characters apprehended in Kingston that Dacres says are not prisoners of war, except for two of them, refusing to accept them on board the prison ships, and explaining the circumstances of they being previously on board the Bath Prison ship. ALS, 3 pp. 19 May 1807 6912/14/167
10/45 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘No. 5’, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Treasury requesting quarterly returns of the number of men in each station so that provisions can be sent to them accordingly. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Edward Cooke, requesting that the governors of the colonies in the West Indies supply the commissaries with quarterly returns of the number of men in each station. CL, 2 pp.

10/46 W. H. Robinson, commissary general, Kingston, to Coote, thanking him for his permission to be absent in England for six months, and stating that Robinson is responsible in the first instance to government, as is the person appointed to deputise for him. ALS, 2 pp.

10/47 Circular letter form Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him that the Treasury has discontinued the practise of ‘letting canteens for the enrolment of officers holding military commands’. ALS, 2 pp.

10/48 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, in reply to his dispatches numbered 59 to 68, concerning Coote’s recommendation that Balfour be made governor of the island of Curacao, but which has already been filled by Sir James Cockburn, the claims of Brig.-General Montresor and Brigade Major Gorreguer, the claim for a sum of money owed by Lieut. Richard of the 60th regt to J.C. Eggbrecht, Lieut. Hogg’s court martial, the discharge of soldiers in the 6th battalion of the 60th regt whose period of service is up, schedules of promotions, and leave of absence for Major McDonald. ALS, 4 pp.

10/49 William Huskinson, Treasury Chambers, to Coote, concerning the delivery of half a million dollars from Vera Cruz, and asking that quadruple receipts be sent when the money is received. ALS, 1 p.

10/50 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, in reply to Coote’s dispatches numbered 69 to 74, concerning Lieut.-Colonel Hor[s]ford’s return to England for his health, the court martial of Major Wharton of the 6th battalion of the 60th regt, the position of General Carmichael, the memorial of Lieut. Gregory of the 18th foot for promotion, and the mental derangement of Capt. Brown of the 55th regt. 3 pp.

10/51 Simon H. Clark, Retirement, St. James’s, to Coote, thanking Coote for his congratulations on being elected to the legislature, concerning his shipment of sugar to England via America, the prospect of opening a trade between Jamaica and the United States of America, his intention of meeting ministers in England to alter the colonial trading arrangements, his intention to support Coote’s government on his return, the issues that the assembly will deal with in the next session including salaries for assistant judges, schools, the consolidated slave law and abolition of slavery. ALS, 7 pp.
George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Coote, with orders to discharge Mr T. Burke's bills when paymaster general of the 5th regt of the Irish Brigade, and transmitting various papers relative thereto. ALS, 2 pp.  

Enclosure: Copy of a Treasury minute concerning Mr Burke's claims. 2 pp.  

Enclosure: J. King, Comptroller's Office, to the Treasury, concerning the claims of Mr T. Bourke [sic], paymaster of the 5th regt of the Irish brigade. CL, 2 pp.  

Enclosure: Copies of bills drawn on Mr Burke in 1797. 2 pp.  

Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked 'No. 6', informing him that the Treasury have ordered the continuance of the bounty on Newfoundland fish imported into the West Indies to 1 August 1808. ALS, 2 pp.  


Extract from a letter from Fawkener, Council Office, to Cooke, regarding the sending of regular supplies from Ireland to the West Indies. CL, 2 pp.  

Circular letter of Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him of the King's orders in council to permit the importation of staves and lumber into the West Indies and the British colonies in North America for a limited time.  

Stephen Cottrell, Council Office, Whitehall, to Cooke, transmitting orders in council for the importation of staves and lumber into the West Indies and the British colonies in North America for a limited time. CL, 2 pp.  


Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked 'No. 7', in reply to Coote's dispatches numbered 99 to 103, concerning the removal of invalid soldiers, Coote's recommendation that Falmouth become a free port, the importation of salted beef and pork into Honduras, the leasing of Lynch Island, the fortifications on Jamaica and the reluctance of the Assembly to pay for barracks. ALS, 3 pp.  

Enclosure: William Marsden, Admiralty Office, to Cooke, with the Admiralty's decision to fit out the Coramandel as a convalescent ship for Jamaica. CL, 1 p.  

Enclosure: Cottrell, Office of Committee of Privy Council of Trade, to Cooke, approving of Coote's refusal to allow neutral ships to enter the port of Trelawney, and the Committee's favourable opinion that Falmouth should be a free port. CL, 3 pp.
Enclosure: Cottrell, Office of Committee of Privy Council of Trade, to Cooke, approving the importation of beef into Honduras, and recommending that enquires be made with into supplying slated beef and pork from Ireland. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Cooke, consenting to the lease of Lynch’s Island subject to the original terms of the lease. CL, 2 pp.

11/3 Printed Regulations to be observed by the Medical department and in the hospitals on the Island of Jamaica, head quarters, King’s House. Signed in ms. by C. Foster, assistant deputy adjutant general. 1 p.

Another copy. 1 p.


11/5 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘No. 8’, informing him that there was some dissatisfaction among the White settlers of the Bahamas owing to the garrisoning of a Black regt there, but that they will remain there as white troops have suffered from the Bahamian climate, and ordering Coote to closely observe the conduct of the black regts that are stationed in the Bahamas. ALS, 3 pp.

11/6 ‘Return of the officers, con-commissioned officers and privates of the detachment of the 99th regt and marines killed and wounded on the 29 July 1807’, signed by Henry FitzGerald. 1 p.

11/7 John Lewis Mallet, Audit Office, Somerset Place, to Coote, asking Coote to transmit his accounts from 29 July to 10 October 1805, amounting to £1,560 14s. to his office by 1 November. ALS, 3 pp.

11/8 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Medical department relative to Coote’s demand for hospital mates in Jamaica. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Extract from a letter from M. Knight, Army Medical Board Office, to Francis Moore, stating that because of the want of recruits to the medical staff, he cannot comply with the request to send medical staff to the West Indies. CL, 1 p.

11/9 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, in reply to his dispatches numbered 75 to 84, concerning Holwell’s intention to resign his commission and the Duke of York’s intention to court-martial him, the allowance of pay in advance to be made to staff officers returning to England, the Duke of York’s approval of the sentence of Paymaster Price’s court martial, the absence of officers of the 18th regt, the resignation of Brevet Major Campbell of the 60th regt, the allowance of green forage for the
regimental paymaster in Jamaica, schedules of promotions, the resignation of Hospital Mate Clacker, Ensign’s Yates desire to transfer to any corps in Jamaica, which is refused, and the discharge of Private Simon Regan from the 18th regt. ALS, 5 pp.

Enclosure: Adjutant General to Gordon, explaining the absence of officers from the 18th regt, and naming those officers who are to remain in England for recruiting purposes. CL, 3 pp.

Enclosure: Return of officers [of the 1st Battalion, 18th or Royal Irish regt] who are absent without leave and officers of the 1st battalion doing duty …’ Spanish Town, Jamaica. 1 p.

11/10 Francis Graham, to ‘Gentlemen’ concerning his charges for wagons to transport provisions. CL, 1 p.

Atkinson Bosse and Co., Kingston, Jamaica, with remarks on the carriage of provisions for the army in Jamaica. 5 pp.

11/11 Gordon, House Guards, to Coote, concerning the removal of invalid soldiers from Jamaica. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Cooke, Downing Street, to Gordon, informing him that a communication has been sent to the Admiralty and the Transport service to give all assistance for the removal of invalid soldiers from Jamaica. CL, 2 pp.

11/12 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘No. 9’, in reply to his letters numbered 104 to 111, concerning trade between Honduras and the United States of America, the establishment of the a custom house in Honduras, approving of a subscription of £150 for building a bridge over the River Belize, appointments to and resignations from the Jamaican Council, Montresor’s claim for expenses for his mission to Honduras, and permission to allow Mr Robinson, paymaster general, to return to England for six months. ALS, 3 pp.

11/13 George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Coote, desiring that Coote explain why he has claimed £300 lodging money, the exceedingly high charge for provisions and rum at Honduras, and ‘novel charges’ that have appeared in his transmitted accounts from 21 February to 31 March 1807. ALS, 2 pp.

11/14 Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, ordering him to appoint the commissary to undertake the duties of barrack master on the island of Curacoa, in place of Mr Harwood who was appointed barrack master by Sir C. Brisbane. ALS, 2 pp.

11/15 Weekly state of the forces under the command of Lord Cathcart, headquartered on the island of Zealand. 3 pp.

11/16 Stations proposed for detachments of militia cavalry in the island of

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Jamaica, in the event of alarm or invasion together with the strength of the regiments, cavalry and infantry, as inspected by Coote, in the summer of 1807. 4 pp.

11/17 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that General Skerrett has been transferred from Newfoundland to Jamaica. ALS, 1 p.

11/18 Circular letter from Castlreagh, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him of the embargo laid on all Danish ships intending to enter any British port or British colony. ALS, 1 p.


11/19 Coote, Kings House, to Castlreagh, concerning the position of the naval officer in Jamaica, which on the death of Mr Innes, was discovered to be a patent office and held by John King, Queen Street, Westminster, that King never appeared in person to discharge his duties as required by law and his patent, that Coote refused to accept King’s previous appointments, asserted the right of nomination as the prerogative of the Crown, and appointed King’s deputy, Mr Robertson, to that place. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Legal opinion of John Hinchliffe concerning the appointment of Mr King as naval officer. 2 pp.

Inside: Legal opinion of William Ross concerning the same. 1 p.

11/20 Robert Sutherland, Port au Prince, Haiti, to William Ross, attorney general at Jamaica, concerning British naval ships that attacked the port of Jeremie, Haiti, and the political and military power of Generals Petion and Christophe on Haiti. CL, 3 pp

Enclosure: Seventeen merchants, Palace Prince, Haiti, to Dacres, desiring protection as a result of the attack at Jeremie. CL, 3 pp.

Enclosure: Memorial of the merchants and British subjects outlining the attack at Jeremie, Haiti on 20 August 1807. CL, 6 pp.

11/21 Case of Elizabeth Bowen otherwise Elizabeth Bowen Murray, a free person of colour, of the parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica, who died intestate in September 1804, and concerning the governor’s proportion on escheating the estate. Copy, signed by William Ross, 6 pp.

11/22 ‘State of the army under the command of General Sir Ralph Abercrombie’ and ‘state of the army under the command of General Sir J. Hutchinson’. 4 pp.

11/23 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, in reply to his dispatches numbered 85 to 94, concerning Coote’s request for re-enforcements and the disposition of the troops in the West Indies, Balfour’s claim for green and forage

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money, leave of absence for Capt. Edwards of the 5th West India Regt, the resignation of Holwell, the discharge of Private Mersheim of the 6th battalion, 60th regt, orders for a court martial, ‘worn-out’ soldiers who are to serve for life in the West Indies, schedule of promotions, the death of Lieut. De Bosse and the resulting promotions. ALS, 5 pp.

11/24 Circular letter from Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, concerning the proposal of John Cross of the Island of Nevis to supply the Leeward Islands with pickled and salted fish from Nova Scotia, ordering Coote to provide a report on the feasibility of the proposal, and transmitting papers thereto. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Cooke, asking that the enclosed papers be laid before Castlereagh, and that appropriate orders be given to the governors in the West Indies. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Cottrell, Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade, Whitehall, to Harrison, stating that the committee cannot recommend Crosse’s proposal considering their previous decisions regarding the importation of fish from the United States of America, but asks that the West Indian governors provide reports on the feasibility of Crosse’s proposal. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Henry Stokes, agent to John Tobin Crosse, Norton’s Court, Frogmorton Street [London], to the Lords of the Treasury, with Crosse’s proposal to supply fish from Nova Scotia to the West Indies. CL, 2 pp.

11/25 Memorandum concerning Coote’s orders for the disposition of the army and militia in the event of an invasion. 5 pp.

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‘Stations proposed for detachments of militia cavalry in the island of Jamaica …’ 5 pp.

11/26 Henry A. Scott, Island engineer, Spanish Town, to Coote, with his report on the state of the forts and batteries on Jamaica. ALS, 7 pp.

11/27 Circular letter from Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, enclosing an act for the abolition of the slave trade (not found) and desiring him to inform the judges of the admiralty court of the provisions of the act relating the disposal of slaves captured as prize goods. ALS, 2 pp.

11/28 Dacres, Admiral’s Penn, to Coote, stating that he does not object to Coote’s laying before the House of Assembly Dacres’ letter refusing to take up the suspicious person which Coote requested him to do. ALS, 1 p.

11/29 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘No. 10’, in reply to Coote’s letters numbered 115 to 129, concerning the importation of salted fish into Honduras, approval for building a hospital ship and the erection
of buildings and barracks at Honduras, the gun boats at Honduras, the necessity of troops at Grand Caymanynas [sic – Grand Camans Islands], the specie supplied by Messrs Gordon and Murphy, Coote's attention to the militia, forts and batteries in Jamaica, and ordering an enquiry into the dispositions of Mr Sutherland and the contending parties on St. Domingo. ALS, 4 pp.

Enclosure: W. W. Pole, Admiralty Office, to Cooke, transmitting a letter from Dacres to the Admiralty with intelligence from St. Domingo. CL, 1 p.

Dacres, HMS Shark, Port Royal, to Marsden, concerning the attack made by Petion on 'the black general' Christophe, and Mr Sutherland, the agent for the British merchants there, who supplied gun powder and other warlike stores to Petion. CL, 2 pp.


11/31 Henry Wellesley, Treasury Chambers, to Coote, ordering him to take receipt of a quantity of dollars delivered by Gordon and Murphy, from the registrar of the High Court of Admiralty at Jamaica, and to supply receipts thereof. ALS, 1 p.

11/32 Joseph Paul, Pay Office, Kingston, to Walsh, informing him that Mr Salmand, the paymaster general, did not receive vouchers accompanying Coote's contingent accounts, that Salmand has taken his letter books with him to England so that the matter cannot be checked but enclosing copies of the accounts (not found) kept by Salmand. ALS, 2 pp.

11/33 Legal opinion of Sir John Nichols and Sir Vicary Gibbs on the case of Sir Mordaunt Martin, bart., concerning the patent granted to Sir Mordaunt Martin for some office. 2 pp.

11/34 Report of the Committee of the Board of Ports and fortifications, King’s House, relative to Fort Nugent. 5 pp.

11/35 Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Coote, asking him to sent dollars to Barbados via the navy, endorsed: ‘this letter never received in Jamaica’. CL, 2 pp.

11/36 Circular letter from Hawkesbury, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him that the King has granted letters of marque against Tuscany, Naples, Ragusa and the Seven Islands and other places in the Mediterranean occupied by the French, and ordering that the same may be made public. ALS, 3 pp.

11/37 Frederick [Duke of York], Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that the King has agreed to his urgent request to leave the governorship of Jamaica owing to his health, and has appointed General Villettes to succeed him. ALS, 1 p.
11/38 Frederick [Duke of York], Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that in future the European Garrison in Jamaica is to be stationed in the Bahamas, there being no European troops there, and ordering him to send that regt to New Providence. ALS, 1 p.

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11/39 Gordon, Horse Guards, to Coote, marked ‘private’, informing him that the Duke of Manchester is to relieve Coote in his civil duties and Lieut.-General Villettes in the military, the former to leave in the course of the month, the latter in January or February, mentioning Downing Street’s refusal to follow many of Coote’s recommendations, news of the British attack on Copenhagen and its consequences, and asking him to send ‘a few carved cocoa nut shells’. ALS, 4 pp.

5 November 1807

11/40 J. King, Comptroller’s Office, Whitehall, to Coote, informing him that the Duke of Portland had granted King leave of absence not to go to Jamaica when he was appointed patentee naval officer in Jamaica. CL, 3 pp.

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11/41 Frederick [Duke of York], Horse Guards, to Coote, concerning the make up of the European Garrison company. ALS, 2 pp.

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11/42 Circular letter from Hawkesbury, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him of the appointment of commissioners for the sale of captured Danish vessels. ALS, 1 p.

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Enclosure: Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Cooke, transmitting papers on the appointment of commissioners for the sale of captured Danish vessels. CL, 1 p.

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Enclosure: Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Charles Bishop, Proctor General, requesting that he appoint commissioners for the sale of captured Danish vessels in the West Indies. CL, 6 pp.

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11/43 Frederick [Duke of York], Horse Guards, to Coote, concerning the court martial and sentencing of Lieut. George Samuel Friend. ALS, 3 pp.

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11/44 Circular letter from Hawkesbury, Downing Street, to Coote, enclosing a copy of the London Gazette and other printed papers ordering the blockade of all French ports. ALS, 2 pp.

23 November 1807

Enclosure: Supplement to the London Gazette, number 16,087, pp. 1,529-1,532 with the King’s orders in Council for the blockade of French ports and other measures. 4 pp.

16 November 1807

Enclosure: Printed ‘form of a certificate’ for a vessel that desires to enter a restricted port under the (above) order, and permitting it to sail to any other port, to be signed by the collector and comptroller of the port where the ship entered. 1 p.

Enclosure: Printed ‘instructions to the commanders of His Majesty’s ships of war and privateers [and others] … for carrying into execution … [the
King’s orders] of 11 November 1807, signed by Hawkesbury. 1 p.

11/45 Address of the Council of Jamaica to Coote, on his expected departure from the governorship of Jamaica. 2 pp.

Coote to the Council of Jamaica, thanking them for their address on his intended departure. CL, 2 pp.

11/46 Address of the Assembly of Jamaica to Coote, on his expected departure from the governorship of Jamaica. 2 pp.

Coote to the Speaker and members of the Assembly, thanking them for their address on his intended departure. CL, 2 pp.

11/47 Hamilton, Belize, Honduras, to Coote, transmitting an application from the merchants of Honduras to extend permission for importing salted beef and pork from the United States of America. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Six magistrates of Honduras to Coote, asking for an extension of eight months to trade with the United States of America, informing him that trade between Honduras and the United States of America has not answered the settlers’ needs owing to the differences between Britain and the United States, and the inundation of their own provisioning grounds. ALS, 2 pp.

11/48 John Perry, Spanish Town, to Coote, reporting the impossibility of one person supplying pickled and dry fish to Jamaica, as proposed by John Tobin Crosse. ALS, 2 pp.


Enclosure: The London Gazette, number 16,092, pp. 1,613-1,620 with the King’s additional orders in Council for the blockade of French ports and other measures. 4 pp.

11/50 Dicks, Orr and Clark, Kingston, to Walsh, concerning the contract to supply dollars for the government’s use, and informing him that they are willing to pay Gordon and Murphy’s proportion of the contract. ALS, 1 p.

11/51 Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the city of Kingston, to Coote expressing their regret at Coote’s departure from the governorship of Jamaica. ALS by John Jaques, chairman, 1 pp.

Coote, King’s House, to the freeholders and inhabitants of the city of Kingston, thanking them for their address on his departure from the governorship of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

11/52 Major Henry Darling, 99th regt, New Providence, to Coote, transmitting a
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11/62 Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the government of Jamaica, signed by George Clark, chairman. ALS, 2 pp.

Coote, King’s House, to the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas, thanking them for their address on his departure from the government of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

11/63 Address from the Registrar, Masters and solicitors of the High Court of Chancery of Jamaica, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the government of Jamaica, signed by Kill. Ramsay, register in Chancery. ALS, 1 p.

Coote, King’s House, to the Registrar, Masters and solicitors of the High Court of Chancery of Jamaica, thanking them for their address on his departure from the government of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

11/64 Circular letter from Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting an order in Council stating that nothing should be construed from the orders of 11 November to permit any vessel to import anything from the enemy’s colonies in the West Indies to Britain. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Copy of the orders in Council concerning the same. 3 pp.

11/65 ‘Inspection return of the 2nd West India regt of foot, inspected by Brig.-General Darby …’. 4 pp.

‘Report of the 2nd West India Regt inspected by … Darby at Fort Augusta …’ 2 pp.

11/66 Address of the clergy of Jamaica, Spanish town, to Coote expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the government of Jamaica. ALS, 2 pp.

Coote, King’s House, to the clergy of Jamaica, thanking them for their address on his departure from the government of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

11/67 Memorandum for the information of the governor of the island of Jamaica, King’s House, giving Coote’s advice on how the civil and military governments should be conducted in Jamaica, Honduras, Grand Cayman, New Providence and Bermuda. Signed by Coote, 8 pp.

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<td>Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Trelawny, to Coote expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by James Stewart, chairman. ALS, 1 p.</td>
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Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Vere, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by William Stimpton, chairman. ALS, 2 pp.

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Coote, King’s House, to the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Vere, thanking them for their address on his departure from the governorship of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

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Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. James, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by John N[ ]t, chairman. ALS, 2 pp.

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Coote, King’s House, to the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish St. James, thanking them for their address on his departure from the governorship of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

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Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Portland, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by Thomas Oakley senior, chairman. ALS, 1 p.

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Coote, King’s House, to the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish Portland, thanking them for their address on his departure from the governorship of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

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Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. David, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by William Weir, chairman. ALS, 1 p.

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Address from the Custos, freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by Simon Taylor, chairman. ALS, 2 pp.

Coote, King’s House, to the Custos, freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas, thanking them for their address on his departure from the governorship of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Ann, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by William Parke, chairman. ALS, 1 p.

Coote, King’s House, to the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Ann, thanking them for their address on his departure from the governorship of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘No. 12’, delivered by the Duke of Manchester who is to succeed him as governor of Jamaica, informing him of the King’s approbation of his conduct, and asking him to inform Manchester of all points relating to the government of Jamaica. ALS, 2 pp.

‘Inspection return of the 55th regt of foot, inspected by Brig.-General Balfour …’. 4 pp.

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‘Inspection return of the 85th regt of foot, inspected by Brig.-General Balfour …’. 4 pp.

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Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, marked ‘No. 11’, in reply to Coote’s dispatched numbered 130 to 146, concerning Coote’s conduct towards the Musquito Indians, the continuance of an allowance to the widow of Mon. D’Auacourt, approval for Mr Nemblend to join the Jamaican Council, Mr Giddes memorial, the conduct of the Jamaican assembly, and the management of the garrisons of Curacoa, the Bahamas and Honduras. ALS, 3 pp.

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Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. George, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by William Orgile?, chairman. ALS, 1 p.

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Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Clarendon, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by Dillon Turner, chairman. ALS, 1 p.

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Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Hanover, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the governorship of Jamaica, signed by George Binham, chairman. ALS, 2 pp.

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Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. John, to Coote, expressing their regret at Coote’s approaching departure from the
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Coote, King’s House, to the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. John, thanking them for their address on his departure from the governorship of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

12/23 Memorandum from Messrs Dick, Orr and Clark concerning Jamaican trade with Mexico. 1 p.

12/24 Brig.-General Carmichael, Montego Bay, to Coote, with a report on the 1st Battalion, 60th regt. CL, 6 pp. 
Copies of orders numbered 1 to 3, for the officer commanding the Western District.

No. 1. J[oseph] Twigg with orders from Brig.-General Carmichael, concerning an investigation into Hospital Fund and regimental accounts of the 1st battalion, 60th regt. Copy, 1 p.

No. 2. J. Twigg with orders from Carmichael, ordering that books and documents that have been withheld from the enquiry be transmitted. Copy, 1 p.

No. 3. Twigg to Lieut.-Colonel Baring, 1 Battalion, 60th regt, ordering him to deliver the books and accounts of his regt to Major Marthon. CL, 1 p.

12/25 Edward P. Lyon, Devonshire Place, to the Committee of Correspondence, Jamaica, concerning resolutions of the Assembly which he has transmitted to the British ministry, his meeting with the Duke of Clarence, that the address of the Assembly will soon be laid before the King, the report of the Assembly’s committee on sugar duties, the Assembly’s request for white re-enforcements, Mr Rose’s bill proposing to allow the admission of Brazilian and Portuguese imports into Jamaica, the expected capture of the Danish colonies in the West Indies, and transmitting a copy of the proceedings of the West India Committee of Planters and Merchants of London. CL, 5 pp.

12/26 Address of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, to Coote expressing their thanks for Coote’s economy as governor of Jamaica, signed by Abraham Hodgson, chairman. ALS, 1 p.

Coote, King’s House, to the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, thanking them for their address on his departure from the governorship of Jamaica. CL, 1 p.

12/27 Dacres, HMS Shark, Port Royal, to Coote, concerning Coote’s refusal to pay Alexander Grant, contractor for subsisting the prisoners of war at Jamaica, his account of fuel and water expenses. ALS, 2 pp.
Alexander Grant, Victualling Office, Port Royal, to Dacres, concerning the same. CL, 2 pp. 23 February 1808

12/28 Ms. quarto folio entitled ‘Abstract of decrees and orders made in the several causes that were argued in the High Court of Chancery of Jamaica during the time His Honour Sir Eyre Coote, … presided as Chancellor’. 26 pp. 21 May 1806 – 24 February 1808

12/29 ‘Further memorandum relative to the defence of Jamaica’, signed by Coote, 6 pp. February 1808 6912/14/165

Another copy. 4 pp.

12/30 Carmichael, Kingston, to Coote, transmitting Carmicaheal’s confidential report on the 1st battalion, 60th regt. 1 March 1808 6912/14/174B

Enclosure: ‘Confidential report of the 1st battalion inspected by … Carmichael commanding the Western District …’. 2 pp. 26 January 1808

‘Inspection return of the 1st battalion, 60th regt of foot, inspected by General Keppel …’. 2 pp. 26 January 1808

12/31 Dacres, HMS Shark, Port Royal, to Coote, informing him that Alexander Grant will stop supplies of wood and water to the Prison ships if he received no order from either Coote or Dacres, and Dacres’ determination not to give such an order. ALS, 1 p. 1 March 1808 6912/14/167

Grant, Victualling Office, to Dacres, concerning the same. CL, 2 pp. 29 February 1808

12/32 Three memoranda concerning Coote’s finances. September 1807 – March 1808

[Statement of accounts to …] 2 pp. 24 September 1807

‘Statement of accounts to 21 February 1808’. 1 p. 21 February 1808

‘Statement of accounts to 18 March 1808’. 1 p. 18 March 1808

12/33 Seven receipts or vouchers relating to Coote’s private expenses as governor of Jamaica, and one memorandum with calculations. 24 June 1806 – 11 April 1808

12/34 Card detailing the ‘Distribution of the troops in Jamaica’. Signed by Major Foster. 1 March 1808 6912/14/169A

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| 12/38 | Two bound Quarto volumes of *Addresses presented by the Honourable the Council, the Assembly … to … Sir Eyre Coote … on his expected departure from that island …* (Printed by John Lunan, printer to the Honourable the Council, St. Jago de La Vega, 1808). Missing pp. 24-7. Another unbound copy. | Post 5 April 1808 | |
| 12/39 | Coote to Hon. S. Taylor, enclosing his plan for the defence of Jamaica, intended for his successor. CL, 1 p. | 6 April 1808 | 6912/14/169B 6912/14/161
| 12/40 | Lieut. A. Scott, Royal artillery, King’s House, to Capt. Foster, concerning the intended stationing of troops at Annalto Bay in Jamaica. CL, 2 pp. | 10 April 1808 | 6912/14/169A
| 12/41 | Extract of a letter from Lieut.-Colonel C. Myers to [?], concerning the renovations of a barracks at Annalto Bay. CL, 1 p. | 25 August 1807 | |
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| 12/45 | J. Shand, Spanish Town, to Coote, concerning the assembly’s health laws on tetanus or lockjaw in ‘Negroes’. ALS, 2 pp. | April 1808 | 6912/14/161
| 12/45 | [ ] to Sir Arthur Wellesley, concerning the Prince of Asturias and the ‘bloodsuckers’ he has appointed in the colonies, and the reception a British force might expect if they were to invade the Spanish colonies. CL, 6 pp. | 16 June 1808 | 6912/14/174A
12/46 Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Coote, requiring a detailed account of monies received by Eyre Coote as governor of Jamaica. ALS, 1 p. 25 June 1808 6912/14/165

12/47 John Lewis Mallet, Audit Office, Somerset Place, to Coote, informing him that some of the vouchers Mr Salmond has sent regarding Coote’s Jamaican accounts are deficient and requiring Coote to rectify the matter. ALS, 3 pp. 18 July 1808 6912/14/165

12/48 Coote, Gloucester Place, London, to Castlereagh, concerning his claim for £1,000 equipage money incurred while at Cork in 1805, which he is only now claiming. CL, 3 pp. 28 July 1808 6912/14/97A

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Memorandum concerning Coote’s claim for £1,000, containing a random note on the funeral of Lady Bath. 4 pp.

12/49 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, stating that he cannot make a decision on Coote’s claim for £1,000 equipage money. ALS, 1 p. 6 August 1808 6912/14/168

12/50 Memoranda of meetings between Coote, Lord Castlereagh, the Duke of York and Lord Chatham, concerning Coote’s desire to serve in some operation. 6 pp. 21 June – 10 August 1808 6912/14/27

12/51 Coote, No. 47 Gloucester Place, London, to [John Pitt, 2nd] earl of Chatham, informing him of his opinion of Brig.-General Shippley’s report on the defence of Jamaica, which he thinks deficient. CL, 1 p. 15 August 1808 6912/14/161

12/52 [?] to Coote, Hotwells, Bristol, hoping that Coote will recover from the effects of his fall, and giving news from Jamaica mentioning Dacres, General Villettes, a mutiny in the black corps, and French designs on the West Indies. ALS, 4 pp. and cover. 14 September 1808 6912/14/165

12/53 ‘Statement given by the authority of the Secretary at War for the guidance of the storekeeper general’, concerning camp equipage. 3 pp. Received 26 September 1808 6912/14/169B

12/54 Simon Taylor, Kingston Jamaica, to Coote, concerning the poor reception Coote has received on returning to England, Taylor’s opinion on British treatment of the colonies, the intentions of the Jamaican assembly, Coote’s kindness to his family, the war in Europe, and Bonaparte and the Catholic Church. ALS, 2 pp. 15 October 1808 6912/14/165

12/55 J. Shand, Spanish town, Jamaica, to Coote, with news from Jamaica. ALS, 4 pp. 16 October 1808 6912/14/165

12/56 Lord Cathcart, Satten Hall, by Heddington, to Coote, concerning Coote’s health, stating that he would be happy to have Coote serve with him again if the occasion arises, mentions the war in Spain, and Coote’s daughter, Sarah’s ‘delicate’ health. ALS, 3 pp. 28 October 1808 6912/14/169B
12/57 J. Shand, Spanish town, Jamaica, to Coote, with news of the proceedings from the House of Assembly. 4 pp. and cover. 20 November 1808 6912/14/165

12/58 Memorandum in Coote’s hand concerning a meeting he had with Cathcart relative to his claim for £1,000 equipage money. 4 pp. 1 December 1808 6912/14/168

12/59 Portion of a letter from J. Shand, Spanish Town., to Coote, 47 Gloucester Place, London, concerning a dispute between the Jamaican Assembly and the Duke of Manchester. ALS, 3 pp. 10 December 1808 6912/14/169B

12/60 Portion of a letter from J. Shand, Spanish Town., to Coote, expressing his regret that Coote received a cool welcome from ministers in London, Shand’s opinion of their limited knowledge of Jamaica, the ordering of the arrest of General Carmichael over his actions during the mutiny of the 2nd West India regt and the continuing troubles in that colony. ALS, 4 pp. c. December 1808 – January 1809 6912/14/165

12/61 Sir John Moore’s general orders issued in Portugal, concerning operations there. 8 pp. 18 October 1808 – 9 January 1809 6912/14/200

12/62 Minute of a conversation with Lord Camden concerning Jamaica. 3 pp. 23 January 1809 6912/14/21

12/63 Shand, Spanish town, Jamaica, to Coote, Gloucester Place, London, expressing his happiness that Coote is to command in Spain and Portugal, concerning the ‘design of the people of Buenos Ayres for independence’ and other affairs in the Spanish colonies, the black soldiers and slaves in Jamaica, and the Assembly. ALS, 6 p. 16 April 1809 6912/14/165

12/64 Shand, Spanish town, Jamaica, to Coote, Gloucester Place, London, concerning the dispute which has arisen in Jamaica over the application of the money for the army, and the continuing dispute with Carmichael. ALS, 4 pp and cover. 29 April 1809 6912/14/165

**Letter books**


Reverse has copies of letters from Coote to Edward Cooke. Paginated with table of contents, 3 pp. 19 January – 19 March 1806

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26/8  General orders for the regts garrisoned in Jamaica. Octavo paginated, 215 ff., then sequentially from 216-229 pp. with table of contents. 5 June 1804 – 18 February 1808 6912/14/150B

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28/9  ‘Memoir relative to the island of Jamaica, showing the nature and strength of the country, the situation of the retreats and military posts, together with the dispositions and general plan of defence established in 1782 by Major General Archibald Campbell, governor and commander in chief’. Quarto, paginated, 84 pp. 1782 6912/14/173

28/10  Small un-paginated memoranda book containing the subjects of letters addressed to the secretary of state, the Duke of York, Master general of the ordinance, and Lord Hawkesbury. 12 pp. Reverse: various memoranda on politics in Jamaica and estates on that island. 6 pp. 1806-8 6912/14/160

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29/21  Notebook with ‘Account of contingent expenses incurred by Major General Sir Eyre Coote and staff …’. Octavo, un-paginated, 17 pp. 25 September 1803 – 5 April 1808 6912/14/172B

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13/13 Edward Couche, deputy commissary general, Portsmouth, to Coote, informing him that Commissary Wright will resume his duties under Coote’s command tomorrow morning. That Wright requires clerks, that Wright has received no communication from the commissary general with respect to pecuniary affairs, and that 40,000 dollars has only been received. ALS, 1 p.

13/14 ‘Proposed disposition for the attack of the island of Walchere, etc’. 12 pp.

13/15 Francis Burrowes, deputy inspector of hospitals, Portsmouth, to Coote, requesting that the commissary general supply tea and rice for sick soldiers, which were omitted in the supplies. ALS, 2 pp.
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13/16 Coote, Portsmouth, to Commissioner Brown, ordering that tea and rice be sent from the Naval hospital. CL, 1 p.

13/17 Printed ‘Arrangements adapted to extensive embarkations of troops in His Majesty’s ships or transports principally applicable to transports’. Endorsed with Coote’s name and containing the flag signals in watercolour for the various brigades for the Walcheren expedition. 16 pp.

13/18 ‘Effective strength of the left wing of the army, under the command of Lieut.-General Sir Eyre Coote’. Spithead. 1 p.
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13/19 ‘Effective strength of the army, under the command of the Earl of Chatham’. 4 pp.

13/20 Robert Brownrigg, quarter master general, HMS Venerable, to Coote, marked secret, informing him of the new landing places on Walcheren and the numbers to be disembarked, and enclosing the information of two pilots. ALS, 4 pp.
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13/21 Minutes of a communication between Admirals Sir R. Strachan and Orway, and Coote, on HMS Venerable, concerning the difference between them as to when the expedition should sail. 2 pp. 27 July 1809 6912/14/192

13/22 Signed articles of capitulation for the town of Middleburg, in English and Dutch. 6 pp. 31 July 1809 6912/14/192

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13/23 Two cards showing the make-up of the brigades and divisional commanders. c. July 1809 6912/14/192

13/24 Disposition for the left wing of the army under the command of … Coote … in the event of a landing taking place in the vicinity of Domburg. Signed by Brig.-General Sontag. 4 pp. c. July 1809 6912/14/193

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13/25 Memorandum concerning the batteries before Flushing. 1 p. c. July 1809 6912/14/193

13/26 Colonel Sontag’s statement of the state of defence of the Island of Walcheren and also the situation of the batteries etc. in the month of September 1800’ with a plan of attack on the same. 7 pp. c. July 1809 6912/14/192

13/27 Coote, West Souburg, to Chatham, reporting the progress of the Left wing of the army from its disembarkation at Bruland to its arrival before Flushing. CL, 2 pp. 1 August 1809 6912/14/193

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13/28 ‘Return of killed, wounded and missing of the left wing of the army, under the command of … Coote’. 1 p. 1 August 1809 6912/14/192

13/29 ‘Terms of capitulation of the fortress of Rainmahins’ with strength of the garrison there. 1 p. 3 August 1809 6912/14/192

13/30 Coote, West Souburg, to Lieut.-Colonel D’Arcy, commanding engineers before Flushing, requiring to know why D’Arcy has concentrated his energies on breaking ground in the centre and not on the flanks of his position before Flushing. CL, 1 p. 7 August 1809 6912/14/194

13/31 ‘Effective strength of the left wing of the army …’. Signed by Thomas Walsh. 1 p. 10 August 1809 6912/14/193

13/32 [Maj.-General] Thomas Graham to Coote, marked ‘private’, concerning the supply of timber for the magazines, and informing him that Battery No. 1 will be ready to open fire in the morning. ALS, Enclosure: Thomas Graham to ‘My dear Col’, asking him to inform 11 August 1809 6912/14/187
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13/33 Palsey to [Coote?], concerning the positioning of batteries before Flushing. ALS, 3 pp.

13/34 William Fyers, East-Souburg, to Coote, transmitting a report from Palsey with advice not to establish a gun battery on the advanced angle of the dyke. ALS, 1 p.

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13/35 [Lieut.-General] A. M. Fraser, Nutern?, to Coote, East-Souburg, enclosing a letter from General Petion with an explanation of the cause of the firing from his position, saying ‘I do not think he would have done it unless he had conceived it right’, but that it will not happen again. ALS, 1 p.

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Enclosure: H. Petion, My quarters near East Souburg, to Fraser, with an explanation as to his order to fire the batteries on his line. ALS, 3 pp.

13/36 Memorandum of a meeting between Coote, Lord Paget and others concerning the batteries. 1 p.

Memorandum of a conversation with Col. [Charles] Terrott of the artillery.

13/37 Fyers, East Souburg, to Coote, informing him that the water would rise from six to seven feet if a passage were cut through the dyke in front of the British position. ALS, 1 p.

13/38 Chatham, Middleburgh, to Coote, desiring that the batteries on his wing will open tomorrow, that he is sorry the engineers did not acquit themselves to Coote’s satisfaction, concerning the actions of Petion, the actions of Conyneres firing a rocket, and that he has heard nothing from ‘the admiral’. ALS, 3 pp.

13/39 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Chatham, desiring he give encouragement to merchants or their agents who wish to export various articles to Walcheren, and the regulations that Chatham may apply to them while on the island. CL, 3 pp.

13/40 Maj.-General Thomas Graham, rght of the line, marked ‘private’ informing him that he waited for the aid of the guns until he could wait
no longer, then proceeded to take the position on the dyke and captured prisoners. ALS, 2 pp.

13/41 Fraser, Ruthern?, to Coote, East Souburg, concerning the position on the dyke and the firing of the batteries. ALS, 2 pp.

13/42 Copies of letters between Coote and General Monnet concerning the surrender of Flushing, numbered 1 to 7. CL, 5 pp.

No. 1. Coote, lines before Flushing, to the general commanding-in-chief, Flushing, seeking the town’s surrender. 1 p.

No. 2. Monnet, Flushing, to Coote, informing him that Coote will receive an answer after a council of war has advised Monnet. 1 p.

No. 3. Coote to Monnet, informing him that hostilities will recommence in a half hour ‘from this moment’. 1 p.

No. 4. Monnet to Coote, informing him that the firing on three British flags of truce was a mistake and requesting a cessation of arms for 48 hours. 1 p.

No. 5. Coote to Monnet, informing him that the Flushing soldiers are guilty of firing on flags of truce, that he cannot permit a 48 hour cessation, and authorising a two hour ceasefire for officers to negotiate the surrender of the town. 1 p.

No. 6. Monnet to Coote, stating the unfortunate state of the inhabitants of Flushing, and arrangements for the garrison’s surrender. 1 p.

No. 7. Coote to Monnet, confirming the arrangements for the surrender of the garrison. 1 p.

Three further copies of these seven letters. 7 pp and 5 pp.

13/43 Coote to the officers commanding the batteries, ordering them to cease firing until a flag is removed on the church at West Souburg or until further orders. Copy, 1 p.

13/44 Coote to ‘My dear General’, informing him that Flushing is to be surrendered and ordering all firing to cease ‘until the colour which will be hosted in West Souburg steeple is hauled down, or until further instructions’. CL, 1 p.

13/45 Coote to Vice Admiral Sir Richard Strachan, informing him of his correspondence with Monnet regarding the surrender of Flushing and asking him to send two officers who will represent the navy in the negotiation for the surrender of the town. CL, 2 p.

13/46 Chatham, Lieut.-General’s [ ]’s quarters, marked ‘private’, informing him...
that General Brownrigg will report to Coote on ‘the state of the things as they appear here’ and desiring that the force push on. ALS, 2 pp.

13/47 R. D’Arcy, West Souburg, to Coote, reporting on the proceedings leading up to the capture of West Soubourg and the building of defensive works there. ALS, 2 pp. 14 August 1809 6912/14/194

13/48 ‘Effective strength of the division of the army under the command of … Coote’. East Souburg. 1 p. 14 August 1809 6912/14/192

Another copy. 1 p.

13/49 Coote, East Souburg, to Chatham, informing him that General Monnet and his garrison have agreed to surrender, that he has ordered a cessation of hostilities and has asked Sir Richard Strachan of the navy to do the same. CL, 1 p. 15 August 1809 6912/14/193

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13/50 Coote, East Soubourg, to Rear Admiral Sir Richard Strachan, informing him of the intended surrender of Flushing, asking him to cease hostilities and to send officers to negotiate the terms of the capitulation. CL, 2 pp. 15 August 1809 6912/14/193

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13/51 Coote, lines before Flushing, to Chatham, reporting the surrender of Flushing and the operations leading up to it. CL, 5 pp. 15 August 1809 6912/14/187

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13/52 R. I. Thurburn?, HMS *St. Domingo* off Flushing, to Coote, informing him that Rear Admiral Lord Parker and Capt. Cockburn are the officers appointed to treat for the surrender of Flushing. ALS, 2 pp. 15 August 1809 6912/14/193

13/53 Dalhousie to Coote, asking him to assist his adc Colonel Blair in reconnoitring Flushing. ALS, 2 pp 16 August 1809 6912/14/187

13/54 Coote’s orders from the lines before Flushing, with his congratulations to the troops on the capture of Flushing. 1 p. 16 August 1809 6912/14/193

13/55 [ ], headquarters, Middelburg, to Coote, ordering him to protect the stores in Flushing from pillage or injury, enclosing a copy of the agreed articles of capitulation of Flushing and their implementation. ALS, 2 pp. 17 August 1809 6912/14/192

Enclosure: Copy of the articles of capitulation of Flushing. 8 pp.

13/56 T. Carry, to [ ? ], informing him that General Fraser is immediately to return to England on account of his health, and that Carry should remain in Walcheren until further orders. ALS, 3 pp. 22 August 1809 6912/14/196

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13/57 Coote, Rosslyn, Huntly, J. Grosvenor, John Hope, Paget and Robert Brownrigg, lieut.-generals, headquarters, Fort Bathly, with their opinion on the expedition to capture Antwerp and the enemy’s naval vessels there. CL, 4 pp. 27 August 1807 6912/14/193
13/58 J. R. Grant, inspector of hospitals, Goes, to Colonel Long, adjutant general, reporting that fever has broken out among the men on Walcheren in the last three days, and expecting a greater number to become ill due to the season. Appends a 'state of the disposable infantry of the army', with numbers who are fit and sick. CL, 3 pp.

13/59 R. D’Arcy, Middelburg, to Coote, reporting his observations on the state of the defences of Walcheren. 4 pp.

13/60 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Chatham, directing that the collection of duties and taxes on Walcheren be continued, and restricting the movement of ships landing at the island. CL, 4 pp.

13/61 F. Robinson, Downing Street, to the officers commanding in Walcheren, informing them that Castlereagh has given permission to Mr John Christian Essers to go to Walcheren 'on the mercantile employment of Mr Vos a merchant in London'. ALS 1 p.

13/62 ‘Account of contingent expenses incurred by Lieut-Colonel Walsh, 56th regt, assistant adjutant general, from 30th June (date of his appointment) to 24th August 1809'. Middelburg, signed by Walsh. 1 p.

13/63 Robinson, Downing Street, to Chatham, or officer commanding His Majesty’s troops in Walcheren, enclosing an anonymous note received by the Hon. Wellesley Pole.

Enclosure: Anonymous note addressed to Wellesley Pole, Admiralty Office, London: ‘If proper attention were paid to the papers taken in the island of Walcheren a treasonable correspondence might be discovered. A.Z.’. 1 p.

13/64 John Webb, inspector of hospitals, Middelburg, to Coote, informing him of the need for additional medical staff to deal with the increasing numbers of sick soldiers, and requesting that he ask for medical staff from England. CL, 2 pp.

13/65 ‘Effective strength of the division of the army under the command of … Coote’. Signed by Walsh. 1 p.

13/66 List of the general and medical staff on Walcheren. 2 pp.

14/1 Extract from Dr MacGregor’s correspondence referring to the list of staff surgeons on the other side of the paper, who are proposed to succeed Deputy Inspector Aviling. Signed by F. Knight. 1 p.

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14/2 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, informing Coote that he has given instructions for the Medical Board to send out without delay the medical assistance Coote has requested. ALS, 1 p.
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14/3 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Chatham, asking that a report be submitted to him on the defence of Walcheren, now that orders have been issued for the withdrawal of the main body of the army to England. ALS, 2 pp.

14/4 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Chatham, informing him that the Lords Committee on Trade will submit a proposal to the Privy Council prohibiting the import and export of goods from Walcheren, except for British ships who may do so under license. ALS, 2 pp.

14/5 Gordon, Horse Guards, Coote, advising him that orders have been sent to the Medical Board to send medical staff to Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.

14/6 ‘Observations in answer to Mr Rose’s letter dated the third September’, concerning the tariffs and duties applicable to Walcheren. 4 pp.

14/7 Sontag, Middelburg, to Walsh, informing him of the two French medical officers who are to attend the French and Dutch prisoners of war to England, and that they require some pecuniary assistance. ALS, 1 p.

14/8 ‘Memorandum of such material as will be immediately required for the repair of barracks and storehouses in [Walcheren]’. 1 p.

14/9 ‘Queries put to Colonel Gordon’, with his answers, concerning the number of troops to be stationed on Walcheren, and how they are to be garrisoned. 6 pp.

14/10 Gordon, Horse Guards, to ‘General Officer commanding at Walcheren’, enclosing a copy of a letter from F. Robinson outlining the arrangements for the transport of the sick at Walcheren to England. ALS, 1 p.

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14/11 Chatham, Middelburg, to Castlereagh, transmitting a statement of the taxes and revenues established in Walcheren by the Dutch government, and informing him that he has not yet obtained the ordinary accounts of the revenue. CL, 1 p.

14/12 Capt. H.B. Harris, deputy assistant quarter master general, to Lieut.-Colonel [William] Offeney, deputy quarter master general, concerning the quartering of a battalion in de Boede, near Flushing. ALS, 3 pp.

14/13 Chatham, Middelburg, to Castlereagh, informing him that the repair of the barracks and the repair of the defences on Walcheren will cost £60,000 and £40,000 respectively. CL, 3 pp.
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15/16 Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, concerning the duties applicable on foreign produce entering Walcheren, and requesting that Coote supply all the information he can on the subject. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: E. Rose to Cooke, concerning the duties on foreign produce and the necessity for more information. CL, 2 pp.

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15/17 Gilbert Blanc, Middelburg, to George, Prince of Wales, transmitting a report of the sick and dead at Walcheren, which the Prince has sought. CL, 2 pp.

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15/18 McGregor, Middelburg, to Coote, recommending the need to hire native inhabitants to be orderlies in the hospitals. ALS, 1 p.

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15/19 Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, ordering him to make arrangements for the transportation of the sick to the various places recommended in England for their return. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Alex Hope, quarter master general, Horse Guards, to Torrens, transmitting the English stations that are to receive the sick from Walcheren. CL, 2 pp.

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15/20 Torrens, Horse Guards, to ‘Officer commanding, Walcheren’, informing him that Colonel Hay of the Royals is to be placed on the staff at Walcheren as a colonel. ALS, 1 p.

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15/21 Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, transmitting two extracts from letters addressed to the physician general concerning the sick on Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Extract of a letter from Dr MacLeod to the Physician General, relating his opinion that the climate, location, dirt, diet and accommodation on Walcheren has caused the disease there. CL, 3 pp.

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Enclosure: Extract of a letter from [ ] to the Physician General, with an opinion on the cause of the sickness, and recommending that hospital ships be sent to the place if the army intends to remain there. CL, 2 pp.

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15/22 Montresor, Flushing, to the Deputy Adjutant General, informing him of
the embarkation of 2,000 men at Flushing. ALS, 2 pp.

15/23 Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that there is no lieut.-colonelcy vacant in the 81st regt, which Coote had recommended Major Williams to. ALS, 1 p.

15/24 McGregor, Middelburg, to Coote, recommending the purchase of bottled port wine and percurvan? bark. ALS, 1 p.

15/25 J. W. Schoner, President of the dykes, Middelburg, to Coote, informing him that the Nolle House was damaged during the bombardment of the island and is now occupied by soldiers and sailors, that the house is required for meetings and lodging the under-inspector who supervises the dykes and requesting the use of a room if not the whole house. He encloses a list of the damages to the Nolle House made by the under-secretary. ALS, in French. 3 pp.

Enclosure: H. W[illia]m Roelhe, Flushing, to [ ], outlining the damages to the Nolle House. ALS, in French. 3 pp.

15/26 Montresor, Flushing, to [Walsh] military secretary, enclosing a letter from the assistant quarter master general relative to the grave diggers at Flushing. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: N. F. Muller, assistant quarter master general, to Capt. Campbell, concerning the payment of Gerard Busch, the town's grave digger. ALS, 2 pp.

15/27 Montresor, Flushing, to [Walsh] military secretary, requesting to know what allowance should be given to the port sergeant at Flushing, who has been recently appointed. ALS, 1 p.

15/28 Montresor, Flushing, to the Deputy Adjutant General, enclosing a letter from the town major of Flushing regarding a prisoner George Smith, who deserted from the 17th Light Dragoons, requesting what amount of pay he should receive, and stating that he has not yet received orders concerning another prisoner, Whitney of the 5th regt. ALS, 1 p.


15/29 Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that there is no lieut.-colonelcy vacant in the 81st regt, which Coote had recommended Major Williams to. ALS, 1 p.

15/30 Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, acknowledging receipt of Coote's letter with enclosures from Drs Blanc and McGregor. ALS, 1 p.

15/31 Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, expressing Dundas's surprise on reading of Montresor's renewed demand for house rent, and that it is not consistent with the rules of the service to comply with this request. ALS,
15/32 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him that ships of the line have already been ordered to sail to Walcheren for the reception of the sick, and relating the views of General Monnet regarding the French sick in Walcheren. ALS 3 pp.

15/33 McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting that £1,000 be given to him for the service of the hospitals on Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Robert Stewart, purveyor to the forces, to McGregor, asking him to request £1,000 for the service of the hospitals. ALS, 1 p.

15/34 Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that the Treasury have ordered supplies of port wine and other articles required at Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.

15/35 Montresor, Flushing, to [the Deputy Adjutant General?], concerning the appointment of a town adjutant at Flushing. ALS, 2 pp.

15/36 Montresor, Flushing, to the Deputy Adjutant General, stating that the representation of the inhabitants of Flushing regarding the ‘gutting’ of the Nolle House was false, and that he considers it important to be maintained by the army. ALS, 2 pp.

15/37 R. D’Arcy, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting payment for subalterns who have been employed as assistant engineers. ALS, 1 p.

15/38 Robert Stewart, Middelburg, to McGregor, recommending that he request an order for the purchase of port wine, porter, brandy, oatmeal, barley, sugar, salt, tea and vinegar. ALS, 2 pp.

15/39 Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, asking him to verify information which has been received secretly by the government. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Information of Van Dykhoorn, late a professor of Mathematics, concerning the removal of two million pounds weight of copper from Flushing on General Monnet's orders. 2 pp.

Another copy of Cooke’s letter and the enclosure. 2 pp.

15/40 Printed ‘notice’ forbidding the purchase of salt provisions and spirits from the troops on Walcheren, on pain of one month’s imprisonment and £20 fine. 1 p.

15/41 Montresor, Flushing, to the Deputy Adjutant General, informing him that as Lieut.-General Brownrigg has obtained an ensigncy for the sergeant major of the 9th regt, Brownrigg must decline the offer of town adjutant. ALS, 1 p.

15/42 Castlereagh, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting copies of letters from 10 October 1809 6912/14/186
Mr Fawkener, secretary to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and foreign plantations, concerning trade with Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Fawkener, Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade, Whitehall, to Cooke, stating in response to a representation of the British merchants on Walcheren that no fixed decision can be made concerning the tariffs on goods imported into Walcheren until they receive information on the revenue of the island before it surrendered, but that no tariffs should be charged on British, Irish or colonial goods imported into the island and that the governor should determine any reduction of duties applicable on other commerce. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Fawkener, Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade, Whitehall, to Cooke, permitting the export of grain under license to Britain. CL, 1 p.

Coote, Middelburg, to Castlereagh, transmitting a memorial laid before Coote by the mayor and inhabitants of Flushing and a copy of Coote’s correspondence with the commissioners for ascertaining public property and other papers, stating the distressed state of Flushing and his determination to make a donation from the revenues of the island to the town on behalf of the British government. CL, 1 p.

McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting that Coote request ‘the admiral’ to send four navy surgeons to assist the embarkation of the sick at Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.

Walsh, Middelburg, to Robinson, commissary general, requesting that he purchase port wine, porter and brandy for the use of the hospital service. CL, possibly incomplete, 1 p.

Printed ‘Proclamation’ informing the public of the new tariff that is to apply to British and colonial goods imported into Walcheren. In English and Dutch. 1 p.

Another four copies.

Capt. J. Baddeley, assistant inspector general, Middelburg, to the commissioners for the affairs of Barracks, with his report on the state of the barracks at Walcheren. CL, 5 pp. with cover endorsed: ‘Captain Baddeley has the honour for the information of the commander of the forces, copy of his report to the commissioners for the affairs of barracks on the barracks on this island’.

Memorandum for Coote, stating that as the Barrack Department is now a civil establishment, Capt. Baddeley is not entitled to bat and forage or other field allowances without authority from the secretary at war. 1 p.

Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, stating that he has laid his letter of 7 October before Dundas. ALS, 1 p.
15/50  Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, concerning vacancies and promotions in the 32nd regt. ALS, 1 p.  11 October 1809

15/51  Montresor, Flushing, to the Deputy Adjutant General, stating the distressed state of the inhabitants of Flushing, asking that Coote might give them some relief, and enclosing two letters concerning the same. ALS, 3 pp.

Enclosure: Lieut.-Colonel Moskerin, Flushing, to Montresor, transmitting a letter from the superintendent of the workhouse at Flushing representing the need for immediate assistance, informing him of the circumstances of a soldier of the 25th regt being fired at because of the distressed state of the inhabitants of the town, which he details. ALS, 4 pp.

Enclosure: Ab. Vesndermalmet?, superintendent of the workhouse, Flushing, to Montresor, representing the distressed state of the workhouse and requesting assistance. In French. CL, 2 pp.  8 October 1809

15/52  Walsh, Middelburg, to Robert Stewart, providing him with Coote’s authority to purchase oatmeal, barley, sugar, salt and vinegar. CL, 1 p.  11 October 1809

15/53  Coote, Middelburg, to Montresor, requesting that he meet him about 11 o’clock. CL, 1 p.  12 October 1809

15/54  Montresor, Flushing, to Coote, informing him that he will comply with his order to meet him. ALS, 1 p.  12 October 1809

15/55  Montresor, Flushing, to the Deputy Adjutant General, concerning the building a floating bridge at Flushing and transmitting letters regarding relief for the poor at Flushing. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Lieut.-Colonel Moskerin, Flushing, transmitting a copy of a letter from the mayor of Flushing with a proposal to remove the nuisances from the streets, and proposing that a collection may be made on the island for relief of the poor. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: J. J. Beeker, mayor, Flushing, to the Commandant, with a proposal to remove the nuisances on the streets and asking that a collection might be undertaken for the poor of the town. In French. ALS, 3 pp.  9 October 1809

15/56  [Robert Jenkinson, 2nd earl of] Liverpool, Downing Street, to Coote, informing that he has laid his letters regarding the sick at Walcheren before the King, that he has sent out the heavy baggage for the regt, that Liverpool approves of his conduct in having ten inhabitants act as orderlies for each regt, and Coote’s difficulties with the barrack department over the authorisation of money to repair the barracks on the island. ALS, 3 pp.  12 October 1809

15/57  Cooke, Downing Street, to Coote, transmitting letters from the Treasury  12 October 1809
with authorisation to superintend the barracks. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: George Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to Cooke, transmitting a letter from the Treasury to the Commissioners of barracks representing the need for a proper officer to be sent to Walcheren to supervise the barracks there. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: Harrison, Treasury Chambers, to the Commissioners of Barracks, concerning the payment of the barrack masters in Walcheren and ordering them to send additional barrack masters to Walcheren. CL, 3 pp.

15/58 McGregor, Middelburg, to Coote, with a report on the causes of disease on Walcheren. ALS, 4 pp.

15/59 ‘List of the deaths which have taken place among the officers since the 25th July 1809’. Signed by Walsh, 2 pp.

15/60 Memorandum of a conversation between Coote and Montresor regarding his request for the ‘home allowance’ and Sir David Dundas’s opinion of Montresor. 2 pp.

Notes made by Coote on what is to be stated to Montresor regarding his application for the home allowance. 2 pp.

15/61 Montresor, Flushing, to Coote, head quarters, expressing his regret that Dundas should think Montresor’s letter to General Dyatt used ‘unmilitary’ language, and asking him to inform Dundas of the same. ALS, 2 pp.

15/62 Sir David Dundas, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that the King was displeased with Montresor’s conduct and ordering that Montresor be replaced and return to England. ALS, 1 p.

15/63 Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, informing him that orders have been issued to send officers from the purveyor’s department to Walcheren, and that provisions have been sent to Walcheren. ALS, 2 pp.

15/64 Frederick Mackenzie, secretary, Barrack Office, to Capt. Baddeley, head quarters, Walcheren, informing him that three officers from the barrack department are to arrive at Walcheren, instructions for payment and duties, and that he is to return to Colchester. CL, 3 pp.

15/65 Offeney, Deputy Quarter Master General’s Office, to Walsh, asking Coote to grant a warrant for the payment of supplies of timber. ALS, 1 p.

15/66 Montresor, Flushing, to [Walsh] military secretary, transmitting a letter from Assistant Surgeon Burton, informing him that Burton has persevered in attending the sick of the 36th regt despite his own illness. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Lieut.-Colonel Burne, 36th regt, Flushing, to Montresor,
transmitting a memorial from Assistant Surgeon Burton.

Enclosure: Burton’s memorial to Coote, seeking bat and forage money. 1 p.

15/67 Montresor, Flushing, to Coote, informing him that General Moncreiff has arrived on the island, that urgent family affairs require his attendance in England and requesting leave of absence. ALS, 1 p.

15/68 Montresor, Flushing, to the Deputy Adjutant General, transmitting information regarding the failure to deliver meat to the 36th and 38th regts, a Frenchman in Flushing and Middelburg, warm clothing for the 36th regt, and dockyard duty which he has asked to navy to undertake. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: [ ? ], Flushing, to Montresor, informing him that no fresh meat has arrived this morning and that the commissary will not provide the garrison with any. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Edward Couche, Flushing, to Capt. Shaw, concerning the contract for supplying meat to the garrison at Flushing. ALS, 2 pp.

15/69 Montresor, Flushing, to the Deputy Adjutant General, stating that affairs in England and the effects of the climate have obliged him to seek leave of absence to return to England. ALS, 1 p.

15/70 [ ], deputy assistant quarter master general, Ter Vere, to Lieut.-Colonel Offeney, informing him for the information of Coote that the bedding and other supplies are landed at that port. ALS, 1 p.

15/71 McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, returning the papers concerning Assistant Surgeon Burton, and recommending him for any indulgences which Coote can grant. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: “Return of the regimental medical officers attached to the army under the command of Lieut.-General Sir Eyre Coote.” Signed by James McGregor. 2 pp.

15/72 Translation of a letter from the President and councillors of the Supreme Court of Justice of Zealand, to Lieut.-General Sir Eyre Coote, informing him that they no longer will administer the justice system on Walcheren in consequence of Coote having given directions to one of their courts. CL, 1 p.

15/73 McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting the service of 300 men from a veteran regiment to serve as orderlies in Walcheren, and enclosing the state of the regimental medical officers attending the army. ALS, 1 p.

16/1 Liverpool, Downing Street, to Coote, informing him that Sir David Dundas will not comply with Coote’s request to send 300 men of a veteran battalion to serve in Walcheren as orderlies. ALS, 2 pp.
Enclosure: Torrens, Downing Street, to Cooke, stating that Dundas does not think it appropriate to send 300 men of a veteran battalion to serve as orderlies in Walcheren at Coote’s request. CL, 3 pp.

16/2 Liverpool, Downing Street, to Coote, ordering him to ascertain the state of the provisions required for Walcheren until 1 March next. ALS, 1 p.

16/3 Montresor, Flushing, to Coote, fearing that his first letter was mislaid, and again requesting leave to return to England. ALS, 1 p.

16/4 Offeney, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting that Coote will grant warrants for the payment of two bills for wood and supplies for repairing several houses and the church at Armugden. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Capt. Owen, Armugden, to Offeney, concerning the same. ALS, 2 pp.

16/5 McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting that Coote give an order for the purchase of porter. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Stewart, Middelburg, to McGregor, asking that he seek an order for the purchase of twenty or thirty hogsheads of porter. ALS, 1 p.

16/6 Henry J. Shaw, adc to Montresor, Flushing, to Major General Dyatt, requesting that Montresor’s letter of the 4 October may be withdrawn through Dyatt’s influence, stating his service in Honduras, Montresor’s lamentable state, and that he is ready to atone to Sir Eyre Coote. ALS, 2 pp.

16/7 Dr. Richard Faber’s certifying that Montresor is ill and that he should return to England. ALS, 1 p.

16/8 N. Smith, deputy paymaster general, Middelburg, to Walsh, informing him of the remaining amount of money available to him, and requiring a further supply of £18,000. ALS, 2 pp.

16/9 Offeney, Middelburg, to Walsh, asking that Coote grant a warrant to pay E. Stuart for stoves furnished by him for the church at Armugden. ALS, 1 p.

16/10 McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, concerning the complaints made to General Acland concerning allegations that McGregor did not inspect the hospital where Acland’s brigade is stationed, and transmitting four enclosures relative to the same. ALS, 4 pp.

Enclosure: McGregor, Middelburg, to D’Arcy, surgeon, 76th regt., requesting why he has not made any report on the 76th regt. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: D’Arcy, Middelburg, to McGregor, stating that he and others have regularly checked on the hospitals where the 76th regt are accommodated. CL, 1 p.
Enclosure: McGregor, Middelburg, to Burrows, requesting to know if he has inspected the hospitals where Brig.-General Acland’s brigade is accommodated. CL, 1 p.  
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Enclosure: Burrows, Middleburg, to McGregor, stating that he visited the hospitals where Acland’s brigade is accommodated. CL, 1 p.  
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16/11  
Baddeley, Middelburg, to Coote, concerning the arrangements that have been made to put the barracks under the supervision of the Royal Engineers and staff corps, transmitting a letter from the barrack board of 3 October (not found), and that additional barrack supplies are expected from England. ALS, 3 pp.  
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16/12  
Offeney, Middelburg, to Walsh, transmitting a monthly abstract of Capt. Read’s expenses from 16 September to 14 October 1809 and other papers (not found), and requesting that a warrant be issued for his payment. ALS, 1 p.  
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16/13  
McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting that a daily allowance of porter be given to the convalescents on board two transports. ALS, 1 p.  
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16/14  
Memorandum concerning what was to be said by senior British officers at a meeting of the President and High Court of Justice of Middelburg, regarding Coote’s displeasure at their actions in issuing orders without any authority. 3 pp.  
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16/15  
Colonel Andrew Hay, 6th brigade, Flushing, to [Walsh?], concerning bar and forage money. ALS, 2 pp.  
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16/16  
Colonel E. Walker, Middelburg, to Walsh, concerning the remarks he made at a meeting of the general and medical officers relative to the want of medical men for the regimental medical staff. ALS, 4 pp.  
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16/17  
‘Extract of the customs to be paid on goods chiefly of British and colonial manufacture, as they were charged and paid in 1725, with modifications in favour of Great Britain’. Signed by Coote. 2 pp.  
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‘Account of corn and grain as it was in the island of Walcheren on 22 October 1809’. 1 p.  
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State of the revenue in the island of Walcheren in the year 1808. 1 p.  
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16/18  
Memorandum concerning the purchase of wine and porter. 1 p.  
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16/19  
Stewart, Middelburg, to McGregor, requesting that he seek an order for the purchase of twenty or thirty hogshead of porter. ALS, 1 p.  
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16/20  
D’Arcy, Middelburg, to Lieut.-Colonel Pilkington, commanding, Royal Engineers, concerning the defence of Ter Vere and other places along the  
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coast in the event of an attack. ALS, 4 pp.

16/21 Colonel Andrew Hay, Middelburg, to Walsh, apologising for his letter of yesterday which Coote took as ‘so very improper and disrespectful towards him that he intends to transmit a copy of it to the commander in chief’ and asking forgiveness. With a French watermark: Napoleon Empereur des Frances Roi d’Italie’. ALS, 1 p.

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16/22 Minutes of a meeting between Brig.-General Acland, Major General Dyatt and [ ] at Middelburg, concerning the disposal of arms and accoutrements of dead British soldiers and those who have returned to Britain. Signed, 1 p.

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16/23 ‘Monthly abstract of weekly pay lists incurred repairing the works at Ter Veere [sic] on the Engineer Department under the direction of Captain Birch, Royal Engineers, from the 18th of September to the 23rd of October 1809. Signed, 1 p.

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16/24 McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting an order for the purchase of porter. ALS, 1 p.

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16/25 J. W. Shorer, Middelburg, to Coote, informing him that he wrote to Chatham regarding subsidies for the repair of the dykes and received 15,000 florins, which was insufficient to meet all the expenses. He requests an additional 25,000 florins to repair the dykes, which must be completed soon as the storm season is approaching. ALS, in French. 3 pp.

Enclosure: Shorer, Middelburg, to Chatham, explaining the need to repair the dykes, that the income from local taxes is insufficient, and that the Dutch government was prevented this year from providing assistance due to the occupation, and requests between 20,000 and 25,000 florins. CL, in French. 4 pp.

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16/26 Questions from Lord Liverpool, marked ‘great secrecy’, concerning the destruction of the naval and other defences on Walcheren, with Coote’s answers. 4 pp.

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16/27 D’Arcy, Middelburg, with an ‘abstract of the accounts in the Engineer Department showing the application by the accompanying vouchers (not found) of the sums advanced by W. H. Robinson Esq to that department in obedience to … Coote’s orders of the 22nd September 1809’. ALS, 1 p.

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16/28 McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting £1,000 for the purveyor’s department. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Stewart, Middelburg, to McGregor, stating that the sum of £1,000 is required for the hospital department. ALS, 1 p.

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16/29 ‘Returns of provisions and forage in store in His Majesty’s magazines in the island of Walcheren’. Signed by Charles Wright, deputy commissary

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general in charges. 1 p.

‘Return of the Oxen, sheep, pigs, cows etc in the island of Walcheren on the 24 October 1809’. 1 p.

16/30 Account of the money which Capt. Préval received from Mr Robinson, commissary general, to pay Dutch workmen at Flushing. ALS, 1 p.

16/31 Sontag, Middelburg, to Walsh, concerning the money requested by Shorer for the maintenance of the sea dykes. ALS, 1 p.

16/32 McGregor, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting an order to purchase thirty hogsheads of porter. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Richard Moss, purveyor to the forces, to McGregor, requesting that he recommend the purchase of thirty hogsheads of porter. ALS, 1 p.

16/33 Account of the sum owed to Mr Cornelius le Nobel for timber delivered to the order of Col. D’Arcy. 1 p.

16/34 Lieut.-Colonel Robert Pilkington, Middelburg, to Coote?, endorsed ‘most secret’, reporting that the defences of Flushing and along the coast can be destroyed within two days. CL, 2 pp.

16/35 Liverpool, Downing Street, to ‘the officer commanding in Walcheren’, transmitting a report from the Advocate general regarding claims for prizage on Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.

Enclosure: Charles Robinson, Doctor’s Common, to Liverpool, reporting his legal opinion on the claims for prizage at Walcheren. CL, 8 pp.

16/36 Offeney, Deputy Quarter Master General’s Office, Middelburg, to Walsh, transmitting Capt. Long’s abstract of expenses from 16 to 21 October 1809 for repairing the barracks (not found), and asking for Coote’s warrant to pay the amount. ALS, 1 p.

16/37 Two sketches of the sea dykes west and east of Flushing and the West Cappelle dyke on Walcheren, drawn by Capt. Davy?. 17.2 x 32 cm. 2 pp.

16/38 J. W. Schorer and other directors of the Timber Company, Middelburg, to Coote, concerning the difficulty in obtaining timber. ALS, in French. 4 pp.

16/39 D’Arcy, Middelburg, to Walsh, requesting two warrants for the payment of W. H. Bateman and D. Wright. ALS, 1 p.

16/40 Charles Wright, Middelburg, to Walsh, acknowledging receipt of two warrants in favour of Col. D’Arcy. ALS, 1 p.

16/41 Four vouchers for sums concerning the employment of horses and relief 24, 26, 27, 30
of in the inhabitants of Flushing. 4 pp.

16/42 D’Arcy, Middelburg, to Lieut.-Colonel Pilkington, expressing his opinions on the destruction of the defences and port of Flushing, and his successor. CL, 2 pp.

16/43 ‘Daily proceedings of Sir Eyre Coote and the state of the sick’. 16 pp.

16/44 ‘Arrivals of purveyor’s stores’. 1 p.

16/45 ‘Return of the sick and convalescents of different corps, embarked from the island of Walcheren, by order of … Coote’, totalling 6,879 men. 1 p.

16/46 ‘Daily state of the sick in the island of Walcheren’. 34 pp.

16/47 ‘Weekly state of the troops in the island of Walcheren’, including a ‘return of the officers sick, included within the state’ and other similar returns. 11 sheets.


Reverse: ‘Total loss of the army from the day of embarkation to 10 September’ amounting to 1,833, with 6,570 sick gone to England.

16/48 Liverpool, Downing Street, to Coote, in reply to his dispatches numbered 16 to 30, concerning the appointment of a barrack department on Walcheren, the King’s approbation of Coote’s proceedings against the magistrates at Flushing, and Coote’s request for 300 men from a veteran battalion to act as orderlies. ALS, 5 pp.

Enclosure: Torrens, Horse Guards, to Cooke, refusing Coote’s request for 300 men of a veteran battalion to serve as orderlies in Walcheren. CL, 3 pp.

16/49 Liverpool, Downing Street, to Coote, in reply to his dispatches numbered 31 to 33, expressing the King’s approbation of his conduct. ALS, 2 pp.

16/50 Memorandum regarding the arrival of bark in Walcheren. 1p.

16/51 Memorandum respecting the levels of the tide at Walcheren. 1 p.

16/52 ‘Statement of the services of … Coote’, outlining his promotions and
operations. 2 pp.

Another [draft] copy. 3 pp. November 1809

**16/53**
Francis Knight, Saville Row [London], to Coote, thanking Coote for his attention to the medical staff, informing him of the nominations to fill the vacancy created by the death of Deputy Inspector Aveling at Walcheren and asking him to recommend a person to the position. ALS, 2 pp. 1 December 1809 6912/14/191

**16/54**
[ ], Badajaz, to [Coote?] with an account of the war in Spain and Portugal. 8 pp. 14 December 1809

Same to same?, concerning the war in Spain and Portugal. 4 pp. 21 December 1809

Plan of the battle of Talavera, 28 July 1809. In ink and colour, to scale. 23 x 33.4 cm. 1 p. post 28 July 1809 6912/14/200

**16/55**
‘Return of the number of men of each corps, who died in the island of Walcheren, to the period of the final evacuation in December’, totalling 1,951. 1 p. December 1809 6912/14/193

‘Return of the deaths in the island of Walcheren, specifying the number in each month’. December 1809

**16/56**
Printed form of a ‘license’ to permit a person to export cargo from Walcheren, signed by Coote. 1 p. 1809 6912/14/187

**16/57**
Printed form of a ‘return of two hundred days allowance of baggage and forage money to staff officers …’ 1 p. 1809 6912/14/192

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**16/58**
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**16/59**
List of the population of the island of Walcheren, amounting in all to 32,241. 2 pp. [1809] 6912/14/192

**16/60**
Sketch map of Walcheren, showing towns, road network and position of batteries and forts. Copy of a French version. To scale, ink and colour. 26 x 30.2 cm. 1 p. [1809] 6912/14/192

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**Letter books**
19/5  Copies of letters from Coote at Middleburg to General Montresor. Un-
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13 September – 17 October 1809 6912/14/177

19/6  Copies of letters from Coote at Portsmouth, Zoubourg, Flushing and
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31 August – 28 October 1809 6912/14/182

Reverse Coote to Lieut. Colonels Gordon and Torrens.  
12 – 29 September 1809

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correspondence]

21/5  Copies of letters from Coote and Walsh at Middleburg, Vere, Flushing and
Walcheren Island. Octavo paginated, 30 pp. with table of contents.  
13 September – 28 October 1809 6912/14/182A

Reverse has copies of letters from Thomas Walsh. Paginated, 156 pp plus 4
pp.

Order books

27/1  General orders for the regts intended for the Walcheren Island,
Netherlands expedition, garrisoned at Portsmouth, London and ‘at sea’
and later headquartered at Middleburg and Walcheren Island. Endorsed
‘Lieut-Colonel [Thomas] Walsh, AAG’ on inside cover. Octavo paginated
to p. 93, plus an additional 168 pp.  
2 July – 10 September 1809 6912/14/181A

27/2  General orders for the regts stationed on Walcheren Island,
headquartered at Middleburg. Laid in note with list of miscellaneous and
unrelated items. Large octavo paginated, 271-452 pp.  
28 August – 28 October 1809 6912/14/179

27/3  General orders for the regts stationed on Walcheren Island,
headquartered at Middleburg. Large octavo un-paginated, 142 pp.  
11 September – 28 October 1809 6912/14/181B

Reverse has copies of letters from Thomas Walsh, adc to Coote, to Lieut-
Colonel Davies, Edward Cooke Esq, Commissioner Bowen of the Royal
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Journals and notebooks

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[S sketch of the position before Flushing]. Ms. tile from verso. 30.2 x 49.3 cm.  1809

Charles Terrot, ‘The outline of Flushing with the guns’. Ms. 39.8 x 50.5 cm.  1809

‘Defences of Flushing as found when the place surrendered’. Ms. 40 x 50.6 cm.  15 August 1809

Ms map of Flushing. 31.6 x 58 cm.  nd

Island of Walcheren. Ms. 63 x 52.5 cm  nd

Additional printed material

The findings of the parliamentary enquiry into the Walcheren expedition were published in 1810. The Clements Library purchased this publication (two volumes) in 2006. They contain copies of letters to and from Coote, among others. The volumes are shelved with the collection.
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There are no papers concerning Coote’s dismissal from the army in 1816. Some of the letters between Coote’s representatives, Col. William Bagwell and P.A. Hanrott, were published by the family in 1816 as *A plain statement of facts, relative to Sir Eyre Coote: containing the official correspondence and documents with his case …* (London, 1816). A copy of this pamphlet can be found shelved with the Eyre Coote papers.

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<td>Baddeley, Barrack Office, Colchester, to Coote, seeking bat and forage money. ALS, 2 pp.</td>
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<td>24 February 1810</td>
<td>H. Norsely?, Newport, Isle of Wight, to Coote, concerning a puncheon of rum which Coote wishes to have imported without paying duty, hoping to see him at Westpark and stating that Lady Coote is recovering from her indisposition. ALS, 2 pp.</td>
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<td>25 February 1810</td>
<td>Coote, Gloucester Place, to Baddeley, Colchester, informing him that as the barrack department is now under civil authority, he is not entitled to bat and forage money. CL, 1 p.</td>
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<td>31 March 1810</td>
<td>Printed ‘resolutions moved by General Craufurd on the part of the ministers, approving of the expedition to the Scheldt, and of the retention of Walcheren, with a list of the majority who voted against Lord Porchester’s resolutions, condemning those measure …’ 1 p.</td>
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<td>Printed ‘resolutions moved by Lord Porchester in the House of Commons, censuring the expedition to the Scheldt, as impolitic and impracticable, and condemning the retention of Walcheren as a criminal disregard of the health and lives of British soldiers. With a list of the members who voted for these resolutions, upon Saturday …’. 1 p.</td>
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<td>12 April 1810</td>
<td>W. P. Smith, 13 Craven Street [London], to Coote, requesting Coote’s signature on revised warrants, for the payment of staff on Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.</td>
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<td>9 April 1810</td>
<td>Inside: D. Thomas, Paymaster General’s Office, to Smith, stating that an oversight occurred which made the original warrants that Coote had sent invalid, and requesting that he sign the revised copies. CL, 1 p.</td>
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17/7 Capt. Arch. Campbell, 91st regt, Ramsgate, Kent, to Coote, Gloucester Place, London, concerning his claim for bat and forage money. ALS, 1 p. 25 April 1810 6912/14/194

17/8 Coote to Campbell, asking him to transmit an extract from the 91st regt’s orderly book to prove that he was promoted captain during the Walcheren expedition, before Coote will grant his certificate to allow him bat and forage money. CL, 1 p. 30 April [1810] 6912/14/194

17/9 ‘Minutes of a conversation held by Sir Eyre Coote with Mr Perceval, seeking a peerage, and referring to his long service, a statement of which he has presented to the commander-in-chief. 3 pp.

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17/10 Robert Dundas, Hertford Street [London], to Coote, concerning Coote’s wish to succeed General Hewett as commander-in-chief in Bengal, informing him that the government and the East India Company must jointly make the decision to appoint the commander of the army there. ALS, 2 pp. 22 August 1810 6912/14/27

17/11 Coote, Farnham [Surrey], to [Thomas Anthony, 3rd Viscount] Southwell, informing him of the death of his first cousin Thomas Walsh, recounting his last moments, the loss which has affected Coote, arrangements for his funeral, Walsh’s will, Coote’s request to retrieve the Mamaluke sword he gave Walsh at Cairo, his spy glass and medal, and the sermon preached on his death at Farnham. CL, 5 pp. 25 August 1810, Saturday night. 6912/14/28

17/12 Robert Dundas, India Board, to Coote, marked ‘private’, arranging a meeting with Coote the following day at Hertford Street, and stating that he does not think Coote has anything to answer for. ALS, 2 pp. 28 August 1810 6912/14/27

17/13 Thomas [ ], Weymouth, to Coote, sympathising on Coote’s distress at Walsh’s death, and mentioning Lady Coote and ‘little Eyre’. ALS, 3 pp. 28 August 1810 6912/14/28

17/14 Coote, London, to Southwell, transmitting a copy of Walsh’s letter to Southwell in the event of his death, and Walsh’s will which Coote has deposited with his solicitor until further instructions from Southwell, stating that his two horses will be sold, that Walsh’s drawers have been sealed at Farnham, his wearing apparel has been given to his servant, Thomas Ralph, Coote’s opinion that Walsh intended to acquire a company for Lieut. Foreman. CL, 4 pp. 29 August 1810 6912/14/28

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Enclosure: Memorandum concerning a letter to Lady Coote with instructions that the enclosed papers should not be sent to Lord Southwell until Walsh returns from the expedition. 1 p.

17/15 [Jenico, 12th Viscount] Gormanston [Walsh’s cousin], Gormanstown Castle, Balbriggan [Dublin], to Coote, wondering if the Walsh mentioned as having died from an being thrown from his gig driving through Guilford is the same person as his relation, Colonel Thomas Walsh. ALS, 2 pp.

17/16 Southwell, Rokeby Hall [Durham, England], to Coote, lamenting the loss of Walsh, informing Coote that Southwell is Walsh’s executor, that his uncle, Colonel Phil Walsh is now in Ireland and is Walsh’s nearest relation, and allowing him to keep the articles Coote removed from Walsh’s lodgings in Farnham. ALS, 3 pp.

17/17 N. Pallmer, 6 Prince’s Buildings, Clifton, to Coote, lamenting Walsh’s death, eulogising his life and giving news of friends and Jamaica. ALS, 3 pp.


M. Nightingale, Head quarters, Dame Marie, to Ensign Walsh, giving him three months leave of absence, informing him that he is to be struck off the deputy adjutant general’s department on account of his intention to serve in Jamaica. ALS, 1 p.

17/19 Peter Walsh, Belline, [Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Waterford, Ireland], to Coote, lamenting Walsh’s death, thanking Coote and Lady Coote for their letters of sympathy, and a long postscript concerning the unsent letter in Walsh’s pocket, which he gives an account of. ALS, 5 pp.

17/20 Peter Walsh, Belline, to Coote, Weymouth, concerning Walsh’s will, the publication of the sermon preached on Walsh’s death at Farnham, Peter Walsh’s letters to Southwell, Gormanston and Philip Walsh, Walsh’s brothers, Philip and Joseph, and adding ‘might a monument be erected to our dear Colonel in Farnham Church?’ ALS, 4 pp. and cover. ALS, 4 pp.

17/21 Portion of a letter from Coote to Gormanston, acknowledging his letter of the 29 August. CL, 1 p.

17/22 Lieut. Thomas Foreman, 56th regt, Farnham, Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, concerning a notice that Foreman and Coote inserted into the Globe newspaper concerning Walsh, informing him that he has delivered Coote’s letters to the Bishop, Nicholas at the Bush Inn, Capt. MacDonald, and Col. Munday, mentioning Walsh’ charitable nature, that he received a piece of Walsh’s hair when the latter had to conform to the army regulations not to wear ‘queues’, enclosing some of it for Coote and Lady Coote, a letter from Capt. Southwell inquiring of the death of...
Walsh, Walsh’s death appearing in several provincial papers, and adding a ‘copy of verses written by a poor man who had received relief from Col. Walsh’. 4 pp.

17/23 Southwell, Dublin, to Coote, asking Coote to open the papers that Walsh had left in Lady Coote’s possession in the presence of his solicitor and to have an attested copy made of their contents, concerning Walsh’s intentions for Lieut. Foreman, Walsh’s monument in Farnham church, and requesting a copy of the sermon preached on Walsh’s death. ALS, 5 pp.

17/24 Two papers containing Thomas Walsh’s wishes after his death. With a cover endorsed ‘To be opened only in case of my death, by Lieut.-General Sir Eyre Coote, KB’ and ‘found opened by Charles Southwell’. 5 pp.

17/25 Coote’s recommendation of Lieut.-Colonel William Offeney to have his rank made permanent. 2 pp.

17/26 Peter Walsh, Belline, to Coote, 47 Gloucester Place, London, thanking him for transmitting a copy of the sermon preached at Walsh’s funeral. ALS, 2 pp.

17/27 Henry Calvert, Horse Guards, to Coote, asking him to transmit the orders he received as commander of the forces in Walcheren. ALS, 1 p.

17/28 [ ], Azambuza [sic – Azambuja], Portugal, to Coote, concerning the state of the army in Portugal. 3 pp.


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17/29 Coote, West Park, to [Calvert], in reply to his of 7 January informing him that some of the general orderly books relative to Walcheren were left with Major Gordon. CL, 2 pp.

17/30 Major J. Gardiner, 6th regt, Preston, to Calvert, adjutant general, complying with his request to supply the general orders issued by Coote while at Walcheren, and informing him that copies of the said orders were in the possession of Col. Walsh for the purpose of depositing them in the Adjutant General’s Office. CL, 2 pp.

17/31 Henry Calvert, Horse Guards, to Coote, concerning some orders that were in the possession of Col. Walsh at his death and requesting assistance in getting them from his executors. ALS, 1 p.

17/32 Coote, West Park, to [Robert] Dundas, wishing ‘to retrace the footsteps’ of his uncle in India. CL, 1 p.

17/33 Memorandum of conversations with Dundas and York concerning the
appointment of Sir George Nugent as commander of the army in India, and the possibility of Coote commanding in Canada. 1 p. 1811

17/34 Secretary to Mr Perceval, Downing Street, to Coote, stating that Perceval cannot meet him, but asking him to forward any communication to him. 1 p. 25 February 1811

Draft reply from Coote [London] to Perceval, stating that he is sorry Perceval cannot meet him, that the communication he has to make is too delicate and personal to communicate in a letter, and desiring an interview with him when Coote returns to London in about a month. 2 pp. 27 February 1811

17/35 Coote, Perrott’s Hotel [London], to Yorke, seeking to be appointed commander in Canada in place of Sir James Henry Craig. CL, 3 pp. 1 March 1811

17/36 Coote, West Park, to Liverpool, seeking the governorship of Canada. Copy draft letter, 3 pp. 18 March 1811

17/37 Card with minute of a conversation with Liverpool, concerning his desire to be governor of Canada. 30 March 1811

17/38 Minutes of a conversation with Lord Hutchinson, concerning Coote’s treatment at the hands of government. 2 pp. 23, 26 March and 1 April 1811

17/39 Memorandum concerning a conversation between Coote and the Duke of York, who promised to mention his name to the Prince of Wales. 16 April 1811

17/40 Minutes of a conversation which passed between Colonel McMahon and Coote, concerning the choice of either Lord Hutchinson or Coote as commander of the Royal Irish brigade, which the Prince Regent decided to favour Hutchinson with, and the Prince’s intention to appoint Coote as governor of Canada once the vacancy arose. 4 pp. 29 April 1811

17/41 Memorandum of a meeting between Coote and Col. McMahon, with the latter’s opinion that Coote would be made governor of Canada on the death or return to England of Sir James Craig, but advising Coote not to make any final arrangements. 1 p. 3 May 1811

17/42 Printed ‘reference to the plan of the Battle of Albuera, gained by the allied army, under the command of Marshall Sir William Beresford . . .’. 3 pp. 16 May 1811

17/43 Coote, West Park, to McMahon, expressing his disappointment at not being appointed governor of Canada, and asking that his letter be laid before the Prince Regent. CL, 2 pp. 24 May 1811

17/44 McMahon, Carlton House, to Coote, thanking him for his letter of 24 May, which he has shown to the Prince Regent. ALS, 1 p. 7 June 1811

17/45 Richard Wharton, Treasury Chambers, to Coote, asking Coote to give an opinion on the nature, utility, and payment of Mr Fullerton, the crown 16 October 1811
surveyor in Jamaica. ALS, 2 pp.

17/46 Coote, West Park, to Richard Wharton, stating the services which Fullerton performed while Coote was governor of Jamaica, and recommending the best form of payment. CL, 2 pp.

17/47 H. Jones, King’s Proctor’s Office, Doctor’s Commons, to Coote, containing queries from the King’s Advocate regarding the terms of the capitulation of Middelburg, which information is required for a case being heard in Lords Commissioners of Appeals in Prize cases over tea condemned by Sir William Scott. ALS, 5 pp.

Enclosure: Printed case of William May, of London, merchant, appellant, against the King and HM Procurator General. 4 pp.

Enclosure: Printed case of the King and the Procurator General, respondent. 4 pp.

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17/48 Coote, West Park, to H. Jones, outlining the circumstances of the capitulation of Middelburg, that he was not involved in the condemnation of the tea, which was conducted by Admiral Lawford and Generals Sontag and Walker. Copy draft letter, 2 pp.

17/49 Robert Peel, Downing Street, to Coote, seeking Coote’s opinion on the positioning of a barracks in Up Park in Jamaica. ALS, 2 pp.

17/50 Coote, West Park, to Robert Peel, stating that he would be pleased to give Lord Liverpool all the information he requires regarding the barracks in Jamaica, when he is in London in January, but giving his opinion on the barracks nonetheless. Copy draft letter, 4 pp.

17/51 J. Dalrymple, Portman Square, to Coote, requesting that Coote supply him information concerning vouchers for expenses that his father, General Dalrymple had paid in 1796 while in Ireland. ALS, 2 pp.

17/52 Coote, West Park, to Dalrymple, with his recollection of the events in 1796 and 1797 when Dalrymple issued him with various sums of money. Copy draft letter, 2 pp.

17/53 G[eorge] E[dward] Pratt Barlow, Tullamore [Co. Offaly, Ireland], to Coote, expressing his and the officers delight at Coote’s being made colonel of the 2nd battalion, 34th regt, and mentioning Coote’s intended trip to the south of France for the recovery of Miss Coote’s health. ALS, 3 pp.

17/54 Coote, West Park, to G. A. Robinson, stating that he has always desired to be appointed to India staff, recounting his disappointments, and hoping to be appointed governor and commander at Madras. CL, 3 pp.
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<td>G. Robinson, Baths near Taunton, to Coote, informing him that the government hope to impose Mr Hallam upon the court of directors in Madras, which could lead to the union of the civil and military powers, but he thinks it unlikely as neither the court of the directors or the government desire it. ALS, 2 pp. and</td>
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<td>Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, marked ‘private and confidential’, informing him that Sir J. Hope succeeds General Graham on the ‘peninsula’, that it would be impossible for Coote to go there as a result, and that General Hewett is to be appointed commander of the forces in Ireland, which position Coote had also desired. ALS, 5 pp.</td>
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<td>Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, marked ‘private’, sympathising with his feelings and disagreeing with him that Coote is ‘cut-off’ or ‘slighted’, and informing him that the command he requested at the Cape of Good Hope is to be filled by Lord Chares Somerset. ALS, 4 pp.</td>
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<td>Coote, West Park, to Torrens, expressing his ‘severe’ disappointment at not being appointed in Ireland or any other command, that he fears he is ‘cut off for ever’, and requesting to replace Cradock in some position. CL, 1 p.</td>
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<td>Memorandum of a conversation with the Duke of York, desiring a ‘royal favour’, and mentioning his desire to serve under Lord Wellington. 2 pp Inside: Memorandum of a conversation with the Duke of York, concerning York’s recommendation of Coote to the Prince of Wales, and York’s opinion about writing to Lord Liverpool and arranging a audience with the Prince of Wales. 1 p. Card with notes of a conversation, mentioning Coote’s letters to Torrens in September 1813.</td>
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Coote, No. 22, Charles Street, St. James, to Liverpool, enclosing his service record and desiring a peerage, mentioning his uncle, Sir Eyre Coote’s death which deprived him of returning home and receiving a similar reward, that Coote is his heir, hopes he will lay his record before the Prince of Wales, and that he is of sufficient independent fortune to support a peerage. CL, 3 pp.

Enclosure: ‘Statement of the services of … Coote’, outlining his promotions and operations. 2 pp.

Another [draft] copy. 2 pp.

Coote, Lyons [France], to Torrens, expressing his desire to serve in Canada, as Coote hears of trouble there, and stating that Mr McDonald, his agent in London, will forward any letters to Coote in Paris, with a postscript stating that he can be in England in three weeks of receiving a letter from London. CL, 2 pp.

Coote, Lyons, to [George], McMahon, stating that he is in the south of France for his daughter Sarah’s health, and offering his services to command in Canada. CL, 1 p.

Coote, Marseilles, to Bathurst, informing him that he is in the south of France, his desire to serve in Canada, and lamenting his past disappointments. CL, 1 p.

Torrens, Horse Guards, to Coote, marked ‘private’, and endorsed in pencil ‘death blow’, stating that the commander in Canada will be replaced but not until next spring, that there is an intention to employ another person in that command, though he is not at liberty to reveal his name, informing him that government favour those employed during the continental war, and hoping his daughter’s health will improve. ALS, 8 pp.

William Frederick, Liverpool, to Coote, expressing his happiness on hearing of the recovery of his daughter’s health, hoping Coote will have the consolation of his children, scolding Coote for not visiting him in Liverpool, lamenting that he cannot promote Coote’s friend to a lieutenancy in his, the 54th regt, and offering his services on another occasion. ALS, 4 pp.

Coote, Marseilles, to Torrens, in reply to his letter of the 26 November, stating that ‘though it is a complete death blow to all my prospects and hopes, yet I shall ever retain in my mind a grateful sense of the very
honourable part you have acted towards me’. Coote goes on to state that all his prospects are now quiet as there will be peace with the United States of America, and that he would not wish to serve in Canada if there was peace. CL, 1 p.

17/73 Coote, Valencia [Spain], to Duke of York, informing him of his return to England, that he reads of a large force preparing for the continent and offering his services. Copy of a draft letter, 2 pp.

17/74 Circular printed letter from John Charles Pigott, Thomas Backhouse and John Lushington Reilly, formerly captains in the 85th regt, London, to J. Delgarno, MP, stating the facts of their dismissal from the 8th regt in the spring of 1801. 1 p.

Enclosure: Printed ‘case of the eight officers of the 8th regt, who were removed from the service in the year 1801’. The 85th was in the brigade commanded by Coote in 1801 and was involved in the attack on North Holland. 7 pp.

17/75 Memorandum of a conversation between Coote and Liverpool, and Mr Bathurst, stating Liverpool’s opinion that there was no difficulty in creating a baronetcy but that a peerage was impossible as Coote had not served on the continent. Coote replied that a baronetcy had been offered to him twenty years ago and would not now take it. Liverpool replied that a peerage was impossible as there were so many applications. Coote later has a conversation with Bathurst on the same subject. 2 pp.

17/76 Bathurst, Sydney Park, to Coote, with recommendations on how to frame a letter to Liverpool regarding his peerage, mentioning that Irish peerages are no longer granted but on the extinction of an existing one, and that a baronetage might be sought if it was given with a mark of distinction ‘which might give it a character of [a] military reward’, and that it should not be ‘thrown out of the question’. ALS, 3 pp.

Enclosure: Draft letter from Coote to Liverpool regarding his claim for either an English or Irish Peerage, with Bathurst’s comments in pencil. CL, 4 pp.

17/77 Coote, West Park, to Liverpool, renewing his request for a peerage on the basis that another officer [Lord Harris] has received one without ever being a commander-in-chief on the continent, reminding him that his uncle, Sir Eyre Coote, was commander-in-chief in India, that if an English peerage was not to be offered, Coote would be happy with an Irish peerage whenever a vacancy arises. CL, 3 pp.

17/78 Liverpool, Fife House, to Coote, informing him that the Prince Regent does not favour extending the peerage of the United Kingdom, and that only the sovereign can grant one Irish peerage for every three that become extinct, that there are many before Coote in expectation of an Irish peerage, that Coote should not hold any hope of receiving one, mentioning Lord Harris’s case, and stating in regard to Coote’s uncle, Sir
Eyre Coote, ‘if ever the government of the day had thought fit to confer upon him a peerage for those services it would not have descended to his nephew unless by an additional and special favour’. ALS, 4 pp.

17/79 Bathurst, Sydney Park, to Coote, that Liverpool’s letter of 19 August could not be construed as to hurt Coote, that it did not deserve a reply, Liverpool’s manner of expression, echoing Liverpool’s opinion concerning any prospect of Coote receiving a peerage through his uncle, which could not have bypassed Coote’s older brother, and again suggesting that he should not reply to it. ALS 5 pp.

17/80 Copy of a letter from Coote to Liverpool, that was not sent in consequence of Bathurst’s letter of 26 August, which expressed Coote’s regret of Liverpool’s ‘profound silence’ with respect to Coote’s past military services, and lamenting the fact that he will not receive a peerage. CL, 2 pp.

17/81 Coote, West Park, to Bathurst, stating that although he disagrees with Bathurst on some points, he will not reply to Liverpool. CL, 2 pp.

17/82 Lieut. Lardner Dennys, Teignmouth [Devon], to Coote, concerning Coote’s recommendation of him to Lord Melville for some rank. ALS, 3 pp.

17/83 Coote, West Park, to Lardner Dennys, stating that he had Lord Melville’s permission in 1815 to write to his brother concerning his preferment. CP, 1 p.

Enclosure: Coote to [Dennys’s brother], concerning Coote’s meeting with Lord Melville at 1 o’clock, relative to Coote’s recommendation of Dennys’s brother to Lord Melville for a promotion in the navy. CL, 2 pp.

17/84 Nicholas Dennys, Teignmouth, to Coote, West Park, thanking him for his letters and services to his son, and enclosing a letter from Mr Hay.

Inside: R. N. Hay, Admiralty office, to Lieut. L. Dennys, informing him that there is no intention of making any further commanders, and the report that Melville was leaving the admiralty was without foundation. CL, 1 p.

17/85 Two military ciphers. 2 pp.

17/86 Card with the ‘movements practiced by the cavalry under the command of Lieut.-General Dundas’.

Journals and notebooks

These journals concerning the Peninsular War must have come into the hands of Sir Eyre Coote at some stage prior to 1823. The author, Major Henry Worsley was on Coote’s staff at Walcheren in 1809.

Reverse: Flag signals for the army. 4 pp.

27 January – 5 September 1811

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29/6  Journal kept by Major Henry Worsley during the Peninsular War, marked ‘no. 1’. Octavo, un-paginated, 150 pp.

15 May – 5 November 1812

6912/14/202

29/7  Journal kept by Major Henry Worsley during the Peninsular War, marked ‘No. 2’. Octavo, un-paginated, 110 pp.

5 November 1812 – 11 June 1813

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29/8  Journal kept by Major Henry Worsley during the Peninsular War, marked ‘No. 3’. Octavo, un-paginated, 154 pp.

11 June 1813 – 25 March 1814

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29/9  Journal kept by Major Henry Worsley during the Peninsular War, marked ‘No. 4’. Octavo, un-paginated, 67 pp.

26 March – 30 July 1814

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Maps

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John Luffman, The roads from London to Paris … (London, John Luffman, 1814). 32.4 x 35.2 cm.

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[Map of the lines of Torres Vedras, Portugal]. Ms. 33.7 x 42.8 cm.

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A map of the seat of war between Russia and France [London:] L. Luffman, [1807]. 21.5 x 25 cm.

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27/10  A list of the general and field officers, as they rank in the army … 1758 (Printed by J. Millan, opposite the Admiralty Office, London, 1758). 160 pp. [Requires conservation]
## Family and estate papers

### Genealogical material and notes

| 30/1 | Genealogical chart of the Coote family of Castle Cuff, Queen’s County, of Ashhill, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, and of West Park, Hants, marked ‘No. 3’. | Seventeenth – nineteenth century |
| 30/2 | Ms. volume entitled ‘Memoirs of the Ancient and Noble family of Coote’. pp. 1-30. | late eighteenth-century |
|      | Two memorandums in the hand of Eyre Coote [d. 1925] concerning Coote genealogy. | 6912/14/1 |
|      | One memorandum with short biographical details of Sir Eyre Coote (d. 1783). 1 p. | |
| 30/3 | Extract from the will of Rev. Chidley Coote, dated 1730, of Ash Hill, Co. Limerick, in the hand of Eyre Coote [d. 1925]. 2 pp. | nd |
|      | Another copy in pencil. 2 pp. | period covered 1730 |
| 30/4 | Extract from the *Salisbury and Winchester Journal* of 13 and 20 September 1784 concerning the arrival of the body of Sir Eyre Coote [d. 1783] in England and his funeral. 1 p. | nd |
|      | Typescript copy of the foregoing. 1 p. | period covered 13 and 20 September 1784 |
| 30/5 | Note with the inscription on the funeral monument of Sarah Anne Coote [d. 1815], Sir Eyre Coote’s daughter. Endorsed: ‘Epitaph [ ] upon dearest Sarah’. 1 p. | nd |
|      | | period covered 1815 |
| 30/6 | Copy of the will of Sir Eyre Coote [d. 10 December 1823], dated 29 December 1827, codicil 15 April 1823. 21 pp. | 29 December 1817 |
| 30/7 | Bundle of receipts and discharges for legacies paid by the trustees of Sir Eyre Coote’s will. 29 pp. | April – May 1824. |
| 30/8 | Locks of hair from Sir Eyre Coote, his wife, his daughters and Mrs Shutter. | nd |
| 30/9 | ‘Estimate of building a house all paid down’. 2 pp. | 1813 |
| 30/10 | Colour sketch of a marble side table. 13.4 x 15 cm. 1 p. | nd |
|      | George Draper, Chichester, to Eyre Coote (d. 1834), 29 Portman Square, London, with a sketch of the elevation and plan of two lodges for the entrance to the West Park estate. 2 pp. | 9 April 1829 |
| 30/11 | Various notes or précis of letters and documents in the Coote family papers recorded by Eyre Coote in c. 1917 [d. 1925]. | c. 1917 |
Monogrammed seal of Eyre Coote, sealing a cover for a bundle of Jamaica papers. c. 1900 6912/14/162

Seal of the Coote family, on a cover for documents. c. 1900

Seal of P. A. Hanrott, the Coote solicitor, with the motto ‘perseverando’.

Family correspondence

Eyre Coote (d. 1783) and Susanna Coote

30/15 Sir Eyre Coote, Fort Goose, to Dean Charles Coote, concerning the raising of money for Dean Coote, and continuing ‘As to your proposal for drawing, and redrawing, it is what I can’t possibly assent to, for my credit is as sacred to me, as my honor, and therefore no consideration in like will ever tempt me to put it in the power of any man to cast the least reflection upon either. At the same time you may depend upon it, that I feel for your embarrassment full as much as you can do yourself and will take every eligible method in my power to ease you of it. …’, and hoping that the Dean and his sister have had an agreeable party at Oxford. ALS, 2 pp. 23 July 1773

30/16 Eyre Coote, West Park, to Dean Coote, concerning his nephew Eyre Coote and his future profession in life. Eyre desires that the son be immediately removed from Trinity College, Dublin, on receiving his commission and be sent to him in West Park, where he will be enrolled in the military academy at Chelsea, and then to an academy at Brunswick or Switzerland. Also concerning Lady Coote’s health, and the debts of his kinsman, Lieut. Thomas Coote and his father [Thomas Coote, of Charleville, Co. Cork], whom Coote will have nothing more to do with, also the case of Mr Coote Purdon, and mentioning the Dean’s intended trip to Killarney with his sister. ALS, 3 pp. 14 July 1774

30/17 Dean Coote, Shaen Castle, Queen’s County, Ireland, to Eyre Coote, in reply to his of 14 July, informing him of his trip to Cork, Killarney and Co. Clare, mentioning Lord and Lady Blaney and their residence at Lord Kenmare’s house, that they spent three days on the lake of Killarney with a band of music, later joined by army officers from Ross Castle. He goes on to state that his son, Eyre, returned to school immediately after the trip, mentions the mode of entrance to Trinity College, Dublin, urging Sir Eyre to allow him to enter the college, which is also young Eyre’s desire, asks him to acquaint General Smith that the Abbington estate in Co. Limerick is still to be sold, giving him details of its annual rental, and discussing the interest of a Mr Baitand? in Shaftsbury, which Sir Eyre has some political interest in. Copy draft letter, 4 pp. 16 August 1774

30/18 Eyre Coote, Berner’s Street, to Dean Coote, informing him that he has had a meeting with Lord North, the prime minister, concerning a bishopric for the Dean which Lord Harcourt had promised him, that Dean Hawkins is to have 13 December 1774
the first vacant bishopric, Eyre’s unhappiness with Lord North, his discussion with Sir John Blanquiere on the same subject, informing him that young Eyre’s commission has been signed and that £500 has been sought for it. ALS, 2 pp.

30/19 Eyre Coote, Berner’s Street, to Dean Coote, asking him to purchase, on his behalf, the estate that was granted by the Crown to the Constable of Maryborough, which he expects will be ‘a very eligible thing for me to have’, and asking him to enquire if Lord Drogheda has the reversion of it. ALS, 2 pp.

30/20 Eyre Coote, West Park, to his nephew, Eyre Coote, 37th regt, reproving him for not writing to him, that he has received a good account of his conduct, that Major Cousseau is to take him ‘under his wing’, allowing him £20 a year to supplement his pay, urging him to learn French, mathematics fortifications, sending him J.C. Pleydell’s Essay on field fortifications (1st published, London, 1768), urging him to keep a journal of all his military transactions, and asking that he write to him frequently. ALS, 3 pp.

30/21 Eyre Coote, Camp near Cape Fair [America], to his uncle, Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, ‘after a passage of eleven weeks and three days we arrived here all very well and in perfect health. Our voyage was tedious but agreeable owing to our having remarkable fine weather for the lst two months. We are now encamped within a mile of Cape Fair. How long we are to remain here, I cannot tell. Long before this letter will reach you, you will have read all that has happened in the northern parts of America and for fear of letters being opened I can say nothing but that we are all well. Major Cousseau I find more and more my friend every day and am much obliged to you for recommending me to so worthy a man. Remember me sincerely to all my friends, particularly my aunt and be assured that I am most faithfully your very affectionate nephew …’. ALS, 2 pp.

30/22 Eyre Coote, West Park, to his sister, informing her that he has given his opinion concerning his nephew, Charles Coote’s decision to enter the legal profession, thanking her for her letter with one enclosed from Eyre in America, that there is nothing in it to suggest that Eyre is unhappy in the army, stating that Eyre has had a much smoother entrance into the army than he had, that he would have Eyre cut a figure of a real soldier and not ‘one of the idle red coats who serve their campaigns at St. James’s and at the levees of the great people, and who when they rise to commands, sacrifice the honour of their country and the lives of their fellow subjects, through more ignorance in their profession …’ and that he does not think Eyre’s letter should be communicated to the Dean. ALS, 2 pp.

30/23 Eyre Coote, London, to his nephew, Eyre Coote [America], asking that his letters contain more information, that he hears of Coote’s good conduct, asking that he send news of Buckridge, that he would not see Coote want for anything and therefore should ask Major Cousseau to forward a request to him for any sum required, asks him to inform Capt. Speke that Sir Eyre will write to him, enclosing a letter from Coote’s sister, Grace [not found], informing him that his brother, Charles, is studying for the law, and asking

20 March 1775
4 December 1775
16 May 1776
8 June 1776
20 February 1777
that he pay Sir Eyre's compliments to his 'particular friend' Lord Howe. ALS, 3 pp.

30/24 Eyre Coote, London, to his nephew, Eyre Coote, informing him that he is ready to embark for India, that 'your aunt [Susanna, Sir Eyre's wife] 'has taken it in her head to accompany me …’ as well as Miss Bezett and Miss Compton, and of his recommendation for Coote to become adjutant of the 37th if he wishes. ALS, 2 pp.


30/26 Extracts from the proceedings of the Governor General and Council at the Select Committee at Fort St. George, India, relative to the conduct of the French in delivering the English prisoners to Hyder Ally', containing copies of letters to and from Sir Eyre Coote, among others. 112 pp.

30/27 Susanna, Lady Coote, to Catherine Coote [2nd wife of Dean Charles Coote], discussing Grace Coote's recent visit to West Park, Sir Eyre's headaches which trouble him, the progress of the dairy at West Park, wishing Mr [John] Dawson [later 1st Earl of Portarlington] 'no worse fortune than such a bride [Caroline, daughter of John Stuart, 3rd earl of Bute], for I think he would find her an addition ever to his ten thousands as highly as they are estimated in these days of luxury and dissipation …’, and giving her news of Miss Bazett. ALS, 3 pp.

30/28 Lady Coote, Bremer's Street, to Catherine Coote, thanking Catherine for her letter on the death of Lady Coote's father, Charles Hutchinson, lamenting and eulogising her father, and concerning the unhappy situation of Mrs Coote Purdon, a letter Sir Eyre received from his nephew Eyre, and mentioning Charles Coote and his studies. ALS, 4 pp.

30/29 Lady Coote, West Park, to Catherine Coote, concerning her and Sir Eyre's intended voyage to India, mentioning Eyre and the campaigns against Washington's army in America, that Sir Eyre intends to ask for a company of the 37th to be raised to go to India with him, and that Eyre should be captain of it. ALS, 4 pp.

30/30 Copy of a letter from Lady Coote, Lucknow [India], to John J. Batt, her solicitor, Lincoln's Inn [London], agreeing to be Batt's sponsor for matrimonial purposes, discussing politics and politicians in general, and politics in India in particular, thanking him for the music he has sent out and mentioning the music of the natives which is at a 'very low ebb', and other matters. 8 pp.

30/31 Lady Coote, Ghiretty [India], to Catherine Coote, concerning Mr [Dudley] Fitzgerald who has come to India to practise law, but now regrets it and wishes to return to the army, discussing Hyder Aly and his movements in the Carnatic, and Sir Eyre's proceeding there, Catherine's step-daughter Grace who is to be married to Thomas Bathurst, and mentioning Mr Robert Bathurst and his position within the East India Company. ALS, 5 pp.
30/32 Lady Coote, Ghiretty, to Catherine Coote, via the Swallow destined for Ireland, sending her a ‘shawl wrapping gown’ and other shawls, also sending packages to Mrs Coote Purdon, Catherine’s step-daughters, and her niece Bathurst, informing her of the defeat of Hyder Aly on 1 July, lamenting the poor state of the British army in India, the relief of Vallore, the fall of Chittoor, that the nation owes Sir Eyre ‘the safety of their valuable possession in this country’ and explaining why she has only received one letter from Europe ‘this season’. ALS, 9 pp.

5 December 1781

30/33 Lady Coote, Ghritty, to Catherine Coote, informing her that she has sent a piece of chintz to Mrs Pitt, wife of Thomas Pitt, MP for Old Sarum, via Capt. Heffernan of the East India Company, who is likely to land first in Ireland, and therefore requests Catherine to send it on to Mrs Pitt. She then discusses Sir Eyre’s illness which he endured during the battle with Hyder Aly, Sir Eyre’s return to Madras, the failure of Commodore Johnstone’s reinforcements to arrive at Madras, and asking her to hold some books belonging to Rev Mr Hulse. ALS, 4 pp.

7 February 1782


18 July 1783

30/35 Lady Coote, Fort St. George, to Right Honourable Thomas Townshend, secretary of state of the Southern Department, enclosing an unsent dispatch from Sir Eyre, and announcing his death. CL, 4 pp.

19 July 1783

30/36 Lady Coote, Fort St. George, to Lieut.-General Boyd and Dean Coote, executors of Sir Eyre Coote’s will, informing them of the arrangements she has made relative to the will, the outstanding debts, a law suit concerning insurance upon a sum of money freighted from Bengal, and other testamentary matters. ALS, 3 pp. [in need of conservation].

6 August 1783

30/37 Lady Coote, Fort St. George, to Catherine Coote, informing her of the death of Sir Eyre Coote and eulogising for her dead husband. ALS, 13 pp.

12 August 1783

Another copy. 10 pp.

30/38 Copy of a letter from Lady Coote, West Park, to John Batt, informing him of the funeral of Sir Eyre Coote and concerning legal matters. CL, 2 pp.

22 September 1784

Inside: Lady Coote, West Park, to [John Batt], concerning the receipt pf £1,000 from an unidentified person and a suit brought on by Dean Coote to recoup money owed to Sir Eyre. CL, 2 pp.

23 December 1785
31/1 Catherine Coote [wife of Dean Coote], Stephen’s Green, Dublin, to [Mr Huger?, Charlestown?], wishing him well and hoping to see him and Mrs Huger soon, that she fears ‘the unhappy difference that subsists between the colonies [sic] and England will render that period more distant than I had reason to expect some time ago’, the letter is carried by her step-son Eyre, informs him of marriages and other news, mentioning that ladies in both Ireland and Britain are beset by an influenza. ALS, 3 pp.  

24 November 1775 6912/14/49

31/2 Dean Coote, Shean Castle, to his son, Lieut. Eyre Coote, 37th regt in America, informing him that his uncle, Sir Eyre, had declined making Eyre his aide, concerning Eyre’s wish to get a company in another regiment, which Sir Eyre is averse to, Dean Coote’s poor financial situation, urging his son to keep up his Greek and Latin, hoping that he will still take his degree at Trinity College, and allowing him £30. ALS, 2 pp.  

15 June 1776 6912/14/49

31/3 Grace Coote, Shean Castle, to her brother Eyre Coote, ‘under the command of General Howe, North America’, informing him that Charles Coote won his election [for Queen’s County] which ‘was attended with more opposition than was expected, chiefly owing to the too great certainty beforehand, which made our friends more negligent than they should have been. … [John] Dawson had about 700, [Charles] Coote about 600, Parnell about 500. In the borough [Maryborough] there were two returns, the burgomaster being ill. The confusion was great. General Walsh and Mr Field, who my brother supported in opposition to Sir John Parnell and Lord Jocelyn were chaired however the latter were returned and consequently are sitting members until October twelvemonth, when the petition of our friends will be tried and I hope will prove successful. Young Hutchinson got his election in the College. Mr Floyd his in the King’s County. I wish I could recollect who you were interested for that I might acquaint you of their success but as I do not I will drop so boring a subject, at least boring to me for, for many months I never heard a word upon any other subject’. Giving news of his friends and relations, hoping that his actions will bring him honour and credit, and asking hat he will improve his handwriting. ALS, 5 pp.  

7 August 1776 6912/14/49

31/4 Charles Coote, to his brother, Capt. Eyre Coote, 37th regt, Light Infantry, New York, America, expressing his belief that Eyre will rise to the top of his profession, that he has met a Mr Boyd and likes him very much, that he will remain in England to continue his studies for the bar, and sending compliments to Buckridge and Major Cousseau. ALS, 3 pp and cover.  

20 February 1777 6912/14/49

31/5 Grace Coote, Shean Castle, to Lieut. Eyre Coote, 37th regt, America, mentioning how grateful she is to have two most affectionate brothers, philosophising about life, education and its virtues, writing from the Chinese temple by the large pond ‘which with the shrubbery is altogether so much altered and improved, I question whether you would know it. It is my mother’s taste’, describes her surroundings in ‘romantick’ terms, expects a good harvest and plenty of potatoes for ‘out poor countrymen’, informs him of his father and brother’s improvement in manners, that his brother Charles ‘made many friends upon his own account in his country during the course of his canvass’, giving news of various relations, informing him that ‘Mr Dawson is returned to England, from whence he very lately came to bring back a bride.
in the person of Lady Caroline Stewart, daughter to Lord Bute. I am told that she has neither fortune (to signify) elegance or beauty. I must suppose she possesses the beauties of the mind. I am sure she will come into one of the best natured and easy families I know and will be mistress of a charming place. Yet she may not for all this and the fortune included be happy – chacun a son gout. If all these suit her ideas of happiness, she is a fortunate or perhaps I should say a favoured woman. Mr Dawson is returned from an academy at Caen in Normandy. He appears and is said to be very amicable and I think him pleasing. All your friends in the Queen’s County enquire often for you ...

She mentions ‘your friend Cleghorn’, and Sir Adolphus Oughton, a close friend of Sir Eyre Coote, informing him of other friends, his ‘old flame, Sarah Bayett’, who is to become the wife of Mr Stevenson, and mentions Dean Coote at his Glebe house. ALS, 4 pp. [in need of conservation]

31/6 Catherine Coote, Shean [Castle], to Lieut. Eyre Coote, 37th regt in America, expressing the family’s delight at Eyre’s promotion to adjutant, informing him again that the Dean is not able to pay such a large sum for the purchase of a company, that he should call upon the Dean when a captaincy becomes available in the 37th at the regulated price, that the family are to go to Killarney the next day, that Charles is in Devonshire ‘studying very hard’, and asks him to let him know if he received any money from his uncle, Sir Eyre, when in America. ALS, 3 pp.

31/7 Catherine Coote, Shean Castle, to Capt. Eyre Coote, of the 37th regt, Long Island, America, stating that they were not informed that Eyre had purchased a captaincy, that they fear Sir Eyre will be displeased if it is not within the 37th, that Sir Eyre intended to purchase a captaincy for Eyre in the 37th as soon as one became available, that the election at Maryborough and law suits had drained the Dean’s finances, that Sir Eyre has suffered ‘by L. P. and forced to take up money to fit him out for India’, that his father will say nothing about Eyre’s captaincy until he knows more about it, informing him of the trip to Killarney, other news of acquaintances, continuing ‘you cannot imagine what dreadful doings we have in this country, from a set of wretches who are a disgrace to humanity, assembling at night in order to destroy all the cattle and sheep they can lay hands upon, by houghing them so that they must be killed. Mr Dawson and most of the principal gentlemen of this country have associated against them and subscribed a large sum towards discovering and bringing them to justice, which I hope will be attended with every good effect’, informing him of his brother Charles’ studies, news of her relations, the Bathursts, and Sir Eyre Coote’s headaches which have left him while at sea. ALS, 4 pp.

31/8 Charles Coote, London, to his brother, Capt. Eyre Coote, 37th regt, Long Island, North America, congratulating him on his promotion “… I hope some day or other we shall hear you commanding armies yourself”, giving news of his movements, informing him that General Massey has returned from Halifax, and that ‘poor Buckeridge’s fate has made his brother inconsolable’. ALS, 3 pp.

31/9 Eyre Coote [America], to Dean Coote, informing him that he has given in his pre 6 December 6912/14/
name for a captaincy, that General Vaughan has recommended him to the commander-in-chief, hoping for his father consent’s, that he is to receive £600 for his lieutenancy and to give £1,500 for it. CL, 4 pp.

31/10 Catherine Coote to Capt. Eyre Coote, New York, stating that his demand for the sum to purchase his captaincy has come at an inopportune time, as his father has been a vast expense due to the elections and other matters, that the money due from Sir Eyre’s Irish estates must be spent on debts ‘in the first place’, advising him to write to Sir Eyre to explain his actions, informing him that Charles is expected to be called to the Irish bar in February, and that Eyre’s friend, Sackville Taylor, is gone to India with Sir Eyre. ALS, 3 pp.

31/11 Dean Coote to his son, Eyre Coote, scolding him for drawing bills without his permission, that he would have done better had he waited six or twelve months, stating that he will answer his bill in time, and that he has had no information regarding the transaction from him. ALS, 2 pp.

31/12 Catherine Coote, Mortimer [England], to Eyre Coote, informing him that she has asked Lady Betty Southwell to request Lord Cornwallis to show Eyre ‘some attention’, that she has gone to England with her sister Jane and Eliza Peacocke, and informing him that the money for his company will be paid in time. ALS, 3 pp.

31/13 Charles Coote, County Wicklow, to his brother, Capt. Eyre Coote, New York, America, informing him of his marriage to Miss [Elizabeth Ann] Tilson, that he is in Co. Wicklow, intends to take a house in Dublin, and giving news of his friends and family. ALS, 3 pp.

31/14 Catherine Coote, Shean Castle, to Eyre Coote, of the 37th regt, America, stating that it was not in the Dean’s power to pay the purchase money as soon as Eyre had desired it, that it will be paid next summer, informing him of farmers who cannot or will not pay their rents, the poor state of trade in Ireland ‘… but we expect dayly [sic] to hear of an equal trade being granted to us from England, which will be the means of enriching us very much, tho’ not immediately, however some of the good it will produce will be giving spirits to those who have money concealed, enough to make them produce it’, mentioning his brother’s marriage to his cousin, Miss Tilson ‘… she is (I believe) breeding, so in all probability you will have a nephew or niece before we meet next’, that she is disappointed Cornwallis did not pay him any attention, that Lord Carlow died at Swadlingbar [Co. Cavan] about four months ago, that there was an election in Queen’s County between General Walsh and Mr Warburton where the latter was returned by a majority of two ‘… but as he polled a number of bad votes the General petitions and there is no doubt will succeed, for Mr Warburton was guilty of all the worst electioneering tricks you ever heard of. Had Capt. Cosby acted properly by the Dean and Lord Carlow when your brother and Mr Dawson stood for the county, nay had he kept his word, he would most likely have been chosen in his absence without any trouble to him. I am sure your father would have been happy in that opportunity of showing his gratitude to Mr Cosby and I can assure you without any boasting the interest he is at the head of is
infinitely the first in this county, as appears on this last occasion to every one. 
I really always liked Mr Cosby and feel sorry he managed so ill as he did’. She 
continues by giving news of Eyre’s friends and relations, including Miss 
Oliver who laments that Coote has not written to her. ALS, 4 pp.

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31/18 Grace Coote, Stephen’s Green, to her brother, Eyre Coote, New York,
America, informing him that the Dean has consented to her marrying Dr. 
[Henry] Bathurst, that Lord Shelburne fought a duel the other day with a Mr 
Fullerton, and was wounded, though the ball had been impeded by papers in 
his Lordship’s pocket, that Dean Woodward is to get the first vacant 
bishopric, hoping that Eyre returns safely from General Clinton’s expedition, 
and acquainting him that Charles expects a son or daughter, and has little 
business at the bar. ALS, 3 pp.

30 March 1780 6912/14/49

31/19 Charles Coote, Dublin, to his brother, Eyre Coote, Charlestown, America, 
lamenting that his purchase money has not yet been paid, his sister’s marriage 
to Dr. Bathurst ‘… an amiable excellent character’, assuring him that 
newspapers and magazines will be sent to him, the death of Charles’s first 
child, and that he and his wife ‘Bess’ will spend the summer in Cork, Limerick 
and Kerry. ALS, 3 pp.

3 July 1780 6912/14/49

31/20 Catherine Coote, Shean [Castle], to Eyre Coote, America, stating that she is sorry Eyre 
cannot obtain leave of absence to return to Ireland, that the Dean has found it 
inconvenient to raise the purchase money for Eyre, but she hopes that his 
uncle, Sir Eyre, will soon be in a position to help the Dean ‘… he is now, I 
hope, improving his fortune in the East Indias and means to return to 
England within two years. He has wrote to government to request to be 
recalled’, that Eyre, therefore, is unlikely to go to India, that his sister married 
her half-brother, Dr. Bathurst, and that Charles’s child died but Elizabeth is 
‘breeding again’. ALS, 3 pp.

27 October 1780 6912/14/49

Reverse: Dean Coote to his son, Eyre Coote, informing him that £1,746 Irish 
has been paid to Mr Smith for the purchase of Eyre’s commission, that 
procuring it has cost the Dean ‘a great deal of vexation and trouble’, and 
informing him that as his uncle has given notice to the ‘India Directory’ of his 
intention to leave India, the Dean expects his return in twelve months. ALS, 
1p.

27 October 1780

31/21 Catherine Coote, Shean Castle, to Eyre Coote, America, lamenting that he has 
not received leave of absence, fearing that this letter will not reach him as 
others she has sent have failed to reach him, that his sister will be happy with 
Dr. Bathurst, that Eyre’s not going to India will do him no harm as he will be 
very well provided for by his father and uncle, and giving him news of 
marriages. ALS, 4 pp.

25 November 1780 6912/14/49

31/22 Charles Coote, Dublin, to his brother, Eyre Coote, hoping that Eyre will be in 
Dublin in the parliamentary winter, where he expects Eyre will make 
connections, and hopes to get him into parliament, mentions the payment of 
his purchase money, expects that Coote will get a further promotion if he 
comes to Ireland, hopes that Britain and America will soon be tranquil, 
informing him that he paid his respects to Lord Carlisle, the new Irish lord 
lieutenant, in London, that he expects Sir Eyre to return home next year,
expects that Sir Eyre will negotiate to make Eyre a major, and informing him of useful acquaintances in any dealings with Sir Henry Clinton. ALS, 4 pp. and cover.

31/23 Dean Coote, Dublin, to his son, Eyre Coote, New York, stating that he knew how difficult it would be to seek leave of absence, that he is obliged to Col. Leland for taking notice of Eyre, that he hopes the war with America will not last another year, that he does not know what his uncle’s reason for not taking Coote to India were, that he is still troubled financially because of Coote’s promotion, and will leave all ‘chit-chat’ to his wife. ALS, 2 pp.

25 December 1780

31/24 Charles Coote, Dublin, to his brother, Eyre Coote, New York, concerning his mother, father and sister, lamenting his financial situation and the delay in paying Eyre’s purchase money, informing him that he has asked Major St. George, the bearer, to assist Eyre, that Sir Eyre is reported to be on his way home, advising that it would be imprudent for Eyre to return to Ireland if it would impede his chances of getting a majority, informing him of how Lord and Lady Carlisle are received in Dublin, news of Eyre’s friends, the death of Joseph Dean which has left above £100,000 to his brother, Sir Robert Dean, lately made Lord Muskerry, that Georgina Tilson made her first appearance at the Castle and is much admired, and sending him newspapers and magazines. ALS, 8 pp. and cover.

24 February 1781

31/25 Catherine Coote, Shean Castle, to Eyre Coote, America, hoping that Cornwallis’s success will bring peace to America, hoping for his return, gives news of her Bathurst relations, that Sir Eyre is gone to Madras to handle Hyder Aly better than Sir Hector Monroe, that Charles and his wife are in Co. Wicklow with their new son, that her sister has given birth to a child, that Lady Betty Southwell is angry with her brother, Lord Cornwallis, for not assisting Eyre, that Lady Southwell has mentioned Eyre to Cornwallis’s chaplain, news of deaths in the Coote family, and George Peacocke’s death in America. ALS, 4 pp.

25 June 1781

31/26 Grace Bathurst, Oxford, to her brother, Eyre Coote, New York, which he received when prisoner in America and endorsed ‘not answered’, informing him of the births of Charles’s son and her own son, informing him of the encaenia at Oxford ‘… which was brilliant and the musick enchanting, you will be delighted with the buildings, libraries, paintings, walks, etc. of Oxford. Good God! When will this war end! When shall we see a brother for whom I have so much affection…’, that she is sending him newspapers and magazines via Mr Hesse, that Dean Coote paid £2,000 on her marriage to Bathurst, but that nothing has been paid down and she fears a delay in paying the sum, and informing him that Charles has received a pension of £300 a year, which the Dean is very angry about. ALS, 4 pp.

3 July 1781

31/27 Grace Bathurst, Christ Church, Oxford, to Eyre Coote, New York, received when prisoner in America and endorsed ‘not answered’, mentioning Miss Dawson who ‘is just the same lively laughing being she ever was. I do not think she will ever confine herself to the shackles of matrimony’, informing her of her travel plans to Gloucester for the music meeting, hoping that the war will end soon, news of Sir Eyre’s engagement with Hyder Aly, and
Charles’s pension. ALS, 4 pp.

31/28 Eyre Coote [England], to Dean Coote, stating that if he does not get a majority before a peace is announced, he may remain a captain for ten years, and asking that money be borrowed to purchase it. CL, 2 pp. 3 September 1782

31/29 Eyre Coote, Burxelles [sic – Brussels, Belgium], to Dean Coote, thanking him for having him elected a burgh of Maryborough, that he is learning French in Brussels, that he is short of money owing to the expense of being a prisoner of war, that he intends to rejoin his regiment next March or April, and reiterating his desire to become a major before the war ends. CL, 2 pp. 11 October 1782

Inside: Coote to the Burgomaster of Maryboro, officially signifying his intend to be sworn a burgh of that corporation. CL, 1 p.

31/30 Dean Coote, No. 2 Great Cumberland St, Oxford Road [London], to his son, Eyre Coote, that he is unable to meet General Boyd to deal with Sir Eyre’s will as Boyd is ill, informing him that £10,000 is left to Lady Coote, and the remainder of his estate to Eyre, and that he expects Lady Coote to return from India in June of July. ALS, 2 pp. 17 January 1783

31/31 Eyre Coote, London, to Dean Coote, informing him that he has been made a major in the 47th regt, which he has purchased for 4,500 guineas, and hoping that his father will join with him in a bond for a security. ALS, 4 pp. 26 February 1783

31/32 Eyre Coote, Drogheda, to Dean Coote, informing him that he intends to go to India as he is ‘… certain that a military man by the name of Coote ought to endeavour in his profession to trace the footsteps of the man who has gained some honor and credit to his family’, seeking his father’s assistance with the generals in London to be put on the staff for the expedition to India, and stating his want of money. CL, 3 pp. 20 April 1784

31/33 Eyre Coote, Drogheda, to Dean Coote, addressing his father’s reluctance to promote his military career, informing the Dean that he is determined to persist with his intentions, that he cannot see him in Dublin owing to his duties, but expects to see him on his march to Limerick, and that he is sorry he cannot forward General Massey’s request to have his friend made a chaplain of the 47th. CL, 2 pp. 9 May 1784

31/34 Eyre Coote, Duke Street, to Dean Coote, seeking £200 in order to be in a respectable light when Miss Sarah Rodbard visits him in Bath. CL, 2 pp. 25 February [1785?]

31/35 Eyre Coote, Oxford, to Dean Coote, No. 2 Great Cumberland Street, Oxford Road, London, concerning his intended marriage to Miss Sarah Rodbard, the guardians of whom will do nothing ‘unless something is done on [the Dean’s] … part’, asking how far and in what degree the Dean will give towards a marriage settlement. ALS, 3 pp. 7 March 1785

31/36 Eyre Coote, Bath, to Dean Coote, concerning the final arrangements for his marriage settlement, that he will go to London as required, and that he intends to return to Ireland in April. CL, 2 pp. 21 March 1785
31/37 Eyre Coote, Killarney, to Dean Coote, hoping that the Dean and his wife have settled back at Shean, lamenting that the Dean cannot assist him in purchasing a lieut.-colonelcy, his marriage settlement and his unpleasant state. CL, 1 p.

23 September 1785

31/38 Susanna, Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, concerning the ongoing lawsuit to recover Sir Eyre’s assets from India, and mentioning Eyre’s intended marriage. ALS, 3 pp.

22 October 1785

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31/39 Dean Coote, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, concerning the negotiations for the sale of a lieut.-colonelcy in the 69th regt, that £6,000 English has been asked for it, and explaining why he cannot help him financially owing to the failure to retrieve Sir Eyre’s assets in India, the annuities and other expenses which have to be paid out of the Fingal estate. ALS, 4 pp.

7 March 1786

31/40 Extract from a letter from Eyre Coote to Dean Coote, concerning Eyre’s frustration that his marriage settlement has not yet been agreed. CL, 1 p.

3 May [1786?]

31/41 Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, Teignmouth, Chidley, Devonshire, desiring that he will pass on her compliments to Sarah Rodbard’s family, now that his marriage is to go ahead, and concerning the frustrations she has had over some correspondence. ALS, 2 pp.

11 September 1786

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31/42 Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, that she presumes his marital affairs are settled, concerning the sufferings of Mrs Coote Purdon and her family, and hoping to meet Eyre. 3 pp.

Inside: Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, enclosing a previous letter, and hoping that nothing will disturb the ‘business you are pursuing’. ALS, 2 pp.

24 October 1786

31/43 Catherine Coote, Stephen’s Green [Dublin], to Eyre Coote, congratulating him on his marriage to Sarah Rodbard.

Inside: Dean Coote to Eyre Coote, adding his congratulations. ALS, 3 pp, with a complete seal bearing the arms of Coote quartered with those of Bathurst.

12 November 1786

31/44 Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, No. 13 Soho Square, London, congratulating him on his marriage. ALS, 1 p with seal bearing the arms of Coote and Hutchinson.

12 November 1786

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31/45 Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, consoling him on his failure to obtain a lieut.-colonelcy, which has happened because of the conflicting interests of higher powers, that his uncle, Sir Eyre, had similar disappointments, and her opinion on his future negotiations for promotion. 4 pp.

12 December 1786

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31/46 Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, No. 13 Soho Square, London, sympathising with him over his failure to purchase a lieut.-colonelcy, inviting him to West Park before he returns to his regt, mentions Mr Purling’s gout, and that she has trouble in getting arrears of rent from Ireland. ALS, 3 pp.

5 February 1787

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<td>Eyre Coote, Bath, to Dean Coote, Stephen’s Green, Dublin, stating that he would be happy to act in a bond to assist his father with the cotton affair, informing him of his and Sarah’s tour of Wales, that he has found it difficult to find a house in Hot Wells, so has leased one in East Hayes, near Bath. ALS, 3 pp. 12 July 1787</td>
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<td>Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, Belmont, Bath, thanking him for the present of a fish, hoping the health of Coote’s daughter improves, stating that she wrote to Lord Buckingham on hearing of his disappointment of not getting the lieut.-colonelcy of the 69th regt, due to the death of the Duke of Rutland, and informing him that the King has now nominated somebody else for the position. ALS, 2 pp. 11 December 1787</td>
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<td>Lady Coote, West Park, to Eyre Coote, Bath, hoping that he has recovered from his illness, approving of the inoculation of his daughter, Susanna, for the smallpox, concerning the continuing law suit over Sir Eyre Coote’s assets in India, and mentioning Lord and Lady Muncaster’s distress over some loss. ALS, 3 pp. 1 March 1788</td>
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<td>Dean Coote, 13 North Audley Street [London], to Lieut.-Colonel Eyre Coote, Kilkenny, wishing him well on his promotion as lieut.-colonel of the 70th foot, informing him that the Lord Chancellor will rule in the Dean’s favour over his two law suits, but that the Hastings trial has delayed matters, that the weather is intolerably hot and the ‘unhappy catastrophe of poor George Hesse’ by whom the Dean will lose £2,000 owed to Sir Eyre. ALS, 2 pp. 16 June 1788</td>
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<td>Dean Coote, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, concerning Sarah’s and the Dean’s health, the general thanksgiving and fire works in Dublin for the King’s recovery, and informing him that the Lord Chancellor has ruled in favour of the Dean over the residuum and two legacies of Sir Eyre Coote’s will. ALS, 2 pp. 11 March 1789</td>
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<td>Certificate of the admission and swearing of Eyre Coote as a burgess of Maryborough. He was admitted on 19 May 1783. Signed and sealed by the burgomaster and bailiffs. 1 p. 17 April 1790</td>
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Portion of a letter from Eyre Coote to ‘my dearest dear’ Sarah Coote, his wife, No. 12 Pierpont Street, Bath, discussing Irish parliamentary affairs ‘… [Henry] Grattan yesterday was very peevish and spoke upon the subject of the convention in a very unhandsome manner. Hobart accused him much like a gentleman’, also giving family news, that he cannot go to Court as his regimentals have not yet arrived, that his servant broke his case destroying his five guinea seal with his coat of arms, and adding ‘kiss this and Susan – O’ [a circle is drawn beside this sentence]. ALS, 3 pp. 27 January 1791

Eyre Coote to Sarah Coote, 12 Pierpont Street, Bath, informing her of his ‘jaunt’ to Drogheda, where he dined and was entertained by a band playing ‘God save the King and the barracks in a blaze of illumination. Three huzzas accompanied them, with the words ‘God bless the colonel and his lady. The windows painted in colours with the same words, knowing nothing of the matter I was a little astonished. Of consequence I was obliged to give some money – six pence per man. They were jolly and I suppose happy’. He goes on to mention a stranded ship which was attacked by a mob 600 people and are still assembled, the Dean’s heath, the earl of Ormond and his son Lord Thurles, the abolition of whiskey and the introduction of ale for the lower class, and informing her that Mr Moore is leaving the regt. Adding ‘Do not be the least alarmed on my going down to Dundalk. The mayor is a fool and the magistrates never do their duty’. ALS, 3 pp. 2 February [1791]

Eyre Coote, Newry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her of the troops to be stationed in the north of Ireland, and wondering what their purpose might be ‘… unless it is to disarm the Volunteer companies – which are by the by, not numerous’, that the militia bill is passed ‘…the colonel who will be appointed will at first make a great noise and be very great men’, hoping that she is comfortable in Weymouth, that his proposals were laid before Lord Amherst, informing her that the assizes began this day where there were 110 defenders to be tried adding ‘… However for my part, I am not one of them that think affairs are here so gloomy. Government have collected such a force in the North, that if the people are ever so ill disposed they would do nothing. I hope you got the papers … you will then read the report from the select committee, which shows that those deluded defenders were paid by some people’. ALS, 4 pp. 11 March [1791]

Eyre Coote to Sarah Coote, 12 Pierpont Street, Bath, informing her that the [select] committee will finish shortly, which will allow him to sail for England, that the money bills have all passed, concerning their lodging in England, thanking her for the gift of a handkerchief, that he will discuss the ‘Duke of Leeds affair’ when they meet, reports news of Lord and Lady Fitzwilliam, the Dean’s health, Eyre’s walks to the sea, and adding ‘Kiss Susan and this – O’. ALS, 4 pp. 12 March [1791]

Lady Coote, Barnes Street [London], to Eyre Coote, Pierpont Street, Bath, expressing her delight at his return to Bath, informing him of the naval preparations and the prospect of war with Russia, Mr Purling’s confinement due to gout, and legal matters concerning West Park. ALS, 3 pp. with complete seal of Lady Coote with the arms of Coote and Hutchinson. 18 April 1791 6912/14/50
31/61 Lady Coote, Barnes Street, to Coote, Bath, concerning Sarah Coote’s health, his daughter, Susanna, and Mr Purling’s health. ALS, 2 pp. 6 May 1791 6912/14/50

31/62 Eyre Coote [Newry] to Sarah Coote, 14 Gay Street, Bath, informing her that he has arrived in Newry, that Major [Johnstone] and his wife have also arrived, the state of the regiment, that Major [Johnstone] has taken a house in Belfast for £50 per annum, adding that his brother will be godfather for the child that Sarah is pregnant with. ALS, 3 pp. c. 19 May 1791

31/63 Eyre Coote, Newry, to Sarah Coote, No. 14 Gay Street, Bath, concerning the quartering of the regt, that he has good officers, pays 18d. for dinner with a pint of wine in the mess, that the officers live in an inn, but says the dinners are not very good and ‘no good mustard’, gives news of Capt. Nares and his wife, Capt. Dunbar, Moore, Massey and Skinner, that Warner has deserted, and that he attended a ball last night ‘many pretty women but did not speak to a creature’. ALS, 4 pp. 21 May 1791

31/64 Eyre Coote, Newry, to Sarah Coote, giving her advice on how to preserve her health, informing her of the poor weather, that the Dean is still with him, his servants, and other news of the officers. ALS, 3 pp. with monogrammed seal with EC and Coote crest with motto ‘Vincit Veritas’. 23 May [1791]

31/65 Eyre Coote [Newry], to Sarah Coote, No. 14 Gay Street, Bath, concerning a dinner party he hosted in his quarters in Newry, Susan’s whooping cough, his intended trip to England, and his financial affairs. ALS, 3 pp. 7 June [1791]

31/66 Eyre Coote, Newry, to Sarah Coote, 14 Gay Street, Bath, urging her to keep up her spirits ‘and be not low as usual’, informing her that Massey has been returned absent without leave and has sent in his resignation, news of officers, that three men are in the black hole for being drunk on parade, the expected review, and his trip to England. ALS, 3 pp. 12 June 1791

31/67 Eyre Coote [Newry], to Sarah Coote, No. 12 Gay Street, Bath, informing her of the review to be held the next day, that he has written for leave of absence for himself and other officers, that he will have to settle the regt in their lodgings in Belfast due to the ill health of Major [Johnstone], and his financial matters. ALS, 4 pp. 21 June 1791

31/68 Eyre Coote, [Newry], to Sarah Coote, 14 Gay Street, Bath, informing her of the review, the regt’s dinner with officers of the 35th, arrangements for the march to Belfast, and Sarah’s health. ALS, 4 pp. 24 June 1791

31/69 Eyre Coote, Belfast, to Sarah Coote, 14 Gay Street, Bath, informing her that he has set out for England with Skinner, Major Johnstone’s health, expects that his ‘Paris expedition is all over, at least for some time and I should suppose much blood will be spilt in France. We do not know what is become of the King. All we know is that he has left Paris with the Queen, etc and gone towards Flanders’, also stating that he went to Carrickfergus to inspect the quarters there and ‘… Belfast is as you saw it. Some good streets, and a pretty country around’, mentioning the sovereign of Belfast, and the coterie in 1 July [1791]
that town, which was poorly attended. ALS, 3 pp.

31/70 Eyre Coote, Belfast, to Sarah Coote, at Mrs Hartly’s, No. 3 Great Malvern Street, Worcester, concerning his request for leave of absence, and giving news of the officers of the regt and their wives. ALS, 3 pp. 12 June [1792]

31/71 Eyre Coote, Belfast, to Sarah Coote, at Mrs Hartly’s, No. 3 Great Malvern Street, Worcester, concerning the previous day’s review and subsequent dinner ‘… many toasts to please Belfast’, the regt’s march to Derry, and the Dean’s worsening health. ALS, 3 pp. 17 June 1792

31/72 Eyre Coote, Belfast, to Sarah Coote, at Mrs Hartly’s, No. 3 Great Malvern Street, Worcester, concerning his march, the Dean’s health, promotions in the regt, expressing his love for her, mentioning his servant Peronne, and Major Johnstone’s family who ‘are more and more curious every day’. ALS, 3 pp. 18 June [1792]

31/73 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, at Mrs Hartly’s, No. 3 Great Malvern Street, Worcester, concerning his movements between Derry and Belfast, his intended passage to Liverpool, that he will not go via Dublin as he does not want to meet the Dean who is there, that the Dean has not answered Eyre’s letter, and mentioning Lord Cornwallis’s victory at Tippo. ALS, 3 pp. 29 June [1792]

31/74 Eyre Coote to Sarah Coote, at Mrs Hartly’s, No. 3 Great Malvern Street, Worcester, concerning his intended departure for England, that he does not intend to go via Dublin because the Dean is there, and the Dean’s health as reported by his brother Charles. ALS, 4 pp. 2 July 1792

31/75 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, at Mrs Hartly’s, No. 3 Great Malvern Street, Worcester, lamenting that he cannot yet leave Derry, concerning his intended trip, that he must avoid Dublin, that the Dean is in ‘a bad way’, and concerning his dogs which he does not intend to send to England. ALS, 3 pp. 5 July 1792

31/76 Charles Coote, Dublin, to his brother, Eyre Coote, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, hoping to hear from him about Sarah Coote’s health, informing him of the attempt to establish a ‘national guard’, which have been ‘checked and dampened by the proclamation and if government shall continue to act with spirit and firmness. I think the discontented and seditious will be baffled in their detestable schemes and the united and spirited conduct in England must have good effects here. Our parliament is to meet the 10th’, hoping that he will be in Dublin if Sarah’s health improves, his father’s improved health, and his son Charles, who is gone to Rugby. ALS, 3 pp. 27 December 1792 6912/14/49

31/77 Incomplete letter from Eyre Coote, to Sarah Coote, [Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire], concerning his intended trip to England, that he is taken up with ‘the ballot for committees’ in the Irish parliament, concerning her clothing, that it is so late when he comes out of the Commons that he retires to the coffee room to have a glass of porter and a biscuit, dinners with the Dean, his brother and the Provost of Trinity College, mentioning ‘… that conceited fellow Cook got a most immoderate trimming in the House of Commons] the night before last from Mr Curran’, the Dean’s declining health. 4 pp. Late December 1792
32/1 Eyre Coote, Dublin to Sarah Coote, informing her that he has arrived in Dublin and lodging in College Green, that he has met the Dean who ‘looks exactly the same as he did two years ago – neither better nor worse. He is full of politics’, adding ‘my lodging is a very bad one. It stinks horribly and Peronne says the maid has thrown the pot all down the stairs – a bad beginning. ALS, 2 pp.

9 January 1793
10 pm

32/2 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorset, informing her that the Irish House of Commons has adjourned, that he is to visit his regt in Derry, that he has seen [Chief-Secretary] Hobart and the Lord Lieutenant, that he has relinquished the idea of a baronetcy, that General Moncher is rumoured to made the commander-in-chief in Ireland, and that has offered to raise an independent company. ALS, 3 pp.

17 January [1793]

32/3 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, lamenting their separation, the prospect of war with France, his chances for leave of absence, hopes that the affairs of parliament will soon be over as he is sick of Dublin, passing on compliments to Sarah’s family, and approving of Susan’s writing. ALS, 4 pp.

25 January [1793]

32/4 Eyre Coote, Dunleer [Co. Louth], to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her of his movements to Belfast, that he did not get any sleep due to a late night conversation with General Whyte over Whyte’s ‘ideal fears’, that he ‘saw in a London newspaper … that the King of France was to loose his life – if so – how dreadful and I think if it really is true, that there will be a war’, that he will not be able to give her an account of the debate in the Commons concerning the Catholic Relief bill, that he has not heard from the Dean since he left town and that all the officers are very attentive to him. ALS, 3 pp.

28 January [1793], 8 o’clock pm

32/5 Eyre Coote [Dublin?], to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her that he has sent letters to various people regarding his proposals to have the regt engaged in any expedition in the event of war, that he is ‘cursedly tired’ of Dublin, concerning the possibility of his children getting measles in Weymouth, Sarah’s sister, reassuring her that the French would never land at Weymouth, that he thinks the French have designs on Amsterdam, that the Irish House of Commons voted for an augmentation of the army and the formation of a militia of 10,000 men, and that General McDonald is ‘nervous, I am told, past lunacy’. ALS, 3 pp.

5 February [1793]

32/6 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, mentioning the arrival of Miss Bathurst at Weymouth, his hope for leave of absence, that he hates the idea of her coming to Ireland, that he hopes to speak to General Moncher about leave, relates news of the Irish Commons, adding that ‘… Grattan proposed a violent question. Government had a majority of 80 – 152 to 71 and thus we parted and I hear reform will not take place this session, tho’ it certainly must soon’, and their financial matters. ALS, 4 pp.

12 February [1793]

32/7 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, 16 February

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mentioning his daughter, Sarah’s, ill health, informing her that he was at a drawing room at Dublin Castle, that the Dean is sorry for purchasing so much land in Ireland and that he and Sarah were lucky not to have followed the Dean’s ‘bad advice’ continuing ‘… in my mind estates are in a ticklish way. Many counties are this day ruled by a mob. Louth, Meath, Armagh and Monaghan. How matters will turn out is impossible to say, and I think the levellers are more dangerous by far than the Catholics, tho’ I am convinced that the Catholics will in a short time have all they wish for and in the end prove the ruling party. How England will like that idea, I cannot say. I am a bad politician. A union would be better than a separation. But I dread the latter’. He goes to say that he will ask Moncher for leave of absence, that he hopes Moncher will become commander-in-chief in Ireland, and mentioning his wife’s expenses. ALS, 3 pp.

32/8 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, mentioning his daughter, Sarah’s health, that he dined with his brother, Charles, last Sunday, dismissing her fears of a French attack on Weymouth, Mrs Bathurst, his wife’s health, that he and others are anxious about a meeting of delegates at Dungannon about forming a ‘convention or second parliament’, that there is ‘nothing but beating and drumming of recruits here’ and asking her not to mention ‘my proposals’, which Lord Suffolk has presented to Lord Amherst. ALS, 3 pp. 

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32/9 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her that he will not now be able to visit her, that orders have been issued to the army to be in a state of readiness to march at a moment’s notice, that he thinks an invasion is not probable, and if the French land ‘… the fleet of England are good for nothing’, that privateers may do some mischief, that he is on very friendly terms with Moncher and General Whyte and hopes to get some leave, and adding ‘I do not think the reform will take place this year. The Catholics will get what you see from Hobart’s speech and the absentee tax is for the present given up’. ALS, 4 pp.

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32/10 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorset, concerning his intention to seek leave of absence, that some of his detachments are in a disagreeable situation in Derry, that Major Johnstone is ‘making himself ridiculous’, that the ‘Catholic Question’ comes on tonight, from the papers ‘… you will observe great sparring between [Isaac] Corry and Ponsonby. In my mind no credit to either of them. But the former was doubtless, very great. I advised him to let the business drop and not to call upon Ponsonby afterwards and the affair had died away’, that the Dean is very ill, mentioning his brother, Charles, and dismissing her fears of a French attack on Weymouth. ALS, 4 pp.

22 February [1793]

32/11 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her that there is no chance of the regt going abroad, that he is to go to Derry to join his regt, concerning the vote on the Catholic relief bill ‘… a most curious division took place at ½ past five this morning. Notwithstanding the great majority last year (of 240 to 25) against the Catholics having the elective franchise which alone gives them the ruling party and completely oversets the constitution and in my mind must tend to a separation, the

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House of Commons sat all night and divided at ½ past five this morning 144 for the elective franchise, 72 against it. In the minority I voted and was the means of keeping Charles in the house to do the same. How men can reconcile to themselves changing their opinions in such a dastardly manner, I cannot tell. But I could not have been in the majority, not for half Ireland. After being so decided in my own mind and so decided last year, I therefore have acted consistently and the affair is up. The Catholics must carry the sway in Ireland by the desertion of the protestants and how the King from his coronation oath can rule the catholic gentry is more than I can divine. Many most respectable men were in the minority, of course against government, among whom was the Speaker [John Foster], who made a speech one hour and half and I will say what every body does say was the best speech ever made in any house of Commons. It was a masterpiece of oratory, sound sense, reasoning, judgement and exactly stating what no doubt must happen in Ireland. I will send you the best paper that has it and if it is printed will buy it. It is the first time I ever privately voted against government. I think that rather they will conceive it as a rational question not a government one. Be it as it may, I have done my duty and am sure shall receive more credit from having acted from my honour which is dearer to me than my life than those who have deserted their cause and turned sides thro’ timidity or from self interest and I am sure that the honest Catholics will thank the minority more than the majority. You will be happy to think that all will now be quiet with them.’ ALS, 4 pp.

32/12 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her that government is displeased with those who voted against the Catholic Relief bill, mentioning his proposals to either raise a regiment or have the 70th involved in any planned expedition, his view of the war, that Ireland will be separated as a result of the recent bill, that he desires a union ‘… but I now fear that plan is over’, that he dined with the Dean ‘… a bit of stinking cold mutton and stinking fish’, and mentioning Capt. Cole, Lord Enniskillen’s son’. ALS, 4 pp.

32/13 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, expressing his delight at her letter which ‘… was the best written by a woman, so superior, so like yourself’, concerning the intended marriage of Mr Affleck and Miss Rodbard, which is off, that his proposals have been laid before Lord Amherst, that he will not ask again about raising a corps, that he thinks the government are angry with him for opposing them, that the Speaker’s speech [against the Catholic relief bill] is published, and the merits of Capt. Cole, Lord Enniskillen’s son. ALS, 4 pp.

32/14 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, expressing his affection for his wife, informing her that he has ordered Faulkner’s newspaper to be sent to her regularly, that she should stay at Weymouth, concerning her lodgings there, and mentioning Miss Raven, who is staying with her. ALS, 4 pp.

32/15 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, that he is busy in ‘the cabinet’ dealing with complaints from various detachments in Inishowen [Co. Donegal], informing her of his evening 18 March [1793]
routine, and concerning two engagements with smugglers where men were killed and wounded, and financial matters. ALS, 3 pp.

32/16 Eyre Coote [Derry] to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, that everything is dull in Derry, that there are not enough officers ‘to form a society’, that he has recalled several officers as a result, thanking her for the handkerchief she sent him, informing her that Mrs Bathurst will take a house in Gloucestershire, mentioning Major Diram’s account of the Indian campaigns ‘… which will amuse you if you buy it’, that he has heard nothing from the Dean, that Derry is not disturbed and that every soldier was sober on Patrick’s Day. ALS, 3 pp. 20 March [1793]

32/17 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, stating that he does not pass his time pleasantly in Derry, that he hopes the ‘inhabitants will soon take compassion and ask me to their evening parties’, that he is busy with military business, that Napper Tandy has absconded in fear of having been hanged at Dundalk assizes, and mentioning his wife’s sister who has not written to her in six weeks. ALS, 3 pp. 22 March [1793]

32/18 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, thanking her for her account of the militia and adding ‘… you are a very good soldier and the best wife in the world’, that he has not yet seen her sister’s marriage in the newspapers, his opinion that the war will end by the end of the year, that he has sent ‘little nasty Capt. Irving recruiting’, that he has nothing to do except to attend the recruits and write constantly to government, and General Whyte and the state of the country. ALS, 3 pp. 29 March [1793]

32/19 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her that it takes three days for letters to come from Dublin to Derry, that the French have lost 17,000 in a recent engagement, that he has been officially informed that the King does not intend to raise regts in Ireland at present, that he expects the regt will be ordered to march to the south of Ireland, sending her a parcel, and giving her news of the regt’s officers. ALS, 3 pp. 1 April [1793]

32/20 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her that his regt is to march to the south of the country, that the 27th and 28th regts are to be embarked for foreign service, that he does not expect any large number of regts to leave Ireland until the militia is ready, that some parts of Ireland are only kept in order by the army, that there is a ‘horrid final book just come out which is to finish the manoeuvres in the British army’, and mentioning the success of the Austrians against the French. ALS, 4 pp. 3 April 1793

32/21 Eyre Coote, Londonderry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, lamenting their separation, and stating that she can come over once he has been settled in the south. ALS, 4 pp. 8 April [1793]

32/22 Eyre Coote, Derry, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, that he has been immediately ordered to Kinsale [Co. Cork], informing her of his different locations while on the march, including Granard [Co. Longford], 10 April 1793
Birr [King’s County], Cashel [Co. Tipperary], and Kilworth [Co. Cork], that he is up until 2 am performing his military duties and writing to government, and mentioning a French letter for Miss Raven?. ALS, 4 pp.

32/23 Eyre Coote, Granard [Co. Longford], to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her of his movements, stating that it is fortunate they are to be in Kinsale ‘as it will prevent our moving to the W[est] Indies’, that he expects to be sent to France, and stating that the Dean looks very ill. ALS, 3 pp.

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32/24 Eyre Coote, Dublin, to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her of his movements, stating that it is fortunate they are to be in Kinsale ‘as it will prevent our moving to the W[est] Indies’, that he expects to be sent to France, and stating that the Dean looks very ill. ALS, 3 pp.

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32/25 Eyre Coote, Roscrea [Co. Tipperary], to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, informing her that he expects to be sent to France, that she should write to Mrs Coote, the Dean ‘is going very fast’, and that he will write to her from Cashel or Clogheen [Co. Tipperary]. ALS, 3 pp.

27 April [1793]

32/26 Eyre Coote, Mitchelstown, six miles from Kilworth, [Co. Cork] to Sarah Coote, Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorsetshire, mentioning his ‘wet arrival’ in the town and informing her that he has received her letter forwarded to Kilworth. ALS, 2 pp.

5 May [1793]

32/27 Sarah Coote to Eyre Coote, writing with her left hand, informing him that she is doing very well [after breaking her arm in some accident]. ALS, 1 p.

18 October [1793]

32/28 Sarah Coote to Eyre Coote, [Cove of Cork], writing with her left hand, informing him that she has been three weeks in bed and concerning her improving health. ALS, 2 pp.

22 October [1793]

32/29 Sarah Coote to Eyre Coote, Cove of Cork, writing with her left hand, hoping that he will be promoted colonel before the war is over, that Mrs Bathurst, who has been caring for her, leaves on Monday, asking that Mrs Bathurst might be sent a present and that she has just heard the Duke [of York] has not been successful. ALS, 3 pp.

26 October [1793]

32/30 E. Raven to Eyre Coote, Cove of Cork, with news of his wife’s recovery. ALS, 2 pp.

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Inside: Sarah Coote to Eyre Coote, informing him that Admiral Jervis has sailed to Ostend, ‘… but it is thought he will not arrive in time to save it’, and asking him to show some attention to ‘Robinson’ as his sisters have been kind to her. ALS, 2 pp.

32/31 Sarah Coote to Eyre Coote, Cove of Cork, concerning her broken right arm, the present for Mrs Bathurst, financial matters, the reported marriage of Mr Purling, sending him a cravat, wishing him well and asking ‘what do you think
of Duke Peacocke’s exchanging again?’. ALS, 3 pp.

32/32 Lady Coote, West Park, to Sarah Coote, lamenting her accident, her separation from Coote, and inviting her to West Park. ALS, 2 pp.

32/33 Henry Bathurst, Oxford, to Eyre Coote, on board HMS Britannia, Cove, Cork, concerning Sarah’s accident and recovery, giving news of his family, the prospects for peace and the current situation in Europe and France. ALS, 4 pp.

32/34 Henry Bathurst, now Bishop of Norwich, London, to Eyre Coote, ‘under the command of Sir Charles Grey KB, West Indies’, informing him that he has preached a sermon before the House of Commons, that the bishopric of Bristol is to be given to either Courtenay or himself, mentioning his wife Grace who is likely to give birth this summer, informing him that he will send Coote newspapers and pamphlets, that he will consult with Mr Purling about the manner of securing ‘our point, and it will be hard indeed if any obstacle be thrown in the way of our wishes’, that he does not think the convention on the West India slaves will impede his ‘plan’, that the British government and the country is quiet, though the Duke of York’s appointment as commander-in-chief of the army has displeased some, adding that ‘… you cannot imagine to what a degree soldiers, citizens, surgeons, divines all unite in their aversion to his Royal Highness [ ] and rough, without military talents, insolent without dignity, negligent of me, lives of his soldiers, and exceedingly useful of his own, he has disgusted (at least such ins the general language) every man under his command’, thanking him for the present Eyre gave to Mrs Bathurst, mentioning some ailment which Eyre is suffering from, religion, the Dean, who ‘is wasting a great deal of money on a new house in … [Leopardstown] Dublin’, and money owed to Lord Salisbury at West Park. ALS, 7 pp.

32/35 ‘Hair Powder Annual duty’, paid by Mrs [Sarah] Coote, No. 12 Sackville Street [Dublin].

32/36 Catherine Coote, Stephen’s Green, Dublin, to her daughter-in-law, Sarah Coote, at Alexander Adairs Esq, Pall Mall, London, enquiring into Sarah’s health, informing her that the Dean is well, that they slept in one of the offices at Leporstown [sic – Leopardstown], that the house there will not be ready for some months, mentioning Sarah’s daughters, locks of hair, William Peacock’s health, and the latter’s sisters. ALS, 4 pp.

32/37 John Francis Cradock, Quarter Master General’s Office, to Eyre Coote, concerning some bad news regarding the war, the French capture of Domingo, informing him that Abercrombie is appointed commander in the West Indies, wondering whether the King is pleased or displeased with him, Cradock’s drilling, the Irish ‘defenders’, the Irish militia, and the fencibles sent from England and Scotland which are to be hid from the populace ‘to prevent their being really knocked about’. ALS, 4 pp.

The letter is endorsed by Coote ‘Cradock is a great real friend’ and later endorsed in April 1824 by Lady Jane Coote, West Park: ‘Colonel Cradock, afterwards Sir J. Cradock KB, instead of proving himself to be the great and
real friend which my beloved husband supposed him to be (vide his remark on the last page of this letter) proved himself a most false friend indeed. He is now Lord Howden’.

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mentioning the intended promotion for Capt. Bury. ALS, 3 pp. with cover.

32/47 Catherine Coote [England] to Eyre Coote, Ostend, that she has informed his daughters of Eyre’s capture, that she intends to have them come to her for the holidays, and informing him that several people have come to her enquiring after him. ALS, 4 pp. 27 May 1798

32/48 William Stephen Pount?, Dover, to Eyre Coote, Ostend, lamenting his capture, and offering his services regarding his house, servants horses etc. ALS, 2 pp. 28 May 1798

32/49 J. M. Hector?, Dover, to Eyre Coote, Ostend, hoping that he is well. ALS, 1 p. 13 June 1798

32/50 John Sullivan, Dover, to Eyre Coote, Lisle [France], concerning the contents of Coote’s house and the sale of his horses in Dover, that his daughters are with Mrs [Catherine] Coote, and will not do anything until he hears from him. ALS, 2 pp. 20 June 1798

32/51 Catherine Coote, 64 Sloan Street, Chelsea, to Eyre Coote, Lisle, informing him that his daughters are with her, that Mrs Peronne is properly attentive to Susan and Sarah, that his friends in Ireland and Durham are all well, that she has got a piano forte for his daughters to practice on, that Mrs Peronne would like to hear from Mr Peronne and that she has a bed for Eyre at Chelsea. ALS, 3 pp. 28 June 1798

32/52 W. Steele, Dover, to Eyre Coote, Lisle, informing him that he has accepted his offer to use Coote’s house at Dover, concerning the arrangement of his domestic affairs, and mentioning Gilbert who is a prisoner at Lisle. ALS, 3 pp. 13 July 1798


Enclosure: Joberns, Dover, to Eyre Coote, Lisle, informing him that he has delivered his letters, mentioning various people whom he has met on Coote’s behalf, and enclosing letters. ALS, 3 pp. with cover. 16 July 1798

32/54 Charles Pieschell, London, to Eyre Coote, Ostend, informing him of his daughters and Mrs Coote, hoping for his return, that the rebels in Ireland are dispersed and hopes that the proclamation of a general amnesty will have the desired effect, and passing on the compliments of Coote’s company at Bedford. ALS, 3 pp. 20 July 1798

32/55 Catherine Coote, No. 64 Sloan Street [Chelsea], to Eyre Coote, concerning his daughters’ welfare, that they require steady management ‘like all other young people of their age’, that his daughters will return to Mrs Thompson after their holidays, that his brother Charles has not written because he heard that Eyre could not receive letters, the rebellion in Ireland, giving news of the Bathursts, and the Peacockes. ALS, 4pp. 20 July 1798

32/56 Sir Charles Grey, Barham Court, to Eyre Coote, Lisle, informing him that his dispatches ‘will be published as you wish’ in the Gazette, that he has no cause 22 July 1798
for uneasiness over his conduct, lamenting that the weather prevented Coote’s departure from Ostend, prospects for Coote’s exchange, that his affairs in Dover have been arranged as Coote requested, the suppression of the rebellion in Ireland, Coote’s recommendations for promotions, adding ‘your black boy lives with Brugere? who likes him very much, and where perhaps, it may be as well to let him rest, but let me know and he shall be dispatched to the West Indies, and news from Admiral Lord St. Vincent. ALS, 5 pp.

32/57 Edward Broderick, Dover, to Eyre Coote, Lisle, concerning the sale of his horses, his house and other domestic matters in Dover. ALS, 3 pp. 23 July 1798

32/58 Suffolk to Eyre Coote, Lisle, informing him that he intends to go to the north for the autumn until the meeting of parliament, hoping that his exchange can be effected from ‘an enemy that hitherto (with very few exceptions) has been always esteemed a generous one for bravery and generosity are generally inseparable’, that he has left a memorial with the Duke of York regarding Bury’s promotion and forbearing from mentioning politics because of the present way of communicating with him. ALS, 2 pp. 23 July 1798

32/59 Sarah Coote, Sloan Street [Chelsea], to her father, Eyre Coote, ‘you cannot think how I long to see you and hope there will be an exchange very soon. We are with Mrs Coote for the holidays, who is very good to us. We were at a play, the opera and Vauxhall. We return to school the 1st of August. Mr and Mrs Bain and John came to see us last Sunday. John is a dear little boy and much improved. I am my dear papa, your dutiful affectionate daughter …’. ALS, 2 pp. 25 July 1798

32/60 Susanna Coote, Sloan Street [Chelsea], to her father, Eyre Coote, thanking him for his letter, that she has seen his dispatches in the newspaper, that she expected to ‘find him a perfect French man when you return’, that Mrs Coote has been very obliging to her and her sister, informing him of her activities, and that Thomas Peacocke is dead. ALS, 3 pp. 26 July 1798

32/61 Catherine Coote, 64 Sloan Square [Chelsea], to Eyre Coote, concerning the welfare of his daughters, and stating that they have written to him. ALS, 3 pp. 26 July 1798

32/62 Charles Henry Coote, Dublin, to his brother, Eyre Coote, Lisle, informing him that he has been in the Queen’s County for the summer, that Lord and Lady Temple have been with him, that his agent, [John] Hawkesworth, has remitted his rents to Mr Walpole in England, that his friends Cradock, Westmeath, Glentworth, and Monsell are all well, hoping for his speedy return to Ireland, and that Charles’s sons Charles is at Rugby, William at sea and Eyre with him in Dublin. ALS, 2 pp. 27 July 1798

32/63 Jno. Joberns, No. 18 Mount Street, Grosvenor Square [London], to Eyre Coote, Lisle, informing him of the pleasure that Sir Charles Grey had on hearing directly from Coote, that he saw the Duke of York and Mr D[undas?], Mrs Coote and his two daughters, Mr Purling and Mr Baine, Lady Coote, Mr Adair and Mr Piershall, that he has written letters to Dr. Bathurst and Mr Goldsraph?, that he delivered Coote’s letters at Dover, and acquainting him of other business which he has carried out on his behalf. ALS, 6 pp. with cover. 31 July 1798

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Edward Cooke, Dublin Castle, to Eyre Coote, Dover, ‘Cradock tells me you think favourably of a Union and I think it the only measure which can save this country. It would be most nobly done of you if you were suddenly to appear in your place on the 22nd. The expedition would be in your line. You would highly gratify Lord Cornwallis and we would not keep you so long a prisoner as you were kept in France. You can expect no attack in Dover and no laurels on the cliff. … Cradock does [not?] get up quite so early as he used to do’. ALS, 1 p. and cover.

Inside: Eyre Coote, Dover, to Cooke, ‘a thousand thanks for your kind and friendly letter. Perhaps Cradock may have been joking with you. I have not made up my mind upon the subject of an union completely. You may be mistaken as to my sentiments they may not be so favourable as you imagine. I have a great stake in Ireland. Much consideration should be given to a question of so much importance. I am however extremely obliged to you for your letter and good wishes.’ CL, 1 p.

Cornwallis, Dublin, to Eyre Coote [Dover], ‘the melancholy state of this country, and the little prospect which there is of its mending under the present system, have induced his Majesty’s ministers to look to an union as the most efficacious remedy for those evils which must in a short time ruin Ireland, and probably terminate in the despoliation of the British Empire. Under these circumstances I cannot help requesting that you will come over and give us your assistance at the approaching meeting of our parliament. I have apprised His Royal Highness [the Duke of York] of this application, and as there appears at present to be no reason for apprehending an invasion of the county of Kent, I have no doubt that he will readily give his consent to your making us a visit’. ALS, 1 p. and cover.

Inside: Eyre Coote [Dover], to Lord Cornwallis, ‘I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellencies [sic] letter of the 12th inst and to assure you that it can give me much pleasure as far as in my power to meet your wishes and to obey your commands. But upon this occasion it would be impossible for me to be in Dublin in time for the meeting of parliament. Some time ago I wrote to my brother for his opinion and ideas concerning an Union. Upon a question of such importance, I am persuaded your Excellency will think it correct in me to have his sentiments, and to consider materially the whole subject.’ CL, 1 p.

Charles Henry Coote, Stephen’s Green [Dublin], to Eyre Coote, Dover, ‘Nothing is talked of here but the union to be proposed on the 22nd. This town is strongly and decidedly against it. Lord Castlereagh sent for me on this subject, as he does to every peer as well as commoner. I was about an hour with him, and I explicitly told him I could not pledge myself in any manner to support this Union, at the same time I was not pledged against it. That I believed the county I represented was against it, that I had to consult with you, and to know your mind and wishes, that you had a considerable stake here and as it was our object to act together, I could not heartily decide
on a subject so important. Lord C[astlereagh] told me that government was bent on carrying thro’ this business and that it never would be abandoned. I replied that it was my opinion the gentlemen of the country would never bear to have this question pressed on them. Lord C. was not much pleased with my conversation and I rather conveyed to him as if not approving of the measure, that he might not reckon on my assistance and be deceived. In fact, my dear Eyre, if the Union would secure to us tranquillity, I had rather wish it, than not. I do not object to the discussion, but to carry it thro’ the H[ouse] of Commons by influence will never answer. The different counties and the sober part of Ireland and the property of Ireland must approve and go along with government in support of it and if pressed contrary to the inclination of the country, we must expect serious ferment and agitation. I do not think it has in its introduction been well managed. Dublin ought to have been reconciled to it. I would not have ushered it forth by pamphlets. If it should fail to tra[ ] the country, the object is defeated and if it should operate as it threatens as a firebrand, who will be able to extinguish it. The Queen’s County is to meet on Friday next. There is a universal dislike to it in that county. This therefore is a most critical moment for us and a most important question to decide on. My friend Lord Buckingham [ ] and strongly in favour of it and his judgement and opinion have more weight on me than the present government here. Cradock wishes for you here, as of course do I. He comes into parliament to support it. Tis said Lord[s] Shannon, Waterford, Ormond and Mr Conolly support it. Poor Eliza has been dangerously ill and is still poorly’. ALS, 4 pp.

Sir Charles Grey, Barham Court, to Eyre Coote, wondering if one of his Coote relations has been dismissed, returning his brother, Charles’s, letter and hoping that all may end well in Ireland, that he cannot imagine that a union will put an end to the ‘little factions which has governed the country’, advising him not to allow his brother to act on the basis of accepting anything from government, that Eyre need not go to Dublin, urging him not to accept a seat in the English parliament if offered, and that Grey cannot sanction a union as a good thing for both countries. ALS, 4 pp.

Charles Coote, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, ‘the more I turn my thoughts on the union the more my judgement and inclination turn towards it. In my opinion we must choose a union or a Catholic government. The former (if it can be accomplished) will put an end to those political animosities, and to those little factions as you observe, which have governed this country. I have not yet pledged myself on this important business, my disposition and judgement incline to it and I have told government this day I would engage on it without approving the terms and having your judgement and cooperation with me. The terms will I believe be greatly to our advantage and no additional revenue looked to from it. Government are bent upon it. The Catholics are for the union as I suspect, the county and city of Cork for it, Galway against it, and nothing can exceed the agitation and heat of Dublin. Nothing but clamor and threats. The Queens County are to meet tomorrow and that meeting will probably address me against it. They who have called the meeting are not particularly my connexions, and to seek nothing but to represent the county is a miserable life. My mind is therefore much at ease on that subject. Parnell is dismissed
and Corry is chan[cellor] of Excheq[uer]. Parnell will now be the popular man in the Queen’s County. We shall suppose return alternatively for Maryboro and if I get any turn and by management and supporting Parnell for the county, I may continue to get the first turn. If I should I shall return you, instead of myself for I never shall wish to go as a representative to England. The Queen’s County regiment was offered to me this day, but in confidence. I answered that I could not accept it until I had made up my mind finally to the union. My opinion has been for the wisdom of it, but I am staggered as to the expediency. To admit the discussion I am determined. What shall I do. Shall I or not accept the regiment. It will give me credit and patronage and I feel that by your advice to me and assistance I might soon get into the detail and management, and if I took it, why not get an adjutant from you. My improvements at Leopardstown may go on in a more moderate way and now and then I would visit them for a few days. Much of my quiet and comfort would be broken in on, but I should be in a more creditable post. If your mind and judgement are with mine for the union, will you come over, if you intend it, my idea is that you should make government sensible of the obligation.

Lord Donaghmore and his brothers support the Union, but you can not conceive the prejudice of Dublin to it. I do not think my dear Eyre, we can long go on as we have these last ten years and this measure appears to me as the best state measure to secure the connexion between the 2 countries. I wish I had you near me to consult your good sense and understanding. If the Queen’s County address me, as I presume they will, I shall give them an answer such as I hope will do me credit and please you. If anything new occurs, I shall write a line now almost every night. I enclose you a copy of a letter from the collector of Ennis, with the account of the disturbances there. Poor Eliza has been alarmingly ill with a low bilious fever. She is very weak. I trust she may conquer it. Having so often seen her so ill. Charles returns to Rugby the first week in February … The County Clare business is over therefore I do not send you the letter from Ennis. Private: Sir William Worthington has proposed to his corps to parade with a new colours the King and the constitution of Ireland. I think government will stop him? In the beginning.’ ALS, 8 pp.

Memorandum with Eyre Coote’s notes on his brother’s letter. 1 p.
that the union would ‘put an end to the Catholic struggle for power and do away the temptation to the French to invade us’.

He also informs him of Eliza’s poor health, and that Mr Ormsby is not happy with Charles for not removing Burroughs as agent to the regt. A postscript adds: ‘Both sides speak confidently of success in the H[ouse] of Commons tomorrow. I should guess that government will divide 140 or near it. The North except Belfast, I apprehend, support the measure. All the Catholics of property support it. The county and city of Cork support it’. ALS, 7 pp. with complete seal with the arms of Ireland surmounted with the words ‘Revenue of Ireland’.

33/7 John Cradock [Dublin], to Eyre Coote [Dover], informing him that the house of Commons divided 106 to 105, in favour of government, but the measure was declared to be given up for the present, that it would be revived, lamenting the divisions in the country, that there is ‘corruption in every shape’, that all Dublin is illuminated and that there is a universal appearance of the ‘lower orders’, that the Speaker was drawn home in his coach by the people, and that some other measure must now be attempted. ALS, 4 pp.

23 January [1799] 3 ‘clock pm

33/8 Charles Henry Coote, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, Dover, stating that he was glad that Eyre was not in Dublin the day before as there ‘minds were not made up’ on the question of the union, that he spoke in the Commons in favour it being discussed though did not say that he would support the measure, that G[eorge] Ponsonby moved for not discussing it, that the house divided 106 to 105 against discussing it, that Castlereagh informed the House that government would not press the union, that the defeat may produce a party of opposition to Cornwallis’s administration, that Charles will support the government, that the Speaker is much elated with this victory, that Charles’s sentiments were attacked by Arthur Moore, which Charles has disregarded, and that he has not yet got his commission for the militia, adding ‘… if you do not assist me by your advise, I shall be destroyed’. ALS, 4 pp.

23 January 1799

33/9 Eyre Coote [Dover], to Charles [Henry Coote], stating that he thought Charles averse to the Union from his letter of 14th, that his letter of the 18th stated that he was neither for nor against, advising him not to accept on any account the commission for the command of the Queen’s County militia at present, that he ‘shall never vote against you as a brother. If we should differ in one opinion, I need not vote at all and I am sure you will think such conduct honourable’, that he thinks Parnell is wrong to agitate the question [of union] in the Queen’s County, advising Charles not to pledge himself for or against the measure, and dismissing the idea of coming into parliament as a representative for Ireland. CL, 2 pp.

23 January 1799

33/10 Charles Henry Coote, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, Dover, informing him of the opposition’s victory to expunge the part of the address which sought a union at some future time, that George Ponsonby was defeated in proposing another opposition measure by the country gentlemen, who said that they had ‘gone far enough’, stating that Eyre can now come over to support Lord Cornwallis ‘without being embarrassed by the Union, which is at an end for some time’, and that Dublin has been illuminated for two nights as a result of the opposition’s victories. ALS, 3 pp.

25 January 1799
33/11 Grey, Barham Court, to Eyre Coote, stating that having read Charles Coote’s letters and reply to the address from the Queen’s County, Grey considered Charles as ‘pledged to support government’, urging Eyre not to go to Dublin, and that if he goes he should say to both parties that he is unable to make up his mind, and informs him that he is not yet ready to return pamphlets regarding the union. ALS, 3 pp. 26 January 1799

33/12 Copy of a letter from Eyre Coote, Dover, to Charles Henry Coote [Dublin], lamenting that there is a difference of opinion between them, that he will not dwell on the subject of union and his acceptance of the command of the Queen’s County militia, that he is at present inclined against the union, that he will not go to Ireland as he would not like to act contrary to Charles’s sentiments, and that the government owe Eyre a great deal, though he owes them nothing. CL, 4 pp. 26 January 1799

33/13 Grey, Barham Court, to Eyre Coote, thanking him for his letters concerning Ireland, rejoicing that Coote did not go to Ireland to vote on the bill of union, that he believe the measure [to unite Britain and Ireland] will be perceived in, that Mr Pitt and Lord Cornwallis’s situations depend on it, that he wishes his brother, Charles, would had taken the commission for the Queen’s County militia some other time, as people will question his motives, that his brother is mistaken ‘in thinking his speaking for the discussing of the question does not pledge him to vote for the union, should it again be brought forward. In short he has completely embarked himself and cannot retrace. I should be sorry he did as I am sure you would, therefore he must abide by the part he has taken and its consequences’. Grey agrees with Coote that it would be improper to write to Cornwallis or the Duke of York in the style his brother recommends. ALS, 4 pp. 29 January 1799

‘Queries and Answers on an address of a member of Cork to his constituents’ in the hand of Sir Charles Grey. nd c. January 1799

33/14 Eyre Coote, Dover, to Charles Henry Coote, informing him that he cannot bring his mind to coincide with Charles over the union, and offering to resign as MP for Maryborough. CL, 4 pp. 3 February 1799

33/15 Eyre Coote, Dover, to [John Foster, Speaker of the Irish House of Commons], marked ‘private’, enclosing an official letter in answer to his summons to attend the House of Commons, congratulating him on the part he has taken against the union, adding ‘… I continue of the same mind as when I had the pleasure of seeing you in London’, that he has stated his opinions to his brother, Charles, that he hoped Charles, would have waited for Eyre’s opinion before pledging himself to government, that he has offered to resign his seat, adding ‘let me have a line’. CL, 3 pp. 9 February 1799

Enclosure: Eyre Coote to John Foster, stating that his military duty prevents him from attending parliament. CL, 1 p. 9 February 1799

With: Printed summons from John Foster to attend parliament on 11 February. 1 p. 28 January 1799
33/16 Cradock [Dublin], to Eyre Coote, concerning the resignation of his seat, that his brother has lost the solid situation of the Queen’s County and that he can now only turn to government, that his brother has the fullest claim to be made a peer and receive every other advantage or other compensation that he may choose to ask for, informing him of the strength of the government in the Commons, Cornwallis’s failures, the houghing of cattle in Galway and Mayo, that the French are forming a formidable force against Ireland, and that Craddock is ‘brought into parliament by government’. ALS, 6 pp. and cover endorsed ‘Ireland in a bad way’.

13 February 1799

33/17 Extract of a letter from Eyre Coote [Dover], to Charles Henry Coote, stating that he is very sorry that they differ on the question of union, and that he is anxious to know whether his brother will accept his offer of resigning his seat. CL, 1 p.

18 February [1799]

33/18 Charles Henry Coote, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, Dover, stating that he is agitated over the health of Eliza and the safety of his son, Charles, whose ship was reported to have been wrecked, but that he has now arrived at Milford, that he will be governed by Eyre’s wishes to resign his seat, that he had hoped Pitt’s speech would have changed Eyre’s mind, that Sir John Parnell took Charles aside and informed him that an opposition was to set up against Charles in Maryborough, that Parnell would support him, wondering how the news of Eyre’s intended resignation got to Ireland, suggesting that he should not resign until after the assizes to allow him time to pick a Queen’s County gentleman and friend as a candidate, that he will ensure that the person will resign his seat should Eyre ever want it back, wishing that he would support the union, informing him that the government had a majority of twenty in the House of Commons in the last division, mentioning Mr O’Donnell’s motion respecting Roger O’Connor where Eyre’s name was mentioned in the highest terms by the attorney general, that there was an attempt made by the Queen’s County militia to address Warburton, but a stop was put to it, and asking Eyre’s advice on how to manage the regt. ALS, 8 pp. and cover.

20 February 1799

33/19 Eyre Coote, Dover, to Charles Henry Coote, stating that the rebellion, the agitation for union and other concurrent circumstances induce him to think that ‘all men of property ought to spend more of their time in Ireland than they have been accustomed to do and consequently be of more service to the country’, that once his public duty is fulfilled he intends to spend his time in Ireland, requesting to do what he wishes with regard to his seat, that Sir John Parnell is bound to Charles by his signature to an instrument respecting the borough of Maryborough, that both Charles and Parnell are bound to support each other, urging him not to bind the person he chooses to set up for election to resign his seat on account of any desire to restore Eyre to it afterwards, that if the union is to be agitated again so soon it would put him in a predicament if he were to visit Ireland, that he is happy the attempt to address Warburton was not carried, advising him on how best to regulate the Queen’s County militia, and informing him of his meeting with Charles’s son and namesake. CL, 6 pp.

27 February 1799

33/20 Charles Henry Coote, Stephen’s Green [Dublin], to Eyre Coote [Dover], 24 March 1799
concerning the management of the Queen’s County militia which he has visited in Aughnacloy, Co. Tyrone, stating that he is happy that Eyre will spend more time in Ireland, hoping that others will follow his example, that Eyre should vote for the union should he come over, that many gentlemen have changed their minds and will now support the union, that he and Eyre should join in support of government, that he hopes Eyre’s mind is not entirely ‘sealed up’, that he is to attend the assizes in Queen’s County, and informing him that William is still at sea, and that his son Charles will go to Oxford. ALS, 10 pp.

Last portion of the same letter, concerning Charles’s sons, William and Charles. 1 p.

33/21 Charles Henry Coote, Stephen’s Green [Dublin], to Eyre Coote, Dover, stating that if Coote is not now averse to the Union, he should come to Ireland and support the measure, that his coming over would give him credit and the British and Irish governments would be obliged to him, that the union is the ‘best and safest political medicine for the distempered and imperfect constitution Ireland has had’, that ‘the patent for your nominal office can be committed to the flames’, that Charles has not yet decided who is to succeed Eyre in Maryborough, that either Mr Weldon, a son of Major Cassan’s and General Dunn are possible candidates, desiring that Eyre come to Ireland, that Lord Cornwallis will recommend Eyre to any military situation or other compliment that Eyre might desire, that he has lost money in commanding the Queen’s County militia, and informing him of his children. ALS, 6 pp.

33/22 Charles Henry Coote, Barracks, Wilson’s H[ospital], to Eyre Coote, Dover, informing him that General Dunn is to be Eyre’s successor at Maryborough, unless Eyre should decide to come to Ireland, lamenting that Eyre cannot join him in the arrangements for the Union, that Weldon’s health was deemed too delicate to have chosen him for the seat, and informing him of his militia affairs. ALS, 4 pp. and cover.

33/23 Eyre Coote, Dover, to Charles Henry Coote, stating that he would never wish to vote against him, and that he would not go to Ireland now, mentions the filling of his seat, informing him of Bonaparte’s letters to the King and the change in the French constitution. CL, 2 pp.

33/24 Eyre Coote, Dover, to Charles Henry Coote, stating that Eyre’s seat is entirely at Charles’s disposal, that he could not have voted for the Union last year due to the delicate situation between them, that he thinks Charles’s son, Charles, is delicate, that he has renewed the lives of the West Park estate, and that he is still suffering from his thigh wounds. CL, 2 pp.

33/25 Charles Henry Coote, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, Dover, concerning the heated election at Maryborough, where Dunn was elected by 40 votes to Mr Barrington’s 28. He informs Eyre that the King’s message concerning the union was voted to be sent to a committee by 158 to 115. ALS, 2 pp.

33/26 Cover endorsed: ‘correspondence upon the Union of Ireland. Valuable Early
documents to the family of General Eyre Coote, as being most honourable proof of his independent mind and disinterested conduct’. 1 p.

33/27 Memorandum with a list of names of those who received tickets to attend Eyre Coote’s fete on being invested a knight of the Bath. 1 p.

c. May 1802?

33/28 Sir Eyre Coote, London, to Lady Susanna Coote, acknowledging delivery of a sword set with diamonds which had been presented to Sir Eyre Coote by the East India Company for his services to them, and now passed from Lady Coote to Eyre Coote under the terms of Sir Eyre’s will. CL, 2 pp.

16 May 1803

33/29 Sir Eyre Coote, Camp Killady [sic – Killeady] Mountain, [Co. Cork], to James [Bathurst], marked ‘private’, concerning his daughter’s Susan[na]’s delicate state of health, and his attempt to get leave of absence. CL, 2 pp.

11 September 1804

33/30 Sir Eyre Coote, King’s House, Jamaica, to James [Bathurst], informing him that he would not have sought his appointment to the staff in Jamaica, had he known that Bathurst would be promoted to lieut.-colonel, stating the position is still open, but warning him of the ‘dreadful’ Jamaican climate, informing him of his white servants and his friend Capt. Dyson after only four days illness, and that, if he does come, he will be received with ‘open arms’. 4 pp.

1 August 1806

33/31 Cover of a letter from Worsley Holmes to Charles Palmer, Portland Place, London. 1 p.

24 October 1810

33/32 Note from Sir Eyre Coote to [ ], stating that ‘we are quite fond of the Ricketts, and they shall not go from us in a hurry. The gardener wishes for three dozen best gooseberry plants. I have for you the best little boat and little sons in England. How and when will you receive them. …’ CL?, 1 p.

c. 30 July 1811

Reverse has cover from Charles Palmer Esq, Kingston, Surrey.

33/33 Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, to Charles Palmer, Norbiton, Kingston, Surrey, wishing him well on getting on ‘so well in the world’, that he should learn a lesson from his recent ‘escape’, informing him of the arrival of Eyre’s children in September, inviting him to West Park to shoot or at Christmas with the ‘Black Prince’, mentioning the Ricketts, and mentioning prospects for parliament adding ‘… we live in odd times’. ALS, 4 pp.

18 August 1811

33/34 J. Barret, Granby, Harrowgate, to Eyre Coote, concerning Barret’s? estate and asking for Coote’s opinion and advice. ALS, 3 pp.

17 May 1812

33/35 Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, to Charles Palmer, concerning Sarah’s health, that there was nobody at West Park for Christmas owing to his daughter, Sarah’s ill-health, mentioning Bonaparte and ‘the glorious situation we now find ourselves’. ALS, 4 pp.

14 January 1814

33/36 [Coote’s solicitor] [Philip] A[ugustus] Hanrott, Lincoln’s Inn [London], to Sir Eyre Coote, concerning the renewal of leases on the West Park? estate, and mentioning the amount of timber that Coote can cut down. ALS, 2 pp.

14 June 1814
[Charles Henry, 2nd Baron] Castlecoote, Leopardstown [Co. Dublin], to Sir Eyre Coote, at Mr Callaghan, Banqueier, No. 26 Rue Nerve des Maturins, Paris, informing him that his son, Eyre is in London ‘… with that female, who has caught such a hold of him. He has assured me that he is not married and never will marry her, but still there is a something in his partiality and her powers over him, that alarms me’, that he will only give the interest of his property to Eyre for his life if he marries Miss Matilda Meredith ‘… and he will see and regret it if he shall do so to the last hour of his life’, informs him that the Bishop of Norwich and Grace are now in Norwich, that rents are not paid in consequence of the price of corn and cattle, and that he plans to go to England. ALS, on mourning paper, 4 pp. with a seal stamped with an image of a leopard.

33/38 Cover of a letter from Mr Bagwell, Clonmel [Co. Tipperary], to Lady Coote. 1 p. 14 December 1822

33/39 Cover of a letter from Mr Bagwell, Clonmel [Co. Tipperary], to Lady Coote. 1 p. 14 December 1822

33/40 Cover of a letter from Mr Bagwell, Clonmel [Co. Tipperary], to Lady Coote. 1p. 15 December 1822

33/41 William? Bagwell, [Marlfield, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary], to Lady Jane Coote, concerning the instructions that she should give to Lord Castlecoote and Richard Hawkesworth, the Coote agent in Ireland, concerning the forthcoming election and how freeholders should vote. ALS, 6 pp. Endorsed by Lady Coote: ‘Did exactly as my brother advised me in this letter and wrote to Lord C[astle]C[ooote] and Richard Hawkesworth’.

c. 1822

33/42 Eyre Coote, [son of Charles Henry, 2nd Baron Castlecoote], Leopardstown, to his uncle, Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, hoping that he has recovered from his serious bilious attack, hoping that Eyre and Lady Coote will visit Ireland in the summer, thanking Eyre for his efforts in endeavouring to remove his father’s dislike of his marriage, that he will have to pay his father’s debts with three or four years of economy, that Lord Wellesley has refused Eyre the colonelcy of the Queen’s County militia ‘… which is no great inducement to live in Ireland’. ALS, on mourning paper, 3 pp. 19 February 1823

Jane Coote

This section contains some correspondence of her son, Eyre Coote.

34/1 [Eyre, 3rd Baron] Castlecoote, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, mentioning his recent illness, consoling her on Sir Eyre’s death, recollecting Sir Eyre having travelled to Ireland to reconcile his brother to Eyre’s marriage, offering his services, and stating that on the advice of physicians he cannot go to West Park. ALS, 3 pp. 21 January 1824
34/2  Luke Callaghan [Lady Coote’s banker], Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, concerning her financial affairs. ALS, 1 p. 28 April 1824


    ‘Note du compte de Lady Coote’. 1 p.

    Cover endorsed: ‘Mr Callaghan and Messrs Homes, bankers’.

34/3  Elizabeth Longden, Shrub Hill, to P. A. Hanrott, Lincoln’s Inn, London, informing him that she has signed the legacy discharge arising out of Sir Eyre’s will for her husband. ALS, on mourning paper, 1 p. 6 May 1824

34/4  N. Bain, Effington, Wareham, to P. A. Hanrott, Lincoln’s Inn, London, informing him that his daughters have signed the legacy discharges arising out of Sir Eyre’s will. ALS, 1 p. 6 May 1824

34/5  Castlecoote, London, to Lady Jane Coote, lamenting the ill feeling between her and Henry Bathurst, Bishop of Norwich, and stating that Richard Hawkesworth might be employed as the agent for the Irish estates in place of his deceased father. ALS, 3 pp. 12 May 1824

34/6  Angus MacDonald, Regent Street, to P. A. Hanrott, New Inn Square, Lincoln’s Inn, thanking him for a cheque for £21, but returning it as he owes a large debt to Sir Eyre’s estate. ALS, 1 p. 17 May 1824

34/7  [Lord] Castlecoote, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her of his family’s safe arrival in Paris, wondering if she thinks Richard Hawkesworth is suitable to succeed his father, John, as agent to the Coote estates in Ireland, mentioning his father’s debts, and offering to buy her ‘funded property’ in order to lessen the debts he owes. ALS, 2 pp. 8 June 1824

34/8  Castlecoote, 41 Rue St. Augustin, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, concerning his motives for seeking a loan from her, the Hawkesworths and rents. ALS, 2 pp. 28 June 1824

34/9  Castlecoote, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, thanking her for her agreeing to give him a loan, that he has written to various people in Ireland, including Miss Magan regarding the interest on legacies of his father’s will, and his intention to go to Ireland. ALS, 3 pp. 12 July 1824

    Endorsed by Lady Jane Coote: ‘I hope the Hawkesworths will succeed in getting Miss Magan to lower her interest as Lord C[aste]le[coote] states in this letter. It will prevent my having the full sum to advance. Tell this to the Hawkesworths when you see them, unless you think I had better [ ] the whole of the debt on my hands. My dear Kiely, if he lives, I am confident he will repay it.’

34/10 Le Haitre, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, concerning her financial affairs. ALS, in French. 1 p. 25 September 1824
Castlecoote [Paris], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her that he has suffered from a bibulous attack and influenza, that he is anxious to settle the arrangements for the £3,000 loan she has given him, informing her that the funeral of Louis XVIII was ‘… grand in the extreme. A magnificent gilt car supported by 4 golden angels at the corners was the hearse and the troops that accompanied it had a fine effect. He is to enter from the Etoille to the Bastille along along [sic] the Boulevards on Monday next. Charles X must be popular, he is a good horseman and lively and has good health which his brother had not.
The theatres have been shut for a fortnight. There are no gaieties as yet’, and mentioning the forthcoming Co. Dublin election ‘… you have a great interest there. At the last election the votes were divided between Talbot and Hamilton. Don’t you think it would be wiser to do so this time, instead of giving splinters? to one. The candidates are Talbot, White and Lord Meath’s son and perhaps Domville’. ALS, 3 pp.


Henry Hoare and Co., London, to Lady Jane Coote, acknowledging receipt of sundry bills on account of the executors of the late Sir Eyre Coote, amounting to £344 11s. 3d. ALS, 1 p.

Castlecoote, London, to Lady Jane Coote, apologising for not visiting her at West Park, that he still has the bilious fever, constipation and lowness of spirit, and inviting her to Leopardstown. ALS, 4 pp.


Henry Hoare, London, to Lady Jane Coote, acknowledging receipt of bills amounting to £238 1s. 2d. delivered from Luke Callaghan. ALS, 1 p.

Castlecoote to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, wishing her well for the season, that he is about to pay all his creditors five per cent interest and will not now desire her £3,000, that he has suffered a loss by the failure of Lord Newcomen and Evory’s bank, and asking her how she will vote in the Dublin election, stating ‘… Domville will not stand. Talbot, White and the Hon. Mr Brabazon are the members. Have you my dear Lady Coote any interest to put a connexion and friend into the Military College’. ALS, 3 pp.

Henry Hoare and Co., London, to P. A. Hanrott, with a receipt for the sale of assets of Sir Eyre Coote and deposited in the account of his executors. 1 p.

Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her that he has remitted money to Mr Hoare and Co. London. ALS, 1 p.

Henry Hoare and Co., London, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that he has received £59 13s. 6d. from Callaghan in Paris. ALS, 1 p.

Castlecoote [Dublin], to Lady Coote, informing her that he was delighted to
have her son Eyre with him, hoping to see Lady Coote soon, stating ‘…

There is a new association forming here for the relief of as (I think) our

suffering fellow Christians the Catholics. Persons of all religious persuasions

are invited to become members. Now tell me my dear aunt as I really wish to
take no decided step in life without consulting you and Eyre first, have you

any objection to my becoming as (a Protestant of course) a member of this

new Catholic Association. If you have I will give up the point and not think of

it again. I felt it from conviction to be my duty to sign the peers resolution in

favour of Catholic emancipation’. ALS, 3 pp.

July 1825

34/22 Castlecoote to Lady Jane Coote, concerning the Co. Dublin election, advising

her to write to Sir Charles Coote saying that ‘out of regard for him you will
decline voting either ways, as I think it would be hard to involve Eyre in
political opinions that he may not afterwards approve’, that he will refrain
from voting as he does not wish to support the government interest nor those

who ‘so materially injured my late uncle, therefore my very humble opinion is

that we take no part in the ensuing election’, that Eyre being a minor is a
sufficient reason to excuse Lady Coote’s actions, that he is in favour of
Catholic emancipation which prevents him from taking part in any election,

and asking what she thinks of Mrs Hawkesworth letter. ALS, 2 pp.

Between July

and September

1825

34/23 Castlecoote, Kildare Street Club [Dublin], to Lady Jane Coote, concerning the

approaching Co. Dublin election, that he is now inclined to support Lord
Meath’s son, as he is nearly connected with Sir Charles Coote, that he and
Lady Coote must come to a decision soon, and that her son Eyre knows Mr
Brabazon and could easily support him ‘gracefully and naturally from liking
him’. ALS, 4 pp.

26 September

1825

34/24 Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her that he

has remitted dividends to Hoare in London. ALS, 1 p.

30 September

1825

34/25 Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote [West Park], informing her that he

has remitted dividends to Hoare in London. ALS, 1 p.

9 January 1826

34/26 Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote [West Park], informing her that he

has transmitted money to London. ALS, 1 p.

27 March 1826

34/27 Henry Hoare, London, to Lady Coote [West Park], informing her that he has
received £337 12s. 1d. from Callaghan in Paris. ALS, 1 p.

31 March 1826

34/28 Castlecoote, Kildare Street Club [Dublin], to Eyre Coote [d. 1834], West Park,

stating that he is happy that Eyre supported Lord Brabazon, that there will
soon be a contest, hoping that Eyre will visit Ireland in the summer,
informing him that he is to go to Italy for his health, informing him that Sir
Charles and Lady Coote are in Ireland ‘… her mother is just dead. He is
grown very thin’, that 21,000 poor of Dublin ‘in the working parts’ are
starving, hoping that his mother will contribute to any subscription to be
raised to relieve them, adding ‘… the poor Irish, the forsaken nation have
much need of the compassion of the wealthy’, sending Lady Coote the
Freeman’s Journal with an account of the distress, asking him to send ‘pine tips’,
and desiring to send his mother poplin. ALS, 4 pp.

29 April 1826
34/29 Castlecoote, Kildare Street Club [Dublin], to Eyre Coote, Brasenose College, Oxford, informing him of his poor state of health, wonders why Lord Brabazon has taken some exception to Eyre’s letter, stating ‘… your father having had registered about 30 single votes, equal to 60 divided votes, at the last election 7 years since on which election I was high sheriff’, advising him not to register more for Brabazon, that he thinks Brabazon had not enough money to stand in a coming election, that Colonel Talbot ‘is an old friend of the people’, wondering if Eyre has given Talbot his entire interest, enquiring after his mother’s injured foot, asking that his letter be burned, that John Hawkesworth is unwell, that he and his family are to go to the south of France or Italy in September, and informing him of the sums of money subscribed for the poor in Dublin. ALS, 4 pp.

34/30 [William] Furlong to Richard Hawkesworth, Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, Dublin, concerning the legal case between French and Eyre Coote, and asking that he have copied the will of Sir Eyre Coote, or Mr Galway will do it and ‘pocket the £100 legacy’. ALS, 1 p.

34/31 Castlecoote, Kildare Street Club [Dublin], to Lady Jane Coote [West Park], concerning her injured foot, his own health, that he has improved Leopardstown House ‘… which is really becoming an enchanting spot’, that the gardens are lovely and Des Valente adding rooms to the house, his further plans for it, advising her not to go to the northern highlands of Scotland, his travel plans, requesting his pine tops at the proper season, and mentioning John Hawkesworth’s health. ALS, 4 pp.

34/32 P. A. Hanrott to Lady Jane Coote, concerning William Furlong’s request to have a copy of Sir Eyre Coote’s will of. ALS, 3 pp.


34/33 John Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, thanking her for agreeing to pay his travel expenses, that she need not worry about Furlong’s request for a copy of her husband’s will, that his son Richard ‘watches every little circumstance relating to you and Mr Coote’s interest’, that he will explain all the particulars of the will business to her in England, as Hanrott does not seem to be fully aware of them, and his health. ALS, 4 pp. with a partial monogrammed seal of John Hawkesworth.

34/34 Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that he has remitted various amounts of money to Hoare in London. ALS, 3 pp.


Endorsed by Lady Coote: ‘All settled with Mr Callaghan and the remaining sum after our tour into Germany returned to me’.

34/36 Tierney and Cobb, Canal, Salisbury, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her that Sir Eyre Coote owed Mr Thomas Hinch, deceased, the sum of £87
14s. 3d. and requesting payment. ALS, 1 p.

34/37 Castlecoote, Cheltenham, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her of his intended arrival at West Park the next evening. ALS, 1 p. 27 October 1826

34/38 Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that he has remitted money to Hoare in London. ALS, 1 p. 3 October 1826

34/39 Henry Hoare, London, to Lady Jane Coote, enclosing a letter from Mr Callaghan and acknowledging receipt of £55 9s. 1d. from him. ALS, 1 p. 29 January 1827

Enclosure: Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that he has remitted money to Hoare in London. ALS, 1 p. 26 January 1827

34/40 Barbara, Lady Castlecoote [wife of Eyre, 3rd Baron Castlecoote], Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the delicate health of Lord Castlecoote. ALS, 3 pp. 21 February 1827

34/41 W. M. Boyton, No. 40 Rue Neuve St. Augustin, Paris, to Eyre Coote, informing him of Lord Castlecoote’s death. CL, 3 pp. 24 February 1827

34/42 William Furlong, Dublin, to Richard Hawkesworth, Forest, Mountrath, informing him of the death of Lord Castlecoote in Paris, concerning arrangements for his funeral in Ireland, and recommending him as agent for the Coote estates. ALS, 1 p. [in need of conservation] 9 March 1827

Enclosure: W. M. Boyton, No. 40 Rue Neuve St. Augustin, Paris, to Furlong, informing him of Lord Castlecoote’s death. CL, 2 pp. 26 February 1827

34/43 Barbara [Lady] Castlecoote, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, thanking her for her wishes on the death of Lord Castlecoote, and lamenting his loss. ALS, 3 pp. 5 March [1827]

34/44 N. Pallmer, Penryn Election Committee Room, to Lady Jane Coote, concerning the death of Lord Castlecoote, and that English peerages are difficult to obtain. ALS, 3 pp. 7 March 1827

34/45 Lady Jane Coote, West Park, to [W. M. Boyton?] concerning the arrangements for the conveyance of Lord Castlecoote’s body to Ireland. ALS, 2 pp. 8 March 1827

34/46 W. M. Boyton, No. 40 Rue Neuve St. Augustin, Paris, to Lady Coote, concerning the arrangements for the conveyance of Lord Castlecoote’s body to Ireland, and Lady Castlecoote’s movements. ALS, 4 pp. 10 March 1827

34/47 John Hawkesworth, Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, concerning the non-arrival of the remains of Lord Castlecoote, and informing her in detail of Castlecoote’s will. ALS, 4 pp. 19 March 1827

34/48 John Hawkesworth, Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her of the arrival of Lady Castlecoote, who ‘…is not in that grief you might suppose’, that she does not wish to have the will opened until 21 March 1827
after the funeral as some people might be disappointed by it, that there is no account of the body’s arrival, that Lady Castlecoote said that she hoped Lady Coote and Eyre would not be too hurt by not receiving all the lands they might have wished for ‘… she says it would be bad taste of you, particularly as Lord C[astle]c[oote] had so great regard for both of you, though Lady CC spoke of almost the whole contents of the will still she swears she never had any act in making it nor does she know a word of it except that Lord CC told her he had left her handsomely. She says she fears you will be greatly disappointed as you wrote a most kind and good natured letter to her …’, that Lady Castlecoote thought Lady Coote was under the false impression of receiving all the estate, and mentioning the vault in St. Peter’s Church where Castlecoote is to lay. ALS, 4 pp.

34/49 John Kiely to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the will of Eyre Tilson, 3rd Baron Castlecoote and informing her that legal opinion is being sought as to what rights each party have. ALS, 4 pp. with a seal of a woman’s face in profile.

Enclosure: Abstract of the will of Eyre Tilson, 3rd Baron Castlecoote.

34/50 John Kiely, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, enclosing an abstract of the will of Lord Castlecoote, and advising her of its contents. ALS, 4 pp.

34/51 P. A. Hanrott, Lincoln’s Inn, to Lady Coote, enclosing a letter from John Kiely and concerning the contested will of Lord Castlecoote. ALS, 2 pp.

Inside: John Kiely, Dublin, to P. A. Hanrott, London, stating that he is getting a case together relative to the different wills and deeds left by the 3rd Lord Castlecoote so that legal opinion can be ascertained as to what rights each party have, and suggesting that it ‘…would be a great matter to get hold of the funded property. We should get rid of the entail by that means’. CL, 1 p.

34/52 John Kiely, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the state of Leopardstown house, that it could be let for six months or sold, informing her of the contents of the will of Rev. H. Tilson, and the complicated legalities arising out of other family wills, urging that no decision be taken until the opinion of legal counsel is received, and mentioning Lord Castlecoote’s debts and legacies. ALS, 5 pp.


34/54 P. A. Hanrott, Lincoln’s Inn [London], to Lady Jane Coote [West Park], informing her that he has written to John Kiely, and what is due to Lady Castlecoote and others out of her Castlecoote’s will. ALS, 4 pp.

Enclosure: Copy of a letter from Hanrott, London, to John Kiely, Dublin, concerning the will and what is owed to Lady Castlecoote, and that nothing can be done until legal opinion is received. CL, 2 pp.

Enclosure: ‘Abstract of the will of the late Eyre Tilson, Baron Castlecoote,
deceased, who died in Paris on the 24th of February 1827. 3 pp.

34/55 Henry Hoare and Co., London, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that he has received £341 13s. 6d. from Luke Callaghan in Paris. ALS, 1 p. 3 April 1827

34/56 John Hawkesworth, Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, concerning Castlecoote’s will, family pictures, including one of ‘old Sir Eyre’, that he thinks Lady Castlecoote will be remarried shortly, giving Lady Coote private information on what Lady Castlecoote has told him, informing her of the political consequences of Lord Castlecoote’s death in the Queen’s County, and the rumours that Lord Castlecoote was ‘deranged’ for the last three years of his life’. ALS, 4 pp. 12 April 1827

34/57 Draft letter from Lady Jane Coote to [N. Pallmer?], asking him to intercede with Mr Canning to obtain a peerage for her son. CL, 7 pp. c. February or April 1827.

34/58 N. Pallmer, Norbiton, to Lady Jane Coote, that the application she intends to make for a peerage to Mr Canning for her son Eyre, will not be successful. ALS, 5 pp. 24 April 1827

34/59 George Canning, Downing Street, to Lady Jane Coote, Burlington Hotel, acknowledging receipt of her letter, that he has no available time to meet with Lady Coote, and asking her to forward a letter with the business she wishes to discuss. 2 pp. and cover with Canning’s seal. 15 May 1827

34/60 John Hawkesworth, Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, Chez Mon. Callaghan, Banquiere, Paris, informing her that Lady Castlecoote has relieved Richard Hawkesworth as agent to her portion of the Irish estates, that William Furlong has refused to be Lady Castlecoote’s legal agent, that Trench goes on with his law suit, the various points of view surrounding the will, that rumours are being spread about Eyre Coote, that he has married a servant girl, informing her that he is to be married to Henrietta Magan, that Sir Charles Coote is getting on well with his new house [at Ballyfin, Queen’s County], and informing her of the state of Leopardstown House. ALS, 4 pp. 1 September 1827

34/61 Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote [West Park], informing her of her financial affairs. ALS, 1 p. 24 September 1827


34/62 E[iza] M[assey]-Dawson to Lady Jane Coote, expressing her happiness that her daughter, Eliza, and Eyre are to be married, thanking her for a present of a snuff box, and inviting her to Ireland. ALS, 5 pp. c. early January 1828

34/63 Lady Jane Coote, West Park, to Mrs [Eliza Jane Massey]-Dawson, [Ballynacourte, Co. Limerick], concerning Eyre’s intended marriage to Mrs Dawson’s daughter, Eliza, informing her that her son’s fortune is not as large as it is supposed ‘… his Irish property is four thousand a year, his English about twelve hundred, both free from mortgage or debt’, informing her of his savings, and his late uncle’s property, which is not yet settled. CL, 4 pp. 15 January 1828
34/64 Mrs M[assey]-Dawson to Lady Jane Coote, expressing their happiness that the marriage will be effected. ALS, 5 pp. 17 January 1828

34/65 James M[assey]-Dawson, 87 Gloster Place, to Lady Jane Coote, approving of Eyre as his future son-in-law. ALS, 3 pp. 17 January 1828

34/66 Lady Jane Coote, West Park, to J. Massey-Dawson, offering a fortune of £1,000 per annum upon Eliza’s jointure and £10,000 upon younger children, and informing him that she is confined to her bed. CL, 3 pp. 18 January 1828

34/67 James M[assey]-Dawson, 87 Gloster Place, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that he is perfectly satisfied with the terms that she has proposed for the marriage settlement. ALS, 3 pp. 19 January 1828

34/68 Mary Bain to Lady Jane Coote, repaying a debt, hoping her health improves, mentioning her sisterly feelings for Eyre and informing her of her activities. ALS, 3 pp. nd Wednesday

34/69 Henry Hoare, London, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her of the sale of Sir Eyre Coote’s consolidated stock. ALS, 1 p. 13 February 1828

34/70 Henry Hoare, London, to Lady Jane Coote, enclosing the corresponding parts of notes [not found] for £2,800. ALS, 1 p. 15 February 1828


34/72 William Le Poer-Trench, Custom House, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that he believes Leopardstown House is not being sold as quickly as it might do. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 25 February 1828

34/73 Lady Jane Coote, West Park, to [William] Furlong, requesting on behalf of Eyre a report on the outstanding case regarding the Castlecoote estates, and asks that he inform her why the sale of Leopardstown House is delayed. CL, 3 pp. 28 February 1828

34/74 Lady Jane Coote, West Park, to William Le Poer-Trench, informing him that she has written to Eyre, and also to his Irish solicitor to ask for all the particulars regarding the Castlecoote estate, including the sale of Leopardstown House. CL, 2 pp. 28 February 1828

34/75 Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her of the dividends she has received. ALS, 1 p. 24 March 1828

34/76 Hugh Hoare, London, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that Callaghan has remitted £344 19d. ALS, 1 p. 27 March 1828

34/77 N. Pallmer, Norbiton, to Eyre Coote [d. 1834], agreeing to support a memorial which Eyre has sent him. ALS, 1 p. 10 May 1828
34/78  N. Pallmer, House of Commons, to Eyre Coote, stating the he will support his memorial, which he has now received. ALS, 1 p.  16 May 1828

34/79  P. A. Hanrott, Lincoln’s Inn [London], to Eyre Coote, concerning the legal case with Lady Castlecoote, that she has heard it mentioned that she was formerly a Roman Catholic, that he converted to protestantism and now wishes to return to her former faith, all of which is important to the law suit. ALS, 2 pp.  6 June 1828

34/80  Rev. Ch. De Crespigny, 34 Rue Miromenil, Paris, to Eyre Coote, West Park, concerning the consequences a duel which De Crespigny had with Mr Long Wellesley, that he has been forced to leave England, asking Eyre to give him financial support and wishing him well on his marriage to Miss Dawson. ALS, 3 pp.  9 October 1828

34/81  Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Eyre Coote, West Park, informing him that De Crespigny has drawn a bill on Eyre for £100, and wondering if he will accept the bill. ALS, 2 pp.  14 October 1828

34/82  Henry Bathurst, Bishop of Norwich, Norwich, to Eyre Coote, informing him that Eyre has acted right by refusing De Crespigny, that the latter and his wife, Caroline, are to separate, and informing him that Bathurst intends to settle in London for six or seven months. ALS, 2 pp.  21 October 1828

34/83  Luke Callaghan, Paris, to Eyre Coote, West Park, lamenting that De Crespigny duped him, and giving him an account of the conversation he had with De Crespigny. ALS, 4 pp.  24 October 1828

34/84  Arthur Magan, Exeter, to Eyre Coote, desiring that Eyre might purchase the legacy owed to Magan out of the Castlecoote estate. ALS, 2 pp.  3 November 1828

34/85  Eyre Coote, 29 Portman Square [London], to Revd. William Younge, at the Revd. Mr Fryers?, Torrington, Devon, concerning some request which Young has made of Eyre. ALS, 2 pp.  16 May 1829

34/86  Eyre Coote to Revd. William Younge, that he intends to go to Florence, and requests that he arrange with E. Carter about schooling for somebody. ALS, on mourning paper, 2 pp.  nd

34/87  Eyre Coote to Revd. William Younge, ‘I quite agree with you that is it [sic – it is] out of the question going to Salisbury today were it for a thousand Miss Mills. I shall be with you at ½ 6 this evening’. ALS, 1 p.  nd 10 am

34/88  Lady Jane Coote to Revd. William Younge, Rockborne, congratulating him on the birth of his son. ALS, 2 pp.  nd Tuesday evening

34/89  ‘Minutes of the settlement made previous to the marriage of Eyre Coote Esq with Miss Eliza Rosetta Massey Dawson’, on 13 February 1828. 2 pp.  May 1829

34/90  Angus MacDonald, Regent Street [London], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the debts he owes her, which amount to £4,000. ALS, 3 pp.  22 November 1828
Barbara [Lady] Milltown [formerly Lady Castlecoote], Bessborough, Blessington [Co. Wicklow], to ‘My dear Bishop’, outlining her case in the lawsuit regarding the will of her late husband, Lord Castlecoote and her possession of the Castlecoote estate. ALS, 4 pp. 31 January 1829 or 30?

Copy of a letter from Eyre Coote, Dublin, to [Barbara] Lady Milltown, concerning their dispute which is being settled in the court of Chancery, proposing that mutual friends, who are not lawyers, meet to resolve the dispute between them. He consents to give her half yearly payments, and gives up all claim to the disputed property. CL, 3 pp. 13 August 1830

Barbara, Lady Milltown, Bessborough, to Eyre Coote, relinquishing possession of the estate she has from Lord Castlecoote, and asking him to communicate directly with [Joseph Leeson, 4th earl of] Milltown. ALS, 3 pp. 14 August [1830]

Joseph O’Byrne, No. 1, Kevin’s Port, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, asking Eyre to buy the legacy left to his wife Jane [formerly Coote] out of the estate of Lord Castlecoote. ALS, 2pp. 23 November 1830

Lady Jane Coote to her daughter-in-law, Henrietta [ ], concerning the death of her son Eyre Coote. ALS, 3 pp. 12 July 1834

Cover addressed to Sir Charles Coote, bart., at [West Park] Fording Bridge. 1 p. Postmarked 15 May 1833

Portion of a letter? beginning ‘pincushion which the Italians and Spanish place immediately under the chins of their infants to force them to keep up their heads, as also intended as a kind of charm’. 1 p. nd

Printed portion of an unidentified pamphlet relating the borough of Poole, Dorset, pp. 243-248. Late eighteenth century.

Angus MacDonald, London, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her that he is willing to pay interest on the debt he owes to Lady Coote. ALS, 2 pp. 27 November 1828

**Eyre Coote’s (d. 1834) education**

Bundle of bills for Eyre Coote’s [d. 1834] education.. 9 pp. 1822

J[ohn] Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that her son, Eyre went with a friend to shoot rooks on a neighbouring gentleman’s land against Baynes’s wishes, and urging her to write a letter disapproving of his conduct. ALS, 3 pp. 12 May 1823

Eyre Coote, Exton, to his mother, Lady Jane Coote, West Park, apologising for disobeying Mr Baynes’s orders, attempting to excuse his conduct for want of amusement in the village, and asking her permission to ride a pony he has 16 May 1823
acquired. ALS, 3 pp.

35/4 J. Baynes, Exton, to Sir Eyre Coote, informing him of his son’s health, and enclosing bills for his son’s education from March to June 1823. 5 pp. 16 June 1823

35/5 J. Baynes, Exton, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, thanking him for the money he has sent via Eyre, that his vacation has not been good for Eyre’s education, mentioning that Eyre had read some paragraph in a review relating to Sir Eyre’s legal case in 1815, and that Baynes explained the circumstances to Eyre. ALS, 3 pp. 25 August 1823

35/6 J. Baynes, Exton, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, expressing his concern at Sir Eyre’s ‘relapse’ of his former illness, informing him that Eyre has improved in his classical knowledge, that he has no objection for Eyre having a horse, and wondering what day in December Sir Eyre would like to receive his son. ALS, 4 pp. 26 November 1823

35/7 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, lamenting Sir Eyre’s death, and that he is happy to receive her son at Exton at any time. ALS, 3 pp. 30 December 1823

35/8 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her of the morning routine at Exton, her son’s education, his opinion that a private tutor is not required for Eyre at Oxford, and mentioning his wife’s health. ALS, 4 pp. c. January – March 1824

35/9 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing him of how her son’s evenings are spent and Eyre’s well being. ALS, 4 pp. 15 March 1824

35/10 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, asking for permission for Eyre to attend an interview between Lady Coote and his intended private tutor at Oxford, wondering if such a tutor is required, and informing her of Eyre’s activities. ALS, 3 pp. 19 March 1824

35/11 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, enclosing a number of bills, hoping to visit West Park, if his health improves, and informing her of Eyre’s progress. ALS, 5 pp. Midsummer 1824

35/12 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, thanking her for transmitting money via Eyre, informing her of his wife’s health after an accident, and his opinion on getting a proper Oxford tutor for Eyre. ALS, 3 pp. 4 August 1824

35/13 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, recommending John Salter to be Eyre’s Oxford tutor, and informing her of Mrs Baynes’s health. ALS, 3 pp. 26 August 1824

35/14 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, transmitting John Salter’s terms for acting as Eyre’s Oxford tutor, informing her that no private tutor is accepted at Brasenose College, except that he be a member of that society. ALS, 2 pp. 27 September 1824
Inside: John Salter, Close Winchester, to John Baynes, expressing his desire to be Eyre’s Oxford tutor and willing to visit Baynes in Exton. CL, 2 pp.

11 September 1824

Inside: Eyre Coote [Exton], to his mother, Lady Jane Coote, informing her that he is happy with Mr Salter and suggests that both he and Salter go to West Park so that she can observe him. ALS, 1 p.

[27 September 1824]

35/15 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote [West Park], informing her that Salter will visit her at West Park on Monday next, that Eyre will introduce Slater to her, and recommending Salter’s merits. ALS, 2 pp.

7 October 1824

35/16 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her of the death of his close friend, the Rector at Dorchester, and his wife, occasioned by the fall of a chimney, that Eyre will not be accepted at Oxford until next Michaelmas, and suggesting that Eyre continue at Exton until then. ALS, 4 pp.

28 November 1824

35/17 J. Baynes, Exton, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, eulogising on the departure of Eyre from his care, informing her of Eyre’s merits, and enclosing his bills and accounts (not found). ALS, 4 pp.

12 December 1824

35/18 John Salter, Hawkesworth [Kent], to Lady Jane Coote, informing her that she may engage him at any time for the purposes of tutoring his son. ALS, 2 pp.

26 December 1824

35/19 J. Baynes, Exton, to Eyre Coote, West Park, congratulating him on passing his ‘fiery trial’ [to get into Oxford], that his friends think Eyre decreased in size and that his Oxford stay will reduce him further, recommending to Eyre that he take the example of his friend, Churchill, while at Oxford, and giving him news from Exton. ALS, 4 pp.

28 December 1824

35/20 J. Baynes, Exton, to Eyre Coote, West Park, thanking him for a present Eyre has sent, and wishing him well in life. ALS, 2 pp.

15 January 1825

35/21 J. Baynes, Exton, to Eyre Coote, West Park, enclosing various bills. ALS, 1 p with 5 pp.

17 March 1825

Fordingbridge Yeomanry Cavalry, 1830–3

35/23 [Secretary to the Duke of Wellington], Apsley House, to John Mills, accepting the offer to raise a squadron of yeomanry, requesting the names of the officers so that commissions may be sent out, that he will receive ordinance and three years contingencies in advance. CL, 2 pp.

30 November 1830

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35/24 Copy of the ‘proposed organisation of a troop’ of yeomanry that Eyre Coote intends to raise. 4 pp.

1 December 1830

6912/14/206

35/25 Duke of Wellington, London, to [Eyre Coote], enclosing a letter from the secretary of state, accepting his offer to raise a regiment of yeomanry. ALS, 2 pp.

8 December 1830

6912/14/206
Enclosure: Melbourne, Whitehall, to the Duke of Wellington, marked 'private', informing him that the King has given permission for Coote to raise a company of yeomanry at Fordingbridge. CL, 3 pp.

35/26 Wellington, London, to Eyre Coote, concerning the appointment of officers to Fordingbridge yeomanry. ALS, 2 pp.

35/27 R. Byham, Office of Ordnance, to Captain Eyre Coote, Commanding the Fordingbridge Troop of Yeomanry Cavalry, West Park, informing him that the Board will remit him 12 carbines, 67 pistols, 67 sabres with belts and knots, one bugle and 20 rounds of ball cartridges for each carbine and pistol, and enclosing a copy of the Master General's and Board's circular letter of 18 January last concerning the liability of commandants to account for their arms. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: Circular letter concerning the liability of commandants to account for the arms they are issued with. 3 pp.

35/28 Indenture between Sir James Nugent and Eyre Coote for the receipt of arms for the Fordingbridge Yeomanry. 1 p. and cover.

35/29 Legal opinion of Mr Baldwin on the rules and regulations contained in the English Yeomanry and Volunteers acts.

Extract from the 52nd Clause of Act 44 Geo III, chapter 54 concerning what is to be done when a person refuses to give up his arms and accoutrements. 2 pp.

35/30 R. Byham, Office of Ordnance, to Captain Eyre Coote, West Park, informing him that the appropriate officers at the Ordnance have been ordered to supply him with arms and ammunition. ALS, 1 p.

35/31 William Spencer, Store keeper, and Edward W. Cower?, deputy storekeeper, Office of Ordnance, Portsmouth, to Captain Eyre Coote, requesting to know if he will be able to receive arms and ammunition at Lymington. ALS, 1 p.


35/33 Circular letter from Melbourne, Whitehall, to ‘His Majesty’s lieutenant of the county of Hants’, with general orders that all the army, with the exception of the Royal Horse Guards, are to be dressed in red. ALS, 1 p.

35/34 E. Marshall, War Office, London, to [Coote], transmitting forms to allow him to apply for the contingent and clothing allowances. ALS, 1 p.

35/36  R. Byham, Office of Ordinance, to Capt. Eyre Coote, West Park, acknowledging receipt of his report on the state of his yeomanry corps. ALS, 1 p. 17 December 1832 6912/14/206

35/37  Wellington, London, to Capt. Sir Charles Coote, enquiring what day would be suitable to inspect his yeomanry corps. ALS, 2 pp. 10 May 1833 6912/14/206

35/38  Eyre Coote, West Park, to Wellington [London], informing him that his troop will be ready for inspection on 3 June, and recommending various promotions in the corps. ALS, 1 p. 17 May 1833 6912/14/206

35/39  Lists of privates under each sergeant in the Fordingbridge yeomanry corps. 6 pp. nd 6912/14/206

35/40  Instructions to Capt. Coote to appoint a non-commissioned officer to manage the clothing of the Fordingbridge Yeomanry corps. 2 pp. nd 6912/14/206

35/41  Bundle of receipts, bills and accounts relating the Fordingbridge yeomanry corps. 31 pp. 1830-1831 6912/14/206

35/42  Printed form of a return of the ‘detail of arms and accoutrements received from … the Board of Ordinance’. 1 p. nd 6912/14/206

Miscellaneous

35/53  Robert Muochen?, Hot d’Angletere, Copenhagen [Denmark], to Charlotte [ ], informing her of his activities in Demark, including a dinner he had with the French, Prussian and Spanish ministers to Denmark. ALS, 4 pp. 8 July 1844, Monday

35/54  Commission signed by [Henry, 3rd] Marquis of Landsdowne, constituting Eyre Coote a cornet in the Royal Wiltshire regt of yeomanry cavalry. 1 p. 2 May 1859

35/55  [ ] to ‘My dear Bouer, hoping his campaigning in Austria is going well, informing him that [Edward Bruce] Hamley has written ‘an excellent book on military campaigns’, his opinion of Bismarck and the war between Prussia and Austria, that ‘the future of humanity depends upon the [ ] of existing despotic monarchies, the destruction of the papacy, and the triumph of democracy’, and mentioning the government in Britain. ALS, 4 pp. 20 June [1866]

Additional printed material

The Eyre Coote papers contain no letters pertaining to Coote’s prosecution for indecency and the subsequent court martial between 1815 and 1816. Some of the correspondence that passed between Coote’s family and legal representatives with others, was published for the family in A plain statement of facts, relative to Sir Eyre Coote (London, 1816). This publication is shelved with the collection.
Journals and notebooks

40/1 Pro-forma diary and account book entitled The Ladies Annual Journal … 1787 (London, 1786), mostly recording Sarah Coote’s spending and occasional daily movements. Endorsed: ‘Sarah Coote, March 5th, 1786, Poath?’ Small octavo, un-paginated, 80 pp. with two plates. 8 January – 5 December 1787

40/2 Journal kept by Eyre Coote (d. 1834) during a trip from West Park to France, Switzerland and Italy. In English and French. Octavo, un-paginated, 62 pp. 11 July 1820 – 28 February 1821

40/3 Continuation of the journal kept by Eyre Coote (d. 1834) recording his observations of Italy and Switzerland. In English and French. Octavo, un-paginated, 68 pp. 1 March – 25 September 1821

40/4 Continuation of the journal kept by Eyre Coote (d. 1834) recording his observations of Switzerland. In English and French. Octavo, un-paginated, 18 pp. 26 September – 20 October 1821

40/5 ‘Log book’ of a journey taken by Eyre Coote (d. 1834) on board the lady of the lake and the Gossamer sailing from England to the Mediterranean. Octavo, un-paginated, 68 pp. 22 June 1831 – 13 February 1834

40/6 Sketch book of pencil and ink drawings made by Eyre Coote (d. 1834) while on his sailing trip to the Mediterranean, mostly of Greek subjects including the coastline, towns, boats, antiquities, structures and volcanoes. Un-paginated, 14 pp. Pencil is attached to the volume. 1834

40/7 Bound volume with Eyre Coote’s (d. 1834) notes on John Milton’s, Paradise Lost. Octavo, un-paginated, 28 pp. nd

40/8 Pro-forma diary entitled Lett’s diary … for 1852 (London, 1851?), recording Sir Eyre Coote’s (d. 1864) daily movements. Small octavo, 88 pp. 1852


40/10 Bound volume with origin and type of plants and shrubs purchased and when planted in West Park. Also recording the height of certain species. Quarto, pp. 1-92, with index. 1855 – 1859

40/11 Bound volume with numbers and type of tress planted at West Park. Quarto, pp. 1-61. 1855 – 1856

40/12 ‘Guest book’ containing the names of visitors to West Park. 3 November 1894 – 27 July 1903
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Ireland, 1798–1827

36/1  John Hawkesworth, Mountrath [Queen’s County], to Eyre Coote, concerning remittance of rents, how Hawkesworth handles arrears, stating that absentee noblemen in England could do more to contribute to the stability of Ireland, informing him that most of Coote’s tenants in Fingal [Co. Dublin] are Catholics, that these tenants hid their rent money underground during the late disturbances as they could not go to Dublin to pay it, that they paid their rent with ‘cheerfulness’, and acknowledging the kindness Coote has bestowed on his tenantry. ALS, 4 pp. [In need of conservation]  
25 September 1798

36/2  Indenture of agreement between Charles Henry, Lord Castlecoote and General Sir Eyre Coote concerning a rent charge of £50 per annum on lands in Queens County. 2 pp.  
1 April 1802

36/3  John Hawkesworth, Mountrath, to Eyre Coote [Jamaica], informing him that Hawkesworth has finally settled with Mr Baldwin and got possession of his lands in Maryborough, his intention to remit Coote’s rents, [Edward] Robinson’s improvements at Annefield and renewal of his lease, Mr Bagwell and Counsellor Trench who are attentive to Coote’s affairs in Ireland, Mr Drought’s debt to Coote which has been paid, subscriptions for the Mountrath and the Queen’s County Infirmary, that Mr Parnell “… has been twice returned for this county since you vacated your seat. I do not suppose there will be any contest on the general election’, thanking him for Coote’s kindness towards his family, that his brother has married and returned to the Isle of Man with his wife ‘… for the purpose of economy’, and that his brother will accept his offer of some position in Jamaica. ALS, 4 pp.  
20 June 1806

36/4  John Hawkesworth, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, Jamaica, enclosing an account of his rents for 1805 (not found), concerning Mr Baldwin’s settlement, informing him that Miss Coote left Ireland for England attended by a nurse selected by Lord Castlecoote, and informing him that the subscription to the Mountrath Infirmary is not to be paid anymore. ALS, 3 pp.  
29 August 1806

36/5  Thomas Parnell, Maryborough, to Eyre Coote, Jamaica, concerning the sale of the old infirmary and the purchase of a site for the new infirmary, stating that the best site is on Coote’s estate outside the town in the possession of [Edward] Robinson of Annefield, who is happy to relinquish it, and seeking a lease forever of the site. ALS, 3 pp. and cover.  
24 September 1806

Inside: Coote, Jamaica, to Thomas Parnell [Maryborough], stating that he cannot give him an answer until he has the opinion of his agent, John Hawkesworth, and that he would be happy to oblige him but that there may be circumstances ‘which may render it impracticable for me to meet your request’. CL, 1 p.  
30 November 1806

36/6  John Hawkesworth, Mountrath, to Col. [John] Bagwell, concerning a dispute between Mr Baldwin and [Edward] Robinson over possession of land in  
27 January 1807
Maryborough. CL, 2 pp.

Inside: John Bagwell, Marlfield, [Clonmel, Co. Tipperary], to John Hawkesworth, concerning the same. CL, 2 pp.

Inside: John Hawkesworth, Mountrath, to [John] Bagwell, concerning the letting of lots in Maryborough, previously the property of Mr Baldwin. CL, 2 pp.

Reverse: Bagwell, Marlfield, to Hawkesworth, concerning the same. CL, 1 p.

Enclosure: John Hawkesworth, Maryborough, to Edward Robinson, concerning a grant of a lease to Robinson. CL, 1 p. endorsed by John Bagwell on the reverse: ‘The letter of which this is a copy I never saw or heard of, while it was enclose to me by Mr Hawkesworth in his letter of the 27th January last. J.B. Mr Hawkesworth told me when at Maryboro he had given a promise of recommendation of Mr Robinson to Sir Eyre Coote but that it merely went to a recommendation and no farther.’

Enclosure: John Hawkesworth, Mountrath, to Bagwell, informing him that Robinson has given up his claim to Mr Baldwin’s land, and the settlement which he proposes. CL, 1 p. endorsed by John Bagwell on the reverse: ‘In consequence of the letter of which this at the other side is a copy, I agreed to purchase Baldwin’s interest, having every certainty of having full power over Mr Robinson’s farm, as the letter clearly states that he consented to give up his claim on Mr Baldwin, etc etc.’

Bagwell, Marlfield, to Hawkesworth, concerning Coote’s instructions regarding the ground sought for the Mountrath Infirmary. CL, 1 p.

Bagwell, Marlfield, to Hawkesworth, concerning the same. CL, 2 pp.

36/7 Eyre Coote, Jamaica, to John Hawkesworth, concerning the difference of opinion between Hawkesworth and John Bagwell regarding the Baldwin-Robinson affair. CL, 2 pp.

36/8 John Hawkesworth, Mountrath, to Eyre Coote, Jamaica, informing him that he has been ill, mentioning John Bagwell’s failure to set lands at Burris, which Bagwell now farms himself, a new road and lime kiln that Bagwell has built at Burris, remitting rents to Mr Walpole [banker] in England, thanking him for the living he has procured for Hawkesworth’s brother, and informing him of the recent elections “… you have of course heard how the elections for this county and that of Tipperary ended. Mr Pale and Mr Parnel hold their situations as members. Col Coote did not come forward. Col Mathew and Mr Prettie are in for the county Tipperary. They formed a junction against Col Bagwell by which and the influence of the priests they succeeded. I was twice at Clonmel during the election doing what little I could for Col Bagwell, who showed the most independent interest ever shown by any one candidate for the Co. Tipperary. It is said the contest cost each of the three candidates
nearly £10,000. I had an opportunity of often seeing young Col Bagwell at the election, tho I had not the honour of being introduced to him. He is very much liked by the people of the county. He showed in many occasions the greatest spirits, and I am sure there would have been many duels during the contest but for his cool and determined conduct. ALS, 4 pp.

36/9 John Hawkesworth, Mountrath, to Eyre Coote, Jamaica, concerning the difference of opinion between Hawkesworth and Bagwell over the Baldwin-Robinson affair, enclosing an account of rents, and informing him that he will go to Fingal on some secretive subject. ALS, 4 pp. 18 August 1807

36/10 Eyre Coote, King’s House, Jamaica, to John Hawkesworth, concerning Bagwell’s intention to lease Coote’s unsettled land at Burris, Bagwell’s improvements there, asking him to send Coote the rentals for his estates at Maryborough and Fingal, concerning the renewal of leases on these estates, Hawkesworth’s brother’s failure to come to Jamaica, Hawkesworth’s health, and asking that he speak to Counsellor Trench to procure a patent for Coote. CL, 1 p. 8 September 1807

36/11 Eyre Coote, King’s House [Jamaica], to John Hawkesworth, stating that he is disappointed about the remittance of rent from his Irish estates, ordering him to let his lands at Burris and Maryborough as soon as possible, that instead of £4,000 he has only £2,000 per annum from his Irish estates, that Coote hopes to raise his Fingal rents, and asking Hawkesworth to speak to Trench about the patent. CL, 2 pp. 1 November 1807

36/12 Extract of a letter from Eyre Coote [Jamaica], to John Bagwell, hoping that the Burris and Maryborough lands are long since let, that he has written to Hawkesworth to let these lands, and asking Bagwell to write to Hawkesworth on the same subject. 1 p. 1 November 1807

36/13 John Hawkesworth, Mountrath, to Eyre Coote, Jamaica, informing him that the Burris estate previously held by Baldwin, has been let to Messrs Purdon, from Co. Cork, sending him rentals of the Maryborough estate, recommending either the Old Barrack land or Little Burris to be leased to the government for a proposed horse and foot barrack, informing him that the infirmary has been roofed and that a market house is building in Maryborough, stating that he thinks Coote will get an additional £1,000 from his Fingal estate, and informing him of the death of Mr Bradfield, who was Lord Castlecoote’s agent. ALS, 4 pp. 24 November 1807

Reverse: Extract of a letter from Eyre Coote, King’s House, Jamaica, to John Hawkesworth, granting him leave to raise the rents on the Fingal estate, approving of the steps he has taken with regard to the proposed barracks, and desiring to be informed of Eyre’s political interest in the county, though stating that he does not wish to stand for election. CL, 1 p. 15 January 1808

36/14 Eyre Coote [Jamaica], to John Hawkesworth, approving of his letting the Maryborough lands, informing him of his expected recall from Jamaica, and asking him to raise his Fingal rents. CL, 2 pp. 1 December 1807
36/15 John Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Eyre Coote, No. 47 Gloucester Place, London, concerning £50 to be paid by Coote for a church at Lea near Portarlington, and enclosing accounts and bills. ALS, 1 p. 6 August 1808

36/16 Revd. J. G. Littlehales, Clonmethan [Dublin], to Eyre Coote, asking him to subscribe to a fund for the repair of Clonmethan church. ALS, 2 pp. 27 August 1808

Front: Eyre Coote, Hot Wells, Bristol, to Rev. Littlehales, stating that as the church is no longer part of his estate he will not pay any money for its repair. CL, 1 p. 20 October 1808

36/17 Revd. J. C. Littlehales, Clonmethan [Dublin], to Eyre Coote, renewing his application for money to repair his church, and advising him that Coote’s property is part of the parish. ALS, 3 pp. 31 October 1808

36/18 Eyre Coote, Cheltenham, to Littlehales, again refusing to support the subscription to repair the church at Clonmethan. CL, 2 pp. 13 November 1808

36/19 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, 47 Gloucester Place, London, informing Coote that the leases for his Fingal tenants are now ready for his signature, sending him a description of Mr Harpur’s son, George, whom Coote is to recommend for an ensigncy, asking him not to immediately renew Mr O’Neil’s lease for Currier’s Bog on the Maryborough estate, as it is alongside the new barracks, and will be ‘very valuable’ and informing him of Lieut.-Colonel Coote’s health. ALS, 3 pp. 30 November 1808

36/20 Eyre Coote, London, to John Hawkesworth, Mountrath, informing him that nobody has yet thanked him for the £50 given towards the church at Lea near Portarlington, that he has refused to subscribe to Mr Littlehales’ subscription, that he is to ensure that none of his property is torn up or let to any under tenants, requests further information regarding the site of the proposed new barracks in Maryborough, that he hears rents have risen at an ‘incredible’ rate and wondering if Hawkesworth has taken advantage of it, and Coote’s patent which Lord Hawkesbury is to write to Coote about. CL, 3 pp. 5 December 1808

36/21 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, Hot Wells, Bristol, informing him that rents have increased in Ireland, that he will not be displeased by the bargains made on the Fingal estate, that Mr Quin wishes to dispose of his interest in the Old Barrack land in Maryborough, informing him of a small amount of sub-letting, and thanking him for his kindness to his father ‘after so many years service in your family’.

Inside: John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Edward A. Robinson, Maryborough, concerning the leasing of land to Mr Moss and Mr Brennan, and the intended improvements which Robinson was to make at Aninfeld. CL, 2 pp. 24 December 1808

36/22 Edward Robinson, Maryborough, to Eyre Coote, requesting permission to allow the planting of tress on a field adjacent to the new infirmary at Maryborough. ALS, 1 p. 31 December 1808
36/23 John Hawkesworth, Custom House, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, Gloucester Place, London, informing him that he has remitted money to London, that Messrs Purdon will pay their half year’s rent, that Mr Quinn asks too much for the barrack land, as he is under an impression that the canal from Dublin will come that way, that the tenants have signed leases with various covenants, mentioning a dispute between two of his tenants on Fingal over rent, and enclosing a letter from Mr Parnell. ALS, 3 pp.

14 February 1809

36/24 Eyre Coote, London, to John Hawkesworth, thanking him for his letters and papers, giving instructions on how to handle the dispute between two of his tenants in Fingal, that he will not do anything for Parnell but wishes to be civil to him, and asking that he send over the particulars of Parnell’s rent. CL, 2 pp.

18 February 1809

36/25 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, Gloucester Place, London, concerning the remittance of rents and arrears, asking that Coote leave the choosing of tenants for vacant leases at Maryborough to Hawkesworth, that he could not go to Marlfield to see Lady Coote and his son “…who is a very fine boy”, and adding ‘it is reported in the Queen’s County you are going to India’. ALS, 3 pp.

21 January 1810

36/26 Eyre Coote, 47 Gloucester Place, London, to John Hawkesworth, that proposals for leases should be sent to Hawkesworth, that five guineas should be given towards the infirmary at Maryborough, approving of letting a house to Mr Brennan’s nominee, reluctantly approving of allowing two fields in Robinson’s possession to be planted according to Mr Parnell’s desire, and increasing Hawkesworth’s salary from £100 to £150. CL, 2 pp.

2 March 1810

36/27 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, 47 Gloucester Place, London, concerning Mr Purdon’s proposals to lease land, and the rent Mr Parnell proposes to pay for the four acres he desires. ALS, 2 pp. [in need of conservation].

28 April 1810

36/28 Eyre Coote, London, to John Hawkesworth, sending him instructions, hoping to satisfy his tenants as well as increase his rents, and ordering him to settle Currier’s Bog as Mr O’Neil is not to be indulged in. CL, 3 pp.

10 May 1810

36/29 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, 47 Gloucester Place, London, concerning remittance of rents and arrears, the case of the estate’s driver Mr Ward in Fingal, who had for twenty years received the lands of Oldtown rent free, but recently raised to £11, and a new rental for Maryborough. ALS, 3 pp.

Reverse: Eye Coote, Weymouth, to John Hawkesworth, in reply, concerning the arrears and Mr Ward’s case. CL, 1 p.

7 July 1810

16 July 1810

36/30 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, 47 Gloucester Place, London, concerning rents and arrears, the delay in returning the rental for Maryborough owing to a dispute between the tenants and Hawkesworth over the surveying of the property, informing him of politics “…our assizes are ended a few days since. Mr Pole has the interest of the county at his

23 August 1810
command. Sir Charles Coote is now at Mountrath on a shooting party. He is very well spoken of, the patent for the Maryborough estate, and thanking him for the presents he has sent to his family. ALS, 3 pp.

36/31 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, concerning the remittance of rents and arrears, and the renewal of leases. ALS, 2 pp. 14 July 1811

36/32 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, informing him that he plans to sell the value of Mr Purdon’s stock on the lands at Burris, then to issue an ejectment, that he will have no trouble getting the lands re-leased, enclosing a copy of a letter Hawkesworth sent to Purdon. ALS, 3 pp. 4 November 1811

Enclosure: John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Edward Purdon, Burris, concerning the sub-letting of Purdon’s land to under-tenants who are tearing it up, and informing him that he will no longer receive Sir Eyre’s indulgence. CL, 2 pp. 31 October 1811

36/33 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, West Park, thanking Coote for his consoling letter of Mr Steele’s death, informing him that he has sent his rents to Mr MacDonald in London, informing him of Col. Coote’s health, and the rise in the price of wool. ALS, 3 pp. 22 June 1819

36/34 Eyre Coote, Bognor, to John Hawkesworth, concerning Hawkesworth’s delay in remitting rents. CL, 1 p. 21 July 1819

36/35 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, 47 Gloucester Place, London, concerning his failure to remit rents on time, Mr Lawrence and his financial difficulties, informing him of his intended visit to West Park, enclosing rentals, and Col. Coote’s health. ALS, 3 pp. 16 August 1819

36/36 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, West Park, concerning the remittance of rents, that he will not lose a guinea by the death of Mr Roe, and his intended visit to West Park. ALS, 1 p. 18 January 1820

36/37 Thomas Parnell, 25 Merion Square North, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, seeking an abatement of his rent, recounting the improvements he has made, including the Queen’s County Infirmary. ALS, 3 pp. 15 October 1822

36/38 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, West Park, concerning the price of corn, the remittance of rent, his son, Richard’s stay at West Park, Lord Castlecoote’s health, that Castlecoote never mentions Col. Coote or his wife, Charles and Lady Coote’s visit to West Park, adding ‘...it will be long before they have Ballyfin like it [West Park]. The house remains as you left it’, that the governors of the Queen’s County Infirmary intend to write to Coote for a reduction in the rent they owe him, advising him to refuse their request, and that no offers have been made for the purchase of the crown lands. ALS, 3 pp. 30 October 1822

36/39 John Hawkesworth, Dublin, to Sir Eyre Coote, enclosing answers to the queries relative to Lord Castlecoote’s will, informing him that no answer has been given to Sir Eyre’s proposal to purchase his Crown lands, that he has 15 February 1823
received a letter from Col. Weldon, that Lord Castlecoote has been refused the two county regts, that Mr Cosley has got them, and that he has not received any answers from Richard or Sir Charles Coote. ALS, 1 p.

Inside: Richard Hawkesworth to Lady Coote, informing her with news of his family, the death of Charles, Lord Castlecoote, the poor situation at Leopardstown House, the ill-treatment of a relative on the death of Lord Castlecoote, and thanking her for her kindness. ALS, 2 pp.

Enclosure: ‘Queries respecting the late Lord Castle Coote’s will put to John Sealy Townsend Esq and his answers’. Copy.

36/40 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, West Park, concerning Sir Charles Coote mortgages, Coote’s memorial to purchase the lands he holds from the Crown, a memorial which was delivered to Coote by ‘Burris men’, the abatement of rent that Coote has fixed, informing him that Lord Castlecoote is to go to France, that Hawkesworth has sent a large supply of grouse for a dinner Castlecoote is to have, and that Sir Charles and Lady Coote have left Ireland for London. ALS, 4 pp.

12 September 1823

36/41 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Eyre Coote, West Park, concerning an allowance for Mr [Coote, that Mr Coote is idle and fond of alcohol, as also is his mother, Eyre’s memorial to purchase his Crown lands, that the spirit of opposition in the countryside to the laws is ‘far from abated’ and that there is no appearance of an heir for Lord and Lady Castlecoote. ALS, 3 pp.

16 October 1823

36/42 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, mentioning accounts of Sir Eyre’s health, concerning the meeting he and Col. Bagwell had with Mr Gaulbourne regarding the Crown lands, sending potatoes and other material to West Park, and mentioning Lord and Lady Castlecoote. ALS, 4 pp.

9 December 1823

36/43 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the purchase of the Crown lands, informing her that he is to visit England on estate business, that Lord and Lady Castlecoote intend to travel to Paris, that Mr Coote of Portarlington will be troublesome to her, and thanking her for her invitation for Hawkesworth’s son to visit West Park. ALS, 3 pp.

22 April 1824

36/44 John Kiely, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the purchase of the Crown lands, informing her that the Hawkesworths have not been successful in recovering the arrears of rent owed to her, and legal matters concerning the will of Sir Eyre Coote. ALS, 3 pp.

2 August 1824

36/45 E. Hawkesworth [the widow of John Hawkesworth senior], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, thanking her for her letter and the kindness she has shown towards her family on the death of her husband, John Hawkesworth. ALS, 1 P.

[17 August 1824]

Inside: John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning his brother Richard, the Crown lands, Sir Eyre’s will wherein Lord
Castlecoote is acting very ‘oddly’, a portrait of the late Lord Castlecoote, the state of Leopardstown House, and his uncle’s succession to a living from the Bishop of Killaloe. ALS, 3 pp.

Reverse: Copy of a letter from General Chowne, Frankfurt-seu-Maine, to Hawkesworth, lamenting the death of his father, and asking him to act as his agent in Ireland in place of his father. CL, 1 p.

36/46 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Lady Jane Coote, concerning money for Lord Castlecoote, advising her that Lord Castlecoote cannot purchase ‘the chancellor’s house’ because of the terms of Dean Coote’s will, and that it cannot be sold until the Lord Chancellor, Lord Manners, leaves Ireland. ALS, 2 pp.

36/47 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the indisposition of some of her tenants, the Crown lands, Lord Castlecoote’s loan, Sir Charles Coote and a rumoured election in the Queen’s County, that Hawkesworth’s interest will go to Sir Charles, though he has never shown any concern for the Hawkesworths since his father died, giving character sketches of the candidates in the Dublin election, Talbot, White, Domville and Lord Ardee (Lord Meath’s son), that Lord Castlecoote is inclined to support Domville and Talbot ‘as they are both friends of his tho the are as you may perceive very opposite political principles’, the Crown lands, and legal matters. ALS, 4 pp.


36/49 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the settlement of the Crown lands, arrears on the Fingal estate, Lord Castlecoote, the vacant colonelcy in the Queen’s County militia, and that he does not expect a contested election in the Queen’s County. ALS, 4 pp.

36/50 Lady Jane Coote, West Park, to P. A. Hanrott, concerning arrears of rent in Fingal and the Hawkesworths’ failure to remit rent to England. CL, 1 p.

Inside: Copy of a letter from Lady Jane Coote, West Park, to John Hawkesworth, concerning the same. CL, 3 pp.

36/51 John Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning his and Richard’s view that some of the Fingal estate is set too high, the arrears on the Fingal estate, the payment of Sir Eyre’s legacies, and his mother’s declining Lady Coote’s invitation to go to West Park. ALS, 4 pp.

36/52 Richard Hawkesworth, Forest Lodge, to John Kiely [Dublin], informing him that he will not be able to get arrears to him. ALS, 2 pp.

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36/56 Richard Hawkesworth, Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her that he has remitted the Fingal rents to London, the loss sustained by Lord Newcomen's bank, that Lord Castlecoote is guided in everything he does by Lady Castlecoote, that Leopardstown is 'going to ruin', wondering if she received the portrait of the late Lord Castlecoote, and news of acquaintances. ALS, 4 pp.

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36/60 Richard Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, concerning Mrs Coote and her son at Portarlington who are constantly writing to Lady Coote for some assistance, that Lord Castlecoote ignores them, the settlement of her accounts with John Kiely, and the sale of Lord Newcomen's estate to pay his creditors. ALS, 3 pp.

36/61 Richard Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, informing her of the committee established to value the land intended for a new gaol at Maryborough, that he has not seen Lord or Lady Castlecoote, and that he expects to have the Crown lands' deeds shortly. ALS, 2 pp.

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36/64 Richard Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the law suit between French and Lady Coote’s son, Eyre, hoping she is recovering from her accident, that her Fingal tenants have promised to vote for Eyre’s friends, Lord Castlecoote’s health, the legacies owed from the late Lord Castlecoote’s will and John Hawkesworth’s health. ALS, 3 pp. 25 April 1826

36/65 Richard Hawkesworth, Hibernian Hotel [Dublin], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the Crown lands, the ejectment of one of her Fingal tenants, money owed to her from Lord Castlecoote, and that the latter is sick of Paris and will return to Ireland shortly. ALS, 3 pp. 29 September 1826

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36/67 John Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning Lady Coote’s health, his brother’s failure to send over an account of rents, Lord Castlecoote’s death, Sir Charles Coote’s declining health, the Cootes of Portarlington who have received a farm at Tullamore, that he does not expect to get letters to Lord Strangford at St. Petersburg as Lady Coote desired, and informing her that Richard Hawkesworth’s marriage is off. ALS, 3 pp. 27 December 1826

36/68 Richard Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, sending her estate accounts, concerning arrears, and Lord Castlecoote’s unknown whereabouts. ALS, 3 pp. 24 January 1827

36/69 John Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning Lord Bloomfield [English ambassador to the Norwegian court] and Eyre Coote’s visit to him at Stockholm, Lord Castlecoote’s declining health, the conversion of several catholics to protestantism and the emergence of religious societies, the price of cattle and the spread of disease and fever throughout Ireland. ALS, 4 pp. 14 February 1827

36/70 John Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, lamenting the death of Lord Castlecoote and informing her that Richard Hawkesworth has went to Leopardstown to secure the house and its contents. ALS, 2 pp. 4 March [1827]

36/71 Richard Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her of the arrangements he has made in Leopardstown on hearing of the death of Lord Castlecoote, and informing her that he and John 7 March 1827
Hawkesworth are Lord Castlecoote’s executors. ALS, 3 pp.

36/72 Richard Hawkesworth, Dublin, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, informing her that he has seen a draft copy of Lord Castlecoote’s will which leaves everything to Lady Castlecoote, except the Tilson property which is charged with legacies for the Magans, and that he wishes to see Mr Kiely about the will. ALS, 3 pp. 13 March 1827

36/73 Richard Hawkesworth, Forest [Lodge], to Eyre Coote, West Park, informing him that Miss Meredith has taken a house in Dublin for three months, that her father, Sir Joshua, is to arrive in Ireland, that he hopes Mr Kiely is on his way to Ireland ‘… as we must be very watchful and active to be up to that family [the Merediths]’, and the arrangements he has made at Leopardstown. ALS, 3 pp. 16 March 1827

36/74 John Hawkesworth, Hibernian Hotel, to Lady Jane Coote, West Park, concerning the agency which Richard Hawkesworth holds from Lady Castlecoote, the Counsellor Trench has begun a law suit against all parties to relinquish his trust of the Coote estates, the dispute between Lady Castlecoote and Eyre, and the sale of Leopardstown. ALS, 3 pp. 3 May 1827

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Bundle of receipts and vouchers for rents and fines. 39 pp. 1791, 1821–5

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With an agreement between William Strickland, on behalf of Eyre Coote, and Peter Pike, for the purchase of timber, at Fordingbridge. 3 pp. 25 December 1811

Bound volume containing articles of an agreement for the commutation of tithes in the parish of Rockbourne, Southampton, with a list of the landowners, occupiers, and value of each holding. 26 August 1839


Estate and family papers, 1897–1925

Eyre Coote [d. 1925] to his cousin, Robert [Sanders], complaining that [Hamilton] Fulton [the estate solicitor] is increasingly getting involved in the detailed working of the West Park Estate, which should be left to the agent. CL, 4 pp. c. January – February 1897

Robert Sanders, Sanders Park, Charleville, [Co. Cork], to Eyre Coote, Imperial Hotel, Bournemouth, explaining why Mr Fulton is involved in so many estate affairs. Annotated by Coote at various places. TLS, 2 pp. 12 February 1897

Herbert Coote, St. John’s Lodge, Wimborne [Dorset], to Eyre Coote, Imperial Hotel, Bournemouth, recommending the bearer of the letter, Algernon Berney, for the vacant agency to the West Park estate. ALS, 2 pp and cover. 7 March [18]97

R. H. Tirell, Onslow Wimborne, to Eyre Coote, Imperial Hotel, Bournemouth, recommending Berney for the West Park agency. 3 pp. and cover. 8 - 3 [sic – March 18]97

C. Paterson, Cranford Estate Office, Wimborne, Dorset, to Eyre Coote, Imperial Hotel, Bournemouth, recommending Berney for the West Park agency. ALS, 2 pp and cover. 19 March 1897

C. Paterson, Cranford Estate Office, Wimborne, Dorset, to Eyre Coote, asking Coote to inform him when he would want Berney to go to West Park, should it be decided to employ him. ALS, 2 pp. 31 March 1897

Guinness and Mahon, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, thanking Coote for allowing them to renew their management of Coote’s Irish estates. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 31 May 1897

Eyre Coote, West Park Estate Office, Damerham, Salisbury, to Robert [Sanders], reprimanding Sander’s unbusiness-like management of Coote’s estates. CL, 4 pp. 1 June 1897
38/9 Eyre Coote, West Park, Damerham, Salisbury, to the Secretary of the Bank of Ireland, informing him that he now has no wish to cancel the power of attorney granted to Robert Sanders to draw on Coote’s credit at the Bank. CL, 3 pp. 1 June 1897

38/10 A. Murphy, secretary, Bank of Ireland, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, acknowledging his letter of 1 June. ALS, 1 p. 3 June 1897

38/11 Guinness and Mahon, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, hoping that he will entrust them with the agency for the Irish estates. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 9 June 1897

38/12 Eyre Coote, West Park, to [Hamilton] Fulton, concerning the employment of Berney as the West Park agent. CL, 4 pp. 27 June 1897

38/13 Memorandum of Eyre Coote concerning the terms of Berney’s employment as the West Park agent. 4 pp. 30 June 1897

38/14 Eyre Coote, West Park Estate Office, to Guinness and Mahon, 17 College Green [Dublin], outlining the terms which must be met before Guinness and Mahon can reassume the management of his Irish estates. CL, 4 pp. 15 November 1897

38/15 Guinness and Mahon, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, agreeing to the terms contained in Coote’s letter of 15 November 1897. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 16 November 1897

38/16 Guinness and Mahon, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, that they are sorry that they will not see Coote in the afternoon as planned. ALS, 1 p. and cover. 2 December 1897

38/17 [Hamilton] Fulton, Salisbury, to Eyre Coote, enclosing copies of letters between Fulton and Robert Sanders, and Guinness and Mahon, and also mentioning maps from Messrs Woodrooffe, and ‘the question of the Stewart mortgage’. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. Enclosure: [Hamilton] Fulton and Pye-Smith, Salisbury, to Guinness and Mahon, informing them that Coote will give them the title deeds of the Fingal estate and Coote’s promissory note for the £35,000 security which they sought for a loan. CL, 1 p. 7 December 1897

Enclosure: Fulton and Pye-Smith, Salisbury, to Robert Sanders, requesting him to hand over all documents relating to Coote’s Irish estates in his possession to Guinness and Mahon, asking him to complete the sale of part of the Coote estates which he was involved in, and other related matters. CL, 1 p. 7 December 1897

38/18 Eyre Coote, West Park, to Guinness and Mahon [Dublin], informing them that he has written to Sanders about the transfer of the agency to them, advising them that he will visit Ireland after 14 or 16 of December and will bring a list of documents in the possession of Sanders, that they should go to Charleville to collect the papers relative to his estate, and requesting a survey of his 7 December 1897
property in the town of Maryborough. CL, 4 pp.

38/19 Eyre Coote, West Park, to Robert Sanders, concerning the sale of the Coote estates to the Irish Land Commission. CL, 1 p.
8 December 1897

38/20 Guinness and Mahon, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, informing him that they will take the maps and accounts from Sanders, and concerning the proposed loan. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.
9 December 1897

38/21 Robert Sanders, Sanders Park, Charleville, Co. Cork, to Eyre Coote, concerning the transfer of Coote’s estate papers to Guinness and Mahon, and informing him that he has ‘circulated an appeal in the purchase cases’. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.
11 December 1897

Enclosure: Robert Sanders, Estate Office, Charleville, Co. Cork, to Guinness and Mahon, College Green, Dublin, concerning the transfer of Coote’s estate papers, the closing of their accounts, and arrangements regarding a loan from the Bank of Ireland. CTL, 2 pp.
11 December 1897

38/22 Guinness and Mahon, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, informing that they will not need ‘elaborate details’ concerning the Irish estates from Sanders. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.
14 December 1897

Enclosure: Eyre Coote to Guinness and Mahon, informing them that he intends to place the management of his Irish and English estates with his cousin, Robert Sanders. CTL, 1 p.
6 August [18]92

Enclosure: Eyre Coote, Winton House, Dublin, to Guinness and Mahon, informing them that their management of his estates was to his ‘entire satisfaction’, and mentioning the arrangements for closing his accounts. CTL, 1 p.
28 August [18]92

Enclosure: Eyre Coote, West Park, to Guinness [and Mahon], acknowledging their cheques and the final accounts that they have sent. CTL, 1 p.
24 October [18]92

38/23 Guinness and Mahon, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, informing him that Hamilton Fulton has sent them four accounts of the Fingal and Maryborough properties for the year ending September 1896, but that they have not yet received the rentals. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.
16 December 1897

38/24 H[amilton] Fulton, Salisbury, to Eyre Coote, North Coker House, Yeovil, concerning some enclosures sent to them, informing him that he has sent the Fingal and Maryborough accounts to Guinness and Mahon, and that he has completed the report on the West Park accounts, which will be sent to Coote. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.
16 December 1897

38/25 Guinness and Mahon, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, West Park, concerning the transfer of the Irish agency from Sanders, and requesting instructions if they are to remit £300 to Coote’s bankers. ALS, 3 pp and cover.
28 December 1897

38/26 Hamilton Fulton, Salisbury, to Eyre Coote, concerning a legal case involving 4 May 1901
Mr Sanders, another concerning Mr Taylor, and advising him of the particulars of leasing property at Brookheath. ATL, 3 pp.

38/27 Arthur R. Richards, Goldsmiths’ Hall, London, to Eyre Coote, sending him an affidavit for Coote to complete regarding the sale of a painting by [George] Romney of Susanna Coote, wife of Sir Eyre [d. 1783], which Eyre is seeking permission to sell. ALS, 2 pp.

[The painting is now in the possession of the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Liverpool.]


Copy of a sworn statement signed by Eyre Coote [d. 1925], concerning a painting by Romney of Susanna Coote, and, inter alia, giving some history of the succession of the West Park estate in the late nineteenth century. 3 pp.

38/29 Algernon Berney, Estate Office, Damerham, to Eyre Coote, c/o Colonel Cosby, Stradbally Hall, Queen’s County, Ireland, concerning mortgages on Coote’s English estates, and informing him that Mr Fulton has accepted the terms offered relative to the Brookheath lease. ALS, 2 pp.

38/30 Algernon Berney, Estate Office, Damerham, to Eyre Coote, stating that he is sorry to find that Coote intends to have a shoot on the day that there is to be a timber sale on the estate, as he had hoped Coote would preside at it. ALS, 1 p.

38/31 H. R. Guinness, 17, College Green, Dublin, to Eyre Coote, enclosing a copy of the net rentals of his Irish estates, which has been forwarded to Prideaux and Sons in London. ALS, 2 pp. and cover.

Enclosure: Net rentals of Coote’s Irish estates. 1 p.

38/32 Thomas Herbert and Co., 246, Gray’s Inn Road, London, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, informing him that they have found seven or eight ‘old newspapers’ relating to the Walcheren expedition and also parliamentary papers concerning the same, and advising him on their price. ALS, 2 pp and cover.

Business card of Thomas Herbert and Co., 6, Hand Court, Holburn, London, procurer of ‘old prints, books, stamps, antiques and curios, old maps dated 1610, old newspapers dated 1673 and 17th and 18th century’.

38/33 Thomas Herbert and Co., 6, Hand Court, Holburn, London, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, thanking him for remitting payment for four ‘old newspapers’ concerning Walcheren, advising him that there are more and also ‘the full debates in the Commons as to the Walcheren expedition’. ALS, 4 pp. and cover.

38/34 Eyre Coote [d. 1925], West Park, to [John, 1st] Viscount Morley of Blackburn, India Office, Whitehall, London, enquiring if the ‘manuscript journal’ written by Sir Eyre Coote during his time in India with Lord Clive, is still extant in the
India Office Library. CL, 2 pp. and cover.

38/35 Envelope addressed to ‘Eyre Coote, c/o Baron A de Heeckeren, Wielbergen, Angerle, Netherlands’, (which has been erased) and in its place ‘Hotel de Indes’, Laage Voorlent, Den Staag’. Postmarked 20 April 1909

38/36 R. Hayward, 6 Frederick Place, Gray’s Inn Road, London, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, enclosing Bell’s Weekly Messenger, dated 1802, which contains an official announcement relating to Sir Eyre Coote, and offering it to him for 2s. 6d. ANS, 2 pp. and cover. 22 May 1909

38/37 Alexander Beach, 20 Leopold Street, Albert Road, London, to Eyre Coote, West Park, concerning the ownership of Hill Cottage and asking Coote to lease it to him. ALS, 4 pp. and cover. Postmarked 10 February 1910

38/38 Thomas Herbert and Co., 3 Red Lion Passage, Holborn, London, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, enclosing four old newspapers concerning Sir Eyre Coote, priced 10s. or 2s. 6d. each. ALS, 1 p. and cover. 29 April 1910

38/39 Thomas Herbert and Co., 6, Hand Court, Holburn, London, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, enclosing an old newspaper concerning Sir Eyre Coote, priced at 3s. ALS, 1 p. and cover. 28 May 1910

38/40 Thomas Herbert and Co., 6, Hand Court, Holburn, London, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, enclosing three old newspapers, two of which relate to Sir Eyre Coote giving evidence at Major Armstrong’s court martial, the other dated 1799 containing a vote of thanks to Sir Eyre from the House of Commons, priced at 7s. 6d. ALS, 2 pp. and cover. 4 June 1910

38/41 Nine covers addressed to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, which originally contained letters from Thomas Herbert and other newspaper dealers. 1909-1912

38/42 Sister Louisa Stewart, St. Martin’s Orphanage, Redland, Bristol, to Eyre Coote, West Park, informing him that ‘the counsel’s opinion is against us. So we can do nothing. I have asked Mr Boucher to return the wills, etc. and hope to send them to you shortly. Certainly as you say “settlements” should never have been made. Poor King. This is very sad. Hoping to write again in a day or two’. ALS, 3 pp. and cover. 24 June [1925]

38/43 Various notes and memoranda concerning Russia. 41 ff. c. 1915

38/44 Newspaper cutting from an unidentified Russian newspaper with a cartoon of Czar Nicholas II cutting through barbed wire’. 1 p. Pre. 1917

38/45 Various notes, cover and memoranda written from Moscow, Russia. In Russian? 1918

38/46 Printed Arabic document. 4 pp.

38/48 Broadsheet advertising in English and Japanese ‘The Senkintan’ pills. 1 p. early twentieth century

38/49 Printed decorative envelope in Japanese.

38/50 Printed timetable for the Tran-Siberian and ‘Nord-Express’ train from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, Russia. In French. 4 pp. 1913-4

Bound estate volumes

39/1 Bound volume containing ‘epitome of the title of the trustees of the Coote estates in England and Ireland’, containing copies of wills and various accounts. Quarto, 130 pp. 1826 - 1899

Inside cover: Hamilton Fulton, Salisbury, to Sir Eyre Coote, West Park, ‘we now send your trust account book made up to date’.

39/2 Bound volume containing list of tenants on the West Park estate, with amount of denominations and rentals. Quarto, un-paginated, 22 pp. 1880

39/3 Bound volume containing list of tenants on the West Park estate, with denominations and rentals. Quarto, pp. 1-20. 1900

39/4 Bound volume containing a list of tenants on the West Park estate, with denominations and rentals. Quarto, pp. 1-20. 31 December 1914

39/5 Bound volume containing a list of tenants on the West Park estate, with denominations and rentals. Quarto, pp. 1-19. 31 December 1922

39/6 Bound volume containing a list of tenants on the Irish estates, with denominations and rentals. Quarto, pp. 1-29. 1 December 1923

Newspapers

OS/1  
*Bell's Weekly Messenger*  
Published by J. Bell, British Library, No. 90, opposite Southampton Street, Strand, [London].  
22 July 1798

p. 227, col. 3 – p. 228, cols 1-3.  
No. 117. Dispatches from Eyre Coote, dated 23 June 1798 and 19 May 1798, at Ostend.

25 October 1801

p. 189, col. 2.  
No. 322. ‘Whitehall, June 5, The King was pleased to grant unto Major-General Sir Eyre Coote, Knight of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, his Royal License and Permission to receive and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Crescent, which the Grand Signior hath transmitted to him. And also to command, that this his Majesty’s Concession and Declaration, together with the relative documents, be registered in his College of Arms.’  
13 June 1802

OS/1  
*The British Chronicle or Pugh’s Hereford Journal*  
Printed by C. Pugh, in the High Town, Hereford, [England].  
25 March 1779

Vol. x, No. 451. [no mention of Coote]

OS/1  
*The British Gazette*  
Published by His Majesty’s Stationary Office, [London].  
5 May 1926

p. 4, col. 1  
No. 1. ‘Historic Indian Unit – Disbandment of 2/3rd Madras Regiment’, which was under the command of the First Sir Eyre Coote.

OS/1  
*The British Press*  
Printed by J. White, No. 127, the Strand, [London]  
27 January 1813

p. 2, col. 5  
No. 3,157. ‘Great rejoicings took place at Mountrath, Queen’s County, a few days since, in honour of Sir Charles Coote having attained his 21st year. Sir Charles has purchased the house and demesne of Ballyfinn from Mr. Pole, for his future residence, a circumstance which has given great satisfaction to all the neighbourhood of that beautiful and neglected mansion.’

p. 2, col. 5 – p. 3 col. 1  
No. 3,184. Proceedings in the British House of Commons concerning Henry Grattan’s resolutions for Catholic relief, with Coote’s speech on the same.  
27 February 1813
No. 3,596. Account of the public rejoicings in Chester on the end of hostilities, giving toasts to among many others ‘Eyre Coote and the 34th’ and the speech of Major Egerton who served under Coote.

23 June 1814

No. 3,787. No mention of Coote, but news of mails from the Leeward Islands and the return of naval ships from the Mediterranean.

1 February 1815

The Dublin Journal
Printed by Thomas Todd Faulkner, Parliament Street, [Dublin]. [top-right hand corner burned].

No. [?] [No mention of Coote.]

31 December 1782

Finn’s Leinster Journal
Printed by Catherine Finn, at her Printing Office, High Street, Kilkenny, [Ireland].

No. 2 of vol. xvii, No. 1,666 since first published. [no mention of Coote]

4 January 1783

The Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser
Printed by M. Say, No. 10, Ave Maria Lane, Ludgate Street, [London].

p. 2 cols 1-2. No. 15,882. ‘Ireland, House of Lords, Friday, December 24’ concerning an ‘indignity offered by John Hale of Birmingham on Lord Bellamont, and a motion to have him and [?] Hale, a surgeon of the 39th regiment, arrested by the Black Rod.

7 January 1780

p. 2 cols. 1-2. No. 16,531. Letter from the chief and factors at Anjengo to the Court and Directors of the East India Company, 6 August 1781, mentioning the First Sir Eyre Coote’s defeat of Hyder Ali Caun at Port Novo and Mooteapollam on 1 July. Also a letter from Sir Eyre Coote to Col. Braithwatte, dated 6 July 1781.

18 December 1781

p. 2 col. 2. No. 16,801. Extract from a private letter from the East Indies, concerning the Eyre Coote’s operations against Hyder Ali.

17 October 1782

p. 2 col. 3. No. 16,803. ‘Sir Eyre Coote, now chief in command in the East Indies, was captain in Aldercorn’s regiment of infantry in the year 1759, and promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant on the same day that the immortal Wolfe was made lieut.-general, and Lord Townshend brig.-general. Sir Eyre Coote, it is said, will leave his Asiatic command with a fortune to the tune of little less than £30,000 sterling a year.’

19 October 1782
p. 2. col. 2 No. 16,805. ‘Sir Eyre Coote’s establishment before the breaking out of the Marhatta war, was £15,000 per year. Since the war, with holding the place of Commander in Chief in the war of the Carnatic, his income in all probability is doubled; this, with his share of plunder, etc. together with a fortune of £100,000 which he enjoyed before he went out to India, will make him one of the richest commoners of the British Crown.’ 22 October 1782

p. 3. col. 4. No. 16,810. Advert for raising recruits ‘by order of the East India Company … under the command of that noble, brave and gallant Hibernian General Sir Eyre Coote.’ 28 October 1782

p. 3. col. 1. No. 16,861. ‘Minute of Gov. Hastings, so greatly praised by Lord Walsingham in his speech in the House of Lords on Monday’ regarding operations in the Carnatic, India. 26 December 1782

OS/2 The Gibraltar Chronicle
Published by [Charles Bouisson?]

p. 4. col. 2. No. xxix ‘Extraordinary’ devoted to despatches and accounts from Egypt. ‘M[aj.]-G[eneral] Coote’s letters will be published in the Chronicle on Friday. 17 November 1801

pp. 2-4. No. xxx. Letters from Major General Coote to Lieut.-General the Hon. Sir. J. Hely-Hutchinson, dated 23 August 1801, and other letters regarding the capitulation of Fort Marabout. 20 November 1801

OS/2 The Kentish Register
Published by ?

p. 67 ‘When [the First] General Coote was a young man, his eldest bother had a small living in Kilrush, [Co. Clare] a mean village, situated in the most desolate and barren part of Ireland. One day the divine was reading the account from the Bible, of the formation of the world; and when he came to that part, which says, “and God saw all was good”, Mr. Coote stopped him, protesting, if it was so, the almighty must have had his thumb upon the part of the globe where they were then situated, and did not consequently see it, else he would not have made such an assertion.’ February 1794

OS/2 Lloyd’s Evening Post
Sold and published by W. Nicoll, in St. Paul’s Church Yard, [London].

p. 143, col. 3. Vol. xviii, no. 1,340. ‘Last Monday died at his seat at Birch Morton, Worcestershire, Richard [Cootel], the third Earl of Bellamont in Ireland, aged 82. He was of the Privy Council to Queen Anne. He married Judith, daughter and heir of Francis Wilkinson, Esq, of Southwark, by whom he has two sons, who both died before him.’ 10 February 1766
Vol. xviii, no. 1,346. ‘By the death of the Right Hon. Richard Coote, Earl of Bellamont, in the kingdom of Ireland, Sir Charles Coote, Knight of the Bath, has the title of Lord Killoony [sic – Colloony].’

24 February 1766

Vol. xvii, no. 1,356. ‘The 7th inst. the Rt. Hon. Sir Cha[rles] Coote, Knight of the Bath, took his seat in the House of Peers, in Ireland, by the title of Lord Baron Colloony, which title descended to him by the death of Richard Coote, Earl of Bellamont, and on the same day his Lordship set out for Cootehill.’

19 March 1766

Vol. xix, number 1,412. ‘Last night the Countess of Mountrath was interred in Westminster Abbey, and the remains of the late [Algernon, 6th] Earl [d. 1744] were put into a new coffin, and laid in the same vault with her. He was buried in Henry the VIIth’s Chapel, in the vault of the late Duke of Argyle.

28 July 1766

No. 16,282. Despatches from Lord Chatham, articles of capitulation of Middleburgh and other news relating to the Walcheren expedition.

7 August 1809

No. 16,289. Despatches from Lord Chatham, articles of capitulation of Flushing and other news relating to the Walcheren expedition.

20 August 1809

OS/3

St. James’s Chronicle, or the British Evening-Post.

Printed by Henry Baldwin, at the Britannia Printing Office, White Friars, Fleet Street.
OS/3  
*The Middlesex Journal or Chronicle of liberty*

Printed for J. Wheble, No. 20, Pater Noster Row, [London].

p. 1, col. 1.  No. 210. Letter from ‘an Old Soldier’ regarding the award of red ribbands [sic] of naval and land officers, mentioning the First General Sir Eyre Coote. 4 August 1770

OS/3  
*The Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser*

Printed by W. Woodfall, No. 26 Dorset Street, Salisbury Square, [London].


[Endorsed in Ms. on p. 1, ‘To the Rev. Dean Coote with Mr. Hesse’s best compliments’.]

OS/4  
*The Morning Chronicle*

Printed by John Lambart, 143 the Strand, [London].

p. 4, col. 2.  No. 8,647. Death notice of Captain George Coote, of Ipswich, who died on Saturday last [23 June] aged 53. He fought with General Burgoyne in America in 1776, taken prisoner at Saratoga and remained a prisoner until the end of the war. Nephew of [the First] Sir Eyre Coote. 30 June 1797

p. 1, cols 2-4.  No. 9,047. Despatch from Captain Home Popham of HMS Nepean providing an account of the landing near Ostend, with an ‘extract from the minutes left on board the expedition by Capt. Williamson’, Coote’s ADC, noting that Coote was wounded. 23 May 1798

p. 3, cols 2-3.  No. 12,147. Headed ‘Jamaica’. Printed addresses from the Council House of Assembly and the different parishes of Jamaica, among others to Coote, with his replies. 20 April 1808

p. 3, col. 3.  No. 12,214. ‘A splendid dinner was given yesterday at the city of London Towers, by the West India Merchants, to Sir Eyre Coote …’ mentioning attendees and entertainment. 7 July 1808

p. 2, col. 2.  No. 12,537. Regarding the embarkation of the army under Coote for continental Europe. 17 July 1809

p. 3, col. 2.  No. 12,538. Account of the embarkation of ‘The Expedition’ for continental Europe. 8 July 1809

p. 3, col. 2.  No. 12,542. ‘The expedition is certainly destined for the Scheldt …’ and mentioning the intended capture of Walcheren. 22 July 1809

p. 3, col. 2.  No. 12,546. ‘The Expedition’ waiting to sail, due to contrary winds. 27 July 1809
No. 12, 599. Lead-up to the capture of Walcheren and providing some accounts of the historical importance of the island, including the 1799 expedition. 1 August 1809

No. 12,556. Dispatches dated 2 and 3 August 1809 from Lord Chatham to Lord Castlereagh, mentioning Coote and the attack on Flushing. 8 August 1809

No. 12,257. Dispatch dated 16 August 1809 from Lord Chatham to Lord Castlereagh, mentioning Coote and the attack on Flushing. 21 August 1809

No. 12,575. Account of the expedition to the Netherlands, stating that Coote returned from Beeveland to take command at Walcheren. 30 August 1809

No. 12,659. Proceedings of the Court of Common Council, London, with motions to address the King on the failure of the ‘ill-conceived’ ‘Scheldt expedition’. 6 December 1809

No. 12,708. ‘Walcheren papers’ with several dispatches from Chatham, and Lieut.-General George Don. Also account of the proceedings in the House of Lords regarding the Walcheren expedition, where Coote, among others are summoned to attend the inquiry into the expedition. 1 February 1810

No. 12,709. Dispatches from Coote regarding the Walcheren expedition, delivered to the Houses of parliament. 2 February 1810

No. 12,715. ‘Minutes of evidence on the policy and conduct of the late expedition to the Scheldt’ with occasional references to Coote. 9 February 1810

No. 12,730. Minutes of the inquiry into the Scheldt expedition, giving Lord Chatham’s testimony. 27 February 1810

No. 12,754. Minutes of the inquiry into the Scheldt expedition, giving the Speaker’s analysis of the inquiry. 27 March 1810

No. 12,758. Adjourned debate on the Inquiry into the Scheldt expedition, mentioning Coote, with the results of a vote on Lord Porchester’s motion ‘to censure the impolicy [sic] of the expedition’. 31 March 1810

No. 12,759. List of MPs who voted for and against Lord Porchester’s motion to censure the advisers of the expedition to the Scheldt. 2 April 1810

No. 14,250. List of those who are constituted Knights Grand Cross, including Coote. 5 January 1815

OS/4 The Morning Post and Daily Advertiser
Printed by C. Stuart, Blake Court, Catherine Street, Strand [London].
p. 3, col. 2. No. 3094. Advertisement beginning ‘A number of volunteers are now raising in London, by Mr. Bate, by order of the East India Company …’ who are to serve for five years ‘under the noble and gallant Hibernian, General Sir Eyre Coote, commander in chief of the company’s forces in India’. 26 December 1782

p. 2, col. 2. No. 3,113. ‘Sir Eyre Coote, in all his actions last year with Hyder Ally, derived his principal strength from his artillery, which kept the Asiatic horse from breaking the ranks of his infantry, and employing the Sabile in close action; but since the landing of the French troops, Hyder has been supplied with a considerable train of canon, which, with the assistance of three complete regiments of infantry, must have made his army infinitely more formidable than it has ever been since he first took the field.’ 18 January 1783

OS/4  The Pilot Printed by Edward Fitzgerald, No. 104, Strand, [London]. [p. 4 missing top right col. 4 and bottom right col. 3].

[No mention of Coote family]. 16 March 1813

OS/4  The Public Advertiser Printed by H.S. Woodfall, No. 1, the corner of Ivy Lane, Paternoster Row, [London].

p. 3, col. 3. No. 17,811. Beginning ‘Sir Eyre Coote’. Anecdotes of the First Sir Eyre Coote in India. 6 August 1791

p. 1, cols 3-4 – p. 2, col. 1. No. 17,952. Letter from ‘Asiaticus’ No. vi, mentioning the First Sir Eyre Coote and his campaign in India in the 1780s. 18 January 1792

OS/4  The Star
Printed for the proprietors by John Daniel (of Carnaby Street) at the Star Printing Office, No. 1, Carey Street and published by Level Kent, (of Canterbury Place, Lambeth), [London].

p. 2, cols 3-4. No. 3,921. ‘Law intelligence’ regarding the legal proceedings against Armstrong for challenging Coote to a duel. 11 June 1801

p. 1, col. 4. No. 3,967. ‘Irish Military Characters’ giving an account of the Second Sir Eyre Coote. 4 August 1801

p. 3, col. 4. No. 4,036. Dispatch from [John] Hely Hutchinson, dated outside Alexandria, 5 September 1801, to Lord Hobart, concerning his operations in Egypt and providing letters from Coote, dated 23 August 1801. 23 October 1801
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p. 3, co. 2. No. 6,819. ‘The following were among the numerous presentations to her majesty [on the commemoration of her birthday] … Lieutenant-General Sir Eyre Coote, upon his return from the Government of Jamaica.’ 19 January 1809

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p. 4, cols 1-2. No. 1,684. Address and resolutions of the garrison at Bandon unanimously agreed to be presented to Major-General Coote, dated 16 January 1798, with Coote’s reply dated Cork, 18 January 1798. Address signed by Lieut.-Colonel William Thomas Monsell, chairman. 15 February 1798

p. 4, col. 2. No. 1,686. The same address reprinted. Also ‘On Wednesday last Lord Bandon, with a deputation from the corporation of Bandon, waited on General Coote, and after expressing sincere regret at his unexpected departure, presented him with a Gold Box, in testimony of their high regard, and of the grateful sense they entertain of the many services he rendered the town during his residence in it. – Jan. 20, 1798.’ 17 February 1798


p. 2, col. 4. No. 1,858. Letter from Coote ‘To the editor of the Sun, London, Sept. 5, 1798, Sir, Being extremely anxious to give every information to the relatives and friends of the Officers and Men taken Prisoners with me at the affair near Ostend, on the 20th last May, I beg you will be so good as to insert in your paper the names of the Officers whom I left in perfect health on Friday last at Lille. I have sent the Names of the Men to the Agents of their respective Corps. I am also enabled to send you the Names of the Officers, of the Eleventh Regiment, at Fort L’Escarpe, near Douay; but I could not procure the Names of the Men.’ [the list follows]. 6 September 1798

p. 2, col. 4. No. 1,861. ‘General Coote is entitled to the gratitude and esteem of the public, or more amiable man, not only for his gallant and able services at Ostend, but for his humane attention to the feelings of the friends of those who were his fellow prisoners, by giving, immediately upon his arrival in this country, so satisfactory an account of their situation. 10 September 1798

p. 4, col. 2. No. 1,893. Coote’s address thanking the Sussex Militia for their good conduct during their stay at Dover Castle. 17 October 1798

p. 4, col. 1. No. 2,164. Continuation of Coote’s evidence at Wilson’s court martial. 29 August 1799

p. 2, col. 2. No. 2,189. Proceedings of the House of Commons, London, where Coote, among others, is thanked for his services. 27 September 1799

p. 2, cols 1-4. No. 2,204. Dispatches from Frederick, Duke of York, to Henry Dundas, dated Alkmaar, 6 October 1799, concerning the campaign in Holland, giving details of Coote’s command. 15 October 1799

p. 4, col. 2. No. 3,427. ‘On Wednesday last, Major General Sir Eyre Coote gave a splendid entertainment to General Manners and the officers of the 30th regiment on their leaving his brigade.’ 12 September 1803

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