Collection Summary
Title: Reverdy Johnson Papers
Span Dates: 1830-1876
ID No.: MSS27938
Creator: Johnson, Reverdy, 1796-1876
Extent: 185 items ; 1 container ; .3 linear feet ; 1 microfilm reel
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Lawyer, United States senator from Maryland, and diplomat. Mainly correspondence relating to Johnson's early law practice and political and diplomatic career.

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

People
Argyll, George Douglas Campbell, Duke of, 1823-1900--Correspondence.
Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878--Correspondence.
Butler, Benjamin F. (Benjamin Franklin), 1818-1893.
Disraeli, Benjamin, 1804-1881--Correspondence.
Douglas, Stephen A. (Stephen Arnold), 1813-1861--Correspondence.
Gladstone, W. E. (William Ewart), 1809-1898--Correspondence.
Johnson, Reverdy, 1796-1876.
Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870--Correspondence.
Leeds, Louisa Catherine D'Arcy-Osborne, Duchess of, approximately 1792-1874--Correspondence.
Meredith, Jonathan D., 1783-1872--Correspondence.
Reade, Charles, 1814-1884--Correspondence.
Sargent, John Osborne, 1811-1891--Correspondence.
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.
Tennent, James Emerson, Sir, 1804-1869--Correspondence.
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862--Correspondence.

Subjects
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Great Britain.
Practice of law--Maryland--Baltimore.

Places
Great Britain--Foreign relations--United States.
Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
New Orleans (La.)--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--Foreign relations--Great Britain.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.

Occupations
Diplomats.
Lawyers.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Maryland.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Reverdy Johnson, lawyer, United States senator from Maryland, and diplomat, were purchased by the Library of Congress between 1914 and 1921.

Processing History
The correspondence in the Reverdy Johnson Papers was prepared for microfilming in 1988. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

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Biographical Note

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<td>1811</td>
<td>Graduated, St. John's College, Annapolis, Md.</td>
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<td>1815</td>
<td>Read law with his father; admitted to Maryland bar</td>
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<td>1816-1817</td>
<td>Deputy attorney general of Maryland</td>
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<td>Established himself in Baltimore, Md.</td>
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<td>Married Mary Mackall Bowie</td>
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<td>1821-1829</td>
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1861  Member, peace conference, Washington, D.C.

1863-1868  Member, U.S. Senate from Maryland

1868-1869  Minister to Court of St. James, London, England

1876, Feb. 10  Died, Annapolis, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Reverdy Johnson (1796-1876) span the years 1830-1876 and consist mainly of correspondence relating to Johnson's early law practice, his service as United States senator from Maryland, as a special inquirer in the 1862 case of General Benjamin Franklin Butler at New Orleans, and as minister to the Court of St. James.

Correspondents include George Douglas Campbell, the Duke of Argyll; Benjamin F. Butler; William Cullen Bryant; Benjamin Disraeli, the Earl or Beaconsfield; Louisa Catherine D'Arcy-Osborne, the Seventh Duchess of Leeds; Stephen A. Douglas; W. E. Gladstone; Robert E. Lee; Jonathan D. Meredith; Charles Reade; John Osborne Sargent; William T. Sherman; Sir James Emerson Tennent, and Martin Van Buren.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged type of material and therein chronologically.
**Container List**

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