

London Newsletters Collection
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Collection Summary

Title: London Newsletters Collection

Span Dates: 1665-1685

ID No.: MSS97733

Extent: 3,000 items

Extent: 8 containers

Extent: 3.2 linear feet

Extent: 4 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Volumes of letters from various persons at the offices of the English ministry at Whitehall Palace addressed chiefly to Sir William Scott, 5th Laird of Harden (died 1701) relating to such matters as royal travel and itinerary, events in Parliament, military operations, diplomatic meetings, religious movements, shipping and commercial agreements, and London social life.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Scott, William, Sir, -1707--Correspondence.

Organizations

England and Wales. Parliament--History--17th century.

Subjects

Shipping--Great Britain.

Places

Europe--History, Military--1648-1789.

Great Britain--Commerce.

Great Britain--Foreign relations--1660-1714.

Great Britain--History, Military--1603-1714.

Great Britain--Politics and government--1660-1688.

Great Britain--Religion--17th century.

London (England)--Social life and customs--17th century.

Provenance

The London Newsletters Collection was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1910.

Processing History

The London Newsletters Collection was processed for microfilming in 1981. A finding aid was prepared in 2005.

Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions

The London Newsletters Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on four reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, London Newsletters Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The London Newsletters Collection spans the years 1665-1685 and consists of volumes of letters written from the offices of the English ministry at Whitehall Palace chiefly to Sir William Scott, 5th Laird of Harden (died 1707). The letters, many with the signature "These," are from several different hands, including one at the beginning of the first volume that was written by Thomas St. Serf.

The authors of the letters discussed such matters as royal travel and itinerary, military operations, diplomatic meetings, religious movements, shipping and commercial agreements and restrictions, and social events occurring in London. One volume contains several handbills relating to Parliamentary acts and chronicles actions in Parliament. Another aspect of the letters concerns sources of information and communication in London in the seventeenth century, and the authors frequently noted from whom particular rumors originated.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,124

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	1665-1668 (395 l.)
BOX 2 REEL 1	1669-1670 (300 l.)
BOX 2 REEL 1	1671-1672 (285 l.)
BOX 3 REEL 2	1673-1675 (441 l.)
BOX 4 REEL 2	1676-1677 (345 l.)
BOX 5 REEL 3	1678-1679 (315 l.)
BOX 6 REEL 3	1680-1681 (311 l.)
BOX 7 REEL 4	1682-1683 (430 l.)
BOX 8 REEL 4	1684-1685 (325 l.)