Collection Summary
Title: Bladen Dulany Papers
Span Dates: 1817-1855
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1851-1854)
ID No.: MSS52779
Creator: Dulany, Bladen, 1792-1856
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Extent: 5 containers
Extent: 2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm70052779
Summary: Naval officer. Correspondence, journals, orders to duty, bills, receipts, inventories, and printed matter relating primarily to Dulany's tour of duty in 1852-1855 as commander of the Pacific Squadron.

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
Bancroft, George, 1800-1891--Correspondence.
Boyd, Benjamin, 1803?-1851.
Case, Augustus Ludlow, 1813-1893--Correspondence.
Clay, John Randolph, 1808-1885--Correspondence.
Colhoun, Edmund Ross, 1821-1897--Correspondence.
Crane, William Montgomery, 1784-1846--Correspondence.
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence.
Dornin, Thomas A. (Thomas Aloysius), 1800-1874--Correspondence.
Downing, Samuel W.
Dulany, Bladen, 1792-1856.
Graham, William A. (William Alexander), 1804-1875--Correspondence.
Harris, William A., -1881--Correspondence.
Hunter, William W.--Correspondence.
Kennedy, John Pendleton, 1795-1870--Correspondence.
McCauley, Charles S. (Charles Stewart), 1793-1869--Correspondence.
Salter, William D., 1795-1869--Correspondence.
Severance, Luther, 1797-1855--Correspondence.
Sharp, Solomon, -1870--Correspondence.
Sinclair, William A. (William Albert), -1858--Correspondence.
Smith, Thomas (British soldier), active 1820.
Smith, Waters, Jr.--Correspondence.
Ward, Thomas William, 1807-1872--Correspondence.
White, Philo, 1796-1883--Correspondence.
Williams, John Brown, 1810-1860--Correspondence.

Organizations

Subjects
Americans--Chile.
Americans--Mexico.
Americans--Peru.
Dueling.
Places
Chile--Foreign relations--United States.
Chincha Islands (Peru)--History.
Hawaii--Annexation to the United States.
Hawaii--Foreign relations--United States.
Mexico--Foreign relations--United States.
Peru--Foreign relations--Spain.
Peru--Foreign relations--United States.
Peru--History--Spanish question, 1864.
Spain--Foreign relations--Peru.
United States--Foreign relations--Chile.
United States--Foreign relations--Hawaii.
United States--Foreign relations--Mexico.
United States--Foreign relations--Peru.

Occupations
Naval officers.

Provenance
The papers of Bladen Dulany, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1949 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History
The papers of Bladen Dulany were arranged and described in 1969. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Additional Guides

Copyright Status
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Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Bladen Dulany Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
### Biographical Note

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<td>1856, Dec. 26</td>
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### Scope and Content Note

The papers of Bladen Dulany (1792-1856) span the years 1817-1855, with the bulk of the material falling in the period 1851-1854. They consist of journals, a letterbook, official correspondence, orders to duty, bills, receipts and inventories, and printed matter.

The papers are concerned primarily with Dulany’s duty as commander of the Pacific Squadron from 1852 to 1855. Extensive official correspondence consists of original letters as well as copies of letters sent and received. Prominent among Dulany’s correspondents are Augustus Ludlow Case, John Randolph Clay, Edmund Ross Colhoun, William Montgomery Crane, Jefferson Davis, Thomas A. Dornin, William A. Graham, William A. Harris, William W. Hunter, John Pendleton Kennedy, Charles S. McCauley, William D. Salter, Luther Severance, Solomon Sharp, William A. Sinclair, Waters Smith, Thomas William Ward, Philo White, and John Brown Williams.

Among the subjects documented in the papers are Dulany’s investigation of the duel between Samuel W. Downing and Thomas Smith at Gibraltar in 1820; correspondence with George Bancroft concerning Dulany’s furloughs; and Dulany’s tour of duty as commander of the South Pacific Squadron during which time he had to deal with such matters as Peru’s territorial claims to the Chincha Islands; harassment of American traders, merchants, and seamen by Chilean, Peruvian, and Mexican government officials; a proposal that the United States annex the Hawaiian Islands; and the United States State Department’s request for the squadron to assist the British in the search for Benjamin Boyd at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

### Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material.
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