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A Calendar of the Correspondence
in the
Hamilton Archives at Lennoxlove.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Burnet's Memoirs = Gilbert Burnet, Memoires of the Lives and Actions of James and William, dukes of Hamilton ... (London 1677.)

Calderwood = ed. Thomas Thomson, The History of the Kirk of Scotland, by the Rev. David Calderwood, 8 volumes. (Woodrow Society 1842-9.)

C.S.P.D. = ed. John Bruce, S.C.Lomas, Mrs. Everett Green, Calendar of State Papers Domestic, Charles I, i-xxiii; The Commonwealth, i-xiii. (London 1858-86.)


Fasti = ed. H.Scott, Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae, 8 volumes. (Edinburgh 1915-28, 1950.)

Gardiner, Camden Society = ed. S.R.Gardiner, Hamilton Papers relating to 1638-50. (Camden Society 1880.)

[Gerard Correspondence] indicates that the item belongs to the group of archives relating to the family of Gerard of Gerard's Bromley: these came into the possession of the dukes of Hamilton in 1698 when the Gerard heiress married the 4th duke of Hamilton. Before 1698, therefore, the items thus marked have no connection with the house of Hamilton or with Scottish history.


Leven and Melville Papers = ed. William Leslie Melville, Letters and State Papers chiefly addressed to George, earl of Melville, 1689-91. (Bannantyne Club 1843.)

Mackay's Memoirs = ed. M. Hog and others, Memoirs of the war carried on in Scotland and Ireland 1689-1691, by Major General Hugh Mackay. (Bannantyne Club 1833.)

Red Book I Royal Letters I = These are volumes of original mounted letters belonging to his Grace the Duke of Hamilton.


[Copy] Letter from James, duke of Châtelherault to the prince de Conde. [In French].


[Copy] The lords holding the queen captive to the archbishop of St. Andrews and his friends, who are 'faichez et mecontents' with the said lords' action, protesting that they acted in the interests of the prince and inviting the archbishop to join them.


The archbishop of St. Andrews to the lords holding the queen prisoner, asking permission to talk to her.

[H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.3] [In French]


[Copy] 2 letters from Queen Mary to the duke of Châtelherault, the first stating that she is now at Hamilton, having escaped from Lochleven, asking the duke to contact her uncle, the cardinal of Lorraine and urging him to join her. The second assures him of the help given by his men and solicits his continued support in obtaining aid from France.

[H.M.C. Supp. Report, pp.3-4] [In French]

1568, June 11 & 12.

[Copy] The earl of Lennox to the earl of Mourray, Lord Regent of Scotland, advising that they arm themselves with arguments against 'the kyngis mother and suche as are comin with her into this realme'; and Mr. John Wod to Maitland of Lethyingtoun.

1568, December 21 & 22.

[Copy] Patrick, Lord Lyndsay, to Lord Herrys, challenging him for having accused the lord regent and his company of the murder of the king's father. Also Lord Herrys' reply denying that he had implicated Lord Lyndsay.
51. [? 1568]

[Copy] The duke of Châtelherault and the Scottish ambassador request money and guns from the king and queen mother of France.

[H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.4] [In French]

26. 1568

[Copy] Mr. John Wode to the Lord Regent and the earl of Lennox to Lords Ramsay(?) and Mynto, referring to his letter to Thomas Craufurde [ ].

52. 1570, April 12. Lescourt.

Monsieur Verac to John Hamilton, archbishop of St. Andrews.

[Text in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.5] [in French]


John, 1st marquis of Hamilton to his wife, Margaret Lyon, urging her to join him in France before winter comes on.

29. [1584], December 3.

Sir Francis Walsyngham to John, Lord Hamilton recommending Mr. Bowes to his favour.


James VI to John, Lord Hammitoun ordering him to transport John, earl of Mar, from Kynneill to Hamilton and to detain him there until freed by the king.

32. 1585/6, March 6. Dumfries.

The earl of Mortoune to Lord Hammitune, lieutenant for his majesty in the west, in reply to 3 letters complaining about various disturbers of the peace.

33. 1586, August 7. Falclan.

The earl of Lenox to Lord Hamilton, thanking him for his 'honorable offer maid to his Majestie tending to the uniting of our housis'.
1057. 1586, October 17. Stirling.

J. de Cavailhon to Monseigneur d'Hammiltoun, telling him that the bearer will give him details of how the king's opinion of the writer is unchanged, and hoping that Lord Hamilton will extract from the prior of Blantyre the promise that he will no longer molest the writer. [In French]

34. 1586, December 5.

The earl of Mortonne to the marquis of Hamyltone.


8960. 1586, December 15. Lylebourg.

J. de Cavailhon to Monseigneur d'Hammiltoun, sending the greetings of the duke who is the writer's master and his correspondent's godson. [In French]


The earl of Anguss to Lord Nigel Hamilton, remarking that his arrival has been long expected at the present convention, and that all would be pleased should he decide to attend.

37. 1586, December 30.

Greetings from [? the earl of] Lenox to 'Monsieur et pere, Monsieur d'Hammiltoun' and 'Madame ma belle mere'. [In French]


The master of Gray to Lord Hamilton, saying he cannot write at length since he has been 'accusit be a leing traiter' and asking for his lordship's help.


The master of Gray to Lord Hammiltoun relating that 'I stand yitt in verie hard termis' but that he intends to keep his promise 'in letting your lordship have of me that quhilk never subscribit in Scotland haid of my hous'.
40. 1587, July 15. From Court.

The earl of Lenox to 'my Lord and father, My Lord Hamilton' in favour of Richart Abercrombie, his servant.


The master of Gray to Lord Hamilton, expressing his obligation to his correspondent, commenting on the military situation in France, and referring to his previous gift of books to his lordship. He also remarks that he shall not be in Scotland for at least a year.

8958. 1589, June 28. Sterlin. [Stirling].

De L'Isle to Lord Hamilton, thanking him for his expressions of goodwill towards the writer's master, the king of Navarre, and excusing himself from visiting his correspondent on the grounds of illness. [In French]


De L'Isle to Lord Hamilton, explaining with regret that he has been unable to find any of the 'pierres de chalchoui' which he had promised to send for his lordship's illness. [In French]

8996. 1589, October 11.

Francois de Cruille to Lord Hambleton, reporting that he has read his lordship's letter to the [French] king. His majesty is besieging Dieppe and the enemy have withdrawn. [In French]

8379. 1589, October 22. Leith.

[Copy] [James VI] to [Lord Maxwell], announcing the arrangements he has made for the government of the kingdom during his absence to escort his queen home, and urging [Lord Maxwell] to support Lord Hamilton in his task.

8362. 1589, November 1. Edinburgh.

Francis, earl of Bothwell to Lord Hamilton, sending him an answer to his letter by the writer's brother the laird of Innerwick.

[Copy] Queen Elizabeth to the Governors of Scotland in the king's absence offering her assistance, if necessary, to suppress any disturbances amongst the nobility.  

[H.M.C. p. 64, 4]

55. 1589, December 5. Edinburgh.

Lenox, Bothwell and others to Lord Hammiltoun noting his efforts on the Borders and discussing various matters in that connection.

42. c.1589.

Queen Elizabeth to Lord Hamilton, expressing concern for the embarking of James VI for Norway, congratulating Lord John on his appointment as lieutenant of the realm in the king's absence, and trusting that he will suppress any disorders in the Border country.

[H.M.C. Report, p. 64, 3]


[Autograph]. Henry IV of France to his cousin Lord Hamilton, thanking him for his friendship and sending his greetings. [In French]. [With cover]. [Torn]


Margaret, Countess of Boithvel to Lord Hamilton asking him to be present at the trial of her husband in Edinburgh.

8993. 1593, July. Edinburgh.

Bertolome Marquys to Lord Hamilton, regretting that his lordship has left without seeing the writer's 'instrument de guerre', which might be of use to him. [In French]


Bartolomeo Marchese to 'Monseigneur of Hamelton' concerning the payment of £13, £250 per lo storno, £114 per lo Paraquet, £49 per sette alne di raso.' [In Italian]
45. 1593, October 23

Convention of the church of Scotland to Lord Hamilton desiring his attendance at the trial of the earls of Angus, Huntly and Errol, fixed for 29 October at Linlithgow. [Signed by David Lyndesay and Robert Bruce].

[H.M.C. Report, p.64, 6]

44. 1593, October [-].

Convention of the Church of Scotland to Lord Hamilton [in a circular letter] summoning him to Perth on 24 October to prevent the Catholic earls from overthrowing the reformed religion.

[H.M.C. Report, p.65, No.7]

8216. [1593, after December 6-7]

Lord Herys to Lord Hamilton, reminding him of his promise to take revenge on the murderers of the writer's cousin Lord Maxwell, and suggesting that he send a friend to acquaint the king with the situation and receive his instructions.

61. 1594, September 4. Illay.

S. R. McDonall to Lord Hammiltoun protesting that the Campbells are circulating false rumours about the slaughter of the McLeans and emphasising his loyalty to Lord Hammiltoun.

8995. 1594, September 28.

Receipt by Guillaume Marquis, son of Bartholomew Marquis for the sum of £160 Scots paid to him by Lord Hamilton. [In French]

58. 1595, June 2. Dumfreis.

Lord Herys to Lord Hammiltoun, concerning the arrangements for the children of the late Lord Maxwell.


- Choisy to 'Monsieur de Hamelton', sending him a present by Lord Hamilton. [In French] [With a modern transcription and translation]
59. 1596, November 11.

David Hammiltoun to Lord Hammiltoun, sending him various legal documents, and 'ane pair of thik halk gluffis'.

60. 1597, December 21. [Holyrood] house.

[Holograph] James VI to Lord Hamilton, assuring him that his having to give up Dumbarton is no sign of disgrace, and that he may continue to hold the abbey of Arbroath.

[H.M.C. Report p.67 17]

8364. 1599, October 12. Glentanner.

The earl of Huntly to his uncle the marquis of Hamiltoun, asking how long he intends to stay in Arbroath, and asking to be sent a hawk. [Only the signature in his own hand].

8365. [1599], October 23.

The earl of Huntly to his uncle the marquis of Hamiltoun, thanking him for a hawk and expressing his willingness to serve his lordship. [Holograph].


Maupas to the marquis of Hamilton, apologising for his delay in writing and thanking his lordship for his gift.

62. [c.1604]

John, marquis of Hammilton to King James VI, while in his last sickness, recommending his 'only and derest sone' to the king's favour.

[H.M.C. Report, p.68, 10]

8339. 1613, September 29. Westminster.

Copy letters patent from James VI granting to the earl of Haddington a pension of £100 sterling.

65. 1618, July 10.

2 copies of letter from James VI to the general assembly.

[Calderwood VII, pp.308-311. H.M.C. Report, p.69, 12]

Letter of James VI to Lord Hamilton, bestowing on him the abbacy of Arbroath, for a blanch fee of 1000 merks.

[Signed by James VI, Lenox, Fyvie, Blantyre, Newbothe, Trackquair, J. Cokburne and Robert (?Areskine)].

[Fragments of signet]
9345. 1619, November 25. Nuremberg.

[Autograph] Frederick [of Bohemia] to the 2nd marquis of Hamilton, assuring him of his goodwill towards his lordship, and sending a verbal message by the bearer. [In French, with papered seal] [Also a typed transcript].


Elizabeth of Bohemia to the Countess of Bedford, announcing that her husband returns on the following day from Moravia. [Text printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.9]

64. c.1620, April 2.

George Mallen (?) to Lord Hamilton.

66. 1620/1, January 9. Cambridge.

Clare College, Cambridge to King James VI.


[Autograph]. Frederick [of Bohemia] to the 2nd marquis of Hamilton, referring to the coming session of the Scottish parliament during which 'vous eussiez par la le moyen avec les autres bon patriots d'uniter l'exemple des bons Anglois, pour mettre en effect avec la permission de sadite majisté ce qui pourroit redonder au soulagement de sa lignée', mentioning his close relationship to James VI (his father-in-law) and referring briefly to the 'temps calamiteux que nous sommes'. [In French: with papered seal] [Also a typed transcript].


The archbishop of Cashell to H.M. Commissioners for the Realm of Ireland, in reply to a letter inquiring about leases of the archbishop.

103. 1624, August 30. Belvoier Castle.

James VI to James, marquis of Hamilton, Steward of our Household, asking for payment of debts.
Choisy to Lord Hamilton, assuring him of his affection.

[In French]

[Copy] Queen Elizabeth to James VI expostulating with him as to his 'new begun frenzie' in his lenient treatment of the Catholic earls who were 'returnit, and thai seine winit at without restraint' and warning him of the dangers of such a policy.

[H.M.C. Report, p.64, No. 5]

[Holograph] James VI to Lord Hamilton concerning his coming visit to Hamilton. [Torn]

[H.M.C. Report, p.67, 19]

[Holograph] James VI to Lord Hamilton informing him by the bearer of 'misreportis' and earnestly begging him to attend the coming diet of parliament. [Torn]

[H.M.C. Report, p.68, 20]

[Holograph] James VI to Lord Hamilton about certain misreports. [Torn]

[H.M.C. Report, p.68 no. 21]

[Holograph] James VI to Lord Hamilton, asking for 'tuo or three of youre fleest and fairest running houndis' and a horse. [Much destroyed].

[H.M.C. Report, p.67 no. 18]

John, 1st marquis of Hamilton to his wife, Margaret Lyon, narrating that he and the earl of Huntly are to apprehend Captain James Stuart.
15. N.D. [Before 1604]

John, 1st marquis of Hamilton to his son James, telling him to do as directed in the said marquis's letter to his son's father-in-law [James, 6th earl of Glencairn].

14. N.D. [Before 1604]

John, 1st marquis of Hamilton to his son James advising him to set out at once for France, where he should spend the rest of the summer.

13. April 15 Vythall [Before 1604]

John, 1st marquis of Hamilton to his son James recommending the bearer as a servant to 'your unkill'.

69. 1624/5, January 9.

[? Copy] The earl of Middlesex to the lord treasurer and chancellor of the exchequer, offering to pay his £20,000 fine in annual instalments of £2,000 out of his farms of sugar.

70. 1624/5, January 14.

[Copy] The earl of Middlesex to the lord treasurer and chancellor of the exchequer, saying that he cannot pay any money immediately but will try to give security for his future payment.

71. 1624/5, January 23.

[Copy] The earl of Middlesex to the lord treasurer and chancellor of the exchequer, informing them that he cannot possibly pay them within ten days as they have asked, but shall give satisfaction as soon as possible.

68. 1624/5, February 4.

The earl of Middlesex to the marquis of Hamilton, steward of his Majesty's household, protesting against the sum of money he has heard he will be asked to pay.

72. 1624/5, February 6. Whitehall.

The marquis of Hamilton to the earl of Middlesex, protesting that it was not through malice that he had demanded the earl's fine, but from necessity.
4. 1625, April 30.

Address by the provost and bailies of Edinburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that he will continue the happy relationship with them begun by his father.

[Signatures - M. Clark, provost, Johne Maknacht, bailie, A. Purves, bailie, A. Tod, bailie].

73. 1625, October 2. The Court.

Lords of the Exchequer to the earl of Cambridge, concerning the payment of the first part of the subsidy he owes to the king.

8229. [c.1625]

George, duke of Buckingham to [the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], sending him a letter from the king, and criticising his lordship's departure from Court.

36. 1625/6, March 3.

The earl of Worcester and others to the earl of Cambridge, regarding the payment of £20 to the exchequer.

74. 1626, June 22. Greenwich.

George Car to 'my lady marquis of Hamilton', offering condolences on the death of her husband.


Charles I to James, 3rd marquis of Hamilton, noting that the marquis had absented himself from a meeting 'which you conceaved not to be agreeable to our will', and saying he had expected no less.

126. [1625-6], December 16-26. The Hague.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that the king 'my accept no dilatorie answere for my sonnes releese'.

Box 180/28 1626, July 29. Halirudhous.

Letter of Charles I appointing Lady Anna Cunningham, marchioness of Hamilton tutrix dative to her children William, Margaret and Mary.

[Quarter seal on tongue with tie]
75. 1626/7, February 1. Holyrudhous.

The earls of Wintoun & Melrose, G. Gordoune and Erskynn to the marquis of Hamiltoun, requesting his presence at the meeting of the commission of revocation (of which he is a member) on 1 March.

[Signatures]

85. 1626/7, February 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamiltoune, expressing the hope that the present 'tempetuous blasts ... may be calmit'.

90. 1626/7, February 25. London

William Murray to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him his arrival in London will be most convenient, 'every on being in suspense and desirous not only to retaine friends but to reconcile enemies'.

150. 1626/7, March 4. Newmarket.

[Holograph] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, promising to help a man coming to Court on the marquis's business.

[Text in Burnet's *Memoirs of James & William, Dukes of Hamilton* p.3]

91. 1627, March 5. Newmarket.

William Murray to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking that 'this jorney of my lord Denbys is undertaken sore against my will' and advising him to stand firm against his lordship's persuasions.

8187. 1627, March 16.

[Copy, not in his own hand]. The marquis of Hamilton to the duke of [Buckingham?], asking him to thank the king for his kindness to the writer, and expressing his desire to live at Court where he can better serve his master and enjoy his correspondent's 'faitherly counsels'.


[Copy]. Charles I to the university of Cambridge, concerning a petition by Emmanuel College questioning one of the university's statutes.

The chancellor, and the earls of Mar, Monteith and Angus, requesting the presence of the marquis of Hamilton at the next meeting of commissioners on 22 May.

[Signatures.]

8177. [c.1627], April 30. Whitehall.

The earl of Carlile to the marquis [of Hamilton], sending him instructions from the king by the bearer, and assurances of 'how high a place you hold in the account and esteem both of the king and state'. Moreover, the marquis's 'noble lady incomparable both for beauty and virtue languisheth for your returne'.

87. [?1627], May 19. Sant Jaemis.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, in reply to several letters from him.

8376. 1627, May 31. Holyrudhous.

The chancellor [Kinnoull] and the earls of Monteith, Wintoun, Linlithgow and Roxburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, requesting his attendance at a meeting of the commissioners for surrender of the teinds on the following June 12.

[Signed by all five]

77. 1627, June 6. Holyrudhouse.

The chancellor, earls of Monteith, Nithisdail, Roxburgh, Melrose & Patrick, bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamilton, requesting him to attend the next 'dyet'.

88. 1627, July 27. Cannageat.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing minor matters.

78. 1627, August 11. Edinburgh.

The lord chancellor to the marquis of Hammiltoune, concerning the work of the commission on teinds.
79. 1627, August 17. Bagshote.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to gather 'the greatest number of men able for warlike service that you can provide' by September 15 in Edinburgh, where they will be put under the command of the earl of Morton and transported to France.

80. 1627, August 29.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending the choice of Sir Walter Stuart of Minto and Sir James Lochart of Castilhill as shire commissioners in parliament.

81. 1627, August 30. Roxburghe

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing minor matters.

82. 1627, September 14.

The earl of Roxburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing minor matters.

84. 1627, December 2.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for a reply to his letter.

582 1627, December 6. Whitehall.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, advising him to sign the submission.

86. 1627.

The earl of Roxburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, about David Ramsay's affairs.

83. 1627.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing various minor matters.
151. 1627/8, January 1.

[Holograph] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that he would soon come to the Court.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs, pp.3-4.]


Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, requesting him to be one of the first to sign 'a form of submission'.

96. 1627/8, March 24.

The earl of Arran to ['my most honored lord'], stating that he would join his friends at Court were it not for pressing business at home.

97. 1628, March 29.

[Copy]. The earl of Arran to the king thanking him for his invitations to come to Court but excusing himself on the grounds that he must first settle his estate.

98. 1628, June 10. Holyrudhous.

The earls of Mar, Hadinton and others to the marquis of Hamilton, requesting his presence at the next meeting of 'the commission anent the surrenders and [t]einds' on July 4.


The earl of Mar and others to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to attend the parliament to be held in Edinburgh on 15 September, during the king's visit.

583. 1628, July 10. Whitehall.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, advising him as to who should be elected as shire commissioners for the coming parliament.

[Torn].
100. 1628, July 15. Holirudhous.

The earl of Mar and others to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the king hopes to visit Scotland in August and asking him to make various inquiries with a view to preparing for the occasion.


The archbishop of St. Andrews and others notifying the marquis of Hamilton of taxes yet unpaid by him, though levied in 1625.

9656. 1628, October 4 [Sept. 24, OS].

[Copy] Christian IV of Denmark to Charles I, on behalf of Colonel Donald Mackay to whom the Exchequer owes 18304½ rix dollars. [In Latin]

152. 1628, September 25. Hamtoncourt.

[Holograph] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, on the occasion of Denbigh's visit to the marquis, hoping that 'ye should bee quicklie heere'.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs, p.4]

8230. [c.1628]

George, duke of Buckingham to [the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], sending him news by the bearer, who would have been the writer's brother had he not been called upon to go as admiral of the fleet to Rochell, and urging him to come to Court.

8228. [c.1628]

George, duke of Buckingham to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, regretting that the latter has not enough money to settle with his creditors and is thus prevented from coming to Court. He remarks that 'your wife [the writer's niece] hath bine so longe disseved with hopes that wee dare not tell her so much as that she must have patience till the end of this somer'.
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92. 1628/9, February 20. Whytequalle.

The lords of the treasury to the earl of Cambridge concerning the payment of a fine.

102. 1629, February [ ].

Copy of propositions made by the king of Sweden and sent to the emperor in Lubeck.


[Copy]. Charles I to Christian IV of Denmark, promising that Lord Reay will be paid.

[In reply to 9656]

239. 1629, June 3. Dublin Castle.

Viscount Falkland explaining the delay to the enclosed letter.

238. 1629, June 8. Dublin Castle.

Viscount Falkland to the marquis of Hamilton, inquiring whether the 'greate ship and her pinnace' now lying at the harbour mouth are indeed commissioned by the marquis to clear the coasts of pirates.

240. 1629, July 28.

The archbishop of St. Andrews and 7 bishops to the marquis of Hammilton, sending with the bearer a report of the convention.

350. 1630, April 10. Dublin.

Lord Wentworth to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the intended plantation of Connaught about which the marquis has inquired.

[Damaged]


[May 19]

[Copy]. Gustavus Adolphus to Charles I, expressing his pleasure at the appointment of the marquis of Hamilton to the command of the English forces. [In Latin].

[Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.10, the original apparently in Red Book I].

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of Jacob Asteley.

125. 1630, August 22. The Hague.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his good wishes.


264. 1630, September 14. Roxburgh

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, wishing him well in his expedition to Germany.


Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of Mr. Langley, who hopes to serve under the marquis in the king of Sweden's army.

179. 1630, October 21. Hage

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending his good wishes.

148. 1630, October 27. The Hague.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of the bearer, her footman, who would like to enter the service of her nephew, the prince.

178. 1630, October 30. Hage.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], praising his desire to join the king of Sweden.

9308. 1630, November 8.

David Ramsay to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that the writer will be able to obtain assistance for the marquis's affairs from the king of Bohemia and the Estates.

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9273. 1630, November 30.

[Translation into French]. Gustavus Adolphus to Colonel de Farensbach, discussing the levying of troops for the marquis [of Hamilton].


Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, sending her good wishes and regretting in a postscript that she could not help Peter Reguemotus[?] as he had asked.


Lord Reay to the marquis of Hamilton, asking if he needs men and money, and describing an engagement in Nedar Pomiran.


News letter, giving details of the movements of the king of Sweden's army. [In French]

[Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, pp.11-12]

9320. 1631, January 15. Elsinor.

Lord Reay to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he will receive a free pass through the king of Denmark's dominions and advising him to levy 4,000 foot for his army.

[Summarised fully in H.M.C. Report, pp.70-71, No. 20].

191. 1630/1, January 21.

P. Crosbie to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking that he may be granted a commission to command a regiment of 2,000.

9252. 1630/1, January 27. De la Haye.

Louis Camerarius to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his confidence in the writer and wishing him all success. [In French].

[Only signature in his own hand].
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.71, No.21].
9321. 1630/1, February 8. The Haag

David Ramsay to Colonel Alexander Hamilton, telling him that he can do nothing in his negotiation with the prince of Orange unless the marquis of Hamilton obtains letters to him from Charles I.

[Summarised in H. M. C. Report, p. 71, no. 22]

192. [1630/1], March 14. Newmarket.

The earl of Dorset to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending a verbal message by the bearer.

9305. 1631, March 27 OS. Hamburg.

W. Elphinstoun to the marquis of Hamilton, stating that he has visited Sir Robert Anstruther and Monsieur Salvius, and reporting on current events in Germany.


9296. 1631, April 5/15. The Hague.

[ ] to the States-General of Holland, asking their assistance for the marquis of Hamilton, on his way to join the king of Sweden with an army of 12,000 men. With the answer of the States-General. [In French.]


203. 1631, April 11.

Robert Heath to the Marquis Hambleton, concerning improvements that might be made in the silk trade.

9298. 1631, April 22. Mockern.

[April 11]

Colonel Farenbach to the emperor, giving an account of the marquis of Hamilton's plans to join Gustavus Adolphus.

[In English; a copy.]

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9669. 1631, March. Copenhagen.

Niclaus Russenn to [ ]

[In German]
[Torn]
1631, April 15. The Hague.

The secretary to the States-General to [ ], discussing the marquis of Hamilton's intentions of attempting to restore the queen of Bohemia to her estate in the Palatinate. [In Dutch? With a French translation]

1631, April 16/26. The Hague.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, regretting that her husband the king cannot send the marquis money as had been requested.


Salvius to the Marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the prince archbishop of Bremen will grant free admission to his territories to the Scots and English troops, and referring to the difficulty of raising men in Belgium. [In Latin: only the signature in his own hand].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp.71-2, No.24]

1631, April 25. Frankford.

[Translation]. Gustavus Adolphus to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that Charles I will ally himself with the writer, and praising his lordship's efforts in this direction.

[With typed transcript - 2 copies]

1631, April 26. Frankfort.

[Translation]. Gustavus Adolphus to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that Charles I will make an alliance with the writer and aid him with an army of 10,000 men, at his own charge, under the marquis of Hamilton.

[With typed transcript - 2 copies]
[The original letter apparently no. 36 in the Royal Letters Volume I].

1631, April 28. Frankfort.

[Translation]. Gustavus Adolphus to the marquis of Hamilton, stating that he has sent Alexander Leslie to his lordship with full instructions.

[With typed transcript - 2 copies]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.72 No. 25. The original apparently No. 36 of Royal Letters Vol. I].
197. [1631], May 3. Greenwich.

The earl of Carlile to the marquis of Hamilton, wishing him well in the wars.


[ ] to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to support the writer's petition to Charles I.

[See 9266] [Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.18]


Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that the prince of Orange and the Estates make great difficulty in granting Sir Jacob Ashley his leave.

204. 1631, May 9. Cambridge.

Archibald Douglas to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing supplies of armaments.

8383. 1631, May 10/20 Hauge.

Jacob Asteley to the marquis of Hamilton, stating that the prince of Orange has refused the writer permission to leave.


Colonel Sir Alexander Leslie to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing his arrival at Hamburg and complaining about the difficulty of recruiting.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.72 No. 27]


Charles I to the viscount of Duplin, Sir James Skein, president of the college of justice and others, telling them to delay all proceedings concerning the marquis of Hamilton until the latter returns to the country.
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Louis Camerarius to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking that he will have heard from Colonel Leslie what the Swedish king has commanded the colonel to do, and hoping that Charles I will lend his support. Erich Larson is in charge of the financial arrangements. [In French: only the signature in his own hand.]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.72 No.28]


Copy of 2 letters, to the deputy lieutenant and justices of the peace for Northamptonshire and to the earl of Westmoreland, for the raising of volunteers for the marquis of Hamilton in the king of Sweden's campaign.


The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him of the king's care for him. David Ramsay was released within a few days of his lordship's departure, and is to remain at Richmond upon caution for his re-entry into the Tower. Meldrum is still in the Fleet [prison]. [With a postscript by Lady Jane Drummond, countess of Roxburghe, assuring the marquis of her friendship.]

9255. 1631, July $\frac{4}{14}$. Hamburg.

G. Salvius to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the raising of troops for his lordship, who is to land in Germany on July 5. [In Latin]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.73, No.31].


L. Camerarius to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking that Sergeant-Major Leslie will soon be with his lordship, and assuring him that as soon as the marquis is safely in Germany Gustavus Adolphus will contact him. [In French: only the signature in his own hand.]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp.72-3, No.29]

9343 1631, July $\frac{13}{23}$. Zurich.

G. J. Peblis to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his kind offer, and explaining that he cannot come to his lordship at once because of his commitments. [In French: with a modern transcript and translation].
207. 1631, July 16. Otlands.

[Copy?]. Charles I to Christian IV of Denmark, requesting a free passage through Denmark for the marquis of Hammilton and his army, on their way to join the king of Sweden.


The earl of Carlile to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that the king would like news of the king of Sweden's position.

208. 1631, August 14/24 Bruxells.

L. Gerbier to [the marquis of Hamilton], giving the latest news of the king of Sweden and the wars.

9303. [1631], August 21.

Sir Alexander Leslie to the marquis of Hamilton, describing his arrival at Ukermundt.


9355. [c.1631, August]

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [Charles I], announcing that when the writer joined the king of Sweden at Werbin, Tilly thought that he had come with a large army and has marched towards Magdeburg. Gustavus has followed him, determined to give battle.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p.76, No.48.]

9269. 1631, September 1. Nonsuch.

Lord Goring to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking that the combat with Mackay seems likely to take place.

209. 1631, September 2. Imbercourt.

The earl of Dorchester to [the marquis of Hamilton], wishing him well in the war and giving him news of the Court.
153. 1631, September 8. Wansted.

[Holograph]. Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that 'As for my resolutions concerning the affaires of Germanie, you shall know now verrie shortlie' since he has decided to send Henry Vane to him to explain.

[Printed in Burnet's Memoirs, p.20]

9304. 1631, September 18. Crossen

[September 11]

P. de Brossard to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that the Imperialists have attacked from the side near Silesia, although not seriously. [In French].


J. Michlass to the marquis of Hamilton. [In German]


Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, wishing him 'as much honnour and good fortune in this business as you can desire your self'.


9337. 1631, September 20. Francfurt.

General Sir Alexander Leslie to the marquis of Hamilton, complaining about the shortage of munitions. [In French: 'only the signature in his own hand.]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.74, No.36]


[Holograph] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he has sent Henry Vane to give him information.

[Burnet's Memoirs, p.24]
155. 1631, September 23. Hampton Court

[Holograph]. Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, complaining that he could not read the marquis's last letter, since the lack of space between the numbers forming the cipher made it incomprehensible.

[Burnet's Memoirs, pp.24-5]


[Translation]. Gustavus Adolphus to the marquis of Hamilton regretting that the English and Scottish armies have been so much reduced by disease and death. He therefore desires the marquis to follow him to a place of safety with the English forces.

[With a typed transcript - 2 copies]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.74, No.37]
[The original is apparently in Volume I of Royal Letters]

231. 1631, September 26.

R. Weston to [the marquis of Hamilton], congratulating him on being given such considerable forces by the king of Sweden.

9649. 1631, October 10. Freslag[?]
[September 30 OS?]

J. Michlass to the marquis of Hamilton.[In German]

9357. [c.Sep 1631].

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [Charles I], giving an account of how he sent men to Guben.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p.77, No.50]

9358. [c.1631, September].

[Draft in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [Charles I], summarising the facts in [9357], and announcing that he has been ordered to march to the Elbe.

184. [1631], October 7. Hamborough.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], notifying him of his arrival in Hamborough and of his intention to begin his journey to the king of Swedes.
The earl of Roxburghe to [the marquis of Hamilton],
promising him in his next letter an account of the end of the
business between Ramsay and Mackay, and hoping that all will
turn out as his lordship wishes.
Sir Henry Vane to [marquis of Hamilton], announcing his intention to begin his journey to the king of Sweden, though because of 'the peste and great destructions' he cannot find means to transport himself and his train.

[Copy, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to ['your heynes'], telling him that his projected journey will not be displeasing to the king.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that he has arranged transport for himself to Hamburg to meet the king of Sweden.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending him some letters and telling him that Sir Henry has been given power to 'treate a league with the kings'.

[ ] to the marquis of Hamilton, congratulating him on his success in waylaying the enemy from the siege of Crossen and hoping that he will advance.

Alexander Leslie and other generals, on behalf of the marquis of Hamilton, ordering the provision of 500 suits of cloth and shoes and stockings in proportion, for the soldiers.

[Autograph]. The marquis of Hamilton to [ ].

[In German]
1631, November 28. Hostia

[Translation]. [Gustavus Adolphus] to the marquis of Hamilton, urging him to hasten the departure of Alexander Leslie, who is to relieve Field Marshal Tott in Mecklenburg.

[With typed transcript - 2 copies]
[The original is apparently in Vol. I of Royal Letters]

1631, November 28.

[Translation]. [Gustavus Adolphus] to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his efforts on the writer's behalf.

[With typed transcript - 2 copies]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.74, No.41. The original apparently in Vol. I of Royal Letters]

1631, December 5. Francforte

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him of his meeting with the king of Sweden and of the progress of the war.

1631, December 16. Leipzig.

[6, OS?]

General Johan Baner to the marquis of Hamilton. [In German]


[9 OS?]

The baron de Virmond to the marquis of Hamilton, describing his desire to return home to attend to his private affairs. [In French]


[ ] to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to allow some men to continue to lodge in their appointed quarter.

189. 1631, December 22. Franckford

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton] describing the king of Sweden's recent successes.


The earl of Dorchester to [the marquis of Hamilton], praising his actions in Germany and wishing him well in the siege of Magdebourg.

[Only signature and postscript in his own hand]

9245. 1631, December 16. Leipzig.

[Copy, in English]. General John Baner to the marquis of Hamilton, pressing his advice that his lordship should retire from the siege of Magdeburg with his diminished troops and go to Halberstadt.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.75, No.43]


[Holograph]. Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging 4 letters from him and promising to send Henry Vane with more information.


The earl of Carlile to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that good reports of him are banishing calumnies against him; the matter of Ramsy and Maky is not yet settled.

232 1631, December 16.

R. Weston to [the marquis of Hamilton] acknowledging his letter.


[18 OS]

[ ] to [ ]. [In German]

9646. 1631, December 28.

[18 OS]

[ ] to [ ]. [In German]
235. 1631, December 18.

John Heyson to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the return of arms to the royal magazine.

9645. 1631, December 29.
[19 OS]

Johan Dietrich von Essen to [ ]. [In German]

9647. 1631, December 30. Gulberstun
[20 OS]

G. J. Peblis (?) to General Banier. [In German].


[Translation]. Count Wolfgang of Mansfeld, [in reply to ], denying the statements in an intercepted letter and stating the conditions on which he would be willing to treat.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.75, No.46]


G. J. Peblis to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging the commands his lordship has sent by Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas, and discussing the movements of the troops. [In French].

236. 1631, December 28. Ugte?

Archibald Doug[las] to the marquis of Hammlilton, notifying him of the numbers under Papengham and of the armaments he himself has brought.


[Holograph]. Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he has sent Henry Vane 'to acquainte you fullie with all my resolutions'.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs, p.27]
8385. [? c.1631].

[ ] to [ ], discussing the sending of troops and arms from his correspondent's king to the writer, and asking that Colonel Lesly and Colonel Hepburne be sent to the writer. [In French]

194. N.D. [1631?]

The earl of Carlile to the Marquess Hamilton, concerning 'the queens inclination to goe upon the sea'.

180. N.D. [1631?]

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his good offices.

201. N.D. [1631?]

William Murray to the marquis of Hamylton, telling him of current rumours about him.

8297. [1631]

Charles [brunirur?] to Monseigneur le marquis d'Hamilton, general de l'Armée Anglaise, congratulating him on his success at Cressan. [In French]

9246. [1631]. In our quarter before Magdeburg.

[Copy in English]. General John Baner to [ ] announcing that on the orders of Gustavus Adolphus, the writer is to besiege Magdeburg. As he knows from an intercepted letter that the town is running out of supplies, he suggests that his correspondent deliver it into his hands, for it will inevitably fall to the Swedish king.

9272. [c.1631].

[ ] to [King ], discussing the raising of soldiers for the latter's army. [In French]

[3 copies of this letter - 1 apparently a draft: all in different hands]
9266. [c.1631]

[Translation]. [ ] to King [Charles I]
describing how the writer's lands and castles have suffered
under successive armies. As he now hears that a contingent of
the king's troops are on their way to Germany, he asks for his
majesty's protection and that no act of hostility may be
committed against him.

9292. [1631]

Lord Holland to the marquis of Hamilton, wishing him all
success in 'that great and publique cause that you have with
so much generosity engaged your selfe in'.

9356. [1631]

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton]
to [Charles I], announcing that Tilly has been defeated at
Leipzig, and that the writer has been ordered to secure the
passes of Crossen, Frankfur and Lansberg.

[Printed, with some omissions, in H.M.C. Report, pp.76-7, No.49]

9359. [1631]

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton]
to [Charles I], referring to an interview with Sir Harry Vane.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.78, No.52]

9360. [1631]

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton]
to [Charles I], doubting whether Gustavus will be able to make
peace unless Charles I assists him.

[Most of the text printed in H.M.C. Report, p.78, No.53]

9616. [1631]

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to
[Sir Henry Vane], explaining that he cannot see the writer in
Leipzig as he is unable to travel so far 'neither dair I
adventur to leaive my trupes, leist the feu remnant of my Inglis
should starve'. However, he will be in Witenberg on the 27th of
that month. [Mounted, with transcript.]
146. [1631/2], January 2. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, promising to help him as much as she can in his 'brave undertaking'.

263. 1631/2, January 2. Faulkenburke.

Richard Guilman to George Ferne [?], lieutenant of the regiment of Sir Jacob Ashley, telling him of various men who died during the present campaign.

265. 1631/2, January 2. Faulkenburgh.

Richard Guilman to Colonel Sir Jacob Ashley, describing the miserable condition of the men left behind when the army marched on, and giving details of the murder of Captain Herham by a drunken Russian.


Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to join him and narrating that the king of Sweden has returned to Frankfurt. [Partly in cipher].


The baron de Virmond to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for passing on intercepted letters addressed to the writer, and declaring that these will make it obvious that only his private affairs have occasioned his request to return home. [In French].

[With modern transcript and translation]

181. 1631/2, January 15 [0.5] Mentz.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], [partly in cipher], narrating that the king of Sweden is assembling his troops at Erfforth to cut off Papenheim's retreat.

145. [?1632], January 16. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that 'God will help your good intention, and help you quicklie to gett Magdebour'.

9244. 1631/2, January 21.

General Johan Baner to the marquis of Hamilton. [In German]
9361. [1632, January] [before Magdeburg].

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton to Charles I], giving news of the siege of Magdeburg.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report p. 78, No. 54.]

9368. [1632, January].

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to General John Banier, refusing to retire from the siege of Magdebourg.


9363. [1632, February 19]. [Mentz].

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, justifying himself with regard to criticisms as to his relations with his officers and their pay.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 79, No. 56 and printed in Burnet p. 21.]


[Draft - not in his own hand?] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [Charles I], referring to the levying of a new army.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.79, No. 56]


The earl of Carlile to [the marquis of Hamilton], assuring him of his good will and mentioning the Ramsay/Maky affair.

241. [1632], March 17. Edinburgh.

The earl of Roxburghe to [the marquis of Hamilton], warning him that his enemies are circulating rumours about his conduct in Germany.


John Hamilton to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the difficulty of paying the troops.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 76, No. 47]
Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that the king of Sweden is successful in his affair, and telling him that his wife has had a daughter.

William Murray to Generall Lord Hamilleden, assuring him of his esteem and mentioning that the king had arranged for the christening of Hamilton's daughter.

267. 1632, March 27.

R. Weston to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his letters and cipher.

199. 1631/2, March 27. Whitehall.

The earl of Carlile to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that Sir Jacob Asteley's good reports of the marquis have silenced his detractors.

268. 1631/2, March 29. Whythall.

William Murray to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the king will soon send him instructions concerning his 'future employment in these warres'.


The earl of Richmond and Lenox to the marquis of Hambleton, requesting him not to assist the clothworkers in their demands.

269. 1632, April 7. Halberstat.

Francis Vernon to [the ?marquis of Hamilton], narrating that Papenheim took 2 or 3 towns in Brunswick before being forced to retire again to Hamell.

9276. 1632, April 13.

Axel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letter which he has shown to the king. [In Latin]

270. 1632, April 16. Mertingham.

James Galloway to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for interceding with the king on his behalf.

1336. [0.1632], April 26. Halberstat.

[Alexander Hamilton to [ ], concerning the payment of soldiers.]

Henry Gyll to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his favours.

158. 1632, April 30. London.

[Holograph]. Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the chancellor of Sweden had no right to inquire into the financial transactions between himself and the marquis, and remarking that in the king's personal opinion, 'you had done better ... if you had referred to him the Englishe Regiment when your Armie was reduced'.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs, p.28]

9365. [1632, April]

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [Charles I], discussing the payment of the army and the raising of more men.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, pp.79-80, No. 57].

271. 1632, May 1.

Lord Goring to 'Lord Hamilton at the king of Sweden's Army', advising him the sooner he can return to court the better.

242. 1632, May 2.

R. Weston to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his letter of April 16.


[Holograph]. Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he forbade the duel by David Ramsay.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs, p.19]

9301 [1632], May 31.

Alexander Hamilton to the marquis of Hamilton, giving an account of his conversation with [Gustavus Adolphus] about the marquis coming to join him.


[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [Charles I], confessing that he is 'not verie ambisious of farder imployment heir'.

[Most of the text printed in H.M.C. Report p.81, No. 59]

9297. [1632], June 2. Donauworth.

'Hamilton' to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing whether or not his lordship should come to Donaworth.


147. [1632], June 12/22. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that she believes the States are well disposed towards them, but feel they have already sent enough money to the king of Sweden, and explaining her husband's financial straits in detail.

9302. 1632, June 15. Ulme.

Curtius to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that the duke of Wimar has taken Ehingen. [In French]


190. 1632, June 15 [OS] Ulne.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting on the progress of the war.

9300. 1632, June 18 OS. Hirschbruk.

'Hamilton' to the marquis of Hamilton, regretting that his journey towards Nuremberg has been so difficult, and assuring him that he will find a hearty welcome waiting for him.


9289. [1632, June]

'Hamilton' to [the marquis of Hamilton], announcing that the king is on his way back to Lawffe but will not go on to Nurenburg.

Francis Vernon to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he has sold some of the marquis's munitions in Hamburg (detailed in enclosed list) and made arrangements to send the cannon to London.

The earl of Dorchester to [? the marquis of Hamilton] reporting that he has waited on the king as the marquis requested.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he has commanded Henry Vane to propose to the king of Sweden that the marquis be sent into the Palatinate against the French; he expects this to be refused, in which case the marquis will have a pretext for returning home, as they both desire he should.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs p.29]

[?William Murray] to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing his return home and intimating that David Ramsay should be given a place with the king of Sweden 'for he hath disobliged so many great men there' and the king himself is displeased with him.


John Coke to [?the marquis of Hamilton], acknowledging his letters.

A. Lesley to [the marquis of Hamilton], concerning Forbes, the king's agent.

James Spens to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to come and speak with the king.

9648. 1632, September 20

Paul Lingelsheim to [ ] [In German]

2192. 1632, September 12. Ulme.

Sir Henry Vane to [ ], in cipher, [undeciphered], apart from the postscript, which mentions his safe arrival at Ulme.


Ruthven [earl of Forth and Brentford] to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to intercede for him that he can be 'releifit of this trubilsum burthinge' and return home.

9295. 1631, September 18. Frankford.

James Ramsay to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to order a trial of the lieutenant colonel who has some dispute with the governor, Colonel Dougall.


161. 1632, September 24. Hampton Court.

[Holograph] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that '... it is not fitt for you to stay anie longer where ye ar, for, the impossabletie of your imploiment there, and the necessitie of your business heere, requyres your returne'.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs p.31]

276. 1632, September 27. Hampton Court.

John Coke to the marquis of Hamilton, mentioning affairs in France and Brussels.

723. [1632?], November 6 - January 16.

Journal of marquis of Hamilton, describing meetings of council and exchequer concerning the taxation.

278. [1632?], November 11. Edinburgh.

Alexander [?Lenox] to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of a proposed levy on coal and salt leaving the Forth.
122. 1632, November 19.29. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, giving news of the death of the king of Sweden and asking him to request King Charles to grant her husband 'these monthlie monies he offered the king of Sweden'.


280. 1632, December 12.

The earl of Roxburghe to [? the marquis of Hamilton], protesting that his former letters must have gone astray, and sending his greetings.


A. Gilsone to [? the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his many favours.

9631. 1632, December.

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The marquis of Hamilton] to [Charles I], reporting that the army officers have come to him about the lack of supplies, but he can do nothing as the king [of Sweden] has given the command of the country to the prince of Anhalt, and has ordered General Banneir to treat with him about supplies.

8349. [c.1632].

Sir Ra[ ] Ma[ ]as to [Charles I], discussing the war in Germany. [In Latin]

9271. [c.1632].

Jacob Asteley to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending him news by the bearer.

[Badly damaged]

9362. [1632].

[Draft, in his own hand] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [Charles I], announcing the departure of the enemy from Magdebourg.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report p.79, No.55].
121. 1632/3, February 1. The Haugh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, commending to him the bearer, Schomberg, but adding little more, for since the death of her husband 'I shall never take any more contentment in this worlde having lost all in him'.


9290. 1633, February 2. Erfoord.

Sir Alexander Hamilton to the marquis of Hamilton, sending the regards of the dukes of Weymar and quoting a conversation with Duke Bernard about the agent Curtius.


Franz Carl to the marquis of Hamilton. [In German].

9316. 1633, March 6. Hambrough.

James Leslie to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the disposal of the horses and saddles in his possession.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report p.27]


Charles I to the archbishop of St. Andrews, directing him to collate Mr. Patrick Sharpe to the church of Carluke.

[Signed by king].


The earl of Hadinton and others, desiring the marquis of Hamilton's presence at the parliament to be held on 18 May on the occasion of the king's visit.


W. Curtius to the marquis of Hamilton, giving the latest news from Germany. [In French].

9348. 1633, April 30. Dresden

W. Curtius to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the implications of the capture of Neubourg and giving other military news. [In French]


9370. 1633, April 20. Heilbron.

G. J. Peblas to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the confederation made for the restoration of the palatinate. [In French].

250. 1633, April 25. Franckfort.

Robert Anstruther to the marquis of Hamilton, sending a verbal message, and adding that 'I hauyve obtainid all what his maistie comanded me to sollicit'.

251. 1633, April 29. Elgin.

Lord Seaton to the marquis of Hammilton, assuring him of his good will.

[Only the signature in his hand]

300. 1633, May 4. Dalhousie.

Sir James Ramsay to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to deny any rumours about Sir James's loyalty.


The earl of Morton to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of some matters of security.

120. [1633], May 21. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, asking that he further her affairs in the forthcoming session of the Scottish parliament.


John, earl of Loudoun, to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for helping him procure 'ane Patent to be ane Earle'.

254. 1633, June 23. Pareis.

Sir John Hepburne to the marquis of Hamilton, asking if he might enter the king of Speanes service until such time as he can find employment under his majesty of Brittoun.


William Haig to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring to be made his lordship's clerk for the collection of taxation.


William Haig to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him why, in his opinion, the chancellor has stopped the marquis's commission for collection of taxes.


Abridgment of letters of M. De Vic and M. d'Augier, giving the strength of the French army and other news.

258. 1633, August 26. Dryburgh.

William Haig to the marquis of Hamilton, sending advice on the collection of taxes and hoping to be made clerk.


G. J. Peblis to the marquis of Hamilton, giving the latest military news from Germany. [In French]

9349. 1633, September 16

Louis Philippe, administrator to the palatinate to j, recommending his agent W. Curtius and mentioning Peebles and Douglas. [In Latin]


Robert Weir to the marquis of Hammiltoun, on the progress of the war.

9354. 1633, September.

Report of Colonel Peblis and Colonel Douglas. [Sent by Curtius to the marquis of Hamilton] [In French].

[Translated and summarised in full in H.M.C. Supp Report pp.29-32]


[Autograph]. Louis de Bourbon to the marquis d'Amilton, asking him to grant passports to one of the writer's equerries, who is going to England to choose some horses. [In French]

[With a modern transcription and translation]

260. 1633, October 8. Whitehall.

Copy of letter from Charles I to the exchequer, concerning payment of sums by lords of erection wishing to retain their lands.

33. [1633?], October 18. Rene.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of 'honest little Jacob Astley'.


9338. 1633, October 30. Zurich

[?General] G. J. Peblis to the marquis of Hamilton, giving news of the war in Germany. [In French]

[Summarised fully in H.M.C. Report pp.84-5, No.65.]

119. 1633, November 7.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, commending the bearer to him.

1633, November 12/22.

Memorandum by W. Curtius of the conditions proposed by the administrator of the palatinate. [In French]

[ Possibly enclosed with 9350.]

1633, November 14. Londres.

W. Curtius to the marquis of Hamilton, regretting that he did not find him at Court, and declaring that he can give his lordship little news as the bad reports from Germany make the king's council wonder if further expense would be useless. [In French].


1633, November 18. Londres.

J. Dulbier to the marquis of Hamilton, giving news of Wallenstein's movements, referring to rumours of Marshal Horne having defeated the duke de Feria and of Duke Bernard [of Weimar] having advanced into Bavaria, and mentioning the arrival of M. Curtius. [In French].

[Most of this letter printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report p.33]

[1633], November 21.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the trial of Lord Balmerino will be held that month, and describing the disorders in the north and other matters.

1633, November 22. Frankfurt-on-Main. [November 11]

Axel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that Lord General Ruthven and the other colonels are going to Britain to recruit, and asking him to help them.


1633, December 31. Zurich.

[General ?] G. J. Peblis to [the marquis of Hamilton], giving news of Duke Bernhardt and of de Camp. There are unconfirmed rumours of the death of Wallenstein, and the diet of Erfurt has been delayed. [In French]

[Summarised fully in H.M.C. Report pp.85-86, No. 66.]
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John Hay to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him copies of two letters to be sent to the king. [Not enclosed.]
261. 1633, December, [ ] Edinburgh Castle.

Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, discussing legal business.

262. 1633.

Sir Thomas Hope to [? the marquis of Hamilton], referring to previous letters.

480. [Watermark - 1633].

[Copy?] Petition to the king by Theophilus, earl of Suffolk, asking for time to discharge his debt to Sir Edmund Sawyer.

144. N.D. [1633?]

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to send 'the reverend Cringle' over as soon as he can.

9640. 1633/4, January 13/3. Colln upon Sprea.

[Contemporary translation into English]. George William, elector of Brandenburg to [the marquis of Hamilton], excusing him for not visiting the writer when his lordship was in Germany, and promising to send him the harts and hinds he desired. In exchange, he would like 'some good ambling nagges and English greyhounds'.


Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of the bearer, [? Cunsle].

281. 1633/4, February 6. Airthe.

The earl of Airthe to marquis of Hammiltoune, complaining of his financial straits and soliciting his aid.

9340. 1634, February 17. Zurich.

[1633/4?] [OS 6th?]

G. J. Peblis to marquis of Hamilton, announcing that he will go to Frankfurt and has conferred with Marechal de Camp Horn at Ravensbourg. He gives the latest news of the preparations for war. [In French].

[Summarised in full, H.M.C. Report pp.86-7, No.67].
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282. 1633/4, February 7.

The earl of Hadinton to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his good services with the king.


W. Curtius to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the entry of the landgrave of Hesse-Cassell into the service of France, and giving other news from Germany. [In French]


118. [1633/4], March 20. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that he can help persuade her brother to send men for the defence of the Palatinate.


The earl of Hadinton to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for his support as the king seems to impute some neglect of duty to the lords of session.

9325. 1634, March 15. De vostre maison de Guichery.

John Hamilton de Guichery to the marquis of Hamilton, stating that the writer is descended from the earls of Arran, and asking his lordship to accept his two youngest sons as pages, his own father having been a page to the family of the duke of Châtelherault. [In French].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.87, No. 68]

9251. 1634, March 29. Westminster.

John Dury, a clergyman, to the marquis of Hamilton, describing his efforts to promote peace in Germany, and asking to be commended to Charles I. [With typed transcript - 2 copies].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.87, No. 69]
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9341. 1634, March 31. Frankfort.

G. J. Peblis to the marquis of Hamilton, excusing his delay in writing. The French are advancing rapidly and aid must be sent to the elector, although he is much criticised both for his youth and for his meddling in German affairs. [In French].

[Most of the text translated and printed in H.M.C. Report pp.87-8 No.70]

286. 1634, April 1. Edinburgh.

The provost and bailies of Edinburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for his continued assistance.


J. Hepburne to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him he will draw up for him a new commission referring to extraordinary taxation.

287. 1634, April 17. Paris.

Benjamin Janniques to 'le marquis damilton', sending him a good report of his brother, who is staying in his house.


288. 1634, April 24.

Lord Goring to the marquis of Hamilton, enclosing a copy of a letter from the king showing 'your Lordship's arreares of the stable'.

289. 1634, May 2. Greenwitch.

Charles I to the earls of Morton, Traquair and others ordering the payment to Sir Hugh Wallace of £2000 (Scots) for his resignation of the bailerie of Kyll and regality of Newtown.

290. 1634, May 8.

J. Pennington to Charles I, discussing the trial of his ship the 'Unicorn' in the downs.

9346. 1634, May 15/25. Londres.

W. Curtius to the marquis of Hamilton, stating that the elector of Saxony has gone towards Lusace, and that Bauzen is believed to be in the hands of the Saxons. The elector's expedition may hinder the emperor's advance on Prague. The duke of Bavaria is making extraordinary preparations in the Upper Palatinate. [In French]

[Summarised in full in H.M.C. Report pp.89-90, No.71]


Charles I to the chancellor and other lords asking that they rectify abuses in the exchequer.

9263. 1634, June 20. London.

Johan Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, regretting that he did not see his lordship before the latter left town, and expressing his obligation to him. [In French].

[With modern transcript and translation]

293. 1634, August 26. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, sending a message by the marquis of Hamilton.


Sir Thomas Hope to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to convey a letter to the king. [Supra 293]

292. 1634, August 26. Roxburghe.

The chancellor and others to Charles I, promising to pay £2000 to Sir Hugh Wallace at once.

9319. 1634, August 28. Littmirritz.

Robert Weir to the marquis of Hamilton, giving an account of the movements of the army in Silesia.

[Most of the letter printed in H.M.C. Report p.90, No.72]

Sir Thomas Hope to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the exemption of the chapel royal from taxation.

296. 1634, September 2. Dublyn Castle.

The earl of Wentworth to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for a licence for the export of 20 horses to Ireland.

9662. 1634, September 3. Nonsiche [Nonesuch].

[ - ] Pougnysyes to the marquis of Hamilton, giving further details of a passport he has requested, for the purpose of shipping 6 horses to the archbishop of Bordeaux. [In French].

9336. 1634, September 11. Litniorits in Bohemia. [August 31?]

Sir David Drummond to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that Sir David and Major-General Leslie have taken Landsbergh then marched into Silesia where the writer took Crossen.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report pp.90-91, No.73].

298. 1634, September 29. Frankfurt.

Robert Anstruther to the marquis of Hamilton, asking if he can obtain permission for Anstruther to return home as 'my age haith bright with it infirmities'.

9326. 1634, October 10. St. Genevieve des Bois. [September 30]

[Copy translation] Louis XIII to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to help recruit men for the Scottish regiment in France commanded by Colonel Hepburn.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.91, No.74]


George, Lord Seton to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to persuade the king to allow Colonel Habron to raise the rest of his regiment.
9617. 1634, October 26. [Copy]. [Queen Christina of Sweden] to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his previous services to the evangelical cause and recommending Mr. Eleazer Borthwick, who will be followed by her majesty's ambassador.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64(1)].

9618. 1634, October 29. Stockholm.

The privy council of Queen Christina to the 2nd marchioness of Hamilton, recommending Sir John Skytte as ambassador to England. [In Latin]. [With papered seal].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64(2)].

9619. 1634, October 29. Stockholm.

The privy council of Queen Christina to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending Sir John Skytte. [In Latin]. [With papered seal].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64(2)].

9620. 1634, November 12. Wintz.

Axel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending Sir Michael Blom, Swedish agent in Britain. [In Latin].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64(3)].


J. Setone to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the payment of a pension [for Châtelherault] to his lordship, and mentioning that Louis XIII's army should number about 80,000 by the spring.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.91, No.75].

9317. 1634, November 7. Stockholm

[October 27]

Jacobus de la Gardie to the marquis of Hamilton, commending to him the bearer Baron Skytte, envoy of the queen of Sweden. [In Latin].

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299. 1634, November 24. Whithall.

Charles I to the earl of Mortoun and others, desiring that Sir Henry Wallace be paid his money with no more delay.


The earl of Lauderdalel to [?the marquis of Hamilton], giving an account of Lord Balmerino's indictment.

9443. 1634/5, January 3

1634, December 24

Venice

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother [-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], expressing his gratitude for the king's favour and his many obligations to his correspondent. He then explains why he caused Mr. Hales to be removed from Turin, discussing how the presence of a Resident in that town would lessen his own prestige; but suggests that if such an appointment is to be made, the king should choose Mr. Morton. He concludes by reporting that he has arranged for the marquis's pictures to be shipped in such a way that 'the steame of the currens' in the ship will not damage them, as happened on a previous occasion.

9441. 1635, January \( \frac{1}{11} \)

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Venice

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother [-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], sending him a dispatch [9442].

9442. 1635, January \( \frac{1}{11} \)

Venice.

Dispatch from Venice discussing papal relations with city and giving other news from Italy.

[Enclosed with 9441].

9328. 1635, January 24. Hal.

Sir David Drummond to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that the elector of Saxony has concluded a treaty with the emperor.

[Only the signature in his own hand].
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.92, No.76].

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, asking his support in the claims against the earl of Airthe.

283. 1634/5, February 10. Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to support his son's purchase of lands in Kintyre since he has heard that the lord of Lorne intends to hinder the matter.


The earl of Huntly to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him for his continuing good will.

9450. [?1634/5], March 11/21. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother[-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], complaining that Mr. Morton has been doing everything he can to be appointed Resident in Turin by the duke of Savoy, who has, however, refused to oblige. Should Charles I decide to make such an appointment, Lord Basil asks [the marquis] to see that the man's title be no greater than that of secretary, 'and that himselfe be order'd to be subordinate, and to depend on me'. Also, should his majesty send ships to help recover from the Spaniards certain islands near Provence, he hopes that the ships will be consigned to Mr. Dredis.

9533. [1634/5, after March 11/22]

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to his brother[-in-law Lord Basil Feilding], in reply to 9450 regretting that Mr. Morton has behaved so badly towards his lordship, for the king is determined to employ him. Nevertheless, the writer will do all he can to ensure that Morton's title will not exceed that of a secretary.


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, asking his help in obtaining relief in the case of the earl of Airthe.

9444. [?1635], April 28/18. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother[-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], asking him to recommend to Charles I Monsieur le President Pelegrin.
9342. 1635, April 22. Zurich.

G. J. Poblis to the marquis of Hamilton, describing his financial difficulties. Duke Bernhard has gone to join the French troops and Oxenstiern is on his way to Hamburg. The Duke of Lorraine is in a strong position. [Damaged]
[In French with a modern transcript and translation]

9660. 1635, May 7 [April 27 OS?]

Peronne.

Gerard du [Runehuy?] to the marquis of Hamilton, taking the opportunity of [Lord William Hamilton's] return to England to assure the marquis of the writer's affection, and promising to do all he can to secure payment of his correspondent's pension. [In French]


[Copy] Portion of a letter discussing proposed terms of a treaty between Sweden and Poland.

9332. 1635, May 14/14. Diep [Dieppe].

Lieutenant-General Patrick Ruthven to the marquis of Hamilton, referring to the preparations for war of the French king.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.93, No.79]

311. 1635, May 15

Sir Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the lead mine.

307. 1635, May 17. Phinauns(?)

Lord Setone to 'My Lord 558' [the marquis of Hamilton], relating a conversation with 'Monsieur le Cardinal' [?Richelieu].


Louis Philippe, administrator of the palatinate to the marquis of Hamilton, begging him to do all he can to assist Mr. Curtius in his negotiations by persuading the king to continue his assistance. [In French]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report pp.37-8, but since then partially destroyed by damp.]
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310. 1635, May 27.

Sir Robert Heath to Marquis Hamilton, concerning the lead mines.

313. 1635, May 29.

Sir Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning 'the salt busines'.

312. 1635, May 29.

Sir Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, notifying him of a message changing the date for council to consider 'the lead busines'.

308. 1635, June 13.

Sir Robert Heath to Marquis Hammilton, enclosing a copy of his 'short note touching the salt busines'.

[Note itself not found]


The earl of Hadinton to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the financial losses to the lords of erection resulting from the king's revocation.

9445. 1635, June 30 NS. Venice.

[June 20 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother[- in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], expressing his obligations to the king and to his correspondent, and recommending to the latter his friend Mr. Lakes.

323. [1635?] June 25. Prineditch(?)

W. Ha[ - ] to [the marquis of Hamilton]. [Badly damaged].


[June 29 OS?]

The privy council of Queen Christina to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that he will further the friendship between England and Sweden. As to his lordship's request about Sir William/
William Spens, the latter's barony of Orholm may be mortgaged. [In Latin]. [With papered seal].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64(4)].

9622. 1635, July 17 Stockholm.

Gabriel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing the arrival at Pillar of Marshal de la Gardie with 50 warships and 20,000 men. [In Latin]. [With papered seal].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64(5)].

9623. 1635, July 31 Stockholm.

The privy council of Queen Christina to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him 6 brass cannon as a token of esteem. [In Latin] [With papered seal]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64(6)].

314. 1635, August 3.

Sir Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the leadwork.

9624. 1635, August 20 Stockholm.

Sir John Skytte to the marquis of Hamilton, sending the 6 cannon with the bearer. [See 9623]. [In French].

[Summarised in H.M.C. p.83, No.64(7)].

984. 1635, August 13 Edinburgh.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the disorders in Aberdeen during the collection of the taxation.

9651. 1635, August 23 Telly.

Baltzer [ ] to the marquis of Hamilton. [In German].
9613. 1635, August 29.

[OS 19?]

[Autograph] Louis XIII to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to assist the bearer, who is to levy a regiment in Scotland.

246. 1635, October 7.

[Draft] The marquis of Hamilton to 'the Lord Depute Sibolds'; he wishes his brother to 'live under your government' and so is hoping for a grant of land in the plantation of Connoght.

317. 1635, October 10. Md [Madrid?]

Hugo Sempiles to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the marquis's poor reputation at the Spanish court.

9659. 1635, November 13.

[3 OS]

[Autograph] Sigismund, marquis of Brandenburg, duke of Prussia to [? the marquis of Hamilton], sending his greetings by the bearer, whom he hopes his correspondent will send back in September 1636. [In French] [With papered seal].

318. [1635], December 4.

The earl of Sterlinge to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letter.

330. 1635/6, January 1. Durham House.

John Coventry to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the choice of a sheriff for Rutland.

301. 1635/6, January 5.

Edward Littleton to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him of his humble service.
9447. 1635/6, February 2.
[January 23]
[Dated — in error? — 1626]

Dispatch giving news of the duke of Modena's reaction to the entry of the Marquesse Villa into the Reggiano and adding some more minor items of news.

[Enclosed with 9446?]

9530. 1635/6, February 15, Vercelli.
[February 5 OS]

Andrea Pellegrini to the marquis of Hamilton, requesting his favour. [?] [In Italian].

303. 1635/6, February 6, Bolsover.

The duke of Newcastle to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his favours.

9449. 1636, February 18, Parma
[February 8]

[Copy] letter from the Marchese Villa to [ ], discussing military affairs. [In Italian].

[Enclosed in 9446?]

304. 1635/6, February 10, Bolsover.

The earl of Newcastle to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to tell the king that the duke is to present him with 'a Huntinge Nagg'.

9446. 1636, February 12.
[1635/6] 22

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother[-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], sending him some dispatches [9447? and 9448-9449?] from which he will learn of 'the present stirrs in Italy, the forerunners of greater to come'.

9448. 1635/6, February 12.
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Dispatch [from Venice], discussing the duke of Modena's affairs.

[Enclosed with 9446]
332. 1636, March 3.  

Thomas Hoxley to the marquis of Hamilton, praising him as the man chosen by God to restore the Palatinate and humble 'the proud house of Austria'.


Copy of series of letters from the marquis of Hamilton to the queen of Sweden, the chancellor of Sweden and others. [In Latin]

9571. [c.1636?], March 5 NS  

Venice  

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that he will favour the writer's brother as both Lord Basil and he suffer misfortunes, 'his in the possession of a crosse wife, mine in the losse of a most virtuous, and a good one'.

9543. [c.1636], March 10/20  

Venice.  

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, warning him that the collection of pictures in which he is interested is very ordinary and consists mostly of copies, so he must 'use great circumspection in the choice' if he means to buy any. He is bargaining for some others, including a Titian. In conclusion, he refers to the joining together of the sea forces of Naples and Sicily.

9635. 1636, March 28/18  

Stockholm.  

Gabriel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, stating that Queen Christina has given Sir Alexander Forbes power to levy regiments in Scotland, and asking the marquis to assist him in his efforts. [In Latin]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No. 64(8)]

9627. 1636, April 2. Wismar  

[March 23 OS]  

[Autograph]. Axel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, referring to the levying of troops in Scotland. [2 copies of this letter, both signed] [In Latin, with papered seals].

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64(8)]]
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9626. 1636, April 24. Stalsund.

[Autograph] Axel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, referring to the levying of troops in Scotland. [See 9625]
[In Latin] [With papered seal]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.83, No.64 (8)]

9331. 1636, April 16. Stoltenar.

General Sir Alexander Leslie to the marquis of Hamilton, commending to him Sir Robert Monroe, who is to levy troops in Scotland.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.92 at end of No. 78]

333. 1636, April 22. Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that the friendship between their two houses may be continued.

9454. 1636, May 9 NS [April 29 OS] Venice.

Dispatch giving an account of the differences between the pope and Venice. [Enclosed with 9453]

9451. [1636], May 6

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother[-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], announcing his discovery of 'another study of pictures, which is something of a higher price than that your lordship hath bought', promising to send further details of them, and enclosing a dispatch. [9452]

9452. 1636, May 6 Venice.

Dispatch from Venice, giving an account of preparations to relieve Piacenza. [Enclosed with 9451]

9453. [1636], May 12 Venice

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, enclosing a dispatch for the king [ ] and sending him some other dispatches. [9454, 9455].
9329. 1636, May 9. From our leager at Herford.

General Sir Alexander Leslie to Charles I, telling him that the marquis of Hamilton's letter will give an account of German affairs.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.92. No.77]

9330. 1636, May 9. From the leager before Herford.

General Sir Alexander Leslie to the marquis of Hamilton, praising the behaviour of Field Marshal Banneir and describing his own encounter with the enemy at Petershagen.

[Summarised in full in H.M.C. Report pp.92-93, No.78]

9455. [1636?], May 12 22.

[Copy] Dispatch giving news of the Valtelline, of the Spaniards fortifying Finale and of some other affairs in Italy.

[Enclosed with 9454]

9457. [1636?], May 13 23, Venice.

Dispatch describing the preparations to relieve Piacenza.

9456. [1636?], May 30 20, Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother[-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], [partly in cipher, some deciphered], discussing his efforts in his majesty's service, the appointment of Mr Morton as Resident in Turin, and the duke of Savoy's order to his Resident to address himself to [the marquis]. He encloses some dispatches [9457], and in a postscript expresses his gladness to hear that his correspondent is so well pleased with those pictures which have arrived in England.


Lord William Hamilton to Master Woode, requesting a loan of £25. [With the bearer's receipt for the sum.]


The earl of Suffolk to the marquis of Hamilton, sending verbal information for the king.
9663. 1636, June 20
At the Camp of Saverne.

[Autograph] [Brunha ?] to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to assist the sieur de Ponica whom the writer is sending to Charles I as an envoy.

9458. 1636, June 17
Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother [in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], commenting on the news in a dispatch which he encloses [9459].

9459. [1636], June 17
Venice.

Dispatch giving an account of the varying fortunes of the French in Italy.

351. 1636, June 18.

The earl of Middelsex to [the marquis of Hamilton], giving his opinion on various current affairs.

339. 1636, June 18.

Sir Robert Heath to the Marquis Hamilton, advising him to take a lease of the lead works in his own name.

9593. 1636, July 3 NS
Turin.

P. Morton to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a copy of his latest dispatch which begins with the duke of Savoy taking the field. [ ]

9261. 1636, June 28. Stokholm

Johan Skytte to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his obligation to his lordship and to Charles I, and promising to do all he can for 'Monsieur Hererie'. [In French]. [Only the signature in his own hand]

[Damaged by damp]
1636, July 4.

Venice

[June 24]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a dispatch about the present state of the war in Milan.

1636, July 7.

Thomas Gardiner to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of the 'Cornemeaters' of London.

1636, August 1 NS

Venice.

[July 22 OS.]

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to inform the king that Schioppius, who wrote a malicious book defaming James VI, is now in Padova and declares himself willing to issue a recantation.

1636, August 4.

[July 25 OS]

George William, elector of Brandenburg to Charles I, concerning the sending of 'quadraginta Cervos et Cervas' to his majesty. [In Latin, with papered seal]

1636, August 5 NS

Turin.

[July 26]

P. Morton to [the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of the writer's dispatch giving news of the French entry into Milan [9592].

1636, August 8 NS

Venice.

[July 29 OS.]

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, expressing his concern at hearing that 'part of those pictures which I long since sent, is not come to your hands'. There are hopes of a general peace being arranged soon, but Lord Basil is alarmed at rumours that Charles I may send out '18' on some public business, which would be a great discouragement to the writer who has worked so hard in the king's service. He hopes, too, that [the marquis] will hasten to 'decypher' to the king the true character of Mr. Morton.

The Scottish privy council to Charles I, reporting that they have examined the marquis of Hamilton's accounts for the first term of the taxation as required, and find them satisfactory.

[Signed by the archbishops of St Andrews and Glasgow, the bishop of Brechin and Edinburgh, the earls of Traquair, Winton, Haddington, Lauderdaleill, Roxburgh and Southeesk, and Sir Thomas Hope and J. Hay.]
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9592. 1636, August 5 NS. Turin.
[July 31 OS]

[Copy] Dispatch by P. Morton to Mr. Secretary Cooke,
giving the latest military news of the French and of the duke
of Savoy.

[Enclosed with 9591]

9655. 1636, August 6.
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[ ] to the marquis of Hamilton. [In German]

[July 29]

Conradt von Buxhatauss [?] to the marquis of Hamilton.
[In German]

9650. 1636, August 8.
[July 29]

[Autograph] Georg Wilhelm, elector of Brandenburg to
the marquis of Hamilton. [In German]


The earl of Airthe to the marquis of Hammiltoun, thanking
him for his kindness.

9538. 1639, September 7. Turin.
[August 28]

[? Prince Thomas of Savoy] to the marquis of Hamilton.
assuring him of his affection. [Only the signature in his
own hand].

9462. [1636?], September 8 NS.
[August 29 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother[—in-law the marquis of
Hamilton], enclosing a letter for the king and two recent
dispatches [ ]. He complains that he has been much injured
by Mr. Hales, whom he displaced as Resident at Turin, and
describes how he has employed Mr. Rowlandson as secretary of the
embassy. In conclusion, he gives an account of his recent mis-
understanding with the chevalier de la Pallette, and mentions
that he has sent his lordship two pictures. There is also in a
nobleman's house 'a peece of Raphael's, which I am sure the
King would be taken with'.
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Sir Thomas Hope to the marquis of Hamiltoun, thanking him for his favour.


William Mkdowall to Charles I, reporting that he has made such progress with the prince of Orange that he would have been sent back to Charles I with a commission had not the ambassador Joachim been sent over to England on other business.


William Mkdowell to the marquis of Hamilton, asking his mediation with the king.


[Autograph]. Christian IV of Denmark to Charles I, sending his regards by the bearer, Colonel Robert Douglas. [In Latin, with papered seal]

9541. 1636, October 7 17. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], hoping that he has returned safely from Scotland by now.


[Autograph] Vladislav IV of Poland to the marquis of Hamilton, returning expressions of friendship. [In Latin, with papered seal]

9542. 1636, November 7 NS. Venice.
[October 28 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, promising to try to find out who encouraged Schoppius to write 'so base a worke'. He is glad that his correspondent has returned safely from Scotland.
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9595. [1636], November \(\frac{18}{28}\) Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, explaining that he could not write before because of a fever. He encloses a dispatch, [9596] and congratulates his correspondent on the birth of another son.

9596. 1636, November \(\frac{18}{28}\) Venice.

[Copy] Dispatch giving news of the Count Carpegna's proposals to use the duke of Parma and the marquis Legane.

9463. 1636 December \(\frac{2}{12}\) Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, enclosing some despatches [9464] and commenting on the slowness of the French in coming to the defence of Parma. He mentions in conclusion the arrival in Venice of Lord Erskine 'with two young gentlemen both of the house of Carnegis'.

9464. 1636, December \(\frac{2}{12}\) Venice.

Dispatch, conjecturing about the intentions of the French and stating that the duke of Parma has not yet made an accommodation with Spain.

345. 1636, December 2. Edinburgh.

[Copy] The lords of council to the king, concerning a petition from the provost and bailies of Aberdeen.

346. 1636, December 15.

The earl of Errol to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his thanks 'being now at the poynt of death and knowing alsuaithe I haive bot verie feu hours to live'.

347. 1636, December 19.

Sir Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of damage done to the leadworks by 'the great raynes'.

348. 1636, December 27.

Sir Thomas Hope to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for his mediation with the King.
8381. [1636?]

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Viscount Wentworth and the commissioners of his majesty's revenues, asking them to pass his grant of the lands of Loghcorin Loghron, Loghdowne, Strangeford and the royal fishings, bays and creeks of Killiagh.

8377. [?1636]

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Thomas, Lord Cromwell, announcing his intention of pressing for the passing of a grant of lands in Ireland since Lord Cromwell has himself declared that the draining and recovering of the Loghcorin, Loghron and Loghdowne area is impossible.

9262. N.D. [c1636?]

Johan Skytte senior to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that he has had a safe voyage to Texell where he discussed Prussian affairs with Chancellor Oxenstern. [In French]

9523. [?1636] 25 Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-[in-law the marquis of Hamilton], acknowledging his obligations to his lordship.

9535. [?1636]

[Copy] [Lord Basil Feilding] to [the lord treasurer], explaining why he is unwilling to employ Mr. Rowlandson as his secretary.

357. 1636/7, January 3. Edinburgh.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of the general discontent with the new regulations about salt.


[January 16?]

P. Morton to [? the marquis of Hamilton], referring to rumours of the duke of Parma having made an accommodation with the Spaniards.
Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his advice, and promising to send details of those pictures which he hopes to purchase on behalf of his correspondent.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], discussing Charles I's intentions with regard to the Palatinate and the time when he himself should be recalled from Venice.

Archibald Stewart to the marquis of Hamilton, advising him as to the value of customs, woods etc. about which he had inquired.

The earl of Middlesex to [the marquis of Hamilton], noting down various thoughts he has had about the affairs of the kingdom during his recent illness.

Anna Lyone to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to intercede with the king for some relief of the burdens on her family, her husband having recently died.

W. Bainnytonne to the marquis of Hammillton, reporting on copper mining.

[Autograph] George William, elector of Brandenburg to Charles I, acknowledging his letter of November 6, concerning the sending of deer. [In Latin, with papered seal]
117. [?1636/7], February 12/22. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of her old servant Fenet.


9544. [1637], February 12/23. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], sending him some papers [ ], telling him that the writer's chaplain has had conversations with Schoppius who now professes dislike for his own book, Ecclesiasticus, and remarking that he will need bills of exchange before he can purchase his lordship's pictures. He has also seen 'a cupp of Orientall Topaz, which ... would not disgrace the King's collection of such rarities, if the price were not excessive'.

363. 1636/7, February 16.

Sir Robert Heath to the Marquis Hamelton, thanking him for his mediation with the king.

9545. [1636/7], February 17/27. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of his dispatch [9546], and commenting on its contents.

9546. 1636/7, February 17/27. Venice.

[Copy] Dispatch by Lord Basil Feilding to Mr. Secretary Coke, complaining about his treatment by the state and giving news of the Spanish forces.

9307. 1637, February 17/27. Stockholm.

Axel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, sending formal messages of courtesy. [In Latin]

9310. [1637], March 14. Whythall.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to Mr. Eleazer Borthwick, giving the propositions which he wishes to be made to Gustavus Adolphus.


9572. 1636/7, March 17. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that Colonel Lyon sent two of his Scottish officers, in the employ of the Spanish king, to ask the writer if Charles I was to declare war on Spain, in which case they would immediately leave their employment and return to the service of their own country. He was so impressed with their behaviour that he sends the king a list of their names. [Also 9572]

9579. [1637], April 10 NS. Venice. [March 31 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], complaining about rumours that the king had not been very much put out to hear of the writer's ill treatment in Venice until the marquis and the ladies of the court had persuaded the queen of the seriousness of the affront.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered.]

9522. [1637], March 31. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, recommending to him the bearer, Mr. Rowlandson.


Eleazer Borthwik to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing his safe arrival in Gottinberrei [Gothenburg], and remarking that he will set out for Stockholm on the following day. The Chancellor is remaining in Sweden for the time being.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 84 No. 9]

9467. 1637, April 7. Venice.

[Copy] Dispatch giving news of the duc de Rohan and of other Italian affairs.
9466. [1637?], April 8 16

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, sending him some dispatches [9467,] and promising to send him soon an account of the picture about which the king has inquired. He then urges the marquis to persuade his majesty not to appoint a Resident at Turin during the writer's period of office in Venice.

9578. [?1637], April 14 24. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the Spanish ambassador has apologised to the College for giving false information about the Venetian ambassador [in England]. He sends his congratulations to the king on the birth of another princess, and tells his correspondent that he has bought six pictures for him, including a very good John Bellin. As the case for them is too large to go into the captain's cabin and he is unwilling to put them in the hold 'where the steame of currens will certainly discolor them' he may have to take them out of the box and roll them up.

368. 1637, April 16. Stokholme.

E[leazer] Borthuik to the marquis of Hammiltone, giving him news of the Swedish court and army.

9589. 1637, May 1 NS. Venice.

[April 21]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that his correspondent's pictures have been packed in cerecloth 'that the steame of currens cannot penetrate to offend them' and are now on their way by sea to England. He has also agreed for a study of 114 pictures for which he is to give 1,100 ducats. He has seen 4 good Veroneses which cannot be bought for 1,300 ducats, but in any case he understands that works by that artist are 'not verie acceptable to the king and therefore not much to be esteemed by your lordship'.


E[leazer] Borthuik to the marquis of Hamiltoune, giving news of the Swedish war with Germany.
9527. 1637, May 8 NS
[April 28 OS]

[Copy in his own hand]. Lord Basil Feilding to Charles I, describing at length the difficulties of his own position.

9468. [1637?], May \(\frac{5}{15}\) . Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], hoping that his own affairs will go well although 'the Spanish Ambassador employs his whole strength to cross my treaty'.

370. 1637, May 7. Stokholme.

[Eleazer Borthuik] to [the marquis of Hamilton], partly in cipher, giving the latest news of continental affairs.

371. 1637, May 8.

Alexander Cottington to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending him a copy of a court order in a case in which he was interested.

9526. 1637, May \(\frac{12}{22}\). Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to Charles I, describing how, with great difficulty, he has accomplished a treaty with Venice.


[Eleazer Borthuik] to the marquis of Hammilton, telling him that now the Swedes 'sall imbrace conditions of peace if they obtane any such as appeare reasonabill'.


From 'qum ye know' [Eleazer Borthuik], to the marquis of Hammilton telling him that Lord Hindermeath and his friends damage England's reputation in Sweden.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
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9574  1637, June 5 NS.     Venice.

[May 26 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], expressing his gratitude for 'His Majesties protecting me in the second attempt which the Venetian ambassador made to prejudice me in his Majesties opinion'. He is busy once more buying pictures for his lordship.

9575.  [1637], June \( \frac{12}{2} \).     Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], assuring him that had the 114 pictures in della Nave's study been worthy of his correspondent's notice, he would have purchased them for him.

8212.  [1637], June 7.

The earl of Hadinton to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging the kindness of his lordship and of the king on the death of the writer's father. He intends to offer his services to his majesty although 'I can content myself with a privately if he think not a Court lyf fytter for me'.

9580.  [1637], June \( \frac{9}{19} \).     Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his relief that the king has approved of his actions, and intimating that he does not now have to return the prisoner to justice. As for della Nave's study, only three of the paintings are original Titians but others are by Corregio, Raphael and Old Palma as well as two of Bordenone 'of great esteeme'. He concludes by referring to reports from Rome that Sir Alexander Gordone has become a Franciscan friar.

374.  [1637], June 13.     Theobals.

The earl of Holland to the marquis of Hamiltoun, reporting that 'our shipping businesse is at the last judged and declared for the Kinge' and hoping that the trouble over ship money will soon be settled.

376.  [1637], June 14.     Tibolls.

The earl of Stirling to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking that he was glad 'that your lordship's coming from Dalkeith late changed the seate of affaires'.

Eleazer Borthuik to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he had delivered the marquis's message to the rex chancellor, and the discussion on international affairs which followed.


Sir John Skytte to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him messages by the bearer Mr. Eleazer Borthwick. [In Latin]


Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, explaining that he has no time to write at length 'having been this morning in the Colledge about the Kings affairs, where I finde myself receav'd with as great civilities and esteeme as I can desire' but enclosing a copy of his latest dispatch. [9582]


Dispatch, giving news of the advance of the Spanish army after the taking of Nizza dalla Paglia.

[Enclosed with 9581]

[1637?], July 3 NS. Venice.

[June 23 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, rejoicing that the king approves of 'the accommodation which I have accepted of heere'.

1637, July 6.

[June 26 OS?]

Jacobus de la Gardie to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letter of March 4 brought by the envoy Borthwick, and referring to his lordship's earlier efforts on behalf of the evangelical cause in Germany. [In Latin].
383. 1637, July 2. Dublyn.

Edward Kendall to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the lord deputy will write to him further on the subject of the lands of Loghrayndall, since Lord Cromwell intends to drain the area.


[Autograph] Axel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that Queen Christina has appointed Lieutenant-General Patrick Ruthven to act for her with Charles I. [In Latin]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 84. No. 64 (11)].


Mr. Eleazer Borthwick to the marquis of Hamilton, complaining about the long delay in their business, and giving news of Lord Ruthven. [Partly in cipher, deciphered. Printed, with some inaccuracies, in H.M.C. Supp. Report pp. 40-41].


Lord Wentworth to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he and his council cannot implement the king's grant of the lands of Loughroine and rivers flowing into the bay of Armagh, since James VI had granted these by letters patent to Lord Cromwell. [Signed by Wentworth and members of his council]


[Draft, not in his own hand] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to his brother [-in-law Lord Basil Feilding], announcing that the king has ordered him to buy Pelonone's collection of pictures and marbles and ship them to England. His majesty will then purchase from the writer those pieces which he desires. He accordingly gives orders about the sending of them to England.


Gabriel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging a gift of a horse sent from Charles I by Mr. Borthwick. [In Latin].

9549. [c1637], July 17. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], expressing pleasure at learning that the king approves of the writer's proceedings.


Charles, Prince Palatine to [the marquis of Hamilton], assuring him of his regard, and asking whether the French or Latin version of the treaty with France is the original, for there is a great difference between them which 'is enough to make the States and the Prince of Orenge thinke the King doth not deale well with them'.


The earl of Middlesex to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to meet Mr. Burrowes.

9551. [?1637], July 14. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], warning him that many of the pictures in della Nave's study described as originals are in fact copies, and that the Spanish Ambassador has raised the price by putting in an offer of 14,000 ducats, though they are worth no more than 10,000. He encloses a letter for the king. [ 9552? ]


News letter announcing the departure of the Guison and Valtoline deputies with the differences between them increased; the quarrel between the dukes of Mantua and Modena is more likely to be settled.

[Enclosed with 9551?].

379. 1637, July 14.

Giles Penn to the Marquis Hamelton, reporting that the ship's captain will not take him to Tituan in Barbarie for horses for the king, but he hopes to obtain them from Salie instead.

[July 15 OS?]

Petres Rosenkold 'praeses Gothoburgensis' to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing gratitude for his treatment at the English Court and intimating that he has named his son after Charles I. [In Latin].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.84, No. 64(12).]

116. [1637], July 20\(^\frac{20}{30}\). The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of the bearer.


9472. [1637], July 31\(^\frac{31}{21}\). Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], complaining of his treatment by the Venetian government and discussing the position of Mr. Rowlandson.

9473. 1637, July 31\(^\frac{31}{31}\). Venice.

[Copy] Dispatch, discussing the proceedings of the Spanish army in Montferrat, and giving news of the pope and the cardinals.

[Enclosed with 9472?]


Edward Kendall to the Marquis Hamilton, discussing Lord Cromwell's claim to the lands of Loughrayne.

[See supra 377]


The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the 'barbarous tumult' when the service book was read in St. Giles.
9469. 1637, August 7 NS

[July 28]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], giving an account of his differences with the Venetian ambassador. He promises to buy La Nave's study of pictures as directed, and explains that the price has been raised because the Spanish ambassador put in an offer of 14m. ducats for them. He promises, however, that 'Mr. Petty shall not take them out of my hands for my lord of Arundell', and declares that Daniel Nice's cabinet, bought by Arundel, was not worth the £3,000.

9471. [1637?], August 7 NS

[Copy] Dispatch giving news of the Marquis Legane's progress, of the Spanish galleys and of the duke of Parma's stay at the French Court.

[Enclosed with 9469?]

384. 1637, August 3. Dublin.

Lord Wentworth to [the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a report of the decision on the lands claimed by the marquis in the north of Ireland, and assuring him that these lands are of small importance, and that he had no intention of opposing the marquis in any way.

9470. 1637, August 17. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], discussing the arrangements for paying for his lordship's pictures. Mr. Petty is trying to dissuade Lord Arundel from buying Daniel Nice's cabinet [of pictures].


Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that the prince of Orange has promised to do what he can to further with the States the treaty between England and France.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], advising him not to purchase La Nave's study unless his price can be brought down to £2,000 sterling. He is glad that his lordship's other pictures have arrived safely 'and that you finde them worth the money'. He is promised a certificate attesting the head of St. Peter to be by Guido Rhen, and is assured 'that itt is of his most fierce, and best way'.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to tell Charles I that Louis XIV has assured the Venetian ambassador that he will not make a treaty with the king of Spain unless the Hollanders and the other allies of France are included. Cardinal Richelieu seems to favour a peace, having been 'made more tractable by some great gift the king of Spain hath bestowed or is to bestow upon him'. As to his lordship's pictures, the writer has offered 12,500 for La Nave's study including 'a great German clock and some meddalls' but he fears a higher price will be asked.

Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing how they should deal with rival claims to their mining of lead.

[Copy] The lords of the privy council to the king, promising assistance in establishing the service book, but fearing further disorders throughout the country.

P. Morton to the marquis of Hamilton, explaining that his long silence has been occasioned by illness and lack of news. However, after a period of truce the Spaniards marched to besiege Cengio then withdrew over the River Bormio.

The Swedish privy council to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him of their goodwill towards him. [Signed by Jacobus de la Gardie, Carolus Gilldenhielm, Axel, Gabriel and Gabriel Oxenstierna] [In Latin]

[With papered signet in very good condition].
10086. 1637, August 30. Bagshot.

[Copy, in his own hand] [The marquis of Hamilton] to [the lord deputy of Ireland], reminding him that the grant to the writer of the lands of Loghoun together with all the royal rivers and fishings is dated 4 March 1637 whereas Lord Cromwell's is dated 7 May 1637. He cannot therefore understand why Lord Cromwell's should go through while his own is stopped, but is confident that 'upon your lordship's second consideration the pretences of my Lord Cromwell shall not longer hinder the passing of my grant.'
Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], discussing the payment of his lordship's pictures, Berloto della Nave now asking 14m ordinary ducats for them, and enclosing a dispatch about public affairs. [9475].

[Copy] Dispatch, giving news of the sailing of the French fleet. The duke of Mantua's serious illness causes fear of further disorders arising from his probable death.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Lord Cromwell, informing him that he intends to press the lord deputy for possession of the Irish lands, but is willing to except the 4,000 acres of drainable land claimed by Lord Cromwell, though he believes the latter's claim to be 'of small validitie'.

Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to give permission for Armour to bring horses to the writer, and announcing that the English and the French 'are past the ditche of the Horn worke'.


Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging letters from his correspondent and from Charles I. He then remarks that he despairs of finding for the king any pictures by Polydore Caravagio at Venice, so will try Rome and Naples. He and Mr. Petty have viewed della Nave's study, upon which Petty places a value of 14m ducats at least since it includes works by Correggio, Titian, Palma Vecchio and others.

General Sir Alexander Leslie to the marquis of Hamilton, giving an account of the army's movements since the retreat from Torgau. [Only the signature in his own hand]

[Summaried in H.M.C. Report p.93 No. 80].
9565. 1637, September 15/25. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], declaring that the duke of Mantua's death is likely to give rise to further troubles in Italy. After discussing the likely consequences for Mantua, he concludes by assuring his correspondent of his efforts to buy the pictures he wanted.

9566. 1637, September 15/25. Venice.

News letter giving an account of the defeat of Don Martin d'Aragona and of the repercussions arising from the duke of Mantua's death.

[Enclosed with 9565?]


Thomas Row to [ ], sending him a set of proposals about the king's intended West India Company.

9630. 1637, September 30. Stocholme.

Axel Oxenstierna to the marquis of Hamilton, accrediting Sir Michael le Blan to the English Court. [In Latin]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.84, No. 64(13)].

9554. 1637, October 2 NS. Venice.

[September 22 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], rejoicing at the king's approval of the writer's proceedings. His public affairs are hindered by the imprisonment of two of his footmen who engaged in a quarrel among some Venetians in St. Mark's Square. As for public news, he hears rumours that the French king is seeking a divorce. The writer is still busy negotiating for his lordship's pictures.
9585. 1637, October 6

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], telling him that the French king 'is said to have left of his demanding passports of the Emperor for the Protestant Princes'. He adds in cipher [deciphered by the recipient] that the duke of Mantua is said to have been poisoned by the prince of Guastaldo, with whom the princess of Mantua is said to be deeply in love. The duke of Savoy's death is blamed by some upon the Marshal Cerki [?] and by some on the Spaniards.

9465. [1637], October 7 NS

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], urging him to continue his efforts at Court on behalf of the writer and enclosing a copy of his dispatch to Secretary Coke.

9586. 1637, October 9 NS

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], referring to the appointment of Justinian as Venetian ambassador to England.

388. 1637, October 9.

Sir Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamelton, thanking him for interceding with the king on his behalf; he has been taken into his majesty's service again as a result.

9583. 1637, October 23

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a dispatch, [9584] and complaining of being humiliated by the state of Venice. He discusses financial arrangements for the purchase of pictures for his lordship and asks for a copy of the king's list of the contents of della Nave's study. He has bought 3 small pictures by Fetti, showing scenes from Greek mythology [specified].

9584. [1637, October] 23

[Copy] Dispatch by Lord Basil Feilding announcing the death of the duke of Savoy and giving the latest military news. [Enclosed with 9583]

The bailies and council of Edinburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, asking his help in their attempts to have the judicatories of council and session restored to the capital. [Signed by Robert Flemyng, William Wilkine, John Trotter and James Kingow, bailies.]

9476. [1637], October 20\(\frac{20}{30}\). Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a dispatch [9528] for the king and hoping to reach agreement for la Nave's pictures.

9528. 1637, October 20\(\frac{20}{30}\). Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to Charles I, complaining about his treatment by the College. [2 copies, both in his own hand.]


The earl of Airthe to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his previous mediation with the king, and asking the marquis to help him obtain his liberty so that he can be 'free to 'live the lyfe of a countriman'.

9477. 1637, November 3\(\frac{3}{13}\). Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], explaining that he is suffering from a double tertian ague.

9478. 1637, November 6 NS [October 27 OS]. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a dispatch for the king [9479], and describing the trouble over the writer's servant, who is charged with being accessory to the Gondolier's death. He adds in conclusion that he hopes that the price of Procurator Prioli's pictures with fall again.

9479. 1637, November 6 NS [October 27 OS]. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to Charles I, complaining about his treatment by the doge, occasioned by the charge against the writer's servant.
Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from the princess of Mantoua and explaining that his weakened state of health will not permit him to write further.

[Copy, not in his own hand]. [The marquis of Hamilton] to his brother-in-law Lord Basil Feilding discussing the latter's enforced departure from Venice, but assuring him of the king's continuing favour, his majesty having 'promised he will think of no other foreign employment in Italy but yourselfe'. He himself has prepared letters of credit for the pictures he is buying from La Nave's collection, and for Raphael's 'Sancta Margarita'.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for 'so seasonably putting his Majestie in minde of me for the emploiment of Savoy', but promising that before he leaves Venice he will accomplish 'the buying those pictures your heart is so much sett upon'. He encloses a copy letter.  [941]

[Copy] The conte Brembatti to Lord Basil Feilding, asking if he can be of service as the princess of Mantoua is sending him as ambassador to the king of England.  [In Italian]

Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to allow the bearer to return to the writer for a year.


Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, complaining of his treatment by the doge as a result of his servant's misdemeanour.
Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his intervention with the king on the writer's behalf and explaining why, in his opinion, an ambassador should not be sent to Savoy, the ruler of that state being a mere duke.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a letter for the king and queen, and assuring him that his pictures are safe.

The lords of council to [the earl of Stirling?], describing their recent meetings at Dalkeith, where they drew up a proclamation about the service book.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], hoping to receive a final answer from La Nave on the following day, and to settle with Procurator Priuli before the writer leaves Venice. Colonel Douglas thinks of taking service with the king of Spain, but would like the opinion of Charles I before doing so.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law in the marquis of Hamilton], stating that the College has received word of Charles I's intention to recall the writer, enclosing a copy dispatch [ ] and describing 'a strange meteore' which appeared over Rome, 'rising out of the earth like a fiery cloud'.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the general discontent over the service book and asking the marquis to entreat the king to listen to supplications against it and other innovations.
9487. 1637/8, January 8 NS
December 29 OS.

Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], acknowledging his bills of exchange for the purchase of the pictures, and discussing the price. The writer's footman, who evidently killed the Gondolier, is being sent home as a prisoner.

8334. [c1637, December].

[Draft, not in his own hand but amended by him]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [his brother-in-law Lord Basil Feilding], telling him of the king's desire that [Lord Basil] reach an accommodation with the Venetians and avoid leaving 'that state discontented ... for ... [the king] is unwilling to be at a distance with the republick at this time'. He discusses Lord Arundel's method of buying paintings in Italy, and instructs his brother-in-law to purchase La Nave's collection for the writer.

354. N.D. [1637?]

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of the discontent over Mr. Andrew Lermount's presentation to Lindoris.

1997. [1637]

T. Henryson, Lord Chesters, to Charles I, wishing to be allowed to resign from his post of advocate depute because of his 'great age and last seiknes'.

502. [c1637]

Details of the offer made by [the marquis of Hamilton] for the county of Londonderry, the customs of Derry, and the fishing of the Banne and Loghfoyle.

501. [1637]

List of revenues available from lands in Londonderry; drawn up for the marquis of Hambleton, with marginal notes in another hand.

512. [1637]

Memorandum of the counties in Ireland to be planted, and advice on obtaining land there, by an inhabitant of the area for the marquis of Hamilton.
9525. [cl637] [Turin]

Lord Basil Feilding to [? the marquis of Hamilton], with an intelligence [in cipher, deciphered] about relations between Morton, Coke and Windebank.

9537. [cl637].

[Copy] [? The doge of Venice] to [? Charles I], discussing the re-establishment of commercial relations between their two states. [In French].

[Further Feilding dispatches 52/1-4.]

9534. [cl637]

[Draft, in his own hand]. Note by [the 3rd marquis of Hamilton] for [Lord Basil Feilding] to the effect that the French ambassador is to be recalled.

9485. 1637/8, January $\frac{5}{15}$. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], giving an account of how Basfoord has discovered that some pictures mentioned in his list are missing from La Nave's study, and reporting that the price will not fall lower than 15,500 ducats for the study as it is now, together with two brass statues of Apollo and a Bacchus. He encloses a dispatch. [9485]

9486. 1637/8, January $\frac{5}{15}$. Venice.

[Copy] Dispatch, giving news of Marquis Legane's movements, stating that Richelieu has replied to the letter from the republic of Genoa and sending news of Mantua.

9488. 1637/8, January $\frac{12}{22}$. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], telling him that La Nave now declares that he will not part with his study unless he may reserve the pictures listed in the enclosed paper [9489], for 'which hee will giue those two brasen statues and a pcece of Frangipane.'
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9489. [1637/8, January 12\textsuperscript{22}]. Venice.

List of 'Pictures in la Nave's study, which he is resolv'd to retaine for himselfe'. [3 by Young Palma, 1 by Bonifatio, 1 by Padovania, 1 of the school of Jean Bellin and 2 by Samceni]. [Written out by Lord Basil Feilding]

9490. 1637/8, January 12\textsuperscript{22}. Venice.

[Copy] Dispatch, announcing that Don Franco di Melo is about to embark for Spain, giving the numbers of men in the castle of Ponzone, and referring to the business of the Valtelline.

[Enclosed with 9488?]

411. 1637/8, January 17. Lethingtoune.

The earl of Lauderdale to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to remind the king that he had promised to hear the earl's claims before renewing or ratifying the earl of Dunfermline's rights to the 'baillirie of Musselburghe'.

631. [c1637/8, January 17]

Memorandum giving the history of the lordship of Musselburgh from 1587-1594, with a note by the earl of Lauderdale, promising to restore to [the earl of Dunfermline?] the lordship should the facts related in the memorandum be proved to be true.

358. 1637/8, January 17. Whitehall.

[Copy] Charles I to Sir John Bankes, attorney general, ordering him to prepare a bill for the setting up of a commission to inquire into who have bought or obtained woodland at low prices.


The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton] describing the state of public opinion in the north and asking him to send with provisions 1,000 hand bows with arrows, and spades and shovels for entrenching.

The earl of Airthe to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for prompt payment of his money, and for his good offices with the king.


Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], acknowledging receipt of the instructions for his new employment. The queen of Bohemia has written to him on behalf of her son, who wishes to take up the command of the late Landgrave of Hessen's army, so the writer asks [the marquis] to mention this to Charles I. He then discusses his own leaving Venice, and gives news of his negotiations for La Nave's study.


[Copy] Dispatch, describing the military preparations of the Spaniards and other Italian matters.

[Enclosed with 9491?]

1637/8, February 3 NS. [January 24 OS]

Turin.

P. Morton to [the marquis of Hamilton], referring to the duchess [of Savoy?] negotiations with the cardinal, and giving news of the Spanish march for Ponson.

1637/8, February 5 NS. [January 26 OS]

Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], announcing that he has paid La Nave for the pictures, which are now safely in the writer's house along with the two statutes. He then describes his conversations with Mr. Petty, and his own 'extraordinary mirth ... at his choller express'd at the news of the conclusion of the bargaine, and the pains and plotts he us'd to breake itt'. The writer has also agreed to purchase Procurator Priuli's study. He is now busy packing up La Nave's pictures, and lists some of them, before discussing the arrangements for sending them home.

1637/8, February 1.

Lord Goring to Sir Edmond Verney telling him that 'we are now buying upp all the Tobacco we can heare of' and adding a memorandum about the preemption of tobacco which he may show to 'my lord Marquis' [of Hamilton?].
360. 1637/8, February 3. Aboard the Unicorn in the Downs.

J. Pennington to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he has 'done as much as possible I can, for the release of the twoo Scotts barkes'.

9494. 1637/8, February $\frac{9}{19}$. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], discussing his coming move to Turin and the relations between Hungary and Spain. He then tells the marquis that 'the good old Procurator Priuli, who lately sold your lordship the St. Marguerite of Rafaell, entangling his foot in his gowne, fell downe a pair of stairs and is since dead; which mov's the whole Broglia at St. Marks to say that itt was impossible hee should live, after hee had parted with his saint'.


The earl of Roxburghe to Sir John Hamilton of Orbiston, asking for the payment of certain sums of money granted by the king to the earl of Airth, who is in urgent need of them.

9495. 1637/8, February $\frac{16}{26}$. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, intimating that he will leave for Turin during the following week.


[ ] to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing a meeting of privy council after the earl of Traquair's arrival from England.

9496. 1637/8, March 5 NS [February 24 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], explaining that the need to avoid offending the French ambassador has delayed his departure [for Turin], and enclosing a dispatch to explain the situation. [9497]. He has bought part of the remainder of La Nave's study for his lordship and is arranging to ship them home.
9497. 1637/8, March 5 NS. Venice

[Copy] Dispatch: giving the latest news of the French and Spaniards in Italy.

[Enclosed with 9496]

982. [1637/8], February 26 Dalkythe.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, describing public opposition to the service book.

364. 1637/8, February 27. London.

W. Roberts to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to persuade the king not to listen to those who wish him to alter his decision on those to be appointed commissioners. Also a memorandum on the subject.

981. 1637/8, March 5. Stirling.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, advising that the king must do something to rid his subjects of their fears about religion, and referring to the subscribing of the Covenant.

520. 1637/8, March 5. Sterling.

The earls of Traquair and Roxburgh to the king, describing the 'generall combustion' throughout the kingdom.

[Text printed in Burnet, pp.46-7]

9498. 1637/8, March 8. Verona.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a dispatch [ ], promising to send details of the shipment of the pictures, and announcing that he will wait upon the princess of Mantoua the following day.

521. [1637/8], March 8.

The earl of Lindesay to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning their supplications to the council.

Tillieres to the marquis of Hamilton, mentioning his friendship with his correspondent's late father and asking his lordship to grant permission to Seigneur de Molin to send the writer a dozen horses [from England].

The earl of Dunfermlining to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that despite pressure from noblemen he has refused to enter into their Covenant, and would be glad of the marquis's opinion on the subject.

Edward Littleton to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending a verbal message by the bearer.

The earl of Roxburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, mentioning that Mar is to send the advocates' resolutions to the king.


Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him of the loss of Heppen.


[Copy] The duke of Genoa to [Lord Basil Feilding], concerning the delivery of an English slave. [In Italian]

Edward Littleton to the marquis of Hamilton, sending a verbal message by the bearer.
9573. [1638?] April 3 NS Venice.

[March 24 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], remarking on his lordship's failure to acquaint the king with the writer's desire to return home. He has purchased more pictures for his correspondent, 'all originalls though most of them by moderne painters'. He has also agreed for some others including 'a Doge of Venice of Tittians'.

As for public news, the Grisons are in arms against the French, and the Court Serbellone is ready to invade the Valtelline.

9504. 1638, April 16 Turin.

[Copy, not in his own hand]. Lord Basil Feilding's dispatch, describing his stay in Mantua and the rest of his journey to Turin.

[Enclosed with 9501].

9500. 1638, April 7 NS Turin.

[March 28 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], recommending the bearer, Mr. Fitton, a secular priest.

633. 1638, March 30. [? Mar]

Walter Aston to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for intervening with the king for payment of his arrears of pension.

519. [March 1638]

Original instructions to the lord justice clerk [Sir John Hamilton of Orbiston] to represent matters to the king. [Signed by lay members of the council] [Text printed in Burnet, p.48, and mentioned in H.M.C. Report p.94.]

9283. 1638, April 5 Hague.

[March 25]

Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, commending to him the bearer Mr. Eldrington, and expressing his own joy at 'his majesties bountifull promises' to the writer. [Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report p.44].
440. 1638, April 9.

The earl of Loudon, to the earl of Lindsay, the bishop of Peterborough and other commissioners for the drainage of the Fens, authorising them to hear all complaints against the earl of Bedford.

9529. 1638, April 14. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to Charles I, emphasising the duchess of Savoy's need of his majesty's support.

9502. [1638], April 14. Turin.

[Copy, not in his own hand]. Lord Basil Feilding to Sir Francis Windesbane, reporting on the trouble arising from the writer's use of the title 'Altesse Reale' when addressing the duchess of Mantua and describing his first few days in Turin.

[Enclosed with 9501]

9503. 1638, April 15. Turin.

[Copy, not in his own hand]. Lord Basil Feilding's dispatch describing his journey to Turin and giving the latest military news.

[Enclosed with 9501]

9501. 1638, April 15. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing copies of his dispatches [9502, 9503, 9504], and complaining of 'how much my stay here breeds jealousies and opposition'.


The earls of Montrose, Rothes and Cassillis to the duke of Lenox, the marquis of Hamilton and the earl of Morton, describing the council's reaction to their supplications.

9505. 1638, May 9 NS
[? April 30 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to his [brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], referring to the [duchess of Mantua's] determination to be addressed as 'Altessa Reale'.

416. 1638, May 4.

Jonn Forbes of Corse to the marquis of Huntly, describing his controversy with the laird of Lyes.

513. 1638, May 5 and 11.

Order to Robert Heath to report about a proposal that all innkeepers be licenced to brew ale, together with his reply.

621. 1638, May 9. Cortaquy.

Lord Ogilvy to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for his assistance in his dispute with Lord Deskford.

740. 1638, May 18. Whitehall.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to settle the business of the payment of £5,000 sterling to the archbishop of Glasgow.

[Signet gone]


Christian IV of Denmark to Charles I, on behalf of some Danish merchants trading to Leith, involved in a dispute over a sum of money. [Signed by Christian IV] [In Latin]

409. [1638], May 21.

The marquis of Hamilton to his mother, Anna Cunningham, informing her of the death of his wife and describing the misery the kingdom will endure unless its laws and religion are kept inviolate.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Summ. Report p.38]
Hugh Ross to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he redeemed British prisoners from Flanders and elsewhere, and hoping that the marquis will further his petition to the king for recompense.

[Signature and short note only in his own hand]

Charles I to the earl of Angus, requesting his presence at the forthcoming meeting of council at Dalkeith, on June 6, and at any further meetings arranged by the marquis of Hamilton.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, expressing relief that the queen has not yet condemned him for his failure to serve her sister, and emphasising that he will do all he can to help her. The trouble has all arisen from the Resident of Savoy in England saying that Lord Basil had refused to treat with one of the duchess of Savoy's ministers.

Dispatch by Lord Basil Feilding giving the latest military news of the Spaniards.

[Enclosed with 9587]

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring him to persuade the earl of Hadinton to withdraw his letter against the earl of Roxburgh so that their dispute may be settled.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], discussing the best dimensions of the 12 frigates to be built, and asking for further instructions about them. Reports from Scotland suggest that the condition of the country is very bad, but these are no doubt exaggerated and in any case his correspondent will remedy the situation.

The earl of Sterline to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his letters.

9547. 1638, June 10 NS  Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that his correspondent will contradict those rumours designed 'to lessen me in the Queenes good opinion'.

417. 1638, June 4. Airthe.

The earl of Airthe to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his gratitude for the prompt payment of his moneys and offering to do any service which he can for the marquis.


[1 Draft, 1 copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the king, advising the use of force and notifying him of the demands for an assembly and parliament; the garrison of Dumbarton Castle have subscribed the Covenant.


[Copy] Charles I to the marquis of Douglas, in similar terms to 726.

552. 1638, June 4. Berwick.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, relating how he has heard that few of those summoned to meet him at Dalkeith will come, and describing how the majority have determined to adhere to the Covenant.


The earl of Mar to the marquis of Hamilton, excusing himself for not meeting the marquis that day, and asking if he should attend the council, as arranged, on the following day.
591. 1638, June 5. London.

The earl of Sterline to [the marquis of Hamilton], telling him that someone had falsely informed the king that the marquis meant to return to court 'seeing nothing was to be done without an armie'.

701. [1638?], June 7. Dalkeith.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of St. Andrews, reporting that he has had four hours' conference with the earl of Rothes, to small effect.

745. 1638, June 7. Greenwich.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, approving of his loyal services.

[Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]

680. 1638, June 7. Roslin.

The archbishop of St. Andrews to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing briefly the forthcoming assembly.

553. 1638, June 7. Dalkeath.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, describing the furore in Edinburgh, the threats against himself, and the demands for a general assembly.

592. 1638, June 8. London.

The earl of Sterline to [the marquis of Hamilton], discussing various letters [the contents unspecified].

524. 1638, June 8. Dalkeith.

The burgh of Edinburgh's petition to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring his presence at Holyroodhouse, and his answer.

1638, June 8. Dalkeith.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of St. Andrews, reporting that 'the insencies of the mad people growes', and advising him to stay where he is.


[Copy or draft in his own hand] The marquis of Hamilton to the archbishop of Canterbury, relating that the crowds are dispersing from Edinburgh and that he himself has returned to Holiroudhous at the invitation of the town council. [Supra 524]


John, bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamiltonne, wishing him well.


The earl of Antrim to [the marquis of Hamilton], referring to reports of matters going badly in Scotland, and fearing that their plans in Londonderry will fail.

1638, June 11.

The earl of Airthe to the marquis of Hammiton, regretting that he cannot see him at present.

1638, June 12. London.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letter and hoping for a peaceful settlement of affairs in Scotland.

1638, June 14. Theobalds.

William Murray to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that the chancellor of Ireland's appeal is granted and he is returning to England, and giving news of a French defeat and the Spanish capture of Vercelly.

1638, June 15. Holiroudhous.

[Draft, in his own hand] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, describing the widespread support for the Covenant.
1638, June 15. Holyroodhouse.

The marquis of Hamilton to Francis Windebank, thanking him for his good offices on behalf of the marquis's brother, William, and asking Windebank to advise William if he still wishes to go to France.

1638, June 26. Inne.

Lord Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, commenting on his sister's death, asking him to persuade the king to pardon him for his alleged exceeding of his instructions, and expressing his indignation that he had been accused of doing so.

1638, June 20. Greenich.

The duke of Lenox to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for helping Lord Amont and wishing him success in 'the publicke affaires'.

1638, June 20. Holirudhouse.

Draft Letter of the marquis of Hamilton to the king, informing him of a petition given in by Rothes and others for a general assembly and parliament.

[& Copy]

1638, June 20. Barwich.

John, bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hammiltone, thanking him for his care and wishing him success.


William Murray to [the marquis of Hamilton], assuring him that the king was well satisfied with the marquis's actions, ' whatsoever his opinion wase of other men's carridge in this busines'. 
The earl of Roxburgh to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, expressing his obligations to the marquis and to Orbestane for the punctual payment of Airth's money.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for speaking to Mr. Secretary Windebanke on behalf of the writer, and hoping that the troubles in Scotland will soon be settled.

The archbishop of St. Andrews to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he has drawn up a document as requested.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that the boats he desired will be ready by the appointed time, 11 ships by July 20, and that the officers of the ordnance will be ready to march in 20 days or a month if necessary.

Francis Windebank to [the marquis of Hamilton], expressing his concern over the 'desperate distractions' in Scotland, and giving the latest news from the continent.

William Murray to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him that the king is still well satisfied with him.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the bishops of Ross and Brechin, advising them that such is the state of their miserable country that they would do well to be as far from it as possible.
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726. 1638, June 26.

[Copy] Charles I to Lord Ogilvie, thanking him for his loyalty, and desiring that he take orders from the marquis of Hamilton.


The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the archbishop of St. Andrews has written to the king in his praise, and mentioning various other letters received by the king from Scotland.

556. 1638, June 29. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, affirming that 'except by force this covenant will never be suppressed', and agreeing that the lawyers are much to blame for the unrest.

557. 1638, June 29. Holieroodhouse.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, informing him that he shall make it known that the king intends no innovations in religion, and that many of the Session would support his majesty 'but for fear of their lyffes dare not exprese their thoght concerning the covenant'.

527. 1638, June 29. Berwick.

John, bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hammilton, praising his handling of affairs in Scotland, thanking him for his inquiries and offers of help, and requesting financial aid.

[Printed in Burnet, pp. 78-80]

623. 1638, June.

Robert Spotswoode and James Hay to [the marquis of Hamilton], protesting that they are innocent of the charges laid against them by the subscribers to the Confession of Faith.

9594. [1638?], July 2. Greenwitche.

Mr. Thomas Hamilton to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging the letters sent by the marquis for the king. Colonel Zurich [?] has come over from the Hague to take up a regiment of men for the prince elector.
Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], sending an account of the loss of Vercelli.

Lord Ogilvy to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to perform an [unspecified] favour which he had earlier promised.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the king's previous letter allowing the marquis to come to Court answers the latter's recent inquiry to his majesty.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, hoping to see him soon, informing him that the return of the court of session to Edinburgh should prove advantageous, and mentioning that protestations were read when the king's declaration was published that day.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a dispatch [ ], and promising to write again when his correspondent returns to Court from Scotland.

Robert Rugge to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the decayed state of the fort and the existing ordnance.

The earl of Lauderdaill to the marquis of Hamilton, advising him that the justice-clerk would make a worthy successor to the clerk of register.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], mentioning the departure of the chancellor [the archbishop of St. Andrews] from Roslin, and the earl of Montrose's visit to Aberdeen to prevent the citizens from subscribing the Covenant.

426. [1638], July 13. Huntly.

The marquis of Huntly to the marquis of Hamilton, describing his arrangements to have the king's proclamation published in the north.

410. 1638, July 15. Cannogaitt.

The earl of Kingorne to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his friendliness to Lord Stormont.


The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a copy of the printed protestation against the king's proclamation, and informing him about the latest subscribers of the National Covenant.


John Forbes of Corse to the marquis of Huntly, informing him that his opponents 'intend to persue me criminally'.

763. [1638?], July 24. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that the king's declaration was published on July 16.


The earl of Roxburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that malicious rumours suggest that the Scots will invade England.


Sir Donald MacDonald of Sleatt to the marquis of Huntly; he will not reply to the marquis's letter by the bearer, whom he does not know, but will either see the marquis himself or send his answer by 'ane speciall man off my awin'.
428. 1638, July 27

[Copy] The earl of Caithness to the marquis of Huntly, approving of the king's proclamation and promising his support.

429. 1638, July 28.

John [Chatto], provost of Aberdeen, to the marquis of Huntly, informing him that 'the counsell at least many of yaim ar subscryving of the covenant'.


Sir John Hamilton of Orbieston to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the people are mustering their men and preparing to fortify the harbour at Leith.


John, bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that he had been instructed by the archbishop of St. Andrews and the bishop of Brechin to come to Court 'with some instructions concerning the estate of our church.'

431. 1638, July 30. Dounrobin.

[Copy] The earl of Sutherland to the marquis of Huntly, thanking him for his advice and mentioning that the marquis of Hamilton 'is gone up to know what shalbe his highnesse further pleasure', [with regard to the church].


The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking that all is quiet at present.

718. 1638, July. Tibolls.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to 'My lord', telling him that the king is still considering the best course to take with regard to the Scottish situation. His majesty is ill pleased with the whole affair, but particularly with the Covenant.

432. 1638, August 3. Aberdene.

[Copy?] John Forbes of Corse to the laird of Leyes, protesting that his previous remarks have been misunderstood, and emphasising his refusal to subscribe the Covenant.
1638, August 4. Oatlands.

[Copy] Charles I to the professors of Aberdeen, praising their printed regulations of the covenanting doctrine.

1638, [1638], August 6. Whythall.

[Draft, in his own hand] The marquis of Hamilton to the archbishop of St. Andrews, promising that although he has no desire to act as commissioner, he will do his best.

1638, [1638], August 7. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing how Dr. Guild and others have signed the National Covenant.

1638, [1638], August 7. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the professors and ministers of Aberdeen, sending them a copy of his manifesto before he set out for Court.

[Endorsement says that it was not sent]

1638, [1638], August 7. Broxmouth.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for exact information about the marquis's arrival.

1638, August 7. Old Aberdeen.

John Forbes of Corse to the marquis of Huntly, informing him that he has had printed 500 copies 'of the printed warning copurged from all offensive words' in the hope that this will placate those incensed by the previous version.

1638, August 8. London.

N. Muirhead to the marquis of Hammyilton, asking for payment of the £2,000 due to him and giving some news from the continent, including the information that the 'queene mother of France hath left the Spanish syde and gone from Brussells to Balduck to the Holland syde'.

Endorsement says that it was not sent.
2425. 1638, August 8. Halyruidhouse.

The earl of Monteith, Sir J. Skene, Sir Thomas Hope and D. Aikinheid to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to attend a meeting of the commissioners for the surrender of teinds, beginning on September 22.

750. 1638, August 9. Bagshot.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to see that the bishops do not excommunicate the marquis of Douglas until the king's pleasure be known. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]

748. 1638, August 9. Bagshot.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to investigate a petition by William, Lord Creichton, complaining of the financial dealings of the earl of Traquair. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]

677. 1638, August 9. Morpet.

The archbishop of St. Andrews to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing how some ministers have been forced to quit their charges and flee the country. Encloses some notes on the assembly [678]


Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, requiring him to ensure that the earl of Traquair pays out £2,000 sterling to John Joffy, as instructed.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the provost and bailies of Aberdeen, asking them to hinder subscription to the National Covenant.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the marquis of Huntlie, asking him to deliver to the magistrates a letter warning them 'to be cairfull, to advert to those dangerous indevoores of the covenanters'.
8360. [1638], August 11. London.

N. Muirhead to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for payment of the money due to him [see 8359].

529. 1638, August 14.

Colonel Alexander Hamilton to the marquis of Hamilton, denying the truth of slanders against him.


9567. 1638, August 14.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a news letter [9568].

9568. 1638, August 14. Turin.

News letter discussing the identity of the Jesuit rector who treated with the Marquis Leganer, and giving the latest military news.


Sir Alexander Gordone to the marquis of Huntlie, thanking him for his letters and sending a verbal message about muskets by the bearer.

670. 1638, August 15. Aberdeen.

The provost and 3 of the bailies of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, professing their allegiance to the king. [Signed by Robert Johnstone, provost, Mr. J. Gray, G. Morristonne and Robert Farquhar, bailies]

741. 1638, August 16. Windsor.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring him to examine the petitions by several servants and officers in charge of royal works who complain that arrears of payment are due to them. [Signet gone]
728. 1638, August 16. Windsor.

[Copy] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to examine the petitions given in by several of his servants and officers in charge of works in Scotland.

731. 1638, August 16. Windsor.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring him to survey all the royal houses in Scotland, so that they may be prevented from decaying. [Paperyed signet, Scottish royal arms. No longer attached]

669. 1638, August 16. Aberdeen.

The provost and 2 of the bailies of Aberdeen to the marquis of Huntly, expressing their fears that at the coming election of officeholders, only covenanters will be returned. [Signed by Robert Johnstone, provost, Mr. Gray and G. Morissoun, bailies.]

8172. [c1638], August 17. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a paper from the magistrates of Aberdeen for his correspondent's signature, and assuring him of the townspeople's loyalty towards the king. He suggests that the earl of Caithness be given some fresh encouragement that he might the more easily suppress any ill-affected persons in his county.

765. [1638?], August 17. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for giving the king a favourable report of him.

630. 1638, August 17.

Additional notes to a document [unspecified], by the bishops of Edinburgh, Galloway and Argyll. [According to the endorsement]

667. 1638, August 18. Old Aberdene.

The professors of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that they are at work on their reply to the covenanters' latest publication. [Signed by John Forbes of Corse, M. Barron, William Lesly, James Sibbald, Alexander Ross and Alexander Scrogie]
616. 1638, August 18. Newcastle.

Thomas Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the salt manufacturers are most willing to make their salt if it is taken from them at a reasonable price.

697. 1638, August 20. Holieroodehouse.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the ministers of Aberdeen, praising their behaviour, and denying that he had sympathised with those who gave in supplications.

533. 1638, August 24. Knoydart.

Sir Donald MacDonald of Sleat to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his obedience and mentioning that he has met with the captain of Clan Ronald, the laird of Glengary and the whole clan.


695. 1638, August 24. Holiroidhous.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the professors of Aberdeen. [This is a copy of 694]

8211. [c1638], August 26. Edinburgh.

The earl of Traquair to Charles I, acknowledging the pains taken by the marquis of Hamilton in his majesty's service.

676. 1638, August 27.

The archbishop of St. Andrews [John Spottiswoode] to [the marquis of Hamilton], noting the composition of general assemblies since 1568.

530. [1638], August 27.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, advising that if the king decide to see any of the clergy, he should choose the most temperate.

[Text printed in Burnet, pp. 40-1]

The earl of Montrose to the earl of Latherdail, asking him to describe to the lord commissioner the troubles which will arise from preventing those who have signed the Covenant from becoming officebearers in Aberdeen.

1638, August 29. Holiroidhous.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Caithness, asking him to continue his loyal service to the king.

1638, August 29. Holirooudhous.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the marquis of Huntlie, describing how it is necessary for him to visit the king and acquaint him personally with the situation in Scotland.

1638, August 29.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Caithness, assuring him that he will give a good report of the earl to the king, whom he will see within a few days.


The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a packet of letters from the earl of Traquair.

1638, September 5. Bagshot.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Traquare, describing his recent audiences of the king.

1638, September 5. Bagshote.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Traquair, telling him that he had sent his letter to the king.

1638, September 5. Bagshot.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Roxburgh, telling him that the earl of Traquair will acquaint him with the latest news.
561. 1638, September 5. Bagshot.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, asking if he wishes any changes to be made in the preface or charges for the subscription of the confession and bond.

546. 1638, September 6. Croyden.

The archbishop of Canterbury to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending him 4 papers from the dean of Rochester, and a copy of a letter from the bishop of Brechin who has arrived in London, 'which falls not out verye well'.

9506. 1638, September 6. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], remarking that he has no news.


Charles I to the earl of Sutherland, thanking him for his loyal services and desiring him to take instructions from the marquis of Hamilton. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]


Copies of letters from [the king] to the marquis of Huntley, the earls of Sutherland and Caithness, the marquis of Hamilton, the town and ministers of Aberdeen and the treasurer, thanking them for their loyalty.

9569. 1638, September 9 NS [August 30 OS] Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], complaining that the French ministers in Turin 'do brag of theire discrediting me in France' and hoping that the king may indeed send him back to Venice.


Charles I to [the marquis of Hamilton], giving him instructions on how to deal with the bishops.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs, pp. 94-5]
J. Symson to Mr. John Elleis, advocate, reporting that he has delivered his letters as desired.
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Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring him to peruse the signature granted to the earl of Traquair concerning an infeftment of his estate. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]


General James King to the marquis of Hamilton, suggesting that the prince elector may soon be in a position of considerable strength.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 93 No. 81]

9570. 1638, September 12/22. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], promising that if the king continues to employ him in Italy he will go to Bologna where there are some pictures, including two Corregios, which would interest the king and [the marquis]. The writer has in his own house a Fleming trained at Rome who has a new method 'of making great designs and representing histories upon leather hangings in chiaro scuro, which would be though done upon bare walls, of great ornament to a house, and are much us'd in the borders of chambers and upon seelings'. He has sent a sample of the man's work because 'I have often heard of his Majesties designe of building a Royall Pallace for the adorning whereof this man being verie proper' and he has deliberately employed him. He has also presented Charles I with the horse which the duchess of Mantua gave him.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, describing the Scottish bishops' unwillingness that an assembly should be held, but noting that the archbishop of St. Andrews is willing to resign as chancellor.

9284. 1638, September 13/23. from my quarter att Batburgen.

Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the bearer will give news of the prince's affairs.

1638, September 16. Hampton Court.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to receive the demission of the archbishop of St. Andrews as chancellor, and to see to the safekeeping of the Great Seal. [Signet gone]

1638, September 17. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that '... directiones have beine sent from the covenanters to all presbiteryes heere, for choosing Commissioners to a Generall Assemblye', but hoping that these 'will not be muche embraced'.

1638, September 17. London.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he was ordered to write to the archbishop of St. Andrews, requiring him to deliver up the Seal to the marquis.

1638, September 17. Holyroudhous.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, reporting that the covenanters are determined to have an assembly whether one is authorised or not.

1638, September 20. Holyroudhous.

The marquis of Hamilton to [ ], telling him that the king has been informed of his loyalty, and pointing out the need for well-afflicted men to be returned as commissioners to the projected assembly. [Note on back adds, 'Efter the wryting of this I was informed thatt he was turned covenanter'].

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], referring to the critical illness of the duke [of Savoy?].
441. 1638, September 20. Holyroidhous.

Copies of letters from [the marquis of Hamilton] to:

(1) The marquis of Huntly, asking him to try to ensure that 'weil effectit'commissioners attend the coming general assembly.
(2) The earl of Caithness, in similar terms.
(3) Lord Berrindell, promising to inform the king of his faithfull service.

729. 1638, September 21. Hampton Court.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to interview those Danish merchants who allege that they have had their goods unjustly taken from them. [Papered signet - Scottish royal arms]

629. 1638, September 21.

Lord Clifford to Major [John Marley], telling him to prevent the Scots from buying horses in the north of England.

730. 1638, September 22. Hampton Court.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to deal with petitions from various ministers who claim that their stipends have been withheld. [Signet gone]

705. [1638], September 23.

Memorandum by the marquis of Hamilton, stating that all ministers deprived and excommunicated shall be absolved and given charges.

595. 1638, September 23. Hampton Court.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the king is writing to him about some ministers who have been deprived of their charges and their stipends because they would not sign the covenant.


Major John Morlay to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a letter from Lord Clifford. [Infra 629]
[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, describing how the council discussed the proclamation, and other events of the previous week.

Andrew Lawmonthe, minister of Markinch, to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for an advance of 1,000 merks as his stipend is being withheld and as a non covenanter he 'darr not go to seik remedie by law'.


The provost, bailies and magistrates of Glasgow to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the king's proclamation has duly been read in the city, and praising his majesty's wisdom. [Signed by them]

The presbytery of Glasgow to the marquis of Hamiltoun, expressing their thankfullness at hearing the king's proclamation. [Signed by John Strang, John Rae, William Wilkie, Patrick Maxwell, Andrew Wilkie, M. Maxwell, M. Bell younger, Mr. George Forsythe, M. Blair]

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the marquis of Huntly, enclosing various papers, and asking him to see that the royal proclamation is read in Aberdeen and expressing the opinion that those who have not signed the Covenant 'will most willinglie subscribe this' [the king's declaration].

The professors of Aberdeens to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his kindness and hoping for his continuing help. [Written by John Forbes of Corse, and signed by him. M. Banonne, Alex. Scrogie, J. Ross, James Sibbald and M. Gillesby]
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[Copies] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of
St. Andrews and the mayors of Newcastle and Berwick, discussing
the current situation and warning the mayors not to let the
Scots carry off livestock.

444/1 1638, September 26. Holyroodhous.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the marquis of
Huntlie, discussing the state of public opinion in various parts
of the country. He himself will go to Clydesdale soon, to try
to alter opinion there, and ensure that suitable commissioners
are chosen.


The earl of Mar to the marquis of Hamilton, arranging to
meet him on the following day.


961. [1638], September 27. Traquaire.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting
on the election of commissioners for the forthcoming assembly.

565. 1638, September 27. Holyrudehous.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of
Canterbury, describing how the covenanters were maliciously
suggesting that subscription to the King's Covenant implied
the condemnation of episcopacy and ceremonies.

535. 1638, September 27. Aberdeen.

The clerk of the assembly to the marquis of Hamilton,
asking him to grant a delay in conveying the assembly books to
Edinburgh.


447. 1638, September 27. Aberdeen.

Robert Johnstone and others to the marquis of Huntly,
asking that none who had subscribed the Covenant be chosen as
councillor or magistrate.
The earls of Rothes, Montrose and other covenanting lords to the marquis of Hamilton, protesting against the searching of John Wilson's ship for arms and ammunition. [15 signatures]

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing the recent election of office bearers in Aberdeen, and sending him some papers from the professors there.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to try to ensure that the office bearers in Edinburgh and Glasgow support the king.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that a ship of the king has searched some Scots merchant ships, ostensibly looking for armaments but actually seeking Alexander Leslie.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letters and telling him of the imminent arrival in England of the queen's mother. [Marie de Medici].

The earls of Rothes, Cassilis and others to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to subscribe a warrant to summon the bishops before the forthcoming general assembly. [7 signatures]

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to continue in his loyal endeavours, and approving of his plans for the subscribing of the Confession of Faith. [Signet gone]
725. 1638, October 2. Hampton Court.

[ Copy ] Charles I to the professors and ministers of Aberdeen, thanking them for their efforts against the covenanters, and desiring them to take orders from his commissioner, the marquis of Hamilton.

647. 1638, October 2. Edinburgh.

[ ] to [covenanting ministers], advising them that the King's Covenant contravenes the National Covenant, and sending them various instructions. [Unsigned]

659. 1638, October 3. Elgynne.

John, bishop of Moray, to [the marquis of Hamilton], relating that he has heard that the King has proclaimed the coming assembly merely to gain time for his military preparations.

646. 1638, October 3. Edinburgh.

The earls of Cassilis, Lothian and others to the marquis of Hamilton, complaining that violence has been used against people who signed the Covenant. [7 signatures]

539. [1638], October 3. Selkirk.

The earl of Haddington to the marquis of Hamilton, [accompanying 540] and adding that he will report what can be done in Roxburghshire and the Merse.


The earls of Traquair and Hadinton to the marquis of Hamilton, giving an account of their efforts to procure subscriptions to the King's Covenant in Selkirkshire.


537. 1638, October 3. Edinburgh.

G. Hume to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the sale of his father's property of North Berwick and his brothers' actions with regard to this.

9509. 1638, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], wishing him success 'in giveing a conclusion to those dangerous disorders in Scotland'.

9510. 1638, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Turin.

[Copy] Dispatch from Lord Basil Feilding to Mr. Secretary Cooke, announcing the death of the young Duke Francesco Piacinto.

[Enclosed with 9509]

598. 1638, October 4. London.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letters and hoping that affairs in Scotland may be settled peacefully.

473. 1638, October 4.

Names of those who subscribed the Confession of Faith and Bond of Maintenance at Aberdeen.

536. 1638, October 5. Aire.

The earl of Dumfries and others to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how they postponed reading the king's declaration because of public opposition.


566. 1638, October 5. Hamilton.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, sending him various papers and regretting that so few are signing the King's Covenant.

446. 1638, October 5. Aberdeen.

Supplication of the ministers and professors of Aberdeen to the marquis of Huntly. Having heard of the coming assembly at Glasgow, they plead for 'ane exemption from repairing to the said synod', as such a journey could do little good. [Signed by John Forbes of Corse, M. Barronnes, John Ross, James Sibbald, M. Gillesby and Alexander Scrogie, minister at Old Aberdeen]
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9511. 1638, [ ] 6 16. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], describing a difference between the duchess [of Savoy?] and the French ambassador.

650. 1638, October 6. Forther.

The earl of Rothes to the marquis of Hamilton, asking that certain men absent from the county be cited before the forthcoming assembly.

9519. 1638, October 8. Venice.

Gilbert Talbot to the marquis of Hamilton, describing naval preparations against the Turks.

541. 1638, October 9.

Patrick Maule [afterwards 1st earl of Panmure] to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he intended joining the earls of Southesk and Kingorne at Forfar, and mentioning the activities of the covenanters.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.100 (6)]

599. 1638, October 9. Hampton Court.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letters and wishing him well in his hazardous task.

441. [1638], October 9. Aberdeen.

The marquis of Huntly to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting verbal protests against the King's Covenant.

449. [1638], October 11. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], giving details of public opinion in the north; the inhabitants of Aberdeen and Banff are all well affected; only one commissioner from Inverness is not a covenantor, but in Badenoch and Lochaber there will be 'at least fyve hundreth stout men for his Majesties service'. 

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the chancellor has not yet arrived in Edinburgh, nor does he know his present whereabouts.


The earl of Antrim to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing how he has heard of Lord Lorne's doings in western Scotland.

538. 1638, October 13. Polmour.

The earl of Eglinton to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for a commission to judge 2 notorious thieves.

[Text printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p. 54]

567. [1638], October 14. [Hamilton]

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, advising that the king should send provisions to Newcastle, arms to Northumberland and garrisons for Berwick and Carlisle. He himself is about to consult with the lords of the clergy about the forthcoming assembly.


The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him letters from the archbishop of Canterbury.

958. [?1638], October 14. Dalkythe.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that he has heard that the chancellor is in Newcastle.

452. 1638, October 14. Hamilton.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to John Seath of Harilen, advising him and his friends to sign the King's Confession at once.

568. 1638, October 15. Hamilton.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, discussing various minor matters and mentioning that he hopes to set out for Edinburgh on the following day.
453. [1638], October 15. Lethingtoune.

The earl of Lauderdaill to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that he has prepared lodgings for the three bishops in the Abbey, though their stay there will be unpopular.

1794. [1638], October 16. Huntly.

The marquis of Huntly to [ ? the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that few of the 'best affected' ministers in Moray will venture to attend the forthcoming assembly without 'good assurances'.

600. 1638, October 18. London.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the bishop of Ross has seen the king and has given a favourable account of the marquis. The queen's mother has been delayed by contrary winds.

8369. [1638], October 18. Whythall.

The earl of Morton to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the king sends word of Hamilton's pictures from Italy having arrived safely in the Thames. The bishop of Ross has had an audience of the king and although the writer does not know what passed between them 'yet the bishop's jovial countenance at his coming out maks me effrayed that it tends litill to the quyetnes of that grait busines you ar about'. The queen mother's ship has been delayed by contrary winds.

1011. [1638], October 19. Edinburgh.

The earl of Traquair to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the publishing of a proclamation and the subsequent attack on the bishop of Galloway in the streets of Edinburgh.


The archbishop of St. Andrews to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letters and stating that his opinion of the assembly is unaltered.

642. 1638, October 22. Puttachy (?)

Arthur Forbes to the marquis of Huntly, describing how he had not signed the covenant sent him by the marquis, since he was not given time to consider whether it was the same as the one he had already signed.
569. 1638, October 22. Dalketh.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, sending him various papers and describing how he intends to proceed at the forthcoming assembly. [Annotated in his own hand]

570. 1638, October 24. Holyroodhouse.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, advising that military preparations be continued, reiterating the importance of dissolving the general assembly, and explaining why the earl of Rothes and other 'pryme covenants' were given the commission to collect subscriptions to the King's Covenant.

734. 1638, October 24. Whitehall.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, allowing him to regulate as he thinks best his commission to raise men for the French king. [Papered signet - Scottish royal arms]

396. 1638, October 24. Whitehall.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to do all he can to ensure the safety of the bishops travelling to Glasgow for the assembly, since their presence there is a necessity.

602. [1638], October 25. London.

The earl of Sterline to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that the French ambassador has got a licence to levy 1,000 men.


The professors of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, agreeing that Dr. Forbes, Dr. Baron and Dr. Sibbald should attend the forthcoming assembly if possible. [Signatures as in 664]

455. [1638], October 26. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his intention to spend the winter in Aberdeen, and approving of the dismissal of the sheriffs of Caithness, Inverness and Banff, who have been 'the greatest promouvers of disorder there'.
744. 1638, October 29. Whitehall.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to help the earl of Nithsdale who is about to visit Scotland. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]

737. 1638, October 29. Whitehall.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring him to deal with several thieves recently caught red-handed in the burgh of Dumfries. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]

624. 1638, October 29. London.

Giorgio Cone to [the marquis of Hamilton], denying that he and a Jesuit named Abernethy had the service-book approved in Rome.


Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring him to do all he can to see that non-covenanting men are not persecuted by their creditors. [Signet gone]

714. 1638, October 31. Holyrudhous

Declaration by the marquis of Hamilton, before the privy councillors, that the king would never agree to the abrogation of episcopal government.

662. 1638, October. [Received on 17th]

Memorandum drawn up by the bishops, giving reasons why the forthcoming assembly is illegal.

675. 1638, November 1.

Allan [? Can ] to the marquis of Hamilton, explaining why he has not signed the King's Covenant.

9513. 1638, November 2

[Copy] Dispatch by Lord Basil Feilding to Mr. Secretary Cooke, describing an attack upon the Duke Sn. Georgio's lodgings and giving other Italian news.

[Enclosed with 9512]
9512. 1638, November 12/2. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a dispatch [9513] and saying no more as his correspondent's return from Scotland is uncertain.

657. 1638, November 2. Newcastle.

John, bishop of Ross to [the marquis of Hamilton], hoping to meet him soon.

682. 1638, November 2. Newcastle.

The archbishop of St. Andrews to [the marquis of Hamilton], expressing his forebodings about the coming assembly.

706. [1638], November 3. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the bishop of Ross, informing him that he has sent his horse and servants to attend him at Cockburnspath.

571. 1638, November 3. Holyroodhouse.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, describing how few people have been persuaded to sign the King's Covenant and how difficult will be the position of the bishops after the assembly.

572. [1638], November 5. Holyrood
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[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, sending him further papers concerning the king's instructions with regard to the five articles of Perth, and expressing his misgivings about the forthcoming assembly.

456. [1638], November 5. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], recommending the bearer, the laird of Udney, who has subscribed the King's Confession though a former covenant.

457. 1638, November 5. Old Aberdeen.

John Forbes of Corse to the marquis of Huntly, informing him that, despite their former objections, he, Dr. Barron and Dr. Sibbald intend to set out shortly for Glasgow.

Lord Herreis to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he has made his own people subscribe the King's Confession, although he has not yet done so himself.

460. [1638], November 7. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending him subscriptions to the King's Covenant, and letters from Lord Forbes and others.

162. 1638, November 8. Whythall.

[Holograph] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton concerning Mar's resignation of Edinburgh Castle, and money to be distributed among the bishops.

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs, p.114]

738. 1638, November 8. Whitehall.

[Copy] Charles I to the privy council, desiring them to use their best endeavours in the matter which he has entrusted to his commissioner.

[RPC. VII p.90]


The professors of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, excusing themselves from attending the assembly. [Signatures as in 664]


The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letters.

461. [1638], November 10. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing further signatures to the King's Covenant.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking when he can 'give any inkling of your lordship's conjecture (anent the success of this great business)' to the earl of Caithness and the Clan Donald, who are far off and surrounded by unfriendly neighbours.

604. 1638, November 11. London.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him the warrant for money which he had desired from the king.

573. 1638, November 11. Holyrudhous.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, describing the keeping of the fast ordered by the king, the archbishop of St. Andrews' impending resignation from the chancellorship, and the arrangements for the earl of Mar to hand over Edinburgh Castle.

400. [1638], November 11. Holiroudhous.

[Draft or copy] The marquis of Hamilton to Charles I, expressing his misgivings about the coming assembly at Glasgow and reporting the arrangements he has made with the earl of Mar for taking over Edinburgh Castle.

397. 1638, November 11. Whitehall.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring him to pay to John, archbishop of St. Andrews, £2,500 sterling, which he has granted to him.

709. 1638, November 11.

[Copy] Bond for £30,000 between the marquis of Hamilton and the archbishop of St. Andrews.

574. 1638, November 12. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the archbishop of Canterbury, hoping that he will support the marquis's candidate for the position of dean of Rochester.
735. 1638, November 13. Whitehall

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring him to ensure that no more copper coins are minted. [Papered signet - Scottish royal arms]


The professors of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, excusing themselves from attending the assembly. [Signatures as in 664]


The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, denying a rumour about the copper money continuing.


The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a letter from the king.

463. 1638, November 14. Holyrudehous

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the marquis of Huntly, acknowledging receipt of the rolls of subscription, which he has presented to the council.

658. 1638, November 15. Runie.

John, bishop of Moray to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing why he has been delayed on the way to the assembly.

9559. 1638, November 16/26. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], referring to the troubles in Scotland and sending an account of the wars in Italy. [9560] and copy dispatches [ ].

9560. 1638, November 16/26. Turin.

[Copy] Dispatch by Lord Basil Feilding to Mr. Secretary Cooke, giving an account of the recent conspiracy against the duke and duchess of Savoy.
575. 1638, November 16.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, informing him that he intends to leave for Hamilton on the following day, taking the bishops of Ross and Brechin with him, and noting the numbers who have so far subscribed the King's Covenant.

576. 1638, November 16.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, having just received another from him. He regrets the news about the prince elector but is so depressed by his own worries that he can think of little else.

766. [1638], November 17. Huntlye.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], referring to a petition sent to him.


John Makay, to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that he hopes to arrange to get money in London for him.

163. 1638, November 17. Whythall.

[Holograph] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton instructing him that '... ye have reason, not onlie to make good what I have promised, but also to promis them a new asemblie upon the amendemend of all the faltes and nulleties of this.'


The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the king will allow him to choose a man to keep the Great Seal until it is disposed of to someone.

9558. 1638, November 19. Turin.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], hoping that 'the successe of his Majestie's affairs in Scotland will fully recompence the Prince Elector Palatine's late misfortune' in losing Brisack.
660. 1638, November 19. Holyroodhouse

David, bishop of Edinburgh, to the marquis of Hamilton on behalf of the bearer, Mr. James Auchinleck, minister of Ketins, who has been persecuted by the covenanters.

707. [1638], November 19.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the bishop of Ross, discussing his intended procedure at the forthcoming assembly.

542. 1638, November 20. Hamilton

The bishops of Ross and Brechin to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his solicitude.


The bishops of Ross and Brechin to [the marquis of Hamilton], concerning the protestation against the presence of lay elders in the assembly.

608. 1638, November 21. Whitehall.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letters.

673. 1638, November 22. Castle of Glasgow.

The archbishop of Glasgow and the bishops of Ross and Brechin to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to use their declinator as they had previously suggested.

713. [1638], November 22.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the controller [?], asking him to persuade the king to hasten military preparations, expressing his regret that Berwick and Carlisle have not been garrisoned, and describing the situation of Dumbritton Castle.

402. 1638, November 22. Castle of Glasgow.

John, bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamilton, giving his opinion on the reading of the king's letter to the assembly, the legality of the commissioners who will attend it, whether the declinator should be presented, and the order of procedure.
Patrick Wood to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he got from the lord president 9,000 merks as requested.

577. 1638, November 27. Glasgow.

[Draft] The marquis of Hamilton to the archbishop of Canterbury, remarking that letters from the bishop of Ross and the dean will give him the latest news, and he will only add that he thought it safest for the bishop and the dean to return to Hamilton.

326. 1638, November 27. Glasgow.

[Draft] The marquis of Hamilton to Charles I, discussing the opinions and influence of the members of the council, and offering advice on the defence of the realm.

547. 1638, November 28. Lambeth.

The archbishop of Canterbury to [the marquis of Hamilton], commenting on the news from Scotland and expressing his forebodings about the Glasgow Assembly.

544. 1638, November 28.

Patrick Maule to the marquis of Hamilton, commenting on the military preparations in England.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report pp. 100-1(2).]

609. 1638, November 29. London.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letters of November 22.

464. [1638], November 29. Whythall.

The earl of Morton to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that not only the Scots at Court but also 'the gratuitous consellers and Inglis noble men' want news of affairs in Scotland.

1010. [1638], November 30. Falkirk.

The earl of Traquair to [? the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that the earl of Argyll intends to remain in Glasgow, and that the assembly will condemn the service book and episcopal government.
514. [1638, November]

Part of the marquis of Hamilton's journal, describing his journey north from London in May.


406. [1638, November]

James Sandelands to the marquis of Hamilton, relating that 'I have sent the buik I had belonging to the assemblie toye with the berar' and that he is about to journey to Glasgow.

407. [1638, November]

Protestation by bishops of Brechin and Ross on behalf of their colleagues against the choice of a moderator for the assembly.

578. 1638, December 1. Hamilton.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, expressing his dismay at the proceedings of the assembly and noting that Argyll had now declared himself for the covenanters.

693. 1638, December 3. Hamilton.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the earl of Linlithgow, stating that he intends to make his own disobedient vassals 'smart for their foillie'.

548. 1638, December 3. Lambeth.

The archbishop of Canterbury to [the marquis of Hamilton] deploring the Glasgow Assembly, but praising the marquis's conduct and condemning Alexander Henderson as 'a most violent & passionat man', and 'a Moderator without Moderation'.

[Text in Burnet pp. 137-8]

1009. [1638?], December 4.

The earl of Traquair to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he has offered his help to the captain of the king's ship, and awaits the marquis's further instructions.
Lord Goring to the marquis of Hamilton, praising the king’s government and claiming that the ill-affected in Scotland will find little support in England.


The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that there has been much alarm at the sight of one of the king’s ships in the Leith Road.

Francis Windebank to [the marquis of Hamilton], stating that Lord Basil Feilding has been reconciled with the duchess of Savoy and sending on some dispatches from Lord Feilding.

Charles I to the privy council, approving their proclamation discharging the general assembly. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms, no longer attached]

Charles I to the earl of Kingorn, thanking him for his loyal services, which he trusts will continue. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]

The archbishop of Canterbury to [the marquis of Hamilton], advising him not to come to Court until he has 'settled the country, or at least the king’s party there', and discussing the latest news from Scotland.

[Text in Burnet, 138-9]

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Glasgow, hoping that he has recovered his health and advising him not to let the unlawful excommunications trouble him.
579. 1638, December 11. Holyroodhous

Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to [the archbishop of Canterbury], describing how he has garrisoned and victualled Edinburgh Castle.

399. 1638, December 12.

Receipt by Robert Spotswoode for a bond from the marquis of Hamilton for £2,500 sterling.

470. 1638, December 12.

Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Lord Ogilvie, assuring him that his own departure for Court implies no desertion of the cause.

465. [?1638], December 15.

[ ] to the marquis of Hamilton, advising him to have reprinted at Aberdeen the confession and proclamation.

580. 163[8], December 17. Holyroodhous.

Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, informing him that a public proclamation giving reasons for the dissolution of the assembly has been issued, and deploring the lack of arms for the king's party.

9520. 1638, December 17. Venice.

Gilbert Talbot to the marquis [of Hamilton], announcing the patriarch's departure for Rome.

466. 1638, December 17. Holyroodhous.

Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton], to the marquis of Huntly, informing him that 'the pretended assemblie at Glasgow doth still continewe, and to expresse all there mad acts, would wearie you in reading', and sending him a proclamation to be published in the north.
Copy of commission to the marquis of Huntly for the publishing of a proclamation.

Bernhard, duke of Saxe-Weimer to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that he has captured the fortress of Brisach. [In French: only the signature in his own hand]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 93 No. 82].

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], announcing that his ill-usage in Turin has caused him to demand leave of the king to return to Venice.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], promising to publish the proclamation and distribute the books which the marquis has sent him.

The earl of Sterline to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that the king is pleased with his printed declaration.

The earl of Sterline to [the marquis of Hamilton], telling him that the king desires his presence at Court as soon as he can settle affairs in Scotland.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to [the provost and bailies of Glasgow], sending them copies of his proclamation against the acts of the recent Glasgow assembly. [Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report pp. 57-8]

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Canterbury, informing him that he is on his way to Court.


[The marquis of Hamilton] to [the marquis of Huntly?], expressing the opinion that the maddest of the recent assembly's acts was to prohibit the signing of the King's Confession, and remarking that he leaves for Court on the following day.

472. [1638], December 26. Dalkeith.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Nithesdaile, sending him a number of proclamations for publication.

720. [1638], December 27. Seton.

[Draft, in his own hand] The marquis of Hamilton to 'My Lord' [ ], expressing his fears that the covenanters will press for the acknowledgment that the recent assembly was legal.

625. 1638, December 27. Dalkeith.

[ ] to [ ], charging him, in terms of the king's proclamation to the session, to do nothing to advance any of the ends of the recent pretended assembly.

614. [1638], December 28. Halirudhous

The earl of Traquaire to [the marquis of Hamilton], promising to do his best to raise men for the army.

681. [1638]

The archbishop of St. Andrews to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a copy of a letter he has received.

672. [c1638-9]

Petition to the king by William Makenzie, James Ainsly and John MacKenzie, ministers in the diocese of Ross, protesting that they are being persecuted because of their refusal to obey the acts of the late pretended assembly.

[Written by James Ainsly and signed by the others]

Elisabeth Keith to Mr. John Ellies, authorising him to pay money to the bearer. Her husband has gone up to Court.

[Only the signature in her own hand]
671. [1638]

Memorandum describing how the forthcoming assembly should proceed.

661. [1638]

Copy for the marquis of Hamilton of the petition by the bishops of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Galloway and Brechin to the king, asking that he uphold them against the covenanters.

651. [1638]

[ ] to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his favours and assuring him of his zeal. [Unsigned]

634. [c1638]

John Makmath, minister of Sympreme, to ['your highness'], complaining that his fellow ministers have laid charges against him and intend to have him deposed.

[See Fasti Vol. II pp. 61-2]

1127. [c1638]

[Copy] Charles I to the professors and pastors of Aberdeen, thanking them for their loyalty.

615. [1638]

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting on public discontent with the fortifications being made at Leith, and discussing the current situation.

678. [1638]

'Notes for the Assemblie' by the archbishop of St. Andrews, discussing the time and place, representatives etc.

559. [1638]

[Draft] The marquis of Hamilton to [the archbishop of Canterbury], informing him that he had thought it best to speak with the king before proceeding further, and hoping to see the recipient soon.
The marquis of Hamilton to the archbishop of Canterbury, describing the inevitable results of holding a general assembly and the action which he believes the king should take.

The earl of Stirling to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that 'if you ar to discharge the assemblie his Majesty leaves it to your own consideration' and that if he cannot report at once to Court he may wait at Hamilton until it is convenient.

2 letters from [ ] to [the marquis of Hamilton?] concerning the necessity of registering the king's letter at the assembly.

The bishops of Edinburgh, Galloway and Lismore, with 4 ministers, to the marquis of Hamilton, bringing to his notice that Mr. David Michell has been summoned before the local presbytery, and that all other ministers who have not subscribed the covenant will also be deposed 'unless some remedy by tymouslie provided'. [Signed by 3 bishops, Jas. Hannay, M. Thomson, David Fletcher & Jas. Eliot.]

Unfinished letter of [the marquis of Huntly] to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that the king's proclamation has been read in Aberdeen. Lord Fraser and some others attempted to read a protestation, but had it not been for Huntly, it would have been torn from their hands.

Lord Lorne to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he cannot meet him in Edinburgh at the beginning of the following week, and describing how the local people refused to subscribe the King's Covenant.

List of queries by the marquis of Hamilton, in his own hand, concerning who shall preach in the coming assembly.
696. [1638] [At Court]

[Copy or draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the provost and bailies of Dumfries, rebuking them for forcing members of the town to sign the covenant against their will.

999. [c1638]

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, describing his trouble with the chaplains, some of whom have subscribed the national covenant.

971. [1638]

The earl of Traquaire to the lord justice clerk, reporting that those covenaners who were meeting in Edinburgh have now dispersed, and are now preparing for war.

973. [1638?]

The earl of Traquaire to the lord justice clerk, asking him to inform the king of the condition of Edinburgh Castle, and discussing the current situation.

960. [1638]

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that those who met in Edinburgh to arrange for the forthcoming assembly have now dispersed, leaving a few to draw up a protest.

1012. 1638

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton concerning the export of salt, and reporting that the clergy are to meet in Edinburgh to arrange for the new service book.

451. [1638]

Ministers and professors of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, giving their opinion of the King's Confession and expressing their desire to absent themselves from the Glasgow Assembly. [Signatures as in 446]

355. [1638]

[Copy] The archbishop of Glasgow to the marquis of Hamilton, 'his Majesties great commissary' informing him of 'the particular disorders and insolentes (qllk ar mony) committed within my dioois'.

The earl of Kinnoul to the marquis of Hamilton, stating that he has but little influence in his own part of the country but is curious to see the outcome of the meeting [of the assembly] at Glasgow.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], suggesting that Sir Robert Gordon be sent to Sutherland so that 'everywhere att least one faithfull man to his majesties service may remain'. This, together with the sending of supplies as previously arranged, should ensure that 'no opposer to his majesties authoritye shall dare to show himself benorth the Ryver of Tay'.

[Copy] [ ] to [ ], pointing out that nothing will more exasperate men than the king or commissioner's preferring of those who have not subscribed the Confession to those who have. The bribing of men not to sign and the sending of letters to the Aberdeen doctors are provocative actions which it is hoped will not be repeated.

Memorandum in the hand of the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, relating to the legality of the Ship Money and Mr. Hamden's objections.

[The earl of Traquair] to [Charles I], praising the 3rd marquis of Hamilton's efforts in his majesty's service.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], hoping that the king's business in Venice will reach a happy conclusion.
901. 1638/9, January 1.

Copy of a letter from England 'qr of a great number of copies are dispersed throw the countary', narrating that the council has granted the king £200,000 sterling to suppress the Scots, and that parliament will meet on April 13.

931. 1638/9, January 3. Whithall.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to the bishop of Aberdeen, telling him of the king's care for him but regretting that he cannot yet send the money requested.

991. [c1638/9], January 5. Halirudhous.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], reporting that the covenanters are about to present a petition to the king, requesting a free assembly.

767. 1638/9, January 5. Cannogait

The earl of Murray to [ ], hoping that if, as he has heard, the king is about to give a commission for 'ane generall live tenantry' in the north, he will give similar powers to the writer within the sheriffdom of Murray.

988. [1638/9], January 5.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], concerning the raising of men for the king's army.


The earl of Traquair to the marquis of Hamiltoun, declaring that the duke of Lennox's letter about the writer coming to Court has taken him by surprise. He has recently had many meetings with the archbishop of St. Andrews and other lords of the clergy, but it will be some days yet before that business is brought to a conclusion. [Badly damaged]


The earls of Argyll, Rothes, Lindesay, and others to the marquis of Hamiltoune, asking him to see that the king receives their petition requesting him to hold a parliament as promised. [Signed by the earls of Argyll, Rothes, Lindesay, Lothian, Loudoun, Lord Balmerino, Patrick Hepburne, Alexander Henderson, Forrester, Lammington and Lyon.]

The archbishop of Canterbury to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a book [a Bible?] as a New Year's gift.

996. [1638/9], January 10. Halyrudhous.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], describing the military preparations of the covenanters.

712. [1638/9], January 10. Whythall.

The marquis of Hamilton to the lord clerk register, acknowledging his letters and assuring him of his friendship.


The earl of Antrim to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing his intention of attacking the earl of Argyle's forces.


The earl of Roxburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that he will do everything in his power to avert the 'gritter extremeteis' likely to threaten the country.

987. [1638/9], January 17. Halirudhous.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how the bishops are being addressed merely as ministers, and how little effect any measures have upon the covenanters.

721. 1638/9, January 20.

The marquis of Hamilton to the lord clerk register, informing him that the writer has been summoned by the king. [Partly obliterated].

691. 1638/9, January 25.

William Belasys to the marquis of Hamilton, declaring that he and Sir Jacob Asteley will continue with their preparations for war as soon as Sir Jacob returns to Newcastle.
1008. 1638/9, January 25. Halirud.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, describing a meeting of the covenanters at Perth and the earl of Murray's annoyance at rumours that Huntly is to be made lieutenant in the north. The earl of Argyll and his friends have been meeting in Glasgow.


The earl of Lindesay to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking on the preparations for war and expressing his forebodings about the outcome.


The earl of Traquair to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Rothes is waiting in Edinburgh for the earl of Argyll, but that the council will not meet before Tuesday.

899. 1638/9, January 26.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, requiring his presence at York on April 1. [Torn]

1006. [1638/9], January 28. Halyrud.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Argyll is expected after his father's funeral.

1002. 1638/9, January 28.

[ ] to the earl of Traquair, describing the raising of men for the covenanters, and unrest stirred up by the ministers.


The earl of Southesk to the earl of Traquaire, discussing the situation in central Scotland, subscriptions to the national covenant, and the marquis of Montrose's enmity towards him.


Lord Ettrick to Charles I, concerning supplies of money and men for the castle.
9515. 1638/9, February 11. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], rejoicing at his correspondent's safe return to Court from Scotland. While passing through Parma the writer saw two pictures by Correrio, but at unreasonable prices. In Bologna Guido Rheno and Albano are both working on paintings, one of which will be given to the king or queen.

1005. 1638/9, February 1. Holyroodhouse.

The earl of Traquair to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning discussion by the lords of session of a petition by the covenanting lords, and the recent covenanting activity throughout the country.

775. 1638/9, February 2. Whythall.

[?Copy] [?The earl of Traquair] to [ ], informing him that arms and ammunition are to be shipped to Aberdeen, and that the nobles have been ordered to attend the king at York.

711. 1638/9, February 3. Whythall.

The marquis of Hamilton to 'my Lord', [ ], reporting that the king will arrive at York on the appointed day, with 30,000 men 'and all the flower of the nobilitie and gentrie of Ingland', but will not send garrisons to Berwick and Carlisle.

751. [1638/9], February 3. Aberdene.

The marquis of Huntlye to [? the marquis of Hamilton], alleging that the covenanters in the north 'doe daylie diminishe', except that the Earl Marshal now seems to favour them.

779. 1638/9, February 5. Cortoquhy.

Lord Ogilvy to the marquis of Hamilton, narrating that he has distributed copies of the king's latest proclamation, and that the instructions from the Tables have been read in Forfar.
778. 1638/9, February 5. Cortoquhy.

Lord Ogilvy to Charles I, relating that he has opposed the instructions sent out to the shires by the Tables.

784. 1638/9, February 5.

Mr. Thomson to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a letter giving news of a 'gentleman' [unnamed.]

1145. 1638/9, February 6. Rathfreilan.

Hugh Macneil to the earl of Antrim, informing him of the death of Lord Iveagh.

1065. 1638/9, February 6. Tolbuith.

[ ] to [ ], describing his attempt to send provisions to Inverness Castle.

753. [1638/9], February 7. Aberdeen.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting on local subscriptions to the King's Covenant and on the covenanters' meeting at Turriff.


The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him of a meeting of the covenanters at Forfar, and sending him a paper concerning an addition to the covenant.

9516. 1638/9, February 8\(\frac{8}{16}\). Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], welcoming the favourable letters of credence sent to him by Mr. Secretary Windebanke.


The earl of Caithness to Charles I, promising to join his majesty at York as commanded.


Lord Beridell to the marquis of Huntly, expressing his loyalty to the king.

Lord Beridell to Charles I, assuring him that he will join him at York as requested.


The earl of Traquaire to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him of a forthcoming meeting of covenanters in Edinburgh, of their military preparations, and of the current situation.

622. 1638/9, February 10. Whitehall.

Samuel Turner to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his kindness.

1130. 1638/9, February 13.

George Stirline to the bishop of Galloway, complaining of the ill-treatment of those who have signed the King's Covenant.

754. [1638/9], February 13. Aberdeine.

The marquis of Huntlye to [? the marquis of Hamilton], announcing his intention to observe the covenanters' meeting at Turriff on the following day.

9517. 1638/9, February 15\(^{25}\). Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], telling him that the College assures him that he will be treated with all honour, to compensate for previous differences, and thanking his correspondent for his protection.

755. [1638/9], February 17. Aberdein.

The marquis of Huntlye to [? the marquis of Hamilton], discussing the recent meeting of the covenanters at Turriff.

793. 1638/9, February 18. Thomtalan.

The earl of Angus to the marquis of Hamilton, sending a verbal message by the bearer.
794. 1638/9, February 18. Thantalan.

The earl of Angus to Charles I, beseeching him for his continued favour.


Lord Ettrick to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of 'what expressions of loyaltie and obedience to his majestie hath benne lately shovne by the nobilitie of the covenanterst and by the town of Edinburgh. The 100 men and ammunition are now in the castle.


Lord Ogilvy to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending the bearer, William Arnott.

1149. 1638/9, February 22. Dublin Castle.

[Copy] The lord deputy of Ireland to the earl of Antrim, announcing the king's intention to be at York on 1 April, and reminding him to have his forces in readiness.

690. 1638/9, February 22. Morto [?] [Co. Durham]

William Belasys to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the raising of soldiers in County Durham.

9518. 1638/9, March 4 NS
[? February 23 OS]

Lord Basil Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], expressing his obligations to his correspondent.

787. 1638/9, February 23. Keis.

Lord Beridell to the marquis of Huntlye, reporting on the men and supplies of the covenanterst in the north, who include his own 'ungrait sone'. [The last paragraph only in his own hand]


[ ] to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how the writer has gone to Dover, sending his son to York with 20 horse and well armed men.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.58]
983. [1638/9], February 23. Dalkythe.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him some papers and informing him that he has brought the bishop of Galloway to Dalkythe for safety.

985. [1638/9], February 24. Halyrudhous.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], describing a recent meeting of the covenanters and their future intentions.

756. [1638/9], February 25. Aberdeine.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that all is quiet except for rumours of another even larger meeting of covenanters.


[Copy] The earl of Antrim to the lord deputy of Ireland, alleging that he knows nothing of the king's plans, and although, 'if I had many lives I wold venter them all in his service', it is impossible for him to raise his forces at once or in the numbers required.

888. 1638/9, February 27. Fisherie?

[?Cragard] to the marquis of Huntley, reporting that he has purchased about 300 subscriptions to the King's Covenant.

789. 1638/9, February 27. Keise.

The earl of Caithness to the marquis of Huntly, describing how his messenger was robbed of previous letters to the marquis, and informing him that the writer's son is raising 2,000 men for the king's cause.


The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamiltoun, describing the covenanters' preparations.

930. 1638/9, March 1. Whithall.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Hadington, telling him of some malicious rumours about his alleged disloyalty.
796. 1638/9, March 1. Edinburgh.

The earls of Traquair, Argyll, Mar, Lauderdale, Angus, Southesk and others to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to deliver to the king their letter protesting their innocence of charges of raising men for an invasion of England. [Signed by the above, Lords Napier and Amont, Sir Thomas Hope, James Carmichael, J. Hay, Hamilton, W. Fynhstoun and A. Blakkall.]

1019. [1638/9], March 2. Haliroodhouse.

The earl of Lauderdale to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the adherents of the recent assembly are meeting in Edinburgh.


Elizabeth, 3rd countess of Exeter, to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to persuade the king to release to her and her friends 1000 acres of land promised to them in their 'business of Deeping'.

758. [1638/9], March 7. Aberdene.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that all is quiet in the north although the covenanters plan another meeting, at Perth.

1152. 1638/9, March 8. Athlone.

Lord Dillon to the earl of Antrim, expressing his desire to serve the king with 2,000 men.

620. 1638/9, March 8.

The earl of Suffolk to the Marquis Hambleton, asking for a respite in order to raise the £20,000 which he owes Mr. Secretary Coke.

759. [c1639], March 9. Aberdeine.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], discussing the state of public opinion in Scotland, and reporting that Sir Alexander Gordon has landed with arms.
1638/9, March 10. Cortequhy.

Lord Ogilvy to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the laird of Fintrrie, who is sheriff of Forfar, has supported the covenanters from the first, and asking that he himself be sent some of the arms landed at Aberdeen.

1638/9, March 12.

[Copy] Memorandum by the earl of Antrim to the lord deputy of Ireland, stating his 'demands of your lordships assistance towards the rayseing of forces and armes and munition' for the king's service.

1638/9, March 17. Dublin.

The earl of Antrim to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting on his military preparations, his conversations with the lord deputy, and his intended invasion of Scotland.

1638/9, March 17. Dublin.

The earl of Antrim to [? the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from Lord Dillon.[Supra,1152]

1638/9, March 17. Aberdeen.

[? Sir Alexander Gordon] to 'my most nobill lord and dear brother' [as in supra 799], regretting that he cannot meet him as desired because of 'dywers publict eapoyntments'.

1638/9, March 17. Aberdeen.

Sir Alexander Gordone to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of his safe arrival at Aberdeen with the ammunition from Hull.

1638/9, March 17. Aberdeen.

The marquis of Huntlye to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that the entire covenanting forces are gathering under the earl of Montrose and General Leslie.


The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a verbal message by the bearer.

[ ] Douglas to the marquis of Hamilton,
informing him that the marquis of Argyle and the marquis of
Montrose are going to Aberdeen with 8000 men.

4571. [?1638/9], March 21. [?Edinburgh]

[ ] to [ ],
discussing the fortifications of Leith.

1001. [?1638/9], March 21.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], describing
his 'strange and unexpected welcome' in Edinburgh, and the
covenanters' military preparations.

803. 1638/9, March 24.

The earl of Strafforde to the marquis of Hamilton,
describing how the [Irish] parliament has voted the king
subsidies, and how he now plans to raise 8,000 foot and their
officers to be ready to enter Scotland by June 30.


Lord Ettrick to the Marquis Hambleton, thanking him for
his past kindness and hoping for his continuing favour.

773. 1638/9, March 24.

Memorandum by Lord Ettrick for the marquis of Hamilton,
describing the actions of the committee of 12 noblemen, 12
barons and 12 burgesses.

[Enclosed with supra 772]


Lord Ettrick to Charles I, asking him to receive the
bearer, Major Alexander Steuart, into his service.


[? Sir Alexander Gordon] to 'my most nobill lord and deare
brother', sending a verbal message by the bearer.
846. 1638/9, March 26.

[Copy or draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Arundel, recommending the bearer for a vacancy as lieutenant-colonel.

1202. [1639], April 3. Aboard the 'Rainbow'.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, concerning arrangements for transporting ammunition to the fleet.

1259. 1639, April 7. Carnetoun.

The earl of Roxburgh to the earl of Stirling, passing on the news brought by his son, that 3000 of the covenanters were to be at Jedburgh by April 3.

585. [1639], April 7. Yorke.

The earl of Sterline to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him some letters.

587. [1639?], April 7. York.

The earl of Sterline [secretary of state for Scotland] to the marquis of Hamilton, relating that he has heard that General Leslie and Colonel Monro are approaching the border.

812. 1639, April 9. Drury Lane.

Francis Windebanke to [ ], describing how he has investigated a complaint about the insufficiency of the men and arms in Kent.

938. 1639, April 12. Aboard the 'Rainbow'

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to [ ], complaining of the lack of trained soldiers, and describing the sailing orders of the various ships.

[Also another copy of this].

813. 1639, April 12. London.

The earl of Northumberland to the marquis of Hamilton, explaining why the colliers had no special tackle, but reporting that he has sent a number of cables for them.
814. 1639, April 12. London.

The earl of Northumberland to [the marquis of Hamilton], in similar terms to 813.

909. 1639, April 12. Aboard the 'Rainbow'.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to 'the Archbishopp' [of Canterbury], complaining that his supply ships have been held up and the men from Kent are untrained. He hopes to set sail for Yarmouth on the following day.

1190. 1639, April 12. Yorke.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing the king's dissatisfaction with the loss of Dumbarton and Aberdeen and with the slow gathering of his army, expressing fears of a Scottish invasion, and reporting on preparations in the north of England.


Sir W. Stewart to the marquis of Hamilton, protesting that Dumbarton Castle could not have held out, and was betrayed by the garrison.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report p.105(178)]

1082. 1639, April 13. London.

The earl of Northumberland to [the marquis of Hamilton], entreatee him not to take too seriously Sir John Pennington's complaints about the ships.

1261. [1639], April 15: 5 p.m. Aboard the 'Rainbow' in Yarmouth Road.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the treasurer, complaining of the lack of trained men, and describing the initial stages of the naval expedition.

1214. 1639, April 15. Yorke.

Sir Henry Vane to [? the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that he is doing all he can to hasten the departure of the army.
940. 1639, April 15. Yarmouth Road.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Francis Windebanke, praising the diligence of the lord admiral, but complaining that 7 of the ships bringing him ammunition have not yet come.

722. [1639], April 15. Yarmouth Road.

The marquis of Hamilton to Sir John Hay, acknowledging his letters.

817. 1639, April 15. Lecaile.

Lord Cromwell to [ ], explaining his absence from the royal army.

1215. 1639, April 16; 7 a.m. Yarmouth Road.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, reporting that Lindsay's ships have sailed but that he himself expects to be delayed by the weather. He had intercepted a Scots ship carrying salt from La Rochelle but found the captain to be a loyal subject of the king.

941. 1639, April 17.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Mr. Sherborne, advising him to see Colonel Hariott about armaments.

1213. 1639, April 18. from the 'Rainbow' in Yarmouth Road.

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to 'mester tresurar' [? William Juxon], complaining of the lack of victuals and the shortage of trained men.

818. [1639], April 18. Yorke.

The earl of Sterline to [? the marquis of Hamilton], acknowledging his letter and discussing briefly the current situation.

820. 1639, April 19. Yarmouth Road.

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Francis Windebanke, reporting on the regiments which have just arrived under Sir Thomas Morton.
Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of the altered royal proclamation and describing attempts to build up a royalist party in Scotland.

Sir Henry Vane to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that he should find the 'shipp laden with ordinance, drumms and partizans' in the road of Holy Island.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that he will ask the king to allow the Scots more than 8 days to comply with his proclamation, and discussing what arms the marquis will need.

[Copy] Lord Kinpount to Mr. Alexander Henderson, promising to support the true religion and the country's liberty.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, complaining of lack of officers and shortage of provisions.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, explaining that the fleet has been unable to sail because of mist and contrary winds.

Sir Henry Vane to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the fleet's need for victuals and officers, and describing the refusal of Lords Saye and Brooke to take the new oath to the king.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Francis Windebanke, explaining the delay in sailing and praising the men of Suffolk as well armed and respectful.
821. 1639, April 23; 5 a.m. Yarmouth Road.

The marquis of Hamilton to Sir Francis Windesbanke, explaining why they have only now set sail, and reporting on the men under his command.

1205. 1639, April 26. Scarborough Road.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, describing how he has been delayed by contrary winds.


Lord Clifford to the marquis of Hamilton on board the 'Rainebowe', informing him that letters from Court are on their way to him, and that the king intends to be at Rabye on the following Monday.

1204. 1639, April 28. Raby Castle.

Sir Henry Vane to [? the marquis of Hamilton], sending him a packet of letters and giving him the latest news of the English march north.

1203. 1639, April 29.

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, describing the arrival of the fleet at Boswich Hope, the capture of 3 Scots ships, and announcing his intention to sail to the Forth where he will commit no act of hostility unless in his own defence.


Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, commending to him the bearer, who would take employment with Charles I.

1080. 1639, May 2. Leith.

James Prymrois to the marquis of Hamilton, explaining that he has been prevented from communicating with him.

823. 1639, May 2. On board the 'Rainbow'.

[Copy] [ ] to James Primrose, requiring him to send his son aboard on the following evening.

824. 1639, May 3. On board the 'Rainbowe'

[ ] to James Primrose, concerning his son's failure to come aboard.

1079. 1639, May 3.

The provost and bailies of Edinburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, declaring that they have sought nothing but liberty of religion and are grieved that he should come in a hostile manner.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.105-6(179).]

1077. 1639, May 6.

James Prymrois to the marquis of Hamiltoun, informing him that some of the nobility have told him not to publish the proclamation as yet.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report p.106(183).]


The provost and bailies of Edinburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for three days in which to consider the king's proclamation.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.106(180).]

935. 1639, May 6.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to Sir John Pennington, instructing him to send victuals to the men on the island and to the sailors in the colliers.
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1201. [1639, May 7] Aboard the 'Rainbow'

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to [Sir Henry Vane] in similar terms to supra 1200, with slight alterations and a fuller description of the sending of the proclamation to Edinburgh.

1200. 1639, May 7. Aboard the 'Rainbow' in Leith Road.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, reporting on his expedition to the Firth of Forth, preparations to fortify Inchkeith, shortage of water etc.


Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton] describing his arrangements to send him victuals, the lord deputy's preparations for coming to England, and the king's plans for marching north. Also an extra sheet informing him of Lord Aboyne's arrival.

1101. [1639], May 9.

Eleazer Borthuick to the marquis of Hamilton, warning him against the evils of fighting against God and his native country. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.106(186).]

1104. 1639, May 9.

The provost and bailies of Edinburgh, expressing adherence to the reply given by the covenanting noblemen and others. [supra 1084.]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.106(181).]


Sir William Stewart to the marquis of Hamilton, protesting that he did not try to betray the castle.


The bishop of Brechin to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking his help for 'the poor destitut clergie'.

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The earls of War, Rothes and other covenanters to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the king's proclamation, which they cannot obey.

[Printed in Burnet pp.158-9; see H.M.C. Report p.106(181n).]


Sir Henry Vane to [? the marquis of Hamilton], announcing the king's intention to march with his army, so as to make himself known to his soldiers, and to send the Scottish lords home.

951. [? 1639], May 10.

[Draft] The marquis of Hamilton to [the earl of Rothes], charging him and the other covenanters with disobedience, and asserting that the king had never shut his ears to the dutiful supplication of his subjects.

[Printed in Burnet, pp.160-1; summarised in H.M.C. Report p.106 (184).]


The earl of Newport to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that his own regiment has now arrived.


The earl of Airthe to the marquis of Hammilton, regretting that he missed seeing him, and expressing his gratitude for past favours.

830. [1639], May 10. Newcastle.

The earl of Essex to the Marquis Hambleton, acknowledging his letters and explaining why he had not sent him the directions about 'the stay of the ships'.


The earl of Arunddle to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him that his services in the Firth [of Forth] will be of value, and hoping for a meeting by land.
919. [1639, May 10]

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the provost and bailies of Edinburgh, rebuking them for not publishing at once the royal proclamation sent to them.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 105(4)].

834. 1639, May 11. Inchcomb.

Thomas Morton and S. Harcourt to the marquis of Hamilton, promising to see to a martial court as ordered, and informing him of their lack of fresh water.

1086. [1639], May 11.

The earl of Holland to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the army is making all possible haste to the Borders.

1057. 1639, May 12.

The duke of Richmond and Lenox to the marquis of Hamilton, sending his greetings.

920. [1639], May 12.

[Draft] The marquis of Hamilton to Eleazer Borthuik, denying that in serving the king he is likely to offend God, and emphasising that his special commission is 'the greatest hapines that ever befell me'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.106(187)].


William Gray to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his letter.


The earl of Rothes to the marquis of Hamilton, deploRING his arrival with an army and navy, and refusing to give way.

[Text printed in Burnet pp.163-4, referred to in H.M.C. Report, p.107, note in parenthesis]
835. [1639], May 14.

[Draft or copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Arundel, informing him of his need for provisions, and reporting on the men in his command.

825. [1639], May 14. from before Leith.

The marquis of Hamilton to the clerk register, sending his greetings.

1197. [1639], May 14. Aboard the 'Rainbow'.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, complaining of the shortage of victuals, describing his dealings with the covenanters, and discussing various matters raised by Vane in a recent letter.


The earl of Sterline to [the marquis of Hamilton], recommending the bearer to him.


[Copy] The lord deputy of Ireland to [ ], discussing the inevitable failure of the earl of Antrim's plans, and reporting that he himself has ordered half the army to march to Knockfargus.


The earl of Rothes to the marquis of Hamilton, complaining that he has not received a reply to his last letter and that 'we sustaine prejudice by your fleet.' An agreement can be reached only if the marquis will interview some of the covenanting noblemen.

1102. [1639], May 17. Leith.

Eleazer Borthuik to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that Lord Lyndsay is to present a petition [?1099].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.106(188).]
The marquis of Hamilton to the earl of Rothes, in reply to his of the 13th, telling him that if the marquis has to proceed any further 'in a violent course' it is the fault of the covenanters.

[Text printed in Burnet, pp. 164-5]

The earl of Arundell to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that they are reinforcing the army with some regiments of foot and horse, and that they hope to march north on the following Monday.

The earl of Northumberland to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that he is supplying him with 8 ships and 5,000 land men and with 2 months' victualls, in accordance with the king's commands.

Sir Henry Vane to the marquis of Hamilton, referring to the king's own letter to [the marquis] and discussing the English advance northwards and the victualling of the fleet.

[Draft] The marquis of Hamilton] to his brother-in-law Lord Lindsay, protesting that there is no way in which he can mediate with the king on his lordship's behalf, and denying that the fleet has done any damage.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 107(191)]
924. [1639], May 20.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to Eleazer Borthuick, reporting that he has sent an answer to Lord Lindsay's petition and announcing the capture of a ship with some Scots officers, women and children.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.107(190)].

1193. [1639], May 21. Lieth Roade.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, describing the capture of a ship of Bremen, many of whose officers had served under Leslie, and reporting that smallpox has broken out among his own men.


The gentlemen of Aberdeenshire to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to send warships supplied with men and money.

[32 signatures - Gordons, Ogilvies and others]

1100. 1639, May 22. Hadinton.

Lord Lindsay to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, commenting on his refusal to mediate, and sending 'certain articles of our desires'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.107(194)].

979. [1639?], May 22. Dalkythe.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that council is about to meet to advise on 'the present estate of this poor kingdom'.

1103. 1639, May 23.

Eleazer Borthuik to the marquis of Hamilton, declaring that nothing can be done unless the acts of the assembly are ratified.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.107(192)].

922. [1639], May 23.

The marquis of Hamilton to Eleazer Borthuik, refusing to believe that his master [the king] is not in the right.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.107(193)].
Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting on the royal army's march northwards, rumours of the size of the enemy force, and arrangements for shipping victuals north.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the earl of Rothes. dismissing Lord Lindsay's petition as an unjust complaint and insisting on submission.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.108(196).]

Lord Ogilvy to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the meeting of covenanters at Turriff and their other activities in the north.

The bishop of Brechin to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to support his application for the bishopric of Elphin.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that he should send two regiments to the king.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to aid Lord Aboyne with a ship and ammunition, and describing how the royal army has been delayed because of disorders over the shortage of supplies.

John Symson, [constable of Dundee], to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him not to deal severely with the town since 'the most part of them ar innocent and only forced against their will' to support the covenanters.

John, bishop of Ross, to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking that Lord Aboyne is being sent to him.


Lord Ogilvy to Charles I, describing the gathering of covenanters at Turrif and their subsequent defeat, but fearing that they will shortly take Aberdeen again.

934. 1639, May 24. Aboard the 'Rainbow' in Leith Road.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to the mayor of Yarmouth, sending home some of his men who have contracted smallpox.

1110. 1639, May 25.

Peter White to Mr. Callespell, concerning the 100 deals for the marquis of Hamilton, to be used to make a deck for the sick men.

782. 1639, May 25. Airlie.

Lord Ogilvy to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for assistance to be sent by sea since the Earl Marshal and other covenanting troops have entered Aberdeen and are about to attack bands of the king's supporters in the north.

1260. 1639, May 25. [? In Leith Road]

[Copy] [?] The marquis of Hamilton] to 'mester tresurar', describing public discontent with the 'stoppe of trade' and complaining about the lack of beer and victuals.

841. 1639, May 25. Aboard the 'Rainbowe' in Leethe Road.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earls of Arundel and Holland, thanking Arundel for his letter and saying that the incident described therein had been reported to him quite differently by the covenanters.

847. 1639, May 26. Near the [ ] mayne.

[Copy] [ ] to the earl of Arundel, sending two regiments to Holy Island.
1184. 1639, May 26. Aboard the 'Rainbowe'

[The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, reporting the arrival of the earls of Glencairn, Tillibarne and Lithgow, and Lord Livingstone, and the departure of the earl of Kinnoull for Berwick.

1183. 1639, May 26. Aboard the 'Rainbow' near the Island Maye.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, describing how he has put some men ashore on Inchkeith, has left others in Leith Road, and has himself sailed towards the east point of Fife. In conclusion he discusses the lord deputy's intended arrival.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, concerning victuals for the army and warning him that the Scots ship which put in at Tynemouth was carrying arms for Aberdeen, despite what her officers may say to the contrary.

791. 1639, May 27.

Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the case in the exchequer chamber involving Mr. Hugh Kinnare.

921. [1639], May 28.

[2 Drafts, not in his own hand] The marquis of Hamilton to the earl of Rothes, consenting to a conference.

[Summarised very briefly in H.M.C. Report, p.107(1974)]

1105. 1639, May 29. 'from our Leaguer'.

The earl of Rothes to the marquis of Hamilton, excusing himself from meeting him since the English advance requires his attention.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.108(1984)]

976. 1639, May 29.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the amount of salt to be sent from Scotland yearly.
1195. 1639, May 29. the camp at Twede Water.

Sir Henry Vane to [? the marquis of Hamilton], discussing the current negotiations with the covenanters and the possibility of making a treaty with them.

848. 1639, May 29. London.

W. Moorhead to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the marquis's children are in good health and that his house at Chelsea is going on well.

1196. 1639, May 29. Aboard the 'Rainbowe'.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, informing him that Lord Aboyne has not yet arrived, but the earl of Tillibairne is about to go home, and repeating rumours of disorders in the covenanting army.

1194. 1639, May 29.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, expressing his irritation at the arrival of Lord Aboyne and his ill-equipped men.

1191. 1639, May 31. Whitfare.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, expressing his relief that more victuals are to be sent to him.


Lord Balmerino and others to the marquis of Hamilton, protesting that they are forced to defend their religious liberties.


1192. [1639], May 31. Leethe Road.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, reporting that he has given a ship to Lord Aboyne, together with arms for his men, and that Lords Tullibarne and Glencarne have also gone north.

John Coke to the marquis of Hamilton, asking that he give a free passage to men being levied in Scotland for service in the United Provinces.

618. [?1639], May.

Sir John Hamilton of Orbieston to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the current situation and remarking that the king's preparations are going ahead slowly.

1181. 1639 [c May] [Firth of Forth]

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, describing his shortage of water and need for victuals.

819. 1639, May.

The earl of Sterline to [? the marquis of Hamilton], describing how Lord Aboyne has sought a commission for the lands north of the Tay, and Lord Roxburgh's son has joined the covenanters.

1111. 1639, June 1. Barwick.

Lord Lindsay to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for the ships sent to Barwick.

844. 1639, June 1. Barwick.

Lord Feilding to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton], describing his recent discussions with the king concerning the position of the covenanting army, Lord Aboyne's proposed venture, and the plan of campaign.

851. 1639, June 1.

[Copies] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the bailies and seafaring men of Burntisland, informing them that the king's loyal subjects may trade freely and will be issued with passports for that purpose.

1066. 1639, June 2. From Camp.

The earl of Arundel to the marquis of Hamilton, regretting that no Scottish men of quality have as yet submitted to the king, and warning him that more arms are on their way to the covenanters by sea.
1180. 1639, June 2. Huntly Field.

Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending a verbal message by the bearer, concerning the return of the victuals and 4 colliers and warning him that a ship loaded with arms is about to enter the firth.

853. [c1639], June 3.

[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to Lord Durie, deploring the current troubles.

926. 1639, June 3. Aboard the 'Rainbow'

[The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Rothes, refusing to go to Berwick to mediate without the king's special command.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.108(199)].


The justice clerk to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the earls of Traquair and Roxburgh have been reconciled with the king.

334. 1639, June 4. from the Rode off Aberdeen.

Lord Aboyne to [the marquis of Hamilton], announcing that he hopes to land soon, and that when they heard of the approach of the king's ships, the covenanters left off the siege of Gight.

855. 1639, June 4. The 'Rainbow' in Leith Road.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to the seafaring men of Bruntiland, telling them that they have been misled and that by 'obedience' is meant 'your disistinge from caringe armes against your Soveraine'.

833. 1639, June 4. Camp at Berks upon Tweed.

The earl of Arundell to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for a pinnace to take the bearer to Banff with letters from the king to the nobility.
1179. 1639, June 4. Huntley Field.

Sir Henry Vane to [? the marquis of Hamilton], describing the English army's advance northwards and giving the latest information about the Scottish army's position and numbers.

[Note by Charles I approving what Sir Henry has written, he himself having no time to send a letter of his own]

551. 1639, June 4. Lambeth.

The archbishop of Canterbury to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how upset he was that the marquis had had to send 3,500 of his own men to augment the king's forces.

816. 1639, June 7. London.

The earl of Northumberland to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to discharge the ships carrying victuals to him as soon as they have delivered their cargoes.


Colonel Gunn to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he and his men landed at Aberdeen and published the king's proclamation, and asking for arms.

858. [1639], June 9. Aberdeine.

Lord Aboyne to [the marquis of Hamilton] asking for further instructions and describing his need for men, money and arms.


The bishop of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of Patrick Finlay, an Aberdeen skipper persecuted by the covenanters.

956. 1639, June 10.

[Copy] Conditions signed by the commissioners for the Covenanters.
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Copies of letters from [unnamed] at the king's camp at Barwicke, to various lords. [unnamed].

1115. 1639, June 10. Campheir.

[Copy] Sir Patrick Drummond to [the earl of Stirling], reporting that arms and powder are being sent to Scotland.

859. 1639, June 10. Aberdeen.

William Johnstone to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the need for soldiers and supplies, and informing him that he has captured various covenanters.

1121. 1639, June 11. Aboard the 'Rainbow'.

Francis Vernon to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he has mustered a regiment of 1500 men on Inchkeith.

1112. 1639, June 11.

The earl of Roxburghe to [the marquis of Hamilton], discussing a letter he has received from the earl of Montrose.

860. 1639, June 11. Aboard the 'Rainbow'.

Sir John Pennington to the marquis of Hamilton, sending a message by the bearer.


Thomas Alcocke to [ ], describing how he returned various soldiers to the places where they were levied.

1020. 1639, June 15. Thyrlestane.

The earl of Lauderdaill to the marquis of Hamilton, sending a verbal message by the bearer.
1639, June 20. Montcly Feild.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, ordering him to discharge all the ships under his command in the firth except those awaiting further commands, and to tell Sir John Pennington to make for the Downs.

[Superscribed by the king]


Sir Henry Vane to [the marquis of Hamilton], discussing the paying and victualling of the soldiers, and reporting that the king wishes the marquis to deal with the meeting as he thinks fit.

1639, June 22. Barwick.

Sir Henry Vane to [victualling of Holy Island], concerning the

1639, June 23. Aboard the 'Rainbowe'.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, concerning the disbanding of the army and fleet, and the surrender of [? Edinburgh] Castle.

1639, June 24. Berwiche.

Sir Henry Vane to [? the marquis of Hamilton], discussing reports that the king intends to return south.

1639, June 27. Edinburgh.

The earl of Rothes to the marquis of Hamilton, complaining about the depredations of Huntly's 'broken men'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.108(200)]

1639, June 29. Aberdeen.

The provost and bailies of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, asking that he support their commissioners' plea for compensation for the loss sustained through having armies quartered on the town.
927. 1639, June 29. Berwick.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Rothes, informing him that the marquis of Huntly was responsible for his own men, and that the council would proceed against any 'broken men'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.108(201).]

1178. 1639, June 29.

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Henry Vane, informing him that the lords lieutenant of Suffolk and Essex must be ordered to receive Sir Nicholas Byron's regiment, and telling him about the punishment of the mutineers.

856. 1639, June. London.

Sir Ralph Freeman to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that his business on behalf of the marquis should soon be concluded.

862. 1639, July 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Rothes to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending a message by the bearer.


969. [?1639], July 3. Canogat.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that nothing can be brought from the pier since the storms are so great, and that he cannot leave Edinburgh yet because of the 'madnes of dispositione' of the people.

863. 1639, July 5. Newcastle.

John Marlay to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning Henry Hodgson, who claims to have been the first to suggest that the king raise the duty on coal.

843. 1639, July 6. Leith Road.

Richard Feildinge to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he has disposed of various ships and some ammunition.
948. 1639, July 8. Berwick.

Petition to the king by [the marquis of Hamilton], setting down reasons why he should not be chosen as commissioner to the forthcoming assembly. [See 905]

838. 1639, July 8. York.

The earl of Holland to Charles I, concerning the disbanding of the army.


The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, arranging to send money to the bishop of Brechin.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton?] to the earl of Traquaire, advising him to tell Ruthen that one of the men whom he has taken on betrayed Edinburgh Castle to the covenanters.

842. 1639, July 10. Leith Road.

Richard Feildinge to the marquis of Hamilton, asking how he should dispose of the ordnance aboard and of the colliers when they have delivered their victuals.


The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the cannon and ammunition were again delayed, and that he has been again insulted by 'sume weoman with plades about yr heades'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.109(208, 3); Text in Gardiner pp. 95-6]


The earl of Antrim to [ ], describing his difficulty in persuading his followers in Scotland to accept the pacification and asking for the recipient's aid in preventing Argyll from gaining Kintyre and in helping the earl obtain the lands in Coleraine granted to him.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to [protesting his loyalty to the king, but hoping that if his majesty decides not to attend the forthcoming assembly and parliament in person, he will not choose the writer as his commissioner.


[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to the lord treasurer of Scotland [the earl of Traquair], telling him that the king requires his presence in Barwick.

1165. 1639, July 14.

The earl of Antrim to [the marquis of Hamilton], requesting his support against the earl of Argyll for those of the writer's followers returning to claim their lands in Scotland.

1095. [1639], July 15. Halyrud.

The earl of Traquaire to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing a dispute among the covenanters as to who should go to the king.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.109 (208, 4); printed in Gardiner, pp. 97-8]

1037. 1639, July 15.

The archbishop of Glasgow to the marquis of Hamilton, complaining that the money promised to him by the king has not yet been paid.

866. 1639, July 15. [London]

Thomas, Lord Coventrye [the lord keeper] to the king reporting on the discussion in council of a commission and some bills.

809. 1639, July 17. Barwicke.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, ordering him privately to do all he can to discover the covenanters' intentions, with the assurance that he will not be called to account for anything he might say to them.
967. [? 1639], July 17.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that all is quiet for the moment, though men are being drilled and surveys of arms taken.

1053. [1639], July 18. Ramsbury.

[Copy] The chancellor to Mr. Secretary Windebanke, denying that he has circulated pamphlets by the covenanters on the pacification of Berwick.

1024. 1639, July 19.

The earl of Middlesex to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the council has condemned his subjects' recent abuse of the king's prerogative.

1114. 1639, July 22. Canbury.

Thomas, Lord Coventry, to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to call in all commissions.

1107. 1639, July 22.

Depositions by Captains William Paine, Thomas Paradise and George Blairing, concerning an encounter with a Scottish ship. [Signed by the captains and by Alexander Hamilton, Richard Feildinge, Philip Hill and Edgar Baylief]

[See 1108]

811. 1639, July 23. Drury Lane.

Francis Windebanke to [ ], wishing that the king were safe in the south again, not risking his life with a people determined to cast off monarchical government; and sending some papers connected with Strafford.

1108. 1639, July 24. from the 'Bonaventur' in Leith Road.

Richard Feildinge to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending various men ashore, with a copy of their depositions [supra 1107].
868. 1639, July 29.

William Playters to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the raising of men and arms from Suffolk.

8368. [?1639], July 31. Tinaingham.

The earl of Hadinton to the marquis of Hamilton, declaring that in his opinion the covenanters cannot but 'accept of peace if they can have it', and hoping that they will be thankful for the fact that any favour procured for them of the king will have been the marquis's doing.

8965. 1639, July 21

Alb[recht?] Joachimi, on behalf of the states general of the United Provinces, to the privy council of the king of Great Britain, protesting against the seizure of a Dutch ship.

[In French] [Damaged.] [With modern translation and transcription]

1163. 1639, July. Edenbrough Castle.

Order by [ ] to [ ] to farm to the earl of Antrim 300 acres of land so that he may build a mansion house.


[Copy] The marquis of Hamilton to his brother-in-law Lord Lindsay, reporting that the king intends parliament and a general assembly to be held, and has appointed Traquair as commissioner.

936. [1639], August 6. Whythall.

[Draft, in his own hand] The marquis of Hamilton to Lord Laderdail, declaring that although he is no longer commissioner, he will do all in his power to serve his friends.

1028. 1639, August 6. Whythall.

[Copy] Charles I to the privy council, appointing the earl of Traquair as commissioner to the coming assembly.

869. 1639, August 6. Hamburg.

John Durye to [ ], describing the progress of the war in Germany where the protestant armies are prospering on all sides.

944. 1639, August 6. Whitehall.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the bishop of Ross, referring to the writer's gratitude to the archbishop of Canterbury.

1045. 1639, August 10.

[Copy] The archbishop of St. Andrews and the bishops of Edinburgh, Ross, Aberdeen, Brechin, Lismore and Galloway to [the earl of Traquair], sending him a protestation to be put before the coming general assembly.


The lords of the privy council to Charles I, acknowledging his appointment of the earl of Traquair as commissioner. With a copy. [Papered seal]

1119. [1639], August 10. Canagate.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letter and referring to the naming of a new commissioner.

1021. [1639], August 10. Canogaitt.

The earl of Lauderdaill to the marquis of Hamilton, declaring that he does not doubt the marquis's efforts to settle the country.


The earl of Rothes to William Murray, asking him to explain to the king that he had not expressed a resolution to overthrow episcopacy in England and Ireland.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.108(202); printed in Gardiner, pp.98-100].
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845. 1639, August 12.

Robert Heath to Sir Ralph Freeman, sending him a copy of Richard Michell's petition to the king, and some notes of his own on the justice of Michell's claims.

1173. 1639, August 12. Raby Castle.

Sir Henry Vane to [? the marquis of Hamilton], describing how he has put the trained bands of the area in readiness in case of a Scottish invasion, which he nevertheless considers unlikely.

1014. 1639, August 14. Tinmouth.

The bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for helping his wife and children to join him in England, and referring to various letters he has received.


Lord Lindesay to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, giving a brief account of Traquair's conduct as Commissioner.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.108, (203); printed in Gardiner pp.101-2]


Lord Dalyell to [the marquis of Hamilton], deploring the recent assembly.

933. 1639, August 16. Whythall.

[Copy] [ ] to the earl of Roxburgh, protesting that whatever the outcome of the present unhappy situation, he will have done his best as a loyal subject.

915. 1639, August 18. Edinburgh.

[Copy] [The earl of Traquair?] to the archbishops and bishops, thanking them for their letter of advice.

870. [1639], August 20. Whitehall.

[Copies] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Lord Dalyell, informing him that his majesty appreciates his loyal service, and to the justice clerk, expressing forebodings about the coming assembly.
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1032. [1639], August 20.

[Draft] Charles I to the earl of Traquaire, giving him instructions concerning what concessions may be made to the covenanters for the time being.

928. [1639], August 20. Whithall.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Lord Lindsay, regretting that Lindsay's recent letter did not agree with the report of the assembly sent by Traquaire.

[Summarised, with a short extract, in H.M.C. Report, p.109(204)]

900. 1639, August 22. Oatelands.

[Copy] Charles I to [the earl of Traquair?], informing him that the assembly should be held on the appointed day rather than be prorogued.

872. 1639, August 23. Cambridge.

Dudley North, John Cutts and John Millecent [?] to the marquis of Hamilton, asking his support in their petition to the king concerning the return of arms sent from their country.

1044. 1639, August 23. Newcastle.

[Copy] The archbishop of St. Andrews and the bishops of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Galloway, Ross and Brechin to the earl of Traquair, acknowledging his letter in which he had approved of their protestation against the last assembly.

1041. 1639, August 24. Berwick.

[Copy] Resolution by the archbishops and bishop to present a protestation to the forthcoming parliament.[See 1058]

1042. 1639, August 24.

[Copy] Protestation by the archbishops and bishops, to be presented to parliament.[See 1058]

871. 1639, August 27. Whithall.

The marquis of Hamilton to the lord clerk register, remarking upon the unpleasantness of 'the busines nowe in hand', and telling him that the king comprehended his desires with regard to Lord Stirling.
1063. 1639, August 30. Edinburgh.

Petition by the general assembly to the commissioner, asking that the National Covenant be signed by everyone. [See 1056]

1120. [1639?], August.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hammiltoune, thanking him for his favours.

1022. [1639], September 2. Cannogaitt.

The earl of Lauderdail to the marquis of Hamilton, praising the conduct of Traquair at the recent assembly, and referring to the conflict over the choice of the lords of the articles in the current parliament.

585. 1639, September 4. Whitehall.

[Copy or draft] Charles I to the earl of Traquair, discussing the recent assembly.

873. 1639, September 5. Newcastle.

John Marlay to the Marquis Hammeltoun, explaining the delay in sending him money.

874. 1639, September 7. Bruntiland.

James Jamesone, reader at Bruntiland, and members of the congregation, to James Phillip, asking him to persuade the king to present Mr. Andrew Leslie to their church.

810. 1639, September 8. Whitehall.

Charles I to Alderman Abell, requiring him to pay to the marquis of Hamilton the sum of £10,000 out of the duty on wine imports.

1025. 1639, September 23.

The earl of Middlesex to the marquis of Hamellton, reporting that the lord deputy of Ireland has arrived in England with the earl of Ormond.
1166. 1639, September 26. Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to the Marquis Hamelton, accepting his advice not to come to Scotland and discussing his attempts to pay his debts.

1031. [1639], October 1. Whythall.

[Draft] Charles I to the privy council, forbidding them to ratify the assembly's condemnation of episcopacy in parliament, and giving them various other instructions concerning parliament.

1085. 1639, October 7. Berwick.

The bishop of Aberdeen to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he was forced to flee, and hoping that the king will provide him with financial aid.

1058. 1639, October 8. Berwick.

The bishops of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Galloway and Brechin to the marquis of Hammelton, asking his support for their petitions to the king.

1015. 1639, October 10. Greenwich.

The bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamiltone, promising to meet him in London.

1016. 1639, October 18. Greenwich.

The bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending to his favour Sir Robert Innes of Balvanie.

1064. [1639], October 20. Edinburgh.

Alexander Leslie to the marquis of Hammilton, promising to do his best to preserve the public peace.

1017. 1639, October 28. Greenwich.

The bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to help some poor ministers.
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877. 1639, October 31. Edinburgh.

A. Jaffray, commissioner for Aberdeen, to the marquis of Hamilton, asking for restitution of 12 pieces of great ordnance taken from the town by the army, and at present in Bruntiland.

1023. [1639], October 31. Cannogaitt.

The earl of Lauderdaill to the marquis of Hamilton, sending a message by the bearer, and referring to a rumour that the marquis intends to go abroad after Christmas.

878. 1639, November 1. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Montrose to Charles I, suggesting that if his majesty is dissatisfied with what has been proposed, he might interview several of those concerned.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Roxburgh, describing his gloomy forebodings about the future.

1092. 1639, November 10.

The earls of Dunfermline and Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, explaining how they have been sent to Court with a request for a parliamentary ratification of the acts of the assembly, and imploring him to intercede with the king, who has refused to see them.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.109(205)].

929. 1639, November 10. Whithall.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Dunfermlin, declaring that the king's commands were given on mature deliberation, and he expected obedience.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.109(206)].

1083. 1639, November 15. Richmond.

The earl of Newcastle to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending a copy of his account for the year, and asking him to order the payment of the surplus due to tradesmen.
879. 1639, November 15. Richmond.

The earl of Newcastle to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his favours and promising to repay him if he can.

1118. 1639, November 17. Cannagate.

The earl of Roxburgh to [the marquis of Hamilton], remarking that the long delay in holding the parliament has caused apprehension.

880. 1639, November 18. Edeinbrughe.

John Hamilton to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning a dispute over the collection of the customs in Aberdeen.

1125. 1639, November 23. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to persuade the king to receive those sent from Scotland with a petition.

[Summarised in H.W.C. Report, p.109(207)].


The earl of Seafort to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to mediate with the king on his behalf in the matter of his late brother's grandchild.

1806. [1639, c. November]

The earls of Dunfermline and Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, regretting that they had not been permitted to speak with the king.

1167. 1639, December 2. Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to [the marquis of Hamilton], concerning the lease of Walinford House.


The earl of Leycester to [the marquis of Hamilton], passing on the marshal de la Meillenaye's request for permission to import horses from England.

The mayor and others of Portsmouth to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to nominate their first burgess for the coming parliament. [Signed by the mayor and 9 others]

1639, December 13. Carlaverock.

The earl of Nithisdaill to Charles I, declaring his loyalty and condemning the latest doings of the covenanters.

1639, December 23. Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to the Marquis Hamilton, asking for his agreement in leasing Wallinford House.

1639, December 23. Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to [ ], asking him to mediate with the king for the release of four of his followers, recently arrested by the earl of Argyll despite their passes.


The earl of Montrose to Charles I, explaining the reasons for his delay in coming to the king.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.110(209); printed in Gardiner pp.102-3 and in Napier's Memorials of Montrose Vol. II p.102]

1639. Yorke.

The earl of Newport to the marquis of Hamilton, requesting his further instructions about the purchasing of provisions.

1639.

The marquis of Hamilton to ['my lord'], assuring him that the king will arrive at York on the appointed day, admiring his majesty's patience and noting his displeasure with the earl of Argyll.

James Ramsay to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he has delivered the king's letters for levying men, and commenting on the news from Germany.
[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir Frederick Hamleton, explaining why he had not given him a commission such as Sir William Coll received.

[The earl of Traquaire?] to [discussing how to deal with the Covenanters.]

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that there has been much discussion concerning the choice of commissioners for the coming assembly.

advising on how to dispose of the remaining victuals since the army is now being disbanded.

[Covenanting leaders] to [the English noblemen], asking for their mediation.

Description of the discussions at the recent parliament. [Sent by the earl of Arthe]

The ministers of the church to [ ], protesting about the election of lay elders as commissioners to the assembly.

The earl of Salesbery to Secretary Windebank, protesting against the aspersions cast on him after the pacification of Berwick.
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1030. [1639]

[Draft] Charles I to the archbishop of St. Andrews, informing him that he intends to have the parliament and assembly held as arranged, but assuring him of his concern for him and other ministers persecuted by the covenanters.

852. N.D. [1639]

The bailies and seafaring men of Bruntisland to the marquis of Hammiltoun, thanking him for his letter [supra 851], and asking for time to consider his proposition.
[Signed by A. Mortoun, Thomas (Spruell?) and Robert Richartson]

887. [1639]

[ ] to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that he has orders to disband the army, and telling him that his army should 'retire from the seas'.

8188. [c1639]

Murdoch Mackenzie, parson of Dingwall, James Amsly, chantor of Ross and John Mckenzie, subchantor of Ross to [? the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], asking him to present to the king their petition for relief.

8335. [?1639]

[ ] to [the privy council of Scotland?] describing the damage done in Ireland by the rebels under Bryan O' Neale, Cormack O'Hagan, Torlough O'Neale and others. They therefore request victuals and arms.

8329. [c1639]

[Charles I] to [the chancellor of Scotland], requiring him to suppress rumours that he intends to break the recent pacification.

8328. [1639?] At the Cour York.

Draft reply by the 3rd marquis of Hamilton [in his own hand] on behalf of Charles I to the leaders of the Scottish army, desiring them to advance no further and telling them that his majesty can give no direct answer to their petition until they express the particulars of their desires. [With a note (? in the king's hand) 'I like this best'.]
1158. 1639/40, January 10.  Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to [the marquis of Hamilton], referring to three previous letters which he has written, describing 'the trouble I have been in for this past business'.


Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, reporting that 'I am to go tomorrow to the place of my confining and to remayne and die there, if so be youre majesty's plesure'. However, he justifies his own past actions.

1159. 1639/40, January 24.  Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to the Marquis Hamilton, thanking him for his letters, and reporting that the boats will be ready whenever they are needed.

9666. 1639/40, February 6  
[January 27 OS?]

[Autograph] Louis XIII to [? the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to assist Colonel Douglas, who is going to Scotland to recruit men.  [In French]

792. 1639/40, February 14.

Robert Heath to the marquis of Hamilton, relating that he has heard that the marquis is displeased with his conduct of the Douegange business, but protesting that he has acted for the best.


Sir Thomas Hope to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that he is now in the place of his confining, but protesting at the injustice of his punishment.

1256. 1640, February 18.

[ ] to 'Bulsard', alluding to some business, in cryptic terms.
795. 1639/40, February 27. Whynthia.

Copy [The marquis of Hamilton] to Lord Ettrick, telling him that the king will grant all his requests.


1236. 1639/40, February 28. Carlaverock.

The earl of Nithisdaill to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the general band 'goeth on a pace', but that the covenanters will object to it.


Louis XIII of France to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to assist Colonel Douglas, who wishes to bring back men from his estates for service in France. [In French]

797. 1639/40, March 2. Portesmouth.

Major Caryn Jevens to the marquis of Hamilton, repeating the request that he nominate the first of their burgesses to serve in the coming parliament. [See 882]

955. 1639/40, March 2.

[Draft] The marquis of Hamilton to [Lord Lindsay], asking him from whence he imagines he will receive aid.

[Printed in Burnet's Memoirs pp.206-9]

[With holograph note by the king, stating that he has perused the letter and ordered that it be sent]

798. 1639/40, March 5. Whitehall.

[Copy or draft]. [The marquis of Hamilton] to the mayor of Portsmouth, nominating the earl of Lanerick as the first burgess to be returned to parliament for the town.

804. 1639/40, March 7. Daintree.

The earl of Strafforde to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for the use of his coaches.
1275. 1639/40, March 10.

The lords of privy council to Charles I, enclosing a petition from the widow of James Primrose, asking for payment of fees due to her late husband.
[Signed by the earls of Wintoun, Hadinton, Angus, Lords Napier and Ament, and Sir John Hamilton.]

1160. 1639/40, March 11. Dunluce.

The earl of Antrim to the Marquis Hamilton, thanking him for his favours and expressing his good will towards the marquis.

1018. 1639/40, March 11.

The bishop of Ross to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the eight ministers who are to go to Ireland.


The earl of Linlithgow to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that Walter Belie is about to leave for Court.


8351. [c1640], March 16. Edinburgh.

The earl of Linlithgow to [? the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], declaring that although no one would be more faithful to the king than the Scots were the matter of religion settled, as things stand more trouble seems inevitable.


Sir Patrick Nisbet to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of the writer's son.

1027. 1639/40, March 27. Whitehall.

Charles I to [ ], giving him a commission as colonel. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms]

1257. 1639/40, March-April.

Receipts for various letters: signed by the earls of Rothes, Mar and Montrose, and the Earl Marischall.
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1265. 1640, April 3. Cortaquhy.
Lord Ogilvy to the marquis of Hamilton, sending his greetings.

1287. 1640, April 3. Cortaquhy.
Lord Ogilvy to Charles I, assuring him of his loyalty.

1237. 1640, April 5. Carlavrock.
The earl of Nithisdaill to Charles I, reporting that there is much discontent with the general band, which implies a voluntary consent to be taxed without limitation.

1271. 1640, April 7. Inverraray.
The earl of Argyll to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to give the king a letter from him 'for cleering me of suche misinformations as I finde by his majesty's letter he is possessed with'. [See 1272]

1272. 1640, April 8. Inverraray.
The earl of Argyll to Charles I, protesting his innocence of charges laid against him.

The provost and bailies of Edinburgh to Charles I, explaining why they have delayed obeying his command to free the people from obedience to the earl of Argyll as justiciar.

1161. 1640, April 15. Dunluce.
The earl of Antrim to the Marquis Hamelton, asking him to help him to procure money from the king since his debts are pressing upon him.

1238. 1640, April 15. Carlavrock.
The earl of Nithisdaill to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of the covenanters' military preparations.
The earl of Nithisdaill to Charles I, complaining that he and his friends are in danger from the covenanters, who have issued warrants for their arrest.

The earl of Strafforde to [? the marquis of Hamilton], expressing the hope that he himself will be able to sit in parliament or council, despite having been hitherto delayed by ill-health.

The earl of Antrim to the Marquis Hamelton, concerning his own financial distress.

[Copies] [Charles I] to Sir John Hamilton and to Sir Thomas Hope, giving orders for parliament to be prorogued.

Draft, in his own hand, of a speech by Charles I to the house of lords, immediately before dissolving parliament.

Sir Thomas Hope and [?Sir John] Hamilton to Charles I explaining why they have not yet implemented the warrant for proroguing parliament.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, thanking him for helping him obtain his release.

Sir John Hamilton of Orbiaton to [ ], concerning letters to the king, and expressing the opinion that parliament will continue to sit.

Charles I to the commanders of the army, granting a safe-conduct to James, earl of Hume on his way back to Scotland. [Papered signet]

1240. 1640, June 12. Carlavrock Castle.

The earl of Nithisdaill to the Marquis Hammiltoun, alleging that the covenanters greatly exaggerate the forces at their command.


The earl of Nithisdaill to the marquis of Hammiltoune, pointing out the dangers likely to arise from the delay in sending supplies to Edinburgh Castle.

1292. 1640, June 17. Edinburgh.

Lords Balmerino, Burghley, Napier and others to the earl of Lanerk, sending him acts of parliament which they have passed because the king has so long prorogued the meeting of the estates.


1242. 1640, June 18. Carlavrock.

The earl of Nithisdaill to Charles I, informing him that the covenanters have sent a force of 900 foot to Dumfries. A further 2000 are expected, and he asks for help from the king since they will besiege Carlavrock Castle.

1297. 1640, June 22. Whitehall.

[Copy] [The earl of Lanerick] to [the covenanting lords], informing them that he has presented their acts to the king, who is now considering them.

[In reply to 1292].

1298. 1640, June 22 and 27. Whitehall.

Copy letters to Lords Balmerino, Burghley and others, the first being another copy of supra 1297. the second containing the announcement that the king is displeased with their actions.
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The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, enclosing a paper. [949].

949. [1640, June 24, struck out]

Memorandum by the earl of Loudoun, promising loyalty to the king.

[Text printed in Burnet pp. 216-7]

1248. 1640, June 26.

Memorandum by the earl of Loudoun, noting '... what passed betwixt the marquis of Hamilton and me'.

[Printed in Burnet's Memoirs p.127]

1224. 1640, June 29. Orbestoun.

Sir John Hamilton of Orbiston to [ ], concerning the drawing up of a commission on behalf of the king.


Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, sending news by the bearer.


John Bagot, Walter Utterley and Thomas Crompton to George Digby, requesting his aid in repressing 'a number of dissolute and disorderly soldiers' who have thrown open certain enclosed lands in the king's wood there.


Lords Lindsay, Napier and others to the earl of Lanerk, rejoicing at the release of Lord Loudoun, and justifying their parliamentary proceedings.

[Text printed in Burnet, pp. 219-20]

Lord Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting on the Scottish military preparations and claiming that news of similar measures in England 'makes all men hise diffident of peace'.


James King to the marquis of Hammiltoune, thanking him for his patronage and enclosing a memorandum. [1146]

1146. 1640, July 19.

Memorandum by James King, drawn up for Charles I, describing the author's negotiations with the king of Denmark.

1225. 1640, July 23.

Sir John Hamilton of Orbieston to [ ], concerning the proroguing of parliament.

1227. 1640, July 27. Hanworth.

The earl of Strafforde to [ ], excusing himself from attending the king that day as he is ill with the stone. [Only the signature in his own hand].

1143. 1640, August 1. Cortaquhy.

Lord Ogilvy to Charles I, reporting that, for lack of encouragement from the king, many of the writer's people have joined the covenanters. He then complains of attacks on his lands by the earl of Argyle, who has 'thrown doune the house of Airlie and spoillied it', and has burned many other houses. [Torn]

1264. 1640, August 7.

James Duppa to Captain Francis Vernon, concerning a trading venture to be proposed to the king.

1281. 1640, August 9. Drayton.

The earl of Peterburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the farming out of certain woods.
1228. 1640, August 9. Leicester House.

[Autograph] The earl of Strafforde to the marquis of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from 'Mr. Vice President' to one of the writer's secretaries.

1133. 1640, August 11. Edinburgh.

The earl of Lindesay to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, concerning Lord Crawford.


James King to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his kindness and mentioning briefly the latest news from Germany.

1283. 1640, August 15. Oatlands.

[Copy] to the earl of Peterborough, in reply to 1281, assuring him that although the matter has been deferred, it is not forgotten.

1267. 1640, August 20.

[Copy] Charles I to [ ] ordering the implementation of his previous letters concerning Patrick Maxwell.

1218. 1640, August 20. Hirshill (?)

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, declaring that the people will rather risk their lives than go back on the covenant, and informing him that an army of 10,000 foot and some horse are following the first force. [Only the signature and postscript in his own hand]

1294. 1640, August 20. Hersill.

The earls of Rothes, Montrose, Cassilis and others to the earl of Lanerock, informing him of the meetings of the commissioners of parliament, and expressing their desire for a peaceful settlement.
1229. 1640, August 20; 4 p.m. Leycester House.

The earl of Strafforde to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the arrangements he has made for supplying with arms the quarter of the army left behind for lack of them.

1231. 1640, August 24; 9 p.m. Huntingdon.

The earl of Strafforde to [? the marquis of Hamilton], noting that the entry of the Scots into England may be counted an advantage, since the king cannot now be adjudged the aggressor.

1230. 1640, August 25; 9 p.m. Newarke.

The earl of Strafforde to [? the marquis of Hamilton], declaring that he will let no one usurp his position as lieutenant-general.

1232. 1640, [August] Leycester House.

The earl of Strafforde to Charles I, concerning the raising of money from the merchants of the kingdom, and the disbanding of the Middlesex men.

1290. 1640, September 2 near Newcastle.

The earls of Rothes, Cassilis, Dunfermline, Lindsay, Loudoun and others to the earl of Lanark, justifying their actions.

[Text printed in Burnet, pp. 221-2]

1219. 1640, September 2. Newcastle.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the covenanters have crossed the Tyne.

1278. 1640, September 5. York.

[ ] to the earl of Loudoun, expressing his grief at the views sent him by the earl.

1295. 1640, September 8. Scottis leaguer at Newcastle.

The earls of Rothes, Montrose and others, to the earl of Lanark, repeating their demands.

[Printed in Burnet, pp. 224-6]
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1216. 1640, September 8. Newcastle.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, protesting his loyalty to the King but claiming that his majesty's military preparations provoke suspicion.

1253. 1640, September 10. St. Martin's Lane.

Thomas Rowe to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him of the postponement until December of the St. George's Day feast for members of the Order of the Garter. [Papered signet of the Order of Garter?]


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to [ ], not trusting a message to paper.

1291. 1640, September 14. near Newcastle.

The earls of Rothes, Montrose, Cassilis and others to the earl of Lanerk, suggesting an exchange of prisoners.


[Copy?] The earl of Lanerick and others to the covenanting lords, arranging at the king's command a conference with them.

[Text printed in Burnet p.226]


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his pleasure at the prospects of peace.

1299. 1640, September 29. Newcastle.

The earls of Rothes, Cassilis and others to the earl of Lanerick, concerning arrangements for the conference at Ripon.

1303. 1640, October 10. Rippon.

The earls of Dunfermline, Loudoun and others to the earl of Lanerk, complaining that John Ker of Lochtone is still held captive at Berwick despite the agreement for an exchange of prisoners.
Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, asking permission for the writer's servant Mr. Terell to bring him some horses.


The marquis of Hamilton to the earl of Lanark, instructing him to go to the earl of Bristol and clear himself of the charge of having made a private treaty with Lord Loudoun.

James King to [ ], announcing his intention of going to Sweden.

The earl of Lanerick to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing his protestations to Lord Drifton that he has not made a private treaty with the earl of Loudoun.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, appointing him colonel of a regiment of foot to act as his royal guard.


James King to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his hope that the king might be persuaded to assist the elector of the Palatinate.

Inventory of 15 letters received by Charles I from the earl of Lanerick.

[Superscribed by king]

Edward Feilding to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that his regiment will muster on the following day, but fearing that it will not be up to strength as some men have died and others have run away.


Edward Feilding to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that his regiment mustered at Knarsborough, and asking him to appoint a captain in place of Watson, who has died of smallpox.


Edward Feilding to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that Sir Jacob Asteley has commanded him to keep guard in every quarter, and discussing payment of the troops.

1142. 1640, December 18. Ripponne.

Sir Jacob Asteley to the marquis of Hamilton, questioning Captain Watson's position.

1134. [1640], December 19. Wetherby.

Edward Feilding to [the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a letter. [Unspecified].


The estates of Holland to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to intercede with the king on their behalf, concerning the negotiations then in progress. [In French]

1234. [?1640] Croydon.

The earl of Strafforde to [? the marquis of Hamilton], describing attempts to raise money from the merchants and aldermen of London, since the funds at present amount to only £19,000.

1233. [?1640]

The earl of Strafforde to the Marquis Hamilton, asking him to remind the king that Lord Chief Justice Littleton should be sworn in as a member of the council before he goes on circuit.
1235. [?1640]

The earl of Strafforde to [ ], expressing his gratitude for the honour which the king means to do him.

1273. 1640.

The earl of Dunfermline to Charles I, describing how parliament was not prorogued on the expected day, and sending some papers on the subject.

1258. [1640]

[Copy?] The earl of Lanerick to [ ], informing him that the king will present their petitions to the great council for consideration.

1170. [?1640]

The earl of Antrim to [ ? the marquis of Hamilton], asking his advice about selling the writer's house of Bramsell.

1306. 1640/1, January 1. Edinburgh.

Sir John Wauchope to [ ], asking for his aid in changing the holding of some of the writer's lands 'from waird to taxed waird'.

1288. 1640/1, January 2. Orleans.

[Translation] Henry Frederick, duke of [ to [ ], asking if he will indeed join the writer, in which case he will send his correspondent a bill of exchange for 9,000 rix dollars. The writer has already raised in England 6 or 7,000 men, who must be smuggled over to the continent in small numbers.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, describing his former friendship with the earl's parents, and referring to his present difference with the marquis of Hamilton.
1513. 1640/1, January 15. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, reporting that he has prorogued parliament until April 13 as instructed, and desiring the king not to give credence to the rumours against the writer.

1141. [1640/1], January 15. Knarsborough.

Edward Feilding to [the marquis of Hamilton], reiterated that Captain Watson is without a commission, and that the company lacks a lieutenant.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, complaining that he understands that some of the earl of Traquair's friends mean to draw up a false report, making it appear that the writer was the author of the recent protestation.

1313. 1640/1, January 20. Edinburgh.

George Halden to [ ], concerning the drawing up of various letters.

1137. 1640/1, January 29. Knarsborough.

Edward Feilding to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending him a note of the strength of the regiment.

1282. 1640/1, February 2. Whitehall.

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to Lieutenant-Colonel Feilding, sending him money to pay his troops in the hope that this will end the sheep-stealing and other disorders.


George Halden to the earl of Lanerick, discussing the business of the forthcoming parliament.

1515. 1640/1, February 12. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, concerning his own refusal to sign a summons of treason.
George Halden to the earl of Lanerick, concerning some warrants and signatures.

The provost and bailies of Glasgow to the earl of Lanark, asking his aid in obtaining from the king the power which the archbishop had in the election of the magistrates.

The provost and bailies of Glasgow to the marquis of Hamilton, in similar terms to supra 1324.

[Copy] The earl of Lanerick to Sir Thomas Hope, telling him that the king has approved of his refusal to sign the summons against the earl of Traquair and others, and asserting that there is no real difference of opinion between Sir Thomas and the writer's brother, since they both wish to serve the king. He also discusses Sir Thomas's difference with the Baillies of Lammington.

George Halden to [ ], discussing Sir Thomas Hope's recent conduct, and copying out a letter of his to the committee of estates, on February 9.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, in reply to supra 1509, discussing a case of escheat in which his own son is interested, and mentioning some minor matters.

Edward Feilding to [the marquis of Hamilton], reporting that a muster has been ordered by the council of war.

The earl of Bristol and others to the earl of Cambridge [i.e. the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], informing him that £32 of his subsidy is now due.
1138. 1640/1, March 20. York.

Edward Feilding to [the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of a letter which the officers have written to the lieutenant-general and which will be presented to parliament.

1333. 1640/1, March 22. Edinburgh.

The provost and bailies of Edinburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to assist their commissioner, John Smith, in his business with the king.

[Signed by P. Clark, J. Murray and Patrick Baxter]

1270. 1640/1, March 23. Whitehall.

[?Copy] Charles I to the earl of Lanerick and Sir James Galloway, delimiting their respective powers as secretaries for Scotland.

1305. 1640/1, March 24.

Copies of letters from Charles I to the earls of Mar, Rothes, Seaforth and others.

1518. 1640/1, March 25. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, thanking him for his help in the matter of the gift to the writer's son.

1519. 1641, April 2. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that he has received the king's letter ordering the prorogation of parliament, and that the committee are to meet that day to issue their summons against incendiaries.

1334. 1641, April 6. Whitehall.

[ ] to [ ], telling him that the king forbids him to help in any way in having the summons against incendiaries read openly in parliament.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, reporting that he has delivered various letters from the earl, and objecting to parliament having issued a summons in his name. In a postscript he describes his attempts to have the protestation against the earl of Traquair suppressed.


Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, reporting that he has prorogued parliament, as directed.

1335. 1641, April 24.

The earl of Strafforde to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping to be released and wishing only to be allowed to go home and live in retirement.

[Printed in Burnet's Memoirs pp. 232-3]

1337. 1641, May 9. Carlil.

A. Byron to [ ], complaining that he has heard nothing from the treasurer in the past five months and asking for provisions.


James Philp to the earl of Lanerick, concerning lead mines, correspondence and other minor matters. [Damaged]

1339. 1641, May 16. Linlandis.

Mr. Robert Murray to the earl of Laynrig, asking his aid in obtaining a warrant to retain part of the sum now due from him to the king.


James King to the marquis of Hamiltonne, notifying him of his return from Sweden, and of the death of Field-Marshal Banneir, which may facilitate the king's aiding the prince elector.
1342. 1641, May 20. Whitehall.

Charles I to the treasurer and commissioners of the exchequer of Scotland, recommending them to renew George Aitkin's lease of the 'Assize Herrings'.


Charles I to the earl of Traquair and Sir James Carmichael, authorising them to grant George Aitkin a discharge of the arrears due from the yearly tack for the assize herrings. [Applied signet].


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, acknowledging his letter of 18 May.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, describing his opposition to the act against incendiaries.

1524. 1641, May 25.

A memorandum 'Anent the Instrument taiken in James Philp his hand'. [See 1346]


Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, reporting that he has prorogued parliament until July 15, and has opposed the act against incendiaries.


The earl of Winburn to Charles I, explaining that the meeting of council has had to be postponed because there was not a quorum.


J. Ralfe to [ ], reporting on the discontent with the royal letters proroguing parliament, and mentioning that John Graham, a minister, has been summoned by the committee of estates for certain seditious speeches.
Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, concerning some instruments of James Philp [1524].

James Philp to the earl of Lanrick, enclosing some letters from the earl of Wintoun, and reporting that he has notified the privy councillors of the forthcoming meeting on June 1.

James Philp to Sr. Squire, expressing the opinion that, because of the earl of Wintoun's religion, it will harm the king's cause should his lordship be chosen as praeses of the council.

[Copy] James Philp to [ ], refusing to comply with his request [unspecified].

Sir Thomas Hope to James Philp, concerning a certain paper [unspecified], and Philp's reply, declaring that he will 'stand to my innocencie'.

James Philp to [the earl of Lanrick], denying that he had taken out an instrument, as Sir Thomas Hope claimed.

List of privy councillors of Scotland who have not subscribed the letter of May 12. [Drawn up on instructions from Charles I]

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, enclosing a note on the Council's preparations for the royal visit, and mentioning the need for money for preparations.
1358. 1641, June 1. Edinburgh.

J. Maule to the earl of Lanerick, desiring the wardship of James Duncan of Boniton's son, and discussing Mr. John Stuart's trial.

1359. 1641, June 1. Edinburgh.

The lords of privy council to the earl of Lanerick, expressing fears that 'many things necessarie for his majesties reception and intertanrnent wilbe wanting and cannot possiblie be provided here in time'. [Papered signet].

1355. 1641, June 3. Dublin.

The earl of Antrim the Marquis Hamelton, on behalf of the Macdonalds who dare not return to Scotland, and asking him to deliver an enclosed letter [infra 1356] to the king.

1356. 1641, June 4.

The earl of Antrim to Charles I, protesting that he has been overcharged by way of subsidies and alienations, so that he is now 'sinkeinge under my great debts', and asking that a portion of the money might be remitted. [With a copy].


The lords of privy council to the earl of Lanerick, reporting on their preparations for the king's visit. [Papered signet].


The lords of privy council to Charles I, acknowledging his letter and reporting that they are making preparations for his visit.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, denying the truth of a certain man's base rumours about him.
1360. 1641, June 7. Cannogaitte.

The earl of Wintoun to the earl of Lainrick, protesting that he cannot receive the king at his house because of his financial straits.


Members of the committee of the estates to Charles I, asking him not to prorogue the coming session of parliament.


The earl of Argyll to the earl of Lainrick, reporting that he has attended the Council regularly, and regretting that lack of money will harm the reception of the king.


The earl of Argyll and Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanrick, discussing the current situation.

1365. 1641, June 18. Whitehall.

Memorandum concerning arrangements for Charles I's visit to Edinburgh.

1364. 1641, June 18.

Charles I to the privy council, ordering a gift of escheat of the goods of the late Paul Keingzeis of Aberdeen to be made to Sir Thomas Cromby of Lemnay.


The earls of Argyll, Wintoun, Southesk and Angus, Lord Amont and Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, informing him that the council has had his instructions proclaimed at the mercat cross of Edinburgh. [Papered signet].


The earl of Argyll and Southesk, and Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, announcing that they have proclaimed the king's intention of visiting Scotland in July, and reminding him that many things remain to be done in preparation. [Papered signet].

George Kelville to Mr. Philp, clerk to the Privy Council, requiring him to draw up a letter on behalf of the council, ordering the king's agent at Berwick to send to Leith 40 tons of 'beer', and assuring the recipient of his sympathy and friendship.


James Philp to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that he has delivered his lordship's letters, and that preparations for the king's visit are going forward.

1357. 1641, June 29.

Memorandum entitled 'The declaration made be James Philp to the lordes of Counsell'.

1369. 1641, June 30.

[Copy] Charles I to the committee of parliament, announcing his intention of attending the next session of parliament, and expecting their best endeavours to procure 'reciprocall contentment'.

1370. 1641, July 1. Carlil.

A. Byron to [Unspecified], sending him a paper giving some news.

1371. 1641, July 2. Edinburgh.

James Philp to [Unspecified], describing how the lord advocate [Sir Thomas Hope] argued in Council that he took instruments in the writer's hands on the day of the prorogation of parliament.

1372. 1641, July 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Argyll to the earl of Lannick, asking him to tell the king on his behalf that he has done all he can to further the preparations for the royal visit.
1641, July 2. Edinburgh.

The earls of Argyll and Southesk, and Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, describing arrangements to finance the king's visit, to provide servants, and to repair Holyroodhouse.

1641, July 2. Edinburgh.

Sir J. Carmichael [treasurer-depute] to the earl of Lanark, reporting that he has distributed £1600 sterling, mainly among those employed to prepare for the reception of the king, but deploring the lack of money available.


J. Haule to John Squyre, acknowledging his letter and discussing various minor matters.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanark, informing him that 'thir hes beine greit bissines har anent a calummie agains the earl of Ergill' circulated by a Mr. John Steuart.

1641, July 9.

The earl of Southesk to the earl of Lanerick, reporting on the progress made in preparing for the king's visit.


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he will 'labor to gif to the parliament such impressione of of the sinceritie of his majesties royal intentions as may remove all jelousies and mistakes and prepair them for a cheerfull and hairtie reception'.

1641, July 12. Whitehall.

[Copies or drafts]. [ ] to the earl of Argyle, telling him that money is so scarce that they cannot send any to the Scots. Also drafts of [ ] to [ ] and [ ] to the lord advocate, on July 7, concerning preparations for the royal visit. [Part of this last letter in code.]
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The earls of Dunfermline and Loudon to Charles I, informing him that they have delivered his letter to parliament, and that public opinion is very much against the earl of Traquair.


Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, declaring his determination not to assist the pursuit of the incendiaries, whatever the consequences.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, condemning James Philp's absurd behaviour.


Members of the committee of estates to Charles I, thanking him for his letter of June 30, assuring him that they will do everything possible to promote peace, and describing preparations for the coming session of parliament. [Signed by the earls of Argyll, Cassilis, and Southesk, Lord Balermino and thirteen others.]


The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanark, informing him that as soon as the day for the king's attendance at parliament is fixed, he will bring the treaty to be subscribed and enacted, and that the earl of Argyll intends to clear his name then.


James Philp to [ ], describing the latest discussion in council concerning his dispute with the lord advocate [Sir Thomas Hope].

1384. 1641, July 15. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to Charles I, reporting that he has presented to the estates his majesty's letter for the prorogation of parliament.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, enclosing a report of the proceedings of parliament, with postscripts giving the latest news of these.


The earls of Dunfermline and Loudoun to Charles I, describing the reading of the prorogation of parliament, and the refusal of the members to accept it.

1387. 1641, July 14.

The earl of Holland to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that as the king's army is now disbanded, he expects to hear that the army in Scotland has likewise been dismissed.

1535. 1641, July 17. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanierick, reporting that the earl of Wemyss has altered the king's orders about the next assembly.

1385. [1641], July 17. Halyrul.

James Philp to John Squire, describing the lord advocate's attempts to trap him into some damaging admission.


The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanrick, asking him to deliver some letters to the earl of Rothes.

1389. 1641, July 19.

The earl of Antrim to the Marquis Hamilton, on behalf of James Macdonell, who wishes to take a regiment to Spain.


Members of the estates to Charles I, declaring that parliament's next session can be delayed only until August 17, and asking for some days in which to consider the articles of the treaty.

[Signed by the earls of Argyll, Southesk, Mar, Lord Amont and 10 other commissioners]

The privy council to the earl of Lanerick, informing him that they will appoint no more servants for the king's stay at Holyrood, unless a few for the pantries and kitchen, and reporting that they have raised 100,000 merks [Scots] on their bond.


James Philp to John Squire, describing how he and the lord advocate once more appeared before a committee from the council on the previous day.


The earl of Wemyss to the earl of Lanrick, expressing his gratitude at being appointed commissioner to the forthcoming assembly.


The earl of Wemyss to Charles I, informing him that the lords of privy council have altered the date and meeting place of the forthcoming assembly.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerck, concerning the matter of James Philp and the instruments.


Members of the estates to Charles I, acknowledging his majesty's letters and stating that they are considering his proposals.

[Signed by the earls of Argyll, Sutherland and Mar; Lords Burghley and Amont and eight others]

1402. 1641, August 3 N.S. Ratisbon. [July 24]

[? Walter, Count] Leslie to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he hopes to be of greater assistance to the prince elector and his brother in the future, and asking the marquis to help the writer's brother to obtain a post as a gentlemen of the king's bedchamber.

Thomas Rowe to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the Bavarians may conclude an amnesty and hold a diet without including the English.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, describing his appearance before the privy council.


Gilbert Talbot to the marquis of Hamilton, mentioning a loan from Tuscany and Genoa to Milan, the arrest of a Portuguese friar in Germany, and the arrival of Monsieur Fontana in Genoa.

1395. 1641, July 26. Whitehall.

[Copy] [ ] to [ ], thanking him for helping the writer's friends, and expressing his concern for Mr. George Hamilton.


The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, denying charges that the writer has abused his office of lord treasurer.

1397. 1641, July 26.

John Culpeper to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the new book of customs rates is now concluded in the committee, and mentioning the current lack of finances.

1399. 1641, July 31. Edinbruche.

The earl of Wemyss to Charles I, describing the business done so far by the present assembly, and planning to bring it to a peaceful conclusion within a few days' time.

1400. 1641, August 2.

Robert Freman to the marquis of Hamilton, sending some information about a future meeting of [? privy council].

Patrick, archbishop of Glasgow, to the earl of Lenrick, asking him to persuade the king to grant the writer a larger income.

1404. 1641, August 10. Edinbruche.

The earl of Wemyss to Charles I, reporting that the general assembly closed quietly on the previous night.

1405. 1641, August 11. Essex House.

The earl of Essex to the marquis of Hambledon, telling him that Sir Edward Beinton has been killed by Mr. Rogers in a duel. In a postscript, however, he adds that he now hears that Sir Edward is still alive, although it cannot yet be said if he will survive.


Patrick, archbishop of Glasgow to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to request the king to discharge various summonses and processes against the Scottish clergy.

1408. 1641, August 17.

The earl of Holland to the marquis of Hamilton, sending his greetings.

1505. 1641, August 18.

Viscount Saye and Seal to the Marquis Hambleton, assuring him of the friendship of himself and others.

1409. 1641, August 18. London.

Lord Mandeville to the marquis of Hamilton, sending his greetings and mentioning that the commissioners to be sent into Scotland will present themselves to the marquis.

1410. 1641, August 20. Essex House.

The earl of Essex to the marquis of Hambleton, on behalf of the bearer, and informing the marquis that he has been permitted to go into the country.
1416. 1641, August 20.

Extract decision of the house of commons that the confiscated skins are not calfskins within the meaning of the statute and ought not to be transported. [See 1414]
[Written out and signed by H. Elsyng]

1417. 1641, August 20.

Sir Henry Mildmay to [ ], describing his own valuable services to the king in economic affairs, and asking his correspondent to help persuade the king to bestow the treasurer's staff upon him.

1418. 1641, August 20.

Lord Mandeville to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending to him the bearer and other members of the house of commons, and telling him that 'you may saffely comunicate any thing unto Mr. Hampden and confide in him'.

1419. 1641, August 23.

The earl of Traquaire to William Murray, concerning various documents and wishing him success in his affairs.

1420. 1641, August 24.

Sir Thomas Dishingtoune to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to present an enclosed petition [infra 1415] to the king, and sending a paper [infra 1416].


Edward Nicholas to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he has sent on the marquis's letters as requested.

963. [?1641], August 28. Dalkythe.

The earl of Traquaire to [the marquis of Hamilton], protesting that he will always be loyal to the king, and inviting him to examine 'my signature' if he so desires.

1422. 1641, August 28.

Lord Mandeville to [ ] expressing approval of the current Scottish parliament, and remarking that everything [in London] waits upon the return of the king.
1419. 1641, August 30. Essex House.

The earl of Essex to the Marquis Hambleton, informing him that because of poor attendance, the house [of lords] has adjourned until October 6.

1420. 1641, August 31. London.

The earl of St. Albans and Clanricarde to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking for his correspondent's licence to convey 34 horses to Ireland.

1415. [1641, August]

Petition to the king by Sir Thomas Dishington, asking for the gift of all forfeited calf skins.

1506. 1641, September 2. Broughton.

Viscount Say and Seale to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him of his friendship, hoping that the king will give contentment to his subjects both in his journey to Scotland and on his return, and mentioning that the army is now half disbanded.

1421. 1641, September 2. Yorke.

John, Lord Maitland to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that a day has not been fixed for transporting ammunition, because of the lack of funds and bad weather.

1425. 1641, September 3.

The earl of Holland to [ ], thanking him for his favours, assuring him of his devotion, and reporting that the army is now disbanding.


The bishop of Brechin to the earl of Lanerick, asking his support since he is about to appear before parliament and fears the consequences.


Robert Spotswoode to the marquis of Hamilton, explaining that he has heard that the bishopric and priory of St. Andrews are to be dismembered, and pointing out that he claims 4 years' arrears of rents.
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1424. 1641, September 7.

The earl of Essex to the Marquis Hambleton, reporting that parliament will probably adjourn on the following day until October 20, because all are so desirous of seeing their homes, and the plague is greatly increasing.


W. Whitford to the earl of Lanrick, thanking him for his favour, and asking him to thank the king.

1427. 1641, September 10.

Lord Mandeville to [ ] expressing pleasure that 'the affayres off your Scoch parlament goe so well', and describing the quarrel between the house of lords and the house of commons over the printing of a common prayer [?book].

1428. [?1641], September 11. Ottlands.

The earl of Newport to the marquis of Hamleton, asking him to mediate with the king on his behalf so that he might have 40 men of his own choice as his staff at the Tower.

1429. 1641, September 13. Venice.

Gilbert Talbot to the marquis of Hamilton, giving the latest news of the Spanish and French armies.

1510. 1641, September 17.

Viscount Say and Seale to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging his letter, the contents of which had troubled him, and approving of the king's [unspecified] directions about Woodstock.


H. Percy to [? the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for his favours, hoping that, although the writer is regarded in England as a traitor, it is not so in Scotland, and remarking that he is 'very glad to heere you have made a friendship with my lord of Arguile. I thinke it a most wise act'.
1431. [?1641], September 21.

The countess of Carlile to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to give her brother a warrant to send 12 of his horses, back from the army, into France.


Lord Mandeville to the marquis of Hamilton, advising him not to remain in Scotland when the king comes south, and expressing the hope that those who seek to promote dissensions between the two houses of parliament will fail.

1433. 1641, September 25. Ratisbon.

Count Leslie to [the marquis of Hamilton], thanking him for helping the writer's brother become a gentleman of the bedchamber [see supra 1402].


Sir Henry Vane to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that the king is being delayed on his journey north by lack of good horses and by bad weather, and sending him some letters about Franco-Spanish affairs. In a postscript he refers to public interest in Argyll's dispute with Morton.


Robert Spotswoode to Charles I, drawing to his majesty's attention the fact that the writer and his brother stand engaged for great sums of money which their father owed when he died. They have only the bygone rents of the bishopric of St. Andrews for their relief, but have now heard that his majesty is about to give a great part of the bishopric to the university of St. Andrews. The writer therefore hopes for some financial relief.

1436. 1641, October 4. Venice.

Gilbert Talbot to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting on the wars in Italy, and describing the pope's opposition to the duke of Parma.

1437. [?1641], October 4. Hampton Court.

Henry Jermyn to [? the marquis of Hamilton], sympathising with him since his correspondent has 'met some animositye in the assembly', and reporting that the City has granted the hoped-for loan.
1575. [1641], October 12. Kennell.

[Draft, in his own hand] [The earl of Lanerick] to Charles I, regretting that 'the malice of my brother's enemies hath extended it self to all his family', and assuring him of the marquis's loyalty.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, explaining why he did not return to Court on the previous evening, and trusting that 'my enemies may be deterred from longer snarling at mee'.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, declaring that he left Edinburgh for the good of the king's affairs.


[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Mr. Murray, hoping that he is now satisfied as to 'the realty of my intentiounes', and that the writer will soon be restored to favour.

1544. [1641], October 16

[Draft or copy]. [The marquis of Hamilton] to [his brother-in-law] Lord Lindsay, reporting that he plans to return to Kinneil on the following day, and commenting on the report that Lord Almond is arming his tenants.


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the latter's righteousness will 'schyne lyk the sune at midd day', and his enemies 'shall fall in the pitt themselves which they have digged for you'. If the marquis and the earl of Argyll will come to Kinneil on the following night, their friends will offer them advice.

1554. [1641], October 17. Hamilton.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Lord Lindesay, refusing to accept the sort of 'accommodation' proposed by Mr. Murray and also refusing to return to Kinneill.
1562. [1641, October 18?]. Canogaitt.

The earl of Lauderdaill to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the business discussed in parliament that day.

1572. 1641, October 18. Keneel.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, protesting his loyalty to the king.


[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Mr. Murray, giving his account of the Incident, and hoping to be restored to the king's favour.

1440. 1641, October 22. Kinneil.

[Draft] The earl of Lanerick to [ ], describing the Incident and protesting his innocence of any plot.

1441. 1641, October 22. Holirood.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, protesting his innocence of the charges which his enemies have made against him. [With a draft - 1545]

[Text printed in Burnet, pp. 102-5, and Calendar of State Papers, Domestic 1641-43 pp. 142-3]

1545. [1641, October 22]

Draft, in his own hand, of supra 1441.

1442. 1641, October 22. London.

Lord Feilding to [? the marquis of Hamilton], expressing horror at 'that bloody and wicked designe upon your lordship', and assuring him of his gratitude and desire to be of service.


Lord Mandeville to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him of the fidelity of his friends.
1444. 1641, October 23. Keneele.

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Seaforth, asking that he have a favourable opinion of the writer, expressing his gratitude, and mentioning a conversation he has had with the earl of Argyle.

1550. [1641], October 23.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, protesting his innocence of the charges his enemies lay against him.

[Printed in Burnet, p.106]

1569. 1641, October 23. Keneel.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to Mr. Murray, remarking that he will return when assured by his friends that he may safely do so.

1445. 1641, October 23. Keneele.

[The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, expressing his grief at the aspersions cast upon him.

[Text printed in Gardiner, p.106 and Calendar of State Papers Domestic, 1641-3, page 145]

1446. 1641, October 23.

Sir Edward Littletoune to the English commissioners at Edinburgh, thanking them for their information about the Incident. He has passed on what they wrote to parliament, both houses having asked to be kept informed about the affair.

1447. 1641, October 27. Holyroodhouse.

Sir Henry Vane to [ ], describing how illness has forced him to remain in his chamber and agreeing that 'these accidents in Irland' will have a bad influence on England.

1542. [1641, October]

The marquis of Hamilton to parliament, explaining his absence and asking that they do nothing in the present business [the Incident] without first informing him. Also a draft. [Signature only in his own hand].
1548. [1641, October]

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to [? Lord Lindsay], informing him that he would accept a letter from the king but not from parliament, though he and his friends will not cease to seek parliament's approval of their departure.

1564. 1641, November 1.

[Copy] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, the earl of Argill and the earl of Lanerick, approving of their return.

1556. 1641, November 1. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, telling him that he and the marquis are both given the same warrant to return to Edinburgh.

1449. 1641, November 1. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, sending a letter from the king and an 'order of the Parliament', and wishing for the marquis's presence.


Wallace of Cragy to the earl of Lenercke, asking him to persuade the king to fill up a blank warrant gifting a pension to the writer.


Sir Henry Mildmay to [ ], advising him to 'stick closer to god and depende les upon the flesh of man' now that he has become 'the most considderable subject in thses twoe kingedomes', and expressing the writer's willingness to receive any favours which might be conferred on him.

1507. 1641, November 13.

Lord Say and Seale to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking that he is pleased that misapprehensions about the marquis have been cleared up, and describing how a member of the house of commons had sought to speak about him, though not by name, and had been frustrated by 'your freinde and servaunt Mr. Pym'.

The earl of Lanerick to Charles I, asking which of two contradictory instructions concerning Sir James Galloway's deputies he should obey. [Also a copy, 1453]

1454. 1641, November 18. Killeleagh.

James Hamilton, Viscount Claneboye, to Mr. Hugh Coningham, concerning a fight between Sir Phelim O'Neale and Sir William Stewart and their followers, and various other disturbances.

1456. 1641, November 18.

[Copies] Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, concerning the keeping of the signet. Also a copy of 1446.


Wallace of Cragy to the earl of Lanerick's servitor John Swewn, asking him to help in the business of the blank warrant. [See 1444].


Viscount Claneboye to Mr. Hugh Cunninghame, discussing various letters which he has received, and hoping that the king can supply men and munitions.

1458. 1641, November 22. Edinburgh.

The lords of privy council to Charles I, sending information by the earls of Lothian and Lindsey, in the expectation that this will accelerate the expedition to Ireland. [Signed by the earls of Argyll and Loudoun, and 18 others]. [Papered seal; unidentified].

1459. 1641, November 22. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, mentioning the king's request for aid in putting down the Irish rebellion. He then describes his own hopes of a firm friendship between Argyll and the marquis, in furtherance of which Lord Lindsay and the earl of Lanerick will deliver to him the contract for the marriage planned between Argyll's son [Lord Lorne] and Hamilton's daughter [Lady Anne].
1460. 1641, November 22. Edinburgh.

The lords of privy council to Charles I, concerning Sir James Galloway's assumption of the title of king's secretary.

1461. 1641, November 27. Edinburgh.

Patrick Hepburne of Waristune to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to help the writer become a recipient of the king's favours, since he was unable to obtain anything from his majesty during the latter's visit to Edinburgh.

1462. 1641, November 27. Edinburgh.

Patrick Hepburne of Waristune to the earl of Lanerick, sending him a copy of the rentals of Dunglas, Auld camous and Fascastle, and discussing the possible sale of these lands.

1463. 1641, November 29.

[Illegible] to the earl of Lanerick, asking his support on behalf of the writer who has suffered long imprisonment and illness.


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, sending on a packet of letters addressed to him from Lord Clanboyes, and explaining why he ventured to break the seal.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, reporting that the next meetings of council and exchequer have been postponed as most of the members have gone home 'after so long attendance on parliament'.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Laner, asking if the king will continue the present sheriffs in office, and if he should send in the commission for the midshires or wait until he knows the names of those on the English side of the border.
1475. 1641, December 1. Edinburgh.

Sir Alexander Gibson of Durie, clerk register, to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a packet of letters which he had desired, and assuring the marquis of his loyalty and gratitude.


Sir Thomas Hope to Sir James Douglas, explaining that his patent of dignity cannot as it stands be passed under the great seal of Scotland.


Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, containing similar information to that noted in supra 1484.

1468. 1641, December 5. Edinburgh.

George Halden to the earl of Lanerick, denying that the delay over the signature and precept in favour of William Murray was the fault of anyone but Mr. Thomas Murray.

1476. 1641, December 5. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, describing recent council business - the granting of a commission for establishing peace in the north, and of an order for levying 3000 more men for service in Ireland.


The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, describing his letter to the king [supra 1477].


The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, reporting that council has given commissions for establishing peace in the north, and for raising 3000 more men should the king wish them to serve in Ireland.
1481. [?1641] December 6[?] Hannau.

Colonel Alexander Hamilton to [? the marquis of Hamilton], excusing himself at great length for not having written sooner, and asking him to tell the king that he now wishes to enter his service, despite the offers made to him by 'Duc William' [? of Weimar].


The commissioners of the exchequer to the earl of Lindesay, asking him to explain to the king the inconvenience of his majesty's many gifts, granted without the advice or consent of the exchequer. [Signed by the earls of Loudoun and Argyll, and by J. Carmichael].


The earls of Loudoun and Argyll, and J. Carmichael to the earl of Lanerke, complaining about the many gifts and signatures passed under the king's hand without the consent of the exchequer, and asking him to explain this to the king.


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he is sending on some letters from Lord Claneboy, and regretting that the winter weather delays the sending of men and supplies to Ireland.

1482. 1641, December 9.

[As in 1456] to the earl of Lanerick, concerning the writer's precept and signature.


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, repeating the earl of Argyll's desire that his friendship for Hamilton be transmitted to their children. Loudoun is about to go into the country to attend to his private affairs for the first time in 3 years.

The earl of Southesk to the earl of Lanerick, asking his help in retaining the gift of the precinct of Arbroath, obtained from the king on the marquis of Hamilton's intervention and the writer's brother's gift of some teinds for the kirk of Carrestoun. [Encloses infra, 1459]

1466. [1641, December 9]

The earl of Southesk's note for the earl of Lanerick, giving further information about the affairs mentioned in supra 1465.


The earl of Traquaire to the earl of Lanerick, hoping for his continued friendship, referring to his own forthcoming trial, thanking him for past favours and asking him to persuade the king to sign a gift in favour of the earl of Lothian.


The earl of Southesk to the marquis of Hamilton, asking his assistance in the business of his brother's kirk, explained in a letter to the earl of Lanerick. [Supra 1458]


The earl of Southesk to the earl of Lanerick, complaining that one of the underclerks of parliament has issued an act in favour of the kirk of Nabor, prejudicing his brother's kirk of Carrestoun, and asking him to persuade the king to rectify matters.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, recommending his son Sir James to the earl's favour, and reporting that he has drawn up a commission for the middle shires with the names not yet filled in.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, sending a letter from the earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton.

J. Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, promising to meet him on the following day.


Robert Monro to the earl of Lanerick, reminding him that the earl's mother had recommended a certain remission in favour of the writer, and asking his help in obtaining it.


Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that he has sent on various letters to the earl's correspondents; and asking his favour for his brother, the bearer of this present letter.


The earl of Leven to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his gratitude to the king for conferring an earldom on him, but complaining that the earl of Callendar's patent is ante-dated so that he may have precedence over Leven.


The earl of Leven to the earl of Lanerick, asking him and the marquis of Hamilton to mediate with the king since the writer is much wronged by the patent granted to the earl of Calendar.

1769. [1641], December 20. Inveraray.

The marquis of Argyll to [ ], complaining that his enemies are always ready to slander him.

1487. 1641, December 20. Loudoun.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to procure the king's warrant for adding the names of Sir Archibald Johnston, Sir Adam Hepburne and Sir Archibald Campbell to the list of commissioners of exchequer.


John Innes to the earl of Lanerick, asking his aid in defending the grant giving the writer the keeping of Spynie Castle, an honour now endangered by the earl of Murray, who has obtained a similar but later grant from the king.
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1483. 1641, December 27. Chelsey.

Sir John Danvers to [? the marquis of Hamilton], suggesting that the lease of the parsonage of Fulham should be renewed, in favour of Mr. William Blackborne, chaplain to the writer's brother, and hoping to call on [the marquis] at his Chelsey house.

1503. [1641]

G. Duglass to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his desire to be of service to him, and asking him to support 'Colonel Alexander's' desire to help the king. [See supra 1474].

1511. [1641]

Viscount Say and Seale to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the king's deer at Woodstock.

1493. [1641?]

William Morray to [? the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that the king was pleased with his letter, and suggesting that he write another, in similar terms.

1494. [1641]

[ ], to the marquis of Hamilton, offering sympathy for his troubles and assuring him of the constancy of his friends.

1804. [1641]

[Copy] [ ], to Lord Say, describing the king's stay in Edinburgh.

1771. [1641], December 3. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, sending by Sir Archibald Johnston a message [concerning a marriage alliance with the Hamiltons], and discussing some minor matters.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, concerning the appointment of sheriffs and of commissioners on the Border, and the meeting of the commissioners who will try the Incendiaries.

1318. 1641/2, January 8. Chelsey.

Sir John Danvers to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking when and where he may wait upon him.

1308. 1641/2, January 11. From the Catholic Camp at Ould Stow

[Copy] James McDonell to [Archibald Stewart], informing him that there are 2000 men at Dublin and 16,000 about Drogheda, and arranging to send people to Scotland.

1307. 1641/2, January 11. Colerane.

Archibald Stewart to Charles I, describing the rising in Antrim, the need for supplies, and sending on a letter from James MacDonnell, his informant on previous occasions. [Infra 1308]

1579. 1641/2, January 12. Hampton Court.

[Copy] [The earl of Lanerick] to Sir Thomas Hope, in reply to his letter of January 4 [1578] sending Charles I's letter about the appointment of sheriffs and the pursuit of the Incendiaries, but notifying Sir Thomas that nothing can at present be done about the commission for the borders because of the 'present distempers here'.


The marquis of Argyll to the earl of Lanrik, regretting that 'thair is so ill understanding betwix the king and parliament', and asking him to convey his greetings to the marquis of Hamilton.


[Copy] [ ] to [ ], concerning the arrangements for sending men to help suppress the revolt in Ireland.
A. Primerose to [_, informing him of the pensions which the writer's father had, and remarking that he desires extra pension.

Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, sending him some letters and telling him that there is nothing to report.

The Scottish commissioners to Charles I, assuring him of the loyalty of themselves and the estates.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerke, telling him that he has written to the king about the sufferings of their friends in Ireland. [Infra 1721].

The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, fearing that help for Ireland will arrive too late.

Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, asking when and where he may wait upon him.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, describing how he had been forced to appear before the committee of the estates, and asking him to acquaint the king with his uncertainty about how to act in the matter of the Incendiaries.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, instructing him to tell the commission from the Scottish parliament that they must let him know of any dealings with the English parliament.

[Printed in Burnet, p.242.]
1109. [1641/2], January 20. Edinburgh.

Lord Lindesay to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to support the writer's agreement with Lord Crawford for resignation of the latter's lands to him.


The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, describing his efforts to contradict rumours that the Scots would invade England, and expressing his hopes of a settlement between king and parliament.


Alexander Gibsone of Durie to the earl of Lanerick, sending his greetings and expressing his willingness to do any service for his lordship.


The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, in similar terms to supra 1722.


[The chancellor] to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to do all he can to remove the differences between Charles I and his English parliament, so that help may be sent quickly to Ireland.

1724. 1641/2, February 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, announcing a meeting of the privy council on February 8, to discuss preparations for sending forces to Ireland.

1725. 1641/2, February 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to help the bearer, Mr. Alexander Davidson, who is going to Court to present a petition.
1588. 1641/2, February 3. Edinbruch.

The earl of Leven to the earl of Lanerick, thanking him for his help and advice in some unspecified matter.

1749. [1641/2], February 4. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the earl of Lanrik, regretting the quarrel between king and parliament, and expressing the opinion that 'it can never be for his majesties honor nor advantage to mak himself head of ane pairtie which sum studdies soe mucho'.

1621. 1641/2, February 5. Edinburgh.

Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that a meeting of council has been held according to the king's command, and enclosing a copy of a letter from the council to the commissioners.

1321. 1641/2, February 7. Windsor.

Sir Edward Nichols to [? the marquis of Hamilton], informing him that he must attend the king at 8 or 9 am. on the following day.

1704. 1641/2, February 9.

The privy council to Charles I, reporting that they are preparing to transport forces to Ireland.
[Signed by Loudoun, Leven and 27 others].

[Papered seal, unidentified].

1705. 1641/2, February 9.

[Copy] A copy of supra 1704, with a copy of the privy council's letter to the Scots commissioners, desiring them to continue their mediation between the king and his English parliament.


[Copy] [? The earl of Lanerick] to Sir Thomas Hope, informing him that the king expects him to keep his promise about the trial of the Incendiaries.

The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, concerning the sending of forces to Ireland, and mentioning that the marquis of [?Hamilton] is to try to settle differences between the king and the Scots. [Partly torn]

1750. [1641/2], February 10. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to Charles I, referring to his coming journey to Court.


Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that frequent meetings of council have been held in the past two days, and sending a copy of some documents concerning the business conducted there.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to explain to the king that he gave in to the estates in the affair of the Incendiaries through necessity.

1592. 1641/2, February 15. Edinburgh.

Sir John Scott of Scotstarvit to the earl of Lanerick, complaining that the king is disposing of the most important parts of his kingdom by granting church lands to the nobles.

[Encloses a memorandum on the subject]

1593. 1641/2, February 17. Edinburgh.

John Hay to the earl of Lanerick, asking his further help in securing a warrant for a sum of money which he hopes to obtain.


Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, sending him some letters, mentioning that the council has been discussing the departure of the foot soldiers and the warrant for copper coin, and asking him to help the writer obtain the same fees as his predecessors.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that the king has remitted to the privy council the task of choosing a keeper for the town and castle of Carrickfergus. He also mentions that most people hope that Leslie will be made general in charge of the Irish expedition.


J. Campbell, fiar of Lawers, to the earl of Lanrig, asking him to help the writer's cousin, Mr. John Drummond of Leanock, obtain letters confirming his appointment as [ ] of the kingdom.


Sir Philip Stapleton to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to grant the bearer access to the king, in order that he may present a petition from the gentlemen of Yorkshire.

1766. 1641/2, February 21.

The marquis of Argyll to the earl of Lanrike, asking him to give the king some papers concerning the choosing of a council.

1328. 1641/2, February 22. Dover.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, ordering him to admit Thomas Witheris as a gentleman to wait upon the prince.

1835. [1641/2, February]

[Draft, in his own hand] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, protesting that the sickness which kept him from Court 'was not counterfeit', and regretting that he still cannot come as he has been 'so unhappy as to have fallen yesterday in a relapse'.

1728. 1641/2, March 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to obtain the king's signature to a gift of pension for the general of the artillery.
1707. 1641/2, March 2. Edinburgh.

The privy council to Charles I, announcing the appointment of officers to the Scots army, in accordance with the king's orders. [Papered seal; unidentified]. [Signed by Loudoun, Argyll and 8 others.]

1596. 1641/2, March 5. London.

Lord Ruthven of Ettrick to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to thank the king for conferring an earldom on the writer. He will gladly acquit his majesty of any debt, and in conclusion discusses the title he intends to take.

1706. 1641/2, March 5. Edinburgh.

The privy council to Charles I, postponing the marquis of Argyle's visit to Court.


1729. 1641/2, March 7. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, explaining the delay in the marquis of Argyle's visit to Court, and mentioning some other minor matters.


Sir John Smythe to the earl of Lanerick, enclosing a note about a licence for lead mining.


Sir Patrick Hepburne of Waristune to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to persuade the marquis of Hamilton to answer his earlier letter about the rentals of Dunglas etc. [See his letter to the earl of Lanerick supra 1462].


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerick, explaining why he gave way to the estates in the matter of the pursuit of Incendiaries.

Sir Patrick Hepburne of Warestune to the Marquis Hammiltune, asking him to send back a paper he had previously given him, and hoping that the king will recompense him for his own and his predecessor's services.

1598. [?1641/2], March 9. St. Jameses.

The earl of Danby to [ ], asserting that he knows of no one more suitable than the Marquis Hambleton to mediate between the king and parliament.

1753. 1641/2, March 10. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamiltone, discussing the rift between king and parliament, and declaring that he thinks 'the power of princes is best manteen'd when most feared but least used'.

1754. [1641/2], March 10. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamiltone, telling him that he will not be reconciled with Traquair unless Hamilton is included in the agreement.

1730. 1641/2, March 10. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, describing the council's satisfaction with the choice of Leslie as general, and asking him to procure the king's signature to an assignation of a gift of pension to the general of the artillery.


Charles I to the lords of the treasury, ordering them to prepare a new privy seal for the receipt of £16,300 from the marquis of Hamilton.


Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, sending him a copy of a letter from Loudoun and Argyll to the commissioners. [1602]

[Copy] The earls of Loudoun and Argyle to [the commissioners], asking for the £30,000 arrears to pay the soldiers going to Ireland, as well as arms, ammunition and picks, and describing the arrangements for victualling the army.

1332. 1641/2, March 21. Whitehall.

The lords of the treasury to Charles I, concerning the repayment of the king's debt to the marquis of Hamilton.

1603. 1641/2, March 23. Yorek.

Charles I to Lord Lanrick, asking him to lend his assistance to Lieutenant-General King.

1755. 1641/2, March 24. Whithall.

[Copy] The marquis of Argyll to [the marquis of Hamilton], telling him that he will be pleased if Hamilton is reconciled with Traquair, since he was grieved to see the latter in such a condition.

1604. 1641/2, March 26. Whithall.

[Copy] [? The marquis of Hamilton] to Sir John Banks, on behalf of Mr. David Ramsay, who has been deprived of his position [unspecified] by Fabian Phillipps.

1731. 1641/2, March 27. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, imputing his silence to 'the condition of the tyme', and sending his greetings.


[41/2?]

Walter Whitford [formerly bishop of Brechin], parson of Waldgrave, to the earl of Lanrick, asking him to acquaint the king with his financial straits, and to persuade his majesty to authorise a signature in favour of the writer's son-in-law.
1401. 1641/2, March 30.

[Copy] [Charles I] to [ ], expressing amazement that he should ask a favour, since he had served the writer so ill in Spain by encouraging him in his intention to become a Roman Catholic.

1752. 1641/2, March. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the earl of Lanrik, telling him that the writer's journey to Court has been postponed.

1732/1. 1642, April 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanericke, explaining that council cannot meet to reply to the king's letters until April 13.

1630. 1642, April 2. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanerk, telling him that he still awaits a reply to his previous letter, and protesting that he had acted as he did, in the business of the Incendiaries, for the good of the king.

1625. 1642, April 2. Edinburgh.

Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, telling him that there is little to report since the council does not meet again until April 13, and that the writer has received his pension at last.

1631. 1642, April 5. Edinburgh.

General Alexander Hamilton to the earl of Lanericke, asking for a copy of the documents dealing with his old and new grants of a pension, so that he may decide which to request.

1813. [1642, c. April 5]

General Alexander Hamilton to the earl of Lainrick, asking him to send the copy of the first gift made to him to the lord chancellor.
1642, April 6. Penmure?

[Copy] The earl of Eglintoun to the earl of Loudain, describing the defeat of their army at Culrayne and the arrival of Monro and his regiment.

1642, April 7. Edinburgh.

Sir John Smith to the earl of Lanerick, thanking him for the trouble he has taken over the licence for lead, and mentioning other minor financial matters.

1642, April 7. London.

Sir John Hamilton of Broomhill to the earl of Lanrik, thanking him for giving a good report of the writer to the king, and mentioning that a London merchant had that day been fined and imprisoned.

1642, April 7. Elashell.

John Strang to the earl of Lanerick, thanking him for his kindness to Mr. James Squire.

1642, April 7. London.

The earls of Lothian, Lindsay and the other Scots commissioners to the earl of Lanerick, on behalf of Colonel Galbraith, who should receive his deceased brother's revenues, rather than see them go to Dr. Maxwell.

1642, April 7. Whithall.

[Copy] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Mr. William Murray, protesting against various misreports which accuse him of making private agreements with parliament.

[Text printed in Burnet, pp.246-7]


Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, informing him that Monro and his regiment have landed at Knockfergus, and sending copies of some letters.
The earls of Lothian and Lindsay, and the other Scottish commissioners to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to support the town of Edinburgh's request to the king to be allowed to take lead into Scotland duty free 'for thicking of two churches ... and their college called King James his college and ane part of Heriot's hospitall ...'.

The earl of Eglintoun to the marquis of Hammiltoun, asking him to request parliament to grant an allowance to 'my lord of Airlie' and his brother, for maintaining their regiments.

Irvin to the earl of Lanerik, thanking him for his 'nobell favor'.

The marquis of Hamilton to his brother [the earl of Lanerick], regretting that the writer's sickness will prevent him from attending the king at the St. George's feast. He hopes that his majesty will ignore the attempts of the marquis's 'unfriends' to do him harm during his absence, and promises to attend his majesty faithfully when he is better. For the present, he has 'found this a wearisome and sadd tyme, having since I saw you stirred but verie litle of my bedd, and what I heare there concerning the publique, grieves me and in my owne particulars much troubled and pressed with want'.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanericke, describing the sending of forces to Ireland, and asking him to present to the king a petition sent from the mayor and alderman of Londonderry and found in an Irish boat wrecked by storms.

The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, promising to hasten the sending of troops to Ireland, Monroe already having arrived there.
1756. [1642], April 12. Inverraray.

The marquis of Argyll to the earl of Lanrike, regretting that the king has written as he did to the council about the Incendiaries, since council cannot be expected to meddle in such a matter, and 'his Majesties too great earnestnes for suche men leaves ever hard impressions'.

1638. 1642, April 12. York.

[Copy] Charles I to the Scottish privy council, stating his intention of proceeding to Ireland.

[Printed in R.P.C. V, p.241]

1611. 1642, April 12. Yorke.

[Copy] Charles I to the privy council, declaring his intention to go to Ireland in person to suppress the rebellion.

[Printed in R.P.C. VII, p.241]


The privy council to Charles I, discussing the sending of forces to Ireland.

Also another copy of this, 1873.

[Signed by Loudoun, Leven and 11 others] [Papered seal]


1612. 1642, April 13. Loudon.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, discussing a case of [murder?] among his tenants.


Archibald Primrose to the earl of Lanerick, describing how the king's letters were read at the council meeting on the previous day.
1613. 1642, April 15. Edinburgh.

Sir John Scott of Scotstarvet to the earl of Lanark, asking him to persuade the king to grant out no more abbacies; if his majesty proves obdurate, the earl should request for himself the superiority of the vassals of the priory of St. Andrews.

1651. 1642, April 15 and May 16.

[Copy] Charles I to the Scottish Privy Council concerning the recognition of Sir James Galloway as secretary of state.


1639. 1642, April 15. Edinburgh.

Sir James Carmichael to the earl of Lanarke, asking him to persuade the king to present Mr. William Sommervell to the parish of Westra and Pettinane.

1640. 1642, April 18. London.

Sir James Hamilton to the earl of Lainericke, asking him if he can gain some remission for Mr. James Ramsay of Southsyd, who has murdered William Otterburne.


Sir Archibald Johnston to the earl of Lanrike, reporting that he has delivered the king's message to the privy council.

1643. 1642, April 20. London.

The earls of Lothian, Lindsay and the other Scots commissioners to the earl of Lanerik, reporting that they have sent on copies of the treaty and parliamentary orders [supra 1641] to the Scottish privy council.

1614. 1642, April 20. London.

Sir John Smith to the earl of Lamerick, thanking him for persuading the king to grant a licence for lead, hoping that he can persuade Mr. Nicholas to expedite the business, and recommending Robin Lesseli for a place in the customs.

The marquis of Argyll to the earl of Lanrik, describing the council's efforts to reconcile king and parliament, and their misgivings about his majesty's intended expedition to Ireland.

1758. [1642], April 21. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how the council has advised the king and his English parliament that 'the head and the body can never separat without destruction to both', and recommending to his favour the viscount of Aird's servant.

1644. 1642, April 21. Whitehall.

[Copy] [ ] to [Sir Edward Littleton, the lord keeper], asking that certain privileges accorded to Mr. Cory, protonotary of common pleas, may be granted.

1709. 1642, April 23. Edinburgh.

The privy council to Charles I, sending a reply to his instructions to Sir Archibald Johnestoun by the earl of Loudoun. [Papered seal; unidentified]

1734. 1642, April 23. Halyruedheous.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to tell the king that the writer will go to him with a message from the estates.

1710. 1642, April 23. Edinburgh.

The privy council to Charles I, requesting him not to allow Sir James Galloway to usurp the position of secretary. [Signed by Loudoun, Argyll and 9 others] [Papered seal]

1628. 1642, April 23. Edinburgh.

Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, sending him some letters, and telling him that details of the council's recent business have been entrusted to the chancellor.

Sir John Hay to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to tell the king how much he needs a warrant for certain money due to him.

1759. [1642], April 25. Hamilton.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, wishing that the king were back in London, since in his absence 'thair can be no solide quyet in his dominions'.


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanrek, discussing the renewal of a bond in favour of John Bellenden.

1616. 1642, April 26. Todcaster.

The earl of Ancram to the earl of Lanrick, reporting that he is going to London to do some business with the earl of Lothian, his son, and hoping that Lanark will act in that business as Lothian requested.


Cranstoun Riddell to the earl of Lanrick, reporting that he has asked the treasurer depute to present to the earl, in the writer's name, the patronage of the church of Pencatland.

1618. 1642, April 27.

Sir Andrew Johnson to the earl of Lanrick, disapproving of the king's reported intention of calling a parliament and of having Montrose and Ogilvy go to York.


Sir John Hamilton of Broumhill to the earl of Lanrik, asking him to obtain the king's signature for a warrant for transporting horses, and informing him that the earl's brother [the 3rd marquis of Hamilton] is improving and longs to be with the king.
1647. 1642, April 28. King Street.

Adam, bishop of Aberdeen, to the earl of Lanerik, asking him to expedite the matter of the gift to his son John, since he himself is 'in such want and grief', and cannot as yet gain possession of the benefice in Somersetshire.

1634. 1642, April. Edinburgh.

[Copy?] [? The lords of privy council] to [ ], complaining about unspecified 'misinformation' involving themselves, and remarking that Sir Alexander Johnson has not yet arrived with the treaty.

1673. [1642, April]

[Copy] [? The privy council] to [ ], complaining of certain misinformations about them.

1648. 1642, May 2. Westminster.

Walter Whitford [formerly bishop of Brechin], to the earl of Lanrik, asking him to find a place at Oxford for the bearer.

1693. 1642, May 5. Fleet Street.

Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how Sir Henry Gibb asked whether the marquis had made any proposition to the writer, the question apparently being at the behest of Lady Elizabeth Hatton.


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, declaring that he will go no further south, but will return to Scotland.


Adam Bellenden [formerly bishop of Aberdeen] to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to request the king to authorise a gift to the writer's son.
William Murray to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the king has seen his letter, will not distrust his remarks about his sickness, but expects to see him as soon as he has recovered.
Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him 'some sweet flowers', and reporting that his own brother [the earl of Danby] is very pleased with the marquis's dealings with him.

[Copy] [ to Charles I, in reply to his letter of May 20, reporting that his instructions have been obeyed.

[Copy] [ to Charles I, reporting that his recent letters were read at the council meeting of the previous day, and order given to print that of May 20, omitting one clause. Also another copy.

The earl of Peterburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, explaining that he has been unable to attend the king since he is 'lame of handes, kneeses and feete'.

[Copy] [? The earl of Lanerick] to [? the marquis of Hamilton], describing how great crowds have gathered in the town and presented a petition to the council.

[Copy] [The earl of Lanerick] to Lord Balmerino, concerning [?] Langton's claim to some position [unspecified].

Katherine, duchess of Buckingham to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to intercede on behalf of her husband [the earl of Antrim], who has been taken prisoner.
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1655. 1642, June 1. Parliament House.

Lord Basil Feilding to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that he will be with the king when the latter receives parliament's demands, for unless his majesty accept these, 'nothing can be expected in this kingdom but disorder and confusion'.
   Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring a letter from him, and informing him that the writer will probably accompany Lady Elizabeth Hatton [aunt of the earl of Exeter] to Burleigh by Stamford.

1660. 1642, June 7. London.
   Lord Basil Feilding to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how parliament is proceeding against those whom it considers delinquents; such actions drive king and parliament so far apart 'as will hardly admit of anie ouverture of reconcilement'.

1761. [1642], June 11. Edinburgh.
   The marquis of Argyle to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to advise the king that no one can serve him well 'except they carie his peopel alongst with them', and mentioning that the earl of Antrim has been taken prisoner.

1661. 1642, June 11. Covent Garden.
   The earl of Peterburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, protesting that he does not understand his last letter, but hoping that the marquis will retain a good opinion of him.

   Sir John Danvers to [the marquis of Hamilton], repeating the contents of his letter of June 6 [supra 1695], and referring to the propositions sent by parliament to the king. [Partly obliterated]

   [Copy] [The Scottish privy council] to Charles I, concerning Sir James Galloway's usurpation of the place of secretary of state.

The privy council to Charles I, concerning Sir James Galloway's claim to the secretaryship. [Signed by Loudoun, Argyll and 11 others.] [Papered seal, unidentified]


The earl of Ormonde to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending the bearer to his favour.


Lord Basil Feilding to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that levies of money for England and Ireland are proceeding quickly, 9 lords have been impeached by the house of commons, and parliament has recalled the committees from York.


[Copy] The privy council to Charles I, concerning Sir James Galloway [another copy of supra 1662]; protestation and appeal by Sir James.

[Printed in R.P.C. Volume V. pp.274-6]

1762. [1642], June 18. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how 'it dounds me to the very heart' to think of the current troubles.


The earl of Loudoun the marquis of Hamilton, exhorting him to do everything in his power to remove the differences between king and parliament, and asking him to request his majesty to nominate his commissioner to the forthcoming assembly.


The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, asking him to nominate a commissioner to the forthcoming assembly, and advising him to grant out no more wardships, as such gifts are prejudicial to his majesty's finances.
1763. 1642, June 20. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to help the new earl of Athol, who wishes to have the gift of his wardship and marriage made to some of his friends.

1697. 1642, June 20. London.

Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that he expects to be at Burleigh on June 28.


Katherine, duchess of Buckingham to the Marquis Hambleton, asking him to persuade General Lesley to allow her to send messengers to her husband, the earl of Antrim, at Dunlus [Dunluce].


The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to proceed no further as yet in the matter of Sir William Anstruther. He then states that 'thair is muche use mad her of your lordship's subscryving ane declaration thair', and remarks that Hamilton's friends would like to know the truth of the matter.


John, archbishop of York to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending the bearer, and repeating rumours about the purpose of the marquis's visit to Scotland.

1698. 1642, June 30. Chelsey.

Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, advising him to make careful choice of successors to Mr. D. Wilkinson, parson of Chelsey, who has been arrested, and to Dr. Henry King, who should be transferred from Fulham.

1668. 1642, June 30. York.

Sir Peter Welch to the marquis of Hamilton, reminding him that he must give £225 for the payment of the cavalry.
1669. 1642, July 2. Covent Garden.

The earl of Peterburgh to [? the marquis of Hamilton], expressing regret at his correspondent's departure for Scotland.


Lord Basil Feilding to [ the marquis of Hamilton], approving of his correspondent's journey to Scotland.

1671. [1642], July 2. Chelsy.

Lord Mandeville to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the latter's journey to Scotland as 'an ill omen, butt a good discharge off your dutye', and expressing his forebodings about the future.


The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, asking him to nominate a commissioner to the forthcoming assembly, and to sign a commission appointing persons to fix what yearly duty should be paid by those who hold 'landes waird'.

1673. 1642, July 12. London.

Francis Vernon to [the marquis of Hamilton], sending some of the latest printed papers and reporting that the queen is likely to go to Antwerp. The lord mayor of London has been sent to the Tower, and forces are to go to the defence of Hull.


The earl of Antrim to [the marquis of Hamilton], protesting his loyalty and remarking that it was his misfortune to be absent from his own lands when the rebellion broke out.
Katherine, duchess of Buckingham to the marquis of Hambelton, thanking him for helping her send two messengers to her husband, and asking him to find out why her husband has been made prisoner.

Henry Percy to [? the marquis of Hamilton], hoping that his correspondent's recent attitude towards him 'proceeded rather from the curiosity of the times then any change of your favor to me'.

The earl of Holland to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he has presented a petition to the king, who returned an unfavourable answer.

Sir Philip Stapleton to the Marquis Hamilton, reporting that in reply to the petition he gave the king, he and his friends received an answer 'soe full of sharpnesse, and the demands or so high a nature ...' that he is in despair of a peaceful settlement, and discussing the armies of both sides.

[Copy] The privy council to [the Scots commissioners], expressing the opinion that the army should be discharged by the king and parliament jointly.

[Copy] The privy council to Charles I, concerning privileges in France formerly enjoyed by the Scots; with a copy of the king's reply.

[Copy] The privy council to [the Scots commissioners], urging them to conclude the treaty in a way pleasing to both Charles I and the English parliament.

The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, sending him a copy of the privy council's letter to the commissioners concerning the terms under which the army in Ireland should be disbanded.

1765. [1642], July 23. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, wondering that no news has come from London or from Court all week, and informing him that the earl of Holland and Sir Philip Stapleton have presented various propositions to the king. [Specified].

1679. 1642, July 23. Leicester.

[Copy] Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the earl of Dunfermline has been appointed commissioner to the forthcoming general assembly.


The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the king is in Leicester 'laboring upon the affections of his people to dispose them to his service'.


The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, referring to the declaration sent from the English parliament to the assembly. [In a postscript, the earl of Cassillis adds 'I know all is so fullie said by the berer that I need say no more but yt I am your grace's most humble servant ...']

1682. [1642], July 29. Beverly.

Charles I to the earl of Loudoun, complaining about a reply he has received from the English parliament, accusing him of having 'a party of Papists' around him, and declaring that he is preparing to 'make opposition' against those who have thus affronted him.

1683. 1642, July 29.

[Copy] Charles I to the earl of Dunfermline, commanding him to inform the assembly of his reply to the petition from the English parliament.
The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that when the king read the intercepted remonstrance of the English parliament to the assembly, he remarked 'that althoe he lyked it not, yet he knew it wold be more prejudice to stopp it then to suffer it goe'. The earl also encloses various papers.

The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, reporting that he has had printed his majesty's reply to parliament's petition, asking how the commissioners for the conservation of peace should meet, and explaining why he could not be present at the general assembly.

Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, enclosing a letter from the chancellor, telling him that there is nothing to report as council has not been meeting and thanking him for past favours.

The earl of Dunfermline to Charles I, describing the proceedings of the recent general assembly.

Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, describing his recent visit to his brother, whom he found troubled by the king's commission of array and by the threat of deafness.

Viscount Falkland to Mr George Digby, asking him to help in the raising of money for the king.

The earl of Bristol to Mr George Digby, asking him to help in raising a regiment. [First part of the letter torn off].
1777. 1642, August 8. Craigfargus.

The earl of Leven to the marquis of Hamilton, describing recent events in Ireland and mentioning the need for more ships to guard the seas. The writer intends to march to the relief of Sir William and Sir Robert Stewart on the following Wednesday. [Only the signature in his own hand.]

1776. [1642], August 9. Rufford.

The earl of Hollande to the marquis of Hamilton, giving him the latest news of the continental wars.

1743. 1642, August 15. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the possibility of the queen's return and of a meeting of the commissioners for preservation of peace.


The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his desire for peace, mentioning that council does not meet again until the beginning of September, and remarking that he hopes to see the marquis during the following week.


The privy council to Charles I, informing him that although the Scots commissioners have been recalled, Sir John Smith and the earl of Lindsey will remain in London. [Papered seal, unidentified.]


The Scottish estates to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to deliver several letters to the king. [Signed by the earls of Loudoun, Cassilis, Argyll, Lauderdale and 7 others.]


The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, describing how he has done his best to defer the meeting of the commissioners for the preservation of peace, but fears that his efforts will not meet with success as news has just arrived of the king raising his standard and parliament gathering an army.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to deliver a message to the king, and telling him how much people desire a meeting of the commissioners for the preservation of peace.


The earls of Loudoun, Argyll and others to the earl of Lanerick, asking that the king should punish printers of an unwarranted declaration.

[Signatures as in supra 1686.]


[Copy or draft] Charles I to the Scottish privy council, concerning unity of religion and the recall of the Scots commissioners.


1642, August 27. Nottingham.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, writing in haste to tell him, 'This is a tyme to show you what you ar.'


Charles I to [ ], sending William Murray to tell him the latest news.

[Also a copy.]

1642, August 29. Edinburgh.

The lords of the privy council to Charles I, sending a petition in the name of the recent assembly.

[Summarised in H.H.C. Report, p. 110(210)].

1642, August 31. Nottingham.

The earl of Lanerick to [ ], describing the English parliament's reception of the king's latest message to them.


The earl of Antrim to [ ], describing the delay in bringing him to trial and asking his correspondent to see that he 'be not longer kept upon anie pretence to my prejudice.'
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1701. 1642, September 5. Chelsey.

Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, sending his greetings and hoping that the king's proposals will lead to a settlement with parliament.


[Copy] J. Pitkarny to [the marquis of Hamilton], accusing Sir Harry Steadling and Captain Thomas Kettilbe of treason.

1780. 1642, September 6. Trentham.

John Langley to George Digby, wishing to know if any message has come from Court confirming the rumour that the king was seeking a pacification.

1672. 1642, September 8. Hamilton.

[Copy] [ ] to Charles I, reporting that a meeting of the commissioners has duly been arranged.

1781. [1642], September 10. Edinbruch.

William Murray to [the marquis of Hamilton], describing his recent meeting with his correspondent's brother and the marquis of Argyll, advancing the opinions that if the king would publish 'some handsome declaration' about uniformity of church government, it would further his cause, and discussing the arrival in the Forth of the 'Swallow' and the 'Bonaventure'.


[Copy] [Charles I] to [the commissioners for the preservation of peace], assuring them of his desire for peace; together with their reply of September 29, from Edinburgh.


The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, announcing that the commissioners for conserving the peace are to meet on the following day, and discussing the recent assembly's desire for uniformity of religion.

The privy council to Charles I, defending their orders to two of their commissioners to stay in London.
[Signed by Loudoun, Hamilton and 9 others.]
[Papered seal, unidentified.]


The privy council to Charles I, concerning the appointment of Mr John Carmichaell as sheriff-depute of Lanark, without their warrant.
[Signed by Loudon, Hamilton and 7 others.]
[Papered seal, unidentified][Also a copy.]


The privy council to Charles I, reporting that they are sending representatives to try to compose the differences between his majesty and the English parliament.
[Signed by Loudon, Hamilton and 21 others.]
[Papered seal, unidentified.]

1717. 1642, October 1. Edinburgh.

The earls of Loudoun, Argyll and Glencairne to Charles I, informing him that at the present moment it is impossible to give him an account of all his revenues and debts, but advising him not to alienate any more of his revenues if he wishes to pay all his debts.

1785. 1642, October 1. Edinburgh.

The earls of Loudoun, Argyll and Glencairne to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to convey to the king various letters concerning the exchequer.
1784. 1642, October 1. Edinburgh.

The earls of Loudoun, Argyll, Cassilis and 6 others to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to remind the king about their letter concerning privileges formerly enjoyed by Scots in France. [Papered seal, unidentified.]

1716. 1642, October 1. Edinburgh.

The privy council to Charles I, asking permission to attempt to regain the privileges formerly enjoyed by Scotsmen in France. [Signed by Loudoun, Hamilton and 8 others.] [Papered seal, unidentified.]

1747. 1642, October 1. Edinburgh.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, recounting the discussions of the commission for conserving peace on the subject of inviting the queen to return.

9288. 1642, October 14 N.S. Haghe. [October 3 O.S.]

Charles, Prince Palatine to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him of his gratitude for the marquis's many professions of friendship.

3113. [1642], October 5. Hemsly.

Katherine, duchess of Buckingham to the Marquis Hambleton, asking for his advice on how she can have her husband brought to England or sent for trial in Dublin.

1786. 1642, October 10. Rockingham.

[Copy] Chetwind] to [ ], protesting that he does not wish to serve again as a sheriff, and suggesting Sir Christopher Hatton instead.

1787. 1642, October 10. Carrikfergus.

The earl of Leven to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he has been 'latelie in the fields seeking ane enemy who will not be found but at his owne advantage', and therefore devastates the countryside so that the enemy will be defeated by famine.
1642, October 10. Shrewesbury.

T.B. to [ ], reporting that 3,500 horse and 2,000 dragoons are marching to Bridgnorth, except for the king's guard who will accompany him later. Some of the footsoldiers have already gone there, and the rest are about to follow.

1642, October 17. Wolerhampton.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a verbal message, and explaining that he has delayed until now 'expecting dayly, a batle; but now I [ ] thinks the rebels want eather courage or strenth to figght before they be forsed.'

1642, October 20. Dunkeld.

[ ] to ['your grace' ], sending his greetings.

1642, October 22. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his readiness to assist in suppressing the rebellion in Ireland.

1642, October 24. Inverraray.

The marquis of Argyll to [ the marquis of Hamilton ], regretting the king's decision to seek a battle since the outcome of any such encounter is always very uncertain.

1642, October 29. Inverraray.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he received his letter on his return from hunting, but cannot see Hamilton before the following week.

1642, November 2 and [ ]. Dublin and Carrickfergus.

[Copy] Robert Reynolds and Robert Goodwin, commissioners from the English parliament to [ General Leslie ] announcing their arrival; also his reply, discussing Irish affairs.


[Copy] [ Lord Gray of Wark ] to Mr Edward Nichols, requesting a safe conduct for parliamentary commissioners travelling to Court, and Nichols's reply, granting their request upon certain terms.
1642, November 15. Edinburgh.

The privy council to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that they have ordered the present sheriff to continue in office, and that they have written to the earl of Lindsay to discuss with the English parliament the stopping of a merchant ship. [Papered seal, unidentified.]

1642, November 16.

Sir Archibald Johnston to the earl of Lanrik, asking him to obtain the king's signature to a document in favour of William Johnston.

1642, November 17. Halyrudehous.

Lord John Maitland to the earl of Lanericke, sending his greetings, and a verbal message by the bearer.

1642, November 17. Edinburgh.

Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanricke, asking him to obtain his majesty's consent to the write attending council.

1642, December 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Abercorne to [the marquis of Hamilton], asking him to persuade the king to sign various blank signatures in the writer's favour.


Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton declaring his intention 'that no extreamitie or misfortune shall make me yeald, for I will eather bee a glorius King or a patient Martir.' [Text in Burnet's Memoirs pp. 259-60]


Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, instructing him to tell the Scots parliament that if they choose as their commissioners Sir Thomas Hope or Sir Archibald Johnstoune, these abovenamed will not be included in his safe conduct for the rest. [Papered signet, Scottish royal arms.]

Alexander Henderson to the earl of Lenerk, on behalf of Adam Blair, whom some have attempted to deprive of his office of receiver of rents in Scotland.

1799. 1642, December 8.

S. Murray to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to inform the king of his loyalty, since rumours have questioned it.


Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton on praising him and his brother for their behaviour at the previous meeting of council.
[Text in Burnet's Memoirs pp. 262-3]

1692. 1642, December to 1643, January

Copies of letters from J. Pickering to John Pym, Sir John Clotworthy and others.

1718. [1642]

Copies of letters to the king from the privy council, concerning the propositions to be put to him by the earl of Lothian, and of instructions to the said earl.

1772. [1642]

Note by the marquis of Argyll for the marquis of Hamilton, designed to enclose some paper 'which is all done, your brother on my word knowing nothing of it.'

1815. [c. 1642]

The countess of Denbigh to the earl of Lenerecke, complaining that one of the earl's servants has threatened to eject one of the queen's, Monsieur Coignett, from his lodgings.

1811. [?1642]

Charles I to the Scottish privy council, sending a copy of a letter from Lord Grey of Wark, and the king's offer to him of a safe conduct.
[Copy] [The estates] to [ ], discussing a petition given into the commissioners for conserving peace, on the subject of uniformity of religion.

Walter Whitford [formerly bishop of Brechin] to the earl of Lanrik, expressing his obligations to him.

Sir John Danvers to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he is about to go to Burghleigh with Lady Elizabeth Hatton.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, declaring his continuing loyalty to the king.

The earl of Wigtoune to Charles I, complaining that he has not received payment of the £1000 sterling granted to him by the king.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, assuring him of his loyalty.

[Copy] Charles I to the marquis of Argile, complaining that the Scottish commissioners are interesting themselves in 'the present differences betwix us and our parliament here', and expecting Argile to see that they do so no further.

[Copy] Charles I to the chancellor and privy council of Scotland, explaining that the 'present distractiones' hinder the sending of aid to Ireland, but ordering them to send over the forces now raised, and continuing in similar terms as to the earl of Argyll. [Supra 1586]
c. 1

164. 1642/3, February 1. Windsor.

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, desiring his presence on the following day.
[Text in Burnet p. 245.]


[ ] to the privy council, protesting that their gathering of subscriptions for the petition was merely done 'out of the sensible feeling of our sufferings by reiterated valuations of our estates ...' and that they had been unaware that this would give offence.

1825. [1642/3, February]

Charles I's answer to the commissioners of the general assembly.
[Text printed in Burnet, p. 269.]

1861. [1642/3, After March 3]

Charles I to the privy council, denying that their complaints [against those who presented the petition concerning the annuity] are justified.

1871. 1643, March 11/18.

Alexande Boswell to [? the marquis of Hamilton], reporting his safe arrival abroad.

1844. [? 1643], April 3.

[? The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], remarking that, in his opinion, 'the Scotes forsis which ar in Iyrland will not suddenly come amongst us.'

1838. [? 1643], April 3 and 4. Holirud.

[Draft] [The marquis of Hamilton] to [? Henrietta Maria], informing her that he had spoken with Argyll as commanded, but doubted if he would come round to their way of thinking.

Charles I to the chancellor and 'remanent Senators of our College of Justice', ordering them to call before them the earl of Traquair, who holds a backbond in which Sir William Dick promised not to take rent from the people of Zetland for the year 1634.

[Papered signet, Scottish royal arms.]


Charles I to [the earl of Lanerick], requesting him to call together his friends and dependents in order to take assurances from them of their loyalty.

[Note at foot; 'Concordat cum originali', and signed by Lanerick.]


Charles I to the duke of Hamilton, in the same terms as supra 1876.

1823. 1643, April 21. Peebles.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to Charles I, reporting on a rumour concerning some danger to the chancellor [the 1st earl of Loudoun], and to [ ]. He also declares himself anxious to hear the latest news from England.

1879. 1643, April 29. Lathame.

[Copy] The earls of Roxburgh, Morton, Annandale, Kinnoule, Lanrick and Carnworth to Henrietta Maria, describing the need for reinforcements of the county through which they are passing on their way to Scotland.

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The duke of Hamilton] to [ ], remarking upon rumours that the commissioners sent to the king are being held prisoner, and declaring that unless they return by May 4 the people will fear the worst.

[Copy] The privy council to Charles I, announcing that it has been found necessary to summon a convention of estates. [Printed in R.P.C. VII. p. 428] Also a letter from the earl of Loudon to Charles I, on May 14, in similar terms.

1643, May 16.

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanerick, summarised by the recipient as 'excuse for delaying the calling of the Councell'.

1643?, May 17. Yorke.

Queen Henrietta Maria to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that Will Murray can give him all the news. She will tell him only that she rests 'toujours confidante de ce que vous m'aves promis, vous assurant que de mon coste je ne manqueray point'. [In French, with cover.] [With a modern transcript and translation.]


Sir Thomas Hope to the earl of Lanrek, discussing the legality of the convention of estates.


[Copy] The earl of Lanerick to [ ], asking him to send a letter from the secretary to the king, and expressing his gratitude to his majesty.


[Copy] The duke of Hamilton to Charles I, informing him that the Scots army in Ireland have called a convention of estates, and that he has sent out letters to noblemen and burghs as commanded. [Postscript only in his own hand.]


Queen Henrietta Maria to the earl of Lenerick, telling him that she has sent on to the king the packet of papers his lordship sent. She begs him to remind his brother [the duke of Hamilton] 'de ce que je vous ay parlai'. [In French, with cover.] [With a modern transcript and translation.]

Charles I to the lord chancellor of Scotland [the 1st earl of Loudoun] and the privy council, forbidding them to allow a convention of estates to meet.


Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, complaining that only eleven members have signed the letter which he received recently from the Scottish privy council.


Charles I to the earl of Loudoun, expressing his displeasure at the calling of a meeting of the convention of estates.

[Part of signet remains]

1643, May 26.

[Copy or draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to Charles I, describing the council meeting of the previous day, and the decision to omit in the printing a clause of his majesty's recent letter.

[1643?], May 27.

Queen Henrietta Maria to the duke of Hamilton, referring to 'un malheur a un de nos cartiers par la negligence de nos gens'. She then tells him that their army consists of 7,000 footsoldiers and 69 troops of cavalry, not counting garrisons and her own two regiments. The king's army is 'ossy forte que celle de Essex', who 'n'osseroit advancer'. His majesty has sent Prince Maurice to the west with 2000 horse and 1000 foot soldiers, and the nobles of the west have promised to raise an army of 10,000 men in 6 weeks. Apart from the death of her brother, the news from France is good, as is that from Holland, and 'j'espere de voir leedes pris avant que je parte'. She asks the duke to make known this news to all her friends 'sy personne a cette heure se oser avouer tell: apres que la maison basse m'a declare a traitour et a port mon acusation aux lords'.

[In French]

[With a modern transcript and translation] [Translation printed in Burnet p. 293]

Charles I to the earl of Lannerick, condemning the calling of the convention of estates, but desiring that the 'right affected' should all attend. [Signet gone].


[Copy] Charles I to the Scottish privy council, desiring them to refrain from putting into execution an order from the English parliament for the arrest of certain Scottish earls. [Printed in R.P.C. V. pp. 450-1]


Sir John Danvers to the duke of Hamilton, sending his greetings, and the gift of 'an Embleme Cutt in Steele for a Seale Token'.


[Copy] Charles I to Sir Thomas Hope, ordering him to appear for various Scottish earls accused of treason.

9602. [1643?], May 30.

Queen Henrietta Maria to the duke of Hamilton, on behalf of the husband of her cousin the duchess of Buckingham, he having been captured by the Scots. [In French, with cover]. [With modern transcript and translation]

1848. 1643, June 5. Halirudhouse.

[? The duke of Hamilton] to [ ], expressing his forebodings about the future, since 'resolution wee want not but means how to put it in execution'.

1847. 1643, June 5. Holiroudhous.

[Draft] The duke of Hamilton to [ ], permitting his correspondent to fill up the places under his command as he thinks fit. [In his own hand]

The earl of Loudoun to the earl of Lanrick, desiring his presence at a meeting of the commissioners for peace on June 19. [Only the signature in his own hand]


[Copy] Charles I to the privy council, expressing his displeasure at the calling of a convention of estates, but permitting it to meet, to discuss means of supplying the Scots army in Ireland.

1895. 1643, June 10 to July 1.

Copies of letters from Charles I to the convention [supra 1892], from Edward Gray to the conservators of peace, and of two acts of the convention.


The earl of Loudoun to the duke of Hamilton, requiring him, in the name of the convention, to attend their next meeting on July 10.

1827. [1643], July 10. Holireudhou[se].

[Draft] The duke of Hamilton to Charles I, remarking that 'I was never so hoopfull as att this present that no forsis will come frome hence this somer in to Inglond'. [Printed in Burnet, pp. 293-4, as June 10.]


[Copy] [The earl of Lanerrick] to Sir Edward Nicholas, asking him to tell the king how his letter was read to the meeting of noblemen and commissioners on June 22, and describing the other business done on that occasion.


Sir Edward Nicholas to the earl of Lanerrick [in reply to his of July 11, supra 1849], denying that the king granted any commission to the frigates of Dunkirk, and reporting on the king's military affairs, which he considers are 'in a very good condition'. [The first part in another hand.]

[Copy] Charles I to the general assembly, referring to Sir Thomas Hope's appointment as commissioner, and reminding the members of their duty to himself. Also a copy of his letter to Sir Thomas Hope, on the same occasion.

1830. [? 1643, after July 24]

[Draft] [? The duke of Hamilton] to [ ], reporting that although parliament [of England] has sent forces to Berwick, it is intended that the Scots should garrison it, and mentioning that the commissioners for peace are now meeting.


Sir [ ] Mackenzie of Cuilcordie to the duke of Hamilton, on behalf of Sir Lauchlan McLean, who owes money to the marquis of Argyll.

1850. 1643, August 2. Edinburgh.

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], reporting that the general assembly began that day and that the convention is still sitting, being involved in attempts to raise money for the Scots army in Ireland.


Queen Henrietta Maria to the duke of Hamilton, sending messages by the bearer, assuring him again 'de tout ce que je vous ay dit lors que j'estois a Yorke', and remarking that the honour conferred upon him is a mark of the king's confidence in him.

[In French, with cover.]
[With modern transcript and translation].
[Translation printed in Burnet, pp. 307-8]

1852. 1643, August 17. Innerwick.

[Draft] [? The earl of Lanerick] to [? Sir Edward Nicholas], fearing that since the assembly is about to rise, there will be no time for the king's letter to be read to them, and that the people will make trouble if some declaration is not made by his majesty.
1851. [1643], August 18. Edinburgh.

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The earl of Lanerick] to [Sir Edward] N[icholas?], reporting that the general assembly has unanimously approved the English commissioners' proposal for 'a covenant betwixt the kingdomes', and that the Scots army in Ireland will probably be recalled soon.


John Tolly to [ ], asking him to pay the accounts which the writer formerly sent to 'my lady', since the he has been forced to shut his shop and is greatly in need of financial aid.


[Draft] [? The earl of Lanerick] to [? Sir Edward Nicholas], sending him a letter for the king from the commission to the recent general assembly, and a proclamation issued by the convention in the king's name.

1855. 1643, August 29. Innerwick.

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to Sir [Edward] N[icholas], describing the appointment of various committees by the convention of estates, and mentioning the other business done by them.

1856. 1643, September 2. Innerwick.

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to Sir E[ward] N[icholas], remarking that the committee of estates is awaiting a reply to their message to the English parliament concerning a covenant.

1901. 1643, September. 'at our Court'

[Copy] Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to deliver certain letters to the privy council, and to publish one concerning the proclamation falsely issued in the king's name. [With another copy]
1643, September 2. Matson.

[Copy] Charles I to the chancellor [the earl of Loudoun], informing him that the commissioners from the English parliament are totally unauthorised, and that no one should 'admitt or receave or treat with them upon any afaire'.


The earl of Newcastle to the earl of Lanerick, telling him he has sent an answer to his propositions by Mr Neale.

1643, September 5. York.

Mr Neale to [ ], reporting on meetings of the committees of the northern counties, the defence of the north, and the position of the parliamentary army.

1643, September 13. Moredeu de Chauillence.

The comte de Châtillon to the duke of Hamilton, expressing his satisfaction at the marriage of the earl of Haddington, and his desire that the latter should spend the winter in France. [Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report p. 69].


Sir Edward Nicholas to [ ? the earl of Lanerick], sending him a copy of 'Mercurius', and other printed papers, mentioning that the queen will stay in London for the sake of morale, and announcing that the king is at Evesham. [Only the postscript and signature in his own hand.]

1643, September 14. Evesham.

[Copy] Charles I to the privy council, forbidding them to press any covenant on his subjects.


Gaston, duke of Orleans to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to assist the bearer, the sieur de Boisyuoin, who is going to Scotland to answer the earl of Lodion's [Lothian's?] propositions and is to negotiate for the liberation of the earl of Antrim. [In French]
[With a modern transcript and translation]
1907. [?1643], September 19. York.

William Morrey to [? the duke of Hamilton], asking where he may meet either his correspondent or the latter's brother, as he means to visit the Scottish border.


Sir Edward Nicholas to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that Sir William Waller is believed to have said 'that he sees God doth not fight for their course', and giving news of the other parliamentary leaders.


Sir Edward Nicholas to [ ], giving the latest military news of the royalists.
[Partly in cipher]

1906. 1643, September 26. At Court. [Oxford]

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, requiring him to make generally known his instructions to the privy council, forbidding anyone to obey the orders of the convention of estates.
[Papered signet]
And a copy.

1912. 1643, September 26.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to deliver his letters to the privy council, and to do whatever else may be necessary for his majesty's honour.
[Signet gone]


Charles I to [the commissioners for peace], ordering them to adhere to the treaty, which has been violated by the sending of Scots forces into Berwick, and to oppose the raising of troops for an invasion of England.
[Papered signet]

1908 1643, September 26.

Charles I to the privy council, ordering them to publish an act forbidding his subjects from obeying any act or ordinance of the 'pretended' convention.
[Papered signet]
Also a copy.

Charles I to the privy council, concerning the proclamation issued in his name by the convention of estates.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 315]
Also another copy.


Charles I to the duke of Hamilton assuring him 'that no ill offices has had the power to lessen my confidence in you, or my estimation of you'.

[Text in Burnet, p. 316]


Copy. [The duke of Hamilton] to Charles I, assuring him that the whole course of the writer's life shall be 'a continued study' of how to serve his majesty.

1643, October 18. Edinburgh.

The privy council to the earl of Lanerick, informing him that they have appointed November 2 as the day for subscribing the covenant, and requiring his presence on that occasion.


[Copy] [The earl of Loudoun] to Charles I, defending council's decision to enter into 'a mutual league and covenant', and their subsequent proclamation.


Sir Edward Nicholas to [? the earl of Lanerick], reporting on the numbers of troops raised for the king, the earl of Essex's preparations to attack Reading, and recent new appointments and honours.

[Postscript and signature only in his own hand].

1643, October 24. Peebles.

[The earl of Lanerick] to Sir Edward Nicholas, reporting on the recent discussions of the committee of estates and of the council, and remarking that 'the sessation in Irland is much dislyked heir'.
1918. 1643, October 29. Edinburgh.

Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, reporting on recent council business.

1919. 1643, October 30. Hamilton.

[The earl of Lanerick] to the privy council, excusing his absence from the meeting on October 2, as he had to go to Court.


The earl of Newcastle to the earl of Lanerick, on behalf of the bearer, the earl of Carnwath.
[Damaged]

1921. [1643], November 16. Edinburgh.

W. Baillie to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that he has subscribed the solemn league and covenant, in the hopes that it may advance the king's interests.


The earl of Newcastle to [? the duke of Hamilton], advising him on the route to take on his journey north.


Lord George Digbye to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that the king will hasten his trial, which is the best that can be done for him under the circumstances.

1839. 1643.

The marquis of Hamilton and the earls of Morton and Southesk to Charles I, sending a message by the earl of Kinoil.

1840. [1643]

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to Henrietta Maria, reporting on the current situation.
[The final version is printed by Burnet, pp. 292-3, as from the duke of Hamilton, but the draft bears a note in the writer's hand, 'Mr Murray these are my first thoughts of a letter to her Majestie, tis no tyme now to conceale trewth, yett if ther be anie thing heir arrisse dash it out and return it to your servant Lanerick'].
1829. [?1643]

[Draft, in his own hand] [The marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, protesting his loyalty to the king.

8278. [c. 1643]

[Copy, not in his own hand] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to his brother [in-law Lord Basil Feilding], enclosing a message from the king and urging him to see that no understanding with his majesty arises from 'this unfortunat accident'.

9603. [1643?]

Queen Henrietta Maria to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the Scots lords who were with the king are on their way back to Scotland, as are the commissioners. Through Will Murray the marquis will learn 'la responce du Roy touchant les propositions que vous me fistes a Yorke'. She herself is to join the king and hopes to leave in ten day's time.

[In French, with cover].

[With modern transcript and translation]
[Translation printed in Burnet, pp. 278-9].


Arthur Aston to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a letter from Lord Digby on behalf of the king.


[The earl of Lanerick] to Lord Germane, asking him to intercede with the king so that the writer may be imprisoned in the same place as his brother.

1843. 1643/4, January 23.

[Draft] [? The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], emphasising his desire to serve the king in every way possible.


[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to Lord Digby, asking him to convince the king of the writer's loyalty, and telling him that 'my emprisionment is strickter then you can imagine, and my infirmeity greater then I shall expres'.

Lord George Digby to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him on behalf of the king that the strictness of the duke's imprisonment is attributable to his brother's flight, and that he shall be brought to trial as soon as possible. Digby assures the duke of his own continued friendship for him.

1819. 1643/4, c. March 2. [Pendennis Castle]

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to Lord Digby, asking him to present a further petition to the king.


Lord George Digby to the duke of Hamilton, informing him of the king's consideration for his welfare, a fact which will have become obvious from the return of the duke's servant Mr Bealing. He also assures his grace of his majesty's desire to hasten his trial.


Lord George Digby to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king desires his speedy trial, but that his majesty cannot allow the duke's servant to visit Court as he has heard of 'some negotiations heere concerning you, which he understands not to have beene with faire intentions to his service'.


Lord John Maitland to the earl of Lanerick, sending him his 'cloths', and discussing the possibility of an exchange of prisoners.


The marquis of Douglas to William Drummond of Hawthornden, discussing a genealogy of the house of Douglas.


Lord George Digby to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he must have patience, and explaining why the king would not permit the duke's servant to come to Court.
1940. 1644, June 22. from our leaguer before York.

Lord Lindesay to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the countess of Lanerick has had a daughter, and referring to the present parliament.


[Copy] The army at York to [the councils of both kingdoms], informing them of the capture of the city.

1928. 1644, August 17. Buccanock.

Lord George Digbye to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king is as troubled as the duke at the latter's continued imprisonment, but that he cannot yet be brought to trial nor can the king grant money for his maintenance.

1938. 1644, August. Chelsey.

The earl of Elgin to the earl of Lanerick, explaining that Lord Maitland has permitted him to occupy the duke of Hamilton's house in Chelsey but that he will vacate it on a day's notice.

2276. 1644, September 15. Pendenis.

[Copy or draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to Lord Digby, asking him to intercede with the king on his behalf.

1929. 1644, September 23. Exeter.

Lord George Digbye to the duke of Hamilton, granting permission on behalf of the king for the duke's servant to go to London.

1943. 1644, November 11. Londonderry.

Robert Thornton to the earl of Loudoun and the estates, excusing himself for having written to Mr Burne, the moderator of the assembly.

1944. 1644, November 11. Londonderry.

Andrew Mervyn to [ ], protesting that he has never done anything to harm Scotland, as rumours have suggested.
A Calendar of the Correspondence
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1320. c. 1644.

[Copy] Charles I to James, earl of Hartfell, informing him that he is to be the king's commissioner and lieutenant in the sheriffdom of Falkirk and stewartry of Annandale.


Lord George Digbye to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing the king's hopes for a victory in Scotland or peace in England, either of which would facilitate the holding of the duke's trial, and advising him to use his influence in Scotland on his majesty's behalf.

2040. 1644/5, February 12.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to Lord Digby, rejecting his suggestion [supra 1932] and mentioning that he himself has an alternative proposition which he will not commit to paper.

1935. 1644/5, February 28.

[Copy] Charles I to Colonel John Knightley and George Digbye, appointing them collectors and receivers of prizes taken at sea.

[Small papered seal, unidentified]

1946. 1645, March 5.

Sir Thomas Fairfax to [ ], summoning him and his men to surrender and promise never to bear arms against parliament.


Lord George Digbye to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that the king will have him brought to trial as soon as possible, and repeating his suggestion that the duke make use of his influence in Scotland.


[Lord George Digbye] to the duke of Hamilton, regretting that the latter does not find his suggestions practicable, but sending him a pass for his servant and permission for him to write letters.

John Ashburnham to [ ], sending a verbal message by the bearer since he does not have a cipher, and advising his correspondent to 'pursue your designe with confidence, and reyle upon itt'.


[Copy] Charles I to the privy council of Scotland, denying reports that the queen has written some letters which have recently been intercepted along with those from Nithdaill and Aboyne.


[Autograph] Louis XIV to the earl of Lanrik, recommending Seigneur Monstreuil, whom the queen regent is sending to Scotland to recruit troops.
[With modern translation and transcription]


The Scots commissioners to [the committee of estates], informing them of the decision by the house of commons to make their propositions to the king into ordinances.


Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, concerning the sending out of various letters.


The committee of estates to Charles I, declaring that as his majesty has gone to the Scottish army they 'hope yow came with intentions and full resolutionis to give all just satisfactione to the joynyt desyres of both your kingdomes for settling of truth and peace', in which case they will welcome him. Signed by the earls of Calander, Lanerick, Sir Adam Hepburne and Lord Balmerino.


The Scots commissioners to the earls of Callendar and Lanerick, Lord Balmerino and Sir Adam Hepburne of Humbie, in reply to theirs of May 12, mentioning the need for Alexander Henderson to come from London to Newcastle.

[Copy] Charles I to the English parliament, explaining his arrival at Newcastle instead of London, and desiring them to send commissioners to treat with him.

1964. 1646, May 16.

The committee of estates to the earls of Callander and Lanerick, Lord Balmerino and Sir Adam Hepburn, sending a communication about important news from the north. [Signed by the earl of Crawfurd and Lindsay and 9 others.]


The earls of Calander and Lanerick, Lord Balmerino and Sir Adam Hepburne to Charles I, desiring in the name of the committee of estates, that he withdraw his commissions against his subjects, and suggesting that he restrain himself from conferring titles, granting places, pensions and so on.


The earl of Lanerick to the duke of Hamilton, rejoicing at his brother's release from prison, but disapproving of the duke's desire to spend his life in retirement since the distracted condition of the country 'calls for help from everie honest heert'. [Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p. 70]


Archibald Primerose to [ ], reporting that various noblemen are on their way to the king, and describing the joyful reception accorded to his majesty's recent proclamation.


The Scots commissioners to Charles I, requesting him to recall his commissions by sea and allow merchants passes to trade. [Signed by the earl of Loudoun.]
The committee of estates] to Charles I, thanking him for his proclamation and assuring him of their endeavours in everything that may concern his just power and authority. [Signed by Argyll, Crawfurd and Lindsey, Glencairne and 16 others] [Papered seal, unidentified]

Charles I to the committee of estates, promising to recall all his commissions and refrain from making gifts, as they requested on May 18. [Supra 1965].

J. Thomsone to Mr William Black, sending him a paper which will show him 'the formidable condition of our enemies.'

Archibald Primerose to the earl of Lanerick, commenting on the business dicussed by the privy council that day.

The marquis of Montrose to Charles I, concerning the order to disband his forces and repair abroad. [Text printed in H.M.C. Report, p. iii (216)]

The earl of Seaforth to Charles I, protesting his loyalty to the king. [Summarised to H.M.C. Report, p. 110(214)]
1974. 1646, June 3. [ ]

The earl of Crafurd to Charles I, expressing his loyalty to the king and his desire to 'rune the same hazard, and course with the marquess of Montrose.'

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 110(215).]


The Scots commissioners to Charles I, desiring him to order that the prince [of Wales] stay in England.

[Signed by the earl of Loudoun]


The Scots commissioners to Charles I, desiring him to send to the Scottish parliament a message which could be 'a ground of setting relligion, and peace, according to the solemne league and covenant.'


The earl of Airlie to Charles I, agreeing to lay down arms, but asking to be secured in his honour and fortunes, together with his friends and followers.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 111(217)].

1978. 1646, June 8. [ ]

Lord Ogilvy to Charles I, in similar terms to supra 1977.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 111(218)].


[? The lords of session] to the earl of Lanerick, sending him their letter to the king concerning the filling of the vacant places on the session.


The privy council to Charles I, expressing their desire that he subscribe the solemn league and covenant.

[Signed by the earls of Glencairne, Wemyss and 14 others]

[Papered seal, unidentified]

The earl of Loudoun to Charles I, informing him that the earl of Antrim has arrived in Kintyre, and requesting the king to order his return to Ireland.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 111(219)]


The estates to Charles I, reporting that they have chosen the earl of Crawfurd and Lindesay to be treasurer.

[Signed by the earls of Loudoun, Glencairn, Wemyss and 12 others.]

[Seal gone]


The national assembly of the kirke of Scotland to Charles I, thanking him for his letter and sending their greetings.

[Signed by Robert Blair, moderator]

1646, June 18.

The lords of session to Charles I, asking him to agree to their nominations for the vacant places, to cancel his own, and in future to consult the senators of the college of justice before making any such appointments.

[Seal gone]


The marquis of Antrim to Charles I, promising that until he hears from the king '... noe act of hostilitie shall be attempted by me or anie of myne.'

[Text printed in H.M.C. Report, pp. 111-2 (220)]


Robert Carr to Charles I, describing how he delivered the king's letter to the earl of Antrim.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 112(221)]

1646, June 29. Belfast.

Robert Monro to [ 'your grace' ], referring to 'the unparaleelled sufferings of this army', and asking his correspondent to obtain some recompense for his efforts.

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The marquis of Antrim to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to pass on a letter to 'my good weoman' [the writer's wife], and hoping that she will be able to come to Newcastle.

Petition to Charles I from the royal burghs of Scotland, asking him to accept the propositions of the Scottish and English parliaments for peace. [Signed by Sir J. Smith, Alexander Wedderburne, Gilbert Richard and W. Thomson.]

Letter on behalf of Charles I to the royal burghs of Scotland, in reply to their petition [supra 1990], explaining that his majesty has already begun to settle Scotland, and has made answer to the parliamentary propositions in a way which, 'if rightly understood and made use of', will result in peace in England and Ireland.

[Copy or draft] Letter on behalf of Charles I to the house of commons, in reply to their propositions of July 7, expressing the king's desire for peace.

The marquis of Antrim to Charles I, concerning various prizes taken by his frigates. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 112(223)].

[Copy] Charles I to [ ], requiring him to intercede with the states-general of Holland on behalf of various merchants of York, two of whose ships have been captured by the Dutch.

The provost and bailies of Edinburgh to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to support their petition to the king. [Supra 1990]. [Signed by Sir John Smith and 4 of the bailies]
1996. 1646, July 16.

The privy council to Charles I, asking him to sign the covenant.
[Signed by the Earl Marischall, Sutherland, Cassilis and 7 others]
[Papered seal, unidentified]


Colonel Williamson Stewart to the earl of Lanerick, asking his help in 'procuring me a patentie from his Majestie for making ane Irish earll'.


J. Hay to the duke of Hammiton, asking him to persuade the king to renew a signature in the writer's favour.


Lord Bythane [Lieutenant-General James King] to the committee of estates, protesting that he does not deserve their displeasure, and emphasising his loyalty to Scotland.


Lord Napier to Charles I, assuring him that although he is about to leave the country, his passionate desire is to be of service to the king.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 112-3(224)]


D. Grahame of Gorthy to Charles I, promising that no adversity will alienate him from his duty to the king.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 113(225)]


A. MacDonald of Glengarry to Charles I, professing his loyalty to the king.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 113(226)]
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The marquis of Antrim to Charles I, begging to know whether he is to be esteemed a friend or an enemy.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 113(227)]

2051. 1646, August 8. Newcastle.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, informing him of the capture of M. de Montereul.
[Text printed in Camden Soc. pp. 107-8; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 114(233)]

2050. 1646, August 8. Newcastle.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, stating that the king's friends in the house of commons dare not speak for him in case the other members believe them to be party to the refusal of the propositions.


[Copy] The committee of estates to the Scots commissioners in London, desiring the marquis of Argile to attend the coming meeting of the committee on August 18.

2052. 1646, August 12. Newcastle.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, telling him only of the queen's complaint that the French ambassador had said 'that there was no way left for the king but to sign the propositions.'


The Earl Marischall to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to tell Lord Crawford to stop meddling in the general tack of customs.

1956. 1646, August 15.

Alexander McDonnell to Charles I, hoping for some recompense for his past services.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 113(229)]
1646, August 15. Kintyre.

The earl of Craufurd to Charles I, informing the king that he is on his journey to Paris, but assuring him of his willingness to serve his majesty.

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1646, August 15. Loghead.

The marquis of Antrim to Charles I, complaining that the articles sent to him by the king afford him no safety. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 113(230)]

1646, August 18. Edinburgh.

The committee of estates to the earl of Lanerick, informing him that he must refrain from 'docquetting, sealling or wryting' any signatures granted by the king at this time. [Signed by Crawford and Lindsay, Buccleuch, Hamilton, Balmerino and 5 others.]


The committee of estates to the earl of Lanerick, recommending Mr Robert Douglas as a successor to the recently deceased Mr Alexander Henderson. [Signed by Crawford and Lindsay, Eglinton, Buccleuch and 8 others.]

1646, August 20. Newcastle.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, sending a copy of a letter from the earl of Lauderdale and telling him that the French ambassador will 'presse the king to send yet his assent to the propositions'. [Text printed in Camden Soc. pp. 108-9, summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 114(235)]


William Killigrew to Charles I, reminding him of his promise to give the writer a place among the Turkey Merchants.

Sir James Hamilton of Broomhill to the earl of Lanrick, relinquishing to him the writer's rights in Hampton Court Park.

2054. 1646, August 24.

Sir Robert Moray and the earl of Lanerick to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the king's 'unhandsome reservedness' and his refusal to grant the propositions. [Text printed in Camden Soc. pp. 109-10, summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 114(236)]


Sir John Wemyss of Bogie, thanking the earl of Lanrick for agreeing to help him obtain a place on the privy council and in the exchequer.


The committee of estates to Charles I, warning him of the danger which will ensue if he still refuses to agree to the proposition of the two parliaments. [Signed by the Earl Marischall, Southerland, Perth and 25 others including the Duke of Hamilton.]


[Copy] Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], concerning the proposed commission from Scotland and regretting that his correspondent was to be a member. [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 111-2, summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 114(238)]


Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the king's resolution concerning the propositions. [Text printed in Camden Soc. p. 110, summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 114(237)]

2057. 1646, August 29. Newcastle.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Cheesley says the Independents fear that the Irish and Scots may join together. [Text printed in Camden Soc. p. 113, summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 114(239)]
[Copy] The Scots commissioners in London to the committee of estates, reporting on how they have carried out their instructions.

The committee of estates to the Scots commissioners, notifying them of a meeting of the committee on September 17.

[The earl of Lauderdale] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that his friends are 'really persuaded of your constancie to that which we parted on', and referring to the death of the earl of Essex as 'this sad blow'.

The marquis of Huntlie to Charles I, protesting that he has not disobeyed the king's orders to lay down arms and surrender his garrison.

William Morray to the earl of Lanerick, describing how the king is 'passionately earnest for his going to London', which the writer believes will be 'his certaine ruine', and remarking that the earl of Essex's death is a great blow to the royal cause.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, commenting on the death of the earl of Essex and remarking that everyone is urging the king to agree to the propositions.

[Copy] The Scots commissioners to [the committee of estates], reporting that the house of commons will not allow the king to return to London in freedom unless he agrees to their propositions.
Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king's letter was delayed because of an offer of the Independents, consenting to a 'moderatat episcopacy'. [Printed in Camden Society p. 115(62); summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 114(241)].

Henrietta Maria to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his efforts on behalf of the king and assuring him of her friendship. [In French] [With modern transcript and translation]. [Translation printed in Burnet pp. 373-4]

The duke of Hamilton to [Sir Robert Moray], remarking that despite his resolution [to live in retirement], 'when that shall be done by his majesty that will give satisfacon to his subiects, no man living shall joy more thereat.'

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from the king, who is most anxious that his correspondent should not go abroad.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], presenting on behalf of the king various reasons why his correspondent should not go abroad. [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 117-8; summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 114(243)].

Charles I to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that '... I will not be left in England ... unless ... I may remaine a free man and that no attendant be forced upon me', and asking him 'to stay your forraine jurney'. [Text in Burnet's Memoirs, pp. 372-3]

Adrian Ber[ ] to the duchess of Lennox, advising her not to prosecute her right to the seigneury of Aubigny in France, as this would bring her into conflict with Ludovick, seigneur d'Aubigny.

2024. 1646, September 29. Hamilton.

The earl of Lanerick to Robin [? Leslie], discussing the duke of Hamilton's intentions.


Archibald Primrose to the earl of Lanerick, referring to the election of the magistrates of Edinburgh.

2095. [1646], October 2.

The duke of Hamilton to [Sir Robert Moray], discussing the 'greate injurie' done to the earl of Lanerick.

2097. [1646], October 3. Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to Sir Robert Morray, excusing the earl of Lanerrick's delay in going to Newcastle and declaring that 'if I thought that I could not be of more use to the king when I ame then at Court, my brother should not have come alone.

2268. [1646, October 6] [Kineel]

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to Charles I, declaring that he has altered his intention of going abroad. [Printed in Burnet, pp. 374-5(53f)]

2096. [? 1646], October 6. Keneill.

The duke of Hamilton to [Sir Robert Moray], sending him a copy of his reply to the king.


The privy council to Charles I, agreeing to allow any gentlemen not forfeited or excommunicated to pass and repass from the marquis of Antrim to the king. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 113(231).]
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2163. 1646, October 15. Newcastle.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, sending him a letter and declaring that the writer has 'gone the utmost length (as ye call it) to give all possible satisfaction' and can do no more.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 375]

2257. 1646, October 16 - 1647, March 14.

Copies of various royal letters to the earl of Aboyne.

2062. 1646, October 17. Newcastle.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the mission of the writer's cousin.


2063. 1646, October 24.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, concerning certain aspersions thrown on the earl of Lanerick, and referring to the king's affairs.


2041. 1646, October 26. Worcesterhous.

The earl of Lauderdaill to the duke of Hamilton, explaining why he has not yet come to Scotland, and fearing that 'humors heer will quickly break out into some desperat resolution.'

2200. 1646, November 2. Hadintone.

The earls of Dunfermline and Loudoun to the duke of Hammiltone, describing how they are being sent from parliament to the king, and asking him to intercede on their behalf.

2098. [1646], November 3. Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to Sir Robert Murray, describing the meeting of parliament, and referring to the likelihood that the present session may be adjourned.
2064. 1646, November 4.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, giving some news of the army and of parliament.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp.120-1; summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 115(246)]

171. 1646, November 5. Newcastell.

Charles I to the duke of Hamilton, commending to him the earl of Branford.
[Text in Burnet's Memoirs pp. 375-6]

2065. 1646, November 8. Newcastle.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Dunfermling and Mr Moray have arrived but have not yet seen the king.
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 121; summarised inaccurately in H.M.C. Report p. 115(247)]

1951. [? 1646], November 10.

[The earl of Lauderdale] to [ ], discussing the enemy's desire for the ruin of the monarchy, and the return of the army to Scotland.
[Partly in cipher, which has been translated by the recipient into French]


The duke of Hamilton to [ ? Sir Robert Murray], relating the business so far done by parliament, and referring to the distress of all who wish the king well in his refusal to allow the covenant.


Charles I to the duke of Hamilton, sending a message by Robin Lesly but writing little since 'a short letter and brevity is the more convenient for me who have much to doe, and but few helpers.'
[Text in Burnet's Memoirs, p. 378]
2165. 1646, November 12. Newcastell.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to tell parliament of his order that the marquis of Huntly must lay down his arms.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 379]

2066. 1646, November 12; Midnight.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that the king wishes the duke to delay new commissioners being sent to his majesty.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 121-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 115(248)]


Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the king proposes to send another message to parliament, and discussing the Independent party.
[With a lengthy postscript]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 123-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 115(249)]

2042. [1646], November 14.

[The earl of Lauderdale] to [ ], reporting that Sir William Cudolphin alleges that the queen wishes the Scots to be satisfied, even in their demands for the signing of the covenant.
[Partly in code, but decoded]

2100. [1646], November 17; 11 night. Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to [? Sir Robert Moray], describing recent parliamentary business, which concerned military matters.

2167. 1646, November 17. New Castell.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to help Traquair gain admittance to his place in parliament.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 379]

2043. [1646], November 17. Worcester Hous.

The earl of Lauderdale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that everyone is expecting the king's answer to the parliamentary propositions.
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2068. 1646, November 17; 12 a clock. Newcastle.

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, asking his advice about a proposal from 'The Cardinal' [Mazarin].

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 127-8; H.M.C. Report, p. 115(250)]

2035. 1646, November 17.

[Illigible] to his uncle, Mr George Digby, asking him to speak to Mr Woodward about the latter's lease, and mentioning that Lord Hopton has taken 'Garnsey' and that Dublin has also been taken.

2102. [1646], November 21; 1 a clock morning. Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to [? Sir Robert Moray], discussing the current debates in parliament, and reporting that all wise men believe the Independents will never let the king come amongst them 'unlesse it be to destroy him and thereafter Monarchie.'

2101. [1646], November 21; 9 hours. Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to [? Sir Robert Moray], reporting that the act for regulating the army has been passed, and expressing approval of the recruitment of men for the Scots regiments in France.

2069. 1646, November 21; 10 at night. [ ]

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the prince of Orange has sent the king a ship, and that parliament may be adjourned.

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 128-9; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 115(251)]


Charles I to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for what he is doing.

[Text in Burnet p. 380]

2168. 1646, November 25. Newcastell.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, sending him a verbal message by the bearer.
2070. [1646], November 24; 11 at night.  [ ]

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the 'desperate distance' between the king's resolution not to allow the covenant, and 'the necessity of doing it or being undone.'
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 129-30; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 115(252).]

2103. [1646], November 24; 12 a clock at night.  Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to [? Sir Robert Moray ], describing differing opinions on the disbanding of the army and the sending of a letter to the English parliament.

2071. [1646], November 28; 11 at night.  [ ]

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], emphasising the importance of the letter to be sent from the parliament of Scotland to that of England, which the king disregards.
[Text printed in Camden Soc. p. 131; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 115(253).]

2044. [1646], November 28.

[The earl of Lauderdale] to [? the duke of Hamilton], describing his past hopes for a gracious answer by the king to the propositions, blaming Walter Stewart and Richmond for his disappointment in this, and discussing other current affairs.
[Partly in cipher, but deciphered by the earl of Lanerick.]

2145. 1646, December 1.

[Copy]  [? The earl of Lanerick] to Charles I, sending him some petitions, and mentioning the parliamentary debate on approving the committee of estates' action in giving advantageous terms to those who were in arms.

2104. [1646], December 1.  Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to Robin [Leslie], describing recent parliamentary business, which concerned the imprisonment of two commissioners from Glasgow, amongst other matters.
2072. 1646, December 2.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that despite his efforts the king has not yet sent his message to parliament.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 132-3; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 115(254)]

2046. [1646], December 3; 3 a.m.

[The earl of Lauderdaill] to [? the duke of Hamilton], sending various papers including a petition from the city of London 'abundantly witnessing their zeal to the covenant' and mentioning current rumours of 'a plot to have carried away the Duke of York.'

2073. [1646], December 4; 3 in the afternoon. [ ]

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the £200,000 for the Scottish army 'is all told 3 days agoe', and that there has been no treaty with the Independents.
[Text printed in Camden Soc. pp. 133-4; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 115(255)]

2105. 1646, December 7. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [? Sir Robert Moray], expressing astonishment that anyone could think that the message to be sent from the king to the English parliament could give anybody satisfaction.


[Draft or copy] The earl of Lanerick to Charles I, reporting that few are satisfied with the king's recent letter, and discussing the conditions to which the king would agree.

2074. [1646], December 10; 11 at night.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that the king still hesitates to send a message to parliament, and discussing hopes of foreign aid.
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The duke of Hamilton to Sir Robert Murray, reporting that the English parliament's reply to the Scots commissioners is delayed until the following Tuesday, but that in any case 'there is small probability, nay none at all that this parliament will declare advantagaislie on the king's behalf.'

2075. [1646], December 12; 10 at night. [ ]

Sir Robert Moray to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the king is still undecided about sending a message, and that his majesty heard the latest news from Scotland 'with his wonted unmovednesse'.

[Text printed in Camden Soc. p. 136, summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 116(257)]

2045. [1646], December 14. Worcester Hous.

The earl of Lauderdaill to [? the duke of Hamilton], promising to send north a copy of the public letter concerning the surrender of the garrisons, and announcing his own intention of leaving London.

2076. 1646, December 15.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], recommending the noble bearer, who is to renew the recruiting of the Scots regiments in France.

[Text printed in Camden Soc. pp 136-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 116(258)]

2108. [1646], December 15. Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to [? Sir Robert Moray], declaring that he foresees 'nothing but eminent, if not unavoidable hazard to his majesty if he shall not spedily alter those grounds, this time past, he hath gone upon', and describing the recent debates in parliament.


The marquis de Bellievre [French ambassador in England] to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to facilitate M. de Montereul's recruitment of troops for the Scots regiments in France.

[In French]
2077. [1646], December 16; 6 at night. [ ]

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the French ambassador's decision to send M. de Montreuil to Scotland.


[Draft] [? The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], describing recent parliamentary business, and the desire of the estates that the king go safely to London. [Also, draft or copy of a brief note to the king, begging him to do whatever he intends as quickly as possible.]

2078. [1646], December 17; 2 afternoon. [ ]

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing Montreuill's mission, and the proposed return of the Scottish army. [Printed in Camden Soc. p. 138; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 116(260)]

2109. [1646], December 18; 4 morning. [Edinburgh]

[The duke of Hamilton] to [? Sir Robert Moray], reporting that commissioners will be sent to the king to press his assent to the propositions, and fearing the consequences if, as is probable, the king refuses.


Charles I to the duke of Hamilton, sending back a messenger with some queries. [Text in Burnet'sMemoirs, p. 388]

2107. [1646], December 19; 12 at night. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [? Sir Robert Moray], approving of the recruitment of men for the Scots regiments in France, and referring to his decision not to leave the country.

2079. [1646], December 19; 10 at night.

Sir Robert Moray to [ ], reporting that he believes the queen 'hath doone her utmost to have satisfaction given to the Scotts.' [Text printed in Camden Soc., p. 139, summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 116(261)]
2080. [1646], December 20; midnight.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that
the king has suddenly sent a message to London, 'but I dare
promise it is not satisfactory to any soule alyve.'
[Text printed in Camden Soc. pp. 139-40; summarised in H.M.C.
Report, p. 116(262)]


[The duke of Hamilton] to [? Sir Robert Moray], describing
parliament's discussion of preventing the king from coming to
Scotland, of persuading his majesty to agree to the propositions,
and of taking him to London.


[The duke of Hamilton] to Sir Robert Murray, adding a
little to what he told him on the previous night. [Supra 2109]

2047. [1646], December 25, the sometimes pretended Christmas.

[The earl of Lauderdale] to Robin [Leslie], describing in
detail parliament's reception of the king's message.
[Partly in cipher, but deciphered in French.]

2081. [1646], December 27.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning that
'... the guards about the king be strictlier posed then they
have been hetherto', and conjecturing about the king's message.

2082. [1646], December 29.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that
the guards of the king 'are now much more stricter then before.'
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 141-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report,
p. 116(264)]


The duke of Hamilton to [? Sir Robert Moray], telling him
only that he has been 'exceeding ill thise last 3 daies, and
will write no more, 'my mind being as well out of temper as my
bodie.'
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10081. 1646, December 29. London.

W. Murhead to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has reached an agreement with Lord Manson although the details have not yet been worked out. It seems however that his grace will now have to pay Manson about £3000.
Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting his correspondent's indisposition, and mentioning that the [French] ambassador is to leave for London on the following Saturday. [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 142-3; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 116(265)].

Jeffrey Palmer to his cousin [ ], informing him that 'I have compounded together with my other estates for the dett you owe', and asking him to pay his debt to the writer.

[Draft of copy] Charles I to [ ], telling him that he has not refused the request of the Scottish estates, but advising him to 'take things as they ar since neather you nor I can have them as we wold.'

The commissioners of the parliament of Scotland to Charles I, objecting to Monsieur de Montreuill attending their deliberations. [Signed by the earl of Lothian]

The general assembly to Charles I, asking him to sign the covenant and assent to the propositions for peace.

Sir Robert Morey to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the commissioners are to go to York to count the money paid to the Scots army, but that the king is unwilling to go to Holmby as 'hee thinkes a Scots guarde the safest.' [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 143-4, summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 116(266)].
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2202. 1646/7, January 4.

'89 and 98: h: 300: 422' to Lord Lannerick, reporting that the queen believes matters are not far from agreement between the king and the Scots commissioners.
[Mainly in cipher, but deciphered by recipient]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 147-8; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 117(270)]

2277. 1646/7, January 5. [? Lochkinilohn]

David Leslie to the earl of Lanerick, complaining about the evil behaviour of a certain Captain Hamilton whom the earl had recommended.

2115. 1646/7, January 5. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Sir Robert Murray, deploring 'the sad consequences which is likelie to ensue' from the present situation.

2085. [1646/7, January 9. [ ]

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting recent affairs in Scotland, and fearing the effect of the Scots commissioners' arguments.


Charles I to the earl of Lanricke, requesting him to come to wait upon him.
[Also duplicate, with a note in the king's hand stating that he does not know where he will be taken from Newcastle.]
[Superscribed by the king]


The duke of Hamilton to Sir Robert Murray, thanking him for his letter, and intimating that he will be out of town for some time because of his mother's illness and various other matters.

2086. 1646/7, January 14.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], relating the 'comfortlesse story' of the interviews between the king and the Scots commissioners.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 145-6, summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 117(268)]
2694. 1647, January 14.

Copy of the paper presented by Charles to the Scots commissioners at Newcastle.


[The duke of Hamilton] to Sir Robert Murray, agreeing that the affair [unspecified] involving the marquis of Argyle seems 'as a Romanza', and expressing briefly his sorrow at the current situation.

2087. 1646/7, January 24.

Sir Robert Moray to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining of the calumnies against the writer and his cousin.

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 146-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 117(269)]]

2203. 1646/7, January 27. Worcesterhous.

[? Copy] The Scots commissioners in London to ['your lordship'], sending a copy of the answer by the English parliament to the Scottish estates.


The earl of Denbigh [formerly Lord Basil Feilding] to [the duke of Hamilton], reminding him of his promise 'in relation to this kingdome, and the union, and happinesse of both the kingdoms', for he has heard various false reports about the duke.

176. 1646/7, January 29. Newcastell.

[Copy] Charles I to the duke of Hamilton, recommending the bearer, William Murray.

[Copy made by Murray's son, the earl of Dysart]

[Text in Burnet's Memoirs pp. 398-9]}

2025. 1646/7, January.

[Draft] [ ] to Henrietta Maria, expressing his gratitude for her kindness.
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10080. 1647, January 24. Convent Gearding

Andrew Coll to the duke of Hamilton, explaining his difficulty in getting his grace's 'fures', and asking which articles of clothing are in the possession of Mr Langhorne, who is now dying. The writer will also collect certain things at the sequestration office and thinks that the 6 pieces of ordnance will be given to Mr Gould, one of the duke's creditors.
2211. 1646/7, February 1.

[As in 2209] to ['My Lord'], stating that the situation is more or less unchanged, and commenting on various members of the house of commons.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 117(271)].

1954. 1646/7, February 2. Gravesend.

Sir Arthur Bassett to the duke of Hamilton, announcing his intention of sailing to the West Indies, and asking for a bill of exchange for the rest of the money the duke was to give him, and for the duke's help there, as he has heard that his grace has interests in the Barbadoes.

2207. 1647, February 3.

J. Fen to Edward Edgar, concerning a proposed treaty with the king.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 117(273)].

2208. 1647, February 4.

Edward Andrewes to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that he has carefully dispatched the business with which he was entrusted.


[Copy] [? The duke of Hamilton] to John Hamilton of Arran, authorising him to grant relief to certain of the writer's tenants, in reply to their petition, but advising him to dissuade any more from coming with similar requests, for their journey will be fruitless.

1955. 1646/7, February 16.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to [Sir Arthur Bassett], in reply to his of February 2, telling him that the writer had some very small interest only in the Barmudas and in New England, but promising to send him such bills as his own depleted finances allow.
2210. 1647, February.

James Feni to Mr Edward Edgar, merchant at Edinburgh, warning him of the dangers of disunion in the party. [Partly in cipher, undeciphered] [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 119(287)]

2236. 1647, April 5. Edinburgh.

The duke of Hamilton to Sir Thomas Fairfax, asking that several pieces of ordnance taken for the use of parliament be restored to him, since they are his.


David Leslie to the earl of Lanericke, telling him that his apology in a previous letter was quite unnecessary, and referring to Robin [Leslie] whom he hopes to see soon.

2238. 1647, April 27.

Sir Arthur Bassett to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for the £100, which came very opportune as the death of the writer's brother has occasioned him much expense and trouble.

2239. 1647, April 27. Aldersgate Street.

The earl of Lauderdaleill to [? the duke of Hamilton], reporting that 'the disbanding of the armie is the maine busines that now possesses every bodie heir', and remarking that there seems little hope of the king satisfying the desires of the Scots.


[Copy] Louis XIV to the privy council of Scotland, referring to complaints about his having given refuge at Dunkirk to armed frigates on commission of the prince of Wales.


[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton?] to [ ], regretting that 'their is no greater hopes of his majesty satisfieing the desyres of his kindoms, by delaying quhair of he will still be a losser', and complaining that the writer's own enemes circulate false rumours about him.
2240. 1647, May 21. [? Wickapht]

Andrew Lermonth to Geroge Digbe, asking him to sign a certificate for him.


James Gordon to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his favours, and passing on a request from the writer's father for a copy of the duke's title and coat of arms, that they may be entered on the universall "Mapp of SCOTLAND", the frontispiece for the Theatre of Scotland now being printed.


George Kirk to the earl of Lendricke, asking for his favour.

2243. 1647, June 15. London.

George Kirk to the earl of Lenriche, thanking him for his favour. [Unspecified]

2169. 1647, June 22. Newmarket.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, desiring him and his brother to come to London.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 401]

2244. 1647, June 22. London.

George Kirk to the earl of Lenricke, thanking him for his help in the business of 'Kelsoe'.

2245. 1647, July 11.

Robin Leslie to ['Dear Master'], referring to the demands of the parliamentary party and the people presently at Court.

2170. 1647, July 12. Casam.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, telling him that he now has much more freedom but has not yet been made any offers.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 402]
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2173. 1647, July 13. Casam.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to do his best to obtain the release of those Gordons who were recently taken.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 403]


[Draft] [? The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], stating that 'wee are joyed you meitt with civilitie, bot are full of doubts and feares of its continuences, especially since wee are informed that notwithstanding of all publick professions, strang demands are preparing to be offered to his majestie. I ever hated thraling of consciences, yett I should be sorie ther were no other price of spirituall freedome, then the king's losse of all temporall power.'

2246. 1647, July 25. Woburne.

[Robin Lesley] to [ 'Dear Master'], assuring him that action will be taken in the next ten days to reach a settlement between king and parliament, and that Ireland offers loyalty and promises to the king.

2172. 1647, July 27. Woburne.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, warning him that he 'must not thinke to mention (as to England) eather covenant or presbiteriall government; for it will ruine you, and do no good to me'.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 404]

2250. 1647, August 12. Stoke.

[Copy] Charles I to the treasurer and depute treasurer, ordering them to report on their findings concerning the king's annual revenues.

9767. 1647, August 23. Edinburgh.

[? Draft] [? The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], declaring that 'since emanent advantages for his majesties service could not at this tyme be procured, bot at the old rate of satisfaction in religion and the covenant, our studie hath bein to prevent prejudices and differences, wherin our endeavours hath not proved unsuccessfull, though even in that wee mett with extraordinarie opposition'. The bearer will give him further details.
[Unfinished]
2171. 1647, August 29. Hamptoncourt.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to come quickly.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 408]


[Draft] [? The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], commenting on attempts to delay the chancellor and the secretary going south at this time, on the pretext that unless the house of commons allows it they will be denied access to the king. The real cause of their unwillingness is the affront to Lauderdale. Should Lanerick be summoned again by the king, 'want of formalities in passes will not fright him from his duties'.

5929. [1647], September 5; at night. Edinburg.

The duke of Hamilton to his daughters [Lady Anne and Lady Susanna], telling them that it would be inadvisable for them to come and see 'our mother' [his own mother, Anna Cunningham, 2nd marchioness of Hamilton], since the journey might endanger their own health, and the sight of 'hir wake condition' would increase their sorrow.

2247. [1647], September 10.

Robert Leslie to ['Dear Master'], advising him to come at once to Court, but stating that 'if you intend to speak of church government in this kingdom you will be disappointed'. He also mentions various conversations with Cromwell.


Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, admonishing him for not coming to London.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 410]


Robin Leslie to ['dear Master' - ? the earl of Lanerick], advising him to come at once to the king, and reporting various minor matters.

The earls of Crawford and Lindsay, Lanerick and others to Charles I, asking how they should deal with his gift of a pension to Lord Wariston, which contravenes his majesty's previous warrant forbidding any such gifts.

2254. [1647], September 14. London.

[ ] to [the earl of Lanerick], describing the debate in parliament about the granting of a pass to the earl of Lanerick to come to the king.

2252. 1647, September 22. London.

The earl of Lauderdaill to [the earl of Lanerick], sending him a copy of the king's answer to the recent propositions, and discussing the danger of the Scots commissioners being left out of the negotiations.

2255. 1647, September 27. Edinburgh.

[ ] Ramsay to Charles I, asserting his support for the monarchy.

2256. 1647, September 27. Edinburgh.

The committee of parliament to the English house of parliament, recommending to them the earl of Lanerick, who is about to go from the writers to the king. [Signed by the earl of Loudoun].

2259. 1647, November 2. Worcester House.

[Copy] The earls of Loudoun, Lauderdaill, Lanrick and others to [? the Scottish parliament], describing how guards about the king have been increased since their arrival, and how there are rumours that he is to be moved elsewhere.

2260. 1647, November 9.

'E.R.' to Charles I, warning him that the agitators holding a meeting attended by the writer's brother, has decided 'for the good of the kingdome to take your life a way'.

2261. 1647, November 16.

J. Houston to the earl of Lanerick, informing him that the answer to a letter bearing an English seal will be delayed because of the present clamour against the burning of houses.

2175. 1647, November 19. Carisbrooke.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, telling him that he has tried to please all interests in the message he sent to the English parliament.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 413]

9773. 1647, November 22-December 13.

6 copy letters from [ ] to [ ], written out by [?] the earl of Lanerick, concerning the negotiations with Charles I preceding the Engagement.

2176. 1647, November 23. Carisbrooke.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, expressing satisfaction with his place of imprisonment.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 414]


[Charles I] to the earl of Lanerick, explaining the considerations involved in coming to terms with the parliamentarians.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 416]

2185. 1647, November 29. Carisbrooke.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, sending a message in cipher.

[Undeciphered]

2258. 1647, November. Hampton Court.

[Copy] Charles I to the privy council, ordering them to pay the earl of Arroll his pension.

2187. 1647, December 2. Carisbrooke.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, sending him orders in cipher.

[Undeciphered]
2147. 1647, December 4.

[Partly in cipher; not deciphered]


[Autograph] Henrietta Maria to [? the duke of Hamilton], assuring him of her friendship, and sending messages in cipher [not deciphered].
[In French. With a note in the hand of the earl of Lanerick, on a separate slip of paper, apparently translating the last sentence of another similar letter from the queen urging her correspondent to carry out the Engagement].


[Copy? Not in her own hand.] Henrietta Maria to the earl of Lannerick, asking him to continue his good services with the other commissioners.
[In French]
[Translation printed in Burnet pp. 422-3]


[ ] to [ ], telling him that the king wishes him without delay to 'finish this accord betwixt us'.

2179. 1647, December 6.

Charles I to [the Scots commissioners], asking them to do all they can to procure a personal treaty.
[Partly in cipher, but deciphered]
[Printed in Burnet, p. 418]


Charles I to the houses of parliament, announcing his desire for a personal treaty.
1647, December 8. Cairsbrooke.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, assuring him that Traquair 'is right sett for my service'.
[Partly in cipher, not deciphered; the remainder printed in Burnet, p. 420]

1647, December 8. Cairsbrooke.

Charles I to [the Scots commissioners], sending by Traquair his reply to their proposition.

1647, December 9. Cairsbrooke.

Charles I to 'the three Scots Lords Commissioners', approving their choice of '176 : 18 : 13 : 5 : 25 : 1 : 32 : 30 : 34 : 50 : 2' to correspond with the queen, and adding a further message in cipher.


Charles I to [ ], sending him some papers and a message in cipher. [Undeciphered]


The privy council to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to support their letter to the king. [Infra, 2263]
[Signed by the earl of Crawford and Lindsay, and 9 others]

[? 1647], December 14.

[? The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], explaining that his departure has been delayed because the ship will not be ready for another ten days, urging 'all you three' to come to consult with the writer, and stating that he judges it 'lesse dangerous to goe to London then to anie place else ... if you will not counsell King to goe to London without beng publickly invited, make haste hither ...'.


The privy council to Charles I, asking him not to retract his earlier commission for changing ward holdings into feu. [Signed by the earl of Crawford and Lindsay and 8 others.]
Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to do everything in his power to save the life of the marquis of Huntly, whom he hears has been taken. [Printed in Burnet, p. 422]

Charles I to [ ], sending him a reply in cipher to his letter of 13 December. [Undeciphered]

Charles I to [ ], in cipher [undeciphered].

[? The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], assuring him that the Scots commissioners will wait upon his majesty on the following Thursday.

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to Charles I, warning him that 'if your majesty doth not satisfy in the Covenant and religion to the full as is demanded, nather will it be in the power of anie in this Kingdome to prevent affronts and danger to your person'.

Robin Leslie to [? the earl of Lanerick], describing his recent visit to the king at Royston. [Only the signature and postscript in his own hand]

The earl of Lanerick to [ ], announcing that the king has desired him to send weekly accounts of the current situation to his correspondent. [3 copies] [Holograph note by the king adds 'This is done by my speciall and particular command which I conceive will be of much use to me. Charles R.']
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2288. [c. 1647]

Mainly in cipher, deciphered


to [the earl of Lanerick], mentioning that the king's attendants have been replaced by Sir Thomas Fairfax's men, and describing the difficulties of raising money for his lordship.

9772. [c. 1647]

Instructions as to what is to be represented to the king, explaining the delay in gathering together an army.

9770. [c. 1647]

Instructions by [the earl of Lanerick] to Robin Lesley, telling him to represent to [ ] that if the king is not speedily re-established 'a greater armie then ever Scotland raised will owne his quarrell', and various similar points.

2188. 1647/8, January 2. Cairnbroke.

[Charles I] to [ ], sending a message in cipher. [Undeciphered]

2184. 1647/8, January 17.

Charles I to [ ], replying in cipher to his correspondent's letter of January 13. [Undeciphered]

2190. 1647/8, January 29; ND, ND.

Three letters in cipher by [Charles I] to [ ]. [Undeciphered]

2205. 1647/8, February 1.

'409' to '103 : 82 : 38 : 410 : 104', remarking that 'the Generale dines this day at the Tower', and hoping for the success of his own business. [Unspecified]

'282' to [? the earl of Lanerick], relating that £1000 is offered for Sir Marmaduke Langdale, and that there are rumours of parliament making new overtures to the king. [Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 151-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 117(272)]


Moungo Murray to the earl of Lenrie, informing him that the queen and prince appreciate the earl's efforts, but Montrose is discontented and may be corresponding with parliament. [Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 150-1; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 118(277)].

2206. [c. 1647/8], February 2. London.

Cipher letter, undeciphered.

2213. [1646/8], February 8.

'282' to [? the earl of Lanerick], describing the proceedings of the English parliament against the king and the seven impeached lords, and declaring that he and his friends depend on his correspondent's advance. [Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 152-3; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 118(276)].

2214. [1647/8], February 8.

'590. 349. 601' to [ ], sending him the king's declaration, and reporting that attempts are being made 'to create a new jealousy between the king and Scotland.' [Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 151-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 117-8(275)]. [Partly in cipher; deciphered]


'11. 67. 77. 78. 75. 71. 80. 74. 31. 41. 73' to '201. 203. 108' [? the earl of Lanerick], in cipher, not deciphered.
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'128' to '201. 203 108' [? the earl of Lanerick], in cipher, not deciphered, but with a postscript adding that the commission and instructions have come from Prince Charles. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 117(274)]

5931. [1647/8], February 12. Edinb[urgh].

The duke of Hamilton to his elder daughter Lady Anne, remarking that 'it will not displease you to heare that I am weill, but I kne [o]w it will when I tell you that I knoe not when I shall come home.'

2457. 1647/8, February 15.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], mainly in cipher, undeciphered, but also remarking that the declaration against the king has been passed. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 118(278)]

2218. [1647/8], February 15. London.

[ ] to [ ], mainly in cipher, undeciphered, but referring to the declaration of the house of commons.


Sir Marmaduke Langdale to the earl of Lannercke, expressing pleasure at the latter's arrival in Scotland, his gratitude for the commission he received from the prince of Wales, and announcing that he himself has now 'escaped from England'.

2220. 1647/8, February 20.

'Edward Andrewes' to the earl of Lanerick, sending him a cipher, and adding 'if your lordship knowes mee not by this name, my Lord Lea[der]dale will informe you.'

2471. 1647/8, February 21.

'James Fen' to 'Mr Edwardes Edgar', and reporting that Ormond is believed to have gone to Ireland. [Partly in cipher, deciphered] [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 118(279).]
2366. 1647/8, February 22.

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to Charles I, reporting that they hope to engage the clergy in the present work, that their first care will be to secure Berwick and Carlisle, and that they desire the queen to have them supplied with arms and ammunition from France and Holland.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 427(folio 337-8).]

2367. [1647/8], February 22.

'349' to [ ], assuring him that the French will not recede from any engagement, and telling him of the continued enmity between Cromwell and Martin, and the raising of seven regiments for Ireland.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]

[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 154; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 118(281).]

2468. 1647/8, February 22.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], informing him that Ormond has gone to France, where he met Lords Antrim and Muskery, the commissioners for Ireland; and of various rumours about the duke of York's intentions.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 118(280).]

2209. [? 1647/8], February 22.

[ ] to [ ], describing how news from Scotland is eagerly awaited, and giving an account of recent parliamentary business, including the declaration justifying the votes against the king.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 118(282).]

2211. 1647/8, February 23.

[As in 2209 and 2211] to [? the earl of Lanerick], commenting on the declaration made in the house of commons, and giving various other items of news.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]

[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 155-6; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 118(283).]
2222. 1647/8, February 23.

'James Fenn' to ['Edward Edgar'], telling him that Ormonde has gone to France, and discussing the Irish rebellion.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 156-160; summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 118-9(284).]

2223. 1647/8, February 27.

'109' to '105', asking that 'when you thinke me serviceable pray commend me'.
[Partly in cipher, undeciphered]

2224. 1647/8, February 29.

'282' to [? the earl of Lanerick], concerning the answer to the Scottish declaration, military preparations in England, and fears of the Scottish advance in England.

2225. 1647/8, March 1.

'Edward Andrewes' to [? the earl of Lanerick], referring to the projected escape of the duke of York.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 119(288).]

2368. [1647/8], March 3.

[ ] to [ ], contradicting reports of an invasion by the mutinous Scots, and stressing that he and his friends are safe if they remain faithful to their principles and purge the army of malignants such as Lanerick.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered] [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 119(289).]


The duke of Hamilton to his daughters, regretting that he is unavoidably detained in town, and exhorting them to be patient and to learn to submit to God.

2226. 1647/8, March 6.

'James Fenne' to 'Mr Edwardes Edgar', referring to the prince leaving France.
2292. [1647/8, March 7]

[. ] to [? the earl of Lanerick], referring to letters from the English commissioners and others, and to the danger of friends abandoning the cause.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]

2227. [1647/8], March 7.

'333 : 57 : 282 : 302 : 40' [The same hand as '282', supra 2213] to [? the earl of Lanerick], telling him that the queen and prince are about to leave France, and that Ireland is reported to be lost to parliament.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 119(290)]
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]

2212. 1647/8, March 7.

'349' to [? the earl of Lanerick], discussing the raising of men for the royalist cause, and the projected escape of the king.
[Partly in cipher; deciphered]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 119(293)]

2228. 1647/8, March 7.

'409' to [? the earl of Lanerick], assuring him that the king will shortly escape, 'soe well have I ordered the business.'
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 119(291)]

2229. 1647/8, March 8. Newtonn,

Viscount Montgomerie to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his attempts to procure the writer's liberty.

2230. 1647/8, March 10.

[Lord Byron] to [ the earl of Lanerick], remarking that he doubts not that when the latter enters England the greatest part of Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales will declare for the king.
[Partly in cipher; deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 166-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 120(294)].
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2231. 1647/8, March 12.

'J. Fen' to 'Mr Edwards Edgar', telling him that the prince of Wales will not leave for another six weeks. [Partly in cipher, deciphered] [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 120(295)]


2373. 1648, March 25 and March 17. [ ] and St Germins.

[Copies] [ ] to [? the earl of Lanerick], concerning the deployment of the royalist forces in Ireland; the second copy letter from [ ] to [ ] asking him to send orders to those commanding the Scots in Ireland, and to prevent Oen O'Neill from persuading men not to join the royal armies.

2233. 1647/8, March 18.

[Lord Byron] to [? the earl of Lanerick], announcing that the prince of Wales has given him a commission confirming him as commander-in-chief of Cheshire, Lancashire, Shropshire and North Wales. [Partly in cipher, deciphered] [Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 167-8, and summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 120(296)]

2234. 1647/8, March 21.

'282 : 333' [same hand as in supra 2213 and 2227] to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], informing him that the English parliament will probably adjourn soon, that forces are marching to reduce Pembroke Castle, and advising his correspondent to come to England at the head of an army. [Partly in cipher, deciphered] [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 168-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 120(297)]

2273. 1647/8, March 22.

Lord Byron to [? the earl of Lanerick], recommending the bearer to him. [Partly in cipher, deciphered]
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'6. 2. 7. 10. 41. 20. 31. 40. 13' to '283. 114. 259. 37. 7. 44. 19. 56. 33. 13. 35. 314', telling him that although he had a difference with his correspondent and the latter's brother in the past, they are now united in the public interest. [Partly in cipher, deciphered]

2374. [ ] and 1648, March 25.

[Copy] 1) Part of a letter from [ ] to [ ], announcing that the queen and prince mean to leave for Holland, and that Montrose's discontent increases. 2) [ ] to [the earl of Lanerick], reporting that the prince is determined to go to Scotland, and that Mr Ashburnham is trying to reconcile the king and parliament.

2451. 1648, March 25.

[Moungo Murray] to [? the earl of Lanerick], wishing him success in his efforts to re-establish the king. [Partly in cipher; undeciphered]

2193. 1648, March 25.

[ ] to [ ], in cipher. [Undeciphered]

5932. [? 1648], March 27.

James, duke of Hamilton to his daughters [Lady Anne and Lady Susanna], telling them that they are to come to town the following week for his niece's marriage. [ie. if dating correct, marriage of Lady Anna Crawford; daughter of his sister Margaret].

2235. 1648, March 27.

[Sim Digby] to his cousin, George Diby, excusing himself from going to Sandon, and remarking that the wisest men he knows believe there will be a Scots invasion followed by war. [Gerard Correspondence.]
2459. 1648, March 28.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], describing the negotiations between the city of London and the English parliament.

[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 169-72; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 120(300).]

2372. 1648, March 28.

'624 : 143' to [ ], concerning the difficulty of reconciling the presbyterian and Independents in London.

2287. [1648, March]

'143' to [ ], concerning '590'.

[Partly in cipher, only some of which has been deciphered]


2375. 1648, April 4.  London.

A. Fraiser to the earl of Lanerick, inquiring after his health and repeating current rumours about the earl and the dangers of his wife's journey by sea.

2460. 1648, April 4.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], telling him of the desire of some of the members of the house of commons to make a treaty with the king in order to disengage him from the Scots, or else to frighten his majesty into escaping, then destroy him.

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 174-5; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 121(303).]

2472. 1648, April 4.

'James Fen' to 'Mr Edwardes Edgar', telling him that rather than risk a conjunction between the queen and the Scots parliament, the Independents will seek an accommodation, and mentioning the duel between Prince Rupert and Lord Percy.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
2156. [1648], April 4.

[... to ? the earl of Lanerick], deploring the delays caused in Scotland by the clergy and other factors. [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 172-4(109); summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 120-1(302).]
[In cipher, but deciphered]

2376. 1648, April 5. Hague.

Archibald Hamilton to the earl of Lannerick, asking for a reply to his former letter, and for news from Britain for the narrative he is writing.

2377. 1648, April 7.

[Draft] [... ] to Charles I, describing how the Engagement has been held up by 'the great oppositions we have met with from the ministers.'

2378. [1648], April 7.

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to Charles I, describing the clerical opposition to the Engagement.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 431(f. 341);]

2379. [1648], April 10.

'C.D.' to [... ], informing him that the divisions in Scotland cause diversity of opinions in England, and that he is preparing to meet Lauderdale.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 169; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 121(304)].

2461. 1648, April 11.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], approving of his correspondent's exclusion of the clergy from his plans, and giving the latest news from London.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 181-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 121(306)].
2155. 1648, April 11. London.

[...] to [? the earl of Lanerick, describing a plan to effect the escape of Charles I.
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 180(114); summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 121(305).]
[In cipher, but deciphered.]

2384. 1648, April 13.

[The earl of Lanerick] to Charles I, concerning the sending of 3 demands to the parliament of England.
[Printed in Burnet, pp. 433-4(f. VI. 21).]

2380. [1648], April 13.

John Digby to George Digby, recommending to his favour a nephew of the writer's wife.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2381. [? 1648], April 18.

'409' to '410 : 134 : 107 : 112', hoping to be successful in his 'glorious employment'.

2462. 1648, April 18.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [?the earl of Lanerick], referring to disturbances in Oxford, to Lord Inchiquin's revolt in Ireland, and to the mustering of men in Wales.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered.]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 184-6; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 121(309).]

2452. 1648, April 18. St Germans.

Mungo Murray to the earl of Lenrike, informing him of how many would rather see the king perish than that he be restored by the Scots, and of other news from Paris.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered.]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 186-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 121(308).]

2383 [1648], April 18.

[Copy] The earl of Lanerick to [ ], reporting that 'this day we have past in parlt. the great act of putting this Kingdome into a posture of defence', and referring to the opposition made by the ministers.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 434 (f. VI. 22).]
2154. 1648, April 18. London.

[ ] to [ ], telling him that the king's party 'are not solicitous how you come but when and in what number', and that the king's friends may have to go to Wales for safety.

[Partly in cipher, but deciphered by the recipient.]

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 182-4; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 121(307).]

2385. [1648], April 24.

'499' to [? the earl of Lanerick], informing him of the duke of York's escape to Holland.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered.]

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 187-8; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 121(310).]

2386. [1648], April 24.

[ ] to 'Mr James Gibson, merchant in Edinburgh'

[? the earl of Lanerick], expressing the belief that 'now businesses in all places' are in a 'reasonable good condition'.

[Partly in cipher, undeciphered.]

2387. 1648, April 24.

[Copy] [The earl of Lanerick] to [ ],

describing the 'indifferent god progress' made in parliament, and remarking that '... the church doth still violently oppose us.'

[Printed in Burnet, pp. 434-5, (f. VI, 23).]

2463. 1648, April 25.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], giving him the latest news from Wales, and telling him that on the previous Friday 'the Duke of Yorke made an handsome escape from St James.'

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 188-9; summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 121-3(311).]
2392. [1648], April 28. London.

[ ] to [? the earl of Lanerick], giving an account of the debate in the house of commons on the settlement of religion and the government, the 'grand designe' being to remove 'all just occasion for the coming in of Scots army'.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 191-3; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 122(313)].

2391. [1648], April 28.

[ ] to [? the earl of Lanerick], remarking that '... Argyll's designe were never so dangerous as at this present' and 'if your friends be no wiser then ours I am confident the King is ruined.'

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., p. 190; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 122(312)].

2388. [1648], April 28. London.

[ ] to [? the earl of Lanerick], informing him that 'the king's designe of escaping is still hopeful!' but that his friends fear parliament will send assistance to Argyll.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 193; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 122(314)].

2389. [1648], April 28.

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], describing the Scottish military preparations, and the inflexible opposition of the clergy.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 435 (f. VI, 344)].

2393. [1648], April 30.

'225 : 311 : 72 : 31 : 12 : 34 : 220 : 37 : 120 : 207' to [? the earl of Lanerick], commiserating with his struggles against the opposition, and advising him to hasten his preparations.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., p. 194; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 122(316)].
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2316. 1648, April 30. Barwicke.

Thomas Howton to [ ], describing how there are about six score officers and gentlemen mounted and about one hundred on foot gathered in Berwick.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 122(315)]

2442.

[Copies] 1) [1648, April] The earl of Lanerick to [ ], concerning his difficulties in trying to help the king. [Printed in Burnet, pp. 432-3 (f. VI, 20)]

2), 3) and 4) from the earl of Lanerick to [ ], on similar subjects.

2290. [1648, April]

[ ] to [? the earl of Lanerick], referring to the mission of Mr Marishall, believed to be an emissary of Argyll, and the declaration for the king by Lord Inchiquin and others in Ireland.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]


2317. 1648, May 1.

Draft letters to the queen and Charles, prince of Wales, from [the earl of Lanerick], hoping that the prince will join the Scots army.

2390. 1648, May 2.

[As in 2388] to [? the earl of Lanerick], announcing Cromwell's resolve to march into South Wales, though it is believed that they really intend to go to the north, to prevent his lordship's advance.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]

[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 195; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 122(319)]

2395. 1648, May 2.

[Copy] [The earl of Lanerick] to Charles I, announcing that the Engagement has been made, hoping for the prince of Wales' presence, and noting the continued opposition of the kirk.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 439 (f. VI, 31)]
2180. 1648, May 2.

[ ] to the earl of Lanerike, asking him to send some dispatch which will prove the rumours against the earl and his friends to be unjustified.

[In cipher, but deciphered by the recipient]

2394. [1648], May 4.

[As in 2388 and 2390] to [? the earl of Lanerick], warning that the English parliament and army are determined to foment divisions in Scotland in the hope that Argyll will declare against the royalists; however, a breach between the Cromwellians and Levellers is also likely.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 196-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 122-3(320)]


Thomas Howton to the earl of Lanericke, giving news of the enemy's advance.

2404. 1648, May 7. (? ) Connoghd.

[?Robert] Monro to the earl of Lanerick, assuring him that although they have not accomplished as much as they would wish, they will continue in their endeavours for the public interest.


[ ] to [ ], concerning alliance of the Independents with Argyll, and giving news of the queen's court in France.
2464. 1648, May 9.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], telling him that their friends in Wales have taken Cardiff and that Cromwell has advanced to Abingdon, although rumours say his troops have mutinied.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 123(322)]

2397. [1648], May 9. London.

[As in 2388] to [? the earl of Lanerick], warning him that the house of commons '... labours to foment and perpetuat your present dissentions in proposing mock treatie with the King.'
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 198; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 123(321)].


[? Robert] Monro to the earl of Lanerick, explaining that his efforts are hindered by the variety of interests involved.


Sir Marmaduke Langdale to the earl of Lanerick, reporting that the garrison of Carlisle has been armed as well as possible, and that he intends to quarter his men in Yorkshire, Richmondshire and Durham.

2399. 1648, May 15. Newburn.

Robert Stewart to the earl of Lanerick, promising to hazard everything for the present enterprise, and to raise as many horse and foot as possible.


Viscount Montgomerie to the earl of Lanerick, asking if he can assist the king's cause.

2401. 1648, May 16.

[Copies] 3 letters from [ ] to [ ], concerning Sir William Bannatine's mission to the prince of Wales.
[Part of each in hand of earl of Lanerick]
2465. 1648, May 16.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], withdraw­ing his previous report that Cardiff had been taken, and announcing that Cromwell is besieging Chepstow Castle and will march to overawe the Welsh.
[Partly in cipher; undeciphered]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 123(323)].


Edward Grey to [? the earl of Lanerick], reporting that the enemy are advancing and have reached Alnwick; five or six of their ships are sailing into the haven 'to batter the town.'


Sir Marmaduke Langdale to [? the earl of Lanerick], concerning the raising of forces in northern England and the lack of arms.


J. Thomesone to [?], telling him of the surrender to the enemy of 'Sir Wilfred Lawson's Island', with 2,000 arms and some ammunition, of military movements in the north of England; and that 'Cromwell lies hurt at Gloucester.'


[As in 2388] to [? the earl of Lanerick], referring to the encounter at Horton, the distraction of parliament, and the writer's imprisonment.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 200-1; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 123(324)].

2403. [1648], May 17. Edinburgh.

[? The earl of Lanerick] to Curtius, telling him of the king's continuing imprisonment, but describing the preparations for war being made in Scotland.
2396. [1648], May 17.

[Draft] [The earl of Lanerick] to [Charles I], announcing that 'our new army is modelled', with the duke of Hamilton as commander in chief.
[Printed in Burnet, pp. 439-40 (f. VI, 32)]


J. Garthland to the earl of Lanrick, advising him to send Lieutenant Colonel Borthwick to Ireland again, and declaring that nothing will divert him from his endeavour for the settling of religion and the king's interest.

2325. 1648, May 19.

The earl of Derby to the earl of Lannerick, expressing his willingness to serve his lordship.


Thomas Howton to Mr Black, sending a verbal message by the bearer.


Sir Marmaduke Langdale to Sir Philip Musgrave, wishing him continued success, and discussing the raising of men in the north of England.

2329. 1648, May 22.

Edward Whyte to Mr Black, at the earl of Lanerick's lodgings, asking for some cannon and powder.


Sir Philip Musgrave to the earl of Lanerick, sending him an account of the latest news by the bearer, and promising to do all he can for the security of his garrison.

2406. 1648, May 23.

'189 to '185', describing how he has negotiated with C[aptain] H[atten], whom he has put in charge of the fleet now at sea.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered] [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 202-4; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 123(325)]
2466. 1648, May 23.

['282'] to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], telling him of the 'barbarous murder of the Surrey men' by soldiers in London, of the services of thanksgiving for the parliamentary successes in Wales, and of rumours of a new cavalier plot.

2284. 1648, May 23.

[Copy] [The earl of Lanerick] to [ ], urging him to compose the difficulties between Mr Howton and the presbyterians in Lesmahagow, and reporting that if Cromwell does not receive reinforcements he will have to abandon the siege of Chepstow Castle.


Sir Marmaduke Langdale to Mr Black, telling him of his urgent need for arms in view of the activity of the enemy.


James Hammiltoune to the earl of Lannericke, telling him of his willingness to join his lordship's army with 100 horse and sufficiently armed men, and promising to levy 250 more if given a commission.


2467. 1648, May 27.

['282'] to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], giving an account of the debate in the house of commons on a personal treaty with the king, the disturbances in London, and the arrival at Sandwich of 'the Mock Prince' [of Wales].

2407. 1648, May 27.

2408. 1648, May 27. London.

[As in 2388] to [? the earl of Lanerick], describing the activities of Argyll and the kirk, and advising him either to secure Argyll's person or invade England at once.


2326. 1648, May 29. Carlisle.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale to [ ], explaining a misunderstanding over the raising of the men of Lancashire, and describing his efforts to prevent the raising of forces to oppose the king.

2409. 1648, May 30; 'In great hast'. London.

[As in 2388] to [? the earl of Lanerick], announcing that he is now taking horse for France to his master, that Kent has declared against parliament but 'All affaires here will quicklie ruine because of your delayes'.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 204-5; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(328)]

2453. [1648], May 30. Pares.

[Moungo Murray] to [? the earl of Lanerick], describing the prince of Wales's impatience to be in Scotland, and exhorting his correspondent to let nothing hinder his efforts.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]


Thomas Howton to Mr Black, condemning those who suggest that they should drink confusion to the Scots, and protesting that everyone else realises the debt the king's army owes to that nation.

2334. 1648, May 30.

'John Thomsone' to [ ], describing his recent meetings with Mr Howton, who is to consult with a friend, and reporting that the enemy are to rendezvous at Carlisle and that 'it is generally beleived that if but a partie of the Scots horse should offer to come to assist the Malignants they would be absolute masters of the North of England.'
2468. 1648, May 30.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], telling him of the arrival of the king's ships in the Downs, and of the assembling of men at Rochester.


[ ], Hamilton and Dalyell to Sir James Macdougall of Garfflairie, asking why the parliamentary commissioners have been delayed.


Sir Marmaduke Langdale to [? the earl of Lanerick], asking him to inform the king of Sir Philip Musgrave's loyal services.

2400. 1648(?), May.

[As in 2388] to [? the earl of Lanerick], discussing Argyll's negotiations with both presbyterians and Independents, and the difficulties of raising money in London for his correspondent.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered.]

2337. [1648], June 2.

'A.M.' to Sir Robert Strickland, informing him of the arrival of 800 of Cromwell's men in Lancashire, and of the rout of the royalist forces in Wales.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(329).]


['Moungo Murray'] to the earl of Lenricke, telling him that although the prince of Wales wishes to go to Scotland, the queen intends him to be sent to Holland.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered.]
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 207-8; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(330).]

2411. 1648, June 3.

[ ] to the earl of Lanerick, sending him a message almost entirely in cipher, undeciphered.
2338. 1648, June 7. Garthland.

J. Garthland to the earl of Lanrick, assuring him that he will do everything possible to further the king's cause, and remarking that Borthwick and Alexander Crawford have arrived at Carrickfergus with the money.

2339. 1648, June 7. Carlisle.

J. Thomsone to Mr William Black at the earl of Lanerick's lodgings in the Abbey, Edinburgh, telling him of the capture of Pontefract Castle for the king.
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 208; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(331)]

2340. [1648], June 9. Carlile.

J. Thomsone to Mr William Black at the earl of Lanerick's lodgings in the Abbey, giving a detailed description of the capture of Pontefract Castle.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 209-10; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(332)]


[Moungo Murray] to the earl of Lenricke, informing him of the queen's and prince's impending arrival in Paris, and of other news from the continent.
[Partly in cipher, some of which has been deciphered]

2341. 1648, June 10. Carlile.

Sir Philip Musgrave to the Mr Black, asking him to hear Mr Barclay's account of why fewer than expected signed the letter from the 'gentlemen that have taken the covenant.'

2342. 1648, June 11. In the field before Carlile.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale to [? the earl of Lanerick], asking for help and reporting that 'the enemy press harde upon us', and that Sir Philip Musgrave is obeying his lordship's command to draw near Carlisle and avoid engaging the enemy.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 210-11; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(333)]
2343. 1648, June 13.

Henry Jermyn to the earls of Lauderdale and Lanneric, referring to the necessity of keeping the agreement of the isle of Wight, to his coming meeting in Holland with their lordships' representatives, and to his appreciation of what is being done by Lauderdale and Lanneric.

2344. 1648, June 13. St Germain.

Henrietta Maria to the duke of Hamilton, the earls of Lindsay, Roxburgh, Lauderdale, Lanneric and Calander, expressing her obligation to them and encouraging them to persist in their resolutions.

[Autograph]

2469. 1648, June 13.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [the earl of Lanerick], congratulating him on having 'frustrated the designes of the factious zealots', and reporting that although Kent has been forced to lay down arms, about 5,000 horse and foot have gathered in Essex.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 211-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(334)]

2161. [1648], June 13.

[ ] to [the earl of Lanerick], giving news of the fleet and referring to his correspondent's impending invasion of England.

[Partly in cipher, but deciphered]


Charles, prince of Wales to the duke of Hamilton and the earls of Lindsay, Roxburgh, Lauderdale, Lanneric and Calander, expressing his obligation to them.

[Autograph]


Henrietta Maria to 'mon cousin le conte de Lenrick', assuring him of her regard.

[In French]

'559.554.244' to the earl of Lanerick, discussing 'your resoluoucions of withdrawinge the armie from Irland.'
[Partly in cipher, deciphered.]
[Printed in Camden Soc., p. 124; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(336).]


Sir Philip Musgrave to the earl of Lanerick, announcing that Sir Marmaduke Langdale is now without the walls [of Carlisle], and desiring speedy assistance as the enemy have advanced within a mile of the town.
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 213; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(335).]

2448. 1648, June 17. [? Paris]

['Moungo Murray'] to the earl of Lenrike, mentioning that the few clergy there are as bitter against the earl as are those at home.
[Mainly in cipher, undeciphered.]

2470. 1648, June 20.

'282' to 'Q.V.E.R.' [? the earl of Lanerick], describing how Fairfax attacked the royalists at Colchester, and giving news of parliament's seizure of 20 gentlemen of quality.
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 215-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 124(337).]

2413. 1648, June 22. Edenbrough.

William Paterson, agent, to [ ], describing Inchequen's efforts in Ireland and asking for advice and instructions.

2473. 1648, June 24.

'James Fenne' to 'Mr Edwardes Edgare', warning him that England will be lost if the Scots army does not presently advance, and that France, Lord Jermin and the parliament of England are leagued together to obstruct the prince of Wales's plans.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered.]
2449. 1648, June 24.

[Moungo Murray] to the earl of Lenrike, telling him of the
rumours that Fairfax was totally routed and that 'my lord Deuke
had lade down his commission.'
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Society p. 220, summarised in H.M.C. Report,
p. 125(340)].

2414. [1648], June 24.

[As in 2391] to [? the earl of Lanerick], concerning the
preparation of the fleet under Batten.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 221-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report,
p. 125(341)].

2346. 1648, June 24. Carlile.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale and Sir Philip Musgrave to [? the
earl of Lanerick], reporting that the enemy are now quartered
at Rose Castle, and begging for some relief of troops to keep
the country open.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 217-8; summarised in H.M.C. Report,
p. 125(338)].

2347. 1648, June 25. Haige.

Sir William Bellenden to the earl of Lanerick, concerning
the sending of arms and ammunition to Scotland by sea, and the
state of public opinion in the Hague.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 222-3; summarised in H.M.C. Report,
p. 125(342)].


Sir Marmaduke Langdale and Sir Philip Musgrave to [? the
earl of Lanerick], warning him that because they have obeyed
his orders to avoid an encounter with the enemy, they are now
in very great difficulties, and cut off from the Scots by the
enemy.

2415. 1648, June 27.

[Not H, but H] to the earl of Lanerick, discussing the
prospect of a personal treaty between parliament and the king.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., p. 224; summarised in H.M.C. Report,
p. 125(343)].
2416. 1648, June 29. Coulrean.

[? George] Monro to the earl of Lanerick, promising not to fail his lordship in the current undertaking.

2349. 1648, June 29. Dundee.

The earl of Seaforth to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he has gone home to disappoint the designs of the clergy and many of the gentlemen who are using all means possible to obstruct the present service'.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 126(345)]

2283. 1648, June 29. Carikfergus.

J. Garthland to the earl of Lanrick, giving the latest military news from Ireland.
[Torn, and in poor condition.]

2351. 1648, June 30. Carlile.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale to [? the earl of Lanerick], announcing that the enemy have retreated from Stanwicke, apparently on hearing of the Scottish advance.
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 224-5; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 126(346)]

2454. [1648], July 1.

[Moungo Murray] to the earl of Lenrik, expressing fears for his safety, and discussing the opposition of the ministers.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered]
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 225-6; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 126(347)]

2352. 1648, July 1. Barwicke.

Charles Brandling and William Blaxton to the earl of Lanerick, announcing the loss of about 100 horse in an encounter with the enemy, but hoping to be at his rendezvous with a good body of horse.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 226-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 126(348)]
The duke of Hamilton to Lord Belhaven, sending him a packet of documents [including his Will].
[See supra 2133 and 2134]

[Copy] to Sir Marmaduke Langdale, requiring him to deliver up the towns of Berwick and Carlisle to whomsoever the duke of Hamilton shall appoint to receive them.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 126(351)]

Hamilton to [? the earl of Lanerick], describing how he has borrowed money to pay his soldiers, who are, however, far fewer than anticipated. Because of the watch kept by parliamentary ships, there will be difficulty in transporting them.

The citizens of Berwick to the earl of Lanerick begging an answer to certain queries, in view of the town being surrendered to the Scots.
[Signed by 'Benjamin Clerke Maior', and 12 others.]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 126(349)].

Charles Brandling and 5 others, supporting the request of the mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Berwick.
[Supra 2355.]
[Signed by all 6.]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 126(350)].

The earls of Lauderdale and Lanerick to [ ], announcing that as the army is to rendezvous that day at Annan Moor before marching into England, the arms promised from France will be of no use unless they arrive at once. They therefore ask their correspondent to procure arms from Holland, and also to arrange for shipping, for defence of the coasts.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 126-7(353).]
1648, July 4.

Charles Brandling to the earl of Lanarick, describing their losses and the strength of their garrison, and promising that day to purge Berwick 'of all the disaffected as well wimen as men.'


[1648], July 5. Newby.

The duke of Hamilton to his daughters, telling them to be ready to move to the lodgings he is having prepared for them in Edinburgh, and adding that 'ther is nothing betwixt me and Ingland bot a river.'

1648, July 5. Annan.

William Blaxton to the earl of Lanerick, mentioning that he had arrived at Annan on the previous night, 'being haistned by my Expectation of the armies marching into England.'

1648, July 6. [? Paris]

[Moungo Murray] to the earl of Lenrike, telling him that the prince has left and will meet the fleet at Calais, with Prince Rupert as general.

[Partly in cipher, not deciphered]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 127(354)]

1648, July 7. Annan.

The duke of Hamilton to his daughters, Lady Anne and Lady Susanna, instructing them that when their aunt, the countess of Crawford, sends for them they must pay to her 'the same respect that you would doe to your Mother if she wer a lyfe.'


William Boswell to the earls of Lauderdaill and Lanerick, informing them that he has contacted Sir William Bannantine as directed and wishing them success in their endeavours to re-establish the king.

Sir William Bellenden to the earl of Lanerick, mentioning his attempts to obtain arms, ammunition and shipping, the English royalists' jealousy of the Scots, and the indifference of the prince of Orange.

[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 228-31; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 127(355)].


Henrietta Maria to 'mon cousin le conte de Lennerick', sending him a verbal message by William Murray.

[In French]

2419. 1648, July 13.

The earl of Derby to the earl of Lannericke, expressing his desire to serve under the duke of Hamilton.

[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 231; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 127(356)].


Robertson of Inwir and John Steuart of Balnakilie to the earl of Lainrig, reporting that they have met with some of the most considerable men of Badenoch and Mar, who have declared that they will not 'have complaynte nor correpondance with any not haiving warrand from parliament.'

2361. 1648, July 24. Chan[onry]

The earl of Seaforth to the duke of Hamilton, pointing out that his followers refuse to serve under any one but himself.


Charles, prince of Wales to the duke of Hamilton and the earls of Lindsey, Lauderdale, Lanerick and Calander, announcing that he impatiently awaits their commissioners, and in the meantime will put to sea with the fleet.

[Papered seal]

[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 232; summarised in H.M.C. Report]

2421. 1648, July 29.

[Copy] Declaration by the prince of Wales 'concerning the grounds and ends of his present engagement upon the fleet in the downes.' [See 2308]
2362. 1648, August 1. Appleby.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale to the earl of Lanerick, assuring him of his gratitude for his favours.
[Printed in Burnet, p. 452 (folio, p. 54)]

2423. 1648, August 5. Aboard the fleete in the downes.

[Copy made by Rob Lang] Charles, prince of Wales to [the speaker of the house of lords], making various proposals with reference to the intended personal treaty between the king and parliament.


[Copy] Charles I to the speaker of the house of lords, in answer to parliament's proposals concerning a personal treaty.

2426. 1648, August 10. Aboard his Majesties ship The Constant Reformation in the downes.

The earl of Lauderdaill to [? the earl of Lanerick], describing his voyage along the English coast to Holland, then back to the Downs, where he had that day been received by the prince, who has 'a most gallant fleet' of 18 ships. [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 237-9] Also a duplicate.

2421. 1648, August 10. Amsterdam.

Sir William Bellenden to the earl of Lanericke, discussing the divisions in the States, and remarking that Prince Rupert is with the prince of Wales 'and doeth moir suay the princis humor then all about him.'


W. Darcy, C. Howan (?) and William Blaxton to the earl of Lannericke, asking him for his commands concerning their service in the north.
2475. 1648, August 16. Downes.

[Copy] The earl of Lauderdaille to [the prince of Wales], detailing his instructions from the committee of estates [supra 2474], and inviting him to come either to Scotland or to the army.
[Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 239-40; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(362).]

2304. 1648, August 16.

Declaration by Charles, prince of Wales to the Scottish estates, announcing that he will repair to their army in England with as much speed as he may.
[Autograph, and signed by Rob. Lang]
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 240.]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(363).]
[Also a copy]

2476. 1648, August 17. Downes.

[Copy] The earl of Lauderdaille to the prince of Wales, asking that some of the ships with his highness 'may be allowed to waite on the coastes of the kingdome of Scotland', under the orders of the committee of estates and the general of the Scots army [Hamilton].
[Printed in Camden Soc. p. 242; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(365).]

2429. 1648, August 17. Westminster.

[Copy, by Rob. Lang] Dudley North, speaker of the house peers to the prince of Wales, thanking him for his offer to mediate with the king, and advising him to concur with everything done in parliament.

2305. 1648, August 17.

Declaration by Charles, prince of Wales, consenting to join the Scots army, by way of Holland, and to use the form of worship established in Scotland.
[Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 241-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(364).]

2477. 1648, August 18. Downes.

The earl of Lauderdaille to [the prince of Wales], asking him not to bring to Scotland Lord Digby, Montrose and others.
[Printed in Camden Soc., p. 242; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(366).]
1648, August 18. From aboard the Viz Admll. Downes.

Sednham Poynts to the duke [of Hamilton], reporting that he will arrive in Lincolnshire with some forces.

1648, August 19. Downes.

The earl of Lauderdale to [the earl of Lanerick], giving an account of his various interviews with the prince of Wales, who desires to be with the Scots as soon as possible. [Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 244-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(369)]

1648, August 19.

Declaration by Charles, prince of Wales, to the effect that he will not bring with him any of the persons named in the earl of Lauderdale's letter. [Autograph] [Printed in Camden Soc. p. 243; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(368)]

1648, August 19.

Declaration by Charles, prince of Wales, promising that ships will be sent as desired. [Autograph] [Printed in Camden Soc. p. 243; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(367)]

1648, August 20. Downes.

The earl of Lauderdale to [the earl of Lanerick], reporting that he got what he desired, despite arguments that the king had commanded the prince not to exceed his concessions without permission, and discussing the opinion of the Court of various royalists. [Partly in cipher, deciphered] [Printed in Camden Soc., pp. 248-250; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 128(370)]

1648, August 20. [Autograph]

The earl of Lauderdale to the earl of Calander, referring to his letters to the duke and the earl of Lanerick [supra 2479 and infra 2481]. [Printed in Camden Soc., p. 252; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 129(372)]
The earl of Lauderdaill to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him two ciphers, and telling him that the prince is most impatient to be with the army, and intends to land at Berwick.

William Batten to Captain Robert Batten, telling him that he is now with the prince's fleet, but fears that many in authority obstruct peace. The prince is about to leave for the Scottish army.

The earl of Lauderdaill to the earl of Lanerick, telling him that the whole fleet will have to go with the prince for victuals.

The earl of Lauderdaill to [the committee of estates], sending papers giving the prince's answers to their propositions. [Printed in Camden Soc. pp. 252-3; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 129(373)].

Jan Eleis to the duke of Hamilton, advising him as to the interest rates of various Dutch banks.

W. Darcy, Charles Howard and William Blaxton to the earl of Lanericke, asking for his commands and referring to the retreat of many of their friends after Preston.

[ ] to the 1st duke of Hamilton, telling him that although he has declared himself most willing to do his best for the preservation of religion and commonwealth, yet he cannot act unless he receives an absolute command.
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2365. 1648, September 15. Berwick.

[   ] Leslie to [   ], referring to the
advance of Cromwell and Lambert, and to the difficulty of
keeping the town, because of lack of provisions and shortage
of men.

2301. 1648, September 20/30. The Hague.

Charles, prince of Wales to the earl of Lanerick, hoping
that 'by the endeavour of yourselfe and the king's friends and
the effectuall assistance I hope to give you, you may be yet
able to prosecute the warre with good success.'
[Autograph,]

2443. [1648]

[   ] Fraser to [   ], mentioning royalist
attempts to raise money abroad, and the prince of Wales's
plans to go to Scotland.
[Torn.]

2296. [c. 1648]

Draft letters to the duke of Orleans, the prince of
Condé and the lord president of the Court of parliament of
Paris, from [? the earl of Lanerick], asking them to intercede
with the king of France and the queen regent on behalf of the
commissioners now going to them.

2289. [c. 1648]

[   ] to [   ], narrating the
Scottish demands of the English parliament.
[Partly in cipher, undeciphered.]

2315. [? 1648]

William Blaxton to Sir Philip Musgrave, informing him
that 6 troops of horse have come to Barnerd Castle, and that
Fairfax is approaching York.

2181. N.D. [c. 1648]

[   ] to [   ] in cipher, also
a copy deciphering the message, which is in cryptic terms.
2191. [c. 1648]

[Undeciphered.] to Thomas Edgar; mainly in cipher.

2196. [c. 1648]

Cipher letter [undeciphered].

2281. [c. 1648]

Henrietta Maria to the duke of Hamilton and the earls of Lindsay, Lauderdail, Roxborough, Calandar and Laneric; in cipher, undeciphered.

2440. [c. 1648]

Note explaining to whom various letters addressed in code should be delivered, [e.g. '5:9 for Master Christopher Leader Haberdasher of smale wares at the Golden Horssshoo in Budge rowe neir St Antolins Church in London the inside for master Thomas Revis'.] [? In hand of earl of Lanerick.]

2194. [c. 1648]

Charles I to [ ], in cipher, undeciphered.

2195. [c. 1648]

[ ] to [ ], mainly in cipher [partly deciphered], concerning the queen and prince.

2189. [c. 1648]

Postscript from Charles I to [ ] in cipher, undeciphered, sending him a letter.

1492. [c. 1648]

A. Byron to [ ], describing the garrison's desperate need of supplies, the military preparations, and discussing his own 'propositions' for the north of England.

James, duke of Hamilton to his daughter Lady Anna, remarking that her cousins will not be contracted before Thursday, and hoping to see her that Friday.

8251. [1648?]

William Blaxton to the earl of Lanerick, telling him that the duke [of Hamilton] has ordered the writer and other gentlemen to serve the king in the north, near where the earl is.

8277. [1648]

[ ] to [the earl of Lanerick?], urging him to lead the Scottish army into England, and telling him of rumours that Henry Martin seeks a reconciliation with the Scots that Cromwell and his party may be defeated.

8322. [c. 1648]

'James Fenne' to 'Mr Edwardes Edgar' [? the earl of Lanerick], telling him of the success of the king's party in Kent, although the city [of London] has entered into a new friendship with the army, promising regiments to be sent against the Kentishmen.

2302. 1648/9, January 2. The Hagh.

[Autograph] Charles, prince of Wales to the earl of Lanerick, assuring him and his brother [James, duke of Hamilton] that he is sensible of their sufferings, but hoping that they will continue in their endeavours for the king.

2127. 1648/9, January 6.

The earl of Lothian to the speaker of the house of commons, expressing the Scots parliament's expectation that no harmful proceedings be taken against the king's person.


Charles II to the duke of Hamilton desiring his presence at Breda and assuring him that he will be careful of the interests of the duke 'and of all those honest men that engaged with your brother' in the treaty.
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2125. 1648/9, January 25. Dirlton.

[Copy] [The earl of Lanerick] to the earl of Loudian, announcing that he is forced to seek shelter and protection abroad.
[Text printed in Burnet, pp. 481-2; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 130(382)].


The earl of Loudoun, on behalf of the parliament of Scotland, to Charles II, informing him that they have proclaimed him king of Great Britain, France and Ireland.
[With a copy]
[Signed by Loudoun]


The general assembly to Charles II, acknowledging him as king, and asking him to ignore the calumnies and shun the company of 'the ungodly' who blame the presbyterians for his father's death.
[Signed by the moderator, Mr Robert Douglas]


Henrietta Maria to 'mon cousin le conte de Lenerick', assuring him of her concern for his brother and himself.
[In French]


Lord Henry Jermyn to the earl of Lanerick, describing how the queen and her companions are 'in the saddest estate you can suppose any company of people to be afflicted with.'


The parliament of Scotland to Charles II, sending commissioners to him.
[Signed by the earl of Loudoun.]

2131. 1648/9, March 1. Edinburgh.

The general assembly to Charles II, asking him not to listen to the advice of those who have disturbed the peace of the church and the kingdom.
[Signed by the moderator, Mr Robert Douglas]
1648/9, March 8.

The duke of Hamilton to the earl of Lanerick, on the eve of his execution, asking him to be a father to his children, and to pay his debts.

[Printed in Burnet, p. 505 (f. 397), with some lines omitted; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 129(377)]

1648/9, March 9.

James, duke of Hamilton to the earl of Lanerick; written just before his execution.

[Text printed in H.M.C. Report, p. 129(378) and in Burnet, p. 509]


The duke of Hamilton's last letter to his daughters, written on the morning of his execution, bidding them love God, follow the advice of his friends in disposing of themselves in marriage, and 'think not of ever coming in to this kingdome where your father hes ended his dayes in such a maner.'

8165. N.D.

The earls of Airth, Wintoun, Wemyss and others to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton as governor of their corporation, asking him to oppose the free importation of foreign salt.

1502. N.D. Newhall.

The earl of Antrim to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to remember his request. [Unspecified]


Viscount Dunluce to the marquis of Hamilton, sending his greetings.

1157. [ ], January 6.

The earl of Antrim to the marquis of Iveagh, concerning a wardship which the latter hopes to obtain.


The earl of Antrim to [ ], hoping that the king will grant him the wardship of his deceased cousin's son.
3106. [before 1649], March 7.

The marquis of Argyll to Charles I, explaining that the council has not thought it fit that he should go to Court at this time, and that the earl of Lanrick will tell him of the council's meeting.

1315. [before 1638], January 28. Edinburgh.

Lord Lorne to the marquis of Hamilton, declaring his allegiance to the king.

8389. [ ], February 3. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to support the request of the writer's brother to the king, and hoping that the marquis may help to promote a better understanding between his majesty and parliament. [English]

8276. [ ], June 20. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Argyll to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, urging him to work for a reconciliation between the king and his subjects.

8371. [ ], May 10.

Lord Balmerino to the earl of Lanrick, stating that he has delivered to the earl of Lindsay a signature of the laird of Niddrie.

349. [ ], March 4.

Lord Balmerino to [the marquis of Hamilton], informing him of the latest moves in the dispute involving the laird of Langton.
8191. [ ], January 21. St Jeames Strete.

The earl of Bedford to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, asking for his orders about the £500 in gold which the writer has raised for the marquis in part payment of the money he owes him.

8166. [ ], July 2. Yorke.

John Berry to Captain Anthony Greene, enclosing the conditions which some of the army officers intend to present to the general, with regard to their desire to take service with the French. [Included, also numbered 8166]

8287/1. [ ], December 17. Rippon.

John Berry to [ ], explaining that the shortage of money for paying the army is likely to cause trouble. [Faded]

8352. [ ]. Friday morning. [Ed?]enburgh.

Monsieur Boisuion to Milord conte de Leneric, referring to the efforts of the earl and his brother on behalf of Charles I. [In French]

8175. [ ], October 14. Dunlug.

Katherine, countess of Buckingham to the 3rd marquis of Hambleton, asking him to urge Mr Maxwell not to press for the principal sum owed by her husband to him, but to accept the interest. If he no longer uses Wallingford House, her daughter is anxious to have it.

9636. N.D.

Katherine, duchess of Buckingham to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to continue his favour to her.

8282. [ ], May 23.

K.A. [Katherine, countess of Antrim] to the earl of Lanrick in Edinburgh, asking for his orders for '247'.
8179. [ ], December 30. Calderwod.

S. Calderwod to the [2nd?] marchioness of Hamilton, concerning the estate of Polle House.

8173. [ ], October 20. Northallerton.

Captain Horatio Carey to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, asking him to have the king make him quarter master general to the horse in place of Captain Cooper who has just died.

8259. N.D.

B. Cathcartt to [Charles I], hoping to be granted two heritable offices until he is paid £5000, and asking for letters to the Scottish exchequer granting him £4 or 500 for his present necessities.

1926. [ ] At Court.

Charles I to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to inform the gentlemen departing for Scotland that he will not alter any ecclesiastical or civil matter already granted to Scotland.

8323. [ ] Newcastle.

Charles I to the privy council of Scotland, notifying them of his decision to employ [name blank] as his agent in France. [Superscribed by the king : badly damaged]

8355. N.D.

Letters royal of [? Charles I], nominating an envoy to the Turks. [Name left blank] [In Latin]

175. [ ]

Charles I to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that 'there has been a great mistaking about that mark of favor which I thought fitt to bestow upon you' but assuring the marquis of his continued confidence in him.
1246. N.D.

Charles I to the lords of privy council, nominating the earl of Buckleigh to the place left vacant on the council by the death of the earl of Roxburgh.

6598. N.D.

Letter royal of Charles I creating Lord William Hamilton earl of Roseberrie and Lord of Poumont.
[Superscribed by Charles I]
[Torn]

8810. N.D.

[Copy] 'C.R.' [Charles I] to [ ], declining to pass a bill against those whom they have allowed to compound for their estates.

9267. N.D.

M. Choisy to the marquis of Hamilton, commending to him the children of the writer's cousin, Monsieur de Vitny, as they are on their way to visit Charles I.

8285. N.D.

The senators of the college of justice to Charles I, asking him to fill the three vacant places in their ranks.
[Signed by Angus, Fletcher, Craighall, Balcony, Scotsarvit, Falconer, Halyburton, Hamilton, and others - part of the page torn off.]

395. [ ], August 15. Newcastle.

John Craig to [the marquis of Hamilton], expressing his forebodings about the situation; petitions have been sent over to France but with little hope of success.

8174. [ ], June 8 [May 28] N.S. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to her cousin the earl of Lennerick, thanking him for his present undertaking on behalf of the king her dear brother, and recommending to him Prince Rupert.
134. [ ], May 4. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his gift of geldings.

139. [ ], April 2. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of Sir Thomas Dishington, about whom she nevertheless has reservations.

109. [ ], May 17 27. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of Sir James Ramsay.

108. [ ], August 23 13. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton on behalf of 'a gentleman of the Landgrave of Hesse'.

114. [ ], January 3 13. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton commending the bearer Captain Talbot.

113. [ ], February 13 23. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending the bearer, 'my sonns footman'.

112. [ ], March 30. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending to him a Swedish ambassador.

111. [ ], April 7 17. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending the bearer.
110. [ ], April 18th. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, recommending the 2 sons of Duke George of Lunebourg.

132. [ ], October 8. Rhen.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton commending her son to him since 'he is young and therefore may commit manie faults...' 

131. [ ], September 13 23. Rhene.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for his good offices on behalf of her son in the parliament of Holland.

130. [ ], October [ ]. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that her son has taken over command of the army formerly led by the landgrave of Hesse, who has been killed.

129. [ ], November 30. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, commending the bearer.

127. [ ], November 20. The Hagh.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to tell the king that 'honest Cringle' will not return home yet.

135. N.D.

Elizabeth of Bohemia to the marquis of Hamilton on behalf of the bearer, 'Mistris Hamilton, wife to the bishop of Casceall in Ireland.'
[Only the signature and postscript in her own hand]
c. 1

1352. [ ], May 31. Corbury Parke.

The earl of Danby to [ ], sending his greetings.

8167. [1640's], December 7. St Jameses.

The earl of Danby to [ ], on behalf of a certain gentleman who has sent a supplication to the king.

5937/1. N.D.

Susan, countess of Denbigh to her granddaughter, Lady Anna Hamilton, thanking her for her willingness to visit the countess in England, promising to send a lock of her hair, and enclosing a letter for her correspondent's other grandmother [the 2nd marchioness of Hamilton].

8800. [ ]

A lock of the hair of Susan Villiers, countess of Denbigh and sister of the duke of Buckingham; marked 'My Grandmothere Denbygh's hair' in the hand of the 3rd duchess of Hamilton. [See 5937/1]

9718. [ ], September 24. Yorke.

Robert, earl of Essex to [ ], announcing a parliament will be held on 3 November at Westminster.

9550. [ ], July 10 NS [June 31 OS]. Venice.

Lord Basil Feilding to his brother-in-law the marquis of Hamilton, asking to be told if the king has concluded a treaty with France.

1869. [ ], January 22. Edinburgh.

The earl of Glencairne to Charles I, praising the sentiments expressed by the king in his recent letter to the writer.

8202. N.D.

Arthur Goring to the marquis of Hamilton, assuring him of his good will.
8159. [ ] June 11, Keneill.

[Draft] The 3rd marquis of Hamilton to his cousin [ ], thanking him for his letters, and remarking that he has no certain plans to return [to ].

8270. N.D.

[Draft?] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to Lord [ ], asking him to stand surety for the writer, who is attempting to secure money raised on his gift of the wine customs.

8280. N.D. [? Hamilton]

[Copy?] The 3rd marquis of Hamilton to [Charles I], complaining that his enemies have been slandering him, and asking that the king's advocates be commanded not to proceed against the writer until they have had further orders from his majesty.

946. [ ], November 5.

[Copy] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to the earl of Callendar, reporting that his visit to Aberdour had brought about no change in the situation, and that on the following day he will accompany his brother to Kelso.

945. [ ], October 29, Hamilton.

[Copy] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to Lord Roxburgh, arranging to meet him, and informing him that he intends to go to Aberdoure on the following day.

8305. N.D.

[? The 3rd marquis of Hamilton - not holograph] to Sir Thomas Dishington, describing the king's attitude towards the latter. [Badly torn]

8333. [ ], February 28, Hamilton.

[Possibly c. 1626] [Draft] The 3rd marquis of Hamilton to Charles I, intimating that he intends to send his servant to France 'to crave such monys as ar due to me theire'.
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1831. N.D.

[Draft, in his own hand] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to Charles I, describing discontent in the Fens, where 'manie of the commone people [are] in expectation that they are immediatlie to enter to the lands dranned by the undertakers without giveeng anie valoued satisfaction.'

1832. N.D.


1801. N.D. Whythall.

The 3rd marquis of Hamilton to [the earl of Lanerick], asking him to obtain the king's signature to a blank warrant, thereby allowing the marquis, as master of the horse, to nominate an equerry.

1828. N.D.

[Draft] [? The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [? Henriette Maria], reporting that a convention of estates is to be held on June 22, and describing his unavailing efforts to bring the marquis of Argile round to his way of thinking.

9534. N.D.

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [?], discussing his own reputation at the Court of Spain and insisting that 'who so ever they wer thatt geaive the Conde Ducque informationne, that I followed factiones contrarias all Rey de Espanie has doune itt out of malis and splean to me.' [? The earl of Lanerick] adds a postscript, returning a paper.

9635. [1630's]

[Copy, not in his own hand]. [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [?], recommending Colonel Alexander Ramsay.

517. N.D.

[Copy] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to Lord Napier, enclosing a copy of his letter to Lord Rothes.
[The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [ ], asking to be excused from voting in 'this greatt busines' [unspecified] because he has signed a covenant and taken a solemn oath while in Scotland.

The 3rd marquis of Hamilton to Hamilton of Orbiston, reporting that the king has signed Craigie Wallace's warrant.

[Draft, in his own hand] The 3rd marquis of Hamilton to [his brother-in-law Lord Basil Feilding], asking if he wishes to be recalled from Italy, and discussing the purchase of pictures for the king.

The marquis of Hamilton to the marquis of Huntly, telling him that the ministers of Dumbare and Cobrinspeth must have sums of money from him [500 merks and 400 merks respectively].

[Copy, not in his own hand] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton?] to [Mr Henry Jermy], regretting that the queen is ill and that there she still misunderstands his actions.

[Copy, not in his own hand] [The 3rd marquis of Hamilton] to [the chancellor of Scotland], recommending to him Mr Sandilens and Mr Ramsay.

Anna Cunningham, marchioness of Hamilton, to her son, the marquis of Hamilton, regretting that she can give him only 25,000 merks and 5,000 merks she gave for Monkland. [Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p. 196.]
1680. [ ], July 26. Covent Garden.

Mr Thomas Hamilton to the earl of Lanerick, concerning James Spensa, whose enemies contrived a false writ against him.

8321. [ ], November 30. Couvent Garden.

Mr Thomas Hamilton to the earl of Lanerick, thanking him for past favours, and announcing that the earl of Salisbury has secured the wardship of Mr Frank's little daughter.

309. N.D.

Fragments of a letter from [Sir Robert Heath] to [the marquis of Hamilton, concerning a lead mine.]

[Mounted]

9610. N.D.

Henrietta Maria to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he did not need to write in order for her to remember him; 'les services que vous randes au Roy et les temoynages que jay reseus de vostre afection devant vostre partement, servent ases pour sela.'

[In French]

[With a modern transcript and translation]

9609. N.D.

Henrietta Maria to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, explaining that she did not reply to him sooner because she has been 'ay tournantee avec le visage enfle.' However, she now assures him that there is no need at all for him to justify himself in 'des choses que je ne vous ay jamais soubsonne.'

[In French]

[With a modern transcript and translation]

9606. [ ], March 22. St Germain.

Henrietta Maria to the earl of Lenrick, commanding to him the bearer.
Henrietta Maria to the marquis of Hamilton, acknowledging the continuation of his affection 'comme vous me promis... de mon partement dangletaire' and assuring him that she will not fail in 'se que je vous ay promis... je marcheray toujours sur le mesme chemin.'

[In French]
[With modern transcript and translation]

Henrietta Maria to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, remarking that she sees from his letter his resentment at the little she has done for him, but assures him that when the opportunity presents itself she will give proof of her good will towards him.

[In French]

The earl of Holland to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, regretting that 'you finde not all thinges where you are as you desire', and hoping that the king will soon meet with nothing but universal love and duty from his subjects.

The earl of Holland to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, reporting that he has been given full knowledge of the king's 'preiudice in the delaye of the farmings of his releefes.'

The earl of Holland to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the arrangement with the French ambassador for the transporting of a regiment.

The earl of Holland to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting that an enlargement has been made in the bounds of the forest, with little trouble from the people.
[Lord] Howard to the marquis of Hammilton, expressing his hopes for Lord Fielding's speedy advancement.

The marquis of Huntlye to the lord justice clerk, advising that the younger laird of May be made sheriff of Caithness.

The marquis of Huntlye to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, praising the loyalty of Dr Jhonstoune.

The marquis of Huntlye to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, recommending the bearer to him.

Lord Henry Jermyn to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, apologising for not writing when he sent on the queen's letter.

Lord Henry Jermyn to the 3rd marquis [of Hamilton], telling him that ill-health prevents the queen from writing, but that 'she desires you only to beleve that thear hath bin very little ground for what you have bin advertised of.'

Lord Henry Jermyn to the duke of Hamilton, disagreeing with his correspondent's fears of a breach with the English.

Lord Henry Jermyn to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he has shown the marquis's latest letter to the queen as being the most suitable way of conveying its contents to her.
8168. [ ]

[The earl of Lanerick?] to [the lords privy council], declining to sign the present covenant.

1833. N.D.

[Draft] [? The earl of Lanerick].to Charles I, expressing his gratitude to the king. [In his own hand]

2150. N.D.

[? The earl of Lanerick] to Charles I, explaining that the chancellor's illness has delayed their journey to Scotland, and expressing satisfaction with his assurances of the prince's coming to Scotland.

8195. N.D.

[The earl of Lanerick] to [a lady], asking her to explain to the queen the circumstances under which the writer sought lodgings at Whitehall thereby displacing Mr Coynett.

2274. N.D.

[The earl of Lanerick] to the British Residents in Holland, Brussels and Frankfurt, asking where he should write to them and telling them to direct their letters to 'Robert Inglish, merchant in London'.

8170 [ ], September 3. Lethingtoune.

The earl of Lauderdaleill to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from the earl of Montrose to the king, with the comment that he marvels at Montrose having chosen the writer to send it 'seeing both he and all the rest have lived att such a distance with me all this tyme bypass'.

8176. [ ], July 2. Greenwich.

James, duke of Lenox to the marquis of Hamilton, expecting his good hopes of Sir William Stuart to help in the marquis's 'affaire concerning the publicke quiet'.
The earl of Lindesay to his brother-in-law the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, asking him to support the request to the king for a light to be put 'on the Iland of May'.

Edward Littleton to the marquis of Hamilton, asking his favour for a gentleman whom he has previously mentioned to his lordship.

Thomas Livingston to [the marquis of Hamilton], discussing the value to the county of the lead works in Derbyshire.

Notes on proceedings concerning the lead mines in Derbyshire from 1629-33.

[? The earl of Loudoun] to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him a paper and some more words to be used as a code.

[Translation ?] Wolfgang [Court Mansfeld ?] to [the marquis of Hamilton], acknowledging his letters.

The Earl Marischall to [Charles I], complaining that Sir William Dick and others interfere with his possession of a fifteen years' tack of the customs of Aberdeen.

Sir John Marlay to [3rd marquis of Hamilton ?], asking that all law proceedings against the writer for money owed by him to the king be stopped.
1807. N.D.

Patrick Maxwell to the [earl of Lanerick], asking for his help in his attempts to obtain an advance on the money which the king intends to give the Scots clergy.

1026. [ ], October 26. [? Melbroth]

The earl of Middlesex to the marquis of Hamilton, describing how he has been ill but hopes to set out for London soon.

586. [1643 X 1649], April 22. Borrostines.

V. Middleton to the laird of Shipstoune, protesting that he has been unjustly accused of informing against the duke of Hamilton to the council.

8214. N.D.

Lord Montagu to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the queen thanks him for his care and readiness in her service.

8203. [c. 1646], April 14. York.

William Morray to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the king is pleased with his letter and does not think that his grant will be long delayed.

8186. N.D.

William Murray to the marquis of Hamilton, announcing that he has satisfied Lord Holland about a certain matter.

8205. [ ], April 2. York.

William Morray to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, telling him that the king delays passing the marquis's warrant with the excuse that he means to pass it with the duke of Richmond's. The writer and the marquis have both been traduced to his majesty 'as encouragers of the Parliament to expect the Militia and his returne to London', and the king seems much more reserved to Morray than he used to be.
8204. [ ], May 2. York.

William Morray to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he has several times pressed the signing of his lordship's warrant but has always received 'the dilatory excuse upon the Duke' from [the king] who is dissatisfied with the marquis's absence and has said as much to [ ] 'who by the way I ame sorry is no more a friend'.

8182. [ ], September 22. Edinburgh.

William Morray to [the earl of Lanerick?], commenting on some papers which his correspondent has sent him, with the remark that 'the Answer brought from the Parliament by the Lord Maitland is receaved here with extraordinary applause and will in lykelyhood produce dangerous declarations of the care and creditt if some principall persons doe not divert the present intentions.'

8284. N.D.

The earl of Morton to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to speak to the lord treasurer on his behalf so that the earl of Airth may not be given the garter at this time and the writer be passed over.

[Torn]

8287/2 N.D. 'from my chamber this wedinsday'.

The earl of Morton to the marquis of Hamilton, begging that the king give order for £3000 to be paid to him that he may be preserved from ruin, his creditors being most importunate.

8288. [ ], May 25. Bath.

The earl of Morton to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him to urge 'my lord duke' to give the writer his answer.

8290. [ ], May 29. Holiridhous.

The earl of Morton to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of the writer's kinsman Lord Ramsay.

The earl of Morton to the earl of Lanerick, asking him to support Innes, a vassal of the earl of Dunfermline, in his dispute with the earl of Murray over the possession of the house of Spynie.


J. Morton to [the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], promising that Lord Lorn will resign or transfer in his correspondent's favour all power he has over any of the latter's lands. He then urges [the marquis] to return to London.

8162. [c. 1625], April 30. Whythall.

[ ] Morton to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, urging him to write frequently to him and to 'your master' [the king].

8225. [ ], August 20.

James Murray to [? the 3rd marquis of Hamilton], asking him to persuade the king to appoint the writer to succeed his colonel, who is dying of a flux.

2286. N.D.

Viscount Newburgh to [the marquis of Hamilton], advising him to write in cipher, and himself adding a message in cipher concerning a certain [? Iclare] who is willing to venture his life for the viscount's correspondent. [Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, pp. 194-5]

8374. N.D.

The earl of Newcastle to the Marquis Hambleton, expressing his obligation to his lordship.

8286. N.D.

Edward Nicholas to the earl of Lanerick, sending him a packet of letters including two from the king to the lords of the council; and remarking that 'there come hither every day to the king more Lords; the last night there coume the Lord Mohun, the earl of Bristoll and the Lord Layes and alsoe the Lord Falkland and Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer'.
9711. N.D.

Endymion Porter to Mr George Digbye, protesting that he has done all he can for Dick Bourman.

2270. N.D.

[Copy] The privy council to [the houses of parliament], sending them a copy of the supplication presented to them by earls of Morton, Roxburgh, Annandaill, Kinnoull, Lanerick and Carnworth.
[Copy signed by Archibald Primerose]

8319. [1640's]

Alexander Ross to [James, 1st duke of Hamilton], enclosing an acrostic poem which he has composed upon his grace's name, [8320], in the hope of receiving his favour.

4099. [ ], April 23. Westminster.

John, bishop of Ross to [ ], thanking him for his letter from Kirby Moreside, breaking the news of 'the poor gentleman's' death, and remarking that as the latter left no will, his estate will pass to the family of Purbeck, whom he hated so much.

3739. N.D. Berwick.

The earl of Rothes to the duke of Hamilton, letting him know that the postmasters are stopping everyone travelling from London to Scotland without a pass from one of the English secretaries.

8295. N.D.

The earl of Roxburgh to the lord commissioner [? the marquis of Hamilton], sending him a paper he had asked for. [Not included]

8296. [ ], August 11.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamiltoune, excusing himself for not having visited his lordship at Hamilton, as he had promised to do.
The earl of Roxburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, asking that should his majesty intend to send ships to Scotland, some warning may be given first, for recent rumours of such a voyage caused great alarm.

The earl of Roxburgh to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, fearing that the marquis has not received his previous letters, and asking him to persuade the king to allow the earl to come to Court.

The earl of Roxburgh to [the marquis of Hamilton], telling him that the privy council has decided to meet at Stirling on March 1, and emphasising his devotion to the king.

The earl of Roxburghe to the marquis of Hamilton, remarking on the fact that the lord president's going to Court has aroused new fears in all the opposers of the service book and is displeasing to those doing the king's business in Scotland.

The earl of Roxburgh to the marquis of Hamilton, sending a verbal report by the bearer, and deploring the fact that 'this poore kingdome is in the heighest degrie of danger'. He repeats a former request that he may be allowed by the king to come to Court.

The earl of Roxburghe to [ ], hoping for a happy outcome from the present difficulties, and promising to attend his majesty's service in two days' time.
Lieutenant-General Ruthven to the marquis of Hamilton, protesting that the £2,000 he is to be allowed for the fortifications is quite insufficient.

[? Lord Ruthven of] Ettrick to the king, assuring him of his endeavours to raise officers and men of quality for his majesty's service, and recommending the bearer Sir George Coburne, laird of Ormistone.

The earl of Salisbury to [ ], asking him to favour Lord Howard with his support.

Viscount Say and Seale to the marquis of Hamilton, on behalf of the bearer.

Viscount Say and Seale to [ ], telling him that 'whatever can fall out you will be noe loser, nor have cause to repent you of your choyse'.

Sir John [Scott] to Charles I, describing how the king gave power to the late Captain David Robson and his partners to make reprisals against the Hamburgers.

Sigismund, marquis of Brandenburg to 'Monsieur de Duglass, chambellan due Roy de la Grand' Bretagne' and ambassador extraordinary to Prussia, assuring him of the writer's goodwill towards Charles I, but declaring that because of 'l'incommodite de la saison et les alarmes continuelles' all he can do is 'mettre ordre pour l'année qui vient'.

[In French]
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8247. [ ], August 17. Bountingford.

The earl of Sterline to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, thanking him for past favours and asking him to excuse to the king the writer's absence from Court.

1619. [ ], April 30.

Anna Stewart to the earl of Lanrike, asking his support for the petition of her son, Lord Saltoun, who seeks a grant of certain escheats.


Lady Henrietta Stuart [? daughter of Esme, 1st duke of Lennox] to the [3rd] marquis of Hamilton, stating that her husband's business will be considered at the coming convention, which she asks him to attend.

[In French, with a modern transcript and translation.]

8292. N.D.

Theophilus, earl of Suffolk to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing his gratitude to his correspondent.

8223. N.D.

Theophilus, earl of Suffolk to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, asking for his support in the writer's present financial difficulties, Sir Edmond S[ ] having petitioned the king to have the earl pay him back the £20,000 he owes him.

[Badly torn; in two pieces]

8157. [c. 1648], May 27. Carlile.

J. Thomstone to Mr William Black at the earl of Lanerick's lodgings, warning him that Colonel Carneby with a party of malignants have seized Major Shafties who was raising money for parliament and had £100 with him.

8372. N.D.

J. Thomstone to Mr William Black at the earl of Lanerick's lodgings in the Abbey, reporting that there has been a rendezvous of 6000 horse and foot at Carlisle.
The earl of Traquair to the lord commissioner [? the marquis of Hamilton], telling him that Edmond Syman, captain of the king's new ship 'The Providence' has that day visited the writer with a request for victual and a new mast.

The earl of Traquaire to [the 3rd marquis of Hamilton?], assuring him that everyone has condescended to the signature in favour of the marquis.

The earl of Traquaire to [? the earl of Lanerick], reminding him on behalf of the judges of the session of the remonstrance made to him 'contemning them for staying of the ordinarie course of justice', and discussing the earl of Roxburgh's agreement.

The earl of Traquaire to [the marquis of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of the instructions from the gathering in Edinburgh to each presbytery [not found], and reporting on the arrival of a ship from Amsterdam with armaments for the covenanters.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning a proposed meeting between the sheriffdoms of Selkirk and Teviotdale.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, describing a meeting with the covenanting lords, and reporting that the Earl Marshal, and the earl of Montrose and Kinghorne have now gone north.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], referring briefly to 'this last accident' [unspecified], and discussing his own letter to the king.
1498. [ ], October. Traquair.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], sending him some letters and a note for the marquis [? of Hamilton].

1000. [ ], October. Edinburgh.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the salt export and the fishing revenues.

965. [ ], August 22.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, advising that the present justices of the peace should continue in office.

964. [ ], August 29.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, informing him that the king has required the archbishop of St Andrews to note down the reasons why he thinks Loudoun's signature should not pass in favour of Mr Andrew Lermonth.

970. [N.D.]

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, asking about an intended meeting, and discussing the imposition of a new custom duty on certain commodities.

972. [ ], May 17. Halyrudhous.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, describing the current unrest, and condemning the lord advocate.

974. N.D.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, sending the king some papers by the lord justice clerk, and desiring him to be present when they are delivered.

975. [ ]

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the dispute between Kinnoull and Yester over the disposal of the earl of Errol's lands.
The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, hoping that the writer may be preferred to the late Sir Andrew Hamilton of Redhous's place.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, concerning the revenues from fishing, and referring to 'the disorders of the northe'.

The earl of Traquaire to the earl of Lenrick, hoping to arrange a meeting with him.

The earl of Traquaire to the earl of Lenrik, asking him to help the writer obtain some grant from the king.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, telling him that he has sent the latest news to Lord Roxburgh.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, discussing the case of the earl of Airthe, and various patents.

The earl of Traquaire to [ ], describing how the countess of Mar has refused to make a statement about the 'damnable speeches alleged spoken be the Earle of Arthe'.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, sending him copies of the counter petitions of the coalmaster of Scotland and Newcastle, with the request that he support the former.

The earl of Traquaire to the marquis of Hamilton, reporting the sudden death of his clerk, and expressing anxiety over the choice of a successor.
The earl of Traquaire to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, explaining in detail why the signature obtained by Mr Andrew Lermouth, minister of Liberton, presenting him as abbot of Lendores, is illegal. He has stopped the signature, and asks for the marquis's support in persuading the king not to let it go through or to make any similar grants in future.

Sir Henry Vane to [ ], reporting on his attempts to find out what the enemy army is doing.

James Wallace to the marquis of Hamilton, expressing alarm at rumours that the marquis has ordered him to be put under restraint, and protesting that he has had nothing to do with this 'perfidious revolt'.

R. Weston to [ ], telling him that the king has given particular orders to the ambassador concerning his correspondent.

Lord Wilmot to the Marquis Hambleton, asking his further advice on means of gaining advancement for his son.

Viscount Wimboldon to the 3rd marquis of Hamilton, sending him a treatise on horsemanship which he has written.

Summaries of contents of various German letters concerning 'a yong Elend deere' intended for the marquis of Hamilton.
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8222. N.D.

[ ] to [Charles I], asking to be allowed to come to Court to give a personal account to his majesty of how the writer has discharged his duty.

8275. N.D.

[ ] to [Charles I], acknowledging receipt of his instructions and announcing that he is to have a private meeting with the chancellor and some other councillors to consider the state of his majesty's affairs [in Scotland].

8300. N.D.

[ ] to [Charles I], offering advice about the army on the occasion of 'this fyr of rebellion in your kingdom of Scotland'.

8361. N.D.

'Irs G' to Lord Carmichel at his lodging in Edinburgh, criticising his 'carriage both in parlament and councel in sydeing with a malignant partie' and the order sent to Argyll 'commanding him not to stirre from his Camp in persuite of Clavers'.

2160. N.D.

[As in 2157] to [ ], reporting that the commissioners wish the prince to go to Ireland, but he himself wishes only to go to Scotland; the prince has written a somewhat sharp letter to Montrose, who is to have a command in France.

910. [ ], December 15.

[ ] to [ ], describing discussions by the committee and the sub committee, and efforts to dissuade the king from coming to Scotland.

2157. N.D.

[ ] to [ ], referring to letters received by the queen concerning 'the escape of the deuke' to Holland and the situation in Ireland.

[Partly in cipher, but deciphered]
[Copy] [ ] to Lord Ettrick, informing him that 'his majestie is now in such a condition as he cannot make good what you expected from him' in the way of lands.

[Draft ?] [?] [?] to [?] Gustavus Adolphus], declaring that Charles I is as usual ready to help his correspondent, but that no more men are to be levied at present. [In French]

[ ] to [3rd marquis of Hamilton ?], explaining that if he is to wait upon his correspondent he will need a competent allowance from the king, and emphasising the value of the papers he is to give in, which 'give information of everie man his holdings'.

[ ] to [the marquis of Hamilton] discussing arrangements for a treaty.

[ ] to the marquis of Hamilton. [In German]

[ ], August 6. Whithall.

[Copy ?] [ ] to the marquis of Hamilton, asking him not to have copies of the king's latest letter made, but to keep it safely. [Unsigned]

[ ], December 11. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the recent great tumult has occasioned the adjournment of the session.
2133. [1649], March 22. Halliruidhous.

The earls of Crawfurd, Rothes, Glencarne, Abercorne, Haddington and Beilhaven to William, duke of Hamilton, sending him a copy of his brother's Will, and a note of other papers from him, now in the custody of Lord Beilhaven. [See infra, 2134]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p. 76]

2134. [1649, March 22]

List of documents committed by James, duke of Hamilton, to Lord Belhaven.
[Signed by Crawfurd, Abercorne, Rothes, Hadinton, Glencarne and Bargany]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p. 76]

2439. [1649, March]

Note of the content of a packet left at Belhaven; as in supra 2134.

5948. 1649, April 2

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The earl of Lanerick [now duke of Hamilton], to his niece Lady Anna Hamilton, referring to their 'sad and irrecoverable losses', and promising 'to employ that lyfe is left me in your service'.

2135. 1649, April 9. Louvre.

H. Rainsford to the duke of Hamilton and the earl of Lauderdale, assuring them that their opinion about the king going to Ireland has been well received.


[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 130(384)]
[Mounted with the letter is a brief draft or copy letter, more probably in the hand of the 2nd duke, discussing support for the king]
The earl of Ormonde to the duke of Hamilton, acknowledging his favour and condoling with him on his brother's death.

Henrietta Maria to the 2nd duke of Hamilton, sending her condolences on the death of his brother the 1st duke, with assurances that she is not insensible of his loss although 'la cruelle perte que jay fait mavoit oste tout sentiment doste chose du monde'.

[In French]
[Printed in Burnet, pp. 527-28]

Lord Henry Jermyn to the duke of Hamilton and the earl of Lauderdale, discussing the king's departure for Ireland.

Dr. James Sibbald to William, duke of Hamilton, informing him that he will give him the 1st duke's last messages when he sees him.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 130(381)]

Sir James Hepburn to the duke of Hamilton, acknowledging his obligation to the house of Hamilton.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale to William, duke of Hamilton, presenting his duty to the king and his service to the duke.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 130(383)]

William, duke of Hamilton to his niece, Lady Ann Hamilton, begging her to dispose of everything at Hamilton as absolutely as her father had done, and to report any failings to the writer, whose greatest regret is that he cannot visit her.
2140. 1649, July 22. Sint Jarmons.

Lady Denbigh to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the welfare of her orphaned grandchildren.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 130-1(386).]

2118. [1649], July 30.

Lord Henry Jermyn to the duke of Hamilton, informing him of the king's resolution to go to Ireland within the following ten days.


Lord Henry Jermyn to [ ], expressing the opinion that it is vital that the king should 'goe to the utmost length he can possible for suche a satisfaction of Scotland as many beget an unanimous engagement of the nation for his interests'.

2141. 1649, August 7.

[Copy] The parliament of Scotland to Charles II, expressing their dismay that he has not yet declared his intentions, and asking him to grant their desires, especially that he enter into the Solemn League and Covenant.

2142. 1649, October 15/25. Jersey.

Charles II to the duke of Hamilton, requesting him and the earl of Lauderdale to go to the queen in Paris, and give her all possible advice.


The duke of Hamilton to Mrs Marie Archer, asking to be informed of anything which his nieces may want at Hamilton.

2124. [? 1649] Bruxsell.

[Draft] [? William, duke of Hamilton] to [Henrietta Maria], assuring her of his loyalty, and to ['your ladyship'], regretting that he will not now see her in France.
1866. 1649/50, January 22/12. Jersey.

Charles II to the estates, thanking them for their expressions of loyalty, and asking them to send commissioners to Breda to discuss how to punish the late king's murderers and restore the writer.

1867. 1649/50, January 22/12. Jersey.

Charles II to the kirk, advising them that moderation rather than acrimony is the more likely to convince him of their genuine desire to restore him, and asking them to send their commissioners to Breda on March 14.


The duke of Hamilton to his niece, Lady Anna Hamilton, sympathising with her natural reluctance to go to Hamilton, but urging her to settle there and manage it for him.


Henry Jermyn to the duke of Hamilton, regretting that the writer cannot be at Breda for the making of the treaty, and sending by the bearer a verbal account of the meeting of the king and his mother at Beauvais.


William, duke of Hamilton to Mr [John] Webster, ordering him to pay to John Dellon the sum of 900 guilders from the duke's account.
[With note by Dellon and endorsement in hand of Webster]


Patrick Maxwell to [? the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his past kindness, referring to his grace's friendship with Lord Ormonde, which has been slightly impaired by rumours, and asking for the duke's cipher.


Sir John Berkeley to John Webster, asking for the £100 sterling which the duke of Hamilton owes him, and promising that he and Robert Leslie will pay it back if the duke's order for the sum is not forthcoming. Robert Leslie adds a sentence at the end, to the effect that he supports what Berkeley has written.

Queen Henrietta Maria to the 2nd duke of Hamilton, telling him that she has had no news of the king [Charles II] since his arrival in Scotland.

2497. 1650, August 11. Amsterdam.

John Webster to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a letter [infra 2498] about which he wants the duke's opinion, and describing the prince of Orange's vain attempt to surprise the city of Amsterdam.

[Signature only in his own hand]

2499. 1650, August 19. Amsterdam.

John Webster to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the matter of Sir John Berkeley's money [supra 2493], telling him that the Barbados Islands have declared for the king, and mentioning briefly other current affairs.

[Only the signature in his own hand]

2501. 1650, September 1. Amsterdam.

John Webster to the duke of Hamilton, giving details of the sale of the king's jewels at Rotterdam on August 23, and discussing how his majesty can best buy them back.

[Only the signature in his own hand]

2491. 1650, September 14.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to [the committee of estates], begging that his banishment may be revoked.


2489. 1650, October 11. Arran.

William, duke of Hamilton to his wife, exhorting her to live a life pleasing to God, to be dutiful to the king and to the house of Hamilton, and to bring up their children to fear God.

[Also an inaccurate copy]

[Printed, with minor alterations, in Burnet, pp. 553-5 (f. VII 36)]

William, duke of Hamilton to Sir Alexander Hume, hoff maister to the princess royall in Holland, giving him directions for disposing, after the writer's death, of the 'little steal Boxe' containing his Will and already entrusted to Sir Alexander's custody.


2503. 1650, October 18. Perth.

[ ] Henderson to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a paper giving the result of his grace's petition.

2504. 1650, October 18. Perth.

The earl of Lothian to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing the answer to his grace's petition to the committee of estates, and promising that he will always be willing to serve the duke by voting in his interest.

2505. 1650, October 23. Strivelane.

The earl of Cassillis to the duke of Hamilton, giving him the latest news of the discussion of the duke's petition by the committee of estates.

2502. 1650, October 28. Amsterdam.

John Webster to the duke of Hamilton, describing the prince of Orange's final activities, which have resulted in the growing hostility of the people towards Charles II, and mentioning the birth of the prince's posthumous son.

[Only the signature his own]

2166. [1650], December 14.

[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling his correspondent that parliament has 'taken off the act of your banishment.'

[Partly in cipher, not deciphered]


The earl of Lothian to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that parliament has not yet considered his correspondent's petition.

The earl of Cassilis to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that he will put his new-found liberty to good use, and discussing the siege of Edinburgh.

2509. 1650, December 17. Perth.

The earl of Loudoun to the duke of Hamilton, assuring him that he has done his best to support the duke's petition, which has been granted, and will continue to act in his interests.

4044. [1650]

[Copy] Petition by William, 2nd duke of Hamilton, to the moderator and remaining members of the general assembly, asking to be allowed to stay in Scotland.

2510. 1650/1, January 4.

The earl of Lothian to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that 'the parliament is nowe att ane end' and everyone has gone to raise assistance for opposing the enemy. He encourages the duke to return although 'the places of your most particular interests are for the present under the enimes power.'

2511. 1650/1, January 4. Perthe.

The earl of Cassillis to the duke of Hamiltoune, advising him to return to Scotland.

2512. 1650/1, February 20. Pearth.

The duke of Hamilton to John Hamilton of Bangoure or in his absence to his son John Hamilton at Culros, giving him details of the cannon balls he wishes for his house at Arran, and making arrangements to have them transported there. [Including a diagram]


The duke of Hamilton to his niece, Lady Anna Hamilton, expressing his concern at her condition, regretting that he can only cast her upon the Lord's protection, and commending to her his own family.
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5956. [1651], July 28. Stirling.

The duke of Hamilton to his niece, Lady Anna Hamilton, telling her that his army 'most ather sterve, disband or goe with a handfull of men into England', the last way seeming to be the best although very desperate. He urges her to seek the consolation of prayer, and hopes that he and his men may willingly lay down their lives as Christ did his.

2488. 1651, September 8. Woster.

The duke of Hamilton, to his wife, sending her a final message four days before his death, hoping she will be comforted, and commending to her his children and his nieces. [Printed, with slight omissions, in Burnet, pp. 549-50; (f. VII 32)]

8966. 1653, March 30.

[ ] to [the privy council of England?], expressing the dissatisfaction of parliament at the way investigations into the murder of Dr [Isaac] Dorislaus have been conducted. [In French]
[With modern transcription and translation]

9673. 1653/4, January 16.

A. Neilson to Mr John Sleis, promising to send him his letters and referring to the fact that Balbeggie, still a child, is at St Andrews College.


Sir Robert Moray to the earl of Selkirk [William Douglas, later 3rd duke of Hamilton], discussing the possibility of a general treaty. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 136(3)]


General John Middletone to the earl of Selkirk, referring to the treachery and desertion of many of their cause. [The signature only his own]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 137(5)]
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2595. [1654, December]

General John Middletone to the earl of Selkirk, remarking that he has received 'sad and unexpected Newes', and condemning 'the base deserters' of the king's cause. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 137(4)].

2092. [c. 1654]

[Sir Robert Moray] to the earl of Selkirk, advising him to see that he has the benefit of the general capitulation. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 138(13)].

2592. 1654/5, January 5. Dunvegan.

General John Middletone to the earl of Selkirk, advising him 'to keep your selfe from a retreat till the generall accord', but if this is impossible, giving him full power to do as he thinks fit.

2089. 1654/5, January 5. Dunvegan.

Sir Robert Moray to the earl of Selkirk, commenting on the position of the latter. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 137(7)].

2090. 1654/5, January 24. 6 at night almost. Dunvegan.

Sir Robert Moray to the earl of Selkirk, discussing the treaty and recent events. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 137-8(8)].


General John Middletone to the earl of Selkirk, hoping to see him at the general rendezvous at Morvern, on April 15. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 138(9)].

2091. [1654/5], March 15. 4 in the morn. Dunvegan.

Sir Robert Moray to the earl of Selkirk, discussing the coming treaty.
2093. 1654/5, March 20. Dunvegan.

Sir Robert Moray to the earl of Selkirk, expressing his desire to see him.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 138(11)].

2594. 1655, March 31. Dunveagan.

Formal letter of approbation from General Middletone to the earl of Selkirk.
[Signed and sealed by Middletone]
[Papered seal]
[Summarised and in part quoted in H.M.C. Report, p. 138(12)].


Andrew Cole to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, enclosing some bonds and Colonel Lockhart's discharge [supra 2523], and announcing his intention of taking some other financial documents to Holland.

2527. 1656, July 15. Coill.

L. McLaine of Coll to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her 'to mynd my lord luik to sie mie preferred to the frist vacant companie that falls in his majesties forces.'
[The signature only in his own hand]


William Lockhart to Mr [Andrew] Cole, telling him of the duchess of Hamilton's gracious reply to his suggestion that she would be advised to discharge the writer of his trust in the barony of Hamilton.


General George Monck to the earl of Selkirk, denying that he has broken his capitulation with the earl, and accusing some of the Hamilton faction of desiring an invasion by Charles Stuart.
[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p. 139(16)].
2533. 1657, March 27. Paris.

William Lockhart to the duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he has 'gott no further lenth in your businesse of Chattellrault then fairr promises', but has hopes of obtaining an annuity for her.


The earl of Lauderdale to Lady Margaret Kennedy, telling her that he will continue to write to her until she forbids it.


Andrew Cole to [the earl of Selkirk], concerning the payment of the 1st duke of Hamilton's debts in England.


Andrew Cole to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, sending her some papers concerning the debt to Colonel Lockhart.


William Lockhart to the duchess of Hamilton, assuring her that he has negotiated successfully for the annuity she desired, and has recruited 500 men for Lord Douglas's regiment.


Andrew Cole to the earl of Selkirk, discussing their attempts to settle with the 1st duke's creditors.

2539. 1658, June 15. Horton. (setat. suae 71)

O. Nicholas to Mr George Digbie, sending his greetings and commenting on the news that his correspondent is 'under restraint'. [Gerard Correspondence]

2540. 1658, August 18. London.

N. Moorhead to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, putting forward, at great length, his claims to be a substantial creditor of the 1st duke of Hamilton [the duchess's father].
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10,031.1658, June. Hamilton.

Dorothy Inglis to Janet Smith, asking her to send by the carrier half a dozen mops and some worsted.

[With Janet Smith's account and receipt]

10,032. 1658, August 4. Linlythgow.

James Crawford to Anne, duchess of Hamilton sending her 25 Dutch ells of Holland.
2542. 1658/9, February 27. London.

Andrew Cole to the earl of Selkirk, describing two meetings with Mr Hicks, to whom the earl owes money, and remarking that he hopes that the Chelsea business will come to a hearing soon.


Further note from N. Moorhead to the duchess of Hamilton, concerning his financial dealings with the 1st duke. [See supra 2,540]

2544. 1659, May 5.

James Dalgleishes to the earl of Selkirk, certifying that the charge of horning which he had delivered to his lordship for the stipend of Lasmahago excludes the £213-10/- [Scots] in victual and viands due to Master Sempell the collector.

9693. 1659, October 13. Hamiltoun.

Robert Ross to his cousin Colin Campbell, late provost of Glasgow, asking for 20 deals for the duchess of Hamilton. [With receipts by her grace and by Campbell.]


Andrew Cole to the earl of Selkirk, telling him that he has spoken with Mr Hope and drawn up two bills as directed by his lordship, and assuring the latter that he has written to him frequently.


P. Gillespie to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking that the bearer may continue to enjoy the vacant stipends of Arran, 'having no other meane of livelyhood to follow his studies'. [Enclosing Mr Archibald Beith's receipt for the £100 stipend.]

2547. 1660, April 5. London.

Andrew Cole to [the earl of Selkirk], reporting on various matters he has seen to on behalf of his lordship, including the disappearance of 4 dwarf cherry trees ordered by his correspondent, and Mr Morhead's determination to be paid before the 1st duke's other English creditors.
10,029. 1659, August. [Edinburgh]

Henry Harper to Mrs Inglish, asking what she meant when she ordered a 'douse color' coat: he has sent a pearl coloured one and a dove coloured one to choose from, and mentions that he has a good stock of children's white caps and all sort of waistcoats.

10,030. [1659], September 17. Raploch.

G. Hamilton of Raploch to the earl of Selkirk, asking him to give £20 Scots to the wife of James Hamilton in Hills.
8418. 1660, August 22. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdale to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing his obligation to her and asking her to 'seek out my Lord Duke William's registers and send to me, for I have gott the seales from the King but not so much as a stile book.'

[In reply to 8419]

8419. [1660, August]

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], to the earl of Lauderdale, sending him some papers which had been enclosed with her uncle's Will [ie. the 2nd duke of Hamilton] since his grace had meant Lauderdale to be present when it was opened.

2552. 1660, October 15. Canogate.

Jean Wemyss, Lady Strathnaver to the earl of Lauderdale, asking him to mediate with the king for a patent for her son Archibald.


Andrew Cole to the earl of Selkirk, reporting that he has received the earl's bond from the duke of Albemarle on payment of £75, expressing his satisfaction that the earl's coach has arrived safely by sea, and asking when he should send the furred mantle.

2554. 1661, May 28.

J. Saunders to Mr Pulford, sending him the recipe for some herbal remedies which Mr Pulford's Aunt Mary is to make up.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9773. 1661, June 18. Barwicke.

Margaret Tuke to Robert Ross or Alexander Cockburn, servants of the 3rd duke of Hamilton, intimating that she has sent Mr Ross's horse to Mordington as instructed, and requesting payment of the 17/4 expenses.

John Urie to Robert Ross, asking for payment of an account for £24-15 Scots, and telling him that Ross's friend [i.e. relative] one William Rosse, born in Ireland and 'for the present in Poland' is in very good health, 'as I have heard by one who came from him laitly'. [Endorsed with the 3rd duke of Hamilton's precept.]

9694. 1661/2, January 10. Rowallane.

Sir William Mure of Rowallane to his cousin Robert Ross, asking for payment of his annual rent of £400. [With the duke of Hamilton's precept and a receipt by Mure's procurator.]

9697. 1661/2, February 17. Edinburgh.

The earl of Carnwath to Robert Ross, asking for 790 merks, which he needs at this time. [With the 3rd duke of Hamilton's precept for 890 merks, and Carnwath's receipts.]

2553. 1661/2, February 24.

The earl of Southampton to Charles II, explaining why the duke and duchess of Hamilton should not receive either Grafton Park or lands in Sherwood forest in payment of Charles I's debt to the 1st duke of Hamilton, and instead suggesting that they be given payment of £15,000. [See supra 2548 and 2550; also infra 2557] [Printed in H.M.C. Suppl. Report, p. 80]

2566. 1662, April 5. Whitehall.

G. Lane to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a reply from the duke of Ormond to his grace's letter, delivered by the writer.

2567. 1662, May 3.

The duke of Ormond to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that the conferring of the title of 'earl of Aran' on the writer's son can in no way prejudice the Hamiltons, who own Arran, since his refers to the Irish islands.
9696. [1662], June 2. Cambusnethan.

John Harper to Robert Ross, asking him to deliver part of his annual rent to the bearer.


J. Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to pay out of the money owed to the writer by the duke, the sum of money which Hamilton owes Mr William Scharp.

2568. [c. 1662]

Andrew Cole to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him various bonds and discharges.


Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, on behalf of his brother [Robert] who was a servant of the 1st duke during his grace's imprisonment at Windsor and who was barber to the 2nd duke until the battle of Worcester. His sufferings then have left him helpless and infirm, so the writer begs the duke to pay to the brother part of the writer's own pension. His sister, John Jack's wife, is also near to starvation with her little ones.

2570. 1663, June 30.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the payment of the family debts in England.

2571. 1663, July 26.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has paid various bills drawn on him as directed.

2573. 1663, September 30. Glasgow.

John Louk to Mr Alexander Cornwall, collector of his majesty's customs at Baroustonnes, discussing the difficult position of James Paidie and John Coris, who will not be able to unload and sell their packs because of the new duty of ninepence an ell on Scots cloth.
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10,072. 1663, July 14. Mewss

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the drawing up of a discharge for Mr Dickson and mentioning that he himself is owed 11 years' pension due on a bond to him. He comments on various arrangements to pay the creditors of the 1st duke and states that he has sent off his grace's two new hats.
2574. 1663, October 5. Bromley.

[Drafts] Charles, Baron Gerard to his 'deare Cosen' and to [ ], complaining of the behaviour of the writer's Lancashire tenants, whom he is vainly attempting to reclaim 'from their sturdy and stubborne courses'.
[Gerard Correspondence.]

2572. 1663, November 21.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he had never used his grace's money 'for the payment of any old debts', and discussing the duke's financial transactions in London.

2584. 1663, December 13. Whitehall.

'ld. M' [? Lauderdale, as in 2583] to Lady Margaret Kennedy at Hamilton, telling her that he expects, on the following day, to receive a royal warrant creating Burnet archbishop of Glasgow, and discussing other Court business.


[Drafts] Charles, Baron Gerard to Gilbert, archbishop of Canterbury and to [ ], concerning various tenants' leases.
[Gerard Correspondence.]


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing the appearance before the council of John Spreull and Johnston, and giving a brief account of his own conversation with the archbishop.

2576. 1663, December 19. [ ]

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, complaining that he has not had an answer to his recent letters, and discussing financial matters.
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The duke of Lauderdaill to the duke of Hamilton, sending him '... his majties gift concerning the Taxations', regretting that there is no immediate hope of payment of the duke's precept, and assuring him of the earl of Rothes's efforts on Hamilton's behalf.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 139(17)]

2569. 1663/4, February 15.

C. Gerard to Mr Langworth, concerning Mr Nabbs, who is to appear before the English court of exchequer, and Mr William Spenser, who will make an affidavit at Lancaster assizes, in connection with 'the Deede of Scottland'.

[Gerard correspondence]


Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, explaining in detail some advice which he had already sent the duke, in connection with money which Mr Elies claims is due to him, and reporting that although Mr Wright is full of promises and excuses, 'my Lady's pictor' is no further forward.

2580. 1664, June 28.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, concerning some articles being sent north to his grace, and telling him that he has, on the advice of the duke of Lauderdell and others, 'presented a peticion to his majestie in behalfe of duke Williams childring against Mr Dalmahoy' [their stepfather] who claims money from them.

2581. 1664, July 1. Charing cross.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, concerning the articles to be sent north to the duke [see supra 2580],

9786. 1664, August 9. Litchfield.

John Barker, on behalf of his master Thomas Minors, to Mrs Grace Minors, sending her some patterns of 'East India sarcenette' for Lady [? Gerard].

[With two lists of persons in some household, in two different hands.]

[Gerard Correspondence]
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2582. 1664, October 1. Sandon.

Charles, Baron Gerard to Mr Benjamin Chancey, giving him various instructions, relating to the writer's legal affairs. [Gerard Correspondence]

8430. 1664, October 20. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdale to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that the Charles II cannot at present afford to pay the debt owed by his majesty's father to the duchess's father, and that the king wishes her to know 'that he is sorie that he is informed that you doe not carie yourself as you oght in relation to the settlement of the Church as now it is setled by law, as also that my Lord Duke is growen more remiss. He comanded me to tell you that he lookes upon any obstruction in that matter to be a great disservice to him'. [In answer to 8431]

2583. 1664, October 20. Whitehall.

L['auderdale?] to Lady Margaret Kennedy, explaining why the duchess of Hamilton's financial expectations have not been satisfied by the king.

8431. [c. October 1664]

[Draft, in the hand of her husband the 3rd duke]
[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Lauderdale], asking for full payment of the debt owed to her by the king.

2585. 1664, November 3. Magpy, Fetter Lane.

Ben Chancy to Lady Gerard, reporting that 'the coats and shoes are bought' and that 'the pye was delivered to the same party you intended'. [Gerard Correspondence]

2586. 1664, November 15. Mews.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he had not received £36-15 and failed to account for it, promising to see the duke of Lauderdale about the duke's 'hingings', and describing how the English quarrel with Holland 'is can to a great hight'.

8420. 1664, November 16. Hamilton.

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the earl of Lauderdale, expressing the disappointment at his failure to secure payment of the debt owed to her by the king, and declaring that 'my Lord's fortune and mine both will not make one thousand pound free over and above what pays the interest of the debt I am in'.

8421. 1664, December 13. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdale to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing the king's reaction to her letter [8420] and his majesty's inability to repay the debt at the present time.


Charles, Baron Gerard to Mr Milward, asking him to handle the arrangements for the payment of the money due to Sir Anthony Cope.

[Gerard Correspondence]

2577. 1664/5, January 16. Bromley.

Charles, Baron Gerard to [Mr Milward], asking him to advance the writer's proceedings in the exchequer court 'in the busynes of Garstang'.

[Gerard Correspondence]

2578. 1664/5, January 18. Gerards Bromley.

[Drafts] Charles, Baron Gerard, to Mr Dolben and to Lady Copse, asking the first to assist him in his court case concerning Garstang, and assuring the second that he will do his best for her.

[Gerard Correspondence]

2599. 1665, April 4. Whitehall.

[264.133.147 Lauderdale] to Lady Margaret Kennedy, excusing his recent silence on the grounds that he has been ill, and announcing that he cannot 'serv my Lord Duke and Lady Dutches in therr new gift', because of complaints to the king about the duke's past actions.
2600. 1665, April 11. Hatton.

Peter Hatton to Mr William Weld, discussing some trouble over his lease.
[Gerard Correspondence]


[3 drafts or copies] C. G. [Charles, Baron Gerard] to Mr Plesington, concerning the Garstang business, to ['deare Cosen'], asking his assistance in 'this labarath of troubles', and from 'J.D.G.' to [ ] complaining that he has been sent 'Cristalls' instead of the stones his correspondent was cutting for him.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2602. 1665, July 26. Hamton Court.

[As in 2583 and 2584 ? Lauderdale] to Lady Margaret Kennedy, upbraiding her for her ill humour, and explaining the difficulty of furthering the duke's affairs with the king.

9676. 1666, May. Hamilton.

G. Lowdoun to Valentine Beldam, telling him not to worry about paying his mail at once.

2677. 1667, April 20. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of Lieutenant-General Drummond's assurances to the king of the duke's faithful services, and promising to put forward the latter's claims when the rebels' estates are forfeited.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 139-40(18)]


[Draft] Charles, Baron Gerard to Mr Plesington, thanking him for attending to the writer's business, and mentioning that an indisposition prevents him from visiting his friends.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2613. 1667, September 10.

Lisle Statesbury to Colonel Moore, concerning the money the latter owes him.
[Gerard Correspondence]
Lisle Statesbury to Lady Gerard, explaining how he has been prevented from visiting her husband, and sending a copy of a letter he received from Colonel Moore. [Gerard Correspondence]

Marmaduke Lettby to [ ], recommending to him Robert Wilkinson, a servant. [Gerard Correspondence]

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William Waldegrave to Lady Gerard, thanking her for her favours to him and his wife. [Gerard Correspondence]

Michael Fairbairne to Mr. Digbie, discussing the latter's horses. [Gerard Correspondence]

R. Morlake to George Digby, telling him that Mr. Waltho will wait upon Mr. Digby on the following day, to discuss 'the management of this sad affaire' [unspecified]. [Gerard Correspondence]

Q. Longworth to Benjamin Chancy commenting on 'the sadd newes of my lord's death.' [Charles, Baron Gerard]. [Gerard Correspondence]
2606. 1667/8, January 14.

Joseph Ward to George Digby, describing discussions about the arrangement for the funeral of 'my lord' [Charles, Baron Gerard, Digby's son-in-law]
[Gerard Correspondence]

2607. 1667/8, January 18.

G. Palmer to George Digby, referring to his meetings with Mr Wild and the others [concerning Gerard's funeral, see supra 2606] and sending his humble service to Lady Gerard and the young lord.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2608. 1667/8, January 24.

R. Morlake to George Digby, telling him of the removal of his two or three trunks and two boxes to Mr Rittan's chamber.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2610. 1667/8, January 29.

Henry Marshall to Mr Richards of the Honourable Lady Gerrard's house, asking for payment of his bill arising from Baron Gerard's funeral.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2609. 1667/8, February 27. London.

George Reve to Lady Gerard, telling her to trouble herself no further about the payment of bills arising from her husband's funeral, and mentioning that the house of commons has voted the king £300,000 to fit out the fleet.
[Gerard Correspondence]

9792. 1668, April 2.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to pay £10 sterling to the writer's brother Robert and £6 to his sister Margaret.

2617. 1668, April 7. London.

Joseph Ward to Lady Gerard, reporting that he has paid Mr Flockman £5, as directed.
[Gerard Correspondence]
10089. 1668, March 5. Measse.

Andrew Cole to either Lord or Lady Beilhaven, announcing that he found among his things the deed of the inheritance for Chelsea, a document which he had believed had been absolutely destroyed. He discusses various bonds in this connection, and in conclusion asks his lordship to remind the duke of Hamilton of his promise to renew the grant for Chelsea College in Cole's name.

10078. 1668, April 22. Gray's Inn

Allen Lockhart to the duke of Hamilton, sending him an old deed relating to Chelsea College [not enclosed] and a list of the conditions upon which his grace left certain papers with the writer. [10079]

10079. [1668, April 22]

List of conditions under which the duke of Hamilton left certain papers with Allen Lockhart.
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2619. 1668, May 30.

Lawrence Wood to George Digbey, complaining about unpaid bills which he had sent to Lord Gerard.
[Gerard Correspondence]

9789. 1668, September 29. Mewss.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, sending him some accounts from an upholsterer, goldsmith and others, and arranging to send his grace's goods home on board the 'Robert' of Dysart. As for news, Lord Sandwich has landed in Western England and Lord Middleton is to go soon to Tangier. A meeting of council was held on the previous Sunday at Lord Orrery's, and on the following day the king is to leave for Norwich and Cambridge.
[With a list of money spent by Cole, and a note of the upholsterer's expenses.]

2616. 1668/9, January 5. the Sunn nigh Charing Cross.

Henry Parker to George Digbey, concerning the money due to him from Baron Gerard's funeral.
[Gerard Correspondence]

9784. 1668/9, January 12.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to give orders to pay £10 sterling to the writer's brother Robert and £6 to his sister Margaret, and to continue payments to them half-yearly, in accordance with the letters of pension issued by the 1st duke of Hamilton.

2629. 1669, May 11.

[As in 2625, ?Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, advising her not to thank him for putting her in touch with Mr Burnet until she meets the latter.

9790. 1669, May 27. Mewss.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, stating that his grace's new bed will cost £68 or so without the three quilts, and asking how the chairs should be covered. He encloses several accounts and discharges for curtains and lace. The Spanish ambassador has now gone away, and on the previous day/
day the duke of Buckingham held a great feast for the king, the duke of York and the prince of Tuscany. The queen has been very ill after eating some roasted beef, but is now much better, and 'the king is very constantly with her'.

2628. 1669, June 15.

[As in 2625, ?Sir Robert Moray], to the duchess of Hamilton, discussing the same matters as in supra 2627, and telling her that rumours of the queen being with child were untrue.

2627. 1669, July 6.

[As in 2625, ?Sir Robert Moray], to the duchess of Hamilton, telling her that she need not worry about being the cause of his dissatisfaction with Mr Burnet, and advising that her husband's difference with the town of Linlithgow be put in the hands of the commissioners of the treasury.

9791. 1669, July 31. Masiss.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on removing all the differences which had arisen between Lady Belhaven and the earl of Crawford [her half-sister's husband]. He discusses 'Mr Smith's brother's business' and sends on the upholsterer's bill for his grace's bed, with some other accounts, and in conclusion mentions that on the previous day the king and Lord Lauderdale paid a visit to Sheerness.

8427. 1669, October 13. Halyruedhous.

The earl of Lauderdaill to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that pressure of business causes him to postpone his visit to Hamilton until the following week.

2625. 1669, November 3.

[? Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing his opinions 'of being bred in a Colledge', since she has consulted him about her son's upbringing.
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2622. 1669, November 8.

George Digby to Mr Benjamin Chancy, asking him to convey greetings to the writer's daughter [Lady Gerard], giving some local news, and mentioning that in a fortnight's time he will be eighty years old.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2730. 1669, November 16. Halyrudehous.

[The earl of Lauderdale] to [? Charles II], describing the passing in the Scots Parliament of acts concerning religion, supremacy and militia.
[Printed in Lauderdale Papers, Vol. II, p. 163]

2626. 1669, November 23.

[As in 2625, ?Sir Robert Moray] to the duchess of Hamilton, telling her that 'I do not see how your son can be well boarded as you propose since Gilbert is unmarried ... Nor do I at all commend a grammar schoole', and advising her to employ 'an ordinary governor'.

2623. 1669, November 28.

Ralph Morkalt and Ben Chancy to [noble Madame], warning her of the inconvenience likely to result from the illness of Sir George Warburton.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2620. 1669/70, January 1. Sandon.

[Copy]. G[eorge] D[igby?] to [Madam'], explaining that he did not write before because he was worried at not hearing from his daughter in France, and thanking his correspondent for her past kindness.
[Gerard Correspondence.]

8873. [c.1670], February 2. Glasgow.

[Gilbert Burnet] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he is now at work on her father's papers, and wondering how it is that the duke's original letters to the king, marked by his majesty, come to be in the duchess's hands. In about a week's time he hopes to start writing up the year 1638.
8881. [c.1670, February 2].

Note in the hand of Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that her father's letters were probably returned to his grace at Newcastle for his vindication.

[See 8873.]

8872. [c.1670], February 9. Glasgow.

[Gilbert Burnet] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that he is about to write the section of the Memoirs dealing with 1638, and requires a copy of the Large Declaration, which is not among the 1st duke of Hamilton's papers. He has now read hundreds of his grace's letters and all 'confirmeth me in the opinion of your father's worth and wise conduct'. The labour involved in writing the book is beyond what he can express, and occupies him for up to eight hours a day. He then tells her that 'of all that I meet with the story of the Incident is that which vexeth me most. Tell me freely if they suspected the K[ing] to have known of it'.

2621. 1669/70, February 14.

Thomas Mascy to ['Madam'], referring to a box which she is sending him.
[? Gerard Correspondence.]

9793. 1670, April 7. Mewss.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, sending him an account for plates [60/9]. The prorogation of the English parliament has been delayed until that Saturday because of pressure of business. The house of commons has passed the bill for union, and both houses have passed a bill for selling the king's 'free-ferme rents'. His majesty intends to be at Newmarket on the following Monday. Also, 'there is certane word com to his majestie yesternight that Madam[e] his sister will com heir very shortlie, and it is reported that she comes no farder then Dover, that the king of France has lead his commands so upon her'. The duke of Albermarle's body now lies in great state, and the king has been to see it. Lady Lauderdale has left for France.

2641. 1770, May 4. Sandon.

'J.D.G.' [? Lady Gerard] to Mr. Benjamin Chancy, asking him to order a hundred Cheshire cheeses for Mr. Sildesly and some fish.
[Gerard Correspondence.]

[James Smith] to [the earl of Arran], sending him a news letter.


J.D.G. [Lady Gerrard] to Mr. Benjamin Chancy, instructing him to visit several of her friends in London, and giving him details of 'a house about Holborne Southampton buildings or Bloomsbury not to exceed £1500 & 2 years to pay it'.
[Gerard Correspondence]

1670, June 2. Sandon.

[Copy] Ralph Marshall and Ben Chancy to Mr Faunte, telling him that 'my lady' [Gerard] will reply to his propositions when he has delivered up all the papers concerning 'my lord'.
[Gerard Correspondence]


Ben Chancy to Mr Chetwynd, concerning a dispute over one of Lord [Gerard's] rents.
[Gerard Correspondence]

1670, June 18. Sandon.

Robert Adams to Mr Byrch of Stafford, asking him to send quantities of 'galbonum' and 'rivitt' for the use of Lady Gerard.
[Gerard Correspondence]

1670, July 25.

[Copy] G.D. [George Digby] to Mr Byrch, referring to his daughter's visit to the north, and to the impending 'tryall' in Lancashire.
[Gerard Correspondence]

1670, October 4.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that he cannot commit important matters to paper, but expressing satisfaction at the duchess's conversation with the Earl of Tweeddale.
8417. 1670, October 4. Ham.

The earl of Lauderdaill to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, advising her that this is a proper time to send to France about her business [of Châtelherault].

6103. 1670, October 8.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, remarking that he did not know that her grace meant to send Sir J[ohn?] Harper to France, and referring to various other matters in cryptic terms.

6104. 1670, November 3.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he doubts if her ever encouraged others 'to talk wildly of your husband', and asking about a friend of the duchess.

9174. 1670, November 10. Three miles from Glasgow.

The earl of Linlithgow to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of the meeting of Colonel Borthwick's company; and asking his grace to intercept the deserters if they come his way.

6105. 1670, November 12. Whitehall.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing a misunderstanding involving T [? the earl of Tweeddale], the duchess and some others.


The earl of Linlithgow to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the mutineers [from Colonel Borthwick's Company] have quartered themselves at Brocksburne, and suggesting that his grace send some of his troops towards Glasgow.

2702. 1670, November 14.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Lauderdaill, concerning the current disorders.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p. 140(19)]
9176. 1670, November 15. Glasgow.

The earl of Linlithgow to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the privy council has informed him of the return of the mutineers to the tolbooth of the Canongate, so 'I suppose by this tyme they are either imprisoned or cutt in pieces'. However, the duke should keep his troops together for the time being.

9172. 1670, November 18. Glasgow.

The earl of Linlithgow to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he has borrowed from the town of Glasgow £600 sterling with which he will give a month's pay to the soldiers of the six companies.


The earl of Linlithgow to the duke of Hamilton, discussing rumours about the payment of the troops, and enclosing an account of the money due to the king's regiment for the summer of 1669.

[Also 9177]

6106. 1670, November 23. Whitehall.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to the misunderstanding involving Tweeddale? and warning her of the dangers of committing any matters of importance to paper.

8434. 1670, November 24.

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Lauderdale], telling him that she has followed his advice and invited Tweeddale to visit her, whereupon they were reconciled.

2703. 1670, November 24. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the treaty of union has been adjourned, discussing the mutiny of Borthwick's company, and answering other points in the duke's letter [supra 2702].
[The last few words only in his own hand]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 140-1(20)]
The earl of Lauderdaill to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining about her husband's latest letter to him but stating that 'I know well how to distinguish betwixt your Grace, who does express confidence in me and him who is so very diffident of me'.

George Digby to Mr Benjamin Chancy, discussing various minor family matters. [Gerard Correspondence]

[Sir Robert Moray] to the duchess of Hamilton, telling her to advise her husband to make his reply to E.L.'s [Lauderdale?] letter 'very civil, and as obliging as hee can', and the two may reach an understanding.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Lauderdale, denying the truth of the construction which Lauderdale had put on certain points in his last letter. [Supra 2702] [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 141(21). Final version printed in Lauderdale Papers II, pp. 209-10]

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Lauderdale], [in reply to 8422], assuring him that her husband had no intention of quarrelling with his lordship.

Sir Robert Cunninghame to Gilbert Burnet, giving an account of how he attended William, 2nd duke of Hamilton during his last illness. [Much of this followed word for word by Burnet, pp. 549-51]
2707. 1670/1, January/February.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Lauderdale, expressing satisfaction with his latest letter [supra 2706].
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 141(23)]

6111. 1670/1, January 9.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, agreeing that it is best not to commit matters of importance to paper, assuring her that he destroys her letters after answering them, and informing her that Lord Stair has been made president of the session.

2639. 1670/1, January 10. Sandon.

[Copy] Ben Chancy to Mr Byrch, telling him that 'my Lord Gilbert' paid £300 for the stewardship of the hundred court of Pirehill.
[Gerard Correspondence]

6108. 1670/1, January 13. Whitehall.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for the copy of a letter, which he thinks 'cool, yet grave and decent', and discussing a certain proposal [unspecified].

2706. 1670/1, January 29. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, in reply to the latter's letter of November 14, [supra 2702], assuring him that he is willing 'that bygones may be bygones and faire play in time to come'.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 141(22)]

6112. 1670/1, February 3.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to [Lauderdale's] reply to her husband, giving him 'promises for the future', and approving of the duke of Hamilton's friendship with E.T. [? Tweeddale].
8870. [c. 1670/1], February 15. Glasgow.

    [Gilbert Burnet] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing the progress he is making on his Memoirs of her father and uncle and inviting her to 'mark at what you would have left out or suppressed'. His head aches and his hand is so weary with the writing of the book that he will take a fortnight's rest before resuming.

2708. 1670/1, February 25. Edinburgh.

    [Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Lauderdale, concerning the treasurer's accounts, explaining the delay in auditing the charge part of them. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 141(24)]

8559. [c. 1671], March 3.

    Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son Lord James Hamilton, urging him to continue improving himself.


    Ralph Longworth to Lady Gerard, describing how Mr Green had been twice arrested 'upon a proclamation of rebellion'. [Gerard Correspondence]


    [Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Lauderdale], asking him to procure the king's gift of the annuities of her own lands.


    Ralph Longworth to Mr John Brome, reporting on the progress of the 'tryall' in which Lady Gerard is interested. [Gerard Correspondence].

8461. 1671, June 13. Ham.

    The earl of Lauderdale to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], regretting that it is utterly impossible for him to obey her commands as to her annuities. [In reply to 8461]
2657. 1671, July 15.

[Draft] Lady Gerard to [the lords commissioners at Essex House for the subsidy of the peers], protesting at being assessed for her personal estate when her position as her husband's 'Administratrix' makes her liable for 'a great and considerable debt'.

[Gerard Correspondence]

6109. 1671, August 1. Whitehall.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that he could not write sooner because he had been at Plymouth and Portsmouth with the king and the duke of York. He comments on Mr Burnet having consulted the duchess's family papers [for the purpose of writing the Memoirs] and promises to help him if he can, though he does not remember having had any correspondence with the first and second dukes of Hamilton of a sort likely to come into the book.

8462. 1671, August 2. Hamilton.

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Lauderdale], urging him once more to have her annuities paid to her, and asking for his opinion of Burnet's Memoirs.

[In reply to 8461]

2709. 1671, August 15. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdale to the duchess of Hamilton, assuring her that he would have helped her obtain some annuities 'had I but dreamt you wanted them', and telling her that though he likes Burnet's Memoirs of her father and uncle, 'there are great mistakes in many materiall passages after the king came out of Scotland last.'

6110. 1671, August 19.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that M.B. [? Mr Burnet] is 'mightily much made of' in town, but remarking that the writer 'can blame nothing in this draught' [of the Memoirs]. He goes on to recommend that her brother[-in-law] speak to the French king about a company for the earl of Arran.
[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton,
stating that he cannot offer an opinion of Mr B[urnet]'s
book as he was not given time to read it, but declaring
that he hopes that the duchess has kept the original
documents so that she can see that no alterations are made.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton,
telling her that G[ilbert Burnet?] has shown him a book
which the writer thinks should be much longer.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Lauder­
daill, thanking him for his kindness to the writer's wife.
[See supra 2709]

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton,
declaring that a history made out of her father's papers
'without minceing, retrenching or concealing' though with
some additional material to fill in gaps, 'might be one of
the best that ever was written'. The original papers reveal
the first duke as 'one of the most accurate persons in
business that the world ever had, and this is one qualifica­
tion more than, perhaps anybody would have expected.'

Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kings, concerning various
minor business matters, and enclosing a copy of a licence for
the preservation of game in Lady Gerard's Lancashire manor of
Netherwield [infra 2659].
[Gerard Correspondence]

[Sir Robert Moray] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton],
describing how he has had G. B. [Burnet] alter various
passages of the draft Memoirs and has urged him to draw up
also a vindication of the first duke of Hamilton, to be
published separately. He then refers to the changed relation­
ship between the Hamiltons and [Laideardale], who, if humoured,
'will really apply himself to serve you', although 'he must be
cannily handled, els a very small provocation will certainly
make him fly quite off the hindges'. He therefore approves of
her grace's resolution to 'demean yourself towards him as if
never anything had been amiss'.

2659. [1671, October]

[Copy] Licence for the preservation of game in Lady Gerard's Lancashire manor of Netherwield. [Enclosed with supra 2658]
[Gerard Correspondence]

8882. 1671, November 2. Edinburgh.

Archibald Primerose to the duke of Hamilton, returning some papers with a note of the writer's observations on them.

6132. 1671, November 5 & 8.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, advising her to let Gilbert Burnet have a certain letter [which would appear to show her father in a bad light] since he has spoken of it to others, on the condition that he makes known the fact that he has her consent to use it. He comforts her with the reminder that all public persons are liable to be unjustly criticised, and that he himself has been accused of being 'a Traytor ... an Atheist, a Magician or Necromancer and a Malignant', and all without cause.

9794. 1671, November 7. Meuss.

Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, sending him some accounts. When the deceased Mr Lockhart's papers were opened, some papers left by his grace were found, so the writer inquires as to what should be done with these. Sir Arthur Forbes has arrived from Ireland, presumably to attend the long arranged meeting of the committee of council.

2660. 1671, November 27. Catterall.

Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kinge, discussing various minor business matters.
[Gerard Correspondence]

7314. 1671, November 29. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son James [earl of Arran], setting down her advice to him to serve God, to be loyal to the king, to be dutiful to his father and to be kind to his brothers and sisters.
[With cover]
2661. 1671, December 19.

Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kinge, reporting on his visit to Lord Mollyneux, and on other business matters. [Gerard Correspondence]


Sir James Turner to Gilbert Burnet, professor of theology in the university of Glasgow, thanking him for the gift of a copy of one of Burnet's books and for the loan of some pamphlets which libelled the 1st duke of Hamilton.

2648. 1671/2, January 5. Catterall.

Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory King at Sandon Hall, referring to the Garstang case, and other business matters. [Gerard Correspondence]

2650. 1671/2, January 8. Catterall.

Ralph Longworth to Mr George Kinge, concerning the Garstang case. [Gerard Correspondence]

2649. 1671/2, mid January.

[? Draft] [Lady Gerard] to Mr Snow, attending the archbishop of Canterbury, concerning the Garstang lease, protesting that the legal decision in the case has gone against her and her son, and hoping that the archbishop will intercede for them. [Gerard Correspondence]

8426. 1671/2, January 18. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdaleall to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, congratulating her on the birth of her child, and promising to carry out her commands concerning the master of Carmichael.


Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kinge, informing him that he intends to wait upon him at Sandon on about the following Saturday. [Gerard Correspondence]
Summary of 3 letters from the 3rd duke of Hamilton to Andrew Cole and of a discharge by the duke.
2654. 1671/2, February 7 and January 23.

A copy of supra 2652, and of a letter from Lady Gerard to Mr Stodart, telling him to continue in his present course 'in making use of the recorder to satisfy My Lord Bishop'.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2711. 1671/2, January 30.

The earl of Lauderdale to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of the docquet of the signature of 20 January 1664, conferring the taxation on the duke and duchess, in payment of a debt to the first duke. [Infra 2712]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 142(27)]

2712. [1671/2, January 30]. Whitehall.

Copy of the docquet of the signature of 20 January 1663/4.
[See supra, 2711]

2713. 1671/2, January.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Lauderdale, intimating that he has been required to account for his intromissions with the taxation.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 142, in parenthesis under (27)]

2652. 1671/2, February 7. Sandon.

John Brome to Mr Matthew Kellet, discussing how much the latter should be paid for his services before and after the death of Lord [Gerard].
[Copy of this, infra 2654]
[Gerard Correspondence]

2653. 1671/2, February 10. White Horse in purple lane.

Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kinge, telling him that now Mr Digby has been 'quitted & the order quashed', and referring to the 'great preparatons for sea against Holland'.
[Gerard Correspondence]
8558. 1671/2, February 12.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton, to her son Lord James Hamilton, advising him to 'be not to talkative, be curtious, humble and avoyd all quareling'.

2714. 1671/2, February 27. Whitehall.

The earl of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, discussing his efforts on behalf of the duchess's financial affairs.

2715. 1671/2, March 9.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Lauderdale, congratulating the latter on his marriage, and thanking him for his recent efforts on the writer's behalf.

2663. 1671/2, March 17. Newnham.

Basil, earl of Denbigh to [his niece Anne, duchess of Hamilton], hoping that Scotland will gain as much by the imminent Dutch war as she did from the last, and suggesting that it might soon be a suitable time for her to renew her claims to her 'ancient Dutchie in France'. [Châtelherault].

2662. 1671/2, March 30. Hamilton.

[Draft] [ ] to ['Reverend Sir'], referring to general alarm at the prospect of a Toleration Act for Scotland, but hoping that 'none shall expresse more zeale against poperie then Presbetereis'.

8424. 1672, April 2. Ham.

The duke of Lauderdale to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the king is too taken up with foreign affairs to deal with Scottish matters, the treaty with France now being ratified.
2664. 1672, April 9.

Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kinge, mentioning his dealings with Lord Molyneux and intimating that Lord Gerard has been made godfather to little Gerard Parker.
[Gerard Correspondence]

2665. 1672, April 17. Catterall.

Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kinge, concerning the free schools in the parish of Garstang.
[Gerard Correspondence]

8425. 1672, April 23. Hamilton.

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Lauderdale], [in reply to 8424], wishing him a good journey to Scotland and leaving the matter of her debt entirely in his hands.

6133. 1672, May 14.

[Sir Robert Moray] to the duchess of Hamilton, complaining of G[ilbert Burnet] having failed to confide in him about some matter, and declaring that he is glad that L[auderdale] has replaced the writer with 'E.K.'[ ] in a certain position.


Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kinge, expressing concern at 'her honor's' illness, [? Lady Gerard], and discussing various business matters.
[Gerard Correspondence]

6134. 1672, May 29.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her confidentially that her business at Court is successfully completed, and referring to the great sea fight against the Dutch.

6135. 1672, June 10.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing his philosophy of doing as one would be done to, and denying that he regarded doing anything for her as an obligation.
Andrew Cole to the duke of Hamilton, sending a note of the bonds in his possession [10083] and explaining that the writer has the discharges of all but two.

List of bonds of the duke of Hamilton in the possession of Andrew Cole.
9774. 1672, June 19.

[Sir Robert Moray] to [Gilbert Burnet], sending him some papers from Mr Dickson relating to the Memoirs Burnet is writing, and promising him notes from Dickson about the 2nd duke of Hamilton's death.

6136. 1672, June 19.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, hoping for a good understanding between the duke of Hamilton and the commissioner, and offering advice on how the former should behave.

[Last part of the letter missing]


The duke of Hamilton to Mr Andrew Cole, 'one of his majesties equerries', enclosing a note of all the bonds relating to the English debt in his possession, [5907], together with Cole's note of bonds, [5908].

5908. [1672, July 6]

Note by the duke of Hamilton of those bonds relating to the English debt in his possession.

5909. [1672, July 6]

Andrew Cole's list of bonds relating to the English debt.


Thomas Alexander to Charles [? Gow], writer to the signet, concerning a dispute over a commission for the removing of wood from Bardaroch.

2657. 1672, July 22. Catterall.

Ralph Longworth to Mr Gregory Kinge, remarking that he has recently been ill, and discussing various business matters. [Gerard Correspondence]

James Cleghorne to Mr John Hamilton, master household to the duke of Hamilton, rendering his account for French bread and explaining that he could not do so sooner as he was at Edinburgh Castle working for the lord commissioner.


John Bell to [? Mr John Hamilton, master household of the 3rd duke of Hamilton], reminding him that he owes him £3 sterling for vinegar.

8119. 1672, November 2.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that 'S[ir] A[lexander] F[ras]er has been very pleased with her letter about her estate, debts and children. He then gives a brief description of the Stepney estate of a lady whom they hope may marry the duchess's eldest son. He encloses a draft, in his own hand, of a letter which he thinks her grace might send to [ ].

[The draft also numbered 8119]

2731. 1672, November 11.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the duke of Lauderdale, describing the perverseness of some of the outed ministers.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p. 142(29)]

8789. 1672, November 18. Whithall.

Elizabeth, duchess of Lauderdale to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the lord keeper has delivered up the great seal, the king having required him to do so since his lordship's illhealth was preventing him from discharging his duties. Sir Orlando Bridgman has now been given a pension of £2000 a year, and Shaftsbury is to be lord high chamberlain.

8120. 1672, November 19.

Sir Robert Moray to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that Sir Alexander Fraser's delay in negotiating a certain match for her eldest son is occasioned by his discretion.
2716. 1672, November 21. Whitehall.

The duke of Lauderdale to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that the king is 'exceedingly satisfyed' with the duke's behaviour, and enclosing a copy of a letter to the chancellor. [Infra, 2716]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 143(30)]

2717. 1672, November 21.

[Copy] [The duke of Lauderdale] to [the chancellor, the earl of Rothes], concerning conventicles and the need to settle and preserve the peace of the church. [Summarised and partly quoted in H.M.C. Report, p. 143(30)]


The duke of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a copy of part of 'the Memoriall I receaved in Scotland'.

8859. [1672], December 26.

[Gilbert Burnet] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising to send her as soon as possible two fair copies of his Memoirs. He would be grateful if she could send him a copy of a letter to the council about the late earl of Lauderdale, much altered by the king, as he would like to use it for a sermon he is to preach on January 30. [Mounted]


The duke of Lauderdale to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing the death of the duke of Lennox, discussing various appointments, and telling his correspondent he will be given Lennox's office of bailie of the regality of Glasgow. [Summarised and partly quoted in H.M.C. Report, p. 143(31)]


[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the duke of Lauderdale, mentioning that he has been at Lady Montrose's funeral, and asking that the government of the castle of Dumbarton may be conferred upon him. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 144(32)]
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H. Bell to the earl of Arane, sending him his philosophical reflections on knowledge, with a book for himself and one for his brother, Lord William.

2720. 1672/3, February 20.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the duke of Lauderdale, requesting that the commissioners of the treasury be ordered to close the accounts of the 1st duke of Hamilton's intromissions for taxation.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 144(33)]

6137. 1673, March 27.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, rejoicing at her recovery [from the birth of Lord Archibald, her 7th son], and informing her that Sir William Lockhart will spend the summer at the French Court as envoy extraordinary, and should be instructed about [the family claims to Châteleuault].
[Wrongly endorsed in a later hand as being from the duke of Hamilton]

8440. 1673, April 3. Ham.

Elizabeth, duchess of Lauderdale, to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], congratulating her on the birth of her child.


Frederick Hamilton to his cousin John Hamilton, sevior to the duke of Hamilton, sending with the bearer 35 loaves of sugar.

6138. 1673, May 24.

[Sir Robert Moray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her to be sure to number all her letters, and remarking that he has finished looking through certain documents.

2721. 1673, May 31.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, concerning the outed ministers.
The duke of Lauderdale to [the duke of Hamilton],
enclosing a copy of the king's letter to the privy council
[supra 2721], and referring to the Dutch war.
[Summarised and much of it quoted in H.M.C. Report, p.144(34)]

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to the duke of
Lauderdale, discussing the new resolution for securing peace
in the diocese of Glasgow.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 145(35)]

John Johnstone to Mr Hamilton, servitor to the duke of
Hamilton and brother to Captain Thomas and Sanders Hamilton,
reporting that he has sent his grace a pipe of Malaga sack as
promised.

Hugh Campbell to John Hamilton, servitor to the duke of
Hamilton, stating that he has sent him 3 tuns 'of the best
parrisse wine' as ordered, and warning him that it cannot be
kept for so long as Bordeaux wine.

The earl of Kincardine to the duke of Hamilton, denying
that he had described his grace as 'mutinous and so unfit for
publique things'; and giving 'the true storie' of the king's
commission.
[Summarised and partly quoted in H.M.C. Report, p.147(42)]

[Draft, in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to the
earl of Kincardine, [in reply to supra 2673], expressing
satisfaction with the first part of the earl's letter, but
differing with him over the commission.
[Summarised and in part quoted in H.M.C. Report, pp. 147-8(43)]
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2724. 1673, August 18.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to the duke of Lauderda[le], announcing his intention of coming to Court, but complaining of his treatment by Lauderdale's brother [Hatton] in regard to the taxation accounts. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 145(36)]

8793. 1673, August 25.

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [Elizabeth, duchess of Lauderdale], asking that [Lauderdale] may see that Burnet's Memoirs be favoured by the king. The writer's husband is about to go to Court because of Hatton's behaviour over the taxation accounts.

2725. 1673, August 27. Ham.

The duke of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, [in reply to supra 2724], assuring him that the king and the writer will be glad to see him at Court, and regretting that the writer's brother had given any offence. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 145(36)]

2727. [1673], August 28. Ham.

The duchess of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, [in reply to supra 2726], approving of his decision to come to London. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 150(51)]

2688. 1673, September 7. Rolehurst.

Nick Hollie to [ ], informing him of the death of Mr [George] Digby, who revealed in his Will that he had married Miss Longwill and had by her two little daughters. [Gerard Correspondence]

2689. 1673, September 8.

Sir George Reve to Lady Gerard, thanking her for her letter and expressing regret at the news of 'Cousin Digby's' indisposition. [George Digby, Lady Gerard's father.] [Gerard Correspondence]
9710. 1673, September 27. Glasgow.

Frederick Hamilton to his cousin [Mr John Hamilton], sending him 34 loaves of sugar, and some 'of the thinnest paisbord that is in Glasgow.'

8911. [c. 1673, October 12]

Dedication by Gilbert Burnet to Charles II, presenting to him the Memoirs.


[Copy] Gilbert Burnet to [the duke of Lauderdale], asking the cause of his grace's 'unusual colnes that appeared in your looks and words when I had the honour to wait on your grace'. His latest visit to London was occasioned only by the need to obtain a licence for the Memoirs, and while there he in no way acted to prejudice his correspondent's interest.

8910. [1673 ?], October 13. King Street.

[Gilbert Burnet] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing his audience of the king during which he read his majesty the enclosed dedication. [8911] [Partly in cipher]

8880. [1673], October 30.

[Gilbert Burnet] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing his conversation with the king, who has given a licence and order to print for the Memoirs.

2690. 1673, November 2. Edinburgh.

John Paterson to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a copy of one of the writer's sermons, to which the duke had taken exception, and protesting that he had no intention of commenting of current affairs.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [? his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], commenting on the latest news from the continent and announcing that parliament has been adjourned. He refers to Burnet, who wants some books from [the duchess], as 'a most precipitating rash inconsiderat man.' [Damaged by damp]
Summary of a sermon by Mr John Paterson. [See 2690]

[Gilbert Burnet] to the duke of Hamilton, returning his grace's criticisms of the draft Memoirs, [8884?], together with his own replies.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking him to find out the truth of rumours that 'the Duk of La[uderdale] is daly gaining noblemen and gentlemen by his insinuating cariage.'

Sir George Reve to Lady Gerarde, thanking her for her kindness, and describing how his son 'shall never want my bountefull hande, to lift him up to the top, of any preferment he is capable of', and how his daughter has been taught by 'the best dancinge master in towne.'

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, commenting on the duke of Hamilton's reception in Berwick on his way to London, and asking for a weekly account of the news from Edinburgh.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, remarking that the duke of Hamilton has had a letter from the duke of York, and begging for 'all the neues that ar agoing.'

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, expressing surprise that 'the Duk of La[uderdale] hath taken the Abby Church from the people of Cannoget', and at the proposed departure of 'all the Companies for Edinburgh.'
2311. [c. 1673]

As in 2310] to the earl of Arran, referring to the duke of Lauderdale's attempts to have the earl of Kincardine put out of office, and to rumours of action against the outed ministers.

2669. 1673/4, January 6.

Lady Gerard to her father, George Digby, hoping that he has recovered from his indisposition, telling him that her son has had smallpox and then measles, but 'is now very merry playing at Hoch', and giving him a recipe for a medicine which cures 'a stich in the side'.

[Gerard Correspondence]


The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, commenting on the varying reports of the duke of Hamilton's reception in London.

2778. 1673/4, January 22.

The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, commenting on various items of news from London, and expressing his pleasure 'to hear that confirmed that the duke of York hath taiken the sacrament.'


The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, remarking that he is 'glade to hear that things stand so weel betwixt Duk Hambliton and all his freinds at Court.'

8565. 1673/4, January 27. Glasgow.

The earl of Arran to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how he spends his time at the college, denying that he is idle, as Mr Burnet alleges, and promising not to go out without leave again.

2780. 1673/4, January 31.

The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, describing how '5 Roges', including 'the lustiest hussi that ever I did see', were arrested for robbery after fighting desperately 'for the space of ane ouer.'
2864. 1674, February 2. London.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran; sending him a transcript he had received from Mr Burnet, giving details of the bishops' overtures to the king, concerning legislation against papists.

2781. 1673/4, February 3.

The earl of Arran to James Johnston, speculating on the appointment of a commissioner to Scotland, and mentioning various other appointments.


[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, deprecating rumours of the duke of Hamilton's immediate arrival in Scotland.


[James Johnston] to [the earl of Arran], telling him about the house of commons' vote against the duke of Lauderdale, and mentioning that peace is about to be concluded with Holland, so the forces will be disbanded and the duke of York's daughter [Princess Mary] will marry the prince of Orange.

2783. 1673/4, February 17.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, complaining that he had not been informed of the arrival of Lord James Douglas, his uncle, in Edinburgh.


[James Johnston] to [the earl of Arran], remarking that the king is unwilling to give his consent to the house of commons' vote against Lauderdale, and describing the reception being prepared for the duke of Hamilton when he arrives in Berwick.


Francis Danyell to Lady Garrot [Lady Gerard], explaining that he has been imprisoned 'because I would not deny the words which I had spoken to your honour', and asking her to lend him 30 shillings. [Gerard Correspondence]
2893. 1673/4, March 27. Whitehall.

The earl of Arlington to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing his pleasure that the duke's return to Court has been approved by the king.

2734. 1674, March 27. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to [? the earl of Arran], describing the repercussions of the king's letter cancelling the grant of taxation to the duke of Hamilton.


[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to Charles II, assuring him of his loyalty, and explaining why he and some others had not concurred in a letter sent by the privy council to his majesty. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 149(45)]

5910. 1674, April 2. Edinburgh.

T. Bell to the earl of Arran, expressing satisfaction that he is doing well in his studies, sending him a book, and exhorting him to learn to speak well, write well and live well.


[As in 5911] to the earl of Arran, reporting that an extraordinary meeting of the privy council had been called to read the king's letter about the coinage.

2789. 1674, April 7.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking him for the truth of rumours about a riot in the duke of York's 'play hous' and the archbishop of St. Andrew's remarks in the privy council.


[ ] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that upon the following Monday the commissioner will leave for Court but does not yet know if Argyll and the others mean to follow. [Signature deleted]
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2784. 1673/4, February 24.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking about the truth of reports that 'Duk Ham[ilton] is divided from some of his party & that probably they will all break amongst themselves.'

2680. 1673/4, March 2. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to [? the earl of Arran], describing the duke of Hamilton's reception in Edinburgh.


[James Johnston] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that the Scots parliament has been adjourned until October 14.


[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, expressing relief that the duke of Hamilton's party is united, and inquiring about the duke's journey north.


[James Johnston] to [the earl of Arran], referring to the adjournment of the English and Scottish parliaments, to false rumours of seven privy councillors being 'putt off', and to the actual dismissal of three of the receivers of rents, who have apparently been told to go 'because they had appeared and inclyned the Hamiltonian way.'

2786. 1673/4, March 10. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, telling him that the news of the adjournment of parliament 'cam like a thunder boult to this place.'

2787. 1673/4, March 16.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, acknowledging his recent letter.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a declaration by which the French king has called his plenipotentiaries from the treaty of Cologne.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing a tumult in one of the playhouses caused by some members of parliament who then refused to take orders from the redcoats.

2790. 1674, April 14.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, hoping for some news, despite the fact that parliament and the court of session are not currently sitting.

2855. 1674, April 20.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to [the duke of York], expressing his fears that Lauderdale has made unjust representations against him, and asking to be given a fair hearing.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 150(49)]

2894. 1674, April 20.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arlington, [in reply to supra 2893], begging him to continue his friendship for the duke by counteracting any malicious suggestions made against him by Lauderdale.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 150(48)]

5988. 1674, April 27.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duke of Hamilton is being summoned to Court, and that Arlington has retired to the country.

6006. 1674, April 27.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, telling him that there is no news as all the great men have left town.
5969. 1674, April 29.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mr Ross will give him news of all occurrences.

2791. 1674, April 30. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking if the duchess is to accompany the duke of Hamilton to Court, and inquiring about who else is to accompany him.

8215. [1674, May—before 6th]

R. Leighton to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to support the petition to be presented to the privy council by the synod of Glasgow, with regard to 'an horrible outrage committed in the parish of Girvan and another violent opposition ... made to an intrant at the kirk of Woosston.'


[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking about letters to the writer.

2857. [? 1674], May 9. Glasgow.

Paper referring to the opinions of Archbishop Leighton on church affairs.
[Summarised at length in H.M.C. Report, pp. 148–9(44)]
[See 8215]


The marquis of Montrose to the earl of Arran, promising to wait upon him on the following Monday, 'befor eight of the clock in the morning.'


[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, commenting briefly on the illness of the chancellor [the earl of Rothes] and on the Dutch peace.

The marquis of Montrose to the earl of Arran, explaining that his failure to meet the earl was due to the shortage of horses, but promising to call in eight days' time.


[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, giving news of reorganisation of the privy council, and mentioning that the duke [of Hamilton] left town with 200 horse.

1674, June 1. Glasgow.

'Little Kirkwood' [James Kirkwood, tutor to Lord Bruce - see D.N.B. Vol. 11, p. 226], to Lord Arran, presenting him with a book which he has written.

1674, June 4. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the debate in the session about the king's letter desiring that Mr Thomas Murray and Mr David Balfour be admitted as lords of session. He also mentions the riots by women carrying petitions at the opening meeting of the new council.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, referring to the recent meeting of the committee for the suppressing of conventicles, and describing the numerous conventicles held on the previous Sunday.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the riots by mobs of women in Edinburgh, some of whom had been cited before the commission for the suppressing of conventicles.

1674, June 15. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, referring briefly to Lord Hatton's actions, and describing at length how the writer's mother [the duchess of Hamilton] approves of his correspondence with Johnston.
2699. 1674, June 18.

[Copy] Charles II to the lords of session, concerning the appeals of Lord Almond and the earl of Aboyne.
[The original signed by Lauderdale]


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the reading to the lords of session of the king's letter concerning the appeals given in by the earls of Callendar and Aboyne.

2700. 1674, June 23. Windsor.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, urging them to do their utmost to suppress contenticles.
[Original signed by Lauderdale]


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran referring to a letter from Court putting off the synod of bishops and ministers, and to the latest meeting of the commission for the suppressing of conventicles.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the refusal of many of the advocates to attend the court of session, and the fining and imprisonment of gentlemen in Fife who have attended conventicles.

2794. 1674, June 29. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, acknowledging his latest letter, and asking for news.

2799. [1674, June]

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, telling him that 'this new moddaling of the counsal was a great surprisement to me', and asking for news.
2741. 1674, July 2. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, informing him of the king's letter telling the council that he had ordered several troops of English horse to go north for the suppression of conventicles, and describing further disturbances in Edinburgh.
[See R.P.C. Vol. IV, Series 3, pp. 211-2]

9752. 1674, July 3. Hampton Court.

[Copy] Charles II to the convention of royal burghs, condemning the sending of commissioners to particular conventions.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a copy of the king's letter concerning the suppression of conventicles.
[Supra 2700]


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, reporting that little had been done in the council on the previous day, and repeating various minor pieces of news.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, reporting that in Fife many people have been summoned for attending conventicles, but failed to appear, and that despite the proclamation, conventicles 'are verie frequent and numerous.'

2795. 1674, July 11. Hamilton

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking for news of Lord Bargeny, and for a copy of Mr Cant's sermon.

2774. 1674, July 13. Hamilton

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, complaining that he has received no news from him, and declaring that he expects 'a long and ful letter.'
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[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, discussing the meeting of the bishops at St Andrews, where the bishop of Dunblane had spoken for 'the three silenced ministers of Edinburgh', and had been abused by the archbishop of St Andrews.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, mentioning the summoning of more people before the council for attending conventicles, and the continuing unrest among the women of Edinburgh.

2796. [1674], July 15. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to [James Johnston], thanking him for his news of the bishop of Dunblane, [see supra 2745].

2770. 1674, July 16. Windsor.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, concerning the bishop of Dunblane and the ministers.
[The original signed by Lauderdale]


[James Johnston] to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of the council meeting on the previous day, when a letter from the king had been read, and various women who had been in the mob in the parliament close had appeared. He also refers to the quarrel between the bishop of Dunblane and the archbishop of St Andrews.


[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, sending his greetings to the bishop of Dunblane.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing how the three ministers suspended by the bishop of Edinburgh have appealed to the national synod.

2800. 1674, July 22. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, inquiring about some papers which he has not received.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has been informed that the real reason for Lauderdale becoming a peer was so that he could not be called before any lower court; however, there is no doubt of his unpopularity in England.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, informing him of the king's letter ordering that Cant, Turner and Robieson be forever discharged from preaching in the diocese of Edinburgh, that Turner should be confined to Glasgow, and that proceedings should be taken against the rest of the factious ministers.

2685. [1674], July 23.

N. Ramsay to the earl of Arran, sending his greetings.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, sending him a copy of the king's letter concerning the bishop of Dunblane, which had been read to the latter by the archbishop of St Andrews.

2801. 1674, July 24. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to [James Johnston], telling him that the duke [of Hamilton] did not leave the baths until July 16, giving his opinion that the duke's friends should meet him on his return, and repeating the duchess's fears 'that they will lay him in the castel.'

[ ] to [ ], discussing the levying of soldiers, and other current affairs.


[Copy] The privy council's order and intimation thereof to the bishop of Dunblane to remove from his residence 'and forbear medling in matters relating to the church save in his diocese of the Isles'.
[See 2753]


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, giving a brief account of the reading of the king's letter to the session, concerning the ousted advocates.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the arrival of the duke [of Hamilton] in Berwick, and the reading in council of the king's letter about the bishop of Dunblane.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, announcing the arrival in Edinburgh of the duke of Hamilton, and referring to the restriction placed upon the bishop of Dunblane, who is not to reside in the diocese of Glasgow.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the marquis of Douglas is to take his process against Lady Stranaver before the council, and that the duke [of Hamilton] is returning to Hamilton for the burial of his mother, [the marchioness of Douglas].


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the debate in the council over the bishop of Dunblane's petition, and the reception accorded to the duke of Hamilton when he attended the council.
[See R.P.C. Vo. IV, Series 3, pp. 265 and 253]
2802. 1674, August 5. Ham[ilton].

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, acknowledging his letters and sending his greetings to the bishop of Dunblane.

5923. 1674, August 7. Edinburgh.

[As in 5911] to the earl of Arran, repeating rumours of a disagreement between the dukes of York and Lauderdale over the proposal that the king should divorce the queen, describing a quarrel between the duchess of Portsmouth and the marchioness of Worcester, and referring briefly to the news from the continent.

5925. 1674, August 11. Edinburgh.

[As in 5911] to the earl of Arran, informing him that L[aude]rd is said to have found 'ane forrain imployment', and announcing the death of the earl of Midleton.


[ ] to the earl of Arran, reporting that there is news of the French being routed and the prince of Conde killed.

2804. 1674, August 15. Ham[ilton].

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, telling him that the news of the French rout 'hath made a great crack hear'.

2756. 1674, August 15. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, giving him a brief account of the recent meeting of the convention of burghs.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, discussing various reports of the recent encounter between the Dutch and the French.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the disagreements in the convention of burghs over a draft letter to the king.

2805. 1674, August 22. Hamilton

[The earl of Arran] to [James Johnston], referring to some pamphlets and papers, and sending his greetings to the bishop of Dunblane.

2806. 1674, August 24. Hamilton

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking him for news of the council at Stirling, and referring to a pamphlet which he wishes to have.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Sir James Standfield had not got the papers he wanted, referring to rumours about the levying of forces.

2807. 1674, August 27. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking for news of the council.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, mentioning that they are still uncertain whether the news of a French victory is correct, and describing the discovery by the king's guard of a conventicle at West Calder.

2803. 1674, August. Hamilton

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking him to procure for him a pamphlet about the English parliament's prorogation, a book about the 'grievances of Scotland', and a copy of some verses.
2761. 1674, September 2. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of the levying of soldiers in Scotland.

5911. 1674, September 2. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, notifying him of the appointment of various lieutenants, and giving news of the rendezvous of milita at Stirling.

2697. 1674, September 16. Whitehall.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, restoring Alexander Burnet to the archbishopric of Glasgow.
[The original signed by Lauderdale]

2687. 1674, September 16. Linlithgow.

M. Ramsay to the duchess of Hamilton, complaining about false rumours being circulated about him in the presence of the primate in St Andrews, and informing her that the archbishop's friends believe that Lauderdale 'will come down for ordering the church affairs'.

2698. 1674, September 22. Whithall.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, ordering them to charge William Drumond of Cromlicks to enter the castle of Dumbarton as a prisoner.
[The original signed by Lauderdale]
[2 copies]

2771. 1674, September 22.

[ ] to [ ], giving news from London that Paterson has been made bishop of Galloway, that Burnet is returning to his diocese, and that Sir William Sharp has left for London.
9753. 1674, September 24. Whythall.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, concerning the election of the provost and bailies of Edinburgh.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the reading in the council of royal letters concerning the continuing of the election of the Edinburgh magistrates until the king's further pleasure and the removal from Edinburgh of the advocates who left the house.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of that day's privy council meeting, where there were discussions about the election of the Edinburgh magistrates and about the skippers who had contravened a recent regulation.

2674. 1674, October 1. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the Edinburgh magistrates have submitted to the king's letter.
[See supra 2762 and 2763], and describing the other business done that day.

2675. 1674, October 4. Edinburgh.

[James Johnstone] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the Edinburgh magistrates have replied to the king's letter.

2808. 1674, October 7. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, remarking that 'ther ar feu nouadayes able to understand the profound plots of our neu pollittitians', and asking for a copy of the speech made by the lord advocate to the privy council.
2859. 1674, October 8. Edinburgh.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lieutenant General Drummond has entered Dumbarton Castle as a prisoner, and mentioning a French victory.

2766. 1674, October 15. Edinburgh.

[James Johnstone] to the earl of Arran, describing the writer's recent illness, and hoping that he will be well enough within a day or two to see the earl in Hamilton or Glasgow.

2767. 1674, October 17. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that [the earl's uncle] Lord George Douglas has not been killed in France as was feared, and describing that week's meeting of the synod of Edinburgh.

2809. 1674, October 17. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking for news of the recent encounter between the Germans and the French.

2810. 1674, October 20. Hamilton.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking urgently for news of Lord George Douglas [see supra 2767], and for news of the synod of Edinburgh.


[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, complaining that he has received no letters from him, and asking for news.


[As in 5911] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a copy of Lauderdale's letter to the town of Edinburgh, and reporting that the women petitioners and some other conventiclers are to be banished from Edinburgh, Leith and the Canongate.

8560. 1674, November 14.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, hoping that he and his brothers will continue to profit from their education.
1674, November 15. Hamilton.

James Smith to the earl of Arran, sending him some papers which will give him the latest news.

1674, November 17. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking for news.

[? 1674], November 18.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, reporting that Lauderdale, the earl of Danby, lord high treasurer and another lord have been admitted into the house of Lords.

1674, November 18. Hamilton.

M. Ramsay to the earl of Arran, giving him some philosophical advice, and warning him that 'though I would be loath to interrupt the innocent rejoicings of your youth, yet through that dark valley must your lordship and all the princes on earth in a few yeares mak yor exit ffrom all the joing and jollities of this present life'.


[James Johnston ?] to the earl of Arran, announcing that the English parliament has been adjourned, referring to the appointment of young Collington as a lord of session, describing Sir George Mackenzie's appearance before the council, and mentioning a letter from Rome which says that there are two grand dukes in Scotland, La[uerdale] who favours the Catholic party and Ha[milton] who is head of the Puritan party.

1674, November 21.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, giving a brief account of the career of the earl of Danby, whom his correspondent has confused with the earl of Denbigh, mentioning that he has not yet discovered the identity of the third peer to be admitted to the house of lords, and remarking that the recent news of Kincardine 'was but a fable'. On a separate slip of paper he mentions that young Colington is to succeed Lord Preston in the college of justice.
5887. [c. 1674], November 23.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing her sons' style of handwriting and telling the earl to return at once a book belonging to his father, who suspects that he has torn a page out of it.

2813. 1674, November 23. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, expressing doubts about Collingtoun being a Hamiltonian.

5918. 1674, November 23.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the only news from Court is that a petition of some sort has been presented to the king.

5970. 1674, November 27. Edinburgh.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, asserting that young Colingtoun is a Hamiltonian.

5919. 1674, November 30.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, sending him a paper with news from Court, but contradicting its contents in that Mr Burnet is still 'in the good Graces of H.R.H.' [? the duke of York].

2696. 1674, November 30. Whythall.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, asking them to hasten the case of James, marquis of Douglas against Lady Strathnavere.
[The original signed by Lauderdale]

9750. 1674, November.

[Copy] The duke of Lauderdale to the provost of Edinburgh, upholding the king's criticism of the date for the Edinburgh election.
2728. 1674, November.

[Copy, not in his own hand] The duke of Lauderdale to [the provost of Edinburgh], reproving him for his action in anticipating the election of the city's magistrates.

2814. 1674, December 1. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, describing a conversation which he had had with Barenclith about the latter's unwillingness to marry.

5922. 1674, December 3.

[James Smith] to [the earl of Arran], referring to the Swedish ambassador's audience of the states general, and sending him some papers which must be passed on to 'the L.G.'.


[As in 5911] to the earl of Arran, discussing the dispute between the king and the town of Edinburgh.


[Copy] Charles II to the privy council of Scotland, ordering the arrest of several burgh commissioners.

2815. 1674, December 7. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, commenting on the quarrel between the provost and the dean of guild of Edinburgh, and some minor items of news.

5921. 1674, December 8.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, sending him something for his perusal.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, referring to the earl of Southeak's quarrel with his wife and giving various minor items of news.
2816. 1674, December 15. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, commenting on Lady Southesk's quarrel with her husband, and minor items of news.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that no important business has been done in council, but that letters about the outed advocates and the town of Edinburgh are expected the following week. With a postscript by James Smith, thanking the earl for his kindness.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, sending him a printed pamphlet about the outed advocates, and telling him that nothing has been done in council.


[James Johnston?] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the king is willing to readmit a certain number of the 55 outed advocates.

2863. [1674], December 20.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, sending some papers giving news of the divisions in Edinburgh, and informing him of a letter from the king, said to order that 'a select number' of the interdicted advocates be admitted to the exercise of their function on January 28. [Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p. 88]

2817. 1674, December 22. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, commenting again on the quarrel between Lord and Lady Southesk, and asking for news of the council.
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2662. 1674, December 24.

[? Mr James Smith, secretary to duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, referring to letters from the king concerning the advocates and the burghs, the latter giving satisfaction to the provost of Edinburgh and his party.

2692. [1674], December 26.

[James Johnstone] to the earl of Arran, discussing the recent proclamation which, he fears, '... has the ill luck to unite them the more firmly whom it design'd to shatter', and referring to the rumoured death of Clarendon, the coming meeting of bishops in England, and the king's gift to Lauderdale of £3,000 p.a. out of the customs.

5920. 1674, December 29.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has no news but is glad that his lordship has studied Rushworth.

2798. [1674]

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, announcing that the duke of Hamilton has arrived safely in London, and asking for news.

2635. N.D. [? 1674]

J. Campbell of Conok and C. Campbell to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her to delay her departure for London so that the duke may appear on their behalf at their trial.

8337. [1674]

[Copy] Charles II to [the privy council of Scotland], announcing his resolution to translate the bishop of Dunblane to the bishopric of the Isles.
9749.  [c. 1674]

[Copy]    [ ] to the duke of Lauderdale, asking him to present to the king their reply about the election of commissioners.

9748.  [c. 1674]

[2 Copies] The dean of guild of Edinburgh to the duke of Lauderdale, justifying their decision to hold their election on Michaelmas day.


[As in 5939] to the earl of Arran, sending him a paper.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, referring to a bond against [the duke of Hamilton] subscribed by about 30 people in Hamilton, and discussing the king's questioning of the decision of the lords of session that a certain Swedish ship was a prize.

3038.  1674/5, January 14.  Linlithgo.

W[illiam] H[amilton] to the earl of Arran, assuring him of his devotion, and referring to the advocates' petition to the council.

5974.  1674/5, January 15.  Edinburgh.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the council's attempt to discover the authors of the letter from the burghs to the king, and commenting on Castlemilk's financial negotiations with the duke of Hamilton.
6091. 1674/5, January 19. Glasgow.  

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking about the rumoured French victory, and desiring his correspondent to visit Provost Anderson in prison.

5943. [?1675], January 20.  

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, enclosing some newsletters and commenting briefly on the contents, which refer to the Dutch relief of Brisac.

2886. [?1674/5], January 21. Gorbells.  

[Sir James Turner] to the earl of Arran, remarking that the ousted advocates have small hope of readmission, that there are rumours of a parliament to be held in Scotland, and that the earl of Winton is reconciled with his lady.

2921. 1674/5, January 22. Edinburgh.  

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, contradicting earlier reports of a French victory, telling him that the three provosts are held 'closs prisoners', and mentioning that the advocates' petition has not yet been presented.

6617. [1675], January 23.  

[ ] to the earl of Arran, reporting that Provost Anderson has been examined four times.

6092. 1674/5, January 25. Glasgow.  

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking for the names of the ousted advocates who are going in, and for news of what is to be done about the burghs which sent in the letter which resulted in Anderson's imprisonment.


[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, informing him that the duke [of Hamilton] intends to visit Kinneil, Glasgow and probably Edinburgh in February.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a petition by 29 advocates to the lords of session, and discussing their case.

2909. 1674/5, February 1. Drummond.

Lord Drummond to the earl of Arran, inquiring after his health.

2874. 1674/5, February 1.

[As in 2,862] to the earl of Arran, sending him news letters about foreign affairs, and mentioning that the council is discussing the advocates' address, but there is nothing new about the three provosts.

[See R.P.C. 3rd series Vol. IV p.334]

6094. 1674/5, February 2. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking to be sent news of the ousted advocates, inquiring if rumours that Lauderdale is coming to Scotland are true, and entreating his correspondent to send him '12 shine oranges', which he has heard are only 18 pence a dozen.

3023. 1674/5, February 2. Edinburgh.

The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his diligence in apprehending those guilty of 'ane insolence latly committed at the kirk of Monkland'.

[Signed by Lord Chancellor Rothes]
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.150(52).]

2873. [1674/5], February 4.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, sending him some papers concerning foreign affairs, and telling him that the advocates have sent their address to Court.
2845. 1674/5, February 5. Edinburgh.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him of the privy council's decision to send the outed advocates' petition to the king.


2877. 1674/5, February 8.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, telling him how Sir John Cuningham paid a brief visit [? to Edinburgh] on the previous Saturday, and that rumours from England speak of an attempted agreement between Lauderdale and Shaftesbury, 'in order to a new caball'.

6095. 1674/5, February 9. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, commenting that 'it seemes the advocates have not so many freinds as ther caus and merit deserveth', and fearing that Sir George Lockhart's summons to London is an ill omen.

2834. 1674/5, February 9. Whitehall.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, concerning the paper presented to the council by the outed advocates.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that nothing of public concern had been done in the privy council on the previous day.

[See R.P.C. Vol. IV, series 3, pp.345-7.]

2867. 1674/5, February 14.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has no news.
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[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him about the king's reply to the privy council concerning the petition of the outed advocates.


6093. 1674/5, February 23. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking for more news about the outed advocates.

2875. [1674/5], February 24.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, describing how the council had amended the indictment against the advocates to make it more severe.

[See R.P.C. Vol. IV, series 3, pp.350-6.]


[? James Johnston] to [? the earl of Arran], telling him that the advocates are to be cited before the council on March 9, and that more letters from the king to the council have arrived.

[See R.P.C. Vol. IV, series 3, pp.350-6.]

8557. 1674/5, February 27.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son Lord James Hamilton, [the earl of Arran] begging him to employ his time in Glasgow well and urging him to 'consider what creadett itt will be to you that affer 4 years being att the collegde you come from itt a dunce'.

6096. 1674/5, February 28. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, asking for news of the outed advocates and Provost Anderson's indictment. He would also like to be sent a new almanack which he has heard about.
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2860. [c. 1674/5, February]

[? William Hamilton] to [1],
concerning the advocates' petition.

9710. 1674/5, March 4. Linlithgow.

[ ] Pourie to Andrew Toftes, provisor to the
duke of Hamilton, sending him prunes and raisins and
explaining that currants are 8/- sterl. the stone. He
expects some figs to come with the first vessel and will
let him have some when they come.

2843. 1674/5, March 5. Edinburgh.

[? James Johnstone] to the earl of Arran, describing
the appearance before the privy council of Provosts Anderson,
Petrie and Aynslie, all of whom were fined [for sending an
insolent letter to the king in connection with the election
of burgh commissioners].

[See R.P.C. 3rd series Vol. IV. pp. 367-76]

6097. 1674/5, March 5. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, explaining why
it is better to send letters by the carrier than by the post,
and asking if provisions are being brought into the abbey.

2898. 1674/5, March 5. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, thanking
him for his favours.

2868. [1674/5], March 12.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, telling him that
the advocates have submitted to the king, and that Lady
Southesk has now obtained an aliment from her husband.


[?James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, mentioning how the Edinburgh magistrates were fined £100 sterling, because a small conventicle had been discovered in Leith.

[See R.P.C. 3rd series Vol. IV. pp.381-3.]


[?James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, sending him a paper about the ousted advocates, referring to a rumour of a difference between the duke of York and Lauderdale, and to the duke of Hamilton's displeasure at a letter from the king ordering him to give Hatton possession of part of Holyroodhouse.


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, repeating reports that the English parliament will sit and will arraign Lauderdale for treason.

5928. 1674/5, March 20. Whitehall.

Copy of the warrant by Charles II creating George, Lord Douglas, earl of Dumbarton. [the duke of Hamilton's brother.]

[See 5965]

2926. 1674/5, March 22. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, doubting the truth of rumours of a 'drienes' between Lauderdale and the duke of York [supra 2844], and asking for news.

8672. 1674/5, March 23.

Anna, countess of Rothes to her cousin Anné, duchess of Hamilton, describing her horror at hearing of Lady Margaret [Kennedy]'s marriage [to Gilbert Burnet], and advising that Lady Margaret stay no longer at Hamilton.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, describing the efforts of Sir George Lockhart and Sir John Cunningham on behalf of the outed advocates; and giving various minor items of news.

2892. 1675, March 29.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arlington, recommending to his favour the bearer, the bishop of Dunblane.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.150(53)]

5937. 1675, April 1. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, arranging to send the writer's letters to John Crawford, writer in Glasgow, and remarking that there is no news from London.

5939. 1675, April 4. Edinburgh.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, informing him that the outed advocates have been reconciled with the king.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, discussing the case against the outed advocates.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a copy of the king's letter about the advocates, and a copy of the patent conferring an earldom upon the earl's uncle, Lord George Douglas. [5928]


W[illiam] H[amilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing Lauderdale's motives in attending parliament, a petition recently given in to the king, and other matters.
1675, April 11.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, sending him a copy of the king's letter to the privy council, and referring briefly to the prince of Orange's recovery from smallpox, rumours of Lauderdale coming to Scotland, and the new session of parliament.

1675, April 11.


1675, April 13.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, summarising the king's speech adjourning the English parliament.

1675, April 15.

Edinburgh.

[As in 5939] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the post has brought no news.

1675, April 18.

Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, telling him that [the duke of Hamilton] is expected in town that day, and that Mr John Ba[nnantyne]'s wife has had a son.

1675, April 18.

Edinburgh.

[As in 5939] to the earl of Arran, enclosing some news letters and reporting that the contents of the king's speech to parliament are not yet available.

1675, April 19.

Drummond.

Lord Drummond to the earl of Arran, welcoming him into the outside world after his years of schooling, but advising him to rely on the directions and pleasures of his parents and to fear God.
6099. 1675, April 20. Glasgow.

[The earl of Arran] to James Johnston, announcing that the writer is about to leave for Hamilton.

3040. 1675, April 20.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that there is no news of Lauderdale, other than various rumours which he repeats.

2850. 1675, April 22. Edinburgh.

[ ] to [the earl of Arran], sending him the copy of a letter, and telling him that the bearer will give him news of John Hay.

3042. 1675, April 25. Edinburgh.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], giving news of the English parliament's bill against Lauderdale.

3043. 1675, May 2. Edinburgh.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him of the king's answer to parliament's address against Lauderdale.

2940. [1675], May 4.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to [ ], concerning the giving in to the king of his party's complaints against the council, the commons address against Lauderdale, and various private financial matters. [Partly in cipher, undeciphered.]


[ ] to [ ], reporting that the English parliament is to make another address to the king against Lauderdale, 'and will not be satisfied without his fall'. He also describes other matters discussed in parliament that day.
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2840. [1675, May 6]. [London]
Copy of some sentences contained in supra 2839.


[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, referring to the king's letter discharging the process against the advocates.


[Copy] Charles II's reply to the English parliament's address against the duke of Lauderdale.


[ ] to [? the duke of Hamilton], concerning the king's answer to the commons' address against Lauderdale, and Mr. Burnet's friendship with the latter.

2922. 1675, May 11.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, repeating a report that 'the test is now past', and referring to the address against Lauderdale.

[Printed, except for last few words, in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p. 89.]


[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, sending him a paper about Lauderdale.


[? William Hamilton] to [ ], discussing the king's answer to the English parliament's declaration against Lauderdale. [Supra 2832.]
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3 letters, with a covering note, from [James Smith] to the earl of Arran about the address against Lauderdale.


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing the originators of the address against Lauderdale.


[The earl of Arran] to 'Will', acknowledging his letter and expressing an urgent desire to see him.

2919. 1675, June 3. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, telling him that private letters suggest that Lauderdale has had to leave the country.

3046. 1675, June 3. Edinburgh.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that only so great a consideration as the ties of his conscience could prevent him from carrying out any of his lordship's commands.


Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, reporting how Lauderdale had rudely interrupted a conversation in St. James's Park between the earl of Kincardine and the king, and referring to debates in the English parliament.

2971. 1675, June 5. Glasgow.

Thomas Hamilton to the earl of Arran, concerning the trouble between the writer's brother and sister-in-law.

2918. 1675, June 5. London.

[ ] to [ ], announcing the death of the ambassador, Lockhart, in France, and describing discussions in the English parliament over the privileges of either house.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, protesting at complaints made against him by his lordship in a recent letter, and explaining that he could not possibly have done what the earl had asked.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that in view of the commons' address against Lauderdale, most men believe his condition to be 'desparat and despicable', and that the king has granted a warrant for the release of General Drummond.

2841. 1675, June 6.

Copy of a paper entitled 'The comons answer to the lords last peaper given in to them'.

2938. 1675, June 7. Lockwood.

J. Carruthers to the duke of Hamilton, asking for instructions concerning various financial transactions.


[Dr?] Cunningham of Robertland to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he has sent to her grace 'thrie of the best milk kay new calfed'. [With Robert Shaw's receipt for the price of one of the cows.]

9754. 1675, June 12.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, ordering them to take action against all who encourage conventicles.


2865. [1675], June 13.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, telling him of news from London that 'the debates between the two houses [of parliament] are very hot' on the issue of the lieutenant of the Tower having disobeyed some orders about prisoners in his custody.
William Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], apologising for having offended him.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the English parliament has been prorogued.

Lord Bargany to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has been as pressing as possible with William Hamilton [in an unspecified matter], but to no avail.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, mentioning that Sir George MacKenzie has given in a petition, asking to be readmitted to his employment.

3024. 1675, June 17. Edinburgh.  
The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, intimating that all privy councillors living within 80 miles of Edinburgh are to attend this session of the council, and requiring Hamilton's presence on July 1.

[Signed by Lord Chancellor Rothes.]  
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp.150-1(54)].

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, concerning the ousted advocates, and attempts to vindicate them.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him of the king's letter to the privy councillors, forbidding them to leave the Edinburgh area until they had dealt with all conventicles.

[See R.P.C. Vol. IV, 3rd series, pp.412-3]
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[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, sending him some papers concerning English parliamentary debates.

2853. 1675, June 29.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to Charles II explaining that he was just about to travel to the baths when he received the king's letter requiring his attendance at the council until August 1, and asking for his further instructions.

[See 3024.]

2828. 1675, July 2.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, remarking that others will give him details of his parents' stay [? in Edinburgh].

2902. 1675, July 2. Edinburgh.

Robert Sinclair to the earl of Arran, assuring him that he has done his best to persuade the earl's parents of the desirability his going abroad as soon as possible, but warning him that he should agree with whatever the duke of Hamilton decides.

2838. 1675, July 3. London.

[ ] to [ ], summarising the contents of letters from abroad, giving news of the elector of Brandenburg's defeat of the Swedes, a dispute between the clergy and the parliament in Paris, and the rebellion in Brittany.

5968. 1675, July 3. Hamilton.

[James Smith] to the earl of Arran, sending him a copy of Sir George Mackenzie's speech, and telling him that some of the people of Hamilton have entered into a combination against the duke because of a dispute over teinds.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, assuring him of his devotion.


[ ] to [ ], giving news of the continental wars.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, regretting that the earl has injured his foot, and sending him news of the duke of Brandenburg's rout of the Swedes, together with some news from Edinburgh.


[ ] to the earl of Arran, describing the business done in the convention of burghs.

1675, July 13. Windsor.

G. Porter to Mr. Erskine, telling him that the king has consented to the duke of Hamilton's request. [See supra 2929.]

[1675], July 14.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, giving the latest news of the continental wars and referring to a quarrel between Argyle and Kinghorn, and to the order for nine garrisons to be settled in Scotland.

1675, July 15.

[Copy, by the writer of 2862]. Report of the committee approved in counsel anent the garrison.

1675, July 15. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, referring to the king's letter about the garrisoning of soldiers, and to the quarrel between the earls of Kinghorn and Argyll, both of whom have, as a result, been arrested.

2872. 1675, July 16.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, sending him a news letter, and remarking on some minor business done in the privy council.

2830. 1675, July 16. London.

[ ] to [ ],
giving news from the continent.

2829. 1675, July 17. London.

[ ] to [ ],
retailing news from the continent about the progress of the wars and from the English privy council.

3029. 1675, July 17.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, excusing himself for not having written sooner, and discussing the case of the outed advocates.

2907. 1675, July 17. Glasgow.

W. Blair to the earl of Arran, sending him an address by the writer's scholars.

2879. 1675, July 18.

[As in 2682] to the earl of Arran, sending him a news letter and gazette, and telling him that 'my lord' [? the duke of Hamilton], has still received no answer about his projected journey.

[See supra 2870].

2880. [?1675, July] 18.

[ ] to Mr. James Smith, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the rebellion in Brittany.

Thomas Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mr. Ballentine hesitates to serve his lordship because he feels he has been chosen for the position [of governor] by the earl's parents, and insists that Arran himself must desire it.

2929. 1675, July 20.

William Erskine to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a letter showing that the king will allow his grace to come to Bath [infra 2935].

2870. [1675], July 21.

[As in 2682] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he does not doubt that the king will allow 'my lord's journey' [the duke of Hamilton's], although 'our adversaries' are delaying his majesty's answer.


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the council has 'settled the garrisons and placed the Captains', and mentioning a rumour of the clerks of the council and some lords of session being changed.

2871. [1675], July 23.

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, informing him that the rebellion in Brittany is increasing, the 25,000 men involved being led by a miller, and sending a copy of the council's report on garrisons. [Supra 2869]


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, explaining that he did not write before because there was no news, and still is not, apart from the arrangements for garrisoning the soldiers.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, referring to the recent French defeat and to the marquis of Douglas's process against Lady Stranaver.
3034. 1675, August 2. Edinburgh.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that there is great talk of a total defeat of the French, and that Sir Colin Campbell has given in his paper, having been summoned to appear before the council.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that private letters have confirmed the news of the total rout of the French army, and of the increasing trouble in Brittany.

2820. 1675, August 5. Edinburgh.

[James Johnstone] to the earl of Arran, referring to the recent news of a French defeat, and to rumours that Hattoun and the president of the council are to go up to London.

3035. 1675, August 5.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that there has been no public news letter for the past six days, so he has heard nothing of the war.

2835. 1675, August 5. Edinburgh.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lord Elphistoun and Sir Andrew Ramsay, who is expected to be the next provost of Edinburgh, have been admitted to the privy council.


9756. 1675, August 7.

[Copy] Charles II to the town council of Edinburgh, concerning the election of new magistrates.

2930. 1675, August 7. Windsor Castle.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council, concerning the proceedings for the election of the Edinburgh magistrates. [The original signed by Lauderdale.]
1675, August 8. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has no news.


Lord Bargany to the earl of Arran, telling him that 'Colen' has no great desire to accompany the earl to France, but hoping that he himself may call upon the earl before the latter's departure.

1675, August 12.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, concerning the quartering of garrisons in adjacent villages until other accommodation is provided for them, and giving news of the continental wars.

1675, August 13.

[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him of the total rout of the French, and describing how the privy council heard reports from the shires concerning the garrisons, and how the Lauderdale faction have been disappointed by the re-election of Currie as provost of Edinburgh.

1675, August 16.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, describing his conversation with the duke [of Hamilton], in the course of which his grace said that he wished 'J.C.' to be his son's governor, and that the earl should leave for the continent at once.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, telling him that public news confirms the defeat of the French, and that the archbishop of St. Andrews and his son are coming to Edinburgh.
1675, August 20. Bangour.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, asking when he is to embark for the continent so that the writer may have the pleasure of accompanying him to the ship.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, confirming the recent defeat of the French, and announcing the arrival of the archbishop of St. Andrews and his son.


[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, acknowledging his letter and informing him that a parliament will soon be held in Edinburgh, so great efforts are being made to choose commissioners who will suit Lauderdale.


James Johnston to the earl of Arran, recommending the bearer to his favour.

1675, August 29. Edinburgh.

[James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, sending him a packet of papers.

1675, August.

[Copy] The town council of Edinburgh] to Charles II, thanking him for taking off the restraint upon their elections.

1675, September 2. Edinburgh.

[? James Johnston] to [? the earl of Arran], mentioning the giving out of the customs to the provost of Linlithgow and others, the king's letter ordering the removal of twelve of its members from the town council, and the reaction of the shires to the arrangements for garrisons.
2851. 1675, September 5. Tullibardine.

The earl of Atholl to the duke of Hamilton, expressing his willingness to accompany the latter to London if he still intends to go there, and promising to meet him in Edinburgh to discuss the journey.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.151 (55)].


[ ] to the earl of Arran, telling him how the earl's latest letter had been delivered to the wrong person, reporting that the prince of Condé has been defeated, and referring to the improved relationship between the archbishop of St. Andrews and the bishop of Dunblane.

3032. 1675, September 22.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], concerning the election of magistrates for Edinburgh.

2927. 1675, September 30. Aboyne.

The earl of Aboyne to [ ], asking him to attend the next Michaelmas Court at Aberdeen, and to call on the writer in his lodgings beforehand.

[Only the last few words and signature in his own hand].

2852. [1675, c. September]

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Atholl], thanking him for his offer [supra 2853], but announcing that he is not now sure if he will go to London.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.151(56)].


[? James Johnston] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the Edinburgh magistrates have now been chosen, and describing the business done in privy council on the previous day.
2934. 1675, October 21. Suffolk Street.

Basil, earl of Denbigh to [? the duke of Hamilton], referring to the difference between the lords and commons in the English parliament, and promising to let him know of anything that concerns him, by means of Lord Cassells.

2901. 1675, October 21.

William Pulford to Lady Gerard, discussing some business matters.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8856. [1675], October 26. London.

[Gilbert Burnet] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how 'D.L.' [Lauderdale] 'is still in absolute favour with the King', and advising the duke either to see how the rest of the nation can complain about Lauderdale to the king, or else to stay at home and busy himself with his private affairs. Everyone in London thinks that Hamilton should remain in Scotland for the time being. [Mounted]


6601. 1675, November 22. Edinburgh.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son James, earl of Arran, hoping that his experiences on his journey to Rochell will prove a lesson to him, and associating herself with the instructions about him which her husband has sent to Mr. John [Ballantyne].

2931. 1675, December 2. London.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, approving of the latter's decision to come to Court.


Elizabeth Hope to [ ], asking him to intervene with the earl of Argyle, on behalf of her 'poore fatherless childring'.
2928. 1675, December 25.

Lord Drummond to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to support the writer's petition to the king. [The signature only in his own hand]

2908. 1675.

[Copy] The magistrates of Edinburgh to Charles II, thanking him for removing the restraint on their election.

2923. [1675]

[ ] to [ ]

referring to the riots in parliament close, a recent rendezvous of horse and foot, and to some English news.


[As in 2931] to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to take the opportunity of removing the unfavourable impression which certain people at Court have of him.

2876. [c.1675]

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, sending him a 'gazet' containing the latest foreign news.

2684. [? 1675]

The earl of Perthe to the earl of Arran, wishing him a prosperous journey abroad.

9697. 1675/6, January 1. Angers.

The earl of Arran to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, wishing her a safe journey to London and expressing his regret at the death of Lord Denbigh [the duchess's uncle].
6602. 1675/6, January 13.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son James, earl of Arran, reproving him for referring in correspondence to his uncle by marriage the earl of Perth as 'his lordship', which 'was no fitt designation for you to writt of him except it had been to himselfe.' She does, however, excuse him for visiting the earl.

2939. 1675/6, January 20. London.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to the archbishop of Glasgow, denying that he had said that he was 'not onely for inlarging the indulgence to the presbiterian ministers in Scotland but for allowing them the power of ordination'.


3014. 1675/6, January 22. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining about Hatton's attempts to disoblige the writer.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.151(58)]

8891. 1675/6, January 27. Edinburgh.

Alexander, archbishop of Glasgow to the duke of Hamilton, in reply to his grace's letter challenging him for saying that Hamilton was 'not only for enlarging the indulgence' but for allowing the indulged ministers some share in the government. He reminds his grace of the short conversation they had together, during which the duke 'was pleased to plead much for kindnes and favour to the indulged ministers'.

9429. [1675/6], February 6.

The earl of Rothes to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that 'upon the countesse of Leven's death ther is an debate arising betwixt my Lord Melvill and me', and hoping for his grace's support in the affair.

9436. 1676, February 6.

The earls of Rothes and Queensberry, and Lord Cochrane to the duke of Hamilton, advising him as to his attitude towards Lauderdale.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.159 no. 89]
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7834. 1675/6, February 8 NS Angers.
January 29

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, fearing that his father 'may be dissatisfied at my expense in this place in regard it is already so considerable' but excusing it as necessary.

3019. 1675/6, February 3. London.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to the chancellor [Rothes], describing how Lauderdale had made various untrue statements about Hamilton and Rothes to the king.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.151(57)] [With a transcript of this.]

7900. 1675/6, February 4. London.

[Copy] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the countess of Denbigh, sending her condolences on the death of the writer's uncle, the earl, but regretting the 'meannes' of the funeral.

3015. 1675/6, February 5. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, complaining at length about 'that brutall rascal, Hatton, who's moir imperious and insolent then ever'.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, pp.151-3(59)].

2932. 1675/6, February 12. London.

[As in 2931] to the duke of Hamilton, assuring him that the advice he had given him was in the duke's interests, and describing how he visited 'S.G.C.'


[The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], referring again to Hatton, and to the coming meeting of the bishops.
5917. 1675/6, March 3 NS  Angers.
Feb 21

The earl of Arran to his mother, the duchess of Hamilton, asking for money to buy new clothes.

6090. 1676, March 18 NS  Angers.

The earl of Arran to the duke of Hamilton, expressing surprise that his father has suddenly summoned home Mr. Bannantyne and Will Hamilton, and asking permission for the latter to stay on with him.


[The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing ecclesiastical affairs.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.154(63).]

3013. [1675/6], March 15. [Edinburgh]

[The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing surprise at a report that the king had advised Hamilton to mind his own private affairs, and putting him on his guard against Aboyne's troublemaking remarks.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp.153-4(61).]

3012. 1675/6, March 19. Sanquhar.

The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], defending the chancellor and discussing various other prominent men.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.154(62).]

6603. 1675/6, March 22.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son James, earl of Arran, urging him 'to cheerfull submitting to whatever is your parents plisure', and declaring that his arguments for keeping Will Hamilton with him do not persuade her.
The duke of Hamilton to James, earl of Arran, sending him the gentleman who is to take him on the Grand Tour and warning his son that 'you ar to be governed and follow his advice as absolutly as if it wer mine, and if in the least you fail in it, that he has not sattisfaction and credit to sty with you, I intend imediatly on the knowledge thereof to call you home'.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, sending Mr. Forbes to be his governor, with the warning that 'if there should fall the least difference betwne you it will prove an irepairable lose to you and upon the first notices of itt you will imeadiatly be called home' [from France].

James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has been inquiring about a servant for the earl of Arran, and giving news of the siege of Condé. [With cover]

[The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], advising him to go to Edinburgh or at least to Kenill to meet the chancellor. [Rothes].

The earl of Dumbarton to his nephew, the earl of Arran, recommending to him Mr. Forbes, a gentleman of a great deal of worth whom the duke of Hamilton wishes to wait upon his son.

Lord Chancellor Rothes to the duke of Hamilton, expresseing pleasure at his safe arrival, and telling him he would have been honoured had the duke carried out his reported intention of visiting Leslie.
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7833. 1676, May 4. Angers.

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, promising to obey her orders and 'improve my tyme to the best advantage'.

5976. 1676, May 6. Angiers.

James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the earl of Arran 'is improved beyond expectation both in the language, which he speaks passably well alreadie, and in his other exercises as dancing and fencing'. Moreover the writer finds his lordship's disposition 'much better then ether I did expect or was told of', for he has 'a great deal of spirit, much quicknesse and vivacite, abundance of sense and reason...


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has found suitable mathematics, language and tennis masters for the earl of Arran, and asking if he may grant the latter's request for pocket money of 1 pistole a week. [With cover].

5881. 1676, May 29. Hamilton.

The duke of Hamilton to the earl of Arran, taking him to task for having spent his money at Angers on 'Balls and Mascarrads, unnecessary clothes, and tinnis, all which you must shun hereafter', and warning him that if such extravagance continues, 'be assured ... your aboad abroad will not be long'.


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Arran has suffered a slight indisposition but is now recovered, announcing his intention of leaving Blois sooner than planned because the town is filling up with Englishmen, and mentioning that the earl of Dumbarton is willing to lend his nephew a coach.

6002. 1676, July 12. From Camp.

The earl of Dumbarton to his nephew, the earl of Arran, expressing approval of the latter being pleased with Mr. Forbes, whom he praises as a gentleman of great worth. [With cover].
3022. 1676, June 13.

Lord Chancellor Rothes to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his recent letter.

2968. 1676, June 18. Glasgow.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, excusing himself for not yet having returned a book belonging to his lordship, and saying that he has no news.

2941. 1676, June 27. Angers.

C. de la Tourlandry to 'le conte d'aran a Blois', expressing pleasure that he is well, telling him of his sorrow to hear of the death of 'ce grand général qui avoit l'honneur de porter vostre nom', and assuring him of his good wishes. [In French]


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The earl of Arran to his father the duke of Hamilton, reporting that because of the great heat he now studies only mathematics, languages and music but often goes out riding and has seen a number of 'prety Houses'.


[Copy, by writer of 2862]. The earl of Kincairn [? Kincardine] to Sir John Werden, the duke of York's secretary, concerning the calling before the privy council of Mr. Baily of Jarviswood.


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning the earl of Arran's progress in mathematics and French, stating that his lordship is studying music instead of fencing and tennis in the hot weather, and announcing that on the following week they will leave for Paris where the earl will go to M. Faubert's academy. [With cover].

James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, advising his grace to send bills from London instead of from Scotland, as there would be less loss that way, and they would not then have to deal with Scottish bankers who exact more and are much less obliging than the English or French. He adds that on the previous day the earl of Arran had seen the English ambassador, who has now been recalled to London.

1676, July 25. Tornay.

The earl of Dumbarton to his nephew the earl of Arran, hoping to see him in Paris that winter.

1676, July 25. Hamilton.

Lord Carmichael to the earl of Arran, excusing himself for not having written sooner.

1676, July 30. Bourges.

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, regretting that she has been annoyed at some things which he wrote to Mr. Bannantyne, but protesting that he cannot endure being 'accused of being a spendthrift or an ill husband of my monie'.

1676, July 31.

Anna, countess of Rothes to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for her letter and rejoicing that one of her correspondent's friends [i.e. relations?] has escaped from a 'snare' [the danger not specified].


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Arran is now attending M. Faubert's academy and has visited Versailles. He gives news of the French attack on Philipbourg, and in a postscript answers the duke's criticisms of the move to Paris. [With cover]
6605. 1676, August 26.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son James, earl of Arran, advising him not to complain of hearing only infrequently from his relatives, since there may be various good reasons for this, urging him to 'have a care of spending the Lord's day well' and expressing her approval of his agreeing so well with Mr. Forbes.

2937. 1676, August 27. Kinneill.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to the duke of York, asking him not to credit 'my enemys' informations against me' and to persuade the king to allow the writer to vindicate himself.


[Copy] to the duke of Hamilton, promising to deliver his letter to 'the Duke' [? of York - infra 2937] and thanking him for his kind offer. [Unspecified]


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, insisting that the earl of Arran's expenditure is kept to a minimum, discussing the best way of approaching the French king about the family claim to Châtelherault, and mentioning a suggestion that Lord John Butler's widow would be a suitable match for the earl.

2943. 1676, October 4.

Anne Mollynes to Lady Gerard, thanking her for her kindness, promising to pray for her, and sending the greetings of 'our Reverend Superior'.

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James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to arrange for the English ambassador to support the earl of Arran's petition for the arrears of pension arising from the family claims to Châtelherault, and giving news of Marshal de Luxembourg's army.
8929. 1676, October 11. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton,
returning a copy of Burnet's Memoirs, and criticising various features of them.


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, expressing his disappointment at the earl of Dumbarton having gone to Scotland to recruit men without having left money in Paris for the earl of Arran.


J[ames] F[orbes] to the duke of Hamilton, advising against making any overtures for Lord Butler's widow, and reporting that the French have no hopes for peace that winter.


The earl of Essex to the duke of Hamilton, agreeing that the nobleman whom the duke recommended to him seems to be a very worthy person.


J[ames] F[orbes] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he received some money from the earl of Dumbarton before knowing that this was contrary to the duke's wishes.


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Arran has been presented to the French king, who returned his civility with a smile, 'which is not very common to that king'. He then discusses his financial position, protesting that it will be very difficult to keep the earl's expenses within £600 sterling a year.
6609. 1676, December 21.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, expressing concern about his illness, which she believes has proceeded from too violent exercises, complaining that 'all your brothers at Glasgow writts better and you spell worse then I doe', and mentioning the death of the earl of Crawford [her uncle by marriage].

6001. [1676]

The earl of Arran's Paris address written out by the duke of Hamilton.

5879. N.D. [c.1676]

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, rebuking him for his recent behaviour, and hoping that he has 'both so much grace and witt as to reflect cereously how much it concerns you to carry [yourself] to the satisfaction of those concerned in you'.

2911. [?1676]

Note giving instructions on how to send letters from Turin and Paris. [In French]


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that all the earl of Arran's expenses are reasonable and necessary.


The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, notifying him that all his commissions in the militia have been recalled and made void. [Signed by Rothes]

[Printed in R.P.C. V. series 3, p.85].


[Extract, made by Alexander Gibson]. Act recalling and making void all the duke of Hamilton's commissions in the militia.

J. Buchanan to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that his long silence has been occasioned by a serious illness; however now that 'I am again upon my leggs' he will send an account of the duke's business as soon as possible.
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2945. 1676/7, January 24. Stoake.

R. Adams to Lady Gerard, announcing his intention of visiting her in the near future.

[Gerard Correspondence]

3020. [1676/7], January [ ]

Lord Chancellor Rothes to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the king's letter to the council, ordering them to tell his grace that he should have no more interest in the command of the militia, but that as yet no captain has been appointed to his troop.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.155(68)]

6000. 1676/7, February 3.

[ ] to Mr. James Smith mentioning that he will send a bill for 1,928 livres to France, referring to the Spanish minister's complaints about levies being made in England, and declaring that Lauderdale, out of a desire to show what a real penitent he is, has criticised Burnet's Memoirs as having represented the bishops too severely.


[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, replying to his grace's criticisms of various items of expenditure in his accounts, and suggesting that when the earl of Arran leaves Paris he should go to Caen. [With cover].

5996. 1676/7, February 17. Paris.

[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that the duke of Ormonde's advice about the claims to Châtelherault must have been based on the belief that the French are short of money. He himself advises the duke to try to make a match for the earl of Arran with Lady Katherine Sands.


[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, asking for a bill to cover further expenses of the earl of Arran, and describing the earl of Dumbarton's indignation at being passed over when the French king appointed thirteen lieutenants general.
2946. 1676/7, March 21. Sallop.

Elizabeth Geares to her sister, Mrs. Margaret Tylor, promising to send her some yarn.

[Gerard Correspondence]

2950. 1677, March 27. Lundon.

Thomas Tildesley to Lord Digby Gerard, reporting that he has visited Lady Cope, his correspondent's aunt, and found her in good health, and giving some family news of little significance.

[Gerard Correspondence]


[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to his grace's plan for the earl of Arran to visit Italy, and discussing the prospects of the earl of Dumbarton and Lord James [Douglas] at the French Court.


William Pulford to Lady Gerard, reporting on the work being done by the masons and the carpenters at Willowbridge, and notifying her of his future movements.

[Gerard Correspondence]

5999. 1677, April 18

[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, suggesting Bourges as a suitable place for the earl of Arran to spend the summer since his brother, Lord William, will be joining him, discussing arrangements for the earl's tour of Italy, and giving news of the French campaigns.

6118. 1677, April 25. Edinburgh.

James St. Clair to [the duke of Hamilton], asking to be compensated for the loss arising from rates of exchange which he has sustained on the bills he has sent to the earl of Arran in France.
2952. 1677, April 26. Woodhouse.

John Digby to [ ], recommending the bearer, whom he has hired 'to keepe and ride the hors which I broute to Sandon'.

[Gerard Correspondence]

2953. 1677, April 26.

Anne Mollynes to Lady Gerard, wishing her a happy Easter and hoping that she is well.

[Gerard Correspondence]


The earl of Arran to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the French king's surprising progress in Flanders, and the low condition of the Spaniards.

2954. 1677, April 30. Barnards Inne in Holborne.

Edward Story to Lady Jane Digby Garrard [Gerard], asking that Mr. Laurence Wood, the tailor, be paid the money owed him by the late Lord Garrard.

[Gerard Correspondence]


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, asking for another bill, suggesting as a match for the earl of Arran young Kilpatrick's [?sister], and referring to a misunderstanding between the earl of Dumbarton and his brother Lord James [Douglas, the duke's brothers].

2955. 1677, May 10.

Dorothy Digby to Lady Gerard, thanking her for the mourning ring which Lady Gerard had sent in memory of her father.

[Gerard Correspondence]

[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the financial arrangements for the earl of Arran's stay in Bourges and journey into Italy. The latest news of the French king is that he has disposed his armies in Flanders, and that 30,000 of his men are said to have been lost through death and desertion.

2957. 1677, May 23. Ingestre.

W. Chetwynd to Lady Gerard, inquiring after her health, and hoping to see her in London.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8907. [1677, May 28]

Memorandum by Sir James Turner setting down all that the archbishop of Glasgow has told him about the latter's conversations in London with Lauderdale and others about the Hamiltons' attitude to the present religious crisis. [See 8904].


Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of his conversation with the archbishop [of Glasgow], who is quite unrepenentant about his recent actions. He hears from Edinburgh that St. Andrews, Hatton and others are trying vigorously to promote a good understanding between Lauderdale and the chancellor. [With cover].

8906. [? 1677, May 31].

Memorandum in the hand of Sir James Turner, relating to Lauderdale's attitude to [? the chancellor]. [See 8904].

6016. 1677, June 5. Bourges.

[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, describing their arrival in Bourges, where the earl of Arran is to study civil law, and discussing financial arrangements for the autumn.
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6085. 1677, June 5. Bourges.

The earl of Arran to the duke of Hamilton, giving a brief description of some fine houses which he had seen on his way from Paris to Bourges, and giving some information about the latter town, which he finds 'very big but ill peopled.'

2958. 1677, June 9.

Sarah Bartlett to Lady Gerard, thanking her for her care for the writer's health.

[Gerard Correspondence]


The earl of Bristol to Lady Gerard, regretting that she is likely to have a difference of opinion with Lord Newport, and hoping that she and her son will visit Sherburne that summer.

[Gerard Correspondence]


2883. 1677, July 23. Glasgow.

Sir James Turner to [? the duke of Hamilton], referring to the duke of Lauderdale's arrival in Scotland, and to the debate between the chancellor and Lord Melville.

6610. 1677, August 17.

[Anne, duchess of] H[amilton] to her son James, earl of Arran, announcing that she has recovered from her serious illness and urging him to 'carie a sence that God sees all your actions.'
8677. 1677, August 20. Leslie.

[Anna, countess of Rothes] to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing her pleasure at the news of her grace's recovery from a serious illness, and reporting that she finds 'our peipell in this place who hath been sufferers, in a most calme and Christian temper.'

2885. 1677, August 20. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, announcing his intention of asking Lauderdale for a royal pass for the writer to go abroad, if the duke approves, and repeating remarks made by the archbishop of Glasgow about the levying of soldiers.

[For the duke's reply, see Sir J. Turner's Memoirs (Bannatyne Club 1829) pp. 253-4(8).]


Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his kindness to the writer's wife, and describing a conversation he had held with 'the archbishop' on religious affairs in Scotland.

6018. 1677, August 31. Lyons.

J[ames] F[orbes] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the earl of Arran will spend a few weeks in Lyons learning Italian, and suggesting that one of the countess of Northumberland's daughters would be a suitable match for him.

9213. 1677, September 5. Drummond.

The earl of Perthe to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how the writer has received a letter from his brother [the earl of Melfort] entreating him most earnestly to come to town. The writer has been unable to discover whether this has been instigated by Lauderdale; some say that Perth has been chosen to reconcile [Lauderdale] and [Hamilton], but in any case he asks his grace's advice as to what he should do.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.162 No. 101]

James St. Clair to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he will procure bills worth £1,800 Scots for Mr. Forbes, and repeating his request for payment at 3% of his losses on previous bills.

1677, October 2. Turin.

The earl of Arran to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that Mr. Forbes has fallen sick, so that they are having to stay in Turin for longer than planned. He goes on to describe the kindness of the French ambassador, and mentions that he has written to Mr. Ord for a letter of credit. [With cover].

1677, October 27. Halyruddhouse.

[Copy] The privy council to the gentlemen of the shires of Ayr and Renfrew, ordering them, in view of the 'extraordinary insolencies' committed against the orthodox clergy, to call together the commissioners of militia and excise and the justices of the peace.

1677, November 7. Turin.

The earl of Arran to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that Mr. Forbes is now recovering from his tertian fever, which has been in a way of advantage to the earl since 'I have the advantage of daily frequenting the pretiest and most civilized Court of Italie.'

1677, November 12. Hamilton.

The duke of Hamilton to the earl of Arran, [in reply to 6086], rejoicing at the news of Mr. Forbes's recovery, and promising to send the money as requested. The duchess adds her greetings in a postscript.

1677, November 20. Turin.

The earl of Arran to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to purchase 2 Scots geldings for the French ambassador who wishes to give them to his son.
2962. 1677, December 8.

William Pulford to Lady Gerard, reporting on the quarter meeting of the justices in the county which he is visiting, and mentioning some other legal affairs.

[Gerard Correspondence]

2963. 1677, December 8.

William Pulford to Mrs. Jevon, at Lady Gerard's house in London, denying any knowledge of some papers about which she has been inquiring, and telling her of various purchases which he has made 'in the faire.'

[Gerard Correspondence]

2964. 1677, December 15.

The earl of Stafford to Lady Gerrard, describing how he has told Lady Northumberland of 'the offer of my Lord your sonnes service unto her Grandchild my Lady Percy', but reporting that Lady Northumberland says that she will not make any arrangements for her grandchild until the latter is old enough to choose for herself.

[Gerard Correspondence]

6033. 1677, December 25. Turin.

James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that a tertian ague has prevented him from writing for ten weeks, but describing the progress in French and in Italian which the earl of Arran has made while at Turin.

6301. 1677, December 25. Turin.

[Copy] James Forbes to Mr. Ord, acknowledging receipt of a letter of credit for 150 pistoles and announcing his departure for Venice.
9208. 1677/8, January 1. Drummond.

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning that Lauderdale has been saying obliging things of the writer, and discussing his own wish to go to Edinburgh.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report pp. 162-3, no. 102]


The duke of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, requiring him to attend a meeting of the committee of council at Glasgow on January 26.
[Only the signature in his own hand]

2947. 1677/8, January 8. Stafford House.

Baron Stafford to Lady Gerard, expressing his gratitude to her.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8861. 1677/8, January 17.

[? Copy, in the hand of Anne, duchess of Hamilton?].
[The earl of Perth ] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the accusations that his grace wished to undermine the royal authority, and reporting Lauderdale's claim that he is as willing to serve the 3rd duke of Hamilton as he was to serve the 1st and 2nd dukes, providing his grace gives evidence of his zeal for the king's interest. [With cover]

8864. 1677/8, January 20.
9 o'clock at night.

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of a paper about the duke [8823].


[Copy, not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to the duke of Lauderdale, explaining that because of 'a violent fit of the sciatick' he is unable to attend the committee of council meeting.

James St. Clair to Mr. James Smith, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, asking that the duke order Mr. Forbes to give bills on his grace as he takes up money for the earl of Arran from place to place, and enclosing a copy of Mr. Forbes's letter to Mr. Ord for his grace to see. [6301]


The earl of Rothes to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that in view of the fact that his grace's indisposition prevents him from attending the committee of council in Glasgow, the council has arranged for the heritors of Lanark to meet in Hamilton.


John Burrit to Mr. William Pulford, telling him that he is in good health and has plenty of provisions, and sending his regards to his relations.

[? Gerard Correspondence]

8860; [1677/8, January 27].

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [ ], explaining that her husband cannot write because of a bad attack of sciatica. If he is well enough, he hopes to go to Glasgow that Friday to attend the committee of council 'where I doubt not but the integrity of your worth will appear as in your other actions.' She adds that she thinks it strange that 'when offers of accommodations was made and equally received that we should be still loaded with such crimes and repentance proposed'.

8863. 1677/8, January 27. Hamilton.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Linlithgow and the committee of the council, explaining that a severe fit of sciatica prevents him from attending the meeting at Glasgow, but he has appointed his deputies and gives assurance of his loyalty and attention to the king's service.

The committee of council to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that they have issued a proclamation ordering a meeting of the heritors of Lanark at Hamilton on February 1, and enclosing an act of council and a bond for their signature. [Signed by the earls of Glencairne, Morray, Linlithgow, Strathmore, Airlie and ? the bishop of Ross.]


The duke of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that council has returned an answer to his letter. [With cover]

6034. 1678, January 29. Venise.

[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that, having spent a fortnight in Venice and seen everything worth seeing, he and the earl of Arran will set out for Rome in two days' time. He inquires whether the duke wishes them to return by Paris or by Germany.

9209. 1677/8, January 31.

The earl of Perthe to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the deliberations at Glasgow of the committee of council and of their attitude towards his grace.

[Quoted in H.M.C. Report p.163, no. 103]


[The earl of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of how most of the heritors of Dumfries have signed the bond.

[Summarised fully in H.M.C. Report p.159 no. 90]


[The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the signing of the bond.

[Summarised fully in H.M.C. Report pp. 159-160 no. 91]

[?W] Bruce to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the recent diet of council.

[Summarised in detail in H.R.C. Report pp. 163-4 no. 104, where it is wrongly attributed to the earl of Perth]

2949. 1677/8, February 15. Darlington.

Robert Finley to Mr. David Crawford, at the duke of Hamilton's lodgings in Edinburgh, telling him that he has paid 5 shillings to a footman on behalf of 'my Lord' [ ? the duke of Hamilton].

8908. [1677/8, February]

[Copy] 'Some of the conform clergy in the west' to the archbishop of Glasgow, offering their advice on what should be done about the indulged ministers.

8061. [1677/8, March 4 and 5.

The duke of Hamilton to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, welcoming Atholl's friendship and desire to go to London. The writer has received conflicting advice about whether or not to take the bond, and is undecided about going to London.


[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her of the proclamation commanding the heritors of Ayr, Lanark and Renfrew to return to their houses in these shires within three days, and complaining that it will be prejudicial to his business if he has to comply.

8059. [1677/8], March 12. Halyrud.

8 in the morning.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he thinks himself not comprehended in the recent proclamation [8058] so will stay on in Edinburgh unless the statesmen are of the opposite opinion.
8674. 1677/8, March 14.

[Anna, countess of Rothes] to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing how the writer's husband is furious with his son-in-law the earl of Haddington who has refused to take 'this wofull bond'.


The earls of Linlithgow, Strathmore and Caithness to James Dunlop of Hodsill, bailie depute of the regality of Glasgow, requiring him to attend the meeting of their committee on the following day in order to give an account of his diligence in the king's service.

8900. 1678, March 26.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council approving of their recent measures in suppressing religious disaffection.

[R.P.C. V, Series 3, pp.413-4]

8893. 1678, March.

[Copy] The archbishop of St. Andrews to Charles II, explaining that the archbishop of Glasgow comes to his majesty to represent to him the dangers to the church from the present troublemakers.

2973. 1678, April 8.

Edward Lake to [? Lady Gerard], complaining of evil rumours being circulated about him.

[Gerard Correspondence]

[As in 2931] to the duchess of Hamilton, giving news of Lady Cassalls, mentioning that the duke is believed to have been in London on the previous Saturday, and declaring that he still wishes to go to England for the sake of his health.

8011.  1678, April 11.  London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he has waited on the duke of Monmouth who says that the king will not see the writer but will allow him to be heard before his cabinet council. He then describes his meeting with the duke of York. [Partly in cipher].

6219.  1678, April 12.

[Draft] [ ], approving of his forthcoming journey.

9433.  1678, April 13.  Sanquhar.

[The earl of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he has not waited upon his grace for fear of giving 'more offence to the King', and referring to the reception of Lauderdale's 'ambassadors' in London.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.160 no. 92].

8094.  [1678], April 20.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, approving of her suggestion that their son Lord William be sent to Holland with Mr. Arthur Hamilton and discussing the necessary arrangements, together with other domestic matters.

9434.  1678, April 22.  Sanquhar.

[The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the raising and quartering of troops.

[Summarised fully in H.M.C. Report pp. 160-61 no. 93].
9683. 1678, April 23. Strathaven.

J. Young to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, enclosing an account of the expenses of quartering the highlanders and others of the king's host in the parish of Avendale [also numbered as 9683], and referring to the king's annoyance at those lords who came to Court without permission to do so.

8675. 1678, April 26.

Anna, countess of Rothes to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to reports that Lauderdale and his wife are 'makeing grat ofers to the king of what they will doe' for the establishing of Episcopall government', and mean to return to Scotland soon.

8090. 1678, April 26.

[Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her brother-in-law the earl of Cassilis?], remarking that she has no news as she has not heard for some days from her husband, and hoping that his shire will not be dealt with severely for being remiss in the matter of raising a militia regiment.

8892. 1678, May 7. Whitehall.

[Copy] Charles II to the privy council ordering the levying of more forces for action against the conventicles. [2 copies].


[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, describing how the likelihood of war in France will affect the earl of Arran's journey home, reporting that he has used Mr. Ord's letter of credit for 200 pistoles, and declaring that in the two years he has been with the earl they have spent only the equivalent of £1,203 sterling.


[The earl of Queensberry] to [the duke of Hamilton], justifying the sending of the writer's men to Lanark with the militia regiment.

[Summarised fully in H.M.C. Report pp.161-2 p.94]
0063. [1678], May 21. [London?]

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, regretfully acknowledging the news of 'my neice Houston's' death, and mentioning his son William's departure for Holland.

8095. [1678], May 28. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the king would not see him and his companions but appointed the duke of York and Monmouth to hear them. Their son the earl of Arran will soon be on his way back to Paris, and should perhaps have his governor recalled and be told to live quietly in some part of the country until the outcome of the duke's own affairs is apparent. He urges the duchess to 'be carefull that elections for this convention be right made'.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered by the duchess.]

3025. 1678, May 29. London.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to Lord Chancellor Rothes, sending him a verbal account of events by the bearer, and remarking that 'I do not consider things so disparate but by your assistance and concurrence they may go very well'.


2965. 1678, June 5.

The earl of Queensberry to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the election of shire commissioners to the convention.


The duke of Hamilton to [Mr. James Forbes, governor to the earl of Arran], longing to hear that he and the earl have reached Paris. He has been unable to obtain an audience of the king while in London, and must now return to Scotland for the convention of estates is to meet on June 26. Because of political affairs at home, the duke orders Mr. Forbes to reduce the earl's expenditure and tells them to live quietly in some country place. The earl has had enough exercises and should now spend his time 'in reading history and mathematicks and such things as is fitt for a man to know to bring him through so ill times as wee are like to fall in'. Mr. Forbes should also see if anything can be done about Châtelherault.
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8096. [1678], June 13. London.
   in the morning.
   
   [The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, hoping to be in Edinburgh in about eight days' time.

8076. [?1678], June 15.
   
   [Anna, countess of Rothes] to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, rejoicing that the writer's niece Henrietta Baillie of Lamington is now recovering from the fever of which she fell ill at Hamilton. She regrets the religious difficulties of the times, and discusses the recent election in East Lothian.

8097. [1678], June 21. Morpeth.
   8 in the morning.
   
   [The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he does not think that he and his friends will be imprisoned on their return to Scotland.

8098. [1678], June 22. Tiningham.
   7 at night.
   
   [The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he means to stay at Preston while Sir John Wederburn's burial is taking place.

6053. 1678, June 23. Turin.
   
   [James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that their departure from Rome had been delayed until May 25 by rumours of war and by lack of money.

   
   The earl of Arran to the duke of Hamilton, stating that he has travelled very quickly from Turin, but has now been advised by the earl of Dumbarton to stay in Paris to further the claims to Châtelherault.

   
   [James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, asking whether the earl of Arran should stay on in Paris, where they can receive board from the earl of Dumbarton, and the use of his coach.
[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, advising her to come to [Edinburgh] the following winter.


[James Forbes] to the duchess of Hamilton, asking for her opinion about the earl of Dumbarton's suggestion of a match for the earl of Arran, which would bring him the lady's portion of 200,000 livres and the settlement of the family claims to Châtelherault.


James Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, giving further information about Mademoiselle de Roussi, daughter of the comte de Roy [see supra 6055], but informing his grace that her portion will not be so large as they had at first thought.

1678, July 29. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of] Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, urging him to be 'verie observing' to his father when the two meet soon.

[Anna, countess of Rothes] to [her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking for news of political developments and reporting that the writer's daughter [the countess of Haddington] has brought to her father a letter from [Haddington] about his past actions.

The duke of Hamilton to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he has instructed their son Lord William to travel to Saumur [from Holland], and the earl of Arran to return to London.
6058. 1678, August 17. Paris.

[James Forbes] to the duke of Hamilton, approving his decision to send for the earl of Arran before doing any more about arranging a match for him, and asking for some more money to cover expenses for the journey.


The bishop of Edinburgh to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his part in reducing the town and parish of Borrowstouness to the peaceable and orderly condition which he goes on to describe.

8127. [1678], September 14. Bath.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that the earl of Arran will reach London a few days before the duke. He comments, in cipher, on a match proposed for the earl, and condemns the covenanters' recent activities in Clydesdale. [Partly in cipher]

7835. [1678], September 17. Paris.

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, assuring her that he will always consult her about family matters and any [marriage] settlement, and announcing that he means to leave for London on the following day.

8128. [1678], September 26. London.

[The duke of Hamilton], to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he has presented the earl of Arran to the king, and that she will find their son little changed after his long absence. As there are no prospects of a match for the earl, his father means to bring him home soon. He encloses a letter from their son Lord William [not included] and complains about her infrequency of writing.

6600. [1678], September 27.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton], to her son James, earl of Arran, welcoming his safe arrival in London from Paris and hoping that he will come home quickly. [With cover]
[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her husband, the duke of Hamilton], advising him to send the earl of Arran home by way of Carlisle, giving her reasons for disliking the French match proposed for him, and mentioning the good harvest and latest news of conventicles. [Partly in cipher, undeciphered]

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, commenting on a proposed match for their eldest son and complaining about the latter's high expenditure while abroad.

Lord William Hamilton to his mother, the duchess of Hamilton, explaining that bad winds have made him decide to go to France overland instead of by sea, hoping to make up quickly the studies lost during his illness, and stating that he has drawn on the duchess a bill for £360 Scots.

[Draft]. [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her husband the duke of Hamilton], telling him that some advise his coming home while others think that he should stay where he is or go abroad. She advises him to tell the king that he went south only for his health, and is willing to live abroad if his majesty so desires. She concludes by discussing the goods she wants him to buy in London. [2 sheets].

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that he had already written to her giving news of his arrival in England.

Lord Cochrane to the duchess of Hamilton, advising that the duke spend the winter at Court, and remarking that if the king favours the duke at all, 'there is nothing will vex d.L. [the duke of Lauderdale] mor.'
7313. [1678], October 23.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, urging him to follow her previous advice, and hoping that he and his father will return home soon.

8143. [1678], October 31. [London]

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he intends to stay on in town for a few weeks longer. He arranges to send home the goods bought in London, and asks her to send down advice from Dechmont about the Kinneil coalworks.

8144. [1678], November 5. [London]

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, warning her that the king and duke are very pleased with the earl of Arran's professed desire to go to sea, and telling her that he has sent home a boy to be a warrander and thirty cherry trees for Kinneil.

8130. [1678], November 7 and 8.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that their son the earl of Arran is so averse to living in Scotland that he told the king that he would like to go to sea. His majesty is enthusiastic, although the duke is opposed to the idea, so the duchess must decide whether to allow him to go.

6124. [1678], November 7. Saumur.

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he intends to set out for Poitiers in two days' time, and from there will send the desired account of what exercises he follows and what are his pastimes.
8145. 1678, November 12. [London]

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that none of their friends approves of the earl of Arran going to sea but does not know how the king can be refused in this matter. All do, however, think that it might improve him, so the duke does not know what to do but leaves the decision to the duchess.

8146. [1678], November 19. [London]

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her of a letter from their son William who has arrived safely at Saumur and is by this time probably in Poitiers. Her own last letter to the writer makes him fear that she may be ill so he begs her not to vex herself about their son James, and promises to return home as soon as he can.

6212. 1678, November 20.

An inventory of the goods in two boxes sent by the duke of Hamilton to the duchess in Andrew Burnside's ship. [Written out by the duke]. [See 6211].

6211. 1678, November 21. [London]

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, enclosing an inventory of the goods he has sent to her in Andrew Burnside's ship [6212], and reporting that the bill for putting papists out of the houses of parliament has passed the house of lords but has a proviso to except the duke [of York].

6125. 1678, December 13, N.S. Poitiers. [December 2 OS]

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he has already given an account of his journey from Holland and studies in Poitiers, and that although 'your Grace desired that I might not be known at Poitiers... this was impossible'... by reason of there being severall Scotts and Inglish students here who at my verie first appearing knew me.'
6613. 1678, December 9.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, urging him to hasten home since, to her great relief, he is not now to undertake a naval career, and warning him that no arrangements for his marrying can be made without his father and mother first meeting to discuss the matter. [Torn]

8676. 1678, December 10.

Anna, countess of Rothes to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, rejoicing that the duke of Grafton left [London] before the earl of Arran arrived there.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, at the Golden Ball in Suffolk Street, London, expressing satisfaction at his lordship's safe arrival, and complaining that he cannot get an answer to his petition. [Supra 2966]

2966. 1678, June, November, December.

[Copy] Petition by Mr. William Hamilton to the privy council and session, asking that his suspension as an advocate may be lifted.

6606. [1678], December 17.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, hoping that he and his father will hurry home, and enclosing a list of some persons from whom he must take his leave. [Also 6606].

8147. [1678], December 19. [London]

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], planning to send the earl of Arran home in a few weeks' time, and hoping to accompany him. He and Kincardine have appeared before the king, duke and Monmouth as a result of accusations made against them by Captain Caretares to the effect that they had endeavoured with him to accuse 'D.L.' [Lauderdale].
2970. 1678, December. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, giving him a more detailed account of the suspension of himself and some other advocates. [See supra 2969.]


[As in 2931] to the duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he is about to begin his journey to London, and telling her what news he has from there concerning her friend. [Unnamed.]


[As in 2931] to the duchess of Hamilton, explaining that an indisposition has prevented him from writing sooner, but sending news of the English parliament's recent debates.

6611. [?1678]

[Anne, duchess of] H[milton] to her son James, earl of Arran, hoping that he will prove worthy of the recent favour conferred upon him by the king, and longing to see him soon.

8137. [1678?]

[Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [? her brother-in-law the earl of Cassilis], pointing out that her husband's reliance on him in the matter of the elections demonstrates his trust in 'the earl', and discussing his coming visit to Edinburgh. [2 sheets.]

8564. [1678]

Lady Katherine Hamilton to her brother the earl of Arran, hoping that he will come home soon.


[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that he has been delayed in town both by snow and frost and by political matters which he cannot commit to paper. Their son James's latest marriage plans have come to nothing, and he is doing all he can to be allowed to stay on at Court despite the duke's disapproval. There are rumours that all the army is to be disbanded.
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8148. [1678/9], January 16. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that in order to avoid going home, the earl of Arran has had the king make him a gentleman of the bedchamber. There are also prospects of a very rich match for him. All this makes the writer's own plans for returning home very uncertain. [Partly in cipher].

8149. [1678/9], January 18. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that only the stormy weather delays his departure for home, but the earl of Arran seems determined to stay at Court. [Partly in cipher].


James Johnston to [the earl of Arran], expressing pleasure at his correspondent's advancement, and giving news of Sir G. L. [George Lockhart?].

8150. [1678/9], January 23. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling him that his journey is still delayed by bad weather, and fearing that the king may not allow the earl of Arran to return home with the writer. It is as yet uncertain if the Scottish parliament will meet on February 4.

8151. [1678/9], January 25. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton] announcing that the king has dissolved parliament, thereby causing much conjecture and apprehension. He has had a long talk about the earl of Arran with his majesty who promised to assist him to secure the bride he seeks and said he would think about when the earl could be allowed to go home.


[ ] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter from the earl of Perth, and congratulating him on his preferment [to be a gentleman of the bedchamber].
2818. 1678/9, February 4.

W. Hamilton to the earl of Aranne, thanking him for his kindness to 'Mr. Dromond'.

2996. 1678/9, February 20. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, assuring the earl that the duke of Hamilton is pleased with him, and wishing that his lordship would write longer letters.


The earl of Kincardine to the earl of Arran, assuring him that the duke of Hamilton approves of his stay in London.


The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, nominating Mr. William Nimmo as sheriff depute for the nether ward of Clydesdale. [Signed by the earl of Rothes]

6142. 1678/9, March 10. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, offering to raise the jointure for the young lady with whom the earl hopes to make a match, and urging him to have the king make Lord Coventry an earl so that he could increase the lady's portion by £5000.

6126/1. [1678/9?], March 13. Poitiers.

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, indicating that he has drawn a bill for 800 livres upon his father since the latter had not sent the promised bills from London.

2998. 1679, March 27. St. Andrews.

The archbishop of St. Andrews to Lady Methven, agreeing to the presentation of Mr. John Omey to the church of Methven.
*The duke of Hamilton* to *the earl of Arran*, announcing that he and the duchess have fully instructed Sir George Lockhart about the earl's proposed marriage to Lord Coventry's daughter.

*The duke of Hamilton* to *his son the earl of Arran*, sending him a bill [not included], and complaining about the number of conventicles in the west.

*The duke of Hamilton* to *the earl of Arran*, discussing negotiations for the earl's marriage settlement and instructing him to present to the king an enclosed petition about the keeping of Holyroodhouse.

Lord James Douglas to the duke of Hamilton, excusing himself for not having called upon the duke before his grace left town, and assuring him that Queensberry will serve him faithfully.

Lord James Douglas to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the writer's brother [Queensberry] is ready to be reconciled with his grace, and referring to 'the late horrid murder off our Bishop'. [Archbishop Sharp].

The duke of Hamilton to his son the earl of Arran, telling him that his journey south has been somewhat delayed by a series of accidents including Bromehall having broken his arm. Hatton passed them on the previous day in a great hurry. He encloses an account of the murder of the archbishop of St. Andrews [also 8209].
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3001. 1679, June 11. Lochend.

Robert Sinclair to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he has been unable to obey his grace's commands as he is suffering from 'a quotidian ague'.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his favours, and fearing that because of the current disorders, nothing will for the moment be done in the session about the business which his lordship had mentioned.


John Nisbet to the duke of Hamilton in London, explaining that he did not join his grace, as his going south would merely give his enemies more excuses to accuse him of being 'a person not zealous for his Majesty's service' and that in any case the journey would have endangered his health.

8566. 1679, June 20. Poitiers.

Lord William Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, congratulating him on becoming [a gentleman of the bedchamber].


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, in London, enclosing a copy of the king's answer to the writer's petition, and informing him that the duchess of Hamilton has on several occasions expressed her 'very positive and peremptory' desire that her son should return to Scotland to see her.

9682. 1679, June.

[Copy] [ ] to Sir Archibald Primrose, Sir John Nisbet, Sir Robert Sinclair and Sir John Cunningham, asking them to come to Court to give their opinion on Scottish affairs.

The earl of Bath to [? the earl of Arran], informing him that the duke of Albemarle is unable to relieve his lordship at Windsor because of ill health, but assuring him that some other gentleman of the bedchamber will relieve him should the duke fail to recover quickly.


[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing copies of some papers given by the gentlemen of the western shires to the duke of Monmouth, and telling him that Lord Perth will give him a verbal message about Tarbit.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.162(97)]


Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, asking what he is to do when his college of law closes.

3006. 1679, August 5. London.

The earl of Forfar to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that after the mature deliberation which his grace had advised him to give the matter, he has decided to continue his suit [to an unnamed lady], and asks for the duke's approval. [On August 19 he married Robina, daughter of Sir William Lockhart of Lee]


Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning that he is sending the duke a note of the money he has spent and a catalogue of the books he bought in Holland [6302]. He then asks what he should do now that the college of law has closed, and discusses his other studies.

6302. [1679, August 10]

Lord William Hamilton's account of the 800 gilders he spent in Holland and the 1000 livres in France. [In his own hand]
3007. 1679, August 30. London.

Mary Tylor to Mr. William Pulford, asking for the return of the box which 'my Lady' [Lady Gerard] had sent to him, and telling him that her mistress will probably set out for Somersetshire the following week.

[Gerard Correspondence]

6130. 1679, September 20 N.S. Poitiers. [10 O.S.]

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, acknowledging a bill for £693-10-0, and asking where the duke wishes him to spend the winter.

3362. [1679], September 17.

Mrs. C. Poulett to [the earl of Arran], promising to do everything possible to advance his suit, and telling him that she thinks that Sir J.C.'s affair is ended, which will be an advantage to his lordship.

5877. [1679], September 20. Bath.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, announcing that he and the duchess are about to go to Wells to see Mr. Poulet about his lordship's marriage settlement, and asking his son to arrange for lodgings for him in London, which he will visit on his return.

2982. 1679, October 6.

Mrs. C. Poulett to the earl of Arran, concerning the delays in arranging his lordship's marriage settlement. [The lady in question apparently being the writer's niece.]

2987. 1679, October 9.

W[illiam] H[amilton] to the earl of Arran, in London, explaining that it was impossible to persuade the duke of Hamilton to do as his son desired in some legal matter.
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William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, suggesting that the earl should obtain his mother's permission for Orbistoun to visit him.

2983. [1679], October 20.

C.P. [Mrs. C. Poulett] to the earl of Arran, announcing that her niece has come home from visiting her aunts 'soe fill with abusive stories to your Lordship's disadvantage' that she seems quite altered in her attitude towards him, believing the earl to be in love with someone else, and wildly extravagant.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, in London, asking for news of the duke and duchess of Hamilton, announcing the deaths of the earl of Sutherland and Mr. John Hay, and mentioning some minor matters.

3008. 1679, November 1. Wells.

John Copleston to the earl of Arran, sending 'a Diary of what hath passd heere' concerning his lordship's business [infra 3009] and promising to call on Mr. Poulett.

3009. 1679, November 1. Wells.

[John Copleston] to [the earl of Arran], describing his strenuous attempts to persuade Mr. Poulett's niece to accept the earl of Arran's offer of marriage but reporting that she still refused to commit herself and insisted that she needed time to consider.

7601. [c.1678], November 2. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his son the earl of Arran, denying that a conventicle had been held on his land, and describing how it had really taken place on Dundas's land. [With cover]


John Copleston to the earl of Arran, repeating his remarks in a previous letter [supra 3009], and assuring him that Mr. Poulett is confident of persuading his niece to consent to marry the earl.
8227. [1679], November 3.

C. P[aulet] to [the earl of Arran] hoping that [her niece] will soon look more favourably upon [the earl's proposal of marriage], but advising him not to come south until he is assured of a good reception.

6131. 1679, November 25 N.S. Bourges.

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he has moved to Bourges, where he has found 'the law much better taught then at Poitiers and I believe this is the best university in France'.

2984. [1679], November 17.

Mrs. C. Poulett to the earl of Arran, telling him that her niece has accepted his letter, but is 'utterly a vers' to his coming to England before the settlement has been arranged, and still receives, by almost every post, letters from her aunt abusing his lordship.

7018. [1679], November 25. Holyrudhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], mentioning the arrival of 'his Royall Highnes' [the duke of York] at Holyrood on the previous day, expressing pleasure at the news that his son's negotiations to marry [Mr. Paulet's niece] still go on, and commenting on Bargany's imprisonment, which is obviously the result of malice since he is innocent.

6303. [1679], December 16. Holyrood.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he and the duchess will agree to £12,000 jointure and present maintenance for their son and [Mr. Paulett's niece], providing the earl agree to certain other conditions.

7514. 1679, December 29. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son, the earl of Arran], sending him a list of proposals about the settlement of the writer's estate, which is to be given to Mr. Paulet in connection with the earl's negotiations to marry Paulet's niece [not included]. He orders the earl to decide whether or not to make the match, and expects him to come home whatever his decision.
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4091. [1679]

[Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], discussing the articles for his marriage with Mrs. Paullet's niece, and explaining why a larger amount cannot be settled on him.


Mrs. C. Poulett to the earl of Arran, wishing him luck in his matrimonial affairs.


W. H. [William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has sent off the basin and ewer, and enclosing the goldsmith's note of the cost. [Infra 2992]

2992. 1679/80, January 7.

Note of the cost of a silver basin and ewer, with their box and cord; in all £44-5-8. [See supra 2991.]

3047. 1679/80, January 27. Bourges.

Lord William Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, presenting his compliments.

2988. [1679/80], January 27. Brewton.

Francis Poulett to [the earl of Arran], expressing pleasure that he had been able to serve him, and mentioning that his lordship at that moment is in favour [with the writer's niece].


[Mrs. C. Paulet] to the earl of Arran, telling him that [Nelly Paulet] has received his lordships latest letter with as much indifference as his former ones. She is very mercenary, and offers most unreasonable terms.
Jean Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, begging for payment of the annual rent of 1000 merks due to the writer. [With the duchess's precept for payment.]

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, commenting on his son's surprising delay in England.

C. P. [Mrs. C. Paulett] to the earl of Arran, denying that she and her husband had deceived him in any way, and telling him that 'Nelly' [her niece] is ready to serve his lordship as best she can.

Francis Poulett to [the earl of Arran], explaining that he cannot increase his niece's marriage portion, and regretting that his lordship considers the writer's demands too high.

Francis Poulett to [the earl of Arran], discussing the duke of Hamilton's objections to the proposed terms of the marriage settlement.

[Mrs. C. Paulet] to the earl of Arran, telling him that [Nelly] has received his latest letter with a great deal of 'sowerness and mouroesnes', and has been very melancholy for the past fortnight. The writer has small hopes of his lordship's success.

Sir John Werden to [? the duchess of Hamilton], presenting his respects.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], asking if the latter has given the drinking cups to Prince Rupert and explaining the delay in getting wild geese for the king. He will, however, send his majesty some small greyhounds.


[Draft] [Amé duchess of Hamilton] to [the duchess of York], thanking her for her letter and expressing pleasure at the safe arrival of the duchess of Modena.


6151. 1680, April 27. Bourges.

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he will spend part of May at Bourbon, and asking where he should go for the rest of the summer.

6152. 1680, May 11. Pougue.

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he intends to spend 20 days at Pougue, taking the waters. [This and following letters have a covering note in hand of 3rd duke — 'Bills and letters of my son William from May 1680 to his death the 23 Sept. 1681.']

8242. [1679/80, c.May 17].

Mrs. C. P[aullet] to the earl of Arran, reporting that [Nelly Paulet] has refused to receive his letter or even hear it read, and plainly has an aversion to his lordship.

8243. [1680], May 17. Wells.

Francis Poulett to the earl of Arran, telling him plainly that the writer's niece now regards herself as free to receive other proposals.
8472. 1680, June 3. London.

The earl of Arran to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that arbitrators have been appointed in his dispute with Mr. Semour, and promising that he has reformed his way of life.

3107. 1680, June 8. Woodstocklodge.

The earl of Rochester to the earl of Arran, seven weeks before the writer's death, promising that when he leaves his wretched life he will 'stay for you and pray for you'. [Only the signature in his own hand.]

3108. 1680, June 19. Wells.

Francis Poulett to the earl of Arran, telling him of his niece's unshakeable resolution 'never to marry to a forraine estate'.


Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, acknowledging his letter and asking for bills.

9407. 1680, June 29. Edinburgh.

The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that they intend to garrison his castle of Straven [or Evandale]. [Signed by Atholl, Douglas, Marischall and 8 others]

2981. [1680], June 29.

'C. P.' [Mrs. C. Poulett] to [the earl of Arran], explaining that her niece had refused to accept his letter as she was now determined not to marry him.

9173. 1680, July 1. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Atholl on behalf of the privy council, to the duke of Hamilton, sheriff principal of Lanark, requiring him to arrest all rebels within his shire.
6154. 1680, August 18. Bourges.

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, acknowledging receipt of a bill for 600 livres and promising to go to his uncle [the marquis of Douglas?] in Paris as instructed.

3112. 1680, September 8. Craigiehall.

Sophia Fairholme [then aged 12] to the earl of Annandale [whom she was to marry in 1682], telling him that his first letter arrived safely, and hoping that he is in good health.

[See Scots Peerage Vol. I p.268]

9207. 1680, September 12. Drummond.

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing his esteem for the duke, and mentioning that he does not intend to be at the next meeting of council.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.164 no. 105]


Lord William Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, thanking him for his letter.

3143. 1680, October 5. Orbiston.

W[illiam]H[amilton] to [the earl of Arran], advising him to return home if only on a short visit, and sending him a copy of a bond given by the earl's tenants in Arran.

3114. 1680, October 12. Glasgow.

'J.B.' to the earl of Arran, urging him to return to Scotland as his mother is ill and wishes his affairs there to be settled, and describing Orbiston's efforts in this direction.

Lord William Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, assuring her of the falseness of the astonishing rumours that he has been converted to Roman Catholicism.


The marquis of Douglas to Anne duchess of Hamilton, excusing himself from trying to persuade his nephew William 'to quitte that heresie of Calvin', and asking her to increase his nephew's allowance. [Lord William Hamilton]

3116. 1680, November 2. Antrim.

Lord Massereene to the duke of Hamilton, describing how he has arranged a marriage for his son, and asking his help for the bearer, Captain William Stewart, who is being dispossessed by the marquis of Antrim.


Alexander Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing his unsatisfactory interview with the laird of Cragihall, who refused to commit his daughter to marrying Lord Charles, the duchess's 3rd son [who died unmarried].


Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for a bill of 1200 livres, remarking that when the vacation is over he will have the opportunity of 'hearing the debates of Parliament and several other learned entertainments', and asking what part of mathematics he should study.


Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, describing how he called on Mr. Savill about the claims to Châtelherault, and reporting that he has seen 'a very strange comet of a great length and in the form of a beame of a house' which is causing great speculation.
3055. 1680, December 26.

[Draft] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [the duchess of York], expressing her concern at the news of her highness's fall while out riding.

3054. [1680], December 30.

[Draft] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [the duchess of York], thanking her highness for inquiring of the duke of Hamilton about her.


9210. [c.1680]

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], denying that he has been a friend to 'the neu modell' [of militia].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.164 no. 105]


Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, doubting if any progress can be made in the Châtelherault claims, and defending his decision to ride, his father having been opposed to his learning as it might be prejudicial to his health.

6158. 1680/1, March 1. Paris.

Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, commenting that Mr. Savill has made no progress with the claims to Châtelherault, and mentioning that there are numerous Scots and English in the king's forces marching towards Flanders.

3050. [1680/1], March 22.

[Draft] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [the duchess of York], offering her condolences on the death of 'your Highnes lovelie child'.

8456. 1681, April 12. London.

The earl of Arran to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], excusing his long silence and admitting that he intends to stay on in London for some time yet. He hopes that she will pay his debts for him, and send him some money so that he can eventually leave town. He has also written to his father, about a proposal made to him by the Spanish ambassador concerning a regiment in Flanders.

3117. 1681, April 28. London.

J.F. to [ ], summarising the university of Cambridge's answer to the king, concerning their desire for liberty of conscience in the matter of religion.

7069. [?1681], April 30.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Dr. Gilbert Burnet, enclosing letters for [the earl of Arran] from the writer and his wife, and questioning Burnet's comment that the earl's allowance is too great.

7068. 1681, April 30. Hamilton.

The duke of Hamilton to his son [the earl of Arran], telling him that none of his other sons is old enough to raise a regiment to go to Flanders under the king of Spain's pay, and declaring that 'untill you marry and that therby you bring in a portion to the family I will nether medle in your transactions nor concern myself in your debts.' The duke has hitherto refrained from making any settlements of the family estates, but is engaged in doing so now, and if his correspondent is disappointed at the terms he has only himself to blame.


Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he intends to deposit the Châtelherault papers in the Scots College, and asking for more money.

W. Grinsell to Mr. William Pulford, telling him that [Lady Gerard] wants to know why he has not pardoned Mr. S. [Gerard Correspondence]

3119. 1681, June 24. London.

E. Hungerford to Mr. William Pulford, acknowledging his letters. [Gerard Correspondence]


Lord William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, describing his present illness, and giving some philosophical reflections on the subject.


Lord William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that because of his 'sore and long sicknesse' he has had to ask Mr. Fall to write this letter for him, and cannot possibly obey his father's orders to return to London. [Only the signature in his own hand]


James Fall to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that Lord William's physicians 'give us but small hopes of his recovery', and describing how a Catholic priest had tried to convert his lordship one day when the writer was out.


James Fall to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Lord William is extremely weak and could not be moved into the country.

Lord William Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, hoping that the latter will soon recover from the wound he received in a duel, and advising him to accept the offer of a regiment in Holland providing it does not prevent him from continuing as a gentleman of the bedchamber. The writer himself is still very weak, and can only write his signature at the end of the letter. In a postscript he adds that their uncle Lord James [Douglas] is dying peacefully. [Written out for him by James Fall]

8932. 1681, August 27. Edinburgh.

[Draft, not in his own hand] [The duke of Hamilton] to 'Monsieur le Comte de Miranda', wishing him a happy return journey to Portugal and thanking him for his kindness to the writer's brother, the earl of Dumbarton. [In reply to 8933]. [In French]


James Fall to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to prepare himself to hear the worst about Lord William, and telling him that Lord James Douglas is also dying.

8933. [1681, August].

The Conde de Miranda to the duke of Hamilton, sending his compliments to his grace on the occasion of the writer's departure for Portugal. [With cover] [In French]


James Fall to the duke of Hamilton, announcing the death of Lord James Douglas. He has been buried in the Douglas chapel in the church of St. Germain.


James Fall to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that as he and all his fellow countrymen must soon leave Paris, Lord William has begged him to ask the duke to send over William Hamilton to look after him, for 'it very much weights his spirit to be left among strangers'.

James Fall to the duke of Hamilton giving an account of the death of the duke's second son, Lord William, on the previous day.


James Fall to the earl of Arran, giving an account of the death of Lord William Hamilton.


Mr. Conne to the duke of Hamilton, informing his grace that Lord William will be buried that evening.

8669. 1681, September 28. Leslie.

[Anna, duchess of Rothes] to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, offering her condolences on the death of her correspondent's son, Lord William.

3121. 1681, September 30. Newmarket.

Thomas Boult to [ ], asking him to do what kindness he can to William Atkins, to whom the writer is bound for £20.

3123. 1681, October 3.

E. Hungerford to Mr. Pulford, discussing some minor financial matters.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9420. 1681, October 8. Edinburgh.

The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, ordering him to make ready at once the house of Strevin to receive a garrison.


[L--- Dmarioplati?] to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that his grace will help to deliver the writer from his present destitution and thereby obtain his release from prison. [In French]
9419. 1681, October 27. Halyrudhouse.

The privy council to the duke of Hamilton ordering him as sheriff of Lanark, to have prices set on corn and straw in preparation for the quartering of troops. [Signed by Charles Maitland]


Mr. Caune to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing an inventory of Lord William's belongings, which he is having sent home on a Scots ship sailing from Rouen to Leith. [6126].


'A notte of my lord William Hamiltons Goods sent from Paris to Scotland: with a young Scots marchand called Hamilton: the caise marked D.H.'.

3124. 1681, December 7.

F.A. to Mr. Gould, asking to see him in private.


[J?] Hamilton to the earl of Arran, asking for a loan of 25 guineas. [With notes in the hand of the 3rd duke].


The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to take the Test.

[Quoted in H.M.C. Report p.164, no. 106]

8668. 1681, December 20. Leslie.

[Anna, duchess of Rothes] to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, emphasising the need to walk in God's ways during these troubled times.
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[The earl of Perth] to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that he wrote as he did in his last letter 'to stop the mouthes of your grace's enemies and encourage the endeavors of your friends'. The king has issued a quo warranto against the city [of London] and has sent commissioners to visit the Tower. Argyle's speech has been printed in London, and James Steuart has fled. William Hamilton came under suspicion and had his papers been seized, the writer would have taken charge of them since they included letters from the earl of Arran 'and tho I do not doubt they were perfectly innocent, yet I had no mind they should fall into any hand save my own'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.165 no. 107]

9388. 1682, January 15. Glasgow.

Sir Thomas Dalyell to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that there is now a troop of dragoons quartered at Newinglenes, ready to obey his grace's commands. He has indicated to the chancellor, at the duke's desire, that if it is the intention to have a garrison at Strevin, the castle must first be repaired.

9382. 1682, January 18. Dumfreis.

[Copy] J. Graham to [?Sir Thomas Dalyell], repeating news he has received of six or seven score of armed men coming from Clydesdale and crossing the Tweed at 'the Bile' [Biel].


Sir Thomas Dalyell to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from the laird of Claverhouse and inquiring as to the truth of its contents. [9382]

9383. 1682, January 22. Glasgow.

Sir Thomas Dalyell to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to seek out 'these sculking rouges' who have gone towards Clydesdale.


Sir Thomas Dalyell to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing an intelligence which he has received from Adam Urquhart, the laird of Meldrum.
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3127. 1682, February 17. St. James's Street.

Lord Hyde to [the duke of Hamilton], advising him that he 'should not too much suppress the spiritts' of the earl of Arran, but should give him more support.

3128. 1681/2, March 2. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to Lord Hyde, assuring him of his obedience to the king and government, and promising to make his son aware of his obligations to Lord Hyde.
[In answer to 3127.]

2887. 1681/2, March 4. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, concerning the recruiting of soldiers in the west of Scotland.

3057. [1681/2], March 8. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to [? the earl of Arran], recommending the bearer whom he has promised shall be a corporal in his correspondent's company, and discussing the composition of his own troop.

3130. 1681/2, March 22. St. James Street.

Lord Hyde to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he has persuaded the king to give his grace encouragement for his duty and obedience.

3058. 1681/2, March 22. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, explaining that the gout has prevented him from calling upon the earl, and regretting that he cannot do as the latter requests [in helping him recruit men].

[This is in reply to the earl's letter of March 21, which is printed in Sir James Turner's Memoirs (Bannantyne Club) p. 285, together with the earl's replay to this letter]
3059. 1681/2, March 24.

[Copy, made by Sir James Turner] The earl of Dundonnald to [Sir James Turner], asking him to intervene on behalf of two of his tenants, who have been taken by Orbiston and a party of dragoons.

3060. [1681/2], March 24. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, sending him a note of some depositions [supra 3056] by men who might be forcibly persuaded to take service in Holland, mentioning a visit by Orbiston, and explaining that he dare not as yet send the men he apprehended to Hamilton.


Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, describing the public discontent at the levying of men, referring to Lord Dundonald's letter [supra 3059] which leads him to believe that Dundonald thinks the two men were taken for service with the earl in Holland, and announcing that he has ordered the release of these two and some others.


Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, assuring him that he has encouraged the captains he met, to help his lordship with men, telling him what to write to the earl of Dundonald, and advising him not to apprehend men forcibly except by order of council.

3063. 1682, March 27. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, mentioning a letter from the general, and the need to silence those who are complaining about the levying of men.


Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, asking why he had needed to take men forcibly from Houston and Bishopton, and remarking that things will go badly for the writer should the matter be brought before the council. [Arran's reply is printed in Sir James Turner's Memoirs, pp. 289-90].
Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, complaining that he is condemned for levying men forcibly but also for setting them free again, and sending him a copy of the earl of Dundonald's letter. [Supra 3059.]

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, hoping that some of the foot officers about to call on his lordship will offer him men.

[Sir James Turner] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Baron has a man for him, and discussing the recruiting of men.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, sending him five men.

Josias Deane to Mr. Edward Lake, asking that his accounts be paid.

[Gerard Correspondence]

[The marquis of Queensberry] to the earl of Arran, describing the trouble he has had in connection with the mint, and explaining how the duke of Hamilton is 'much offended' with him because of the order the earl of Lithgow gained, for possession of part of Holyroodhouse. [Torn.]

Sir James Turner to [the earl of Arran], correcting the earl's impression that he has more men that indeed have taken service with him.
3070. [1682], April 18. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, mentioning that Orbison is believed to have beaten one of his vassals at Kilpatrick, with the result that the victim's brother threatens to bring the matter before the council.

3071. [1682], April 21. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to [the earl of Arran], asking for instructions about the four men he has for his lordship, and discussing the dean of Glasgow's nomination of 2 assessors whom he had promised not to choose.

3072. 1682, April 23. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his letter which he may read to the archbishop [of Glasgow], and promising to send him some more men.

9408. 1679, April 24. Lanerk.

The committee of council to the duke of Hamilton, requiring his attendance at the meeting of council to be held on the following Wednesday.

[Signed by Mar, Linlithgow and 4 others]

9391. [1682], April 26. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, concerning the arrangements for quartering men in several parishes in the Bothwell area.

3073. [1682], April 27. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to [the earl of Arran] asking for instructions about the men he has recruited for the earl.

9404. 1682, April 28. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to Mr. Hamilton of Streene [Straven?], concerning the quartering of soldiers in the parish.
3074. [1682], May 1. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, announcing that George Baxter gave the earl's officers the slip when the rest of the men were being embarked at Leith, and advising him to accept the local people's offer of another man in his place.

9406. 1682, May 2. Edinburgh.

[Copy] Act of privy council ordering the parish of Bothwell to provide corn and straw for the troops. [Enclosed with 9402].


Sir James Turner to the gentlemen and other heritors of the parish of Bothwell, sending them a copy of a recent act of council [9406], and asking for billets for 20 horses.


William Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], advising him to ask his parents to advance the money he desires.

9403. [1682], May 5. Gorbells.

at night.

Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, protesting at his grace's letter accusing the writer of forcing the duke to concern himself in the quartering of troops in Bothwell.

3075. 1682, May 5. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, describing a disturbance in Edinburgh over the imprisonment of 2 men by the Holland officers, and the shipping of men to the continent.

3076. [1682], May 6. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, discussing arrangements for sending more men to Holland.
3077. [1682], May 6. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to [the earl of Arran], discussing the recruiting of men.


The marquis of Queensberry to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, expressing his gladness that the duke had left town so hastily because of a desire to be at Kinneil and not through pique at some expressions in the council's letter to the king.

6075. [1682], May 23. Edinburgh

The marquis of Atholl to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning his desire for a marriage alliance with the duke's family, and remarking that he will leave the details to Sir George Lockhart.


[The marquis of Queensberry] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he has heard nothing yet relating to Hatton, and hoping that the country will continue free from disorders. [With cover.]

3132. 1682, May 31. Lesle.

Lady Margaret Hope to [the duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her condolences.

5884. [1682], June 5. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], referring to the treasurer's remarks to [the earl] about desiring a marriage between his son and the writer's daughter. As the earl of Atholl wishes her for his son, he will leave the matter to his daughter. [Katherine.] With a postscript by the duchess, sending her son her blessing.


William Hamilton to [ ], discussing some financial matters, and reporting that the council has summoned two ministers.
1682, June 7. Hauf.

J. Sommervaill to 'Will' concerning some private business of his own.

1682, June 7. Edinburgh.

The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, giving him a commission to grant safe conducts to the rebels in Lanarkshire. [Signed by the earl of Aberdeen].


William Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], concerning Mr. Dalmahoy's legacies to his lordship's cousins, and referring to 'the great disyre all in the government heir had of yor being married to my Lord Obriens daughter'.

1682, June 8. Gorbells.

Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the writer has been ordered to quarter some of his company at Killbride, and inquiring how many men he should send to that parish.

1682, June 8.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, expressing pleasure at his safe arrival in London, and sending him four bills.


Commission from the privy council to the duke of Hamilton for the granting of safe conducts to rebels in Lanarkshire. [See 9415]

1682, June 9.

[Sir James Turner] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that if his grace thinks fit, the writer will keep his company together and quarter all of them on Killbride.
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[The marquis of Queensberry] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, discussing Hatton's speedy departure, and approving of his correspondent's behaviour concerning the general muster.

9399. [1682], June 11.

[Sir James Turner] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the provisioning of the troops.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, asking for a receipt for the four bills he sent him [supra 3093], and advising his lordship to draw upon the writer for a further £1,000 sterling.

3134. 1682, June 18. Blois.

James Fall to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his favour, and reporting that his grace's nephews are improving daily, as he hopes their behaviour and conduct will show upon their return.

9416. 1682, June 20. Hamilton.

[Draft, in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to the chancellor [the earl of Aberdeen], assuring him that 'the commission sent me for receiving of petitions from rebels in this shire shall punctually be observed'.

9401. 1682, June 22.

[Sir James Turner] to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of how the dragoons found a conventicle on the land of John Torrens at [Brunacastle?].

9384. 1682, June 22.

'Declarations of several persons taken by the laird of Meldrum att the Beill within the paroch of Twidmuire in Tweeddaill shyre anent the rebels who were sein in armes in the said paroch, the 14th, 15th, and 16th instant ...'.

[Enclosed with 9385].
1682, June 24.

Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, stating that he has sent dragoons to apprehend one of his grace's tenants as directed, and hoping that the duke will not be alarmed 'if within a few days you heare of an exact search for rebells'.

1682, June 24. Glasgow.

Sir Thomas Dalyell to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that on Tuesday night a considerable party of horse, foot and dragoons will be scouring the country for 'those rouges haunts about Lanerk'.

1682, June 24. Biggar.

Adam Urquhart, laird of Weldrum, to the duke of Hamilton, stating that there had been over a hundred men in arms, and enclosing the declarations he took. [9384] He is informed that most of those concerned came from Clydesdale, and urges his grace to apprehend those who return there.

[1682], June 25.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that the marquis of Atholl is anxious for a marriage alliance with the writer's family.

1682, June 27. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his receipt for the 4 bills, expressing surprise that he has not yet received the bill for £1000, and advising him to draw a bill for £1,500 on the writer.

1682, June 29.

William Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], expressing amazement that the earl has not yet drawn upon him for the money he had recommended. [See supra 3094 and 3095]

1682, June 29. Edinburgh.

John Cunynghame to the earl of Arran, telling him that the £600 sterling was punctually paid to the laird of Wishaw as he had directed, and discussing some other minor matters.
3078. 1682, June 29. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, promising to deliver and order payment of the earl's precepts, and to serve him in any way possible.

9395. [1682], July 2. at night.

[Sir James Turner] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the men named in the enclosed list [9395/2] have been taken prisoner.

9396. [1682], July 2. at night [enclosed in 9395]

[Sir James Turner] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the writer has been ordered to quarter his company in the town of Strathaven.

3097. 1682, July 6.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, explaining the delay in the payment of his pension, and discussing other financial matters.


The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, prolonging until August 15 his grace's commission to grant safeconducts to any rebels in Lanarkshire addressing themselves to him.

[Signed by Patrick Menzies]


R. Gordon to the earl of Arran, describing how he has been very busy investigating corruption among the officers of the mint.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting on the progress of the latter's gift of pension, and asking what expectations he has of his interest in America.
9124. 1682, July 10.

[Copy] Memorandum entitled 'Information and Representation to the Right Honourable the Lords and other Commissioners for the Mint, humbly offered by Charles Wiltland of Halton ...' [See 9123].


[The marquis of Queensberry] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], discussing the appearance of the treasurer-depute before the commission.

8802. [c1682], July 13.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [?Amelia Sophia, marchioness of Athole] approving of the plans for the writer's daughter [Katherine] to marry her correspondent's son. [Lord Murray]

9392. [1682], July 16.

at night.

[Sir James Turner] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that an indisposition prevented the writer from waiting upon his grace. On the previous evening some of [Sir James's] dragoons brought in George Macwharne [?], one of the men on the list of names drawn up by his grace. He regrets that the man's marriage plans are spoiled, he 'haveing come to Straven to buy shews and other things for his wedding'.

9393. [1682], July 18.

at 8 houres.

[Sir James Turner] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the four men about whom his grace inquired are to be released on caution, but that the writer is ordered to give in his accusations against four more, also on his grace's list.


[Copy] The earl of Arran to [the duke of Hamilton], denying all knowledge of 'that injurious calumnie ... that you accuse me of' and to [the duchess of Hamilton] in similar terms.
9394. 1682, July 20.

Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the general has set at liberty on caution seven of the men mentioned in his grace's list.


[The marquis of Queensberry] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, discussing changes in the treasury. [With cover].

6073. 1682, July 24. Tullibardine.

The marquis of Atholl to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the negotiations for a marriage between his son and Lady Katherine, the duke's daughter, and declaring that 'noe match in Britaine would have made me goe the lengths I have don in this'.


[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], regretting that his lordship has been disappointed in the money raised from his bill, and referring to the earl's interest in America and to the plans for the marriage of his sister.

6220. [?1682], July 31.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], declaring that she does not know who has made his father displeased with him, although she warns him that he ought not to have criticised the duke in public. She asks about a match which Lady Ranalagh has suggested for the earl, and condemns recent false calumnies against her father, the first duke.

6074. [1682 c. July]

The marquis of Atholl to [the duke of Hamilton], stating that he has given Sir George Lockhart a recital of certain lands, and referring to Lord Murray's impatience to have the match completed.
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9127. [1682], August 3. Edinburgh.

[The marquis of Queensberry] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the king has granted the earl of Linlithgow lodgings at Holyroodhouse. There are rumours that that earl of Sunderland is to be privy seal.

3145. 1682, August 5. Edinborgh.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of the duke of Hamilton's unpopular remarks in the council, of Hatton's condemnation for bribery in the affairs of the mint, and telling him that the treasurer feared that the earl's marriage to Lady Obryan would not come about.

3146. 1682, August 7. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, recommending the bearer.


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, advising him how to carry out his business [unspecified] with the bearer, and telling him that he has given the laird of Blair credit for £100 with his lordship.


The earl of Home to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to attend the council meeting on 29 August.


Sir Thomas Dalyell to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a paper for his grace's opinion on it, and mentioning that the treasurer depute has been cleared of receiving several sums of money from the taxation.

3137. 1682, August 15. Pasley.

The earl of Dundonald to the earl of Arran, asking for news of him, and telling him that 'that contentious fellow John Maxwell late baillie of Pasley' has gone to London to make trouble.
3100. 1682, August 17. Edinburgh.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his declaration, referring to the progress of the earl's precepts for a pension, and discussing other minor matters.

9128. [1682], August 18. [Falsyd?]

[The marquis of Queensberry] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, expressing his relief that the duke does not blame the writer for Linlithgow obtaining lodgings at Holyrood.


[The marquis of Queensberry] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, discussing Linlithgow's grant of lodgings at Holyrood.

3141/1. 1682, August 19. London.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that Baillie has promised him 3 pairs of pheasants and has given him advice on rearing game birds, and passing on Shaw's advice about the charging of pistols.

6221. [1682], August 21.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], lamenting his failure to marry, for unless he does so the family estates will be divided among her six sons instead of passing intact to him.

9390. 1682, August 22.

Sir James Turner to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that lack of money is the reason for the delay in troops being sent to Lesmahagow and Douglas.

3081. 1682, August 28. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, describing some trouble with Kellburne over an annuity.
9764. 1682, August 29. Hamilton.

James Tweedie to [? Mr. George Skirving], acknowledging the receipt of victual and asking for more oats 'for wee heave non heir for his grace's horses'.

9212. 1682, August 29. London.

The earl of Perth to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that there are good hopes of the Garter being bestowed upon his grace now that Lauderdale's death has left a vacant place in the order.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.165, no. 108]

3082. 1682, August 31. Dumlangrige.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, regretting that he cannot help the duke of Hamilton in the Holyroodhouse affair without royal orders, but promising that his grace will be suitably lodged.

3148. 1682, September 3. Ershin.

[William Hamilton] to [ ], protesting against claims that he has abused his lordship's trust, telling him that the writer has little hope of succeeding Kelburn in his office, and asking for his lordship's help in acquiring the land of Inchinan.

3142. 1682, September 5. London.

[As in 3141] to the earl of Arran, telling him how much James Johnstone appreciates his lordship's kindness, and how the latter's landlady is claiming that she did not lease him the garret where his clothes now are.

5883. 1682, September 6. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], asking whether he should write to thank the king for bestowing the Garter upon him, or whether he should make the journey to Court to thank his majesty in person.
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8670. 1682, September 5. Leslie.

[Anna, duchess of Rothes] to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking for news of Lady Katherine Hamilton's marriage arrangements, referring to Hatton's fall from power, and regretting the present condition of the country, where 'thos who are not at a fridom to goe to the Church is fined in soumes so fare above ther abilatie to pay that they have deserted ther houses and the dragouners are lade on them till the[y] absolatly destroy all they have'.

3083. 1682, September 12. Dumlangrig.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, protesting that he did not importune the king for the keeping of Edinburgh Castle, remarking that the new earl of Lauderdale is 'in ane irrecoverable decay heir', and congratulating the earl's father on his receiving the Carter.

9130. [1682], September 14.

[The duke of Queensberry] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, concerning a dispute over Maitland's seat in the Abbey church.

3090. 1682, September 17. Wishaw.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that his lordship's parents are to be in Edinburgh the following week to meet the marquis of Atholl and his friends.


Lewis Atterbury to Lord Aran, reporting on the fortune of an unmarried lady [unnamed] and sending a cipher.


The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, promising to help in the matter of the duke of Hamilton's lodgings at Holyrood, asking how the king liked his Scottish hawks, and apologising for the earl's precept not yet being completed.
3140. 1682, September 25.

Lady Katherine Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, her mother, remarking that she has lost the key of a closet where her father's clothes are kept, and hoping that her grace will return home soon.

3085. 1682, September 30. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, referring to the earl's pension and to some matter concerning Robert Kennedy. In a postscript he announces that he has news 'of great import' of the duke of Monmouth's circumstances. [Torn.]

3086. 1682, October 4. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, announcing that he is to meet the earl's father somewhere between Sanquhar and Hamilton in the following week, although he himself is so harassed with private affairs that he can leave home only with difficulty.

3101. 1682, October 5.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, discussing financial matters, and remarking that his lordship's parents have been in Edinburgh for the past ten days discussing with the marquis of Atholl the terms for their daughter's marriage. [Katherine, their 2nd daughter married John, s. and h. of the marquis of Atholl, 24 May 1683; contract having been signed on 24 April 1683].

3102. 1682, October 6.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, acknowledging his bill, and explaining his failure to write sooner.


[Lady Katherine Hamilton] to her brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that their mother is pretty well and asking if there is any chance that he will return to Scotland with their father.

H. Fletcher to [? the earl of Arran], recommending Mr. Preston and Mr. Holborn for the subaltern vacancies in his lordship's regiment.

8671. 1682, October 30. Tiningham.

Anna, duchess of Rothes to her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton, urging her to seek the solace of religion during her husband's absence [in England].

6068. [1682], November 15. Dunkeld.

The marquis of Atholl to the duke of Hamilton, urging him not to think of altering the way of paying Lady Katherine's portion.


The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, expressing surprise at the duke of Hamilton's intention of spending Christmas in Edinburgh.

6247. [1682], November 30.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], wishing him joy in his position as gentleman of the bedchamber while reminding him that 'the world deceives but the almighty is unchangeable', and commenting on his remarks that his sister Katherine will be married to Lord Murray when her father returns.


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his help with regard to a precept in favour of the writer, discussing a process between Sir John Dalrymple and Claverhouse, and referring to the fine imposed on the town of Lanark by the council.
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Lady Katherine Hamilton to her brother the earl of Arran, telling him that their mother became unwell on hearing of Lady Parkhay's death, but is now recovering. She congratulates him on receiving a pension.


The marquis of Queensberry to [ ], concerning the gift which Sir William Hamiltoune had hoped to obtain from the king, and mentioning that the duke of Hamilton is expected in Edinburgh soon.

3089. 1682, [ ] 28. Wishaw.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, excusing himself for not writing more often, mentioning that there is a delay in paying the money from the earl's precept, and referring to a survey of the town being made for the commission of the plantation of kirks.

3139. [1682]

[Lewis Atterbury] to the earl of Arran, discussing in cryptic terms some business relating to supra 3138.


Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, returning a 'militarie booke', with the complaint that it does not discuss fortifications, and giving news of the king's dealings with the English parliament.


Sir James Turner to the earl of Arran, sending a paper to explain the delay in returning one of the earl's books.

6083. [1682]

[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the marquis of Atholl is anxious to arrange a marriage between his son and the duke's daughter, Lady Katherine.
Lady Katherine Hamilton to her brother the earl of Arran, announcing that their father has arrived home safely, and assuring him of her respect.

[ ] to [ ], reporting that he has sent on his correspondent's letter to the prince of Orange, with one of his own in support of it.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, telling him that although at their meeting he and the duke of Hamilton had been 'very merrie', they had both since been ill; however, the duke will be in town shortly to fix the terms of his daughter's marriage settlement.

The marquis of Douglas to [ ], telling him that he has written all the latest news to Lord Dumbarton.

The earl of Arran to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that if she insists that he live in Scotland, Lord Rochester's daughter will never agree to marry him.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, mentioning that her daughter [Katherine] is soon to be married, telling him that she is glad that Sunderland has been restored to the position of secretary, and urging him to help a certain John Maxwell.
The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, asking for more news of 'this late bustle' between Halifax and Rochester, and reporting that the duke of Hamilton's old sheriff depute, Sir John Harper, is now in the castle and that the marquis of Douglas's servant Blackwood has been sentenced to death, both on charges of treasonable practices.

J. Menzies to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of how he has been imprisoned at the order of the privy council and has repeatedly petitioned for his liberty.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], insisting that for the good of himself and the family he must marry and settle in Scotland.

'R' to the earl of Arran, sending his greetings and telling him that he has shown his letter to Lord Rochester and sung his praises to Lady Rochester.

[As in 3176] to the earl of Arran, in Paris, excusing himself from writing more frequently because of the frost, and remarking that he had drunk so much that day that he would write only to close friends.

The earl of Rochester to [the duke of Hamilton], objecting to the plan for his daughter to live with the duke and duchess of Hamilton until her marriage to the earl of Arran, since the latter will be in London all the time.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, telling him how hard-worked the session is.


Lucie Hamilton to the earl of Arran, asking him to help her obtain a pension from his royal highness [? the duke of York].

6995. [c1682/3], March 19.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife the duchess of Hamilton, giving an account of how Enterkin's debts are to be settled, hoping that Southesk will make no further progress in his lawsuit against the writer during the current session, and discussing some minor domestic matters.

3129. 1682/3, March 19.

E. Hungerford to Mr. William Pulford, concerning some horses.

[Gerard Correspondence]

6999. [1682/3], March 20.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife the duchess of Hamilton, discussing a suitable date for Lord Murray's marriage [to their daughter Katherine] and emphasising the need to appoint a bailie for Kinneil soon.

3185. [1682/3], March 20.

George Lockhart to the earl of Arran, promising to see the duke [of Hamilton] on his behalf.


The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, reporting that although most house and field conventicles are now over, "yet yor sweet singers in Burroustouness still persevere", asking permission to recommend a captain for the earl's regiment, and wishing him 'a good sporte at Newmercate'.

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[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Rochester, in reply to supra 3182, explaining that his wife was adamant about having the earl's daughter stay with her, and that he could not act without her consent because of 'my estat coming by her'.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife the duchess of Hamilton, inquiring anxiously about her health and mentioning that he will shortly complete the contract [for his daughter's marriage to Lord Murray].

G. Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duke of Hamilton had refused to pay his son's bond unless it were assigned to him, and asking if he should agree to this.

B. Balfour to [the earl of Arran], telling him that his lordship's regiment is now complete unless there is more sickness or desertion.

George Lockhart to the earl of Arran, reporting that his mother would not sign a certain title in his lordship's favour since it would pass to him by law in any case.

B. Balfour to [? the earl of Arran], promising to speak to 'his highness' about vacancies for Charles Holburn and Ensign Middleton in Alexander Bruce's company. Mr. James Ogilvie has arrived and was very honoured to see [the earl's] letter about him. [In French.]
3188. 1683, May 2. Edinburgh.

Lord Kennedy to [ ], thanking him for interceding with the king on his behalf, and remarking that many of the men 'in our country have been implicated in the recent rebellion and have fled'.

7657/2 1683, May 5. Hamilton.

Lady Katherine Murray to her brother the earl of Arran, telling him that their mother is recovering from her illness, and thanking him for his good wishes to the writer. [on the occasion of her marriage].

4294. [1683], May 7. Hamilton.

Lord Murray to the earl of Arran, expressing his pleasure at being about to marry the earl's sister, Katherine.

6246. [c.1683], May 9. Edinburgh.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], expressing incredulity at his saying that he is not allowed enough money, although she is very sensible of the troublesome post he is in.


B. Balfour to [the earl of Arran], telling him that he has sent Mr. Ogilvie to Utrecht but will return if he means to accept the company which [the earl] has offered him. He promises to speak to 'his highness' on behalf of Ensign Middleton and the others his correspondent has recommended. [In French.]


The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, declaring that as he has only the king's interest and service at heart, he is not at all apprehensive of what people in Edinburgh may design against him.
9001. 1683, May 27. Breda.

B. Balfour to [? the earl of Arran] describing how he has spoken to 'his highness' about a company for Ensign Middleton, and mentioning various other military appointments. [In French]

5888. 1683, May 24.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], discussing the choice of officers for his son's regiment and remarking that he himself is to go to Kinneil for the rendezvous of the Linlithgowshire regiment.


[? J. Sommerveill] to [ ], describing how the council at Breda decided to free a certain lieutenant-colonel at the expense of the writer, and asking his correspondent to help him detain a pardon from the prince [? of Orange].

3169. [1683], June 20. [? Sanquhar]

[? The marquis of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that his own tenants have taken the Test, as have several considerable heritors.

5891. [1683], June 21. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, complaining that he has not been chosen to appoint the magistrates in Lanark, nor has he been given a commission to examine witnesses in order to find out who was in the rebellion in Lanarkshire. He then discusses the taking of the Test, and the relationship between the treasurer and chancellor. [Queensberry and Aberdeen].

3170. 1683, June 25. [? Sanquhar]

[The marquis of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing his forthcoming meeting with his grace.
3161. 1683, June 29. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, protesting against the latter's accusations that he had acted against the duke of Hamilton in Clydesdale, and telling him that he has ordered payment of the earl's pension.

3191. 1683, June 30. Dunglas.

William Ruthven to the earl of Arran, asking him for his help in obtaining the position of 'Mustarmester-General', now vacant because of the death of the laird of Arth.

6267. [1683?], July 3. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of measures to be taken against any of Monmouth's followers in Scotland, and of the interrogation of Erleston by the council. He concludes by complaining that although he is always active on the king's behalf, others have both the places and the pensions.


[As in 3197] to the earl of Arran, expressing horror at the news from London of 'a damnable and hellish Conspiracie' against the king and the duke of York, describing the business done in council the previous day, [See R.P.C. Vol. VIII, Series 3, pp. 186-191] and mentioning the death of the laird of Airth.


[ ] to [the earl of Arran] telling him that the treasurer has peremptorily ordered payment of his lordship's pension, and sending him an account of it. [Infra 3193.]

3193. 1683, [July 7]

Note of the earl of Arran's pension.


The marquis of Queensberry to [the earl of Arran], explaining that he has been occupied with matters relating to the circuit, 'and the hellish damnable plot there', and referring to rumours of a complaint made to the duke of York about the writer.
3200. 1683, July 14.

[As in 3197] to the earl of Arran, reporting that most of the gentry of Drumfreis and Jedburgh were loyal and had taken the Test, and mentioning the names of those in Central Scotland West Lothian who had refused.

6305. [?1683], July 16. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter of attorney which he and the duchess have signed for their son, and wishing that if Sir Richard Ingoldsby be found guilty of a plot, the £5000 sterling he was paid for Hamilton house and the £500 a year for lands about it might be returned to the writer and his wife. The treasurer has now promised to assist them in their claims against Monkland.

3157. 1683, July 17. Holyroodhouse.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his letter and asking for news.

6230. [1683], July 19.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], remarking that she will be very sorry to part with her daughter [Katherine], whom she is taking to Tullibardine, and that she has had a visit from Lady Sesnock.


The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duke of Hamilton is at Tullibardine with Lord and Lady Murray, but will soon come to Edinburgh.

6307. [1683], July 22. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, referring to the earl of Essex's sad death and to the designed rebellion which has been so happily prevented. [The Rye House plot]
Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, describing the progress of the case against Mr Cole. [With a postscript in another hand.]
3360. 1683, July 24.

[? As in 3197] to the earl of Arran in London, assuring him that his bills will be honoured, reporting that Munkland has submitted to the king, and describing how some of the rebels of Cleidsdaill refused to take the Test and were imprisoned.


The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, remarking that 'Our Whiggs heir are soureing extremly upon the Test, so that the whole prisons are full', and congratulating the earl on having been sent to receive Prince George.

3205. [1683, c.July]

[As in 3197] to the earl of Arran, describing the proceedings against those gentlemen accused of resetting the rebels.

3197. 1683, August 2.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, reporting on the trial of certain gentlemen accused of resetting notorious traitors.

3168. 1683, August 9. Holyroodhouse.

The marquis of Queensberry to [ ], announcing that he has persuaded the treasurer depute to agree that the duke of Hamilton shall not be prejudiced in the Munkland business.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing his efforts to have the treasurer [Queensberry] support the writer's claims to Monkland. [With cover].

3150. 1683, August 14. Holyroodhouse.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, declaring that he would not have meddled in the Monkland business had he known that the earl was interested, and recommending his sons to his lordship's favour.

James Johnston to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has sent on his lordship's letter to the duke [of Hamilton].

6263. [?1683], August 16. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], stating that the yearly rent of the lands of Monkland is a little over 3000 merks Scots and not £700-£800 sterling as the earl had said. [With cover]

3171. 1683, August 18. Edinburgh.

[The marquis of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, promising to sign his precept and referring to the Monkland affair.

6261. [?1683], August 24.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], referring to their claims to Monkland, and asking his advice about entering the earl's brother, Lord Charles, in a Paris academy. [With cover]

3149. 1683, August 30. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, protesting that he had never stood in the way of the earl's claims in Monkland, and expressing surprise that he had given himself so much trouble over a trifle.

6262. [?1683], August 31. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing his claims to the barony of Monkland. [With cover]

3202. 1683, August 31.

Description of the appearance before the council of Mr. John Dick.
3178. 1683, August 31.

J. Sommerveill to [ ], asking him to intercede with the prince [ ] for him, and explaining that his present misfortunes are due to evil rumours spread about him.


[As in 3197] to the earl of Arran, describing the trial of Mr. John Dick, and enclosing a paper on the subject.[Infra 3202]

6250. [c1683], September 10.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], declaring that they must continue to pursue their claim to Monkland's estate, and forbidding him to meddle with the affairs of any other forfeited persons. A week later, she adds that she does not think he has enough power to effect anything in any case.


The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, protesting that he would not have engaged in the Monkland affair had he known of the earl's interest.

5900. 1683, October 3. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], warning him not to meddle in any public affairs unless he is sure of success, explaining that he could not possibly finance any expedition which his son might make to Holland, and explaining how Mr. Thomas Hamilton came to be forfeited.

9417. 1683, October 11. Edinburgh.

Thomas Gordone to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the fugitive rolls of Lanarkshire as compared with the Porteous rolls. [With cover]


William Paterson to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the king has put a stop to the signature in favour of the creditors and children of the 9th earl of Argyle. [With cover]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.164 no. 110].
3172. 1683, October 15. Sanquhar.

[The marquis of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he has been busy with his own affairs since leaving Edinburgh, and telling him that his son George will call on the duke on his way to Glasgow.

3159. 1683, October 16. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his kindness to the writer's sons, and expressing relief that the affair of Munkland has been settled.


William Paterson to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the conventicles in Lanark 'whereon Mr. James Renwick, a notorious traitor, preached and baptised about 20 children'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.165 No. 110].


W. Purves to the duke of Hamilton, sending him the copy of a letter concerning the sheriff principal of Lanark.


William Paterson to the duke of Hamilton, referring to a recent citation by the committee of council and mentioning that 'the Scots conspirators are ordered to be brought down in order to there tryalls heir'.

9422. [1683, October]

Thomas Gordone to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a copy of the fugitive roll for Lanarkshire and asking him to see if it is correct.

3173. 1683, November 1. Sanquhar.

[The marquis of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, hoping to see him in Edinburgh the following week, and referring to the Munkland business.
1683, November 2. Edinburgh.

Sir George McKenzie to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that his grace has taken exception to what was done by the committee of council in relation to the conventicles, but justifying the action taken.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report p.166 no. 110]


W. Fanshawe to the earl of Arran, envoy extraordinary in Paris, asking him to purchase for her a pound of Orvietan, 'the best Cordiall in the world'.

1683, November 5. Sanquhar.

[The marquis of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he had no part in the calling of the duke before the council and denying that he had said that the chancellor had some prejudice against the treasurer depute in the Munkland affair.

1683, November 5. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the duke of Hamilton has raised a process against the treasurer depute for the recovery of his claims in Munckland.


[As in 3197] to the earl of Arran, describing his conversation with Sir George Lockhart and the duke of Hamilton's appearance before the council on a charge of failing to notify them of a conventicle held on his land.


[The marquis of Queensberry] to the duke of Hamilton, repeating that he knew nothing of the summoning of the duke before the council.

[? William Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from Mr Meldrum [ ] and discussing the case against Mr Cole. He also sends his grace an account of legal expenses. [10094]

10094. [1683, November 10]

Account of money owed by the 3rd duke and duchess of Hamilton in the case of Sir Andrew Forrester and Andrew Cole.
3199. 1683, November 22. Edinburgh.

[As in 3197] to the earl of Arran, describing the arrival in Edinburgh of the 2 Rowallans and the other prisoners from London, and their interrogation, and giving some advice about his lordship's financial affairs.

3162. 1683, November 22. Holyroodhouse.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, promising to expedite the payment of his pension, and informing him that the duke of Hamilton will be in Edinburgh during the following week.

3104. 1683, November 27.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, complaining about the difficulties arising from the earl's demand that he pay a bill.

3196. 1683, November 29. London.

The earl of Mar to the earl of Arran, recommending the bearer, Mr. Francis Lindsay, who hopes his lordship will help him find employment.


Lord Charles Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, regretting that their father wants the writer to enter one of the Paris academies.


[As in 3197] to the earl of Arran, reporting that Earlstonie is considered insane, that 'three desperat fanaticks' had been hanged for treason, and describing disturbances in the west.

3105. 1683, December 8.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, entreating him to write to the treasurer on behalf of John Weir of Newtoun, who has been imprisoned in the tolbooth of Edinburgh 'for treason relateing to the late rebellion'. 
Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, regretting that his grace is so far away when his assistance is needed in their court case; it is material for them to prove that the papers sent by the duke were in Mr Cole's writing. He adds various other queries about the case and wants to know if Lady Susan Hamilton transferred all her interest in her father's estate to her sister the duchess.
The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his news and apologising for the delay in the payment of his precept.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, telling him that the council has continued Earlstoune's reprieve until January, and mentioning that the duke of Hamilton intends to spend Christmas at Kinneil.

The marquis of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, announcing that the writer's sons have arrived in Edinburgh, but there is no news as the judicatories have dissolved for Christmas.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, sending a letter for the duke [of York] in which he denies the treasurer depute's allegations that the writer had been friendly with the chancellor, in prejudice of the king's service. He then criticises his son for making himself 'low and cheap' by risking refusals in his search for favours.

[Lady] K[atherine] M[urray] to her brother [the earl of Arran], thanking him for his offer to bring her something [from France], and telling him that anything that comes from him is most acceptable.

Lord Murray adds that he too desires nothing, and announces that his wife is pregnant.

The earl of Arran his cousin [ ], regretting that his solicitations for Munckland's forfeiture have been in vain, but sumitting cheerfully to the king's pleasure.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, giving his opinions about the taking of the Test.
A Calendar of the Correspondence
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3243. 1684, January 1. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, holding out small hopes of obtaining the latter's pension for him, promising to send him information about the family claims to the dukedom of Châtelherault, and discussing some financial matters.

6273. [1683/4], January 2.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, giving permission for him to take his brother Charles to London and then to Paris 'that he may see the Court of France'.

5899. 1683/4, January 2. Kinneill.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the, earl of Arran], urging him to advocate the family claims to Châtelherault while he is in France, and asking him to use his influence in favour of one Hamilton of Parkhay, who has killed a man in the streets of London.

6076. [1683/4], January 7. Tullibardine.

Lord Murray to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he and his wife have taken infeftment of all their lands and have sent the sasine to be registered. The writer's father waits in Edinburgh for payment [of the portion], and should be made to oblige himself that his list of debts includes all encumbrances on the lands involved.

3244. 1683/4, January 7. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, hoping he will return home shortly, asking for instructions about his lordship's hunting horses, and telling him that the duke of Hamilton is still in Edinburgh.

3260. 1683/4, January 10. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Captain Vittells says that a box for his lordship has been found, declaring that he does not believe it to be the earl's, and giving news of Lord Maitland's arrest on suspicion of corresponding with the late earl of Argyll. [With a note on the back by the earl, concerning the box.]

Edward Callender to the earl of Arran, in Paris, excusing himself for not writing sooner, and assuring him of his esteem.


J. Charol to [? the earl of Arran], remarking on rumours that his correspondent has 'in prospect one of the finest ladies in France with a million', referring to 'our friend in the country' [a lady], and giving some other minor items of news.

3219. 1683/4, March 11.

[ ] to John Robertoune, sheriff clerk of Lanerkshire, sending him a book he had asked for.


[Copy, in her own hand] [Lady Katherine Murray] to her mother-in-law, the marchioness of Atholl, declaring that her father had never sought changes in the marriage contract and that his sole concern was for the prosperity of Lord Murray and his posterity. She then defends herself against the marchioness's suggestions that she is not an obedient wife, and declares that so long as Lord Murray is content with her, 'I doe not intend to trouble my selfe tho others think me an ill wife.'

3262. 1683/4, March 17. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him how much his presence is desired in London because of financial and legal difficulties.

8857. [? 1683/4], March 21.

Gilbert Burnet to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], on the eve of his departure for France. He gives an account of his wife's illness, sends to the duchess by Dr. Fall various jewels and pictures belonging to Lady Margaret [as listed in 8820], with 'a letter case full of your Uncle's letters,' and promises to be guided by her grace as to whether his wife's will is legal. In conclusion he expresses his esteem for the duchess, and declares that he still stands firm on his religious views as declared to her at Hamilton.
Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to recall all possible details about the circumstances of the Cole affair as it will be heard that term.

Robert Meldrum to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that his grace's cause against Cole was heard the previous term but did not have the expected success. However, the lord keeper has now ordered the papers to be brought before a master and inventoried.
List by Gilbert Burnet of jewels and pictures belonging to his wife Lady Margaret Kennedy and now sent by him to Anne, duchess of Hamilton. [Enclosed in 8819]

Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, telling him that the admiralty office knows of no yachts going over to France but that some will go soon as 'a great many of the nobility here resolve to be at this campaigne', and giving some minor items of news from the Court.

Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, concerning the latter's financial affairs and the difficulty of finding horses.

Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, telling him that he has bought 3 more horses despite financial difficulties.

List of the articles sent to the earl of Arran. [Signed by John Heron, with a postscript in the hand of William Hamilton.]
3248. 1684, April 5. Longacre.

B. Howard to [? William Hamilton], recommending Mr John Heron as an esquire for the earl of Arran.

3247. 1684, April 7. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, informing him of the purchase of various horses and his attempts to raise money.

6046. [1684], April 10. Sanquhar.

The marquis of Queensberry to the duke of Hamilton, hoping to see him soon to discuss the matter of the fugitive rebels and the need for garrisons.

[With cover]

3249. 1684, April 10. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, describing his efforts to raise money for him, and announcing that the equipage of horses is almost complete and should be at Calais on the following Monday night.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that he has asked the clerk register to look for the 1560 treaty relating to Châtelherault, and ordering the earl to send his brother, Lord Charles, back to London.

3250. 1684, April 14. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing the arrangements to send him horses, saddles and various other articles including '2 pound of tee the best in London at 3 guinies a llb.' and his 'tee pot'.


The earl of Arran to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he, along with the dauphin and the duke de Gramont, has been made an aide-de-camp to the French king. He plans to join his majesty in Flanders during the following week, the French army being about to besiege Namur, Mons or Luxembourg.

[The earl of] A[rран] to [ ], asking him to accept the writer's bills.

3278. 1684, April 17/27. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, reporting that his lordship's horses, saddles and liveries will be sent off on the following day, together with various small articles.

3251. 1684, April 18. Whitehall.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has sent off the horses, enclosing a list of the horses [infra 3252] with a note of his lordship's baggage, [infra 3253] and discussing some financial matters.

8249. [1684], April 21.

Sir George Mackenzie to the earl of Arran, telling him that the king and duke are pleased with him and with his father, who has now taken the Test. The writer promises not only never to engage in any civil process against the Hamiltons but to save as many of their men as he can from criminal processes.


The earl of Breadalbane to the earl of Arran, asking him to obtain some articles for him, remarking that as he has 'become a cuntree bour' he has no news, and hoping that the earl may regain 'the old Galic title of yor Famlie' [the dukedom of Châtelherault].

6065. 1684, April 24. Kinneil.

Lord Murray to [his father-in-law, the duke of Hamilton], mentioning that he has been at Balquhidder inquiring into the rental of Glenalmond, and asking if he can tell the wadsetters of Huntingtower that they will be paid on Whitsunday.

6064. [1684], April 26. Kinneil.

Lord Murray to [his father-in-law the duke of Hamilton], urging him to pay the money for the wadsetters of Huntingtower, and declaring that it will be much better to repair Huntingtower for the writer to live in than to spend the money on Falkland.
1684, April 27.

Sir Thomas Dalyell to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Captain Cliland's troop will probably be with his grace by the beginning of the following week.

1684, April 29. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, referring to the latter's hopes of success in the business of Chatelherault, and giving news of Mr Zekiall Montgomerie's appearance before the council, the process against the old magistrates of Edinburgh for 'malversatione in imbasleing the toun's goods', and other similar matters.

1684, April 29. Edinburgh.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that he has arranged for his correspondent's pension to be paid very soon, that the duke of Hamilton intends to pass the summer at Kinneill and that Avandale castle is to be repaired.

1684, April 30. Whitehall.

[ ] to [the earl of Arran], promising him the best supplies possible, wishing that he had a suitable horse to offer him, and remarking that despite rumours of war, he thinks there will be peace.

1684, April.

'The List of the Earle of Aran's horses sent to France.' 15 in all, bought for £216 - 16 - 9.

1684, May 1. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing how he failed to obtain for the earl Montrose's place as captain of the guard.

1684, May 1. London.

Henry Guy to [ ], thanking him for his favour and sending him greetings from the lord chief justice, who hopes to be similarly obliged.
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3227. 1684, May 2. Boston.

The marquis of Winchester to the duke of Hamilton, expressing his obligation to him. 
[Only the valediction and signature his own]

6063. [1684], May 8.

The marquis of Atholl to [the duke of Hamilton], welcoming the news that he has a grandchild [Lord Murray's eldest child], and referring to the delay in paying the 'woodsetters' of Huntingtower.


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he did not do well to involve himself in Mr Goddett's affair, and discussing various other minor matters.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], regretting that Lord Livingstone was given command of Montrose's troop of guards, and emphasising how useful would be the earl's presence in London now that the chancellor and treasurer [the earl of Aberdeen and the duke of Queensberry] have both gone there.


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, informing him that the delegation from Scotland is expected in London on Friday and that the duke of York has been made high admiral of England.

6062. [1684], May 14.

The marquis of Atholl to the duke of Hamilton, assuring him that the money will be paid to 'the woodsetters of Huntingtower' in accordance with the contract.

3275. 1684, May 14.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [William Hamilton], describing his attempts to reach an agreement with Preston over the earl of Arran's debt.
3273. 1684, May 17. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, referring to the arrival at Court of the Scottish noblemen and notifying him of the repairs which his lordship's lodgings and clothing require.

3207. [1684], May 18.

[Lady Isabella] Spencer to her sister [Ann, later countess of Arran], thanking her for her letter, sending her best wishes, and hoping that she keeps well.

3272. 1684, May 19. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, remarking that most of the countrymen there support the Scottish treasurer against the chancellor, and describing a duel between M. Chevalier and Lord Newbourgh.

3206. 1684, May 25.

[Lady Isabella Spencer] to her sister [Ann, later countess of Arran], thanking her for her letter and telling her how much she longs for her company.


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, mentioning the death of James Johnston, the Scottish noblemen's audience of the king, and the sale of two of the earl's horses.

3228. 1684, May 27. London.

George Nicolson to [? the earl of Arran], remarking that because their business is 'under some small demurre' he will return to Scotland if he does not meet the duke in London.


News letter about the naval attack on Genoa, with a lengthy postscript from M. d'Angeau to the earl of Arran, commenting on his correspondent's letter from the siege of Luxembourg, and assuring him of his regard. [In French.]
3274. 1684, May 29. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing his negotiations with the duke of Hamilton with regard to the earl's financial affairs, and enclosing a letter which he has received from the duke. [Infra 3275]

3209. 1684, June 1.

Lady Isabella Spencer to her sister [Ann], sending her affectionate greetings and telling her that she has had 'a sad cough' all week and fears she will never be quite well again.

3289. [1684], June 5. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, expressing delight at the news of the earl's safety, and giving some news of the treasurer and the chancellor. [Queensberry and Aberdeen].


[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], commenting on the likelihood of a new chancellor of Scotland being appointed.

3288. [1684], June 9. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him of rumours that the earl of Perth will be put in the chancellor's place and that Sir Thomas Armstrong has been seized on a passage boat.

3292. [1684], June 12. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the duke of Hamilton will do no more in Sir William Hamilton's business, discussing financial matters, and describing the capture of Sir Thomas Armstrong.

3294. [1684], June 16. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, informing him that it is now certain that the earl of Perth will be chancellor, and describing the sentencing of Sir Thomas Armstrong.
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3267. [1684], June 23. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, referring to the small chances of a reconciliation between the latter's father and the treasurer [Queensberry], to rumours that the earl has ulterior motives for staying in France, and to the execution of Sir Thomas Armstrong.


The committee of council to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for seizing seditiones prisoners at Blackloch and inquiring after a conventicle alleged to be held at Underbank. [Signed by the bishop of Edinburgh, James Falconer and ?Drummond]

3268. [1684], June 26. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, telling him that he may be able to draw a bill on Mr Callender, discussing the purchase of some watches, and giving some other minor items of news.


[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, sending him some papers about Châtelherault, although he believes that his son will meet with no more success in claiming the dukedom than his predecessors had done.

3287. 1684, June 30. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing the financial matters.

3231. 1684, June 30. Winnington.

Richard Smith to Lord Digby Gerrard, his landlord, complaining that Mr Stanly by his iron works has spoiled part of the lands leased by the writer, besides giving him the trouble of 3 years' suit in law. [Gerard Correspondence]

3233. [? 1684], July 1. London.

Theodore Oglethorpe to [the earl of Arran], discussing his financial affairs.
3285. 1684, July 2. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, sending him an inventory of Mr Forbes's estate [infra 3286], referring to their business with M. Godet, and telling him that the duke of Hamilton's complains that the earl did not send his brother to London.

3286. [1684, July 2]

'Inventory of Mr Forbes Estate.' [Written out by William Hamilton]
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[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that M. Godet has agreed to lend his lordship some money, and warning him that the duke of Hamilton wishes to be consulted directly by his son where financial matters are concerned.

3280. 1684, July 24. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, referring to financial affairs and to the difficulty of finding lodgings in London.

3281. [1684], July 29. Whitehall.


3282. 1684, August 5. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, describing his financial difficulties and giving some minor items of news.

3265. 1684, August 7. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, fearing that nothing will come of his transactions with Colonel Oglethorpe, and mentioning that the duke of Ormond and his family have gone to Ireland.

5093. 1684, August 11. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the unavoidable delay in sending the earl a disposition from his mother of her right to Châtelherault is all his own fault, advising him to return to England at once, and declaring that he will not send Lord Charles one penny more since he has disobeyed the writer's directions [by remaining so long in France].

3276. 1684, August 14. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, asking how he should dispose of the 3 pairs of gloves which have arrived from his lordship, and mentioning that the duke of York has been visiting the fleet at Chattam.
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3277. 1684, August 21. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, reporting that he has not yet seen M. Godet but that 'M.C.' [a lady] has found lodgings in London, and giving the history of Collins, the man who killed the earl's page.

3296. 1684, August 25. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, discussing the latter's financial difficulties, telling him that everyone at Court disapproves of his stay in France, and giving some news from the Court.


The earl of Perth, lord chancellor, to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to attend a meeting of council on 4 September.

3414. 1684, August 27. Kinneil.

George Skirving to the duke of Hamilton, in London, acknowledging his order for the repairing and building of new houses at Kinneil, but pointing out that the yeomen consider the site unsuitable, nor can materials be carried there while the corn is on the ground.

3295. 1684, August 28. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the lodgings hired by Mistress Crafts' for his lordship are very small, but that they are the only ones to be had.

8874. [1684], August 31. Edinburgh.

The earl of Perth to the duke of Hamilton at Glasgow, asking him to attend a meeting of the privy council in Edinburgh that Thursday. He also mentions that Rochester is now lord president, while Godolphin has succeeded Radnor and Middleton replaced Godolphin.

[With cover]
3294. [1684], September 1. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the earl of Dumbarton is determined that he should return home, describing the location of the lodgings he had suggested for his correspondent, and mentioning the death of the bishop of St Andrews.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], announcing that the writer has been given a commission to enforce the laws against 'phanaticks' in Lanark, Renfrew and Dumbartonshire, and that he has just completed a marriage contract for his daughter Susan with Lord Cochran.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that Lord John and Lord George are about to sail for Haver de Grace in order to begin their education abroad, about which he would like the earl's advice. The earl might yet have a chance to become one of the secretaries of England, but his father would prefer him to become an extraordinary lord of session.

9183. 1684, September 15.

[Lord?] Drummond and James Foulis to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to order his heritors and freeholders to meet at Hamilton on 25 September.

3293. 1684, September 15. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], promising to look for documents [referring to the earl's claim to the dukedom of Châtelherault], discussing his attempts to raise money, and giving some news of appointments in Scotland.

3235. 1784, September 17. London.

James Fraser to the earl of Arran in Paris, fearing that his lordship's efforts to regain the dukedom of Châtelherault may be frustrated and advising him to seek the help of Monsieur Varillas.
Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, explaining the delay in his grace's court case about Mr Cole's affairs.
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[Signature torn off] to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of what is said about the treaty of 1560 in L'Histoire de Origine moribus et rebus gestis homorum, [the earl] having inquired about this in connection with his claim to Châteherault. [In French]

3254. 1684, September 18. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, concerning the latter's loan from Colonel Ogle[? thorpe], their search for evidence of the earl's claim to the dukedom of Châteherault, and a parcel of snuff.


James Foulis to the duke of Hamilton, postponing their meeting until October 7 because of the lord treasurer depute's indisposition.

3236. 1684, September 24.

Richard Hassles to his cousin Anne Bedwell, writing on behalf of one Jackson, whom 'my lady' [Gerard] has ordered to be put out of his house. [Gerard Correspondence]

9426. 1684, September 27. Edinburgh.

James Foulis to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a copy of the king's instructions [9427 and 9428] and stating that the lord treasurer depute is recovering from his illness.

3208. [1684], September 28.

Lady Isabella Spencer to her sister [Ann], asking for news of her and telling her how they all regret the death of 'poor miny', [? a pet of some sort] of whom she was so fond.

3255. 1684, September 29. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran] describing the new lodgings that he has found for his correspondent.
5892. 1684, September 30. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], condemning his long stay [in France] and criticising his decision to end his attempts to claim the dukedom of Châtelherault because he could not at once find the documents on the subject.

9427. 1684, [September]

[Copy] Instructions by Charles II concerning those who have not taken the Test.
[Enclosed with 9426]

9428. 1684, [September]

[Copy] Additional Instructions from the secret committee to the committees of council.
[Enclosed with 9246]

8875. 1684, October 6. [? Drummond]

The earl of Perth to the duke of Hamilton at Glasgow, praising his activities on the western circuit.

3302. [1684], October 6. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, reporting that he has stored his lordship's goods in a chamber and remarking that the choosing of proper lodgings can wait until his lordship's return.

8876. 1684, October 8.

Sir George McKenzie to the duke of Hamilton, praising his work in the west and urging him to continue to punish the more notorious offenders.
[With cover]

8152. [1684, October 8] [Glasgow]

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, assuring her that 'I am as tender in shedding of blood as you are, and does what I can that banishment may be rather applied', but adding that the indulged ministers have now been laid aside.
8877. 1684, October 10. Drummond.

The earl of Perth to the duke of Hamilton, praising his services in the west.


The marquis of Queensberry to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the taking of the Test.

[With cover]

3256. 1684, October 13. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that no suitable lodgings are available in Whitehall, that the tradesmen are always asking to be paid, describing a fight in the playhouse, and giving other minor items of news.

3237. 1684, October 17. Paris.

David Mitchell to David Craford, writer at Edinburgh, sending him a letter and 'a good Beaver hat'.

9424. 1684, October 18. Sanquhar.

[ ], on behalf of the marchioness of Queensberry, to [ ], desiring him to inform the commanding officers of his majesty's forces that a conventicle of 300 or 400 men has been kept on the march between the writer's barony and Crawfordmuir.

9423. [1684], October 19. 9 at night. Glasgow.

[Lord?] Drummond to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing an information which has amazed the writer and hoping that if it is true the villains who have caused such trouble will be apprehended.

9425. 1684, October 20. Glasgow.

[Lord?] Drummond to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to find out the troublesome rogues who took part in the recent conventicle.

[With cover]
Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, emphasising that he has done everything he can to keep his grace informed about Mr Cole's affairs.
3258. 1684, October 20. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the duke of Hamilton is on the western circuit in Scotland, and that Mr Goodman has been arrested for contriving the death of the duke of Grafton and other persons of quality.

3238. 1684, October 22.

Mary Lewis to 'swet Mis Jevon', telling her that Lord Gerod of Brumly died suddenly in a tavern some ten days before, and that the duchess of Porchmouth is very ill.

[Gerard Correspondence]

6047. [1684], October 30. Newby.

The marquis of Queensberry to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he has gone to the Borders to see the earl of Annandale but also to pursue the rebels being sheltered in northern England, and discussing their activities in Scotland.

[With cover]

8878. [c. 1684, October]

The earl of Perth to the duke of Hamilton, praising his activities and inquiring after his health.

[With cover]

7837. 1684, November 1. Tour.

[The earl of] Arran to David Craufourd, asking him to deliver two letters and inquiring if his father's goods have been sent away.

3257. 1684, November 3. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, referring to the agreement for a loan from Colonel Oglethorpe.


The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], wishing him happiness in everything he intends for the settlement of his children; and sending his best wishes to the bride [the duke's daughter Lady Susan].
Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he had served his grace to the best of his ability in the Cole case, and pointing out that he did a large part of the business at his own expense and so does not hesitate now to claim payment.
The duke of Queensberry to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the settlement of garrisons in the disaffected shires.

D. Gerard Hungerford to his cousin Mrs Mary Hickford at Church Eaton, thanking her for her inquiries and for the fine apples. [Gerard Correspondence]

David Mitchell to Mr David Craford, asking him to deliver some letters and telling him how he can be reached 'chez Messieurs Grahame and Walker banquiers a Paris.'

John Gibson to Mr Ballive, chamberlain to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that no servant of the lord treasurer had given a warrant to carry a gun to the man about whom the duke [of Hamilton] had inquired. [Also a warrant by G. Chartes to John Laprivick, fowler, to shoot wild fowl anywhere within the marquis of Queensberry's lands for marquís's use - Sanquhar, 1684, September 17.]

The duke of Queensberry to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the arrangements for garrison. [With cover]

James Weir to James Hamilton, servitor to the duke of Hamilton, sending back two bay mares and apologising for their condition.

The duke of Queensberry to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that they must continue to use their influence to suppress the rebels, and remarking that he had spoken in vain to the privy council about the change which Hamilton wished to have made in the garrisons. [With cover]
10077. 1686, December 24. [London]

Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, begging for payment of the writer's debt.
3264. [? 1684], December 25. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, mentioning that the packet boat has been run down by a Dutch ship, occasioning fears for Lord Preston who might have been aboard.


The earl of Perth, lord chancellor, to the duke of Hamilton, regretting his absence from council and sending copies of a proclamation, act of council and new commission for his opinion.

3229. [1684]

George Nicolson to [? the earl of Arran], reporting that the commissioners of the exchequer have agreed to a settlement of their debt, and discussing some minor financial matters.

2444. [? 1684]

[ ] to the earl of Arran, referring to his attempts to raise some money for the earl.

8250. [c. 1684]

Sir George Mackenzie to the earl of Arran, promising to discuss a certain prisoner with him as soon as possible. There are rumours that Athole is to be chancellor and Queensberry president of the treasury.

8879. [c. 1684]

The privy council to the duke of Hamilton, ordering him to garrison the houses of Covington and Streven. [Signed by Perth, Queensberry, Sir George Mackenzie, Drummond, George Mackenzie and Falconer] [With cover]

8862. [1684 ?]

[Gilbert Burnet] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the current religious disorders in Scotland. He does not deny that, a year and a half before, he gave his advice to the king 'to consent to the change made in the church of Scotland' but 'no man is angrier at the violences of Scotland then myselfe' because/
because they have 'given the chieffe handle to the hot men of our side to decry and crosse the project that wee had formed of moderating matters here'. A second change in church government is not advisable, and the episcopal ministers must be restored to their places and tolerated.

9201. [c. 1684]

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that the duchess has recovered from her illness, and remarking that he hears that 'conventicles encrease exceedingle upon the English syde of the border'. He knows, however, that 'they will not gett footing near your grace as long as you are to curb them for they are destructive to all government'.

3341. 1684/5, January 5. London.

Edward Callender to the earl of Arran in Paris, sending an account, asking him to sign a bond for £53 : 19 : 8, and advising him to return to London.

9230. 1684/5, January 5. Edinburgh.

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that when he acknowledged his grace's letters excusing the latter's absence from council by having Robert Kennedy answer them instead of writing personally, he meant no disrespect.

3299. 1684/5, January 22. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, describing his attempts to raise money, and giving an account of the serious illness of the duke of Hamilton.

6100. 1684/5, January 23. Poictiers.

Lord John Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that he finds law a very pleasant study and that his brother has a master of geography. He concludes by describing how severely the French protestants are treated.


[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, concerning his attempts to raise money in London, the earl's efforts to regain the dukedom of Châtelherault, and the duke of Hamilton's desire that his son return home.
3301. 1684/5, January 29. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has received £600 in goldsmiths' bills from Oglethorpe, and mentioning the calling to account of the commissioners of excise. [Enclosing an account on a separate sheet.]

3214. 1684/5, January 29. Dublin.

The duke of Ormonde to [? the duke of Beaufort ], promising to help him as far as possible, but stating that he is 'more confounded in my dutties then ever I was', and referring to the forthcoming marriage of his grandson with his correspondent's daughter.

3300. 1684/5, February 2. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, sending him a bill drawn on John Hegins and informing him of the king's serious illness.

3216. 1684/5, February 2. London.

Edward Callender to the earl of Arran in Paris, explaining that to give him bills for 10,000 livres would ruin the writer.

3261. 1684/5, February 9. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], explaining that he could not write before as there has been an embargo on all ships to France, and describing the king's death.

8451. 1684/5, February 17. Whitehall.

[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his affliction as a result of the king's death, and inquiring anxiously about his own father's health.


The duc de Bouillon to the earl of Arran, offering his sympathy on the death of [Charles II].
8981. [1684/5], February 23. Paris.

Madame de Schönberg to the earl of Arran offering her condolences on the death of [Charles II.].
[In French]

8982. 1684/5, March 2. Versailles.

[Madame de Schönberg] to the earl of Arran, assuring him of her efforts on his behalf.
[In French]


Cardinal de Bouillon to [the earl of Arran], announcing that he has spoken with the king, who has sent by the Marshal de Lorgues[?] a letter to James II.
[In French]
[2 separate pages]


Henriette de Queroualle, countess of Pembroke to the earl of Arran, assuring him of her regard and sending her greetings to the earl of Sunderland.
[In French]

8937. 1684/5, March 23. Whitehall.

[Draft ?] The earl of Arran to [ ], asking him to settle a dispute among the writer and his friends as to how the garrison of Luxembourg left the town.
[In French]


Lord John Hamilton to his mother Anne, of Hamilton, asking for news of his father's health, declaring that the writer does all he can in the study of law, and that his brother George has a singing master and a designing master.

7931. 1685, March 31. Hamilton.

[Copy, in her own hand] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to Gilbert Burnet], on the death of [his wife] Lady Margaret [Kennedy].
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9015. [1685, March]

[Cardinal de Boullon] to [the earl of Arran], discussing the letter sent with Marshal de Lorgues from the French king to James II.
[In French]

3211. [1685], April 5 19. Vienna.

Robert Spencer to his sister, [Anne], expressing his sorrow at the death of their sister Bel, and his hopes of visiting England soon.

3344. 1685, April 25. Holyroodhouse.

The earl of Drumlanrig to [the earl of Arran], describing a meeting between the dukes of Queensberry and Hamilton, and assuring him that Lord Dundonald's fine will be as light as possible.

3345. 1685, May 2. [Paris]

James Marshall to the earl of Arran, thanking for his letter, explaining that he has not yet delivered one to M. Bechly, and mentioning his financial dealings with Lord Chumley.


John Higins to [the earl of Arran], explaining that Mr Marshall has sent his lordship a letter which should really have gone to Lord Chumly, and thanking him for promising to speak to Mr Callender on the writer's behalf.


[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that his grace 'lays such weight on a tolleratione to fanatiques', and that the plan to favour them has been made public.


The earl of Perth, lord chancellor, to the duke of Hamilton, colonel of the militia regiment of the shires of Linlithgow and Peebles, telling him to order a rendezvous of his troops on 19 May.
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The earl of Perth, lord chancellor, to the duke of Hamilton, colonel of the militia regiment of Linlithgow and Peebles, ordering him on behalf of the privy council to assemble his regiment at Linlithgow on 21 May, where they will receive orders.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, discussing a proposed act of parliament which would disinherit the heir to an entailed estate should he contract debts, and remarking that the duke of Hamilton's violent support of this act leads everyone to think that it is levelled at the earl.


[Copy] The committee of council to the marquis of Atholl, lord lieutenant of Argyll, ordering him to burn and destroy Inveraray.

9410. 1685, May 31. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy] The committee of council to the marquis of Atholl, instructing him to gather together a force and 'ether kill or apprehend all who joined with the late Argile against the king'. He is to execute a hundred of 'the chief ringleaders'.

3310. 1685, June 2. Whitehall.


4098. [1685], June 4. London.

The earl of Melfort to the earl of Arran, telling him that an arms ship has been intercepted off the west coast of England, and that two have come from Holland, one believed to be carrying the duke of Monmouth.

3298. 1685, June 4. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, describing the business done by the English parliament recently, mentioning the capture of a Dutch ship, and announcing that the 3 Scottish regiments on service in Holland have that day taken ship for home.
Copy Deposition of witnesses against Stewart of Cultness.

[Enclosed with 10,045]

[ ] Lambert to the earl of Arran, sending him, as desired, a more detailed description of the departure of the garrison from Luxembourg.
[Only the signature and postscript in the writer's hand]  
[In French]


[The earl of Melfort] to [? the earl of Arran], asking for news of the earl of Dumbarton, reporting that Monmouth has set sail from Rotterdam and that the horsemen involved in the declaration at Sanquhar had gone towards Clidsdale.

1685, June 6. Whitehall.

R. Yard to [the earl of Arran], sending him a journal of parliamentary news, giving an account of Captain Wheeler's capture of a Dutch arms ship, and reporting that the duke of Monmouth is believed to have embarked, with 30 or 40 companions.

1685, June 7. 10 acloake. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his son, the earl of Arran, telling him to go to Glasgow to see what condition the forces are in as he hears that Argyll is marching towards Stirling.

1685?, June 7.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his son the earl of Arran, describing how the wagon carrying his son's goods has overturned at Coltbridge on the way to Hamilton.

1685, June 8. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Hamilton to [? his son the earl of Arran or to his wife the duchess], announcing that Argyll has gone towards his own country so that news is expected of an engagement between him and Atholl.


The earl of Perth to the earl of Arran, reporting that the duke of Monmouth is believed to be on his way from Holland, and giving some military news.
[The duke of Hamilton] to his son the earl of Arran, wondering at the earl of Dumbarton [the writer's brother] having sent for Irish forces.

The earl of Melfort to [? the earl of Arran], telling him that news is scarce, but referring to a vessel captured in the west and to his desire to question the earl of Dumbarton about some unspecified matters.

[William Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the king's displeasure at the lack of news from Scotland. ['With a note on the back saying the letter is to be sent on to the earl of Arran.]

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], insisting that he has done everything he could to serve the king in the recent parliament, during which 'no man [was] more loaded and cryed out against as a betrayer of the protestant religion and the interest of the nation then I am'.

William Baillie to John Baillie, clerk to the regality of Hamilton, sending the bearer for the money for the writer's horse.

The earl of Melfort to [? the earl of Arran], referring to some bad news which his correspondent had given him and to legislation aimed at preventing the king from alienating forfeitures to the crown.

[The earl of Perth] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that his correspondent's father has now left town.
1685, June 11. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of reports that 'D.M.' [the duke of Monmouth] has sailed from Holland.


The duke of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, discussing the provisioning of the militia in view of the lack of money, mentioning a report that the duke of Monmouth has landed in England, and adding on a separate sheet that should all other methods of raising money fail, he will try to obtain for his lordship the advance of a year's pension.


The duke of Queensberry, the earl of Perth and others to the earl of Arran, lord lieutenant of Cliddalp, Dumbarton etc., telling him that they cannot advise him as to the posting of forces, but that all absentees must be punished.


[The earl of Perth] to [? the earl of Arran], describing his anger at his own regiment's mutiny.


Thomas Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has 'blocte up the ships of Arguille', though contrary winds have delayed an action.


[The earl of Perth] to [the earl of Arran], offering him advice on the handling of the militia, and complaining of his own unhappy circumstances.

[? William Hamilton] to [? the earl of Arran], mentioning the landing of the duke of Monmouth, and asking for news from his correspondent.

4104. [1685], June 13. Whitehall.

[? William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the duke of Monmouth's landing.


Alexander Bruce to [? the earl of Arran], describing the capture of some highlanders.


The earl of Dunbarton to his nephew the earl of Arran, promising to give the king an account of his good services, and threatening to hang all highlanders or militia who plunder the countryside.

7677. 1685, June 16. 4 in the afternoone. Glasgow.

The earl of Dunbarton to his nephew the earl of Arran, warning him that the rebels are reported to be marching towards Dumbarton.

[Only the signature in his own hand]

3304. [1685?], June 16. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's finances, telling him that the duke of Hamilton is at Court, and giving some news from Scotland.


The duke of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, assuring him of his desire to help him at any time, and hoping to end the current session of parliament that evening.
1685, June 16. London.

The earl of Melfort to [the earl of Arran], announcing the safe arrival of the duke of Hamilton.

1685, June 16. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], announcing that he has had an audience of the king, who is taken up with the dispatch of affairs since the duke of Monmouth is raising an army in Dorsetshire.

1685, June 16. London.

The duke of Hamilton to his son [? the earl of Arran], advising him to find a good Scots servant and set out at once for London, since he has been given a troop of horse.


The duke of Queensberry, the earl of Perth and others to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the heritors and militia in his shire must be active against the rebels, and that the earl of Argyll is moving towards Rosneth and may attempt to slip over to Renfrew and so into his lordship's shires.

1685, June 18.

[The earl of Perth] to [? the earl of Arran], promising to tell him, when he sees him, 'what a snare is laid for your worship', and reporting that the duke of Monmouth has landed at Lyme.

[1685], June 19. London.

[A lady ] to [the earl of Arran], condemning the duke of Monmouth's rebellion, and giving some news from Court.

[1685], June 20. Whitehall.

[The earl of] Sunderland to the earl of Arran, telling him that large numbers of troops are being raised, and that Lord Feversham has marched against the rebels with 1800 foot and 700 horse. The earl's father has arrived in town 'and wee are all one'.
7550. [1685], June 20. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his son the earl of Arran, critising him for complaining about his task since he has neither to raise men nor money but merely to obey orders, and hoping that by now Argyll has been defeated. Feversham has gone with 1800 foot and 200 horse to join Churchill against Monmouth.

8252. [1685], June 20. Whitehall.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, giving news of M[onmouth]'s campaign.

3319. 1685, June 20. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to the earl of Arran, advising him about some private matter and reporting that the duke of Monmouth 'is not in a very good conditione'.

7679. 1685, June 20. Glasgow.

The earl of Dunbarton, to his nephew the earl of Arran, ordering him to convoy to the lord high commissioner or to the lord chancellor, Colonel Rumbold and his servant. [Only the signature in his own hand]


John Higgins to [the earl of Arran], reporting that he has drawn up a bill in favour of Mr Coume and his wife, following upon his lordship's order, and that providing the interest be paid regularly, they will not press for the principal.


The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that 'all in very quiet and Argyle is as merry a man as can be', and recommending the bearer.
3355. 1685, June 22. [Whitehall]

[? R. Yard] to [? the earl of Arran], describing the business done in the commons grand committee on the previous Saturday, reporting that the rebels are about Bridgewater, and giving news of the royal army.
[The second page of the letter missing]


[The earl of Perth] to [? the earl of Arran], reporting that 'my Lord Fr. and his son' [ ] are appointed lieutenants in southern Scotland, and declaring that the king 'has given up this nation to be troden under foot and spitt upon'.

3356. 1685, June 23. Strathaven.

J. Hamilton to the earl of Arran, asking him to intervene on behalf of four of his lordship's own tenants in Avendale, who are being held prisoner by Captain Benie.


J. Carmichael to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has sent out a strong party to search for a large conventicle believed to be in the wood of Underbank, and that although they hear the firing of pistols on the moors at night, they can get no information about the rebels.

3230. [1685], June 24. Strabin.

J. Carmichael to the earl of Arran, describing the capture of 4 of the persons who attended a conventicle at Underbank.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, lord lieutenant of the king's forces in West Lothian, Claidseill, Dunbarton and Ranthrow, asking for directions for disposing the troops, and mentioning the sad condition of the parishes there, especially Crawfowrd.
3474. [1685], June 25. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing how one of the earl's letters had been read out in council, and how [the duke of Monmouth] is near Bristol.


[The earl of Perth] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that the duke of Monmouth is within 5 miles of Bristol, and describing how Dumbarton has given cause for more discord between the earl of Moray and the writer.

3222. [1685], June 26. Whitehall.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the earl of Arran], telling him he has the king's permission to come to Court, referring to the raising of regiments, and remarking that 'M[onmouth] was near Bristol yesterday My Lord Churchill following him'.


The earl of Melfort to the earl of Arran, referring to the king having given the earl leave to come to London, and remarking that the duke of Monmouth 'looks towards Chesshire'.

8980. [c. 1685], June 27.

Madame la Marechale de Schonberg to [? the earl of Arran], thanking him for a gift and sending her greetings to his mother.

[In French]

3328. 1685, June 27. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Perth] to [? the earl of Arran], describing some appointments made by the duke of Monmouth as king, exclaiming 'What Madness!', and giving the numbers in both armies.

3308. 1685, June 27. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran at Edinburgh, informing him that Colonel Oglethorpe and his men have killed 80 of the rebels in the west, and that Lord Churchill has killed 300.
6139. 1685, June 30. Whitehall.

[One of his brothers] to [? the earl of Arran], referring to the earl of Sunderland's desire that [Arran] hasten to Court [3343], mentioning Monmouth having discharged the meeting of parliament, and asking for half a dozen good men for the winter's troop.

7551. 1685, June 30. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], hoping that before the latter comes to London he will see that their own countryside is free of highlanders, which should be easily enough done with a few of the standing forces since now 'there is no visible body of the rebels, together but the sulking rogues that appears onely in the night'.

3323. 1685, July 1. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Queensberry to [? the earl of Arran], telling him that the king's forces are 'very numerous' so that 'the destruction of the rebels is not doubted', that the king has ordered a detachment of horse, foot and dragoon to go towards Carlyle, and referring briefly to Argyll's execution.


[The earl of Perth] to [? the earl of Arran], reporting that Oglethorp has killed 80 of the rebels and that lord Churchill has killed and taken 300.


[As in 3224] to the earl of Arran, explaining that he was not a spectator at the execution of the earl of Argyll, but giving a detailed though second hand description of his last hours and death.

7940. 1685, July 2. Poitiers.

Lord John Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, suggesting that his father come to France for his health, and reporting that he and his brother George continue to study diligently.
The earl of Dunbarton to his nephew the earl of Arran, telling him that Sir Thomas Cochrane and his son should be at Hamilton by that night.

The earl of Dunbarton to his nephew the earl of Arran, approving of his decision to go to London and asking him to find out how the king means to dispose of the writer.

The duke of Hamilton to his son the earl of Arran, giving an account of Monmouth's defeat.

[Lady Katherine Murray] to [her mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing her recent visit to Leslie 'where my heart was very soar to see that disconsolat familie', complaining about her mother-in-law, Lady Atholl, who treats the writer and her husband 'as if we were malifactors', and mentioning that the vessel containing their goods was wrecked so she fears that little will be saved.

The duke of Queensberry to [? the earl of Arran], thanking him for his letter and asking him for his commands.

The duke of Queensberry to the duke of Hamilton, inquiring after his health, remarking that although 'the trator Argyll is distrayt' the rebels are as busy as ever, and mentioning that the earl of Dumbarton is about to go to London. [With cover]

[Lady Katherine Murray] to [her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], passing on her husband's thanks for her father's kind letter, and hoping that her husband will be vindicated of the current rumours about him.

[The earl of Perth] to [the earl of Arran], asking to hear from him and thanking him for having mentioned the writer favourably to the king.

1685, July 18.

M. Lyne to [ ], telling her ladyship how glad she is that the latter has recovered from her illness, and regretting that the writer's master intends to stay in this 'very dull place'.

[1685], July 20. Paslay.

Lady Susan Cochrane to her mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing her depressed condition for, despite the kindness of her parents-in-law, 'I never knew what it was to be bid to doe every thing my selfe before'.

1685, July 23. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Queensberry to [? the earl of Arran], telling him that the earl of Dumbarton left some days before, and remarking that there is no news of 'the sculking rebells'.


The earl of Perth to the earl of Arran, describing Lord Carmichael's encounter with a conventicle of about 300 people, and asking for news.


[The earl of Perth] to the earl of Arran, mentioning rumours of Lord Fraser going to London, and asking his favour for Machany and Sir Patrick Kinnaird.

1685, August 1. [London]

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that he was unable to visit her because he has been so busy with his new regiment's affairs. Albemarle has resigned his commission in the guards, and will probably be succeeded by Churchill.
1685, August 6. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Queensberry to the earl of Arran, explaining that he cannot speak for the earl's man Carras, and remarking that he will not leave Edinburgh until the end of the following week.

1685, August 16. Drummond

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him of the writer's regard. The lord treasurer [Queensberry] is going to London.

1685, August 16.

[The earl of Perth] to [the earl of Arran], asking to hear from him.

[1685] Aug. 26

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Robert Spencer to his sister [Lady Ann Spencer?], promising to bring home a little Turkish girl captured at Coron and describing how he also acquired a little deer which almost drowned by swimming alongside his ship at Corfou.


Cardinal de Boullon to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his expressions of friendship in this time of the writer's disgrace. [In French]

1685, November 2.

J. D. [ ] to his cousin Mrs. Mary Huggeford, in London, inquiring after the health of her and her brother. [? Gerard Correspondence]

[1685], November 11, OS. Nion.

Robert Spencer to his sister [Lady Ann Spencer?], hoping that although he is hated by all his relations, she may still have a little kindness left for him, describing his own 'very vagabond condition', and promising to send her a little watch from Geneva.
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7515.  [1685], November 12. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], announcing that he has arrived in Edinburgh after a very troublesome journey to find 'the Duke of Queensberry's friends mighty elivate'. Queensberry has obtained a full and extensive pardon, others have received lucrative places, but the writer has been informed that he himself has been put on the privy council 'but to putt a fether in my cape for I wold not gett a shilling to attend itt or any other thing els done for me'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], remarking that even those who were no friends to the treasurer [Queensberry] before 'begins now to talke that it's better to bear his houmers then to joine in Councills with a popish chancellor' [Perth]. He urges his son to press for the writer being made an extraordinary lord of session.


Marshal de Schonberg to [? the earl of Arran], explaining the difficulty of obtaining a good trumpet for his lordship.


The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how, at the meeting before the king, 'D]uke Q[ueensberry] and all his crue spoke very much nonsense in the matter of the mint, and at last confess freely they did not understand one jot of it'. Nothing has yet been done about the fines, and Orbiston did not get £200 pension.  
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 169 no. 121]

7521.  1685, November 28. Kin[neil]

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], critising the giving of a commission to audit Queensberry's accounts to some of that duke's creatures, and complaining that Queensberry and his sons still have all the coachhouses and stables [at Holyrood] which they had while he was commissioner, and make alterations there without ever notifying the writer.
The earl of Melfort to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that Queensberry has complained to the king that the duke has taken a coach house, stables and other buildings from him.

[The earl of Perth] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of how the king asked the writer to 'live civilly with Duke Qu[eensberry], and had said that he has 'put D[uke] H[amilton] in the session for you and what you proposed for him further I will think of'. His majesty then called together Queensberry, [Melfort] and Perth and urged them to put aside their differences. They have therefore had to pretend friendship, although Perth told his majesty that Queensberry 'was an atheist in religion, a villain in friendship, a knave in business and a traitor in his carriage to him'.

[H.M.C. Report, p. 171, no. 127]

The earl of Melfort to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king that night called together the writer, the earl of Perth and the duke of Queensberry, to order them to be reconciled with each other.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], fearing that it will be found that Callendar had no power to break his tailzie, and condemning the behaviour of the countess of Callendar who is guided in everything by Sir Thomas Livingstone of Westquarter and may even marry him.

Lord John Hamilton to [? the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has recovered from his illness and that he and his companions have had a satisfactory interview with the English envoy.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], criticising him for attending the earl of Drumlanrig's wedding since neither Drumlanrig nor Queensberry had invited him.

[The earl of Perth] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how Queensberry lingers in town despite the king's orders to the contrary, giving some other news from Court, and declaring that the earl of Arran is 'diligent, adroit and very frank in our cause'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp. 169-70, no. 122]

1685, December 12. London.

The earl of Melfort to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king has commanded the secret committee to write asking the lords of session if Lord Maitland's gift of general of the mint subsists despite the sentences passed against his father.

1685, December 17. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], approving of his grace's attitude in the matter of the lodgings [at Holyrood]. [The earl of Perth] is on his way north and will give the duke all the latest news.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], telling him that the letter appointing the writer to be an extraordinary lord of session has not yet come, but that it is said that 'the King will bestow his favours equally at this time betwixt the chancellor and treasurer's friends'. As the president of the session has died, he urges his son to do all he can to have Sir George Lockhart succeed him.


[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king approves of what his grace has written about Holyrood. He may now get back all the lodgings which Queensberry acquired over and above those he had while commissioner, and no alterations to the palace may now be made without Hamilton's orders. Only a warrant from his majesty to the duke will give anyone possession of lodgings there.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], discussing the behaviour of the countess of Callendar [his wife's cousin] with regard to her marriage contract and the tailzie involved, and referring to the rumours against 'our dean'. [Last pages missing]

9222. [1685], December 25.

[The earl of Perth] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter [from Melfort], and assuring him of the king's good opinion of his grace.
[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 170, no. 123]


The earl of Melfort to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the behaviour of the duke of Queensberry, and the appointment of Sir George Lockhart as president.


The earl of Rochester to the duke of Hamilton, asking that his grace be reconciled to the duke of Queensberry, so that the writers' daughter, who has married Queensberry's son, need not 'partake of devisions and angers and enmitys between two familys that are so neerly as yours'.


The earl of Perth to the duke of Hamilton, referring to Sir George Lockhart's appointment as lord president, and to the arrival of [Queensberry], who 'took it unkindly that his reception had not the splendor which was expected by him'. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 170, no. 124]

9165. [1685, December, before 29]

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that as a result of his endeavours Sir George Lockhart has been made president. [With cover]
[William Hamilton] to [my dear Lord], reporting the capture at Dublin of a ship sailing from Holland with arms.

[William Hamilton] to [? the earl of Arran], discussing the latter's financial affairs, telling him of the duke of Hamilton's complaints that his son did not take his business seriously enough, and warning him to be careful about what he writes to the duchess.

'306' to Mr James Gilson, merchant in Edinburgh, telling him of rumours that Argyll has been executed, and of the imprisonment of 300 others of his party. [Partly in cipher, but deciphered]

The duke of Hamilton to [his son the earl of Arran], commenting that although Sir George Lockhart would have liked to be lord advocate, the king has acted for the good of the country in not appointing him. The writer himself hopes that rumours of Lord Murray trying to prevent him from becoming an extraordinary lord of session are untrue and that Strathmore will not be given the place instead. He is also worried about how to behave towards the treasurer, since the writer's brother now tells him that the treasurer has a good understanding with the duke. He concludes by asking his son to speak to Melfort about the signature in favour of the late earl of Hadinton's younger sons.

[The earl of Perth] to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to Sir George Lockhart missing his former income, and telling him that the treasurer [Queensberry] has received some news which gave him great joy. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 170, no. 125.]
9164. 1685/6, January 7. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that the king's letter to his grace has been delayed by the earl of Moray. [With cover]

6145. 1685/6, January 11. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], stating that he has replied to the treasurer of England's letter urging him to be reconciled with the duke of Queensberry, and referring to 'our dean's affair', with the observation that the latter had been involved in similar scandalous rumours while minister of Carnwath.

9219. 1685/6, January 15. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Perth] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing [Queensberry] as resembling 'our spirituall ennimie who goes about lyke a roaring lyon seeking whom he may devore and yet (very oft) puts on the fier shew of an angel of light'. [Summarised in H.M.C. Report pp. 170-71, no. 126]

6172. 1685/6, January 16. London.

[The earl of Dunbarton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the writer has been given Saltoun's forfeiture. [Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p. 104]

7071. 1685/6, January 18. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], referring to conflicting reports of a new secret committee being formed. The king's affairs in the treasury go on very slowly, mainly because of the increased number required to make a quorum.


[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, assuring him of his care for his grace's interest. [With cover]
7072. 1685/6, January 23.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], wondering that his son has failed to let him know whether or not the writer may expect to get the second gift of Calander's escheat passed. The earl is, however, to trouble the king no more about an extraordinary lord of session's place for the duke, and is to tell the duke of Gordon that the writer never described him as his enemy. [Hamilton] is now on visiting terms with the treasurer [Queensberry]. The clerk register [Sir George Mackenzie] is an enemy of the family, and the duke declares that he will never be fooled by his fair words.


[The earl of Dunbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, stating that he has done everything necessary for taking possession of Saltoun's estate.


9162. 1685/6, January 28. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he is 'with my outmost application and zeal ... myndeing the publick and your grace's private interest, and tho the effects of my care make as yet no great sho I thank God they are not unsuccessfull'.

7151. 1685/6, February 2. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], declaring that advice from Scotland should be sought before a commissioner to parliament is chosen, for there is much unrest at present and there have been riots in Edinburgh, with people breaking the windows of houses occupied by Catholics and surrounding the chancellor's coach as he came from Lady Lucy Hamilton's. Rumours of the council chamber at Holyrood being prepared as a public chapel have caused a great deal of harm, and on the previous day a new tumult broke out as a result of which the town guard killed a man or two and a woman.

7023. 1685/6, February 4. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that 'our tumult does not apeare no more', although the treasurer [Queensberry] is annoyed at the examination of some of Lieutenant-General Douglas's servants and soldiers.
[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran],
telling him that 'there is of late a strange malitious temper
got into the heads of the people against the papists seeing
their worship so publike and the apprehensions they have of
that religion'. In his opinion parliament should be adjourned
until October to give due time for consideration of whether the
laws against Catholics should be lifted. The writer hears,
much to his surprise, that the duke of Gordon has become his
enemy, and is anxious to find out what has occasioned this
change. He goes on to describe a fire in the stables at Holyrood,
rumoured to have been caused on purpose but actually the result
of negligence by one of Kintore's servants.

F. Saunders to Joseph Coates, at Sanden, protesting that
he 'never received any letter or information from any one out
of the country, but meerly by accident'.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran],
describing his opposition to the treasurer's gift of Calander's
escheat to Hew Wallace. The marquis of Atholl has obtained all
the escheats of Argyllshire, said to be worth £6000 sterling,
and £2000 more for his expenses 'which God knowes how he
desairves it'.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting
the king's remarks about the payment of the army.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], condemning
any measures which would precipitate the calling of a parliament,
and declaring that the king has been strangely misinformed
about the recent tumult.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring
that he has done everything possible in his grace's concern.
3311. 1685/6, February 23. Edinburgh.

W. Sharp to [ ], sending him some documents belonging to his lordship, which he had found in his uncle's papers, and expressing his obligations to his correspondent.

9150. 1685/6, February 25. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the treasury being put into commission.

6147. 1685/6, March 2. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], declaring that he admires and congratulates Melfort for having had the treasury brought into a commission and that if matters of religion are not pressed at the next parliament, the king's affairs should go very well. He urges his son to come to Scotland and see things for himself.

9149. 1685/6, March 4. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king's commands about the ensuing parliament are sent down in the present flying packet.

[With cover]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 172, no. 129]

6148. [1685/6], March 4. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that parliament has been called for 1 April instead of 10 April, and remarking that everyone is well pleased with the setting up of a commission of the treasury. He encloses a copy of his letter to the king. [6149].

6149. [1685/6, March 4] [Edinburgh].

[The duke of Hamilton] to Charles II, thanking him for naming him one of the commissioners of the treasury and for granting him a pension.
3326. 1685/6, March 4. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Perth] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that his correspondent's father is not willing to settle any considerable sum upon his son until the latter marry 'some fine, rich Lady', and asking the earl of speak on the writer's behalf to the lord president [Sir George Lockhart of Carnwath].


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], enclosing Captain Dalyell's answer, and referring to the first meeting of the treasury 'no mony in cash, the brenches of the revenue in disorder, the army a month behind of their pay and a great many pensions and other sources oueing'.

6277. 1685/6, March 9.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to David Crawford, giving instructions about the sending of her letters to her son, to the earl of Dumbarton and to one of her daughters.

6311. [? 1685/6], March 12. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], remarking that the writer, Queensberry, Lieutenant General Drummond, the president of the session [Lockhart] and the king's advocate [Mackenzie] are united in their opinion of the toleration.

9184. 1685/6, March 17. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing his surprise at his correspondent's attitude towards the Test and advising him to come quickly to Court.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 172, no. 130]

3343. 1685/6, March 17. Whitehall.

The earl of Sunderland to [? the earl of Arran], advising him to come at once to Court in obedience to the king's commands.

8012. 1686, March 28. Morpeth.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, commenting on the difficulty of his journey.
[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing his safe arrival in London, but complaining of a fit of the gravel. He refers to his difficult position at Court and asks for news of the bishops in Edinburgh.

1686, April 10. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that 'the king expresses a great dale of justice and moderation, and I hope wee shall all be very happy under his government', so she must not believe rumours to the contrary. He himself is in a perpetual hurry with politics and visits, but hopes to return home soon.

1686, April 13. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that as the commissioner has gone north, the Scottish parliament will meet on the appointed date. The writer's own departure has been delayed by his course of physick.

[With cover]

1686, April 17. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining of headaches and giddiness but hoping to begin his journey home on the following Tuesday.

1686, April 20. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that with great difficulty he has bought the satin and point which she asked for, and as he is about to leave for home within the hour, he hopes to be in Edinburgh in eight days' time.
6141. 1686, April 21. Whitehall.

[ ] to [? his brother, the earl of Arran], passing on the earl of Sunderland's thanks for the Garter [the earl] sent him, asking for instructions about his correspondent's wine, and referring to the accident which befell the king's guard, who were almost drowned when crossing by the horse ferry.

8018. 1686, April 27. Belford.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her to send his coach to meet him at Preston.

6140. 1686, April 29. Whitehall.

[ ] to his brother, the earl of Arran, remarking that the king has spent the day at Blackheath and will go on Monday to Chatham.

3370. 1686, April 30. Whitehall.

[? His brother] to the earl of Arran, describing his difficulty in getting ready an equipage and mentioning a disagreement between the lord chamberlain and Lord Churchill and the fact that Marshal Shomberg is now in the elector of Brandenburg's service.

7179. 1686, May 1. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], stating that he arrived home to find all the members of parliament averse to granting the king's desires in favour of the Roman Catholics, and the chancellor [Perth] very disconsolate.

9185. 1686, May 2. Londone.

The earl of Melfort to [? Sir George Lockhart], warning him of 'how derogatory it will be from you if any prerogative should be lost in your time, for I look on you my lord president as the guard of it' in the coming session of parliament.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 172 No. 131]

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], telling him that the lords of the articles have drawn up a reply to the king's letter about toleration of Catholics. He is also pleased to report that he has raised the money yielded by the excise and import on 'this shire' by £1600 sterling.

9186. 1686, May 5. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing satisfaction with the latter's presence in Edinburgh on April 29, and condemning the address of the ministers in Aberdeen.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 172 No. 132].


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], announcing that but for his intervention there would have been a motion in parliament to have the chancellor turned out because of his religion, and commenting on parliament's hostility towards any measures favouring the Roman Catholics.


[The earl of Perth] to the earl of Arran, promising that he 'wil not fail to do my best to save you from being made a precedent though your Father's zeal were twice as fierce to save his Majestys monye'.


The earl of Breadalbane to the earl of Arran, advising him to return soon, and referring to the defeat of the highland army.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], describing how the general hostility towards the papists is growing.
Gerrardo Treviso to the earl of Arran, assuring him of his friendship. [In Italian]

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], criticising the king's insistence on the toleration. In a postscript he recommends Alexander Muir as a suitable person to receive the earl's money and keep his accounts.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that the writer's brother [the earl of Perth] 'never said nor writ anything to your prejudice', and referring to mistaken ideas arising from his grace's endeavours for the presbytery.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that his correspondent's pension will be paid as soon as possible, and condemning his son's extravagance.

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on his efforts in the king's service, and thanking him for his concern in the writer's own affair. [With cover]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 173 No. 133].
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Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the earl of Arran, describing his audience of the king, who inquired about their mother's health having heard that she was dying. His majesty has granted the writer the earldom of Selkirk resigned by the duke of Hamilton.

6310. [1686], May 28. Holyroodhouse.

[? The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing his attitude to the toleration act; being agreeable to Catholics having permission to exercise their religion in private and to have the king's protection, but being loathe to see the removal of the laws barring their coming into the government.

9009. [1686?], May.

Lucien Mara to [the earl of Arran], [with assurances of his regard?] [In Italian]

9234. 1686, June 2. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king has approved the [draft] act and urging his grace to be zealous in his efforts to bring in votes for it.

[H.M.C. Report p. 173 No. 135].

7181. 1686, June 3.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], regretting that the king has written to the privy council 'turning out the bishop of Dunkeld and Gosford'. Such actions give people just ground to say 'that nothing less is intended then the overturning of the protestant religion'.


[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him 'for God's sake be active and consider what the king is doing for you and yours', and explaining about the gift made to the provost of Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran],
describing the unrest caused by the prospect of a toleration
act and the turning out of the bishop of Dunkeld.

9236. 1686, June 10. London.

The earl of Melfort to the duke of Hamilton, regretting
to hear of the 'ill hopes ther are of the act concerning the
R[oman] Cath[olics]. [With cover]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 173 No. 136].

7183. 1686, June 15. Holyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to his son the earl of Arran,
discussing the latter's claims to Coltness's estate and
announcing that parliament has been adjourned until August.

9237. 1686, June 17. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking
on the fact that the king no longer thinks it fit to be served
by Q[ueensberry], and urging his grace to proceed vigorously
in the treasury accounts. [With cover].

7184. [1686], June 17. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran],
asking why Orbeston has been committed to prison but cautioning
him to do nothing in that matter until he hears from the
writer. He speculates on the choice of the next king's advocate,
and regrets that the earl seems to have given up thoughts of
marrying.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran],
criticising the imprisonment of 'old Houston' occasioned by his
son's behaviour in parliament and asking his son to remind the
king of his promise to make his grace one of the extraordinary
lord of session for he hears that a letter has been sent by
his majesty ordering all the duke of Queensberry's places to be
taken from him.

[Summarised at the end by the recipient.]
7186. 1686, June 23. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], enclosing some papers about Coltness's estate, [not included], and beseeching him not to neglect his concerns in Scotland.

7022. 1686, June 24. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the chancellor has set out for London, and enclosing a bill for £200.

9238. 1686, July 17. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that as soon as he had heard of a vacancy on the session he had put forward his grace's claims to sit there, and referring to some proposals made when the bishops were at Court.

7187. 1686, July 19 and 20. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], denying Orbeston's claims that the Hamiltons had twice been paid £10,000 sterling out of the taxation and asking him to do all he can for Houston. He and the others on the treasury have now begun to go over Queensberry's accounts and find that the late king was ill done by in the matter of wards. Queensberry is very displeased with the duke for his severity in looking into the accounts.

7024. 1686, July 5. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], complaining about his son's neglect of Scottish affairs, and arranging to send him some horses.

7188. 1686, July 27. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], giving news of some military appointments and regretting that Lord Ross has been turned out of his place.
7189. 1686, August 3. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], warning him that he will find it very difficult to get any money from [Coltness's] estate. He emphasises how necessary it is for the king to consult his Scottish statesmen, and complains that hitherto treasury affairs have been very much neglected. He reminds his son to answer various remarks made by the writer in previous letters, and recommends various people to him.

8109. 1686, August 4. Hamilton.

[Draft] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [Katherine, countess of Dundonald], discussing the dispositions in [Lady Margaret Burnet's] Will, and assuring her correspondent that the writer had nothing to do with the fact that the Will did not favour [the countess].

9239. 1686, August 7.

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, wishing him joy in his place on the session and assuring him that the king means to have Queensberry's accounts 'tryed to the full'.

[With cover]

7190. 1686, August 16 and 17. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], declaring that Queensberry's malice 'is more at me and our family than any else', and that the appointment of Tweeddale and Balcarres to the treasury 'was but to lessen my interest there'. In a postscript he describes the damage done in the town of Hamilton by the severe floods.

7191. 1686, August 23. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], asking him to find a place in the army for young Grange, the bearer.

6627. [c1686], August 31. Perth.

[Lady Katherine Murray] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton [her mother], reporting that rumours of Lord Atholl securing his highland estate on Lord Charles seem to be true.

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that if his grace procure the gift of Baldoon's ward from the king, the writer will not oppose it.

3307. 1686, October 5. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him of the duchess of Hamilton's serious attack of 'a colick', mentioning a dispute over Captain Fetherston's muster roll, and describing how Mr. Ovid killed a county man at Leicester.

9203. 1686, October 8.

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter 'about the room for a chappell' [at Holyrood?], and hoping that his grace will not interfere between the earl of Dunbarton and the writer.

7192. 1686, October 8. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], denying that he had made difficulties about the king choosing the magistrates of burghs and emphasising that he had urged obedience to the toleration act.

9240. 1686, October 9. Wh[itehall]

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that his grace's 'cariage in this late letter was not altogether what was expected from you', and reminding him of the king's kindness to his grace.

3306. 1686, October 18 Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], insisting that he has written regularly to his lordship, sending him another bill, and describing how Sir Robert Peaton was seized in Amsterdam.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring himself puzzled at the quarrel between his grace and the writer's brother [the earl of Perth] about Baldoon's ward, since Perth is truly concerned for the duke's interests and would not stand in his way.


[The earl of Dumbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king says that his grace need not come to Court, and declaring that he believes both Melfort and the chancellor [the earl of Perth] to be their friends.


9194. 1686, October 23.

[Draft, in his own hand]. [The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Melfort], thanking him for letting the writer know 'that my carriage in the late letter write from the counsell to his majestie was not what was expected from me', but insisting that he has always acted in the king's interest, and has suffered from Queensberry's and Lauderdale's misrepresentation of his actions.

3374. 1686, October 28. Whitehall.

J. Bannantyne to [? the earl of Arran], asking him to thank Lord Melford on his behalf for his kindness, and telling him how he had justified to Melford the duke of Hamilton's opposition in council to the king's prerogative.

9193. [1686, c.October]

The earl of Melfort to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the dispute between his grace and [the earl of Perth] over the gift of Baldoon's wardship.

9241. 1686, November 1. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, approving of the behaviour of his grace's son Lord John Hamilton, and telling him that the king's affairs are at a stand until [the privy council?] meet again in Edinburgh.
9216. 1686, November 3. Drummond.

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king has given the commissions for cashkeepers to Kirkconnell and to John Drummond.

3375. 1686, November 8. Whitehall.

J. Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], informing him that Cornet Asque is dead, and asking to be preferred to his place.

3377. 1686, November 8. Whitehall.

John Hamilton to the earl of Arran, repeating his request that he be preferred to the vacancy in the earl's regiment.
[See 3375]

3303. 1686, November 8. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, concerning the latter's pensions which he has not yet received, mentioning that the king will consult the earl before filling Cornet Ascough's position, and giving some minor items of news.


Monsieur Barrellon to the earl of Arran, wishing him success in his new venture, and hoping to see him soon.

9190. 1686, November 20. Whitehall.

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the earl of Linlithgow's attempts to have a captain's pay added to the post in the castle of Blackness and to obtain the sheriffship of Stirling for his son Callander. [With cover.]


The earl of Melfort to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that the king has assigned certain funds to Sir William Sharpe.
[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran in Paris, telling him that Mr. Calender has given his lordship credit for £500 and discussing other financial matters.

The earl of Sunderland to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter from the king to be delivered to the king [of France], and summoning Arran home. [Only the signature in his own hand]

Edward Callender to the earl of Arran, reporting on some financial transactions and asking for payment of the bond which the earl owes him.

[The earl of Dumbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, expressing his pleasure that the chancellor [the earl of Perth] has described his grace to Melfort as being 'very easy in everything'.


[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king is well satisfied with the setting of the customs and with foreign affairs, discussing the payment of the army, and dealing with other treasury business.

Lord George Hamilton to his father the duke of Hamilton, sending an account of his expenditure for a month[,] in the hope of being allowed some more money.
7711. [1686, November 27] [London].

Account of Lord George Hamilton's expenses from 1 November until 1 December, amounting to £57-4-6 sterling. [Written out by himself]

6176. 1686, November 30. London.

[The earl of Dumbarton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he hears that the king does not favour the method proposed by his grace for paying the forces.


6177. 1686, December 2. London.

[The earl of Dunbarton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, denying that he would ever fail to promote anything concerning his nephew Lord John Hamilton. [With cover.]


[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king is very satisfied with the putting of the treasury into commission, referring to Linlithgow's affairs and the king's refusal to make the earl of Dunbarton captain of Blackness Castle, and commenting on the likelihood of Hamilton being given Baldoon's ward.


[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to do all he can to obtain Baldoon's ward for the duke.

6178. 1686, December 30. London.

[The earl of Dumbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, promising to say no more of the earl of Lithgow's business, and asking to be informed when some of his pension will be paid.

9151. [c1686].

[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that he is convinced of the duke's favour to the writer and his brother, and stating that 'your grace's unalterable attachment to the king's interest is what I most value'.

9205. [c1686].

The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for the return of a room [in Holyrood] at present borrowed by his grace for the earl of Arran.

9440. 1686.

Copy of a paper signed in council by the archbishop of St. Andrews.

[Enclosed with 9438]

8917. 1686/7, January 4.

[? Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, describing his conversation with the chancellor [the earl of Perth] about the repeal of the penal statutes.


[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king has paid Perth's composition and has given his grace the wardship of Baldoon's daughter.

6161. 1686/7, January 15. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], urging him to 'gett yourself into some imployinent under the king in this kingdom which wer more for your advantage and interrest then those forrain imployments you go about.' He criticises the recent administration in Scotland, fears that the numbers of men put on the treasury commission will hinder the work done, and gives news of a new secret committee consisting of the chancellor, the duke of Gordon, Tarbat and the bishop of Edinburgh.

E. Hungerford to Lady Gerard, asking that care be taken of a dog sent to Sanden for him.

[Gerard Correspondence]


[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing his exchange of words with the chancellor [the earl of Perth], whom he blames for having deprived him of a signature in favour of Baldoon, having been given instead the wardship of Baldoon's granddaughter, whom he had arranged to marry to his son Basil. He goes on to condemn the gift of wards being given to any subject, and criticises the appointment of Malcom, sheriff depute to Balcarres, as lord of session.

3368. 1686/7, January 25. [ ]

Thomas Jolliffe to Lady Gerrard, referring to the news of Lord Brandon 'being bayled out of the Tower'.

[Gerard Correspondence.]


Lord John Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton [his mother], wishing that he had a catalogue of the duke's law books, and asking to be allowed to ride, which would 'take me two hours, my dancing and fencing an hour and a half and all the rest of the time is to be taken up about law and reading of history and lettres'.

5882. 1686/7, January 27. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [? the earl of Arran], discussing the gift of Balduin's heirs, wards and marriage, and describing his conversation with the chancellor, with whom he is now reconciled, about wardships and about the Test Act.

[End of the letter missing]
6163. 1686/7, February 2. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing in detail his reply to a letter from the king questioning him about treasury matters.

7193. 1686/7, February 3. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], telling him that he wishes the king to know the contents of the writer's letter about the treasury and wants his son to sound the king about the duke coming to Court. He urges the earl to do all he can to have Sir John Harper made a lord of session and Lord Kemno put on the justice court, and discusses the earl of Callendar's entail which cannot be broken in favour of the duke's son Lord John. He concludes by commenting on the earl of Abercorn's pretensions to Châtelherault.

6164. 1686/7, February 5. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the earl's sister Margaret has that night been married to the earl of Panmure, only members of the family being present.

6165. 1686/7, February 8. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the chancellor 'has got an aditionall fond for his £8000 sterling the arrears of any bypast rents or feuduties owing to the King'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing the attempt to break the earl of Callendar's tailzie in favour of Lord John Hamilton, and the rumours that the privy councillors are to be asked to declare 'that the king by his prerogatives may dispence with the generall statute and securr the Romane Catholiks for acting in publick offices not withstanding of any laws to the contrare'.

9145. 1686/7, February 12. Whitehall.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], reminding him that D. Queensberry]'s accounts 'hang on and that it wer fitt they came to a tryall', and that the king's letter to the treasury has not yet been answered.
3433. 1686/7, February 14.

James Walker to the duke of Hamilton that he has taken up a true rental of the ten pound land at Blairmukey, as his grace had directed, and sending a copy of it.

3434. 1686/7, February 15. Hallewod burn.

James Walker to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a letter [3433], and remarking that the land in question 'will not improve'.

6179. 1686/7, February 15. London.

[The earl of Dumbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to speak to the lord advocate [Sir John Dalrymple] about Lady Salton's business, and urging him not to show any backwardness in obeying the king's commands.


6167. 1686/7, February 15. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], declaring that Melfort has 'no reason to be angry with the precedent about his proces for the land on the border'.

6168. 1686/7, February 17. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing the preliminary debate in secret committee followed by the reading in council of the proclamation granting toleration to presbyterians, Quakers and papists and dispensing with all laws and oaths against them.

6169. 1686/7, February 19. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing a fire in one of the garrets of Holyroodhouse. He has long expected some such accident for the garrets of the lodgings given to the marquis of Atholl and to the Register [Sir George MacKenzie], 'are filled with the famelys of litle tradamen and other litle people which keeps all these staires and that part off the house nasty and in disorder'.

10,038. 1686/7, February 16. London.

William Penn to the duke of Buckingham at Helmsley in Yorkshire, describing his recent audience of the king, during which he defended his correspondent's attitude towards his majesty.
[The earl of Dumbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, asking for news about the proclamation which the king sent to Scotland.


[The earl of Melfort] to the duke of Hamilton, longing to know what return will be made to the king's letter. [With cover.]

The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing how he had been told that an answer to the king's letter was not yet drafted, but went to council and heard the draft read.

The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], regretting that the earl had quarrelled with Melfort, for such disputes do no good, and discussing the council's answer to the king's letter.

The duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lord John has lost his court case, despite the chancellor's opinion that it would go in his lordship's favour.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that the duke and his two sons have refused to sign a letter to the king, and remonstrating with him for this failure.

[ ] Morstin to [? the earl of Arran], reporting that since his lordship's departure he has drawn up a family tree of the Huntleys, and putting to his correspondent nine genealogical enquiries concerning the earl's ancestors and relations. [In French.]
6200. 1686/7, March 3. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], mentioning rumours 'that you are out of court and I shall be quikly layed aside', and changing his decision to send his son 'any state of the revenue'. He advises the earl to give up all disputes with Lord Melfort as the latter will come off best.

6992. [1686/7], March 5.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that her father was born in June 1606 and her uncle in 1616, so that she may calculate Lady Belhaven's age. [i.e. her father's half sister] [With cover].

3313. 1686/7, March 5.

Edward King to the Lady [ ] of Ranalaugh, expressing his concern at the news of the duchess of Hamilton's illness, and recommending the spirit of black cherries as a cordial.

6201. 1686/7, March 8. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], expressing his gratitude at the news that the king did not believe that he had refused to concur in the letter sent to his majesty, and emphasising the loyalty of himself and his family.

6202. 1686/7, March 10. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], discussing the answer to the king's letter from the lords of the treasury, hoping that his majesty will not act upon it until the writer has sent him his own advice.

6203. 1686/7, March 12. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing his wife's state of health and her anxiety that her son should come to Scotland. Before he leaves Court, the earl should speak to the king about obtaining arrears of pension for the countesses of Cassilis and Nithsdale, his lordship's aunts.
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6204. 1686/7, March 15. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], complaining of the delay in putting a speedy end to the duke of Queensberry's account. A letter for the arrears of Lady Nithdaill's pension has arrived, but none as yet for the countess of Cassilis. He himself has heard nothing of field conventicles, but believes that the duke of Queensberry has reported a large one at Sanquhar.

6265. [1686/7], March 18. Falkland.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], referring to the plans for the order of the Thistle, and remarking that he does not believe what has been said about it.

[With a postscript from the duchess of Hamilton, to the effect that she is recovering but that he should nonetheless not delay his return].

6181. 1686/7, March 22. London.

[The earl of Dunbarton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], referring to speculation as to whether the earl of Arran would become duke of Hamilton should his mother die.


6182. 1687, March 31.

[The earl of Dunbarton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, describing his conversation with the earl of Arran about whether he should succeed to the title of duke of Hamilton upon his mother's death.


9142. 1687, April 2. London

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking what he wishes to be done about the customs house at Blackness.

7682. 1687, April 5. Whitehall.

[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving news of the illnesses of himself and his brother, Lord Charles, but hoping to set out on his journey north very soon.

William Penn to the duke of Buckingham, assuring him of his friendship and discussing 'poor Garret's case'.

10,037. [c1687, March] [Helmsley]

The duke of Buckingham to [William Penn], declaring that he is too old to serve in either Court or camp, 'especially since I have had the honor to bee in the field with this king when there was action and to have beene bred up with him and his brother ever since they were children'. He emphasises that he has had a surfeit of business and begins instead 'to take pleasure in looking over my owne accounts, in seeing my owne land plowed and improoved and in seeking for iron mynes, cole mynes and allum mynes'.
9134. 1687, April 14. London

The earl of Melfort to [the earl of Arran], urging him to 'preach the doctrine of peace' [to the duke of Hamilton and the earl of Perth].

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report pp. 198-9.]

6183. 1687, April 15. London.

[The earl of Dunbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to Saltoun's affairs.


3436. 1687, April 17.

D. Crauford to [? the earl of Arran], asking him to speak to the duke of Hamilton and to the lord chancellor [the earl of Perth] in favour of the bearer.

3445. 1687, April 19.

[News letter] [J. Tucker] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that those recently pardoned for their part in the late rebellion have thanked the king, who remarked 'that hee would lett the world see that a Roman Catholick King could live well with his Protestant subjects'.

3464. 1687, April 19. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing his meeting with Sir Theodore Oglethorp to discuss Lord Kemney's bond, and giving news of his lordship's regiment.

3465. 1687, April 21. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, mentioning the death of the duke of Buckingham, describing how a boat carrying some of Lord Dover's troop capsized on the Thames, and giving some news of his lordship's troop.
3447. 1687, April 21.

[News letter] [J. Tucker] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the deaths of the duke of Buckingham and the countess of Dorset and of the earl of Devonshire's lawsuit against Lord Montague, with a postscript by John Mounsteven to the effect that the lord president will probably become a knight of the garter in succession to Buckingham.

9137. 1687, April 23. [London]

The earl of Melfort to [the earl of Arran], reporting that Sunderland will now be given the order of the Garter because of Buckingham's death.

[ Mentioned in H.M.C. Report p. 199 ]

3466. 1687, April 23. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing his search for some legal documents which his lordship had desired.


A.R. Conne to the earl of Arran, complaining that his lordship has not kept his promise to instruct Jullien the goldsmith to sell the earl's 'jewell with the king pictor', and asking him to give instructions on the subject so that they will not lose their money.

3446. 1687, April 23.

[News letter.] [J. Tucker] to [the earl of Arran], referring to the deaths of the duke of Buckingham and of Sir Francis Withens.

9141. 1687, April 26. London.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to give the earl of Perth the room in Holyrood to which he is entitled.
3467. 1687, April 26. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the lordship of Kerbiemoreside was given to the duke of Buckingham in 1615, describing the disturbances when the earl of Dumbarton's men came to quarter themselves at Algate, and mentioning a challenge refused by the duke of Grafton.

3442. 1687, April 26.

[A news letter] J. Tucker] to [the earl of Arran], describing a quarrel between the earl of Devonshire and Colonel Culpeper, reporting that the earl of Sunderland has been made a knight companion of the garter, and giving some other news of the court. [2 copies, almost identical in terms.].

3468. 1687, April 28. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the latter's troop.

3443. 1687, April 28.

[A news letter] J. Tucker] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that the presbyterian ministers have presented their address to the king, that parliament has been further prorogued until November 22, and giving some other minor items of news.

3469. 1687, April 30. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, announcing that the latter's regiment is mustered, and referring to the payment of the men.

3438. 1687, April 30. London.

Mary Bennett to the earl of Arran, discussing the dispute over the duke of Buckingham's Will, and wishing that the earl was in London so that he might assert his claims to the estate.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, promising to come to Hamilton that week as commanded.
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7736. 1687, May 3. Falkland.

[Lady Katherine Murray] to her brother the earl of Arran, thanking him for his kind letter and promising to send his book to Edinburgh that week.

3470. 1687, May 3. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has shipped off 4 horses for Lord Charles [Hamilton], and that 12 of the embroidered hose have been delivered; and describing the consecration of the bishop of Amasia.

936. [1687], May 7.

The earl of Melfort to [the earl of Arran], declaring that the duke of Hamilton is in the wrong about the rooms in Holyrood which the earl of Perth wants. He then refers to the nomination of members for the order of the Thistle.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report p. 199]

3471. 1687, May 7. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], reporting on the preparation of his hose, caps and tents, giving some news of the Court, and noting the plate already received for the earl.


Gilbert Primerose to the earl of Arran, asking to speak on his behalf to the writer's brother.

3472. 1687, May 10. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing the preparations for clothing the latter's regiment, and giving some minor news of the Court.

3473. 1687, May 12. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], discussing preparations for the forthcoming campaign and referring to the extreme lowness of the Thames that day.
1687, May 12. Whitehall.

J. Tucker to the earl of Arran, thanking him for helping a friend of his, and promising to send regular 'little news papers' during his lordship's stay in Scotland.


The Princess Disenghien to the duke of Hamilton, announcing the death of her husband six days before. [In French] [Only the signature in her own hand.]

1687, May 12. London.

[ ] to [ ],
giving news of the Court.
[The first part of the letter missing]

1687, May 12. London.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the delegates of the university of Cambridge have merely been reprimanded, that the king refuses to intervene in the coming trial of the earl of Devonshire, and that the Thames has been so low 'that boys walkt over from befor Whitehall to Southwork, without endangering their persons'.

1687, May 12.

[News letter] [J. Tucker] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the king's intended visit to Windsor and of various members of the nobility.


William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, describing how Oglethorp had made many objections to paying the £200 for which the earl had Lord Kemnie's bond.


The earl of Melfort to [the earl of Arran], telling him that since he received [the duke of Hamilton's] letter he has written to the earl of Perth. The king has gone to Windsor for the installation of the earl of Sunderland.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report pp. 198-9]

[The earl of Dumbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Lord Charles Hamilton sails that night for Holland with the duke of Berwick.


9140. 1687, May 31. Windsor.

[The earl of Melfort] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king will not agree to one of his requests.

9409. 1687, May 31. Windsor.

The earl of Sunderland to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that, as his grace had desired, the writer has asked the king to make the duke's son, Lord Charles, an earl. His majesty rightly refuses, however, to give him precedence according to the rank you grace had.

7603. 1687, May 31. Windsor.

[The earl of Sunderland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the king expects Arran to come to Court by June 22.

9218. 1687, June 3. Edinburgh.

The earl of Perthe to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the new commissions for the session, council, treasury, justice court and exchequer have come down, and asking his grace to be present at the next meeting of council.

9133. 1687, June 4. Windsor.

The earl of Melfort to [the earl of Arran], wishing the duke of Hamilton to give the earl of Perth a certain room and himself take any other instead.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report pp. 198-9]
Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, entreatling him to pay his debt to the writer.
The earl of Melfort to the earl of Arran, announcing that he is glad that Arran will do what he can to have the duke of Hamilton give the writer's brother [the earl of Perth] his choice of rooms in Holyroodhouse. [With cover]

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report pp. 198-9]

The earl of Melfort to the earl of Arran, referring to the order of the Thistle, which has 'had effects beyond my expectatione, so that I wold not give a farthing betwixt the Garter and it ...'. [With cover]

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report pp. 198-9]

G. Muirheid to his cousin, the laird of (?) Barncluth bailie in the regality of Hamilton, informing him that he has already given judgment in the case of John Balyie and Robert Buchanan, and instructing him to proceed no further in the matter.

The earl of Melfort to the earl of Arran, asking to whom he should write, in his lordship's affairs.

The earl of Melfort to [the earl of Arran], promising to be as good as his word in 'Possley affair'.

[The earl of Dumbarton] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the writer has been made a gentleman of the bedchamber.


3451. 1687, July 11.

[ ] to James Hamilton, writer to the signet, referring to the latter's offer to Mr. Somervell concerning wood and coal.

3456/2 1687, July 15. Hamilton.

[Draft] [Ann, duchess of Hamilton] to [John Inglis], supporting the parish's desire that he return as its minister.

[See Fasti Vol. 3, p.259.]

7204. 1687, July 18.

Memorandum by the duke of Hamilton for his son the earl of Arran instructing him as to what to say to the king about the writer's difficulties on the treasury.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], repeating rumours that there is to be a new parliament with Tarbat as commissioner.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [ ], complaining about the condition of the king's revenues in Scotland. [Last part of the letter missing.]
5876. 1687, August 2. Holyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to [his son, ? the earl of Arran], bidding him tell Melfort that he will consider none his friend who supports the clerk register [Sir George MacKenzie], so Melfort must choose between them. He goes on to deny that he has ever acted against the king's interests.

6206. 1687, August 11.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], condemning his drunken behaviour at the duke of Newcastle's, referring to his son having been given the order of St. Andrew, and complaining that he is spending too much time on the affairs of his regiment, thereby neglecting the duke's interests. He encloses a copy of Coltness's remission. [Not found]

9704. 1687, August 11. Kinneil.

George Skirving to Mr. John Spence, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that none of the grooms would accept 5/- a night board wages, discussing other disbursements he has made, and commenting on his purchase of deals.

3420. 1687, August 11. Edinburgh.

James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, concerning the latter's action against Lady Goodtrie for the rents of a house in Edinburgh, his negotiations with Mr. John Somervail the minister for some woods, and some other legal business.

6207. 1687, August 13. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], remarking that although the earl has now obtained permission for his father to come to Court, he is less inclined to do so now, and explaining how Coltness's pardon prejudices the earl's gift.

3452. 1687, August 14.

J. Somervail to [the earl of Arran], asking for news of whether or not James Hamilton has registered the writer's seisin of the lands of Gudtries.
7015. 1687, August 16. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], urging him to obtain Lieutenant Colonel Windram's post for Lord Charles [the earl's brother], thereby confounding all those who 'thinke you have little court or favor'. If Charles has something else in view, it could be given to Lord George.


The earl of Perth to the duke of Hamilton, wondering at 'the perverseness of Renny and the simplicity of the people on whom he imposes'. He thinks that some severe examples should be made of 'any of that gang who baptise their children at field conventicles'. He hears that 'some of the presbyterian ministers when they baptise children make the fathers promise to breed up the children according to the Covenant ... but the more sober sort are against any such addition to the ritual'.


[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing how Cultrie's remission had passed the great seal per saltum, and his efforts to have it revoked.

6208. 1687, August 20. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing his own indisposition, and telling his son to ask Doctors Loune and King for their advice about it. He then reports that there have been many field conventicles recently, for since the toleration 'everybody thinks they may do what they will'.

3453. 1687, August 20. Edinburgh.

The earl of Perth to [? the earl of Arran], explaining that he was too late to stop Coltness's pardon going through, but that no one believes that it will prejudice his lordship.


[ ] to [? the earl of Arran], justifying his action in refusing to allow Gavin Hamilton to meddle in his lordship's troop, and giving news of the latter. [Unfinished].
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3475. 1687, August 22. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing his difficulty in meeting with Sir John Chardin.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], telling him to contradict to Melfort Orbeston's story of the Hamilton's having had double payment of a sum due to them on the 1633 taxation. He should also press Melfort for the £4000 sterling for Coltness's estate. The duke then mentions a small conventicle fined by his bailie, remarking 'I thought the king had meanted that nobody should be troubled for serveing God in their own famely, in a peaceable way. It will be hard iff Protestants is not allowed it as well as the Roman Catholiks'. In a postscript he remarks that he will not trust Sir George McKenzie or Tarbat despite their professions of friendship for him, and asks his son if the earl of Dumbarton, the writer's brother, still plans to marry the lady of whom the duke disapproves. [Anne Wheatley].


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], discussing the earl's claim to Coltness's estate.

8922. [1687], August 26.

[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of his recent conversation with the lord advocate about James Stewart.

7656. [1687], April 28. Whitehall.

[The earl of S[underland] to [the earl of Arran], announcing that the writer has received the blue riband, mentioning the duke of Buckingham's death and reporting that Lord Montague has lost his cause against Lord Devonshire.

7020. 1687, August 29. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that he need do no more about Coltness until he sees how the latter means to recover his fortune, and condemning his son's outspoken criticism of the session. The writer hopes to be in London by the beginning of October, and denies any suggestion that he has been the cause of Queensberry's delay in making up his accounts.
3425. 1687, August 30. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, remarking that the king's desire to uphold the gift to the earl against James Steuert's claims should encourage those who might buy part of the lands from his lordship, and asking him to answer Mr. John Somervaill's proposals.

7016. 1687, September 2. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], declaring that when he goes to London he will make court to neither the chancellor nor Queensberry but 'will tell the King truth and do as a good Cristian and good subject ought to do be the event what it will'. The president is of the opinion that [the earl of Arran] is not wronged by Coltness's pardon so no approach to the king on that matter is necessary.

9380. 1687, September 3. [York].

[Thomas Rokeby] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that as a child he received a tenth of the proceeds from the sale of the barony of Cambuslang, but that his conscience will not allow him to keep the money so he wishes to make restitution and asks if it is to her grace that the payment should be made.


John Inglis to the duchess of Hamilton, explaining that ill health prevents him from undertaking any journey or public charge. [In reply to infra 3456]

[See Fasti Vol. 3, p.259]

3457. 1687, September 8. Hamilton.

[Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [John Inglis], telling him of her desire that he should return, and remarking that his endeavours to serve God again in the ministry at Hamilton might well result in an improvement in his health. [In reply to supra 3455]
James Hamilton of Pencaitland to the earl of Arran, sending him a copy of the deposition of witnesses in Stewart of Cultness's forfeiture [10,046], and telling him that the opinion of an authority he has consulted is that his lordship need not worry since the forfeiture is so well founded that 'they will never blow wynd under it'.

10,045, 1687, September 1. Edinburgh.
9379. 1687, September 13. Hamilton.

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [Thomas Rokeby], expressing her surprise at having received an unsigned letter 'concerning the restitutio of a part of that mony my trusty Sir Thomas Hamilton of Preston payed about 30 years agoe for my lands of Cambuslang to the widow and children of on Reuxby ... an officer of the English army who had those lands in donative on the forfeiture of my father by the powers of that time'. She assures him that she is her father's only heir, forgives him for receiving the money, and wishes to know the name of the writer 'that has given me so much cause to be your reall friend'. [In reply to 9380].

6209. 1687, September 15. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], warning him to see that he looks after his own interests if a new pardon is issued to Colness.

3421. 1687, September 15. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing some legal business involving James Steuart, who is looked on as a great favourite at Court.

6213. 1687, September 15. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing various minor domestic matters, and mentioning that the king has continued all the present magistrates of burghs.

6231. [1687], September 17.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that his departure for the south has been delayed by the great rains, and reporting that James Stuart, 'who I find a fair changed man', wishes the lords of session to signify to the king their satisfaction with the toleration.

6232. [1687], September 18.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to his quarrel with his sister and her husband, the duke of Queensberry. The president is 'very frie and kind' to the writer, who is, however, aware that he is in great perplexity about thanking the king for the toleration.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton],
telling her that he has shown Arthur Nasmith where to find all
his papers in his absence, and warning her to be careful of
what she says to Mr. John Bannatyne about public matters.


[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, sending him a
message from the lord advocate about a remission, which the
writer believes has been given back to James Steuart.

9375. 1687, September 22. Yorke.

Thomas Rokeby to the duchess of Hamilton, acknowledging
himself to be in her debt since he is 'a younger son of that
Major Rokeby to whose widow and children the powers of that
time [the Cromwellian period] gave that part of your father's
estate', and promising to make restitution.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton],
describing how the great rains have made the journey south
very difficult, so that he and his sons have had to ride on
horseback instead of travelling in their coach.

5890. 1687, September 27. York.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran],
describing his troublesome journey from Edinburgh,
indicating the other stops which he means to make on the
way to London, and condemning the marriage of his brother,
the earl of Dumbarton [to Anne Wheatley, sister of the
duchess of Northumberland].

6235. 1687, September 27. Yorke.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton],
explaining that he has had to come to York for a new coach
and horses, and describing his interview with 'the
Gentleman that write to you about restoring the mony of
Cambuslang'. [See 9380]
[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he will go to Stevenage on the following Monday to meet his father who has been delayed on the way south by the great rains. There is much talk at Court of a conventicle held near Paisley, with rumours that the writer's sister and her husband the earl of Dundonald, and indeed the duchess herself, attend these meetings.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing his safe arrival in London. The first news he heard was that the king was displeased that Dundonald, Ross and Murray went to conventicles, 'for so the meeting houses there is termed here', so he asks her to urge them not to go again. [With cover]

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1687, October 15. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking about a field conventicle which he hears was held near Paisley, and telling her that he has been made a privy councillor of England. [Torn.]

1687, October 15. Whitehall.

William Blathwayt to the earl of Arran, ordering him to send an officer and six men to the navy office in Broad Street by 7 a.m. on the following Monday morning, to convey some of his majesty's treasure to Portsmouth.

1687, October 18. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, remarking that he has spoken to the king for their son Lord John, and that he has thoughts of sending their son Lord George to Paris that winter 'to better himself in his exercises'. His own brother the earl of Dumbarton is very angry with the duke because he refuses to meet his countess. [With cover.]

1687, October 22. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that his letters from Anwicke and York must have miscarried, so she should inquire about them. The only news from London is that the princess of Denmark has given birth to a still-born son, six weeks premature. [With cover.]
7652. 1687, October 27. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that his is thinking of returning home since, although he meets with all civility and respect, 'there is little to be got done at this time here in anything I have to do'. He goes on to discuss various minor domestic affairs, and remarks that his brother Dumbarton and Melfort are extremely ill pleased at the direction to resume wearing the order of St. Andrew about the neck, believing that the writer has caused the change. [With cover].

7673. 1687, November 1. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, enclosing a print [not included] and describing how he, Murray, Balcarres and Melfort were called before the king to give an account of the treasury affairs. Melfort, who had previously agreed with the duke, now put forward entirely different views and was annoyed at the writer for telling his majesty the truth. [With cover].

9378. 1687, November 1. Hamilton.

[Draft, in her own hand]. Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [Thomas Rokeby, in reply to 9375], acknowledging his payment of 2 guineas to her lord, but urging him not to 'stratene yourselfe' in trying to pay off the debt. The fact that he willingly offered to make the payment - something no one else has done - 'is in my estimation more desirable by far than the monye'.

7674. 1687, November 5. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that their son Arran has quarrelled with Melfort. [With cover].


[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to the 'strange stuff' talked by the lord president [Sir George Lockhart], and remarking that the writer and Melfort are 'still in very faire tearms' despite the latter's opposition to Lord Charles Hamilton's patent. [With cover].
Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, requesting the balance of the writer's account. He has written three or four times to his grace about this and has heard nothing, but must entreat the duke for the money as he is ill and has had the expense of a long journey to Holland, Denmark and Flanders.
[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, expressing relief that various rumours involving his grace have been proved to be nothing but calumnies, referring to the legal case concerning Callendar, and giving news of the death of the bishop of Galloway.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that the earl of Arran is now hoping to marry Lady Ann Spencer. The duke has had a conversation with the queen, who impressed him very favourably with her knowledge of affairs, for 'she heard me with great patience and spoke with great discretion and is the most accomplished woman that ever I spoke to'.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her of rumours that Abercorn is 'on some new project against us', apparently involving James Stuart, discussing the hiring of a new gardener, and describing his own state of health which has prevented him from meeting the earl of Sunderland.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending her prints and the London almanack, and mentioning that he hopes on the following day to hear the other party's resolutions about their son's marriage [the earl of Arran and Lady Ann Spencer].

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing in details the terms of the marriage contract between their son the earl of Arran and Lady Ann Spencer, and enclosing drafts of the articles.

Thomas Rokeby to the duchess of Hamilton, promising to pay an instalment of his debt to the duke of Hamilton when his grace passes through York.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to his son's forthcoming marriage with Lady Ann Spencer and declaring that 'the more I see the young lady and converses with her mother I confess I like the match the better', despite the highness of their terms. [With cover]


The earl of Perth to [the duke of Hamilton], stressing that he has never failed to serve the king or to look after the interests of his grace's family. He is relieved to hear that the duke is not one of his accusers.

3459. 1687, December 1.

[ ] to Lady Gerard, at Sandon, reporting on a court case in which he is involved, and hoping to see her before Christmas. [Torn]

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6244. 1687, December 3. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that since Sunderland mentioned to Melfort his daughter's forthcoming marriage, everyone knows about it, and urging her to send him her thoughts about it. [With cover]

7741. 1687, December 5. Hamilton.

Lord John Hamilton to the earl of Arran, describing his very dangerous journey to Hamilton from London, made so hazardous by high waters.


[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing astonishment that she should fear that there is a certain [unspecified] reason why the earl of Arran's marriage should not take place, and assuring her that there are no grounds for such imaginings. He then discusses the hiring of another gardener, and praises a preacher named Mr. Weake whom he has heard every Sunday afternoon since his own arrival in town. In conclusion, he inquires about various minor domestic matters. [With cover]
J. Oswald to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of how matters stand between the lords of the treasury and himself, with regard to the payment of the king's forces.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], criticising the terms which she proposes for the articles for the earl of Arran's marriage to Lady Anne Spencer, and telling her that he has said that if he predecease her she will give her son £1000 sterling of yearly land rent instead of the £500 which she offered.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he plans to redeem the earl of Arran's jewels and have them and a ring which belonged to the duchess's uncle [the 2nd duke] made into a gift for the earl's bride. At the moment, the king will do nothing by the duke's advice alone, but 'how far our new alliance [i.e. with Sunderland] may alter this I cannot tell'.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing his financial transactions with Mr. Calendar and the earl of Dumbarton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing the difficulties he has had in explaining to the English lawyers how he wants the earl of Arran's marriage contract to be drawn up, regretting the death of Bonhard, 'the honestest and knowingest' man in the district, and asking her to tell Panmure that his wife's portion will be paid at Candlemas.
10073. 1687, November 19.

Robert Meldrum to the duke of Hamilton, reminding him that the writer has 'a greate famaly and small fortoun' and is owed some money by his grace.
7726. 1687, December 29. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that she cannot imagine how reluctant is their son the earl of Arran to marry, 'and he goes mad that the £10,000 sterling is not allowed him to take on the Estat'. The writer has been at much trouble to have the marriage articles agreed, and found Sunderland and his lawyers very hard to please.

8920. [1687 December 31]. Edinburgh.

[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning some of his grace's legal concerns and referring to the earl of Arran's marriage.

7725. [1687]

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], gladly giving her consent to his marriage with Lady Anne Spencer.

4095. [1687]

[As in 4089] to his brother, the earl of Arran, telling him of the duchess of Buckingham's gratitude to his lordship, which she herself cannot express since 'she is the afflictedest creatur in the world and does nothing but cray'.

7030. [c1687]

[Anne, countess of Sunderland] to [her daughter Lady Ann Spencer, later countess of Arran], remarking that the news of the latter being made one of the Princess [Anne]'s ladies is now public.

9373. [1687]

Thomas Rokeby to the duchess of Hamilton, expressing his gratitude to her for her 'readiness in forgiving that injury which I apprehended I had done your Grace ...' and praying that she may enjoy all possible blessings.
Sir George Lockhart to the duke of Hamilton, praising his moderate conduct at Court.

Note in the hand of the earl of Sunderland of the first article in the marriage contract between his daughter and the earl of Arran. [Endorsed as such by 3rd duke of Hamilton.]

Draft article in addition to those already drawn up for the marriage between the earl of Arran and Lady Anne Spencer. [In the hand of the 3rd duke of Hamilton.]

James Steuart to the earl of Arran, asking him to recall an order about rents which affected the writer adversely.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that their son's marriage articles have been signed and warning her that the earl of Abercorn is intending to start another process against them and had even written to tell Sunderland so.

The duke of Hamilton to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, hoping to return home during the following week now that he has settled his financial affairs, and expecting her to meet him in Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the earl of Arran is to be married on the following Tuesday. The portion of £10,000 sterling has been paid to the duke and £2000 to the bridegroom.
8378. 1687/8, January 10. Whitehall.

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he has 'bein a maried man a quarter of ane hour', and writes from the lord president's lodging where he married [Lady Ann Spencer]. [With cover and seal]

8803. [1687/8], January 12.

Anne, countess of Sunderland to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], hoping that the writer's daughter will always behave herself in a way worthy of her new family.

8801. [1687/8], January 12.

Ann, countess of Arran to her mother [in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her good wishes on the occasion of the writer's marriage, and hoping that 'before I am many moneths older I shall be so happy as to be a little more known to you'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing the wedding of their son the earl of Arran to Lady Ann Spencer.

7809. 1687/8, January 17. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he hopes to set off for home during the following week. The queen has spoken to the king on behalf of the writer's son-in-law Lord Murray, and although nothing can be done for him at present her majesty will try to find something for him.

3431. 1687/8, January 19.

J. Bourdenard to Lady Jane Gerrard, giving news of a lawsuit in which Sir Edward [? Hungerford] is involved.

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[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], asking him to tell his parents-in-law that she does not expect her family to feel obliged to write to her. She is very glad that her son is already happy with his wife, whom the duke of Hamilton 'prases extreorderly', and tells him not to worry about his debts.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he is busy with preparations for his journey home and urging her to have punished the men who hunted their deer at Hamilton.


Thomas Rokeby to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, enclosing a paper to show how he hopes to pay off his debt to her grace.

8804. [1687/8], January 24.

[Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her daughter-in-law Ann, countess of Arran], thanking her for her letter [8801], again wishing her joy, and bidding her use as much freedom with the writer as she does with her own mother.

6253. 1687/8, January 27. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the earl of Arran, regretting that she had not been present at his marriage and explaining that the duke of Hamilton probably did not give the bride a present because he has not yet been able to think what to give her.


James St. Clair to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the sending of bills to Mr. James Forbes for the earl of Arran at Turin. [With cover]
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William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, congratulating him on his intended marriage, and sending him a list of those who lent his lordship money at Whitsun 1682.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], hoping to begin his journey north on the following day. He has seen the king about the taking away of the Test and penal laws, but is not to give his majesty his opinion until he returns to Court.

7832. [c1688, January]

[Drafts] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, discussing the terms for his marriage contract. [3 separate pages]

3489. 1687/8, February 2.

J. Bourdenane to Mr. Charles Roberts, referring to the progress of Lady Gerard's court case.

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M. Perye to Mr. Tomkinson, minister at Sandon, reporting on the progress of Lady Gerrard's suit in the chancery court, and informing him that she is now in danger of arrest.

[Gerard Correspondence].

6615. 1687/8, February 4. Turin.

Lord Robert Spencer to his sister Ann, countess of Arran, congratulating her on her marriage, and mentioning that he has recently been very ill.

7812. 1687/8, February 5. Duncaster.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that his journey is very easy because of the remarkably fine weather, and discussing his ill health.
William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that his pension is still delayed, and discussing the trial of Sir James Stamefield's son for treason and patricide.

[The earl of Arran] to his father the duke of Hamilton, sending him a paper [not included] requiring his answer to the question the king has put to him about the Test and urging him not to refuse what he is asked but either to accept or to temporise. [With cover, both mounted]

The earl of Sunderland to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from the king, and explaining that the latter was determined to have the duke's answer [?] about the Test] at once, despite his earlier promises of a delay.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], mentioning the arrival of a flying packet, the contents of which are being kept secret, and referring to some financial transaction between his son and James Stuart.

William Blathwayt to the earl of Arran, sending him, at the king's command, an 'Exercise of the Horse on Foot', for use of the regiment of which his lordship is colonel.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting that the duke of Hamilton was too unwell to attend the funeral of his cousin, Lady Semple, and announcing that on the previous day 'the famed hill preatch[er] Raine was hanged'.
[Copy] The duke of Hamilton to the earl of Sunderland [in reply to supra 3492], announcing that he has replied to the king's letter, describing his discussion with Sir George Lockhart and the archbishop of Glasgow over the repeal of the Test, and reporting that more time is needed before such a measure could be taken.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 175(142)].

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], promising to extend his [marriage] articles and send down his rentals once the writer has been at Kinneil. The chancellor told the writer that he must not dictate to the other lords of the treasury when the duke suggested an alteration in the making of accounts, and the duke of Gordon is on very bad terms with Perth.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, explaining that he has been confined to his chamber because of 'a great cold', but promising to wait upon the duke and duchess [of Hamilton] as soon as possible.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], remarking that everyone expects a parliament to be held soon although few think that it will have more success than the last. It is said that 'our archbishops does declar they will never be for alloweing a tolleration or takeing away the penall laws or Test'. He sends his regards to 'my new acquantance William Pein', and refers to the imprisonment of another nonconformist minister.

J. Duncan to Mr. Crawfurd, attending the duke of Hamilton at Hollerud House, sending him the copy of Mr. Pye's account, and explaining that one guinea is not enough to cover it.

William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, announcing that he has received the articles of his lordship's marriage, and describing his conversation with the duchess [of Hamilton] on the subject.


[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing his conversation with James Elphinstone and James Steuart about the payment of his lordship's precept and remarking that the earl's affairs in Clydsdaill are 'mutch obstructed'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], telling him that the duke of Gordon, professing much friendship for the writer and being on very bad terms with the chancellor [Perth], Melfort and Strathallan, has set off for London. He may not be altogether trusted, as 'the register [Tarbat] governs him absoutly', and it is said that he goes to Court in the hope of being made chief of all the forces in Scotland.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, asking if it is true that his wife is with child, sending the countess her tenderest respects, and promising that she and the duke will write to her soon.

1687/8, March 17. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], reporting that he is busy extending his son's marriage contract, and correcting him about the reason for the two lords of session being turned out.

1687/8, March 17. Holyrudehous.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], telling him that she has signed his marriage articles, and urging him to contract no more debts but to pay off his current obligations.

[ ] to the earl of Arran,
reporting that Sir John Dalrymple, the justice clerk, now acts occasionally, for friends only, but will do as much as he can to help his lordship. Captain Somerville, with whom the earl has some business, is now in Scotland.


John Dalrymple to the earl of Arran, discussing the extension of the earl's marriage articles.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], justifying the part he has played in hindering the passing of the duke of Queensberry's accounts.
[Last pages - see 7598.]

7598. [1687/8, March 22].

[Missing pages of 7592]

6252. 1687/8, March 22. Abby.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that he and his brother Charles must be kind to their cousin [the countess of Cassilis's son], and mentioning that she and the duke are busy settling their estate.


Sir George Lockhart to the earl of Arran, discussing the extension of the latter's marriage articles, and promising to ensure that the estate will eventually pass to the earl 'much in the same condition as the duchess enjoys it'.

6210. 1688, March 29. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [ ], describing his conversation with the chancellor [the earl of Perth], who is rather disappointed in the measures taken by the new government, and the general alarm over possible loss of positions.
[? Last pages missing]

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], declaring that he does not mind if he knows little about politics, 'for I have privat bussines enugh of my owen to take up all my time', as a result of his absences from home during the past two years. He goes on to discuss the earl's Scottish revenues, and to warn the earl not to agree with anything said by Lady Southesk to the detriment of Lady Errol [her sister-in-law].

6259. 1688, April 27. Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], urging him to complete his bargain with James Stuart.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], remarking that he does not mean to attend the great council summoned for May 15. He goes on to discuss the present quiet state of the country, and the attitude towards the toleration.


Margaret Hamilton, Lady Belhaven to [her niece Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending walnuts, some julep and 'eleackticarie' to help relieve the duke [of Hamilton's] illness.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], telling him that great things will be done in council on the following day, although the writer will not attend as he is busy preparing for his journey south. [Torn].


Note of the business done at a meeting of the treasury. [Possibly enclosed with 7595].


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], reporting that the chancellor [the earl of Perth] has been made sine qua non in the treasury and is high in the king's favour. According to rumours Queensberry is to retire into the country but his son Drumlanrig has been given a troop of guards. [Torn].
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[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [Thomas Rokeby], announcing that as she and her lord will pass his way during their journey to London, she hopes then to see him 'who has so much obliged me'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to his son the earl of Arran, asking him to speak to Lord Dartmouth on behalf of the duke's son Lord Archibald, who has persuaded his mother to let him go to sea. [Torn]

7599. 1688, June 5. Holyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to his son the earl of Arran, announcing that, with a great deal of reluctance, his is now on his way to London.

3488. 1688, June 11.

'W.W.' to Lady Gerard, sending her the only book by Dr. de Molinis published in English.

[Gerard Correspondence]

3495. 1688, June 16. Ingestre.

W. Chetwynd to Lady Gerard, regretting that she has not completed her accounts to the satisfaction of the Court, and reporting that he has written asking Sir Edward [? Hungerford] to provide her with the necessary information.

[Gerard Correspondence]

3483. 1688, June 16. Ingestre.

W. Chetwynd to Sir Edward Hungerford, discussing Lady Gerrard's suit in chancery, and expressing his concern at her misfortunes. [Torn]

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10, O44, 1684, June 4. Whitehall.

[ ] to [the earl of Arran],
telling him that 'the old Lady at Earl Sunderland's has been to see his lordship's lodgings with a mind to moving into them and into Lord Dartmouth's as well.

The earl of Perth to the duke of Hamilton, sheriff principal of Lanark, requiring him to call together the nobility, J.P's, commissioners of excise and indulged preachers to take action against those people who attacked the king's troops bringing in the prisoner Houston.

3487. 1688, June 24.

'W.W.' to Lady Gerrard, announcing that he will call on her on the following day.

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Sir George Lockhart to the duke of Hamilton, describing how a small party of the rebels have fallen upon some of the king's forces guarding a man brought from Ireland. [Only the signature in his own hand].


John Somervell to the duke of Hamilton, reporting an attack made on the dragoons bringing in a prisoner named Houston.

9159. 1688, June 29. Lanark.

[John Somervell] to the earl of Perth, reporting on the meeting held to consider the murder of the king's dragoons.

9766. 1688, June 29. Hamilton.

J. Baillie to William Cleland, chamberlain of Bothwelmuir, asking him to arrange to transport 24 double trees to the duke's new doocot at Hamilton.

9158. 1688, June 30. Spittell.

John Somervell to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing copy of a letter sent to the chancellor. [9159].
3494. 1688, June 1.

D. Bellot to Mrs. Astbury, explaining that special care was taken of 'master' while the writer was in Derby, and that 'master' is very well.

[Gerard Correspondence]

3496. 1685, July 2. Culliane.

A. Kennedy to Mr. David Crawford, servitor to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to remind his grace of his promise to obtain a commission in the dragoons for the writer.


D. Bellot to Sir Edward Hungerford, telling him how pleased 'Master' was to have his letter, and how much he is looking forward to a visit from Sir Edward and 'my lady' [Lady Gerrard].

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[Copy] John Somervell to the earl of Perth, reporting on the information given in by the justices of the peace in Clydesdale after the murder of some of the king's forces in Ayrshire. [2 copies] [See 9155]

3500. [1688, July 20] [Edinburgh]

Robert Cunynghame to James Hamilton, writer to the signet, discussing the bond granted by James, duke of Hamilton to Sir Robert Cunyngham of Robertland, and his desire that it should be paid.


John Somervell to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that some of the gentlemen of [Clydesdale] thought that those who attend conventicles should be fined and not executed. He has reported to the chancellor [the earl of Perth] to this effect, [9156] and can state that all is very peaceable in Clydesdale.

Lord John Hamilton to John Baylie, chamberlain to the writer's father, the duke of Hamilton, stating that he has sent out to Hamilton two torses of falcons, a gift from Lord Strathnaver to the duke, and wishes to be informed of the condition in which they arrive.

6988. [c1688], August 2.

[Ann, countess of Arran] to [her husband] the earl of Arran, welcoming the news that he means to visit her that Thursday.

3389. 1688, August 7. Edinburgh.

Lord John Hamilton to [his father, the duke of Hamilton], giving some family news, and remarking that he is forced to borrow money from James Hamilton.

3499. 1688, August 11.

H. Perye to Lady Gerard, informing her of Sir Edward Hungerford's willingness to do 'any thing for little master's benefitt', and asking her to direct an instrument for Sir Edward to seal, in accordance with this.

[Gerard Correspondence]

6989. [c1688], August 15. [Althrop]

[Ann, countess of Arran] to [her husband] the earl of Arran, announcing that she has arrived safely at Althrop, and asking for news of him.

7600. [1688?], August 16. Tunbridge Wells.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], referring to the earl of Calander's death, and announcing that he intends to be in London before the king reviews the army. The marquis of Atholl has resigned all his highland estate to Lord Charles Murray instead of to his eldest son to whom it was promised when the latter married the writer's daughter.
7005. [c1688], August 18. [? Althorp]

[Ann, countess of Arran] to [her husband] the earl of Arran, thanking him for his letter and begging him to write again.

3424. 1688, October 4. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, explaining why he could not send his lordship's bills by the present post, and warning him that the rate of exchange is very high, and likely to rise higher, 'for ther is no seale of cattell this year qch makes no provision to be at London'.


[ ] to the earl of Arran, sending him a bill for £500 sterling, discussing some other financial business, and announcing that the Scots army has marched for Carlisle.

3388. 1688, October 27. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, warning him that the people in the west are likely to cause trouble, and describing the alarm at rumours of a Dutch pink sailing north.

3395. [1688], November 14. Salisbury.

The earl of Feversham to Major General Kirke, ordering him to march to Salisbury, notwithstanding a previous order to go to Andover.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, pp. 111-2]

The earl of Feversham to the earl of Arran, asking him to leave a man to inform Major General Kirk that he must come to Salisbury.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p.111]

3393. 1688, November 14.

The earl of Feversham to Major General Kirk, ordering him to march to Salisbury, then altering this to Andover.


The earl of Feversham to the earl of Arran, ordering him to march to and quarter at Fulston, Chilampton, Newton and Stapleford, and to remain there until further notice.


8990. 1688, November 24.

[ ] Barrellon to the earl of Arran, wishing that he could see him.  [In French]


The earl of Feversham to the earl of Arran, ordering him to visit his own and Fenwick's regiment.


3398. 1688, November 25. Andover.

The earl of Feversham to the earl of Arran, telling him to stay in his quarter, and asking him to send a letter to Sir John Lanier. He himself will remain at Andover.

C.1

3505. [1688], December 2. Edinburgh.

[As in 3503] to the duke of Hamilton, describing his unwillingness to travel [to Court].


The earl of Feversham to the earl of Arran, fearing that they will receive bad news from London, reporting that there is a great body of the prince's army at Reading, and remarking that his own men are in a very good condition.


3401. 1688, December 10. Whitehall.

[Copy] James II to the earl of Feversham, announcing that he must seek safety, and thanking him for his loyalty. [With a note by Feversham to the effect that this is a true copy.]

[Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report p.113]

3400. 1688, December 12. London.

The earl of Feversham to the commander-in-chief of the earl of Lichfield's and the earl of Arran's regiment, reporting that he has read the king's letter to the troops, and has written to the prince of Orange informing him of the king's commands.

[H.M.C. Supp. Report, pp. 112-3]


[As in 3502] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the 'troubles and tumults' in the city.

3484. [1688]

H. Perye to Lady Gerard, reporting on the progress of her lawsuit.

[Gerard Correspondence]
[Ann, countess of Arran] to the earl of Arran, telling him that 'I could not have believed that three moneths acquaintance could have made a week's absence so very uneasie to me', and that she has been to Kneller's in accordance with his commands. [With cover]

[Ann, countess of Arran] to [her husband] the earl of Arran, thanking him for his letter and hoping to see him soon.

[Ann, countess of Arran] to her husband, the earl of Arran, thanking him for his letter. [With cover]

[Ann, countess of Arran] to [her husband] the earl of Arran, wishing that the camp were over so that he might be with her again.

[Ann, countess of Arran] to [her husband the earl of Arran], telling him how much she misses him.

[Susan, countess of Cassilis] to her nephew [the earl of Arran], asking him to advise her only son, who is leaving school to improve himself for a time. [In London].

The earl of Marlborough to the earl of Arran, telling him that the princess [Anne] will be very glad to see Lady Arran at a little before six o'clock.
8828. [1688]

[ [ ] to Lady Gerrard, announcing that the princess of Denmark has left town, that the king is to hold a parliament, that the earl of Danby and the gentlemen of Yorkshire have occupied York and imprisoned some Catholics, and that 'the lords doe owne that they invited the prince of Orange over'.

[Gerrard Correspondence]

9438. [c1688?]

John, bishop of Glasgow to the 3rd duke of Hamilton, beseeching his protection and his advice on the present troubles.

[Enclosing 9440]


Thomas Moncreiffe to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a copy of a precept for payment of a troop of horse and 4 companies of foot [infra 3406] and asking him to consult the marquis of Atholl about it.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that 'I love this place verrey well, and am sivelly treated hear'.


'H' [ ] to Mr. Robert Craig at Aghabane, in Ireland, referring to Squire Craig's resolve to sell his woods, because of the difficulties of the times, and asking him to write to the squire.


[Intercepted letter] George Middleton to his father, Major Robert Middleton in Leeth, sympathising with his losses, giving some family news, and announcing that he has been made apothecary to King James.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.193(256:1)]
C.1

6306. [1688/9], February 20.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], hoping that since his correspondent intends to remain at Court, 'your carage may beget you more friends' than he had at the previous Court, and expressing surprise that the name of the next commissioner to parliament had not yet been announced.

[Intercepted letter.] [A servant of Lord Drummond] to the earl of Perth, referring to Lord Drummond's sudden departure from France for Ireland, and regretting that this action had disturbed the earl.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.193 (257:3)]


[Intercepted letter.] Lord Drummond to his father, the earl of Perth, explaining why he has left France, and promising not to go to Scotland unless commanded to do so by the king or by the earl of Perth.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.193 (257:2)]


[Intercepted letter.] A. Kennedy to the earl of Balcarrass describing his arrival in Ireland and his audience of the king, and asking the earl and Dundee to write freely to the king about 'that mann's coming over with him'.

[Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.113]

9139. [? 1689], March 29. Dublin.

The earl of Melfort to [? Viscount Dundee], asking for news of his plans, and urging him 'For God's sake lett not divisions enter amongst us for that is the forruner of certain ruine'.

[H.M.C. Report p.179 No. 160(4)]

3507. 1689, March 29. Dublin.

[Intercepted letter] D. Nairne, secretary to the earl of Melfort, to his brother, the laird of St. Foord Nairne, imploring him to declare himself for James II and to persuade his friends to do likewise.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.193 (257:4)]
C.1

3508. 1689, March?, 29. D[ ]

[Intercepted letter] [The earl of Melfort] to his brother, the earl of Perth, sympathising with the latter's imprisonment, and remarking that the earl of Mar will declare for the king.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.179 (160:5)]

9138. [1689], March 30. D[ ]

[The earl of Melfort] to [the earl of Balcarres], telling him that 'the king has a most numerous army near 500,000 and the bravest merry fellows'.

[H.M.C. Report p.179, No. 160, (6)]

3392. 1689, April 3. Dublin Castle.

The earl of Melfort to [ ], telling him that the king wishes him to continue his voyage as soon as possible, without changing his route.

3521. 1689, April 13. London.

The earl of Shrewsbury to the duke of Hamilton, lord president of the convention in Scotland, assuring him of the king's satisfaction with the zeal of those lords and gentlemen assembled at Edinburgh, and in particular with the duke's behaviour.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.193 (258)]

3410. 1689, May 2. [London]

Robert Webb to the duke of Hamilton, in Edinburgh, explaining that he could not write sooner because of the embargo on all the ships in the Thames, and asking that he be given five pounds more than previously specified.

3537. 1689, May 4. On board the Elizabeth.

A copy, by Captain Rooke, of his sailing instructions.
C.1

7594.  [1689], May 8.  [Holyrood?]

    [The duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran],
telling him that various new committees have been established
by parliament despite the writer's opposition.  [Torn]


    Captain George Rooke to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing
a copy of his sailing orders [3536] and giving an account of
a recent engagement, in Bantry Bay, between Admiral Herbert
and a large French fleet.

    [Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.184]


    The earl of Argyll and Sir James Montgomerie to [the duke
of Hamilton], describing their mission to London, with a
covering note by Montgomerie.

    [Summarised and most of it quoted in H.M.C. Report pp.181-2
(172)]


    The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton],
announcing his own appointment as secretary of state, and
assuring him that the king is pleased with his correspondent's
conduct of affairs.

    [Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp. 17-18; summarised
in H.M.C. Report, p.187 (194)]


    Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, reporting
that his fellow commissioners had delivered their letter to the
king, and remarking that King James loses a great opportunity
if he does not attempt an invasion at this time.

3619.  1689, May 17.  Hampton Court.

    [Copy] William III to the meeting of the estates of the
kingdom of Scotland, authorising them to adjourn until June 1.
    [Subscribed by the earl of Melville; the original superscribed
by the king.]
C.1


The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the commissioners are not yet ready to go to Scotland, asking for news from there and telling him that 'a brave fleet' is now ready to confront the Dutch, who are expected daily.


[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], congratulating him on his appointment as secretary, and reminding him that the ruinous condition of Holyroodhouse means that great preparations must be made before it is fit to receive the king.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, pp.19-20; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.187(195).]


[Copy, not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], disapproving of the choice of privy councillors, and declaring that he 'dare not undertake' the office of commissioner.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, pp.20-21; summarised in H.M.C. Report p. 187(196).]


[Copy, not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], sending him a copy of the opinion of the estates on the commission of the council, and giving news of Dundee and General MacKay.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers pp. 27-28; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p. 187 (198).]

6225. [c1689], May 26.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the earl of Arran], urging him not to run into debt again but to change his ways.
C.1


[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], asking for powder and arms.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, p. 31; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.187(200).]


Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Ha mil toun, reporting that the letter presented by the commissioners 'gav no satisfaction heir', and warning that any mistakes at this time might have fatal consequences.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.193(262).]

3544. 1689, May 30. Hampton Court.

Sir James Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that it was not he who 'said heir that all your wer doing was for your owne interest'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.193(261).]

3621. [1689], May 31. London.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing surprise that the king's letter did not arrive until after the meeting of estates had adjourned, and defending his procedure with regard to the commission for the privy council.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.187(199); the draft version, which is slightly different, is printed in the Leven & Melville Papers, pp.28-29.]

3578. 1689, June 1. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy, not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], sending a letter from General McKay to be shown to the king, announcing the council's decision to imprison Lords Tarbat and Lovat, and informing him that five soldi ers who have escaped from the castle report that the 'bombs' have done little harm, except that they 'spayled the roume where the registers lay'.

C.1

3522. 1689, June 3.

[George MacKenzie], Viscount Tarbat, to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a copy of his petition to the privy council [infra 3522]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.193(263)]

3523. [1689, June 3]

Petition of Viscount Tarbat to the privy council, asking to be released from unjust imprisonment on a charge of failing to use his influence to prevent the highland clans from joining Dundee.

[Enclosed with 3522]

3622. 1689, June 4. London.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the king's opinion that MacKay should march towards Edinburgh or Glasgow instead of pursuing the rebels. A postscript adds that the king now thinks it best to leave the matter to the privy council.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.187(201)]

3579. 1689, June 4. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy, not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], making various objections to becoming commissioner, and stating that Lord Murray has persuaded his father's vassals not to join Dundee.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, pp.40-41; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.187(203)]

3580. 1689, June 6. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy, not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], announcing that the estates have 'passed the act turning themselves in a parliament', which he has now adjourned, and sending to be signed a royal warrant for his allowance of £50 a day [infra 3626].

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, p.44; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188(204)]
3581. 1689, June 8. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], reporting that he has ordered ships to cruise off the coast of Ireland to judge the likeliness of an invasion from there, and announcing the council's decision not to recall McKay until he defeats Dundee or disperses his army.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, p.51; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188 (205)]

7813. 1689, June 11. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Hamilton to [ ], telling him that he is obliged to him 'for doing me right with the King as to my deportment as precedent of the meeting of the estates' and declaring that if it is true that his majesty has named the lords of session 'by your influence and advice to raise yourself and have all the power in your hand as president of the session' it will be most harmful to the king's interest.

3623. [1689], June 13. London.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining the delay to the precepts for the latter's allowance, and reporting that the king has commanded that the bombardment of Edinburgh Castle cease until the arrival of Major-General MacKay. He encloses a copy of the king's letter to the council about the election of Glasgow magistrates; [infra 3624].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188(206)]

3624. 1689, June 13. Hampton Court.

[Copy, in Melville's hand]. William III to the privy council, authorising them to arrange some method of electing the magistrates of the city of Glasgow.

[Subscribed by the earl of Melville; the original superscribed by the king]


3605. 1689, June 13. from the head of Strathspey.

Major-General H. MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, expressing surprise at reports of an invasion from Ireland, and reporting on his own movements.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.179(162)]
C.1


[Copy, not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], announcing that Edinburgh Castle has capitulated and that Sir George McKenzie has gone to England.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, pp.57-8; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188(207).]

3625. [1689], June 15.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing his signed precepts [3626] and referring to the duchess of Buccleuch's complaint that 'her little parke and deer are spoiled by putting in some troupe horse in it'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188(210).]

3626. 1689, June 15. Whythall.

Copy of the king's warrant for the payment of £50 a day to the duke of Hamilton as his majesty's commissioner.

[Copy made and signed by the earl of Melville; the original superscribed by the king].

[Enclosed with 3625]

3627. 1689, June 18. [London]

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king has been so busy that the writer has been unable to see him to obtain his instructions, but enclosing a list of the lords of the session. [Mounted with the letter]

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, pp.55-6; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188(209).]


[Copy, not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], describing the meeting of parliament on the previous day.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, pp.58-61; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188(208).]
3569. 1689, June 18. Puitachie.

William, master of Forbes, to the duke of Hamilton, acknowledging the privy council's letter, discussing the arrangements for paying his troops and for raising levies in the northern shires, and reporting on the muster of fencible men.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.194(264)]

3530. 1689, June 19. from on board his Maties ship the Swallow, Derry Lough.

Major-General Kirke to the duke of Hamilton, announcing his intention to get into Derry as soon as possible, despite the fact that the river of Culmore is fortified with a boom.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.184(181)]

3606. 1689, June 19. Invernesse.

Major-General MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, giving a detailed description of the discovery of treachery among his officers and of his retirement down the Spey from Dundee's force.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.179(163); similar in content to MacKay's Memoirs, pp.27-29, 32-35, 38].

3525. 1689, June 19.

[Copy] The memorandum of a court martial held on board the Swallow, in Londonderry Lough. The defences of the river were discussed and it was decided that the vessels would remain where they were until reinforcements arrived.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.185(182)]

3542. 1689, June 20. Deptford off Derry Lough's Mouth.

Captain G. Rooke to the duke of Hamilton, describing how the Greyhound was almost lost when she ran aground, and enclosing a copy of the latest council of war's conclusion. [Supra 3525].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.185(182)]
3584. 1689, June 23. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy, not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], sending him a copy of a council of war from Londondarry, and expressing indignation that the commissions for the lords of session were sent to the earl of Craufurd instead of to himself.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, pp.75-76; summarised in H.M.C. Report, 188(211).]


Lieutenant Colonel John Buchan to [? Sir Charles] Graham, passing on the earl of Crawford's request that Graham refrain from interfering in a quarrel among the parishioners of the place near which he is garrisoned.

3585. 1689, June 25. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy, not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], informing him that he has asked to be relieved of his post as commissioner since his correspondent deals only with the earl of Craufurd instead of with the writer.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, p.78; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188(212).]

3628. [1689], June 27. Hampton Court.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king wishes the prisoners sent south by MacKay to be remitted to a council of war, regretting that any of his actions have offended his grace, and explaining why the chancellor took the oath of the president, who took those of the others.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp.188-9 (214).]

3586. 1689, June 27. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], reporting that parliament still makes difficulties as to the election of committees.

[Printed in Leven & Melville Papers, pp.880-89; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.188(213).]

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has still had no opportunity of speaking with the king, but that the latter is quite willing that the town of Glasgow should have the benefit of the act of convention for electing their magistrates.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(216)].


Susanna, countess of Cassillis to her sister Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that she believes her own death to be near and so assures her sister of her affection and asks her to be kind to the writer's children. She has left in her will her best diamond ring to the duchess, and a small ring to the earl of Arran. [With cover].

3630. [1689], July 2.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has not yet been able to see the king to receive a reply to his correspondent's latest letters, and that it is possible that the English regiments may be called away from Scotland.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(218)].

3520. 1689, July 2. London.

The earl of Tweeddale to the duke of Hamilton, describing his conversation with the king, and commenting on the surprising nomination of the judges.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p.114].

3587. 1689, July 2.

[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], condemning the choice of the lords of session, and remarking that parliamentary business is delayed by the lack of articles or committees.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.134-5; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(215)].

[V. de Wallace?] to the duke of Hamilton on behalf of the bearer, Mr. Couper, a Scotsman by birth who has spent many years in the Indies in the service of the estates general and now wishes to be appointed conservator of the staple at Veere. [In French; only the signature in his own hand] [With cover].

3631. [1689], July 4.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing letters from the king, and trusting that his correspondent will use all his endeavours 'to allay heats and animosities which are apt to retard the settling of the generall concerns of the nation'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(220)].

3632. 1689, July 4. Hampton Court.

[Copy] William III to parliament, announcing that he has instructed his commissioner to increase the number and enlarge the privileges of their committee, and to hasten the settling of church government and the restitution of all those recently injured by fines, forfaultures or compositions.


[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], advising that the king should send for the duke of Gordon, remarking that Edinburgh Castle is so ruined that there is scarcely a place to keep Lord Belcarras prisoner there, and declaring that the king should have elected a provost of Glasgow.

[Printed in Leven and Melvile Papers, pp.142-3; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(217)].

3634. 1689, July 5. Near Dover.

[Copy] [ ] to Mr. James Grahame, vintner in Edinburgh, announcing that his plans to escape from the country are complete, and hoping that his friends are also safe.

[ Mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.189(222)].
3589. 1689, July 6. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], reporting on the business done by parliament, and complaining of the lack of articles and committees.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.143-4; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(219)].


[Copy, not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], reporting that parliament is determined to make application to the king against his evil councillors, and referring to a Jacobite plot in Edinburgh.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.149-50; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(221)].

3633. [1689], July 9.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that his correspondent's letter to Lord Selkirk was not lost, as had been feared, and giving news of the arrest of Sir Adam Blair and Dr. Gray. He encloses the copy of a letter found on them. [Infra 3634.]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(222)].

7139. [1689], July 10. Holyroodhouse.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, promising to speak to his father about the earl's memorandum.

3635. 1689, July 10. Hampton Court.

Copies of 2 letters from William III to the privy council, ordering the proclamation that the signet be opened, and that a declaration of war be made against the French. [The originals subscribed by Melville and superscribed by the king.]

3517. 1689, July 10. Abord of the adventor in margtilipanig bay.

William Campbell to Mr. Davgall Campbell of Glensadall, regretting the Scots ships' encounter with the French.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.182(173:1)].

3636. [1689], July 11.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, asking that the bearer may be given a pass and a vessel to take him to Lough Foyle, on his way to Major-General Kirke.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(223)].


Angus Campbell of Killberrie to [ ], reporting that he has seen 3 ships and 2 yachts sailing towards the point of Ila.


Dugal Campbell to the earl of Argyll, enclosing 3514 and 3517, repeating the story of the encounter with the French who, he explains, flew the English flag.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.182(173:3)].


David Cairnes to the earl of Argyle, describing the capture of the vessels of Captains Hamilton and Brown by 3 French vessels, which also took possession of the small vessel in which the writer was travelling.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.182(173:2)].

3516. 1689, July 13. Inverarey.

John Campbell to the earl of Argyll, enclosing 3515, and discussing the implications of the encounter.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.182(173:4)].

[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], sending a report of French ships being near the coast, and describing his support in council of Sir John Dalrymple.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, p.170; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(224).]

3637. [1689], July 13.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has not yet managed to speak to the king about his correspondent's recent letter, promising to discuss the election of the Glasgow magistrates with his majesty again, and enclosing two letters from the latter to the council.

[Supra 3636]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.189(225).]


Major-General MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the difficulty of following the highlanders with regular troops, and recommending that a garrison be set up at Inverlochy.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.179(164).]

3568. [1689], July 14. Dunbritton.

The earl of Argyll to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing various letters [3517; 3514; 3515; 3516], and reporting that the Irish intend to invade England.

3638. [1689], July 17.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that the news of the landing of some forces from Ireland and of the Jacobite plot has brought the government 'to some stand' until they hear again from these parts. He also regrets the increasing dissensions in Scotland.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190 (227).]
3562. 1689, July 18.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], complaining that he has received no answer to his request for instructions, and giving news of Dundee, McKay and Argyll.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.174-5; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(226)].

3639. [1689], July 19.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], sending some officers commissions as part of the forces are about to march north, and denying that the delay in delivering a letter to Lord Selkirk was in any way his fault.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, p.77; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(228)].


George Walker and John Michelburne to Major-General Kirk, describing the 'desperate situation in the besieged city, wondering that they have received no help from their correspondent, and warning him to trust none of the enemy's deserters.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, pp.185-6, (184:2)].

3566. 1689, July 20. Inveraray.

The earl of Argyll to the duke of Hamilton, announcing his intention to march to Castle Kilchorn, reporting that Claverhouse is at Inverlochy, and giving details of his own troops and provisions.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.183(174)].

Captain G. Rooke to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has followed some French ships to Mull, and that about 400 men of Colonel Purcell's regiment were landed at Lough Quaber. He encloses a list of the men taken in 2 of their small vessels which he captured.

3564. 1689, July 22. Inveraray.

The earl of Argyll to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that his army cannot possibly stay there long because of the lack of provisions, and commenting that 'the spirit of trimming and neutralitie is spread from our Court the lenth of the Highlands'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.183(175)].

3561. 1689, July 22. Inveraray.

'The opinion of the Councell of Ware at Inveraray'.
[Signed by the earls of Argyll, Glencairne, Eglintoun and 10 other officers]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.183(175)].


[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], sending him some copies of acts of parliament, with papers relating to military affairs.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, p.186; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(229)].


Major-General MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, describing his urgent need for provisions, and asking that council should remedy this want, and consider his propositions for a garrison at Inverlochy.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.179(165)].
3533. 1689, July 24.

Proclamation by Major-General Kirke, affirming that whatever cruelty or violence is offered to the Protestant subjects of Ireland, it will be repaid to all Roman Catholics in England.


[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], describing the business done in parliament that day, and giving news from Captain Rooke.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.194-5; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(231)].

3640. [1689], July 25. [London]

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining why he could not reply sooner because 'the king is extremely throngd with affaires', and referring to the birth of 'a brave livly like boy' to the princess. [Anne].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(230)].

3655. 1689, July 25. Inveraray.

The earl of Argyll to [the duke of Hamilton], sending a confession by one of two prisoners recently taken, emphasising his need of supplies, and affirming his determination to intercept Hay.


Major-General MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he intends that day to march for Dunkeld and the castle of Blaire, which he will attempt to reduce so that it may serve as a magazine.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.179(166)].

3528. 1689, July 26.

Robert Broatherstoun to his cousin Thomas, asking him to take care of the writer's father, who is seriously ill, and sending an account of the Scottish forces in Ireland.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp.186-7(193)].
3641. [1689], July 27.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing letters from the king, who desires that the duke of Gordon and earl of Balcarres be given the liberty of the castle [Edinburgh] for the time being, and expressing relief that his correspondent believes there to be no great danger from Dundee and the Irish.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(232)].


William Fullartoune to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from Robert Broatherstown [supra 3527], who had warned of some vessels in Carrickfergus Loch.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.186(193)].

3532. 1689, July 29. From on board the Swallow at Derry Lough.

Major-General Kirke to the duke of Hamilton, describing how Derry was partially relieved when 2 victualling ships managed to sail up the river, and appealing for further supplies.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.185(184)].

3595. 1689, July 29. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], giving details of the battle of Killiecrankie.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.205-7; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(233)].

3610. 1689, July 30. Sterling.

Major-General Mackay to the duke of Hamilton, announcing the certainty of Dundee's death, but stating that there is no reason to believe that the enemy will gain by their victory.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.180(167)].
1689, July 30. Deptford off of Carrache Fergus.

Captain G. Rooke to the duke of Hamilton, describing his part in the attempt to victual Carrickfergus.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.186(185).]

1689, July 30. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], giving news of Dundee's death, and telling him that their own losses were not nearly so serious as at first imagined.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.208-9; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(243).]

1689, August 1. Hampton Court.

[Copy] William III to the privy council, ordering more troops to be sent to Scotland, and that they send to the Tower of London persons of quality taken prisoner. [The original subscribed by Melville and superscribed by the king].

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.190(235).]

1689, August 1.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing letters from the king [infra 3643], and asking urgently for a further account of MacKay's defeat [at Killiecrankie].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(235).]

1689, August 1. Holyrudhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], giving news of the partial relief of Londonderry, and discussing the consequences of Dundee's death.

1689, August 2. Deptford of Cape of Kintyre.

[Copy] Captain G. Rooke to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the siege of Londonderry is raised.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.186(186).]
The earl of Argyll to the duke of Hamilton, describing his march south in appalling weather, and repeating reports that 'Dundie is certainlie killed'.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.184(177)].

[?1689], August 3. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, wishing her a safe journey from Panmure and sending her a letter from the earl of Arran.

[1689], August 3. London.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing relief that so many of their friends had survived Killiecrankie, and reporting that the king has ordered some Dutch horse and English foot to march into Scotland.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(238)].

[Copy, not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], sending him letters from General McKay and the council.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, p.232; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.190(237)].

[1689], August 4. from the Isle of Inch.

Major-General Kirke to [the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the townsmen of Derry had endeavoured to fall on the rear of the enemy, describing his ships' attempts to sail up the river, and estimating that there are 3 or 4,000 fighting men within the town.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.186(187)].

Major-General MacKay to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the plan for a garrison at Inverlochy, and to his desire for a body of English horse to join with the Scots troops.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.180(168)].

3519. 1689, August 5. Glasgow.

The earl of Glencarne to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to find some way of paying the troops.


3645. [1689], August 5.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that so little has been done for the security of Scotland, but apprehending that Dundee's death will retard the progress of the rebels.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp.190-1(239)].

3559. 1689, August 5. Glasgow.

The earl of Argyll to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he will march to St. Johnston as directed, despite contrary orders from Major-General McKay, and that he has ordered the earl of Angus's regiment to march to Kilsyth. He also asks that the council should take speedy measures to prevent the bad consequences of the soldiers' lack of pay.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.184(178)].

3570. 1689, August 5. Putachie.

William, master of Forbes to the duke of Hamilton, commenting on 'the most afflicting news' of the battle of Killiecrankie, and remarking that he deems it advisable not to retire from his district.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.194(265)].
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3560. 1689, August 5. Glasgow.

The earl of Argyll to the duke of Hamilton, informing him of rumours that James II means to invade Scotland, which he believes may well be true, of the mutiny of Angus's and Glencairn's regiment, and of his own regiment's need for arms.

3599. 1689, August 6. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], giving news from Ireland and from Major General McKay.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.235-6; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.191(240)].

3600. [1689], August 8. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to the [earl of Melville], reporting that the enemy have retired towards the Brea of Marr, pursued by General McKay.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.240-1; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.191(241)].

3646. [1689], August 8. London.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that the king has countermanded his order to the Dutch and English forces to march into Scotland, and enclosing a copy of the king's letter of the same day to the council, empowering them to issue a proclamation of indemnity to the rebels. [This enclosure mounted with the letter.]


3612. 1689, August 8. Forfare.

Major-General MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, detailing his plan of action against the enemy, who have turned towards Braemar.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.180(169)].
3617. 1689, August 8. Forfare.

Paper by Major-General MacKay, giving his plan for counteracting the effect of his recent defeat [at Killiecrankie].

3539. 1689, August 9. Deptford off of Cape Cantire.

Captain G. Rooke to the duke of Hamilton, sending the bearer, Mr. Walker, to give a description of the raising of the siege of London Derry, and expressing the opinion that if an army were landed in Ireland the enemy would submit at once.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.186(188)].

3647. 1689, August 10. London.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that the Dutch officer sent to give an account of Killiecrankie, had given a very different version from the written description arriving at the same time, and commenting on the condition of Londonderry before its relief.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.191(243)].

3613. 1689, August 11. Aberdene.

Major-General MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, intimating that his northward march has successfully deprived the enemy of the advantages which would have followed their victory, enclosing an address from the gentry of Angus, and reporting that he is now marching to the master of Forbes's country.

3524. 1689, August 12. On Board their Majts. yacht the Cleaveland now riding in Highlake road.

The duke of Schonberg to the duke of Hamilton, announcing his imminent departure for Ireland, where he intends to land in the north, in hopes of assistance from his grace.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.186(190)].


J. Macleane to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to persuade the provost of Edinburgh to release the writer on the caution he has already given, since he has been unjustly imprisoned simply because he shared a name 'with a people thought unwilling to submit to the present government'. 
3648. 1689, August 13.

The earl of Melville to the [duke of Hamilton], hoping that threats of an invasion from Ireland will prove unfounded, reporting that Schombergh and Count Solmes have set sail for Ireland and that King James has left Dublin, and giving other items of news from there.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, p.250; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.191(244).]


Captain G. Rooke to the duke of Hamilton, describing his entry into Dunagadie harbour, and announcing that his shortage of provisions and the approaching season have caused him to write to the admiralty for leave to return home.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.186(189)].

3526. 1689, August 13. on Board the Cleveland yacht riding in Bangor Bay in Ireland.

The duke of Schomberg to the duke of Hamilton, announcing his arrival in the bay, and hoping that by landing there he will prevent the Irish troops from giving Hamilton 'any further disturbanc'.

3601. 1689, August 13. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], reporting that the act of indemnity will be discussed in council on the following day, and giving news from General McKay and from Ireland.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, pp.249-50; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.191(245)].


Alice Smith to Lady Gerard, sending her 'a suite of flourished gauze as fashionable as any lady in London does wear', with pictures of King William and Queen Mary for her ladyship's son, and describing her financial difficulties.

[Gerard Correspondence]
3602. 1689, August 15. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], reporting that his departure has been delayed until the following week, and giving news of the English fleet.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, p.254; summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.191(246)].

3603. 1689, August 16. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy; not in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], mentioning his letters from and to the duke of Schonberg.

[Printed in Leven and Melville Papers, p.192].

3413. 1689, August 24. Kinneil.

George Skirving to the earl of Arran, promising to clear his intromissions with the rents as soon as possible.

6993. [1689], August 25. Borroubridge.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that no one else had sent him word of the action at Drokell.

3541. 1689, August 26. Depford at Carrake Fargus.

Captain G. Rooke to the duke of Hamilton, regretting that the time of year makes it impossible for him to sail northwards to help the laird of Blare, and announcing that the duke of Schonberg is now encamped before Carrickfergus.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.186(192)].

3573. 1689, August 27. Edinburgh.

[Sir Patrick Home] to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that the council has passed an act for citing those ministers who have not prayed for the king and queen, together with an act for a general fast. He also gives some news from the highlands.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.194(266)].
6338. 1689, August 31. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing his arrival in London where he has been waited upon by 'many of our countrey men'.

6339. 1689, September 3. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his visit to Hampton Court on the previous day, where he had a brief talk with the king, who declared that 'as wee have given him the Croun wee wold take all bake and leave him little more power then a Duke of Vince', and that he did not expect his subjects to encroach upon the prerogatives enjoyed by his predecessors. As for himself, the duke finds that 'amongst the presbiterians I have the lucke to be thought episcopall and amongst them to be thought presbiterian'. He has sent Lord John and Lord Charles to see the earl of Arran in the Tower, and finds he is 'as foolish as ever as to his politics'.


W. Levingston to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for his support in the writer's present difficulties.


[Sir Patrick Home] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that a number of ministers have been deprived by the council, that Lady Drum is to be allowed to live with her husband again, and that the rebels have left Blaire of Atholl.

3572. 1689, September 5. Edinburgh.

[Sir Patrick Home] to the duke of Hamilton, describing the appearance of the earl of Callender, Lord Livistone and Lord Duffis before the council, and informing him that all persons in public trust must take the oath of allegiance before September 24.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.194].
6340. 1689, September 5. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his long talk with the king on the previous day, during which his majesty made it clear that he thought it his right to name the lords of session, criticising the duke for allowing the matter to be put to the vote. The writer had time to say little else, but managed to complain about those who tried 'to do me ill offices'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of his conversations with the queen, who 'has learned of the king to say little' but is 'a very understanding woman' and with his majesty, who intends to continue the writer as his commissioner, and has readmitted him to the privy council.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to his meeting with the king, Melville and the advocate [Dalrymple], where the king appeared very prejudiced against the five acts of the Scottish parliament and ordered an adjournment until November 1st.

3415. 1689, September 14.

R. Webb to Mr. David Crawford, at the duke of Hamilton's lodgings, recommending his cousin as a haberdasher, and discussing the purchase of a hound. [Torn].

6343. 1689, September 17. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to news that 'all the chiefs of the Highland clans such as Breadalbane and others are taking the benefit of the act of Indemnity', and evincing surprise that the king has not settled on November 1st as the date for the next parliament to meet.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing the king's determination to appoint the judges and adjourn parliament for a longer period. His majesty assured the duke of his resolution to be kind to him, but would not tell him what position he was to hold.
6345. 1689, September 23. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he has visited the earl of Arran in the Tower twice, and finds him still unwilling to give his word of honour to keep the peace but optimistic about an early release on bail under the habeas corpus bill. He sends his wife a copy of the list of the lords of session which he gave to the king [6346].

6346. [1689, September 23]

'Copy of the list of the Lords of the Session and justice court given by me to his Majestie', written out by the duke of Hamilton.


Major-General MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, reporting on the subduing of Athole, which has been done with moderation since Lord Murray is the duke's son-in-law.

6391. 1689, September 30 and October 1. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that Annandale, Ross and Skelmorly have seen the king but did not present their address. He himself has prevailed with the king to see the marquis of Atholl and to liberate the earl of Arran. The writer is uncertain about making preparations to be commissioner, for although he has been promised the position he would rather not have it if there is to be trouble between the king and the next parliament. The presbyterian ministers have been very pleased with their reception at Court.

6392. 1689, October 3. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that everything is at a standstill until the king returns from Newmarket, and asking if the Danes have landed yet on their way to Ireland.
6393. 1689, October 5. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, mentioning that Queensberry and a group of his friends have gone to wait upon the king at Newmarket. That afternoon he visited their son, the earl of Arran, and discovered that he would as soon stay in the Tower as be released.

6218. [1689], October 7.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the earl of Arran], expressing surprise that he had had refused to give his word not to disturb the peace, for this would have procured his liberty. Since he needs money, he should ask his father for a loan of £1000. [Torn].

3390. 1689, October 7. Bonhard.

Walter Cornwall to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that it will cost £100 Scots to sink a new shaft at Bo'ness, and discussing what expenses are involved.

6394. 1689, October 8. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing his own state of health and reporting that everything is still at a halt because of the king's absence at Newmarket.

6395. 1689, October 10. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], mentioning that the king and queen have gone to Hampton Court, arranging to send certain horses to Lord Aberdeen, and discussing some other domestic matters.

6396. 1689, October 15. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her of the king's idea of visiting Scotland in January, of his majesty's assurances that the duke would continue as commissioner and that no one else would be chancellor, and of his arrangements to have their son the earl of Arran released on bail from the Tower.
6416. 1689, October 17. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that he means to return home as soon as possible because the king says fair things to him but then acts otherwise, as when he promised to consult the Scots about the nomination of lords of session but failed to do so. Annandale and Ross have presented their address to the king, and the warrant for the earl of Arran's release has been passed. As for news from Ireland, King James is said to be retreating and short of provisions.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how he had laid all his grievances before the king, who was thereupon 'extreamly netled' and declared that if the duke had done his duty and stopped the criticised vote in parliament, his majesty would never have had such trouble. The king also denied that Sir John Dalrymple had ever spoken against his grace. He kept returning to the question of parliament not being the judge of his prerogatives, and when the duke asked to be discharged as commissioner agreed, although saying he must see him again soon.

6446. 1689, October 22. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that he has not spoken with the king since his majesty censured him for letting the act of session pass. He goes on to discuss domestic matters, announcing that he has hired a French butler and will send him to Scotland by sea.

6447. 1689, October 24. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], arranging to pay to Mr. Israel Feilding £1000 sterling. He has spoken again with the king and finds that as well as being blamed for letting parliament vote on the act concerning the session, he is also accused of failing to show his instructions as commissioner to members. Letters recently intercepted on their way from Lord Griffin and others to King James and his queen declare that the duke of Hamilton is now out of favour as Melville got the better of him, and that the king has resolved to have no more Scots commissioners but will go to Scotland himself.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he has not been at Court since his previous visit, but hears that the king has signed a full list of the names of the lords of session. Their son Arran is still in the Tower for if he had been released under the habeas corpus he would have been seized by his creditors.

6449. 1689, October 29. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking for a copy of a warrant stopping the signet. He then discusses some domestic matters.

6450. 1689, October 31. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending her a copy of the printed news from Scotland [not found], and reporting that he is arranging to have the earl of Arran released on bail.

6451. 1689, November 2. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], mentioning that he has taken the son of a French refugee to be his page, and sending her the votes of the house of commons and the motions made in the Lords that day relating to the reduction of Ireland and war against France. He hopes that his majesty will reduce the highlands also, 'that wee may have peace and quiet'.

6525. 1689, November 5. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing domestic affairs.

7814. 1689, November 7. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that the earl of Arran's liberation has been ordered, and that had he realised that, as rumours say, the earl is unwilling to be released, 'he should have lyen still for I have been at a great dale of pains about it'.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that their son Arran has now got a warrant for his release, together with a pass and post warrant, and advising her to 'have a watchfull eye over him' until the duke himself returns home. The king has not yet done anything about settling the government in Scotland.

6567. 1689, November 12. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reminding her to have the dowager countess of Errol give up the keys to the gatehouse, stables and coachhouses [at Holyrood], reporting that although he had spoken with the king, his majesty said not a word about whether or not his grace should be commissioner to the next parliament, and mentioning that Lord Preston has been sent to the Tower for having accepted from King James a patent making him a viscount.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], urging her to take very good care of the goods he is sending home by sea, reporting that the king wishes the Danish troops to re-embark at Hull and sail to Leith, and complaining that the king has not yet told him whether or not he is to be commissioned.

6569. 1689, November 16. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing doubts about the king's promise to speak to him on the following day, and declaring that if the Danish foot are to be shipped from Yorkshire to Leith it is so that the disorders they cause will take place in Scotland rather than in England.

3402. 1689, November 16. [London]

[ ] to Madam Harcourt, at Sandon, describing his fruitless search for some legal document which she had desired.

[Gerard Correspondence]
[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing in detail his interview with Lord Portland and Lord Sidney, who told him that the king had resolved that Hamilton should be commissioner, and should be first on the commission for keeping the great seal. He is now delayed in London by his majesty, who has not yet spoken to him about Scottish affairs.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his recent conversation with the king, during which his majesty declared that he has not yet decided when the Scottish parliament should sit, and that he intends to disband the army. The duke complained about not being put on the treasury, and hinted at his need for pensions, threatening to retire to Hamilton if he were not given sufficient encouragement.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing relief that their son the earl of Arran has arrived safely in Scotland, and announcing that he himself plans to leave town on the following Tuesday.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving an account of how he took his leave of the king, assuring him that he would see that the earl of Arran did not disturb the peace. His majesty seems to have thoughts of visiting Scotland, but said not a word about what he intends to do about parliament or the army or any other appointments.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], sending a copy of the king's letter to the council giving his intentions on 'modelling the army', and notifying him that he has been named as one of the commissioners [of the great seal].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.191(248)].
3604. 1689, December 29. Hamilton.

[Copy, in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [the earl of Melville], reporting that he will call an extraordinary meeting of the council as a result of his correspondent's letter, and condemning 'this new way in putting the office of state in commissions'.

3509. [1689]

[ Intercepted letter] [The earl of Melfort's] instructions to Mr. Broudie, concerning the delivery of letters and various other commissions.

3614. [1689]

Major-General MacKay to the duke of Hamilton, repeating that his march had deprived the enemy of the benefits of victory.

3543. [1689]

Sir James Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he had never sought preferment for himself or hindered that of others.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.193(260)].

8443. [c1689]

[Copy] William III to the privy council of England, authorising them to grant bail to the earl of Arran.

3650. [1689/90], January 4.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of the king's letter of the same date from Kensington, appointing various regiments to be paid from England, and approving the act that the president may sign on behalf of the whole council.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.191(249)].
3810. 1689/90, January 6. Hamilton.

[Draft]. [The duke of Hamilton] to William III, complaining about the council's action in altering the ancient practice of a quorum of the council signing all matters of consequence.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.115, where it is stated that the duke was absent in England - he was, however, at Hamilton.]


The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that it is his majesty's wish that the great seal be put in commission, and justifying the printing of Hamilton's instructions as commissioner.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, pp.191-2(250)].

3652. [1689/90], January 16. London.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has received no commands from the king, but enclosing a copy of his majesty's letter to the council, concerning the exchange of 2 Scots held prisoner in France for 2 priests now in Scotland. [The king's letter mounted with the other].

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.192(251)].


The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, sending a copy of the king's letter to the council, ordering inquiry to be made into the practice of a quorum signing acts of parliament and the president signing alone.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.192(252)].

3416. 1689/90, January 29.

H. Penge to Lady Gerard, concerning his transactions with Sir Edward [? Hungerford], and the mortgage on the estate of Sandon.

[Gerard Correspondence]
3403. 1689/90, January 29.

H. Perye to Mr. Billott at Sandon Hall, describing his financial difficulties. [Torn]

[Gerard Correspondence]

3806. [c1689/90, January]

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Melville], complaining about the earl of Argyll's conduct towards him, declaring that the printing of his instructions 'has done all that could be to stirr up the rable against me', and asking permission to stay in the country [at Hamilton] for some time.

3404. 1689/90, February 5.

[ ] to Mrs. Martha Ward, at Sandon, describing a conversation with Mr. Watts.

[Gerard Correspondence]

3654. [1689/90], February 13. London.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king has had to alter his plan to visit Scotland at once, and sending him a copy of the king's latest letter to the council. [Infra 3655]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.192(253).]


[Copy] William III to the privy council, ordering parliament's adjournment to be continued from March 1 to March 18, in view of the delay to his journey north.

3407. 1689/90, February 20. in the westindies in the Eisland Nevis.

W. Hamilton to Captain James Hamilton, describing his expedition to St. Bartholomew's and St. Martin's, where he encountered two French men of war, remarking that had they themselves but a small fleet of 12 frigates they could master the West Indies, and giving a note of receipts of money paid for the earl of Arran and remaining in his hands.
3408. 1689/90, [c]February 20.

Account of money owed to W. Hamilton by the earl of Arran, for clothing, fruit, a short perruke, papers etc. — in all £23-18-0.

[Enclosed with 3407.]

3462. 1689/90, February 20.

[William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], referring to some goods sent by sea to his lordship, promising to send him a 'short wig' by the earl of Drumlanrig, and giving news of the English parliament.

3463. 1689/90, March 10.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, repeating a rumour that the French fleet has sailed, informing him that his seal is finished, and describing Mr. Coire's anxiety to be paid.

3461. 1689/90, March 15.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, sending him Crisp's account for a gun and powder, an impression of his seal and some other accounts.

7635. [1689/90], March 20.

Anne, countess of Sunderland to [her son-in-law the earl of Arran], rejoicing at the news that her daughter [his countess] has been safely delivered of a daughter, though a son would have been more welcome.
3684. 1690, April 3.

D.C. to Mr. David Craufurd, his cousin, denying rumours that he has been made secretary of war and referring to parliament's settlement of revenues on their majesties.

3675. 1690, April 4. Paslay.

The earl of Dundonald to his father-in-law the duke of Hamilton, giving news of the writer's family, and hoping to see his grace in Edinburgh 'if the parlament keep its day but I apprehend it wil not'.

3687. 1690, April 10. London.

James Foulis to Mr. David Crawford, sending a 'breviat' of the duke of Hamilton's account with the writer.

3672. 1690, April 18. Kensington.

[Copy]. William III to the estates of Scotland, telling him that he has nominated the earl of Melville as his commissioner.

3682. 1690, May 6.

W. Hamilton to [? the earl of Arran], sending him a list of receipts for money paid on behalf of his lordship, and a letter from Captain Walter Hamilton in the West Indies. [Supra 3407]


News letter: The dauphin has left town, the duke of Lorraine is dead, the cardinal de Fourbin is about to leave for Rome, the French fleet has returned from Ireland to Brest, and the French king will invade Savoy. [In French]

3681. 1690, May 13.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the Army's preparations for going to Ireland, and referring to the business done in parliament that week.

News Letter; Preparations for the sailing of the French navy are being speeded up; the dauphin is to leave soon with only 45,000 men. Cardinal Fourbin has left for Rome. [In French] [With cover] [With modern transcription and translation].

3683. 1690, May 15. From the hen and Chickings in Covent Garden.

Thomas Aliborne to the duchess of Hamilton, asking for payment of the £6-6-0 which she owes him for 18 yards of new sad coloured and black striped silk for her mantle and petticoat. [With an endorsement in another hand to the effect that her grace is sure that this had been paid.]

8384. [c1690, May 17].

[Susanna, countess of Cassilis] to her sister Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that she is with her grace's daughter [Susan, countess of Dundonald] who is much afflicted with the loss of 'such a deire husband'.

3671. 1690, May 17.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, sending a list of the people excepted from the act of grace, and describing the king's military preparations for his expedition to the continent.

3686. 1690, May 20.

[As in 3671] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the business done in the English parliament that day, and of the surrender of Charlemount.

3189. [1690], May 24. London.

R.S. [the earl of Sunderland] to his son-in-law, the earl of Arran, expressing his grief at the news of Lady Arran's serious illness, and recommending treatment for her.
The earl of Arran to Mr. David Craufurd, asking for news from London.

The earl of Sunderland to his son-in-law the earl of Arran, acknowledging the sad news of the countess of Arran's death.

Anne, countess of Sunderland to her son-in-law the earl of Arran, offering her sympathy on the death of his wife, the writer's daughter.

The earl of Sunderland to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his kindness to his daughter [the countess of Arran], who has recently died.

[? The earl of Arran] to [? his mother, Anne duchess of Hamilton], begging to be allowed to have his brother come to town again after the burial as he knows all the writer's affairs and must help him put away all his servants.

[Draft] The duke of Hamilton] to Anne duchess of Hamilton], describing his attack of the stone, and explaining that if the pain returns he will be unable to attend the funeral of [the countess of Arran].

John Hamilton to David Craford, referring to a petition by the local people to the synod of Argyll, and to the arrival of people from Ireland with news of two major encounters between King James and King William.

The earl of Melville to [The duke of Hamilton], regretting that his correspondent's indisposition keeps him from attending parliament, and telling him that it is thought necessary to put the West country in a state of defence.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.192(254)].

3657. [1690], July 11. London.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, giving news from the continent, and asking for information from Scotland.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.192(255)].

7696. [c1690], August 4. Tullibardine.

[John, earl of Murray] to his brother-in-law the earl of Arran, excusing the delay in sending him certain papers, and expressing concern at news that a letter has come to press the taking of the oaths of allegiance and assurance.

3797. 1690, August 6.

Lady Katherine Ranelagh to the duchess of Hamilton, inquiring after her health, referring in relieved terms to parliament's legislation for tolerance in religion, and discussing the king's successes in Ireland.


James Marshall to Mr. David Crauforde, reporting that he has obeyed the duke of Hamilton's commands and has had shipped to him 'his black suit and vest, two plaie musline cravates and 2 pair of ruffles and 2 pair of beat black silk stockings'.

3680. 1690, August 24. Berwick.

Dudley Vanbrugh to Mr. David Crauford, thanking him for searching out the writer's relation, as the boy's mother was very much afflicted at not knowing where he was.

3674. 1690, November 7.

Ester de Varengeville to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for her kindness to the writer's daughter, who had served her grace and has recently died.
3678. 1690, November 16. Barvick.

J. Craufurd to his cousin, David Craufurd, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, asking that Myliecraig's bond and discharge be given to the writer's brother.


Warrant from the privy council allowing the levying of men for the earl of Errol's regiment.

3049. [?1690]

[Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [ ], describing her only conversation with the king.

[Incomplete.


3787. [c1690]

[Draft, not in his own hand] [The duke of Hamilton] to [ ], asking him to sign a precept of clare constat relating to the writer's grandchild being served heir to the earl of Dundonald [the duke's late son-in-law].

6974. [?1690]

[? The earl of Arran] to [ ], describing his melancholy condition which is increased by his recent loss and the fear of how his enemies will act towards him.

3547. 1690/1, January 13. London.

Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, excusing any past remarks of his own which have given offence to his grace, and hoping that in his new position he will never have cause to oppose the duke.

[Mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.194(269).]
Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, reporting on the threshing of the 'piese,' asking for a special allowance of corn for the Blackbaronie mare, and describing how much of the hay has been already used up.

Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, announcing that his departure has been delayed by contrary winds.

Anne, countess of Sunderland to [the earl of Arran], thanking him for his letter about the death of his wife, the writer's daughter, and urging him now to live quietly and not to meddle in politics. There are rumours that her other son-in-law, the earl of Clancarty, has bigamously married a gentlewoman in Ireland.

Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, expressing surprise at the news of the commission of the general assembly having sat in the king's absence.

Katherine Polat to the earl of Arran, referring to rumours of his coming to town, hoping that his affairs will go well, and giving some news of Court.

R. Webb to Mr. David Crawford, asking for two horses, 'to draw the posts and rakes to Hamilton' as he will soon be ready to begin the paling there, and mentioning that there are only three deer in Ethilwood.
4083. [?1690/1], March 3.

Katherine Polat to the earl of Arran, referring to her own illness and that of the countess of Sunderland, and giving some other news of the Court.

3746. 1690/1, March 4. Edinburgh.

J. Bunteine to Mr. David Crawford, asking his favour for the bearer, who is petitioning the privy council for arrears of stipend.

3556. 1690/1, March 17. Rotterdam.

Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that the duke's son, Lord Selkirk, has been sent to the king of Denmark, and that the king has ordered his army officers to attend their charges.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p.116]

3753. 1691, March 28.

[William Hamilton] to Mr. David Craufurd, telling him that he has sent a small box to the duke of Hamilton by Lord John, and giving news from the continent.

3555. 1691, April 10. The Hague.

Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, ordering him to commit 'the lait archbishop of Glasgow' [John Paterson?] to prison, as he has been acting contrary to the government's interests.


3689. 1691, April 22. Edinburgh.

William Stirling to Mr. Crawford, asking him to carry a small parcel to London for the writer's brother.
4082. [?1691], April 23.

Katherine Polat to the earl of Arran, telling him that the king has delayed his journey to Holland, and giving some news of the Court.


John Anderson to Sir Patrick Hume, advocate, sending him the securities of the lands of Provane, and asking him to persuade the duke [of Hamilton] to complete the business.


The earl of Arran to David Crawford, urging that his brother, Lord John, sit for his portrait, and hoping for an advance of £50 from his father.

On a separate sheet which is not to be shown to the duke, he declares that if his father does not advance the money the earl will give Crawford a bill for £50.

5505. [cl691?], May 15. Althrope.

[The countess of Sunderland] to [the earl of Arran], thanking him for the token 'of my dear girl's hair', and remarking upon the duke of Hamilton's kindness to 'our dear baby'. [Ann, countess of Arran]


Robert Johnston to Mr. David Crauford, asking that the duke of Hamilton should support his supplication for liberty.


[The earl of Sunderland] to the earl of Arran, describing his recent visit to London.


Sir John Dalrymple to the earl of Arran, telling him that 'the queen treats yow with honour tho she hath reason to doubt yow'.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, referring to Lord John Hamilton's delay in sitting to Kneller, and mentioning rumours of a French fleet sailing to Ireland.


John Hamilton to Mr. David Craufurd, referring to rumours that half of the English fleet had been taken, and describing how he had required permission to be sought from the duchess of Hamilton for Sir George MacKenzie's body to lie in the chapel at Holyrood.


James Hamilton to Mr. David Crawford, discussing the sending of letters from the duke to the duchess of Hamilton, and some other minor matters.

3745. 1691, June 6. Hamilton.

Hew Wood to David Crawford, discussing the construction of new stables.


[As in 3731] to the earl of Arran, discussing some minor matters, and informing him of the king's progress in Flanders.


Hew Wood to David Crawford, reporting on his work in the gardens.

3808. 1691, June 20.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to William III, reporting that in his majesty's absence he has discussed Scottish affairs with the queen and with the master of Stair.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report, pp.116-7].
Marie Mackdonald to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking after her health, and remarking that she herself is busy arranging her daughter's marriage to 'young Elsick'.

[William Hamilton] to Mr. David Craufurd, discussing the sending north of the duke of Hamilton's coach horse, clock and cabinet, and describing the royal army's attack on Athlon.

Extract of a letter from Colonel Cordrington, governor of the Leeward Islands, to the lords of the committee of plantations, praising the zeal of Lord Archibald Hamilton [7th son of the 3rd duke].

Extract of a letter from Colonel Kendall, governor of Barbados, to the lords of the committee of plantations, praising the prudence and courage of Lord Archibald Hamilton throughout his three years' service in the navy.

[William Hamilton] to Mr. David Craufurd, referring to the duke of Hamilton's coach and to the health of one of the coach horses, and giving news from the continent.

E. J. to Mr. Craufurd, inquiring after the countesses of Cassillis and Dundonald, and discussing some minor business matters.

John Saunders to Mr. William Fullerton, collector of Portpatrick, giving a report of the victory over the Irish, together with a list of the Irish officers taken prisoner or killed, and of the English officers killed and wounded. [This last includes the name of Lord George Hamilton, 5th son of the 3rd duke]
John Hamilton to David Crauford, asking for news of Flanders and Ireland, inquiring if the ship carrying his goods has arrived from London, and sending his humble duty and service to Lord Basil Hamilton.

George Simson to Mr. Caraffowrd [David Crawford], discussing the duke of Hamilton's hawks and dogs, and asking that his grace may be reminded to send the hoods and bells for the former.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to an unauthorised alteration made in the king's recent letter to council, and giving news from the continent.

Sir John Dalrymple to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he cannot understand how the latter seems to have turned against him because of the matter of the earl of Arran's imprisonment, and remarking that if Breadalbane fails to carry out his mission, the king will order his army to 'fall upon the hylanders'.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to Sir John Dalrymple of Stair, declaring that he has no quarrel with him but that he had in fact argued against Lord Arran's imprisonment, and remarking that he has no fresh news of Breadalbane's negotiations. [In reply to 3548] [The main portion of the letter printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.117]
3698. 1691, August 1. Berwick.

Rupert Billingsley to the duke of [ ], sending him a letter from Mr. Scrimgeour which gives the impression of 'something extraordinary transacting at your Court'.

3756. 1691, August 3. Hamilton.

Thomas Wilsone to Mr. David Crawford, asking the duke of Hamilton's support for the writer's father in his coming case before the privy council.

3744. 1691, August 3. Hamilton.

Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, reporting that the coach horses, except for the black blind one, are doing well on the grass at Hamilton, and complaining that he has been unjustly reproved for delays which are really the fault of the weather.

3728. 1691, August [ ] and 4.

Sir John Dalrymple of Stair to Mr. Crawford, asking him to obtain the duke of Hamilton's permission to look out various dispositions referring to the kirkland of Kirkinner.

3661. [1691], August 8.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the queen has not yet given an answer to the letters from Scotland, and that there are good hopes of Breadalbane's negotiations being successful.


Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, giving news of the horses and the haymaking.

3741. 1691, August 17. [?] Fettercairn.

James Ogilvie to William Black, advocate in Aberdein, explaining his failure to visit him, and assuring him that the duke of Hamilton is still his friend.

[Only the signature in his own hand]
3553. 1691, August 17/27. St. Gerard.

Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, sending copies of 2 of the king's letters and some other papers concerning the highlands.

[Except for the first paragraph, printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.119]

3659. [1691], August 22.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Breadalbane's negotiations are going satisfactorily, that the king was between Namur and Dinart when they last heard of him, and giving other news from the continent.

3750. 1691, August 24. Dumfreis.

J. C. to Mr. David Crauford, promising to have all foreign cards seized by the customs men, though 'since presbitery came in fashion there is few or no cards made use of heir', and remarking that he cannot clear his accounts with Moncreiffe before November.

3737. 1691, August 27.

William Hamilton to Mr. David Crawfur, protesting angrily at the latter's desire that he and another Mr. Hamilton gloss over their quibbles in order to serve the duke of Hamilton.

3748. 1691, August 27. Hamilton.

Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, promising to send a livery coat, and mentioning the horses.

3660. 1691, August 27. St. Gerard.

[Copy] William III to the privy council, requiring them to issue a proclamation adjourning parliament from September 15 until January 14.
10,042. 1691, August 22. 3 King Street, Covent Garden.

Thomas Morton to the earl of Arran, explaining that the late countess of Arran bought some lace and fringe from him in 1688, and asking now for payment.
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4085. [1691], August 29.

Katherine Polat to the earl of Arran, regretting that she cannot accept his lordship's invitation to visit Scotland, discussing material for making a coat for Lady Mary, and giving news of the countess of Sunderland and others.

3717. [1691], August 30. Pettersse.

Marie Mackdonald to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the health of herself and her daughter.

3662. [1691, August].

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, sending a copy of a letter he had received from the earl of Nottingham, and remarking that recently things have been done without the writer's knowledge and even contrary to his opinion.


J. Smith to [David Crawford], asking if the duke of Hamilton has consented to the seating arrangements made by Mr. Craigie in the kirk of the Canongate, and complaining that he is not being allowed to have a pew built for the duke of Queensberry.


John Hamilton to Mr. David Crawford, complaining that only 5 cases have arrived from London, instead of the 6 specified in the bill of lading.

3663. 1691, September 22. Whitehall.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Lord Archibald, the duke's son, has arrived back safely from abroad, and giving news from the continent.


Susan, countess of Dundonald to [her father, the duke of Hamilton], discussing her recent meeting with her sons' tutors, and complaining that they have done nothing yet about dividing and valuing the furniture.
7758. 1691, September 29. Hamilton.

Order by the 3rd duke of Hamilton to Mr. George Clark junior, merchant in Edinburgh, to pay to Lord Archibald Hamilton in London £50 sterling.

3730. 1691, October 11 [N.S.]. Graz.

Count Leslie to the duke of [ ? Hamilton ], asking him to assist the writer's brother, Balquhan, to obtain his wife's tocher, of which he has received not a farthing after 12 years of marriage.


Sir John Dalrymple to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a copy of the king's letter postponing the general assembly, and giving news from the continent.


9690. 1691, October 9. Pasley.

Lord Rosse and William Cochrane of Killmoranock to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a division of the earl of Dundonald's household furniture as made by his widow, the duke's daughter, together with a division made on their behalf, and asking his grace to choose the more suitable.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, assuring him of his gratitude.


Gilbert Eliot, clerk to the council, to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the council has been adjourned until the first Tuesday in November, and that Sir Peter Fraser has taken the oath of indemnity, although Lord Stair said that both the adjourning and then summoning of the council were illegal in the duke's absence. [This series of letters from Eliot mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.194(270).]

[Copy] William III to the privy council, requiring them to allow the Scots Brigade to recruit for their regiments in Flanders.

3557. 1691, October 14/24. Hague.

Sir John Dalrymple to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of the king's letter about the recruiting of the Scots Brigade, and remarking that a contrary wind prevents the king from crossing.

4087. [1691], October 20.

Katherine Polet to the earl of Arran, reporting that she has sent him the tea and the material for Lady Mary's coat, that she has visited Lord Archibald Hamilton, and that the king has returned from Flanders, as well as giving other news from Court.


Gilbert Eliot to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the castle guns were fired to celebrate the surrender of Limerick, and telling him that the president of the court of session has advised that his grace write out a letter summoning the council, with the date left blank, so that in an emergency another member of the council could insert it.

3793. 1691, October 22. Edinburgh.

Gilbert Eliot to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Stair and Belhaven, Sir Thomas Livingstoun and the provost of Edinburgh desire his grace's opinion on a letter from the king.

3665. 1691, October 22. Whitehall.

The earl of Melville to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the king's safe arrival, and reporting that he met the English parliament that day.

Gilbert Eliot to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that he had been unable to read the duke's letter to the council as there was not a quorum that day, but promising to do so on the following Monday.

3695. 1691, October 27. London.

Sir Robert Murray to [? the earl of Selkirk], discussing the possibility of the earl of Arran marrying Lady Arabella, the duke of Newcastle's heiress.[Also a separate leaf giving news from the English parliament.]


Gilbert Eliot to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the council had approved the second of two draft proclamations for adjourning the general assembly, and have appointed Lord Belhaven to congratulate the king on his safe return from Flanders.

3736. 1691, October 29. Hallyrudhous.

John Hamilton to Mr. David Crawforde, sending a note of the confections he has bought, and giving his greetings to 'the bryd and bryd groome'.

7692. 1691, October 30. London.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, announcing that he has arranged to sit to Mr. Kneller for his portrait, and telling him that he had spoken with Lord Dartmouth just a few days before the latter's sudden death.

3809. 1691, November 2. Hamilton.

[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to William III, congratulating him on his safe return to England, and acquainting him with the fact that in Scotland 'all your affairs are in great disorder and deserves your majesties consideration'.

[The main part of the letter printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.122]
Gilbert Eliot to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a description of the business done on the last council day.

The earl of Arran to Mr. Robert Murray of Tipermeur, telling him that the writer's parents approve of the proposed marriage between Newcastle's daughter and [the earl], and asking how they should proceed in the matter.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the delay in his grace's arrival is natural and not likely to be misconstrued.

Robert Murray to [the earl of Arran], informing him of the earl of Clare's promise to support his correspondent's proposition to the duchess of Newcastle, and advising him to write thanking the earl of Clare.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to [his brother the earl of Arran], assuring him of his gratitude and devotion.

9 copy letters of Sir John Dalrymple to Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton, Sir Thomas Livingstone and Colonel Hill, discussing Glencoe and stating that the government is obliged to ruin some people 'to weaken and frighten the rest. The Macdonalds will fall in this nett, that's the only papist clan in the kingdom, and it will be popular to take severe course with them'. They discuss in detail the course to be taken.
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3799. 1691, December 1. [London]

[William Hamilton] to Mr. David Craufurd, complaining that the latter seems to have forgotten him, and reporting that he has sent 'the 3 stars I mean crosses you desired', at a cost of £2-15-6.

3699. 1691, December 7. Altrop.

[The earl of Sunderland] to the earl of Arran, wishing that he would change his mind and visit the writer, but hoping to see him in London in January.

4086. [1691], December 10.

Katherine Polat to [the earl of Arran], reporting that she has bought a coat for his daughter, Lady Mary, and telling him that Mrs. Loftiss was willing to further his interest in Lord Lisbon's daughter, but would not help Lord Selkirk in that direction.


James Coltart to David Crawford, telling him that the duke of Hamilton should not make an agreement with the tenant of mains of Galstoun.

3754. 1691, December 15. Hamilton.

A. Nasmith to Mr. David Crauford, enclosing a copy of William Blair's accounts for 1689, referring to the release from prison of Thomas Smith, and promising to send a decreet against the tenants of Hays Alderston for teinds.

3761. 1691, December 17. London.

[? The earl of Selkirk] to Mr. David Crawford, mentioning his pleasure at his parents' safe arrival in town, and regretting that his brother, Lord Arran, is still so angry with the writer.

3667. [1691], December 19.

The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning rumours of an imminent alteration in Scottish affairs and remarking that 'the discourse is of a highland compaigne to be presently made if the highlanders come not in'.

Archibald, bishop of the Isles to Master Crawford, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he has obtained a decreet for payment of his teinds in Arran for a period of 2½ years.

1691, December 22. Panmure.

Susan Howard to Mr. David Crafford, asking if her ladyship's clock has arrived. [i.e. the countess of Panmure's]

1691, December 22.

M. Fearn to Mr. David Crawford, commending to him his cousin, Mr. John Bethun, who is to make his addresses to the duke of Hamilton.

1691, December 30. London.

Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, sending the king's letter to the council for the adjourning of parliament, and fearing that the earl of Lothian may be delayed by bad weather.


1691, December 31. London.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to [his brother the earl of Arran], assuring him of his affection and telling him that everyone asks when he will come to town.

[Draft] [The earl of Arran] to [? the earl of Clare] begging his support for a proposal which the writer has desired Mr. Murray to make to the duchess of Newcastle on behalf of the earl, who wishes to marry her grace's daughter Lady Arabella.
7718. [c1691]  
[Copy, in his own hand]. The earl of Arran to [ ], excusing himself from writing on the grounds that he had hoped to wait upon the duchess [of Newcastle] in person to ask for the hand of Lady Arabella.

7719. [c1691]  
[Copy, in his own hand] The earl of Arran to [Mr Robert Murray?], asking him to put to the duchess of Newcastle the writer's proposal for her daughter Lady Arabella's hand.

7616. [c1691]  
[Draft] The earl of Arran to [? Mr. Robert Murray of Tipermuir], thanking him and Lord Clair for their friendship, explaining that he cannot set out immediately for London, and asking his correspondent's advice about how to make his proposal.

7687. 1692, January 2. London.  
[?91/2]  
Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the earl of Arran, hoping to see him soon either in London or in Scotland.

3697. 1691/2, January 4. Athlone.  
Charles Feilding to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to the great damage done by the war in Ireland, and thanking her for her '?' present'.

3668. [1692], January 5. London.  
[1/2?]  
The earl of Melville to the duke of Hamilton, wishing that Sir Thomas Livingstone had been permitted to come to Court.

3798. 1691/2, January 6.  
William Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has carried out his lordship's various orders and discussing a certain [unspecified] matter in which the earl is involved.
John Hamilton of Bargany to David Crawford, asking him to speak sharply to Castengray, who has delayed the payment of a precept so that the writer has been unjustly blamed for the situation.

Marie Mackdonald to the duchess of Hamelton, offering condolences on the death of her grace's [ ], mentioning the death of the Countess Marischall, and discussing her own illness.

Robert Murray to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the only objection [Lady Elizabeth Cavendish] has to marrying the earl is that Scotland is so far away, but advising him how to overcome this difficulty and how best to further his suit.

Elizabeth, countess of Clancarty to her former brother-in-law, the earl of Arran, telling him that she has no news as she is at present in the country 'where one sees nothing but a few country neighbours which are worse then no body'.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], supposing that by this time Mr. Murray has replied to his letter about a certain lady.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the earl of Arran, explaining that his journey to Scotland is delayed by the king postponing giving him an answer about their father.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the earl of Arran, hoping to see him in town soon since an agreement with his creditors has been reached. He himself has spoken to the king on behalf of their brother Lord Archibald, for whom his majesty promises to do something.
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Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, reporting that in accordance with the duke of Hamilton's orders, the mares in the high park are well fed twice a day, but could eat oats as well as hay, and giving some other news of the horses.

3757. 1691/2, January 29. Hamilton.

Hew Wood to David Crawfoord, describing the effect of the severe weather on the peas and trees, reporting on the dyking being done, and giving other news of the livestock and gardens.

3713. 1691/2, February 1. Hamilton Parke.

R. Webb to Mr. David Crawford, asking for corn to feed the deer and peas straw to feed the 'cuneyes' [rabbits] because of the very severe weather, three deer already having died of starvation. However, the horses and her grace's cow and bull calf are well.

6299. 1692, February 2. London.

Lord George Hamilton to the earl of Arran, warning him of rumours that the earl has written to King James for permission to marry Lord Portland's daughter.


[One of the 3rd duke's sons] to Mr. David Crawford, remarking that the bad weather has delayed the packet, and mentioning that there is to be a meeting about Scottish affairs that evening.

3786. 1691/2, February 9. Hamilton.

Hew Wood to David Crawfurd, explaining that the storms have prevented any work being done in the garden, sending a note of seeds which he requires, describing the measures taken to preserve the cypress trees, and reporting that the rosemary has died out.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that Will Hamilton has settled with almost all his correspondent's London creditors, and urging him to hurry south as 'there is accounts here that at St. Jermaine's they depend upon you still'.


Lord George Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, thanking him for the offer of a horse, and complaining about his own ill health.

3779. 1691/2, February 23. London.

Lord John Hamilton to David [Crawford], describing how one of his best servants had become insane, which has caused the writer great inconvenience, and hoping that Will Murray will come south to replace him.

3783. 1691/2, February 24. Hamilton.

Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, asking him to speak to those responsible for transporting a horse to Arthur Naismith, so that it may arrive in good condition.

7660. 1691/2, February 25. London.

Lord George Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that it is not advisable for him to come to Court in the king's absence. The writer's health is so bad that he will be unable to accompany his majesty, and hopes that their mother will send him her servant William Murray.

7742. 1692, February 27. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the earl of Arran, advising him against coming to town in the king's absence.
7827. 1691/2, March 1. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the earl of Arran], declaring that it is his firm intention to travel to Scotland.

3782. 1691/2, March 2. Hamilton Park.

R. Webb to Mr. David Craufurd, explaining that because of the snow he has taken no deer to the Low Park yet, mentioning that a fox has killed four of the sheep, and giving other news of the livestock.


Sir John Dalrymple to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that the king has signed a commission appointing his grace admiral of Scotland as well as president of the council.


9760. 1691/2, March 10. Kinross.

Sir William Bruce to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of his discussion of terms with Tobias Bauchope the mason, whom he sends to his grace 'as a fit person to build your palace at Hamilton'. He then gives his own advice about the order in which the work should be undertaken, allowing the foundations to stand and settle all winter. [With cover].

7659. 1691/2, March 15. Richmond.

Lord George Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, hoping to see him in London before the writer leaves for Flanders, hoping that their father will send him a servant, and referring to their brother Lord Archibald thinking of giving up his commission because he has not yet got a ship.

6624. 1691/?, March 16. [? Linplum]

James Hay to the duke of Hamilton explaining that he cannot find the bond for which his grace had ordered him to search.
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'Sinkleton' to his father [ ], commenting on the writer being ordered home, and mentioning the latest rumours about the French and English armies.

J. Baillie and A. Nasmyth to Mr. David Crauford, recommending the bearer, Bailie Minimore.

3722. 1691/2, March 22. Hamilton.

Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, telling him that the duke of Hamilton may travel by coach to Hamilton as soon as he pleases, as the road is now free from ice.

3701. 1691/2, March 26. Altrop.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the earl of Arran], asking him to call on the writer.


J. Annan to Mr. David Craufurd, asking him to testify that he had received 2 dollars from the writer when he gave the latter the seal to the duke of Hamilton's disposition.

4089. [1692], April 7.

[? Lord George Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], regretting that he cannot visit Scotland, and promising to write 'when wee come to the feild'.

3707. 1692, April 20. Chairing Crosse.

W. Fanshawe to the earl of Arran, discussing how best to treat his correspondent's injured leg, and advising him to marry Lady Isabella Cavendish.

3710. 1692, April 27. Edinburgh.

The earl of Tweeddale to the duke of Hamilton, summoning him to a council to discuss the defence of the kingdom in view of the dangers of an invasion.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.195(272)].
3718. 1692, April 29. Edinburgh.

Andrew Fletcher [of Saltoun] to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to attend the forthcoming council meeting. [This letter accompanied supra 3710]

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.195(272).]


The earl of Tweeddale to the duke of Hamilton, intimating that he is to command the heritors and fencible men of Lanarkshire, called out to defend the country from an invasion of 'French and Irish papists from the kingdom of France'.
[Only the signature in his own hand]

3773. 1692, May 16. At the head quarter near Brussels.

W. Carstares to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him not to absent himself from council, and warning him that 'it is whispered by some that you keep off till it shall be known what will be the issue of this campaign'.


G. Hamilton to [ ], telling him that he has been completely unsuccessful in Edinburgh in his correspondent's business.


John Monroe to the duke of Hamilton, signifying that the parishioners of Kilbryde have appointed Mr. Archibald McLane as their minister, and asking that his grace give orders for the payment of McLane's stipend.


Patrick Moray and Walter Cornwall to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that he has omitted to order Mr. Crawford to pay to them 122 merks still due to them as Rickertoun's creditors.
1692, June 15. from the camp at Opprobaix

Sir John Dalrymple to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of the king's letter to the council and remarking that their own affairs will have to wait until his majesty's return.

1692, July 14.

[William Hamilton] to Mr. David Craufurd, telling him that Sinclair the beltmaker is on his way to Scotland with the earl of Arran's crosses, and that Sir William Douglas also goes north with two books of receipts.

1692, July 28.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [ ], asking that one Ferguson may be sent out for a month's trial as the writer's servant.

1692, July 29.

[? Lord John Hamilton] to Mr. David Craufournd complaining about his own footman having been attacked by MacLarton, his former footman, and asking that something be done about this.

1692, August 30.

[William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, promising to send him some of 'King Charles plaster' for treating sprains, and telling him that Lord George has left for Holland though still very weak.

1692, August 30. London.

James Deanes to the earl of Arran, asking him to persuade Lord George, the earl's brother, to continue the writer as an ensign in his regiment.


Richard Beavvoir to Mr. Crauford, asking for payment of the £50 which the duke of Hamilton owes him.
[David Crawford, secretary to the 3rd duke of Hamilton] to Mr. John Spence, secretary to the earl of Arran at Kinneil, sending on some letters and discussing [? the duke's] plans for going to Kinneil. There is no more news from Flanders 'tho the Jacobites say they are going to recruiytt our army in Flanders'.


John Laing to Mr. David Craufurd, sending him a letter.


Lord Charles Spencer to his former brother-in-law, the earl of Arran, telling him how pleased he is that the latter's little daughter Mary is so pretty and diverting, and hoping to see her in England in the near future.

3789. 1692, October 25. Hallyrudhous.

John Hamilton to Mr. David Craufurd, sending an account for various goods including 'ten dails off coals', and mentioning the chancellor's inquiries about where the earl of Perth had had his washing house when at Holyrood.

3767. 1692, November 2. Edinburgh.

Lillas Rutherfurd to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, sending her a copy of a treatise by the writer's late husband, the work being dedicated to her grace.

3706. 1692, November 5. Kineill.

Daniel Hamilton to David Crauford, asking him to inform the duke [of Hamilton] that he has been instructed by the earl of Arran to wait upon his grace at the end of the following week.

3720. 1692, November 6. Hamilton.

John Caldwell to Mr. David Craufurd, confessing that he has lent 24 of the duke of Hamilton's empty wine bottles to Bailie Hammilton.


[? Lord John Hamilton] to Mr. David Crawford, inquiring about the clothes he is having made, his periwig and gloves, asking how his father wishes these articles to be paid, and remarking that his brother Basil's son is a fine boy, although he does not know who he is like.
3790. 1692, November 29. Hamilton.

[ ] to Mr. David Crauford, promising to send him his money if he needs it soon, and referring to the death of Bailie Hamilton.

3814. 1692, December 1. London.

James Johnstoun to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has spoken with the king about the duke's reasons for not sitting in the council, particularly in the time of the invasion, and about his 'steadyness to the present settlement'.


Hew Wood to David Craufurd, acknowledging receipt of 19 gean trees, reporting on the dunging of the asparagus and artichokes, and giving an account of the dyking and levelling being done.


W. Carstares to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that his grace will be placed in a position to serve the king.


[Draft] [The duke of Hamilton] to James Johnston, [in reply to 3814], insisting that the opinions which he had already expressed to his correspondent were unchanged, and referring to the 'great doeings' concerning the magistracy of Edinburgh.

3804. 1692, December 24.

[William Hamilton] to Mr. David Craufurd, sending him six almanacks, mentioning some minor matters, and wishing him a merry Christmas and good new year.

3916. [?1693], December 27. London.

James Johnstoun to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that it is strange to him why his grace does not take his place in council, and that Lord Portland also advises that he should do so without more ado.
[The earl of Arran] to his former sister-in-law Lady Elizabeth Clancarty, expressing concern over the illness of her mother the countess of Sunderland, and assuring her of his genuine affection. His own little daughter runs about and is beginning to speak prettily, but he can never look at her without grieving over the death of his wife.

J. Maclaine to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for his grace's support in defending the writer's inheritance.

Hew Wood to David Crafurd, telling him that he had already planted the thorns along the gravel walk before the duke forbade this, and asking what he should do about it.

Adam Cokburne to the duke of Hamiltoun, telling him that all assurance is given of his being on the treasury and session, and urging him to take his place on the council.

T. Livingstone to the earl of Arran, denying that he had ever said that the duke of Hamilton approached the king to have the writer removed from his regiment so that Lord George [Hamilton] might take over the command. [With cover]

James Stewart to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to take his place in the council.

John Spens to Mr. David Crauford, asking for a pair of broad-toed pumps from William Weir, and promising to send on Lord Archibald's gun.
3845. 1692/3, January 5. Edinburgh.

James Anderson to Mr. David Crauford, reporting that he has delivered a copy of the lords' interloquitor anent the taxation chamber to Sir Patrick Home, the content of which will give the duke of Hamilton just reason to be dissatisfied.

3841. 1692/3, January 9.

John Hamilton to David Crauford, announcing that despite his feverish cold he hopes to perambulate some disputed marches at Glasgow on the following day, and promising to bring with him on the next Thursday 'a pattern of the plaids his grace commanded me to tray for him'.


Sir Patrick Home to the duke of Hamilton, stating that he has found out that it has always been the prerogative of the lord high admiral to grant commissions to the admiralty judges. He encloses a testificat to this effect, with two copy commissions and a signature [all numbered 9684].


John Hamilton to Mr. David Crauford, complaining of not hearing from the duke, of Hamilton or his servants, and discussing some financial business and the delay in the delivery of coals.


James Stewart to the duke of Hamilton, once more urging him to attend the council.


John Spens to Mr. David Crauford, sending him some letters, mentioning the council's action against six Perthshire ministers who would not pray as commanded, and declaring that half the population of Edinburgh think that parliament will sit, and the other half that it will not.

[ ] to Mr. David Crauford, telling him of the council's orders for all heritors to be in readiness and for the calling out of half of the foot militia.


[Copy] Sir Thomas Livingstone to Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton, stating that as the laird of Glencoe's not coming in time to take the oath 'is very good news to us here' it is now 'a fair occasion for you to show your garrison is of some use'. The writer's orders are 'not to spare any of them that were not come timely in'.

3800. 1692/3, January 24.

[William Hamilton] to Mr. David Craufurd, mentioning that Lord George Douglas is to go as envoy to the Court of Sweden and that two new regiments are to be levied in Scotland for service in Ireland.

7720. [1692/3], January 28.

[2 copies, in his own hand]. [The earl of] A[rran] to [Mr. Johnston], emphasising his desire to lead a quiet and peaceable life. [With covering note] [Torn]


[ ] to Mr. David Crauford, discussing the confirmation of Monkland's bond and William Blair's debts, reporting that deals are very scarce and dear at Glasgow and would be better purchased at Borroustonness, and enclosing some legal papers.


W. Carstares to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing pleasure at his grace's taking his place in council, and assuring him that Lord Portland would not fail to answer the trust reposed in him.

3840. 1692/3, January 30. Hamilton.

J. Baillie to Mr. David Craford, telling him that Hew Wood will give an account of the progress made in building the 'sewers', and that in his opinion William Wilson would be the best man to collect the 'ferme meill'. 
3838. 1692/3, January 30. [? Kers]

James Weir to David Crauford, reporting that he has had two persons arrested on suspicion of theft.

3858. 1692/3, January 30. Livingstoune.

Patrick Moray to David Crawfurde, hoping that the duke of Hamilton will support the laird of Westquarter's petition to the council.


[Copy] William III to the lords of the treasury, approving of several of their past actions.

3670. 1692/3, January 31.

[Copy] William III to the privy council, referring to a proclamation for putting the heritors in readiness to contribute horses and arms when needed, ordering that the duke of Hamilton preside in the council in the chancellor's absence, and discussing the elections in Edinburgh.


John Callender to Mr. David Crauford, discussing the horses required for the ginn, and the purchase of deals.

3817. 1692/3, February 2.

James Johnstonn to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the king will do more for the duke and his family than his grace expects, giving news of alterations in the council, and promising preferment for Lord Murray, Lord James and Lord Archibald Hamilton. [Only the final words and the signature in his own hand]

3801. 1692/3, February 2.

W[illiam] H[amilton] to Mr. David Craufurd, remarking that he has been told that 'it is now in his grace's offer to be chief governor of the whole affairs in your ancient kingdom', and giving news of Lieutenant Moon's trial for the killing of Mumfort.

James Weir to David Crafoord, describing how the present tenants of Tweidmuir are 'the worst payers in the barony', and discussing the collection of rents.

3851. 1692/3, February 8.

R. Webb to Mr. David Crauforde, asking permission to visit Edinburgh, and asking what type of cheese he wishes to be sent with his flitch of bacon.

3848. 1692/3, February 8. Borrostouness.

John Callender to Mr. David Crauford, advising that the duke of Hamilton should buy 1400 deals, for flooring and scaffolding.

3859. 1692/3, February 13. [ blank ]

James Colthart to David Crawfurd, discussing James [Carew's] complaint to the latter.


J.S. Weir to David Crafoord, advising that the duke of Hamilton settle with his tenants soon, and that William Kirkhope be persuaded to stay in his lands.


Lord Belhaven to [the duke and duchess of Hamilton], expressing his relief that the duke has recovered from his 'goutie truble', and sympathising with the effect it has had on his eyes.

7721. [1692/3], February 21.

[Copy, in his own hand] [The earl of Arran] to [Mr. Johnston], repeating his desire for a peaceful life [see 7720] and asking that his actions be not misconstrued.
The duke of Leinster to the duke of Hamilton, recommending to his favour the bearer, M. Le Fevre, a French Protestant minister 'who makes some scruple to conform himself to the outward ceremonies of the church of England' and so wishes to establish himself in Scotland.

Hew Wood to David Crawford, asking for elms from Paisley for the north avenue, and describing the other planting, ditching and removing of stones done in spite of the storms.

Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, reporting that he has sent Cumming the groom with Lord Basil's pony and the Hewson horse, as commanded.

Robert Darloe to Mr. David Crawford, reporting that as Lord Basil told him that the road had improved, he has sent off the Spanish horse and Lord George's brown horse, with various saddles and bridles.

James Colthart to David Crawford, recommending Robert Wilson and James Henderson as tenants.

James Colthart to David Crawford, suggesting that a piece of land be leased to John Coliston and Robert Wilson jointly, and discussing the lease of other entailed lands.

James Johnstoun to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the king's decision that parliament should meet and that the duke should be commissioner.
3856. 1693, March 27. Newton.

J. S. Weir to Mr. David Crafoord, informing him that Mungo Williamson, who lost much stock in the recent storms, intends to give up his land, and advising that it should be leased together with another holding otherwise no tenant for it will be found.

3821. 1693, March 28.

James Johnston to the duke of Hamilton, sending him various letters authorising payment of equipage and other money, and announcing that Lord Selkirk and Lord Ross have been put on the council.


W. Carstares to [the duke of Hamilton], advising him to write to the king, thanking his majesty for his favour, and promising to bring any such letter to the king's notice.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.115(275:1)].

3812. 1693, April 1. London.

James Johnston to the earl of Arran, telling him that the king has no desire to place hardships in the earl's way, but that he should himself prevent the necessity of them, and declaring that the writer was acting for his lordship's own good.

8344. 1693, April 17.

The countess of Sutherland to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to support her petition complaining about her mother-in-law's behaviour. [Included; also numbered 8344].

3873. 1693, April 25. Hackwood.

The duke of Bolton to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on his appointment as commissioner.
3771. 1693, April 27. Loo.

W. Carstares to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to ensure that his enemies have no ground for complaining of matters done in parliament, and repeating Lord Portland's desire that he make no public representation against Lord Stare.

[Printed in H.M.C. Report, p.196(275:2)]

3861. 1693, April 27. Newtoun.

J. S. Weir to Mr. David Crafoord, advising that the duke of Hamilton try to settle reasonable terms with Gavin Weilsh, one of his most substantial tenants.


[April 29 OS].

William Lockhart to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, regretting that nothing can be done concerning her claims to Chastelrault until the king's return.

3878. 1693, May 2. Hamilton.

[ ] to Arthur Nasmith, informing him that on the duke's orders, Walter is to send down all the wedders, ewes and lambs from Arran, and asking if any horses will be needed for the coalworks at Kinneill.


Lord Sydney to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on his appointment as lord commissioner in Scotland.


Robert McQueen to Mr. David Crawford, complaining that although he is tacksman of Glespine and has provided gear and hired servants for it, Alexander Moffat says plainly that he will possess it. [Only the signature his own.]
1693, May 9. Livingstoun.

Ann Cornwall to Master Crafurd, asking if she might have two or three bottles of the duke of Hamilton's claret wine.


David Crawford to [ ], telling him that the duke of Hamilton orders him to go with James McLellan to Hamilton to supervise the cutting and sawing of some trees in the wood for joists and window cases.


W. Carstares to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king has that night signed a letter to him, the substance of which is to be communicated to parliament.

1693, May 15. Hamilton.

J. Paittie to Mr. David Crawford, remarking that James McClellan and Mr. James Smith have been to the great park about sawing the oak trees. They have also been to Glasgow to see some very good trees brought from Stockholm by Hugh Montgomerie, Skelmorlie's brother. Mr. Smith is 'very ill pleased with the scaffolding dailes [deals] and no great wonder for they are the very worst ever was seen'.

1693, May 22. Dieghem.

W. Carstares to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that the king approves of his conduct, and that his majesty would prefer the duke to make any representations from parliament himself.

1693, June 15. Park Abbey.

W. Carstares to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him again that the king approves of his conduct, and signifying that his desire that his son-in-law, Lord Murray, should sit on the council is to be granted.

James Johnstoun to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that all but Lord Nottingham commend the proceedings of the current parliament, but that the archbishop has complained to the queen about the master of Stair's actions with regard to the church act. He also sends news from the continent.

3824. 1693, August 8. London.

James Johnstoun to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of two letters sent to the chancellor, and regretting that he told the king that Lord Murray would take the oaths, since he cannot now decide whether or not to do so.

3776. 1693, August 14. Limbeck.

[William Carstares] to [the duke of Hamilton], intimating that the king wishes to see him in London, but that no others in positions of public trust are to leave the kingdom.


[James Johnstoun] to the duke of H[amilton], announcing that an order adjourning parliament has been signed, suggesting that the duke come to London for the return of the king, and referring to the likelihood of change in the cabinet now that the Whigs are entirely masters in the city.

3777. [1693, August].

[William Carstares] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the king's desire that an assembly be held on December 6, and reporting that as the siege of Charleroy is impracticable, a strong detachment of horse and foot has been sent towards Flanders to make a diversion.

3826. 1693, September. London.

James Johnstoun to the duke of H[amilton], announcing that the king will return from Flanders at the end of the month, but will not consider the business in which the writer and his correspondent are interested until a month after that.

James Johnstoune to the duke of H[amilton], promising that precautions against privateers will be taken, and discussing the imprisonment of those who will not take the oaths.

[An extract from this printed in H.M.C. Report, p.194(271).]

3883. 1693, October 4.

[? John Spens] to [? Mrs. Elizabeth Carmichael], discussing a tailzie which 'the old gentleman' [? the duke of Hamilton] has had him draw up in connection with the marriage settlement of his correspondent's mistress, and giving news of his own affairs. [Torn].

9775. 1693, October 5.

[The earl of Arran] to Daniel Hamilton, chamberlain of Kinniel, asking for a bill for £200, for a certain account he has asked for, and for a detailed answer to his former letter.

9685. 1693, October 11. Hamilton.

The Reverend Mr. Robert Wyllie to David Crawford, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, asking if the lord advocate has spoken to his grace about a matter previously discussed. The writer does not think the time ripe for a general assembly, and wishes that the king would adjourn it until February or March.

7301. 1693, October 17. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], instructing her to have Bonhard 'turn out the oversman and punish the colliers' insolencies', listing those who met him on his arrival in London, including his son-in-law Lord Murray, and announcing that Lady Erroll has died at St. Germains.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he has kissed the queen's hand and that 'all the great men about the town and Court has made me vissits'. The archbishop of Canterbury has invited him to dinner, and he has had another long audience of the queen that day.
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[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that in the king's absence everything is at a stand, and that 'our chancelor [Tweeddale] growes more and more absolut if a stop be not put to his carier'.

7304. 1693, October 24. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the king is still delayed by crosswinds, and discussing some minor domestic matters.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], hoping that the king will soon arrive home, and discussing the purchase of a sedan chair, an easy chair and various other articles for her.

9774. [1693], October 26.

[The earl of Arran] to Daniel Hamilton, chamberlain at Kinneil, remitting to his discretion the sale of the meal and victual from the Kinneil estates, and telling him to send the writer a copy of Mrs. Tollat's discharge [see HA 467/3] and a little chest of drawers full of papers 'relaitting to the debts'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the king still has not returned from the continent.

7307. 1693, October 31. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he has seen the king, who arrived at Kensington on the previous night, and asking her to have Arthur Nasmith give £500 to the provost of Edinburgh since, to the writer's great anger, his son Lord John accepted that sum from the provost in connection with the act giving Edinburgh twopence on the pint.
7308. 1693, November 2. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that he is negotiating with a joiner about the windows [at Hamilton] and asking for details of their measurements, and reporting that he has dined that day with the king at Lord Newport's.

7309. 1693, November 4. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he has as yet had no audience of the king who, he believes, has heard nothing of Scottish affairs.

7310. 1693, November 7. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the purchase of a sedan, an easy chair and other articles, and referring briefly to a petition presented in council on behalf of the earl of Seaforth.


The Reverend Mr. Robert Wyllie to Mr. David Crawford, sending him a series of proposals about the coming general assembly. [Also numbered 9686].


John Hall to [the duke of Hamilton], protesting that he had never meant to offend his grace in any way, and did not understand how his actions could have caused displeasure.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that although the king keeps putting off his audience with the writer, 'I tell him some home things now and then'. He is already tired of London, and longs to be home.
7324. 1693, November 11. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he has sent the trees to Hew Wood, but wishes he could replace him with a better gardener. He longs to be away from London and on the way home, all the more so because 'half an hours discourse with the king wold serve to say all I have to say'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his audience of the king that day, 'in which time I sayed very many free things to him concerning the condition of his government, which he heard very patiently but sayed litle, butt acknowledged the last setlment he had made had not answered his expectations'. His majesty welcomed the duke's return into the government, but seemed 'ill pleased with Secritare Johnston for the Church Act'.

7326. 1693, November 16. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that although Secretary Johnston has kept various matters from the duke, his grace has spoken to the king on his behalf. He agrees with Mr. Wylie that the general assembly should be adjourned by proclamation, and will support that point of view. He concludes by discussing various purchases which he has made.

7327. 1693, November 18. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of his present ill-health and referring to the high cost of the building being done at Hamilton.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he does not doubt that their son-in-law Lord Murray will come into the government. The writer and Secretary Johnston have had an audience of the king, during which his majesty declared his intention of adjourning the assembly by proclamation but invited their comments. From the conversation which followed, his grace 'could easely perceave that Secritare Johnston when he was in Scotland tooke more upon him to say things then he had any good warrand for'.


J. Oswald to the duke of Hamilton, asking for the position of general receiver, and discussing the difficulties involved in paying for corn and straw for the regiments.

7329. 1693, November 23. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that the master of Stair has finally agreed to the wording of the letter to council for the adjournment of the general assembly, although Secretary Johnston was so ill pleased that he would scarcely offer any advice about it and does himself much harm by 'his pettish humers'. The duke hopes that he has been successful in asking the king to appoint their son Lord John as general of the mint, although Lady Forfar has made a great deal of interest for her husband to have the place. He concludes by urging her to see that the ministers do nothing indiscreet when they hear of the adjournment of the assembly.


11 at night.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her how the master of Stair had altered the letter intended by the duke to be sent to adjourn the assembly.

3879. 1692/3, November 24.

[? 24th-11th mo: 1692/3]

Hew Wood to David Crawfurd, reporting that stones and fir branches have been carted to 'the sea-karrs', and that on the previous day they began planting ash trees at the head of the Ladywell enclosure.


John Spens to Mrs. Elizabeth Carmichael, in London, telling her of various servants' wages and fees due to be paid, and enclosing a note of the measurements of the hangings for the dining room, lobby, drawing room and bedchamber, taken when 'my Lord' [? Arran] was present.
3877. 1693, November 27.

[John Spens] to [John Spens], reporting that he has met a pretty substantial person who would lease the Eistfield land and the grassland of the wood.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that despite Secretary Johnston's past behaviour he and the duke are on good terms. The writer has recently had a full audience of the king, who 'was inquisitive to know fully that matter of Glenco, and when I told him ther was ordares under his own hand not doqueted by his secretor which was against law, I saw him take particulare notice of that'.

7332. 1693, November 30. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that their son Lord John is at Kensington, waiting to hear if he has been made general of the mint, and referring briefly to his own relations with Secretary Johnston.


Adam Cokburne to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him of his endeavours to have the ministers submit to the duke's desire that the general assembly be put off, and referring to a protestation made by 'a brain sick fellow' on the previous Tuesday.

3885. [1693, November 30]

Memorandum entitled 'Informatione for the duke of Hammiltone against John Hay of Alderstoune'.


The earl of Strathmore to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing his disappointment at not being nominated as an extraordinary lord of session or as sheriff of Angus, but declaring his willingness to serve as a commissioner of the treasury, should the opportunity arise.
1693, December 2. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking how the news of the adjournment of the assembly has been received, and inquiring what he should do about Dr. Feilding, his wife's cousin, who has asked the duke to give employment to his eldest son.

1693, December 5. Edinburgh.

T. Livingstone to [the duke of Hamilton], suggesting that his grace claim Dundee's forfeited estates.

1693, December 5. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of his audience of the king concerning treasury affairs.

1693, December 7. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he and Secretary Johnston are still on good terms, while Secretary Stair 'invited our daughter and my Lord Murray and me and my sons to dinner today which there was no shuning of so you may see how I am courted by him'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the illnesses of their grandchildren, and giving news of the king's order for the recruitment of 3000 men.

1693, December 11. Hamilton.

R. Wyllie to [the duke of Hamilton], stressing the need for the ministers to confer before the general assembly takes place.

7356. 1693, December 12. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that the house of lords has passed the bill for triennial parliaments, and disagreeing with her opinion that young noblemen make most suitable extraordinary lords of session.


James Anderson to Mr. David Crauford, announcing that the lords of session have allowed the duke [of Hamilton] five year's rent from certain lands [unspecified], and discussing some other legal business.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring briefly to the appointment of the king's clerk in the session and wishing that their son Lord John had his place as general of the mint. He now hopes to obtain orders for repairing the great kitchen and building a new guardhouse at Holyrood.

3886. 1693, December 15.

Memorandum entitled 'Additional Information for the duke and duchess of Hamilton against John Hay of Alderstoune'.

7358. 1693, December 16. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing various purchases which he has made.


Sir Patrick Home to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that there are no new developments in the affair of Mr. John Eleis, and enclosing a paper about Peter Kenneway's late service and retour.
[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the delay in their son John becoming general of the mint, and some other lesser matters.

[John Spens] to [ ], reporting that he has managed to get £100 for his master, and hopes in a fortnight's time to have 3,000 merks.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he hears rumours of their son [the earl of Arran] negotiating a marriage, but refuses to see him until the earl has the king's permission to appear, and giving news of the latest Court intrigues.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining about the inconsiderate behaviour of her brother-in-law the earl of Cassilis. He has received a visit from their son the earl of Arran, who is now planning to marry Lord Crew's daughter. In conclusion, he contradicts recent rumours about the dissolving of parliament and of Lithgow's being chancellor.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining about the lies and rumours circulating [in Scotland] about the writer.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking anxiously if she and their granddaughter have arrived safely at Hamilton, and inquiring about what wines are there.

Sir Patrick Home to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the lords [? of session] recalled their interloquitur in the case of Mr. John Elies when the writer pointed out that this document overturned some of the duke's decreets, and sending him several papers dealing with other legal matters.


James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, discussing the latter's financial and legal affairs.

7384. 1693, December 30. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he has had a further talk with the king, to whom he mentioned the countess of Cassilis's pension. He hopes now to obtain a warrant for repairing the great kitchen and building the guardhouse [at Holyrood].


[R. Wyllie] to [the duke of Hamilton], once more urging that a preparatory meeting of ministers be held before the general assembly.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Supp. Report, p.130]

3715. [1693?]

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, condemning the revolution settlement, excusing the duke's part in it, and asking him now to assert his country's liberties.

[Endorsed - 'This letter was given in by an unknown woman']

1693/4, January 2. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her of how Secretary Johnston has had Broomhall made collector of the cess and paymaster of the army, has given his nephew Jerviswood Sir Patrick Murray's place, and has secured various other appointments for his friends. The writer has managed to obtain a regiment for Hamilton of Redhouse, and hopes to get places for Grange and Raploch.

1693/4, January 2. Edinburgh.

T. Livingstone to [the duke of Hamilton], refusing to believe rumours that the duke means to have the writer and his regiment removed to Flanders.


[John Spens] to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has shipped the latter's goods north [see supra 3894], and mentioning the various sums which has paid out on the earl's account.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending her some prints [not included], referring to rumours of a proposed peace between the kings of Sweden and Denmark, and announcing that Lord Dalkeith has married the earl of Rochester's daughters.


Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting on the planting being done in the gardens and telling him that it will not be possible to have the great dining room painted white for less than £161 Scots.


John Spens to Mr. David Crauford in London, asking him to check on the safe arrival by sea of 'my lord's chariot, livery chest and trunk' [i.e. those of the earl of Arran], and passing on the cook's request that his lordship retain his services.
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[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Secretary Johnston is still most averse to a preparatory meeting before the assembly and suspects that, although the duke proposed the idea, it had originated with Mr. Wylie [the minister at Hamilton]. He then discusses the earl of Arran's marriage plans, wishing that he would agree to negotiate for Mrs. Thomas. [Anne Thomas of Wenvoe and Ruperra]


J. Livingstone to [? the earl of Arran], complaining that his adversaries are taking all pains imaginable to remove him from his post, and asking him to point out to the duke [of Hamilton] the untruthfulness of the story circulated about the writer.


J. Livingstone to [the duke of Hamilton], denying a malicious rumour about the writer, and discussing the raising of dragoons in Scotland.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his efforts to have the king cancel his creation of the duke of Ormond's brother as earl of Arran.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to the king's anger at Skelmorlie, and discussing his own state of health.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Ormiston is sure to behave in the same way as Secretary Johnston.
7391. 1693/4, January 16. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he, four of their sons and her brother-in-law the earl of Cassilis have drunk her health that day [her birthday].


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne duchess of Hamilton], hoping that he can return home at the end of February and advising her to break open those rooms at Holyrood to which the chancellor still has the keys.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], assuring her that he will do what he can for Houston, telling her that her brother-in-law the earl of Cassilis has taken leave of the king and will return home the following week, and intimating that one of her cousins, Lord Grandeson's eldest son, has died in Ireland.

6984. 1693/4, January 20. [Sinmuide]

[? Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], announcing that he has been at [Sinmuide] for the past fortnight with a detachment of 1000 men to reinforce the garrison, and complaining about the behaviour of Mr. Abercrombie who 'is the greatest liar that ever was, drinks like a fish, confident to the last degree' and 'is very proud to be thought the man's son he is' [i.e. the illegitimate son of the earl of Arran].

3959. 1693/4, January 20.

J. Livingstone to [the earl of Arran], assuring him of his friendship, and denying rumours to the contrary.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], agreeing that it would be desirable to have their son-in-law Lord Murray brought into the government, though in what way he does not know unless it be as a privy councillor or as commander of a regiment. Unfortunately Mrs. Thomas has made excuses to avoid marrying the earl of Arran, who has broken off with Mrs. Crue also.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], arranging for some horses to be brought from Scotland and mentioning that he has been with the king in parliament that day.

7424. 1693/4, January 27. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing his preparations for returning home, and telling her that he does not agree with her that he should want to be commissioner to the assembly.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], regretting that she has been alarmed by reports of his ill-health. Their son the earl of Arran is annoyed that his plans to marry Lord Creu's daughter have fallen through, but intends to press the match with Mrs. Thomas.

7426. 1693/4, February 1. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that nothing further has been done about making Lord John general of the mint, although he hopes that things will move more quickly now that Johnston has replaced Stair in waiting.


J. Hamilton to the earl of Arran, concerning the money owed by the latter to Watersyde.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the king has refused both the lord advocate and the solicitor permission to come to Court. He encloses an assignation which he has signed [not included] and asks for details of the money received by Arthur Nasmith from the chamberlains.

Sir Patrick Home to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that Mr. John Ellies has taken advantage of the duke's absence to give in a bill of suspension of all the latter's decrees of nonentry.


Sir Patrick Home to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Bangour has given in a petition against the duke's action of non-entry against him.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the king has given their son Lord Archibald a company of foot, and giving news of a conference arranged between some of the English bishops and some of the Scottish statesmen in London, excluding the writer. He concludes by asking her if he should ask to be made sine qua non of the treasury quorum.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], agreeing that their grandson, the countess of Dundonald's youngest child, should be buried at Holyrood, and urging her not to disturb herself too much with grief. He then reports that he has ordered the underkeeper at Holyrood to break open the chancellor's locked rooms in order to see what condition they are in.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his arrangements for sending home the goods he has bought in London.


John Spens to Mrs. Elizabeth Carmichael, describing the safe arrival of her gelding and galloway at Kinneill and informing her that the earl of Arran has been charged with horning for the payment of Lady Moriestoun's bond.

The earl of Arran to Daniel Hamilton, chamberlain of Kinneil asking him to find out why a letter to the earl has taken five weeks to reach him in London, and announcing that he has drawn bills for £250 on the chamberlain. He desires the painting of the great room to go ahead, and hopes that the trees from Holland have by now arrived [See 467/4]. Daniel is to lease out the Deanfield, and must 'with all diligence gett in the rentes for I shall need them and you can noe way give so good demonstration of your serving me faithfully then by getting them in quickly'.


J. Livingstone to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the procuring of a company of dragoons for Lord Archibald Hamilton.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he fears that there is no prospect of their son the earl of Arran marrying Mrs. Thomas. His lordship is still interested in Mrs. Crue although the duke thinks Lord Oselston's daughter preferable. The duke discusses the question of providing for any daughters in a marriage settlement, and concludes with some minor domestic matters.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he has agreed to lend £300 sterling to Mr. William Dundas since he hopes to purchase the latter's lands of Kincavill near Linlithgow. The earl of Cassilis has set off for home, and the proposed meeting about church affairs now seems unlikely to take place.


Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, informing him that he has arranged for the painting of a room, that the garden seed and 12 peach trees from Holland have arrived at Prestonpans, and that he intends to plant hawthorns and plain trees.

J. Hamilton to the earl of Arran, discussing his financial transactions with Daniel Hamilton. [Torn!]

7452. 1693/4, February 17. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that he will be unwilling to undertake the journey to London again. He disagrees with her that Lord Murray becoming a privy councillor or having a regiment would obstruct his business, and comments on the general unwillingness to have a parliament that year.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Lord Murray has now been given a regiment.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that he cannot discover why he was not to be one of those meeting about church affairs, but that the meeting is in any case unlikely to take place. He gives a detailed account of his conversations with the king about whether or not parliament should meet soon, during which his majesty 'sayed he had done all he could for me and my famely and my sons but it seemed nothing wold satisfie me but the turning out of the chancelor and that was not his way'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], stating that in his opinion parliament cannot now meet on the day previously appointed.

7456. 1693/4, February 27. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that there is as yet no word of when parliament will meet, and that Secretary Johnston is very angry since the king has put him off from day to day without discussing business with him.
3983. 1693/4, February 27. Edinburgh.

J. Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of a difference between the commissioners of the shire and the town of Glasgow over the raising of levies.

3977. 1693/4, February 27.

Mary, countess of Calander to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to procure from the king a letter forbidding Lord Lithgoe to meddle with her jointure.

7457. 1693/4, March 1. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the meeting about church affairs is to be held at the archbishop of Canterbury's that Saturday, but that nothing has been done about adjourning the Scottish parliament. Thanks to the writer, Lord Lindsay has been given a regiment of foot with which to serve in Flanders.

8575. 1693, March 2. London.

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Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he has been given a commission as first lieutenant on Rear Admiral Mitchell's ship 'The Duke'.

8343. 1693/4, March 2. Rothesay.

John Monro to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that the synod of Argyll has decided to allow the minister of Kilbride 200 merks Scots a year as long as the parish of Kilmorie remains vacant.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Mrs. Thomas is said to be going to marry the earl of Shrewsbury, and sending her an account of the meeting on church affairs to which he was not invited. [Not included]
Gilbert Eliot to [ ], concerning
the commission for a ship and informing him that the duke [of
Hamilton] came to the council and took the oaths on
19 January 1693.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of
Hamilton], urging her to have the chimney head finished before
slates are put on the stables, and explaining that the great
frost and snow will compel him to delay his departure for a
week. Before that, he is to speak to the king but will be
most reluctant to meddle with the assembly or become
commissioner to parliament.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of
Hamilton], telling her that parliament is to be adjourned until mid-June,
when it will then be adjourned again until the king's return
from Flanders. He describes in detail his audience of the
king, who seems inclined to allow the assembly to meet upon
assurances that nothing will be done against the episcopal
clergy. The duke urged his majesty to make him sine qua non
of the treasury quorum, but his majesty has delayed giving an
answer until after his visit to Winchester.

Lucie, countess of Nithsdale to [her brother the duke of
Hamilton], on behalf of 'our Brother Dumbarton's page who
is condemned to dye the sixth of the ninth moneth'.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of
Hamilton], telling her that nothing can be done until the
king's return from Winchester, but urging her to go to
Edinburgh before the general assembly sits.
[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that it has not yet been decided when or if the general assembly will sit. He then discusses their various sons, complaining that '... Charles, John and Archibald ... have not one groat, and yet you cannot imagine the pride and folly that poses them'.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the sending of a gift of wine and oatmeal to Lord Archibald's captain, and announcing that the old countess of Portland has died leaving, it is said, £2000 sterling worth of jewels to her niece the marquis of Douglas. His own arrangements for returning home are uncertain, as the king seems unwilling for him to leave so soon.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], informing her that Lord Carmichael is to be commissioner to the assembly, and urging her to hurry in to Edinburgh.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that as soon as the assembly meets, Carmichael is to send a message to the king telling him if they are prepared to keep their undertaking not to turn out any of the episcopal ministers.

[Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that she means to go to Edinburgh in a week's time, and discussing the behaviour of their sons, Arran, George and Charles.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that although the king has said that he will see the duke on the following day, his grace does not expect that he will since his majesty is to be in parliament to pass the bill laying a tax on salt. He concludes by giving instructions about the goods which he has shipped home.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that although he went to Kensington that morning the king said that he could not speak with him.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that although Mr. Carstares professes great friendship for the writer, how far he can be trusted is uncertain since he is very friendly with Secretary Johnston, and Portland has shunned his grace so much.


J. Hamilton to Mr. David Crauford, telling him that the duchess of Hamilton is expected in town the following week, and referring to the act of parliament for raising of levies and to the imminent arrival of Lord Carmichael, commissioner to the general assembly.

7488. 1694, March 27. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of his conversation with the king that day. His request concerning the treasury has been refused, but he is to be given an exoneration of his transactions as commissioner.

7489. 1694, March 29. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that the king has resolved that all those fined for refusing to take the oath of allegiance must pay their fines, and that his majesty is very angry at the duke of Gordon, whom he accuses of breaking his word.

6532. 1694, March 29. Holyrudhous.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of the opening of the general assembly, and wishing him a pleasant journey back to Scotland.
1694, March 31. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he has taken leave of the king and queen and will set off for Edinburgh on the following Monday.

1694, March 31.

Edmund King to the duke of Hamilton, sending him two bottles of the King's Drops.

1694, April 3. London.

7 in the morning.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he is about to leave London and hopes to reach Stivenag by that evening. His daughter and son-in-law Lord and Lady Murray are to travel with him, and he hopes that the journey may improve his cold.

1694, April 3. London.

The earl of Arran to his mother the duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he has followed her advice about his father by doing 'all I could to deport myself in the most obliging maner I could towards him'. As he is now determined to seek the hand of Lord Wharton's granddaughter, he hopes that his father will provide him with the necessary money. [Mounted]

1694, April 6. Newark.

[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing a fall sustained by their daughter Katherine [Lady Murray], and reporting that he himself feels rather better than when they left London.

1694, April 10. Hamilton.

[ Blantyre to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a copy of the letter from the commissioners of the shire of Lanark to Sir Thomas Livingstone, and asking for his support. ]
The earl of Arran to his father the duke of Hamilton, inquiring anxiously about his health and asking him to forget any way in which the writer has failed in his duty in the past. He then describes a copy of an indenture of 12 May 1664 relating to Chelsea which he has found among the papers which were in Mr. Sloan's hands, and discusses the other documents with it which relate to the family interest in New England.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, describing how the duke of Hamilton has lost the use of his left leg, which his companions fear may be a palsy although they dare not say so. Lady Katherine cannot set her foot to the ground yet, and has to be carried from room to room.

Lord John Hamilton to his brother [the earl of Arran], announcing that their father has been taken very ill with a fit of the palsy but though 'much disheartned' is determined to continue his journey to Edinburgh.

Lord Murray to [? the earl of Arran], describing how his father-in-law the duke of Hamilton has been taken ill on the way north from London, and how the writer's wife injured her leg when she fell down some stairs.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how he has lost the power of his left leg, but hopes to reach Newcastle that night, and telling his wife not to be too alarmed at this news although he himself does not know what will come of such an illness. [Written 5 days before his death].
7768. 1694, April 17. London.

The earl of Arran to his father the duke of Hamilton, telling him that when he described his grace's symptoms to Sir Thomas Melington and Dr. Gray they were of the opinion that his illness is not serious and recommend Godard's drops, which the earl is sending north. He gives some news of his brothers, and refers to the appointment of a bishop of Liège.

[Mounted]

7769. 1694, April 17. London.

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing concern for his father's health and explaining that he did not tell her before that he was worried about the duke for fear of alarming her.

7605; 1694, April 17. Holyroodhouse.

Tuesday.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that his lordship's father, the duke of Hamilton, is dying.

7738. 1694, April 17. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord] J[ohn] H[amilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that their father is dying, and describing his illness.

7739. 1694, April 17. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Murray] to his brother-in-law the earl of Arran, telling him that the duke of Hamilton is sinking rapidly.

7740. 1694, April 18. Holyroodhouse.

Lord John Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, announcing that their father died that morning at about half past five. Their mother wishes him to inform the king and return the duke's George and Garter to his majesty.

With a postscript by the earl of Murray, giving a brief description of the duke's fatal illness.
John Spens to Mr. William Hamilton, agent to Sir Thomas Levingstoun's regiment of dragoons, asking for news of the earl of Arran's plans and giving an account of the surgeon's findings when they opened the late duke of Hamilton's body.

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing alarm about his father's condition and sending advice from Sir Thomas Mellington, Sir Edmund King and Dr. Gray as well as a bottle of water recommended by Dr. Harald.

Lord Belhaven to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, offering his condolences on the death of her husband.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, on the occasion of his father's death. [With cover]

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, on the occasion of his father's death, begging her not to give way to excessive grief, and regretting bitterly that he had ever offended his father. He hopes to set out for home during the following week.

The earl of Southerland to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], offering his sympathy on the death of her husband.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, on the occasion of his father's death.

[This series of letters mentioned in H.M.C. Report, p.196(277).]
1694, May 1. London.

James Johnstoun to the duchess of Hamilton, expressing regret at the death of the duke, and hoping that her grace will suspend any bad impression of the writer given her by her husband in the mistaken anger.

1694, May 15 NS [May 5 OS]

Bruges.

Lord George Hamilton to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, offering his sympathy on the death of his father and regretting that he may be the only son absent from the funeral.

1694, May 17. [London]

[ ] to the earl of Arran, discussing some engraving to be done, and reporting that Admiral Russell has asked for ten men of war and some land forces.

1694?, May 19.

Madame Mazarin to the earl of Arran, assuring him of her friendship. Some French wine ships have been captured, and there is much talk of a peace treaty with the Turks. [In French]

1694?, May 20.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, giving him news of reports that Barcelona is being besieged by land and by sea, and that a detachment of the English fleet will be sent to the Mediterranean. Announcing that the earl of Sunderland's uncle 'Milord Tiruet' has cut his throat because of financial difficulties, she comments that she too has thought of that way out of her similar troubles but 'je nay pas le courage des Anglois'. [In French]


James Johnstoun to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duke of Richmond is about to take possession of his lands and jurisdictions in Scotland.
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7663. 1694, May 26.

[Copy, in her own hand]. [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to Secretary Johnston, asking him to present her letter [7664] to the king.
[In 2 pieces, enclosed in 7664]

7664. 1694, May 26.

[Copy in her own hand]. Anne, duchess of Hamilton to William III, acknowledging his condolences on the death of her husband.

3943. 1694, May 29.

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, referring to the loss of some letters and telling him that Mr. Povey has promised to 'give in a caveat in your New England business'.

7749. [1694?], May 31. [Chelsey]

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, sending him some gazettes which contain no news [not included] and declaring that she passes her days alone at Chelsey in moral reflection since everyone is either at Windsor or in Flanders. [In French]


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], discussing his own financial affairs, and describing his voyage from Spithead. Their company of 5 men of war and 2 fire ships met the Portuguese fleet as planned, and on 29 May the writer chased a small French privateer and sighted another which had taken as a prize an English ship laden with sugar from Jamaica.

3920. 1694, June 4. Altrope.

The earl of Sunderland to [the earl of Arran], expressing pleasure at the latter's safe arrival in Scotland, and giving news of his plans for the summer.

7715. [1694?], June 12.

[Madam Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, complaining that she receives only two letters from him for every four that she writes, and telling him that half of their fleet is in the Mediterranean and the other half at Brest. [In French]
7747. [1694], June 14.

[Madam Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, announcing that the [English] fleet has withdrawn from before Brest, and that there are reports of a battle in Flanders. She hears that his lordship now lives in opulence, and asks for the loan of some money. [In French]


Sir John Dalrymple to the earl of Arran, describing an interview with Lord Wharton about the marriage of the latter's granddaughter.

7748. [1694], June 16. Saturday.

[Madam Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, announcing that Mr. Talmiche has died of his wound, and that there are rumours of a battle in Flanders, although the gazettes do not mention it. [In French]

3909. 1694, June 16. London.

Andrew Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has that day seen Lord Wharton, who seems resolved to hear no more of the matter [i.e. the earl marrying his granddaughter.]

3952. [1694], June 18. London.

Lady Margaret Segliard to her sister [, telling her that her niece Mrs. Thomas is determined to marry Mr. Bennet.

7714. [?1694], June 21.

[Madame Mazarin] to [the earl of Arran], hoping that the end of the present campaign will not be so favourable to the French as the beginning has been. [In French].

3940. 1694, June 21. [London]

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, asking for payment of a bond, and suggesting that the earl's long absence may well affect his prospects of making a match with Mrs. Thomas.
1694, June 23. Altrope.

The earl of Sunderland to the earl of Arran, announcing that he will not be in London before June 30 and that he means to stay there for only a week or ten days.

1694, June 27. Traquaire.

Lucie, countess of Nithsdail to [her nephew, the earl of Arran], asking him to continue the treaty with Lord Dalkeith's friends which her brother [the late duke of Hamilton] entered into for the writer's son.


G. Martin to the earl of Arran, suggesting that if he return to town the marriage arranged between [Mrs. Thomas] and Mr. Bennet will not take place, as most of the lady's relatives favour the earl.

1694, June 28. from the Camp at Firlemont.

[Lord] G[eorget] H[amilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, reporting that both the French and English armies are entrenching themselves, and that there is much talk of a peace.

1694, June 30. [London]

[As in 3936] to [? the earl of Arran], describing how he has delivered his correspondent's letters, telling him that that the match between Bennet and Mrs. Thomas has been agreed, and discussing his lordship's financial business.

1694, June 30. London.

Henry Grey to [the earl of Arran], telling him of rumours that Mrs. Thomas is to marry Mr. Bennet.

1694, July 31.

[Madame Kazarin] to the earl of Arran, hoping to be in London when he arrives, although because of ill health she plans a visit to the baths. [In French]
1694, July 3.

Madame Mazarin to the earl of Arran, giving news of over sixty ships sailing to Dunkirk. [In French]. [With cover].

1694, July 5.

[James Johnstoun] to [the earl of Arran], discussing his lordship's prospects of marrying Mrs. Thomas.


[Sir John Dalrymple] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that Lord Wharton was determined that his granddaughter should not marry Mr. Bennet.

1694, July 7. London.

C. Martin to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lord Wharton has taken his granddaughter to his house at Woburn, and intends to care for her until she marries.

1694, July 8. From the camp near Firlemont.

[Lord George Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], discussing the prisoners taken in that year's campaign and giving the latest news of the army.

1694, July 10.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, giving the latest military news from Flanders and hoping that if he marries he will take a richer wife than Lord John has done. [In French].

1694, July 11.

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, assuring him that he always delivers his lordship's letters punctually.

1694, July 14.

[Madame Mazarin] to [the earl of Arran], assuring him of her friendship, and hoping that his mother will help him out of his [financial] difficulties. [In French].
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7783. [1694?], July 14. [Chelsea]

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, describing how Lord Newport tried to kill himself, and announcing that she has had a visit from her correspondent's brother, Lord Selkirk. [In French]


Henry Grey to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the match between Lord Ossulston's son and [Mrs. Thomas] has been broken off.

3907. 1694, July 16. London.

[Sir John Dalrymple] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lord Wharton still seems to favour the marriage of his granddaughter to Lord Osselstoune's son.

7750. [1694?], July 17.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, telling him that there is no news from the continent, and referring to her financial difficulties. [In French]


[The earl of] S[underland] to [the earl of Arran], hoping to see him at Altrop when his lordship has finished his business in Scotland.


[Sir John Dalrymple] to the earl of Arran, describing his conversation with Lord Wharton about the marriage of Mrs. Thomas.

7785. 1694, July 21.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, announcing that the king has marched towards the French position, and that Sunderland and Godolphin have left London. [In French].
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3948. 1694, July 21. [London]

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, urging him to come to town to further his suit with Mrs. Thomas, and telling him of the queen's anxiety to have news from Flanders.


G. Martin to the earl of Arran, telling him that although there is now talk of a match between Lord Warington and Lord Wharton's granddaughter, the latter had assured him that she was neither married nor promised to anyone.


Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the earl of Arran, referring to the latter's chances of marrying a certain lady [Lord Wharton's granddaughter] and to his name having been linked with that of Lady Falkland. [With cover]


William Bates to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mrs. Thomas is promised to no one.


[Madame Mazarin] to [the earl of Arran], announcing her intention of going to the baths. [In French]


James Johnstoun to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the proposed marriage between Mr. Bennet and Mrs. Thomas is 'quit off'.

3944. 1694, July 26.

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the earl of Selkirk leaves for Flanders on the following day, and that Lord Barclay's squadron has returned to St. Helen.

[Sir John Dalrymple] to [the earl of Arran], telling him of Lord Wharton's inquiries about his lordship coming to town.

1694, July 30.

[? Copy] Sir George Nicolson to Sir Theodore Oglethorp, threatening legal action against him and the earl of Arran if the £200 owed by the latter is not paid. [Unsigned].

1694, July 31. London.

James Johnstoun to the earl of Arran, describing his conversation with Lord Wharton about the rental of Lord Warrintoun's estate.

1694, August 2. Whitehall.

James Gray to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter from Captain Lloyd, advising him to come to town, and mentioning the discovery of a plot.

1694, August 2.

G. Martin to the earl of Arran, urging him to come south as Mrs. Thomas refuses to marry Lord Warington.

1694, August 2.

Thomas Roy to [the earl of Arran], discussing his lordship's chances of marrying Mrs. Thomas.

1694, August 3. London.

[? Sir John Dalrymple] to [? the earl of Arran], describing his conversation with Lord Wharton, during which the latter informed him that Mrs. Thomas was to marry Lord Warrington.

1694, August 4. London.

G. Martin to the earl of Arran, describing a conversation between his wife and [Mrs. Thomas].
3941. 1694, August 4. [London]

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mr. Guy advises his lordship to return to London, and that the fleet sails on the following Wednesday from Portsmouth.

3937. 1694, August 9. [London]

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mrs. Thomas has gone into Berkshire and that his lordship's landlord and landlady have departed and are not expected to return because they are in debt.

7754. [1694?], August 9.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, explaining that she has not written sooner because she had no news. She means to set out for the baths during the following week but hopes to see him on her return. [In French]

3938. 1694, August 9. [London]

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, assuring him that there is no danger of Mrs. Thomas marrying Lord Warrington, and asking him to decide what is to be engraved on some plate.

3957. 1694, August 14.

Gabriel Martin to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mrs. Thomas seems to favour his suit.

3956. 1694, August 14.

[As in 3936] to the earl of Arran, urging him to come to town, and referring to an unfounded rumour of a Jacobite plot to shoot the queen.

3949. 1694, August 14.

James Johnstoun to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mrs. Thomas is determined to marry neither Lord Warrington nor the earl, and advising him not to persist in the matter.
3945. [?1694], August 17. [? Pisen]

Hannah Jetter to Miss Marten, milliner at the sign of the Gray Hand, in London, telling her that the arrival of her letter caused 'my lady' [Seylard] to win a wager.

3912. 1694 August 29 N.S. from the Camp near Oudnard.

[August 19 OS]

Lord George Hamilton to the earl of Arran, describing how the army had been prevented from crossing the Scheldt.

3947. 1694, August 21. [? Pisen]

Hannah Jetter to Mrs. Haiston, telling her of Mrs. Thomas's illness, and advising that Lord Arran should visit her.

3946. 1694, August 23.

G. Martin to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mrs. Thomas has contracted smallpox, and urging him not to delay in coming to town.

7792. [1694?], August 24.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he will not find her in London when he arrives there as she is to go to the baths, and remarking that there is no appearance of peace. [In French].

3934. 1694, August 25. Hackney.

William Bates to the earl of Arran, telling him that there is nothing likely to hinder the marriage of 'Lord W. and the Lady', except that the latter has contracted smallpox, and and warning him that there is no prospect of a treaty between the earl and the lady.

3951. 1694, August 28. London.

G. Martin to the earl of Arran, telling him of the death of Lord Wharton's granddaughter.
1694, August 31. At the Bathes.

Friday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, declaring that although his French is not so pure as Mr. Vangelas's she understands it better and is very sensible of her obligations to the earl. She hopes to see him soon, and gives him some advice about the choice of a wife. [In French]

1694, September 10. Woolwich in the Downes.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to the earl of Arran, announcing that the writer has been ordered to sail to Spithead to refit and victual for a voyage to Portugal, after which he hopes for promotion.

1694, September 20 NS. From the camp at Rousslar.

[September 10 OS]

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], expressing regret at the death of their aunt Susan, countess of Cassilis, reporting that the army is at present encamped in an area where there is plenty of forage.

1694, September 17, Monday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, assuring him of her friendship and referring to the death of Anne Thomas. [In French]

[1694?], October 1.

Tuesday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, telling him that his wine arrived while Godolphin was at Newmarket. [In French]

1694, October 4. Edinburgh.

Hew Dalrymple to [the earl of Arran], enclosing a memorandum [infra 3965] and giving news of the duchess of Hamilton's mortification in memory of her husband.

[1694, October 4]

Memorandum from Hew Dalrymple for the earl of Arran, asking him to write to Lord George Hamilton on behalf of James Home and Captain Stewart of Livingstoune.

James Hamilton to Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing some minor financial matters.


David Crauford] to [the earl of Arran], giving some minor items of news and mentioning that the duchess of Hamilton has been busy with the mortification.

6658. 1694, October 8. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, giving news of his brothers and sisters. His daughter is also in good health 'and if I could be diverted she would doe it'.


David Crawford] to [? the earl of Arran], describing how the duchess of Hamilton is augmenting the rental as she sets tacks to men in Arran.

6875. 1694, October 11. Edinburgh.

James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's financial affairs. David Crawford has been in town about confirmation of [the duchess of Hamilton] being executrix of her uncle's will, and about the mortification which her grace is to set up in memory of her husband.

3963. 1694, October 15.

Frances, countess of Seaforth to the earl of Arran, entreatling him to do what he can to procure the liberty of the writer and her husband.

7065. 1694, October 16. London.

The earl of Arran] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that none of his relations has written to him since he left Scotland although he has written many letters to everybody. [With cover]

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], giving him some family news of minor importance.

6823. 1694, October 18. Holyrudhouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, giving him some family news.

3931. 1694, October 18. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, informing him that the duchess of Hamilton has now 'perfytted that mortification of £1000 sterling to the college of Glasgow', and is arranging to settle large stipends on the ministers at Hamilton.

7066. 1694, October 23. London.

[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking if he should make addresses to Mrs. Crew, who is not yet married. He remarks that 'there are severall matches to bee had but it is not easy to gett one with all the qualitites that my inclinationes and circumstances require', and goes on to list some possible candidates.

6877. 1694, October 25. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, sending a bill of exchange. The duchess [of Hamilton]'s deed of mortification has been drawn up. Major Meinzies, who murdered Mr. Park, was shot dead in Renfrew within four hours of his victim's death. [See 6876]

7364. 1694, October 27. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, complaining bitterly about her chamberlain 'this villen W. Cochrane' and asking for her brother's assistance in pursuing him. [Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil].
3967. 1694, October 27. D[ ]

H[ow] D[alrymple] to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his favour to Captain Stewart and James Home [see 3965] discussing the duchess's mortification, and referring to the success of the present campaign abroad.

7345. 1694, November 2. Baldone.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, declaring that 'I am well in my hermitage, as remote from the world as in Joppa', but hoping to bring his wife to Edinburgh at the end of the month.

7363. 1694, November 5. Hamilton.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], asking how their mother can be countess of Cambridge without being a peeress of England. There is much talk of a peace with France, but since the earl has not mentioned it perhaps it is not so far advanced as people say.

[Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil]

6659. 1694, November 5. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], discussing the choice of a wife for him.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, repeating her request for help against William Cochrane. [See 7364]

[Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil]

6660. 1694, November 11. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother [the earl of Arran], asking him to do everything he can to have William Cochrane turned out, and wishing that he would return to Scotland.


The earl of Nithsdale to [? the earl of Arran], thanking him for his advice in 'so important a business'.

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6822. 1694, November 17. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, giving him some family news. [With cover]

6502. 1694, November 20. Hackney.

Lord John Murray [then aged ten] to his uncle the earl of Arran, excusing himself for not having waited upon the earl before the writer left London. [In French].

7366. [1694], November 22. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, urging him to marry, referring to how she misses her father, and giving the latest news of her son's affairs. [Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil]

6491. [1694], November 22. Edinburgh.

Lord Murray to [his brother-in-law, the earl of Arran], discussing some family affairs, and referring to Breadalbane's desire to have the indemnity extended to those who plundered and robbed the country without any commission.

6315. 1694, November 23. Portsmouth.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], stating that as he has been 'extremely ill' his ship has sailed without him and he now has thoughts of coming to town.


[J]ames Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess of Hamilton's process against Southesk is being prepared, and that the laird of Dechmont wishes the earl to speak to Colonel Ferguson on behalf of his brother.


Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother [the earl of Arran], assuring him of his friendship and regretting what he had previously written to the earl.

7367. 1694, November 27. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, complaining about the behaviour of William Cochran and Lord Montgomery 'who downright owns him'. [Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil].
1694, November 27. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], discussing the price of salt, rumours of the chancellor [Tweeddale] being made commissioner to parliament, and the duchess of Hamilton's title of countess of Cambridge.


[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, announcing that Annandale has been chosen to be president in the chancellor's absence.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's financial affairs.

1694, November 30. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, referring to some legal business and giving news of Annandale being chosen president.

1694, December 3. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], regretting that the money left to her by her husband and given by her to her son has been prejudicial to him. If he will return it, she is willing to allocate to him a thousand pounds a year land rent, and urges him to marry a Scots wife and pay off his own debts gradually.


[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], stating that the chancellor has set out for London. He asks his lordship to do what he can for Colonel Hamilton, who could succeed Colonel Hill should the latter die and mentions that the earl of Home has been allowed to come into town to see to his affairs.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, asking for the position of keeper of the register of signatures.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother [the earl of Arran], complaining about his delay in dealing with her financial affairs, and urging him to marry.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's financial affairs.


[James Hamilton] to [? the earl of Arran], concerning [? Preammanen's] desire to demit his post.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, asking for instructions about a certain commission.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, hoping that since Mr Dunlop has gone from town he will not insist on demanding any more money from the earl, and mentioning that the duchess [of Hamilton] is to pay Lord John [the earl's brother] his bond of provision for £40,000 on Lammas next.


Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, referring briefly to the concerns of their sister the countess of Dundonald, and fearing that their mother may be put to much trouble and expense over the earl of Southesk's case.


[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], denying that he has failed answer [the earl's] letters or had seen the commission for the countess of Dundonald before the previous day.

[Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil]

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess [of Hamilton] means to come to town within a fortnight, and that the earl of Argyll has been admitted as an extraordinary lord of session in his father's place.

6836. [1694], December 15. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, recommending to his attention an enclosed letter. She hears that he is 'much in with them which I am sure ar no friends to our family' and wishes he would marry and come home.

[Wrongly attributed to the earl of Ruglen]

3966. 1694, December 15.

Viscount Tarbat to [the earl of Arran], telling him that they had done as much as possible in the matter of the countess of Dundonald.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], informing him of the duchess of Hamilton's illness, and of her hope that Lord Archibald may be allowed to pay a visit to Scotland.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, announcing that he is about to take horse for Hamilton where their mother is very ill of the gravel, and consulting him about a signature to some feu duty owing to the writer.


[James Hamilton] to [? the earl of Arran], referring to an amendment which they hope to have made in Camden's Britannica, to the uplifting of his lordship's rents, and to the condition of the latter's coal and salt works. The people of Barroustouness are building some little piers.

The earl of Arran to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining about his financial difficulties and the problem of finding a suitable wife.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, urging him to marry and settle down in Scotland.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, arranging to send him £300 sterling and observing that since the duchess of Hamilton's processes against Southesk have been called, the case should be settled soon.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, reporting that their mother is now recovering from her illness, and asking for news of the earl, who is in London.


William Hamilton to [? the earl of Arran], excusing himself from not writing before as he had no news.


James Hamilton to [? the earl of Arran], asking for his opinion on a matter which he had previously mentioned to his lordship.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran; notifying him of the continued rise in the rate of exchange between Scotland and England.


Daniel Hamilton to John Spens, secretary to the earl of Arran, reporting on the leasing of various lands belonging to the earl, the painting of some rooms at Kinneill, and the progress of the coal and salt works.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], protesting at some unjust accusations made against him by James Hamilton.

7350. 1694, December 27. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, regretting that the latter is still entangled in his [financial] difficulties, and urging him to marry.

6843. 1694, December 27. Edinburgh.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], remarking that the business of the assay has kept him in town for more than a month, and criticising the fact that whoever is general [of the mint] does not sit on the council.

6819. 1694, December 27. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, urging him to marry again and giving some minor items of family news.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, asking for a reply to his letters, and for a loan of his horse so that he might visit his sisters, Lady Murray and the countess of Panmure.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has received 'ane very compleaining letter' from Mr [David] Crawford, who protests that he had been too busy to assist in counting out some of his lordship's money and hopes that the earl will help him in a certain matter which they have previously discussed.

3930. [1694 after December 28]

[James Hamilton] to [? the earl of Arran], discussing Daniel Hamilton's arrangements for paying his rents, asking for further instructions in an unspecified matter, and referring to the queen's death.
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3929. [? 1694]

[James Hamilton] to [? the earl of Arran], asking him to speak to the president and to the master of Stair about their business.

6835. 1694, December [ . ]. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, asking him to thank Lord Leven for furthering her interests with the council, and warning him that 'most of your friends thinks if you engadge with Stairs you will repent it'.

[Wrongly attributed to the earl of Ruglen]


[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, remarking that she has been in town to see Lord Montague about her [financial] affairs. [In French]

7788. [c. 1694] Tuesday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, discussing her financial affairs. [In French]
Undated letters of the 3rd duke period.

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9023. [ ], Newmarket.
Wednesday evening.

The duke of Albemarle to [? the earl of Arran], asking
him to speak to Madame de Mazarin on behalf of Madame de
Richelieu. [In French].

8902. [N.D.]

The archbishop of St. Andrews to the duke of Hamilton,
denying that he had asserted that the present bond 'was
contreyved by statsmen and that they would now stick to it'.

8935. [ ], April 23.

Isabelle Angelique to [? the earl of Arran ],
thanking him for his kindness. [In French]

8158. [ ], February 7. Thomtalon.

The earl of Angus to [the 3rd duke of Hamilton?],
promising to send him an answer to his proposition once the
writer has consulted his father.

8161. [ ], January 26.

The earl of Angus to 'my lord commissioner his grace at
Court' [ ],
thanking him for the king's commands.

8258. [c. 1690's], November 11.

The earl of Argyll to [the earl of Arran?], stating that
he has no thoughts of going to London until the king 'goes over'
[to the continent], but assuring his correspondent of his
friendship.

8208. [ ], October 26. London.

The marquis of Atholl to the [3rd] duke of Hamilton,
urging him to hurry at once to London.
[The earl of Arran] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that Lord Crewe will not now marry his daughter to the writer as the latter's family has opposed the match, and that his father has warned him that if he goes on with it he has no power to provide for younger sons and daughters [because of the entail]. [With cover.]

[The earl of Arran] to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], emphasising his affection for her, complaining about Mr. Johnston's refusal to accept his offer to confine himself within the isle of Arran for six months, and declaring that the act relating to noblemen and their eldest sons taking the oaths was calculated to affect the writer.

The earl of Arran to his father the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he is now forced to 'retire myself for my own preservation' and asking the duke to look after his affairs during his absence. [Mounted]

[Copy, in his own hand]. The earl of Arran to [ ], denying that his correspondent has already paid the money which he owes the earl.

[The earl of] A[rran] to [ ], congratulating him upon his good fortune.
[The earl of Arran] to [ ], promising that 'if you will give me your worde that you will not imprison me I shall most willingly appear again in publick'.

[2 Drafts] [The earl of] A[rran] to [ ], assuring both correspondents of his friendship and telling the first that what he offers is very reasonable.

[? The earl of Arran] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that the earl of Linlithgow has agreed to give him the heritable right to the teinds of Polmont and 100 guineas. [Written out by James Hamilton of Pencaitland].

The earl of Arran to [the duke of Hamilton], recommending the bearer, Mr. Findlay.

Walter Aston to George Digby at his house at Sandon, thanking him for a loan of a couple of little beagles but returning one as it is too big, and asking if Lady [Gerard] will let him have some more.

[Gerard Correspondence]

J. Bagot to George Digby, apologising for not coming to see him. [With a short verse written out in two other hands].

[Gerard Correspondence]

N. Baxter to George Digby, announcing that 'his lordship's' journey into the country will be delayed because of illness.

[Gerard Correspondence]
J. Blair to Mr. John Hamilton, clerk to the regality of Borrowstounness, objecting to the news that the duke of Hamilton has ordered the clerk to possess himself of the writer's seat in church.

Thomas Boone to [ ], remarking that the luckiest circumstance which ever happened to him was his leaving England with the duke and Lord March, and explaining his unwillingness to join [his grace] at Aix on the grounds that he is in love with a lady in Geneva. [This probably refers to the 4th, not the 3rd duke.]

John Bucknay to the duke [of Hamilton], declaring that he is 'amaz'd at the conduct of the Lanerk folks', but that he feels there is really nothing in it, and that the delegate will pay no attention to it.

Gilbert Burnet, bishop of Salisbury to the earl of Arran, promising to wait on Lord Albemarle that day.

Gilbert Burnet, bishop of Salisbury to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has spoken to the king about his lordship.

Gilbert Burnet to [ ], describing his appearance before the committee investigating Lauderdale's affairs.

Charles Campbell to the [? 3rd] duke of Hamilton, telling him that when he left his grace 'I mett with Ardginlasse from my nephew threateing ruine if I did not goe to the housse upon sight', but wishing to be 'damned to eternity if my sword and heart don't serve you'.
6929. [ ] , February 5.

Susan, countess of Cassilis to her nephew the earl of Arran, assuring him of her affection, and wishing that he would return from London to Edinburgh, where his parents now are.

8781. [ ] , May 29.

Susanna, countess of Cassilis to her sister Anne, duchess of Hamilton, sympathising with her in her troubles with the earl of Arran, and commenting that her own son's marriage is likely to go through. [With cover].

7653. [? 1694], July 26.

[Susan, countess of Cassilis] to the earl of Arran, telling him that she must shortly leave this world, assuring him of her love, and asking his favour for a certain gentleman. With a postscript in the hand of Anne, duchess of Hamilton, supporting the request.

7654. [ ] , August 6.

[Susan, countess of Cassilis] to her nephew the earl of Arran, assuring him of her friendship, referring briefly to his sister's marriage, and wishing that he would marry too.

8046. [?1667], January 11. Ingester.

W. Chetwynd to his uncle George Digby, regretting the death of Lord [Gerard].

[Gerard Correspondence]


Lady E[izabeth] Clancarty to [the earl of Arran], thanking him for his present and acknowledging her obligations to him.

4157. [after 1690], March 7. Althorp.

Lady Elizabeth Clancarty to the earl of Arran, telling him that her parents are expected home soon, and that her mother has sent her a locket with some of Lady Mary's hair.
4102. [ ], May 4. Althrop.

Lady Elizabeth Clancarty to [the earl of Arran], regretting his lordship's illness, but hoping that he will soon visit the south.

3918. [ ], June 22. Althrop.

Lady Elizabeth Clancarty to [the earl of Arran], thanking her correspondent for the pictures of the latter's daughter.

5105. [before 1690], June 15.

Lady Elizabeth Clancarty to her sister, [Lady Ann Spencer] sending her greetings.

5106. [before 1690], May 22.

Lady Elizabeth Clancarty to her sister, Lady Ann Spencer, thanking her for the pens and paper, and excusing herself for not writing a longer letter on the grounds that she 'must go look after my silk wormes'.

4542. N.D. [Before 1698, August 10]

[Lady Clancarty] to the earl of Arran; asking if her petition should be presented by Mr. Vernon as she has been advised.

8244. N.D.

E. C. [Lady Elizabeth Clancarty?] to the earl of Arran, urging him to remind the king to give to Essex, Godolphin or Hyde the paper he has in his pocket about her pension.

2490. N.D.

E. C. [? Elizabeth Clancarty] to [ ], thanking him, Lady Orkney and Lord Selkirk for their help with regard to the misfortunes of herself and Lord Clancarty.

9675. N.D.

Anna Cockburn to Mary Wadkin, thanking her for her letter and hoping to see her soon.
Le Prince de Conti to [ ], asking him to present his respects to the English king. [In French]

1925. N.D.

John Cooke to Lord Digby Gerrard, asking to be appointed as his gentleman of the chamber, and promising to give his lordship 'the opportunity of improving your writing and to learn the art of arithmetick'.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9787. N.D.

Samuel Cotton to his cousin Mrs. Taylor, at Sandon Hall, announcing that he has sent Lady [?] Gerard 4½ yards of cloth.

[Gerard Correspondence]

4924. [ ], August 24.

The earl of Dalkeith to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for the desire he showed to do the writer's mother justice in her business before parliament.

2618. N.D.

G. D. [?] George Digbye to his sister, Mrs. Digbie, discussing various minor financial matters.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9968. N.D.

[Draft?] George Digby to John Byrch, asking what he should do in Lady Gerard's lawsuit.

[Gerard Correspondence]
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9835. [ ]], January 15.

Digby to Lady Gerard, denying that the writer has any wish to quarrel with her ladyship.

[Gerard Correspondence]


Digby to George Digby, beseeching his charity as she is in great want.

[Gerard Correspondence]


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, emphasising the need for him to settle in Scotland, because the influence of the family is daily decreasing. One of the earl's colliers was even taken from his bed by the press gang and only Lord Basil's efforts got him back. She then gives some family news, mentions the illness of the duke of Queensberry, and urges him to be on good terms with the chancellor. [Tweeddale.] [Later her father-in-law.]

[With cover.]

9099. [c ]], June 3.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, telling him that the waters at Moffat have done her son no good, and wishing that she could send him to London and the baths as her mother advised, although the laird of Kilmarnock opposes this plan.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother [the earl of Arran], urging him to take a wife, and reporting that she has persuaded Lady Semple to intervene on the earl's behalf with Demeny, who intends to pursue him for some money.


Pen Egerton to Mr. Morall, asking that the cook may be sent to her before Wednesday or Thursday since Cousin Egerton and Lord Gerard will be there on Friday, and if the cook does not come she will be 'infinetle desopyntet'.

[Gerard Correspondence.]
9821. N.D.

Oswald Eymes to [ ], telling him how to deal with his watch when it goes slow.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9878. [ ], October 16.

Richard Flecknoe to George Digby, telling him that Lady Vane, Lady Lexington and Lady Gerard were due to leave Paris on the previous Saturday.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9924. [ ], August 5.

Richard Flecknoe to George Digby, sending on a letter to Lady Gerard.

[Gerard Correspondence]

10,000. [ ], July 9.

Lady Jane Digby Gerard to her father George Digby, explaining that the bearer is Mr. St. Leger, who wishes to see [the horse] Dustifoot.

[Gerard Correspondence]

5275. N.D.

Thomas Giffoord to Alexander Inglis, to be shown to his grace, the duke of Hamilton, giving news of one of his grace's [? horses].

8812. N.D.

L. Gilbert to Lady Jane Gerard, declaring that the greatest of the writer's misfortunes is to be out of favour with her ladyship.

[Gerard Correspondence].
M. Gilbert to Lady Jane Gerard [grandmother of Elizabeth Gerard, 4th duchess of Hamilton], asking her to order the writer to go to Sanden, so that he may escape from his enemies.

[Gerard Correspondence]

Lord Godolphin to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to bring the marquis of Tweeddale and the earl of Tullibardine to Lord Nottingham's house on the following day at 10 a.m., where they will meet Lord Marlborough.

Lord Haddo to [? the earl of Arran], telling him of the queen's letter ordering a proclamation for the arrest of Captain James Murray, mentioning that the duchess of Argile has received caution for some of the highland clans, and giving some council news.

[? Draft; in her own hand]. [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [? the earl of Arran], criticising him for wasting his time at plays and operas and proposing on a Sunday to visit a lady who is setting up an assembly.

[? Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [ ], hoping that she has not offended her ladyship in any way, inquiring after her health, and mentioning that the writer's husband is delayed in [? London or Edinburgh] by public business.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, remarking that she thinks it fittest that she kisses the queen's hand first, and that she must do so about 6 o'clock.
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6608. [Before 1695], March 9.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, assuring him that a visit from him would be very welcome although she is so unwell, and asking him to try to reconcile his uncle, the earl of Cassilis, with his father [the duke of Hamilton].

6223. [ ], February 5.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], asking him to assist the bearer, John Maxwell.

6224. [ ], February 20. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], insisting that he marry a wife who is willing to settle in Scotland with him.

6226. [ ]

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter from a lady whom his lordship is to visit and who wrote very kindly of him.

6229. [Before 1694], October 27. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of] H[amilton] to the earl of Arran, mentioning that her sister, the countess of Cassilis and her niece have gone home, and approving of his having been so dutiful to his aunt.

6249. [ ], April 21. Edinburgh.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], urging him to visit his cousin, the countess of Cassilis's son, and to intervene on behalf of Mr. John Ballingtyne, who has been very severely treated.

6248. [ ], October 5.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, asking him to intervene with the king's advocate on behalf of Mr. Thomas Hamilton, who has been forfeited for his part in the recent rebellion.
6245. [Before 1694], September 6.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling her son that he already knows her thoughts 'of that you think so highly of', and commending his dutiful attitude to his father in his latest letter.

3053. N.D.

[2 drafts] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [the duchess of York] describing her family's gratitude to her highness and the latter's husband.


3052. N.D.

[Draft] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duchess of York], regretting that she was unable to call upon her highness, but rejoicing at the latter's safe arrival.


8062. [ ], April 27.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing some current matter in which the king promises to give his personal determination.

8000. [ ], April 1. York.

The 3rd duke of Hamilton to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he is on his way south in a hired coach with Roxburgh, Hadinton and Cochran while over 30 others go on horseback and Atholl and Perth have gone by stagecoach. Once in London they will complain of the illtreatment of themselves and their tenants, and submit all to the king's disposal.

8064. [ ], May 22.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of his conversation with the duke of York, who has prevailed upon the king to see his grace and three others.
8153. [ ]

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining about the false reports that he is keeping some of the king's money in his own hands and declaring that he is considering giving up the collection [of taxation].

8154. [c. 1650's]

The last page of a letter from [the 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring himself to be 'most happie in so verteus a parson' as his wife.

8155. [ ], March 26. Holyrudhous.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he has explained to the duke [of York] his reasons for refusing the Test. He has now, however, come to the conclusion that he will take it rather than ruin the family, and hopes that she will not 'be uncharitable to me for itt'.

8156. [ ], February 15. [London]

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that ill health has prevented him from attending communion. Calander's process is going in their favour. [Last pages missing]

8053. [ ], November 28. Over Libertono.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that they have that night beaten the enemy with very little loss, and assuring her that he saved as many lives as possible.

8057. [ ], March 1.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her of his unsatisfactory conversation with the archbishop of St. Andrews.

8056. [ ], February 27. Edinburgh.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her to send James Weer to him.
The 3rd duke of Hamilton to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that there is no certainty yet how far matters will go in the certification of those that have refused the bond.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he will be home that night unless the minister he has presented arrives to preach on the following day. He then intends to go [south] with Roxburgh, 'on of the finest youthes that ever I know' and some others.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that unless the convention is delayed he will begin his journey on the following week.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he has had a message from the chancellor urging him to sign [the council's letter to the king].

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he has arrived safely at Falkland and remarking that 'Lord Murray does as much as anybody can do to live well on what he has'.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to his wife, the duchess of Hamilton, recommending the bearer, the earl of Findlater's son [and son of the duchess's cousin] who wishes to be captain of a regiment and offers to bring a whole company of men.
6272. ], July 31. Tunbridge Wells.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], criticizing his son's appointment as commander of a regiment of horse, and telling him to ask the king to consult the writer before he do anything about Captain Livingstone's attempts to have the entail on Calander's estate broken.

6271. ], May 29. Holyroodhouse.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that Melfort's signature for the estates of Cessnock and Buchall has been passed, which should give a revenue of over £20,000 Scots p.a. He gives details of others who have acquired forfeited estates, and notes that the lord president has been told to act as advocate also, with the result that he is now 'high and mighty' and opposes every act which the writer suggests.

6270. ], August 9. Hamilton.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing the meeting of the militia troops at Hamilton on the previous day, and advising him to have a standard made for himself.

6268. ]

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], declaring that his opponents want to make trouble for him because 'they wold glade be quite of me out of the treasury that I might not be a witnesse what is done there', with everyone concerned only with themselves and not with his majesty's revenues.

6266. ], June 9. Hamilton.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of the attack on a party of guards by a number of rebels, who then rescued one of their number who had been taken prisoner. Two Lesmahagow rebels have since been captured, and one of the leaders, Captain Wilson, has recently been hanged.

6264. ], February 5.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that it seems certain that the king will visit Edinburgh in March.
[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, referring to Queensberry's interest with [ ] and telling him to have Mr. Hamilton write regularly to James Hamilton, enclosing gazettes every post. [Damaged]


[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, declaring that the duke of [ ]'s remark that the writer being cited before the council was simply a matter of form showed that he had known of it beforehand as this was the same excuse made by Tarbet.

Also a postscript by the duchess of Hamilton acknowledging her son's letter, sending her greetings to Lady Peterbrough, and rejoicing at her highness's recovery.


[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter to be delivered to [ ] and a factory to be signed by Lord Charles Hamilton. [Not found.]

Also enclosed is a note from the duchess of Hamilton asking him to speak on behalf of Lady Cesnok.

Part of a letter from [the 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [his son, the earl of Arran] about his case against Mr. John Elies.

Part of a letter from [the 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [his son, the earl of Arran] denying Breadalbane's claims that his duke had not pursued the covenanters sufficiently.

Part of a letter from [the 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [his son, the earl of Arran], saying that he may show the enclosed letter to the king, declaring that he is now on good terms with the chancellor, and discussing his own case against Mr. John Ellis.
7019. [ ], May 2. Edinburgh.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], announcing that he and his wife intend to be at Berwick on the following day on their way south, and giving instructions about various preparations to be made for their arrival in London.

7644. [ ], November 9. Edinburgh.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], reporting that he had appeared before the council on the previous day and was entirely vindicated of the charges laid against him.


[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [his son the earl of Arran], announcing that his process with Castlemilk detains him in Edinburgh, but promising to send his opinion of the earl's proposed marriage [to Lord Coventry's daughter] as soon as possible. He concludes by giving his son various instructions about finance and minor matters.

3917. N.D.

[ The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [ ], concerning his dispute with Monkland over some bonds, and the purchase of glass.

2726. N.D.

[Draft] [The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to the duchess of Lauderdale, sending his compliments, through the earl of Athole.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.150(50).]

7645. [ ], Monday morning.

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [ ], announcing that the earl of Southesk has stopped discussing their difference with him since the writer refused to relieve him of the second duke of Hamilton's debts. Since Lady Errol is a violet supporter of Southesk, he fears that he will be on bad terms with her also.
[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [ ], discussing Calander's tailzie and his own son Lord John's claims to the earl's estate.

[N.D.]

[The 3rd duke of Hamilton] to [the archbishop of St. Andrews] denying that he had used certain words when he in fact 'sayed that authority was ingaged and could not now retract'. [In reply to 8902]

[ ], June 14.

To 'dear nanny', giving news of 'your poor mistress' and her little son.

[Printed in H.M.C. Supp. Report pp. 197-8 where it is attributed to the duchess of Hamilton, but the context makes this seem unlikely.]

[A?] Hamilton to the earl of Arran, describing the debts incurred by the Hamiltions since the late 16th century.

[Count?] Antony Hamilton to the earl of Arran, explaining that he is in urgent need of money, and asking for 50 or 60 guineas. [In French]

[? Lord Basil Hamilton] to Mr. David Crauford, describing his recent, very pleasant visit to Baldoon, where he 'never see better meat and drink nowhere nor people heartier of it'.

Elizabeth Hamilton, comtesse de Gramont to the earl of Arran, assuring him of her regard, and asking for news of him. [In French]
8178. [ ], December 3.

James Hamilton to the 3rd duke of [Hamilton], asking him to support a matter in which the earl of Roxburgh and the writer have equal interest.

2948. [ ], February 25. Edinburgh.

[Mr. James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the death of George Gibson, and asking him to solicit the earl of Selkirk in the writer's favour.

5481. [ ], April 11.

J. Hamilton to David Craford, asking him to speak to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, about some financial business.

2634. N.D.

J. Hamilton to [? the earl of Arran], concerning the 'nottorious falsshoods' of a young lady, and advising him to write a letter to contradict these rumours.

8819. [ ], July 28. Kirklands.

Lady Margaret Hamilton [wife of William Blair] to [her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her condolences on the death of the writer's [daughter] Betty, and explaining that she cannot in the meantime wait upon her grace as she has promised to go with her sister Lady Kilmours to visit their other sister the countess of Calandar, in the hopes that these two may now be reconciled for they have not seen each other since the countess's last marriage.

2858. N.D.

R. Hamilton to the earl of Arran, asking him to speak for the writer's cousin, Hamilton of Kinkell, who is a prisoner and will probably be executed if no one intervenes.
2906. N.D. Glasgow.

[Thomas Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, concerning the earl's quarrel with the writer's brother.

4862. [c1675], June 18. Whitehall.

[William Hamilton] to Monseigneur le Conte d'Aran, in Paris, discussing his lordship's financial affairs, and enclosing a memorandum and account relating to the estate of James Forbes.

9678. N.D.

Francis Hearle to [ ], sending instructions about the treatment of an illness.

[2 copies]

9943. N.D.

[? Wby] Heton to Mr. Digby, asking permission to take some gravel for his garden from part of Lord Gerrard's estate at Weston Point.

[Gerard Correspondence].

8815. N.D.

Samuel Holland to Lady Jane Gerard, asking for a loan of £3 to pay off his lodgings.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9902. N.D.

John Hoose to Lord Gerard, commending to him Thomas Mannering.

[Gerard Correspondence].

4058. N.D.

Sir Alexander Hope to [the earl of Arran], asking that the sum owed by the earl to the writer's sister may be paid instead to Lord Archibald Hamilton who is owed the same amount by the writer.
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9677. [ ], February.

John Houghton to Valentine [Beldam], promising to pay him soon.

5378. N.D.

John Howe to [the 3rd duke of Hamilton], sending for his approval 'some serious thoughts about the Temple of God among men'.

3435. [ ], March 10. Whitehall.

Lord Hyde [? the earl of Clarendon] to [the earl of Arran], acknowledging his correspondent's thanks for recommending the latter to the duke [? of York], and asking in what way he can help his lordship make his 'escape' from Scotland.

8823. N.D.

Thomas [? Hynnersley] to Lady Hungerford at Sandon, promising to obey the commands she has sent him.
[Gerard Correspondence]

5507. N.D.

The dragoons of Lord Jedburrugh's regiment to the duke of Hamilton, complaining that they cannot live on fivepence a day in winter, and asking for assistance.

3813. [ ], February 9.

James Johnston to the earl of Arran, assuring him of his good will, but criticising his lordship's conduct and asserting that when the time comes to secure the earl, the writer will support such a measure.

3818. [ ], February 19.

James Johnstoun to [the duke of Hamilton], promising that 'there shall be as much latitude left in your instructions as can be'.
James Johnstoun to the duke of Hamilton, referring briefly to the behaviour of the general assembly, and urging his grace not to shun his present share in the government, as this will probably be increased.

James Johnstoun to the duke of Hamilton, asking for a copy of his grace's private instructions while commissioner.

Anne Jones to Mrs. Tiyllar at Lady Garatt's lodgings, making arrangements for the supper at which the writer is to entertain her ladyship.

The earl of Lauderdale to the duke of Hamilton, promising to help the duchess obtain the debt owed to her by the king, and telling him that he is sure 'you will continue to appear to act like a duke of Hamilton'.

Elizabeth, duchess of Lauderdale to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that she is for the present unable to say how far her husband can advance the duchess's claim [to the debt owed by Charles I to her father].
5462. [ ], March 14. Hiltone.

J. Livingstone to [ ], protesting that he had never doubted his lordship's bills, and mentioning the fact that he himself is going to Flanders.

2956. [ ], May 19. Lychfield.

Dr. Robert Lloyd to Lady Gerrard, giving an account of the treatment which he has prescribed for Mrs. Rathbone.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8926. [ ], 25. Edinburgh.

[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the duke's case against Southesk.

8925. [ ], August 31.

[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, describing how [ ] is about to close his accounts, and referring to the Coltness case.

8924. [ ], August 29. Denidin [?]

[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the Coltness remission and the Southesk case.

8927. [ ], 29. Edinburgh.

[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing Sir John Dalrymple's ambitions.


[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, wishing him and the earl of Arran good fortune in their plan, and offering his services if a marriage settlement is to be made.

8918. N.D.

[Sir George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Sir George Mackenzie is being pressed to come into the government.
2640. [N.D.]

Ralph Longworth to Lady Gerard, referring to the death of Mr. Chancy, and to various business matters.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9681. [Before 1678]

[Copy] Sir George McKenzie to the duke of Lauderdale, announcing that he has 'spent much time this vacance in continuing my History and in pollishing what I have formerly written', having made many alterations as a result of his grace's suggestions. He needs copies of some more of Lauderdale's papers. He then describes his reliance upon the duke's friendship.

[Endorsed in the handwriting of the 3rd duke of Hamilton to the effect that the original letter, 'all write with his owen (Sir George's) hand' was found in Whitehall in December 1678 and 'is now in the keeping of my lord privie seall of England'.]

8248. [ ], June 29. Edinburgh.

[Sir George MacKenzie] to the earl of Arran, congratulating him on receiving a pension, and discussing a proposed match for the earl which would 'renew your relation to the King's familie'.

3363. N.D. [Before 1691]

Sir George MacKenzie to the earl of Arran, promising to try to save from death the man in whom the earl is interested, and announcing that after much debate he obtained the release of 'twelve Lanrick men'.

5412. [ ], May 17. Inverugie.

The Earl Marischall to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that he will not go to Edinburgh until he hears when parliament will sit, and asking him to have Montrose give the writer the revenues received by his predecessors as admiral from the north water bridge to the Spey.
The duke of Marlborough to the earl of Arran, promising to wait upon him on the following day.

[? Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, telling him that she has spoken to the queen, who seems well disposed towards both of them. [In French].

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the only real news is too important to commit to paper, and mentioning that she has given to the ladies what he sent for them. [In French].

[? Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, regretting that she has no news for him, but mentioning one or two minor items and advising him to ask the king for an answer before taking leave of his majesty. [In French].

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran in Paris, asking for news of Lord Charles, who is much missed by certain ladies in London, and remarking that Sunderland has gone to Althorp. [In French].

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the French king has said that he will have nothing to do with her affairs, but the queen [of England] continues her efforts on behalf of the writer. [In French].

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, acknowledging her obligations to him. [In French].
[7801. ], June 26.

[Madame Mazarin] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that if he is still looking for a wife, she knows a young girl who is pretty, well-born and has a fortune of 25 or 30,000 silver pieces. [In French]

[7802. ]

Tuesday.

Madame Mazarin to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lord Montagu is with her to discuss her affairs. [In French].

[7803. ], August 17.
Saturday.

Madame Mazarin to the earl of Arran, giving him her best wishes and asking if she should continue to send him the gazettes. [In French]

[7828. ], August 27.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, asking if he has received her letters and if she should continue to send him the gazettes. [In French]

[7800. ]. Monday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, asking for his help in her difficulties. [In French]

[7643. ], June 30.

[Madame Mazarin] to [the earl of Arran], describing how Jean Bart has taken three Dutch vessels of sixty cannon into Dunkirk. She thanks him for the rings, and tells him that she often passes her days in Chelsea quite alone. [In French]

[7642. ], June 28.
Thursday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the fleet arrived three days before, and referring to a naval engagement between the French and the Dutch. [In French]. [With cover]
4727. N.D.

David Mitchell to the earl of Selkirk, describing the illness of [Lady Tullibardine], who has a fever.

3125. N.D.

G. Mitchell to [? the duke of Hamilton], complaining that that Patrick Broune and his wife have been summoned before the sheriff court on an unjust charge of a clandestine and irregular marriage.

5180. [ ], November 7.

The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for obtaining a good post for Mr. James Graeme, and asking him to concern himself in the little difficulty 'about a formaletie of the admirals qualefieing before the privie councill'.

4649. N.D. Glasgow.

The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], acknowledging a packet of letters and promising to write more fully on the following day.

9785. [ ], March 9. Tilstock.

Thomas Moore to Mr. [? Rapasie] Murhall at Bromley, sending a pair of black gloves for Lady [? Gerrard] and promising to make them up to a dozen as soon as possible.

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6490. [ ], October 3.

Lord Murray to his brother-in-law, the earl of Arran, describing his wife as being extremely weak, and giving an account of the debate in council that day, where it was decided not to demand that the lord advocate deliver up a letter he had received from the king. [With cover.]
8226. [], October 20. Hungtintower.

Lord Murray to [the earl of Arran], regretting that they did not meet as planned, and sending some papers for his perusal. [Not included.]

6495. [], September 22. Edinburgh.

The earl of Tullibardine to [his brother-in-law the earl of Arran], reporting that parliament have granted two years' supply for maintaining the standing forces besides enough to repair the garrisons buy arms and ammunition, and equip the frigates.

6067. [], November 5. Dunkeld.

The duke of Atholl to [ ], promising to see him soon in Edinburgh, confirming reports that the chancellor is not much in favour, and mentioning that his wife is very well and hopes for a son.

7298. [cl698], August 7. Falkland.

[Lady Katherine Murray] to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, promising to come to Edinburgh as desired.

3111. [After 1682], August 14.

Lady Katherine Murray to Mr. Craufford, attending the duke of Hamilton, enclosing the 13 shillings which her husband owed her father but had not time to pay him.

8239. N.D. [? Parlin]green.

Lord Mordaunt to the earl of Arran, referring to the attempts of certain people to make trouble between them.

8238. N.D.

Lord Mordaunt to the earl of Arran, remarking that 'I heare you are guarded, but must desire your lordship to stick att nothing to escape', and arranging to send his page to show the earl the way to the writer's lodgings early in the morning.
Lord Mordaunt to the earl of Arran, declaring himself always ready to comply with the earl's desires.

Parfouru to Mr. Hamilton, at the earl of Arran's lodgings, asking after his lordship. Should Mr. Hamilton wish to reply to this letter, he can address his answer c/o the duchess of Portsmouth in the Rue Royale. [In French]

[With modern transcription and translation]

J. Parker to [? the earl of Arran], giving news of his troops and reporting on the cloth which his lordship had ordered.

William Pettit to George Digby, asking his help in obtaining that money owed to the writer by Lord Garrade for a cabinet.

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Mrs. Mary Price to the earl of Arran, enclosing a memorandum of matters he wishes to be communicated to the king, concerning the reversion of the keeper of the records of the court of exchequer. [Included; also 8236]

Isabel, duchess of Queensberry to her sister-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, remarking that she is now recovering from her illness, and hoping to see her grace soon. [With cover]

[Madame Mazarin ] to the earl of Arran, telling him that rumours of the Spanish king's death are untrue, and inviting his lordship to supper that evening. [In French].
3762. N.D.

John Roberton to Mr. David Crawfurd condemning him for causing trouble among the writer's friends.

4146. [ ], May 11.

Lord Rosse to [the earl of Arran], describing his conversation with the duchess of Hamilton about his correspondent's financial situation, and remarking that he and Mr. Wylie believe that should the earl marry, her grace would give him £1,000 yearly.

3026. [ ], March 14.
[Before 1681]

Lord Chancellor Rothes to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he has resolved what to do about the disbanding of his own troop, and has written to Buccleuch in his own vindication.

8579. [ ]

Anna, duchess of Rothes to [her cousin Anne, duchess of Hamilton], urging her not to give way to grief but to seek consolation in religion.

8829. N.D.

'J.R.' to [ ? Lady Gerard], making some suggestions about the laying out of a garden and promising to wait on his correspondent at Sandon or Bromley.

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8989. [ ]. July 10. the Camp de Lessine.

Marshal de Schonberg to [the earl of Arran], reporting that most of the noblemen have left to join the duke of Northumberland's reserve. The earl's brother is with the prince de Comty. [In French]
Madame de Schonberg to [the earl of Arran], assuring him of her regard and asking for news of the earl of Sunderland. With a postscript by her husband, Marshal Schonbeg. [In French]

W. Swingleburn to Lady Gerard, wishing that she would come to London and giving some minor family news.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother, the earl of Arran, asking him to have Mr. Gavin [? Mason] ask the lord chamberlain to arrest certain people.

James Skinner to Mr. David Crawfoord, sending some papers concerning his right to lead in Scotland, which he hopes will be upheld by the duke of Hamilton.

The earl of Southesque to the earl of Arran, asking him to recommend Dr. Ramsey to Mr. Gray, brother of the governor of Barbados, as he is going out to that island, and to intercede with the governor on behalf of one of the writer's servants. [See 5509].

The duke of St. Albans to the earl of Arran, excusing himself for not sending the snuff before then.
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9975. [ ], August 25.

[ ] Stone to [? George Digby], sending one of his men to measure him [for clothes].

[Gerard Correspondence]

9819. N.D.

Lisle Stotesbury to Mr. George Digby, acknowledging that the writer has 'transgress the rules of civility', but promising to wait upon his correspondent in a few days' time.

[Gerard Correspondence]

5510. N.D.

M. Stringer to [? the 3rd duke of Hamilton], pointing out what profits have been made in the north of England from the smelting of ores, and suggesting that his grace set up such an enterprise.

3895. N.D.

Michael Studholme to Lord Charles Hambleton, reporting that he is doing what he can to raise men for his lordship's troop, Lord Charles being a captain in Sir John Landier's regiment of horse, and the writer lieutenant of it.

7636. [after 1690], December 7. Althorp.

A[nn, countess of] S[underland] to [her son-in-law the earl of Arran], thanking him for his good wishes and telling him that she is recovering from her long illness.

7334. N.D.

A[nn, countess of] S[underland] to [her daughter Lady Ann Spencer, later countess of Arran], describing her efforts to urge the workmen to finish their work, and promising her daughter that if she can have patience until the following Thursday you all come you into a palas and your brother and sister into the pritest yacht that swims in the river' [the house at Althorp?].
[The earl of Sunderland to the earl of Arran, hoping that his lordship will be able to settle with his creditors and visit the writer.]

The earl of Sunderland to the earl of Arran, announcing that he intends to spend the winter at Althorp although his wife is to pay a brief visit to London on business.

Anne, countess of Sunderland to the earl of Arran, excusing herself from not writing more frequently on the grounds that she has no time to do so, and thanking him for the picture of his little daughter. [The writer's grandchild]

[Anne, countess of Sunderland] to [her daughter Lady Ann Spencer, later countess of Arran], explaining that she is preparing the family's lodgings as quickly as possible.

Anne, countess of Sunderland to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his kind letter.

[Anne, countess of Sunderland] to [her daughter Lady Ann Spencer, later countess of Arran], telling her that her lodgings will soon be ready, and that the writer's son [Robert] has behaved very gallantly in the recent action.

[The earl of Sunderland] to the earl of Arran, enclosing kind letters to him from the king and the duke, hoping that his pretensions [to Châtelherault] may be successful, and suggesting that he become an aide-de-camp to the king or seek a command in the army.
7639. [ ], January 21.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the earl of Arran] asking him to bring a good valet de chambre over from France.

7640. [ ], November 4. Whitehall.

[The earl of Sunderland] to the earl of Arran in Paris, telling him that the king has ordered a yacht to be ready for Arran at Dieppe on November 15.

7641. [ ], February 14.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that Lord Northumberland will sail back from France with him but that he need not bother bringing a valet de chambre for the writer as previously requested.

6297. [ ]

[The earl of Sunderland] to the earl of Arran, declaring that as he has taken leave of the king, he cannot intervene with his majesty on behalf of the writer, although he will speak to Albemarle if he sees him.

3921. [ ], February 4. Al trope.

The earl of Sunderland to [the earl of Arran], declaring that he is very well pleased with the life he leads at Al trope, and inviting his correspondent to visit him there.

4088. [ ], February 15. London.

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[The earl of Sunderland] to [the earl of Arran], asking to see him so that he can propose a very suitable match for his lordship.

4149. [ ], October 11.

The earl of Sunderland to [the earl of Arran], asking whether he is in London, at Bath or in Italy.
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4147. [ ], June 15. Altrope.

The earl of Sunderland to [the earl of Arran], asking if it is true that the marriage treaty between his correspondent and Lady Gerrard is at an end.

4145. [ ], October 29. Altrop.

The earl of Sunderland to [the earl of Arran], announcing his intention of being in town on the following Friday.

5021. [ ], November 6. Altrop.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the earl of Arran], announcing his intention of going to London because of some business and the persuasions of his friends, but not because of politics as news letters and coffee house stories suggest.

8811. [ ], February 17.

J. Tomkinson to Lady [Gerrard], asking forgiveness for any past fault which he has unknowingly committed.

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5456. N.D.

Charles Towneley and Robert Parker to [the duke of Hamilton], recommending the bearer to his protection.

[Written by Towneley and signed by both].

8813. [ ], June 30.

John Tyldeleys to Lady Gerard, describing the writer's concern at hearing of 'the extraordinary accident that has happened to your ladyship and your noble son'.

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9843. N.D. [London]

Margaret Tylor to Lord [Gerard], announcing that his goods have come safely to London, and that his mother is very well.

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Peter Warner to George Digby, begging for a loan of £5 as he has been sick for a long time and has pawned and sold almost all his belongings.

[Gerard Correspondence]

Mary Warner to George Digbe, asking that the money he sent to her sick husband may now be given to her, since she is now a widow and in great need.

[Gerard Correspondence]

Simeon Wright to Mr. Willd, intimating that Lord Lewington has not yet come to London. There has been a death from the plague in the city, and the queen is to move to Somerset House.

[Gerard Correspondence]

[As in 2862] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has received little news apart from what an enclosed packet contains.

[Monseigneur le Comte d'Aran], discussing his lordship's financial affairs and giving some news from Court.

[to ?? the earl of Arran], assuring him of the friendship of the writer and his brother.
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4096. [ ], October 9. Whitehall.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, remarking that of all the latter's friends, only the writer has been unable to go to Newmarket because of an injured leg.

2926. N.D.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his favours.

2912. [ ], June 24.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, assuring him of his desire to serve his lordship.

2310. [ ], July 24. Glasgow.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, discussing some ministers, the earl's health, and a quarrel over a ship at Greenock.

8234. [ ], July 17.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, referring to some minor financial matters and telling him that the latest news from Flanders is that the French have marched to prevent the English army from cutting off their communications with Hug and Namur.

6970. N.D.

[ ] to [? the earl of Arran], begging him to come in to the government and reminding him to recommend a certain young man to his brother.

8954. [ ], October 17. Paris.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, welcoming the news that he is about to marry 'avec un riche partis', and asking him to repay the 22 pièces which he owes the writer. [In French].
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9002. [ ] Saturday morning.

[ ] to the earl of Arran, asking him to go for some days without seeing the writer. [In French]

9873. [ ], 26.

[? A lady - a cousin of Lady Gerard's father] to Lady Jane Gerard, explaining that illness has prevented her from writing, and describing her symptoms.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9861. N.D. [London]

[ ] to Madam Harcourt, explaining that bad weather and ill-health have prevented him from seeing her, but promising to see to her affairs at once.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9880. N.D.

[ ] to Madam Harcourt at Sandon, giving an account of his conversation with 'Mr. J., a very handsom yonge gentleman' about [? a marriage contract].

[Gerard Correspondence]

4695. [Before 1687], October 31.

[ ] to Lady Ann Spencer [1st wife of the 4th duke of Hamilton], discussing the furnishing of her ladyship's rooms [at Althorp].

5316. [c1680's, before 1687]

[Her nurse ] to Lady Ann Spencer [first wife of the 4th duke of Hamilton], telling her to be merry at London, and not to go to Althorpe yet.

3,000. [ ], May 8.

[ ] to the countess of Arran, telling her that Lord Shrewsbury has quitted his place, and that the king intends to go to Ireland as soon as parliament rises.
6298. [Before 1688], November 4.

Frank [     ] to Lady Ann Spencer at Windsor, telling her that 'I see greater hopes of your coming very quickly than I have ever done yet for your furniture begins to creep into your room' and the cabinet which [her mother] gave away has been replaced with 'a very fine scriitor'.

6626. [   ]

[     ] to Lady Ann [Spencer], in verse, sending the writer's greetings;
'because that I am near upon going to the ground where princes and beggars and all will be equal well'.

3850. [   ], August 22.

[     ] to David Craufurd, discussing some letters which have gone astray.

4724. [   ], August 8. Hamilton.

[     ] to Mr. David Crauford, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, arranging for the delivery of a box to Anne, duchess of Hamilton and asking for particulars of the French loss.

9848. N.D. [London]

[     ] to Lady Gerard, telling her that the king has come from Newmarket and that Sir Thomas Stringer has died.

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8853. [   ], August 1. London.

[     ] to Lady Gerard, hoping to wait upon her before the writer goes to France.

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8213. [c1680's], February 8. London.

Ca[     ] to the 3rd duke of [Hamilton], sending him a paper about 11a given by the writer to the king and asking for his friendship in this matter.
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2631. N.D.

[ ] Hamilton to the duke of [? Hamilton], reporting a discussion with Bargany.

9687. [c1693?]

A 'wisher for peace' to the 3rd duke of Hamilton, asking pardon for a misunderstanding about the writer's views on the acts for settling the church and rescinding forefaulters.

5101. N.D.

[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking his grace to send some man of sense with two witnesses to try to find out why Glengadne is not liberated.

3502. [ ], May 15. Edinburgh.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that the chancellor has gone to Drummond and that the king is displeased with the writer, and referring to the university of St. Andrews' address to his majesty.

8235. [ ], January 8. Glasgow.

[ ] to [? the 3rd duke of Hamilton], sending him various papers relating to the 'supplying of bishops and ministers' and other matters.

4507. N.D.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a list of the men 'quick or impressed' from the 'Isobel' of Kirkcaldy, the 'Marie' of Kirkcaldy, the 'Marie' of Leith and the 'Eliphant' of Dundee, although they are Scotsmen and as such, under the lord high admiral's protection.

3503. [ ], February 16. Edinburgh.

[As in 3502] to the duke of Hamilton, in London, discussing recent business done in council.
8923. N.D.

[ ] to [? the 3rd duke of Hamilton], stating the case of a man who has been persecuted by both the episcopalian and presbyterian.

3506. [ ], May 15. Edinburgh.

[As in 3503] to the duke of Hamilton, describing his meetings with the chancellor, and speculating about the business to be done in council.

9892. N.D. [London]

[ ] to Madam Harcourt, giving an account of his meeting with 'Mr. J.D.' about some legal and financial business.

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9891. N.D. [London]

[ ] to Madam Harcourt at Sandon, discussing her financial and legal affairs.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9893. N.D. [London]

[ ] to Madam Harcourt, discussing [? Lady Gerard's] legal affairs.

[Gerard Correspondence]

9894. N.D.

[ ] to Madam Harcourt, reporting that he intends to contact 'Mr. J.D.'

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8807. [ ], February 13. Ingatrey.

[ ] to Edward Hungerford, expressing pleasure that he is happy to have the company of the writer's little boy.

[Gerard Correspondence]

3970. N.D.

[Inside 3969] [ ] Friday. Beil.

[One of his brothers] to [ ], complaining of the earl of Arran's accusations that he is lazy in answering the earl's letters.

5959. [ ], Friday. Beil.

[One of the 3rd duke's sons] to his brother [ ], looking forward to their meeting and mentioning that he has written to the chancellor to ask for a meeting of the council so that their friend Bailie might be helped.

9018. [ 17]

A New Year's greeting from T.S. to his sister.

[In French and in English, in the form of a circle]

[With a modern transcription and translation]

5485. N.D.

[ ] to [ ], sending him some pills for the 3rd duke of Hamilton.

5642. [ ], October 22. Edinburgh.

H.D. [ ] to ['my lord'], reporting that several of the 'non jurants' are in prison, and that he has been busy contradicting rumours of his correspondent having offered his services at St. Germain. The writer himself has been negotiating to purchase Northbervie.

8962. [ ], 17.

[ ] to [a lady], asking her to post a certain letter for the writer, and hoping for news of her friends. [In French]
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6503. 1694/5, January 1. Hackney.

Lord John Murray [then aged ten] to his uncle [the earl of Arran], wishing him a happy new year and a new mistress who has already had smallpox so that she may not die of it. He hopes soon for a visit from his uncle, since this will procure him a holiday.

6481. 1694/5, January 2. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that the duchess of Hamilton and Lord Archibald are recovering from their illnesses, and that Lady Mary 'would not rest till I should lead her hand to the enclosed'. [6459]

6459. 1694/5, January 2. Hamilton.

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, thanking him for the playthings he is sending to her, and hoping that he will provide her with a good stepmother.

[Written with her hand guided by David Crawford, and with some scribbles by Lady Mary herself at the end.]

6350. 1694/5, January 2. Hamilton.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], mentioning that although he has spoken to their mother, the duchess of Hamilton, in the earl's favour she will not change her mind about a certain matter [unspecified].


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, commenting on the sad news of the queen's death and referring to rumours that her brother is 'so much taken up with a dutchesse that you can't have time to seek a wife'.


James Maxwell to [? the earl of Arran], asking him to send Lord Nithisdaill's submission to Mr Hamilton after he has signed it.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that if the severe weather improves, the duchess of Hamilton will go to Edinburgh the following week, giving an account of the alterations being done at Hamilton palace, and announcing that her grace has at last persuaded the presbytery to transfer Mr. Finlater from Aberdeen to Hamilton.
3988. 1694/5, January 7.

James Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], announcing that Daniel [Hamilton] has given in his accounts for 1693 and asking his advice about removing an obstacle in the way of some business of the writer's.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter [not found] and mentioning that a fast on account of the queen's death is being held that day.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, explaining that it is impossible to get any quantity of guineas they have been so bought up.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, announcing that the lord justice clerk, Sir John Maxwell of Pollock, and Sir James Ogilvy have been called to Court.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's finances.

4004. 1694/5, January 15. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to John Spens, describing a dispute he has had with David Crawford, asking for assistance in his work, and reporting on the agricultural work done at Kinneill.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], describing their mother's attack of the gout.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the duchess of Hamilton has been prevented by gout from going to Edinburgh, and complaining about an unjust accusation made against the writer.

[Lord John Hamilton] to [his brother the earl of Arran], telling him that their mother [the duchess of Hamilton] will go to Edinburgh as soon as her gout permits; and enclosing a few sentences he has written on behalf of the earl's daughter, Lady Mary, thanking him for his gifts and asking to be given her own mother's toilet things and plate. [Also 6903]

7397. 1694/5, January 17. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], giving an account of how Possil has been arrested on the old charge of having killed a man.

6676. 1694/5, January 17. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, reporting that he gave £223-12-0 to Mr Clelland when the latter demanded payment of his lordship's bill, and asking if Hew Wallace had ever before made an offer for entry to the lands of Lethine, half of which he claims is held by the earl and half by the crown.

4057. 1694/5, January 18. Traquaire.

The earl of Nithdaill to [the earl of Arran], repeating his request that his lordship help him bring 'the affaire in hand' to a close, as he fears that some informality in his submission may have delayed matters.


[The earl of Arran] to his sister [Susan, countess of Dundonald], asking her to pass on to James Hamilton a receipt which the writer had left with her and declaring that he sits 'from morning to neight upon my accompts fretting and vexing'.

9093. 1694/5, January 24. Hamilton.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, remarking that their mother has been prevented from going to Edinburgh by a severe attack of gout.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, urging him to draw a certain bill.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, mentioning that the earl of Southesk's plea will soon come before the [law] lords, but that their mother is prevented from coming to town by the gout.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, asking him to thank the lord justice clerk for his help against William Cochrane, and to do what he can for Lord Seaforth.

[Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil Hamilton]

4072. 1694/5, January 26.

P. Lockhart to [? the earl of Arran], asking him to agree to be one of George [Lockhart's] curators.


George Lockhart of Carnwath to [the earl of Arran], announcing that he has chosen his lordship as one of his curators, and enclosing his nomination. [4054]

4054. [1694/5, January 31] [Edinburgh]

[? Copy] Nomination by George Lockhart of Carnwath of the earl of Arran and others as his curators tam ad lites quam ad negotia.

6501. 1694/5, February 1. Hackney.

Lord John Murray [then aged ten] to his uncle, the earl of Arran, welcoming the prospect of a visit from him and indignantly denying that he had help in writing previous letters.
6848. 1694/5, February 2. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], describing how the sudden thaw caused the flooding of Arran's rooms [in Holyroodhouse] with the result that the water poured down into the earl of Cassilia's lodgings.

6718. 1694/5, February 2. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, explaining that he could not send guineas to his lordship by Lord Archibald, who had already left town. The process against the earl of Southesk is to be heard on the following Friday.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, urging him to draw his bills while Mr Naismith and Mr Crawford are in Edinburgh to count the money, and reporting that Lord Whytlaw, who would have acted in favour of the duchess [of Hamilton] in the process against the earl of Southesk, has fallen ill of the gout and will be unable to attend the hearing.

8442. 1694/5, February 8. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his consultations with his grace's advocates about her pleas with the earl of Southesk.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother [the earl of Arran], wishing that he too were in Edinburgh to join in the happy family gatherings presently taking place, and asking him to secure a remission for Fossil.


David Crawford to the earl of Arran, referring to the process against the earl of Southesk.


The earl of Breadalbane to the earl of Arran, acknowledging the receipt of his challenge but denying the charges made against him in it.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, asking if he should give a certain submission to Lord Nithsdale, and referring to the duchess [of Hamilton]'s dispute with the earl and countess of Southeasek about the second duke of Hamilton's debts.


[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], observing that Southeasek is anxious to settle his difference with [the duchess of Hamilton], and complaining that although he has all the drudgery involved in his position in the mint, he has none of the benefits enjoyed by his predecessors.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess [of Hamilton] intends to do no more in the earl of Southeasek's affair until the summer session as her gout prevents her from coming to town.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, announcing that the [duchess of Hamilton's] case against the earl of Southeasek is to be heard in the session on the following Friday.


James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, asking to be moved to Lord George Hamilton's regiment since he is not to be allowed to remain in his present position.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing a conversation held with her grace's advocates about the earl of Southeasek, and meetings with Lord Belhaven and Sir William Bruce.
7401. [1694/5], February 21. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that Southesk's plea is to be debated on the following day, and that the writer has received £300 from his mother under the terms of his father's will.

7470. [1694/5], February 22. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, wishing that he would marry and settle in Scotland for the sake of the family's interest, and recommending to him Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton. She herself is considering sending her children to school in Glasgow 'which is the place in the world I hate most to live in' but is healthier and has better schools than Edinburgh.

[Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil]


Daniel Hamilton to Robert Rickaby, servitor to the earl of Arran, asking him to inquire about John Spens since the latter has answered none of his letters, and reporting on the progress in fencing and planting at Kinneill.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, describing the rejection of the earl of Southesk's request that since the duchess of Hamilton had engaged all the eminent pleaders, some should be appointed to plead for him, and the hearing on the previous day when the case was continued until June 1.

4060. [1694/5], February 23.

The countess of Forfar to the earl of Arran, asking his help in obtaining a pension which the late queen had promised that the writer's husband should have, and in preventing them from being turned out of their present lodgings.


[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, repeating that guineas are very expensive, but promising to carry out his other orders.
6316. 1694/5, March 1. Portsmouth.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], complaining that because of a shortage of men the progress made on his ship is very slow, and that there is a dispute between the English and Dutch captains over the pressing of men.

6837. [1694/5], March 2.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, telling him that their brother Lord Basil will give him a full account of the earl of Southesk's plea, and that he must excuse the chancellor for not calling on him frequently because of Tweeddale's age.

6799. 1694/5, March 2. Holyrudhouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], agreeing that Southesk's business should be settled as soon as possible, referring to rumours of his brother being about to marry an earl's daughter, and giving some family news.

7373. 1694/5, March 5. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, declaring that their mother's lawsuit against the earl of Southesk is going badly because the earl of Arran has 'given over thoughts of being a Scotchman' and is on such bad terms with the Court. He himself has succeeded in getting back one of the earl's colliers who was taken by a press gang at Bo'ness.

6755. 1694/5, March 5.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, acknowledging his letter and referring to the difficulty of obtaining guineas.

4032. 1694/5, March 6. Broges.

[Lord George Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, mentioning a recent council of war and telling him that never has a man been so wronged as Mr Blathwaite.

3989. 1694/5, March 6.

James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has found out nothing further about the duchess of Hamilton laying claim to the coal and salt at Kinneill, that Lord Basil intends to go there soon, and referring briefly to the earl's interest in New England.
James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lord
Basil has been seeing to his lordship's affairs at Kinneill and
will send him a report of what he has found.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran],
telling him that on his recent visit to Kinneill he found
everything in great disorder, much of the trouble being due to
his grace's failure to send instructions to Daniel Hamilton
[the chamberlain].

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of
Arran, telling him that [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] has
advised her not to take her son to Glasgow where he will be
away from his doctor's care, and asking for his opinion.
[With cover; wrongly attributed to the earl of Ruglen.]

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran,
telling him that the £750 sterling due to the late duke [of
Hamilton] is to be paid to the earl of Selkirk, and that the
signature of the sheriffship of Lanark has been granted to the
duchess [of Hamilton] for her lifetime.

[George, earl of Orkney] to the earl of Arran, sympathising
with him about his sprained foot, and remarking that he has no
news 'everything being very peaceable'.

Lord John Murray to his uncle [the earl of Arran],
remarking that he has asked his father to give the earl an
acre of land, and telling him that when he builds a cottage it
must be 'so big as to lodge us both'.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran],
urging him to marry, and enclosing two papers. [Not included.]
[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, repeating that guineas cannot be bought in Edinburgh at a low price, and that Sir Patrick Home is considering how the duchess [of Hamilton] may provide 11 chalders of victual out of teind of Hamilton for a second minister without encroaching on the tailzie.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess of Hamilton has made Lord Halcraig sheriff depute, and that she means to enclose the park fully on the Jenkin Street side.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], hoping to be one of those turned 'out of the greate ships in to the 3rd and 4th rates', for he would like to share in the capture of prizes. He also hopes to obtain some of the crew of the 'Berwick' and the 'Dover', which have arrived in Portsmouth for a refit.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, discussing the education of her children, regretting that his lordship is not on good terms with the lord chancellor, and giving news of Queensberry's serious illness.

The master of Drumlanrig to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking permission for his mother's body to be exhumed from Holyrood Abbey and taken to his family burying place as his father is now dying and is most anxious that this should be done.

Lady Anne Hamilton to [her mother-in-law and aunt, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her sympathy on the death of the writer's mother Susan, countess of Cassilis.
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[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, acknowledging his letters, and telling him that the chancellor's servants are trying to evict John Hamilton the underkeeper of Holyrood from his lodgings there, and that there is talk of the king appointing a bailie and porter, both of which places depend on the hereditary keeper of the abbey [the duchess of Hamilton].


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, expressing surprise at what he has written to her about the lord chancellor [Tweeddale] 'who formerly had such a personal kindness for you', and announcing the death of the duke of Queensberry.

4005. 1695, March 29. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], giving news of his correspondent's family, explaining the delay in sending certain plaids which his lordship wanted, and intimating that the duchess of Hamilton has suggested that the writer live at Hamilton.

6869. 1695, March 29. Hamilton.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that their mother [the duchess of Hamilton] thinks Arran's coming to Scotland fitter than his going to the baths.

6918. 1695, March 29. Hamilton.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], reporting that he has arranged for James Clark to cut certain stamps as desired, and that there are rumours that the duke of Queensberry is already dead.

6464. 1695, March 29. Hamilton.

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father the earl of Arran, thanking him for the playthings he sent her, begging him to come home soon, and asking him for a coach and six horses, a bible for one of the servants whose own one the writer spoiled, a watch and a handsome page.

[Written out for her by David Crawford, with a page of scribbles by Lady Mary herself.]

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, mentioning the marriage of Mr Harry Maule and preparations for the burial of the duke of Queensberry. She then urges her brother to prevent William Cochrane from becoming sheriff depute [of ],

[Wrongly attributed to the earl of Ruglen]


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lauderdale, Perth and many others are to appear before the parliament on charges of corresponding with France, and giving news of the duke of Queensberry's death.

6492. 1695, April 2. Huntingtower.

[Lady Katherine Murray] to her brother, [the earl of Arran], expressing pleasure that he likes her eldest son Johnny, who has been in England for two years now and whom her husband plans to bring home, as 'he is so fond of him he can want him no longer'. Lord Murray then takes the pen from his wife and sends his greetings.

6318. 1695, April 4. Portsmouth.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], asking him to find another post for Lieutenant Hamilton who has been replaced after a dispute with his captain. Captain Davidson has also been dismissed, after a court martial. The writer has still been given no more men and 'longs extremly to be at sea for I am really in love with my ship'.

6757. 1695, April 4. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, notifying him that Lord Halcraig has appointed James Young bailie in Avendale.

7443. 1695, April 8. Baldon.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, describing how he has been troubled at having to set his lands 'to a pack of poor, suttile, ill natured divills' and not even at the old rent: in conclusion he makes some general observations on the political situation.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing the infeftment of John Drummond and Hew Wallace in the lands of Lethene, and mentioning the appointment of one John Hamilton as porter of the abbey [Holyrood].


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing arrangements to give entry of half of the lands of Lethem to Hew Wallace.

1695, April 15. Glasgow.

James Houstoun to the countess of Dundonald, [sister of the earl of Arran], sending her the claret and canary wine she had asked for.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, warning him of the dangers of becoming co-curator for Carnwath with those so much inferior to his lordship in quality, since he would then be responsible for any failures on their part and might find himself in financial difficulties with his entailed estate.

1695, April 17.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], reporting that he now has on board 130 men, whom he soon hopes to make up to the complement of 226, and is ready to sail at any time to Spithead.

1695, April 18. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that Mr Dunlop and Earl Marshal both complain about having been unable to see his lordship, and urging him to make no more enemies since the family interest is small enough as it is.

1695, April 19. Litchfield Spithead.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, reporting that he is to sail to the Downs as soon as he has embarked the men from the 'Dover', the only reason for the voyage seeming to him to be 'the convoying the king over'.
1695, April 22. Edinburgh.

James Maxwell to [ ], asking him to help the earl of Nithsdaill in his business involving the duchess of Buckleigh and the earl of Dalkeith.

1695, April 23. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, announcing the birth of the writer's daughter Eleanor. Neither he nor Lord John have been invited to Queensberry's funeral.

1695, April 23. Litchfield.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that his voyage to the Downshas been cancelled, so he is awaiting further orders. Captain Benbow has recently returned from France with 8 small prizes.

1695, April 25. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, arranging to send money to him through Mr Watsone, 'who has the greatest trade with the drovers at Norage', and mentioning that Hew Wallace has charged the duchess [of Hamilton] to infeft him in these lands which he claims.

1695, April 25. Edinburgh.

John Callender to [? the earl of Arran], asking him to order payment of the writer's bond and interest.

1695, April 27. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, urging him not to become tutor to Lady Lockhart's son, since the other tutors are 'very ordinary people'. [Lord John Hamilton] then continues agreeing with her remarks.

[Wrongly endorsed as being from the earl of Ruglen]

1695, April 28. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the lords of session are likely to object to the nomination of Lord Hallcraig as sheriff depute, describing the unimpressive burial of the duke of Queensberry, and discussing the purchase of glass.
6943. 1695, April 30. London.

[The earl of Arran] to his sister Susan, countess of Dundonald, asking her to deliver to James Hamilton a paper which the writer had left with her for Hamilton is now to send him bills for £1000.  

[With a small enclosure in his sister's hand to the effect that she has delivered to James Hamilton a receipt for £1000.]

7446. 1695, May 3. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to improve his finances by marrying a good woman of quality. He has himself just authorised Daniel Hamilton to sell some of his lordship's salt to a merchant who offers to take a thousand balls at a rix dollar the boll.  
[With cover]


Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, giving news of the servants' health, planting, the leaking roof at Kinneill and the selling of salt.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, asking him to sign any of his letters which contain orders about money, and mentioning that Lord Murray and Lord John Hamilton have had to quit their lodgings in Holyroodhouse to make room for the commissioner's friends.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, mentioning that the chancellor [Tweeddale] arrived in great state, giving some family news, and urging her brother to marry.  
[With cover]

[Wrongly attributed on the cover to the earl of Ruglen.]


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, arranging for him to draw bills in London, remarking that he has not yet committed his lordship to becoming one of Carnweath's curators, and describing how both Hew Wallace and John Drummond are pressing to be entered in the lands of Lethene.
[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother [the earl of Arran], urging him to marry, discussing his financial affairs, and reporting that Lord Yester has been made lord treasurer.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, protesting that he cannot send his lordship money exchange free, and referring briefly to the business done in parliament that day.

The earl of Forfar to [the earl of Arran], asking his consent 'to a marriage which, if you please, must be consummated this month betwixt your fine stoud horses and my pritty mares.'

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], assuring him that he has asked their mother to give his lordship £1000 in case of his marriage; she refuses to do so, however, saying that she makes as good use of it for his advantage as the earl himself could do. The countess of Dundonald is anxious for someone to accompany her and her son to the baths, and the writer thinks of doing so for the sake of his 'siatrick', though he hears that lack of money will prevent him.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, mentioning that he has sent his lordship a bill for £190, and urging him to dispose of the £2000 sterling in English money which is in his possession.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], declaring that he considers it unnecessary for him and some others to go to Kinneill since he has already been through his brother's accounts there, but asking if the earl wants to sell Stephen's house in Bo'ness, for which he may get £1000 Scots. He is soon to meet with Lady Wemyss and various coalmasters to discuss the unreasonable proposal for laying once cess on coal and salt, and since Kinneil is in the earl's hands he should give the matter his attention.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, announcing that she means to take her son to Moffat and then to the baths, if necessary.

[Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil Hamilton.]


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, describing the financial consequences of the act of council crying down the English clipped money.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, urging his lordship to send for £1000 while the exchange is still equal, explaining that he excused the earl from becoming Carnwath's curator on the grounds that his lordship could do no good in the matter since he was out of the country, and discussing some financial matters.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, announcing that their mother has instructed her to take her son to London and to the baths. Lord Basil may accompany them, although his wife is much against the idea.


The earl of Arran to his sister Susan, countess of Dundonald, describing his financial difficulties, and urging her to lose no time in bringing her son to the baths.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, sending bills for £500 sterling.

7467. 1695, May 27. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, promising to go to Kinneil with Arthur Nasmith. Barnacleuch assures him that the earl will be sent his plaid as soon as possible. He has now decided to go to the baths with the countess of Dundonald, and when he sees his brother in England will do all he can to persuade him to marry.

Margaret Johnston to the earl of Arran, recommending a 'nuremberg plasterer' for 'all wrists and strains'.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, urging him to draw bills at this time of year when, because of the linen markets, the exchange is lowest, and advising him against having specie taken to London by sea.

4029. 1695, June 1. Bridges.

[Lord George Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that the waters at Aix-la-Chapelle have done him a great deal of good, and that several armies are to be under the king's command in Flanders.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing the latter's financial affairs and giving news of a bill given in to parliament at the instance of one Duncan Robertson, seeking a warrant to cite Lord Stair before them.


James Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of the current financial situation in the city, and telling him that the great committee is investigating the process against Lord Stair while another committee looks into the matter of Glencoe.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the earl of Breadalbane has been sent to the castle and the king's advocate ordered to institute a process of treason against him.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, reporting that he has just been to Kinneil where he found everything in disorder and the colliers most impertinent. Breadalbane has just been impeached upon a charge of high treason, and it is thought that others will be attached.

Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting on the levelling of ground, dyking, the prospects of the harvest and the collection of rents.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, reporting that parliament has been debating the poll bill. Breadalbane may have his indictment on Monday, and Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton has been summoned from Ireland.


The earl of Argyll to [? the earl of Arran], remarking that 'I make it my studie to act a moderatte part and if possible to cement the nobilitie', and regretting that his lordship is not in the field with him.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, complaining that Killmaronack refuses to sign a precept giving her £500, and that she has a sad life with her son's tutors. She intends to set out for London on the following Monday.

[Wrongly endorsed as being from the earl of Ruglen]

4035. 1695, June 16. From the Campe at Beslar.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the earl of Arran, apologising for not having seen his lordship before the writer left London, and informing him that the army is now about a league from the French lines.

7375. 1695, June 17. 2 of the clock afternoon. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, declaring that he is very angry at having no letter from his lordship; their sister has already left for London and the baths and he is about to follow her.
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[Lord John Hamilton] to [his brother the earl of Arran],
thanking him for his congratulations on the birth of the
writer's son, giving some family news, and mentioning that an
account of 'the businesse of Glencoe' will be laid before parliament very soon.

[Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil.]

4641. [c. 1695?], June 18.

The earl of Annandale to his aunt [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for the copies of the late duke's picture.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran,
sending a precept for £500, and referring to an alteration in the poll bill.

7376. 1695, June 20. Morpaith.

Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran,
announcing that he hopes to reach Feryhill that day and asking his brother to bespeak for him a perruke of the colour that their father used to wear.

4030. 1695, June 20. from the king's camp att Becklau.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother the earl of Arran,
excusing himself for not having written sooner, telling him that the earl of Selkirk has presented their compliments to 'Monsieur Conté', who will write to his brother 'le roy d'Ecosse', and discussing the position of the English and French armies.

[Partly in French] Also a postscript by the earl of Selkirk.


The earl of Argyll to [? the earl of Arran], sending him a message by Lord Basil [Hamilton], and assuring him that 'all other considerations be laid assyde and that I preach union'.
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[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, announcing that on the following Monday the report of the commission investigating the massacre of Glencoe is to be presented to parliament, and that many people believe the master of Stair will be implicated. On the same day the earl of Breadalbane should be indicted to answer charges in a few days' time. He concludes by mentioning that 'ther is ane act past for erecting ane African company heir to tread to the East and West Indies'.

7377. 1695, June 23. Yorke.

Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, describing his pleasant stay in York where he attended a service 'in the finest church that ever I saw or will see', and was entertained to dinner by one of the Abercorn Hamiltons.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, accepting his lordship's bill for £500, but warning him that guineas cannot be had for less than 26 shillings sterling. Parliament has vindicated the king of any part in causing the massacre of Glencoe but has condemned the incident as 'ane horride murdur'.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, criticising his latest letter to their mother and urging him to marry.

6646. 1695, June 27. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of the progress made in parliament's investigation of the massacre of Glencoe. Parliament has also passed the poll bill and the session has adjourned until November.

6717. 1695, June 29. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of how Dalrymple has been rebuked for publishing certain information.
4028. 1695, July 11 N.S. [from the camp before Namure.]

[Lord George Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, reporting that there are now 84 battalions before Namure, and that the king has been busy positioning the army and making the lines of circumvallation.

6782. 1695, July 2. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, announcing that the earl of Breadalbane has successfully petitioned parliament for a delay of 15 days before the hearing of his case, and that three of the ministers from the north who protested against the committee of the general assembly have been imprisoned. Colonel Hill has been cleared of being an accessory in the massacre of Glencoe.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, promising to buy him guineas at 26 shillings if he can get them, arranging for a receipt to be given to Hay, and mentioning that Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton has been cited to appear before parliament to answer for his behaviour in the matter of Glencoe.

6650. 1695, July 5. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him of Mr William Erskine's offer to take a tack of the coal and saltworks at Kinneil for 19 years, and of rumours that the king has authorised parliament to proceed against the earl of Breadalbane.

4025. [1695], July 8-18. from the Camp before Namure.

'A Copy of Mr Davernaye's Letters to Colonel Robert Murray, Major of the Scotts Guards of foot', reporting on the army's progress.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing how he has been cruising off the coast of Ireland since May.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, announcing that parliament has found 'that the master of Stair is the principall and originall cause of the murdur of the Glencoe men' and that the king should proceed against him and send for trial the other officers who commanded the party of men involved.


Daniel Hamilton to Lord Baal Hamilton, at London, telling him of James Gib's demands for a new tack of his lands at Inneraven and giving an account of the haymaking, levelling of ground and other agricultural affairs at Kinneill.

1695, July 12.

James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that the council have ordered the justice clerk, Sir James Ogilvie and Sir John Maxwell to wait upon the king, and referring to the future publication of some history of the earl's family.


James Hamilton of Pencaitland to the earl of Arran, telling him that parliament in mainly occupied with private affairs.


James Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], discussing a submission sent in by the earl of Nithsdail, an act for allowing episcopal ministers to take the oaths, the earl of Breadalbane's appearance before parliament, and other legal matters.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, announcing that parliament has risen and granting the duchess of Hamilton permission to hold three fairs each year in Arran.

1695, July 29. From the camp at Namur.

[ ] to [the earl of Arran], mentioning that the earl of Selkirk had been wounded slightly, and discussing the position of the army.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], remarking that he is not very surprised at someone having informed the authorities that he had allowed his men to 'plunder a little shugger' [from the prize they took], but declaring that such things are impossible to prevent, and that the vessel was as 'inteirley delivered up as any hes been'.


[John, earl of Ruglen] to his brother [the earl of Arran], discussing the latter's financial transactions and announcing that he has stopped Mr John Buchan's bill which would have been very prejudicial to Barroustounnesse. Mr William Areskin has failed to have passed a bill allowing him a monopoly of poll upon salt.

6635. 1695, July 21. From the Campe befor Namur.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], giving an account of the recent action against the French.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, announcing that he has been directed to cruise between the Lizard and the Isle of Wight by himself, which pleases him very well for prizes are being brought in every day.

4031. 1695, August 1 N.S.  From the trenches before Namure.

[Lord George Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing the progress of the siege of Namure, and longing for an end to the campaign.

6325. 1695, July 23. Litchfield, Plymouth.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to the earl of Arran, announcing that he will sail on the following day, and asking if it true that their brother the earl of Selkirk has been injured.
4062. 1695, July 23. Traquair.

The earl of Nithsdale to [? the earl of Arran], telling him that Lord Dalkeith's lawyer decided, without the writer's knowledge, that another submission be sent in.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], sending him a plan of the tomb chosen by the duchess [for her late husband], and discussing some financial matters.

4033. 1695, August 4 N.S. From the camp before Namur.

July 24 O.S.

[Lord George Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, continuing his description of the siege of Namur [see supra 4031], culminating in the capitulation of the town. Also a postscript, on a separate leaf, announcing that he has been given orders to be ready to march.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess [of Hamilton] has paid almost £40,000 to the earl's brother Lord John Hamilton, who is considering the purchase of Ledingtone [Lethington] in East Lothian from the duchess of Lauderdale. He enclosed a letter from Nithsdale to the earl, and mentions that Annandale and Ross have set out for London.

6636. 1695, July 28. From the Camp before Namur.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], announcing that he has been ill for some time besides having had his head grazed by a bullet.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, advising him to obtain some security of relief from the earl of Nithsdale's friends should he decide to sign the submission, and questioning the earl's assertion that there is a mistake in the writer's latest accounts.
6326. 1695, July 30.  Litchfield off Spithead.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to the earl of Arran, announcing that on the 28 July he took a French privateer of 10 guns, the 'Postilion' of St Malo. It was carrying only a little powder, shot and some provisions, and Lord Archibald was surprised to find the captain 'a very pritty fellow' and with him on board 'so many men of fashion'.


[? Wallange] to the earl of Arran, reporting that despite all efforts his appeals for freedom have been refused and asking for his continued assistance.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, referring to the serious illness of old Lady Belhaven [a natural daughter of the earl's great-grandfather], and sending him an account or money received by his order.

9119. 1695, August 5.  Hamilton.

Lady Mary Hamilton [aged about 5] to her father the earl Arran, telling him 'my last shoes was a great dale too little for me so pray send me some bigar and two hoods for I have none'. She wishes that he would come home 'so pray gett a good mama soon to me'.

[Written with the pen held for her by David Crawford, her grandmother's secretary: with a page of scribbles by herself.]

6662. 1695, August 5.  Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the earl of Arran], asking him to urge his sister, the countess of Dundonald, to delay no longer in taking her son to the baths, but telling him not to send anything for the gardens at this time. [Only the signature in her own hand]

4040. 1695, August 16 N.S.  from the camp att Brain a heure.

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[Lord George Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing his visit to Brussels, and giving news of the French advance.
8314. 1695, August 6. Four Leagues East of the River May.

[Copy] [? De la Garde] to [Colonel Scot], describing his outward voyage to South America.

4051. 1695, August 6 O.S. Namur.

John Wallace to [? the earl of Arran], sending him a plan of the batteries around Namur [not found] and describing the position of the British Army.

4049. 1695, August 7. Edinburgh.

James Cathcart to his cousin [ ], on behalf of the bearer, Louis Maurice Cathcart, who has a letter of recommendation from Count Hamilton to the duchess of Hamilton.

6327. 1695, August 9. Litchfield, Plymouth bound.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], intimating that he is putting into Plymouth with a small French privateer of 4 guns and 35 men which he had taken off the Lizard on the previous day. He desires to continue where he is, and is not enthusiastic about the earl's suggestion that he sail to the Straits.

4026. 1695, August 11. From the camp att Waterloe.

Lord George Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], describing the army's arrival at the present camp, occasioned by the French approaching Brussels.

4034. 1695, [August], 22 N.S. [?] from the camp at Masi.

[Lord George Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the army has marched to Masi because the French are believed to wish to relieve Namur.

6639. 1695, August 13. Hamilton.

[Lady Katherine Murray] to her brother [the earl of Arran], discussing some family affairs and advising him to set in tack his coal and salt works at Kinneil.
James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mr Lamington cannot go to Kinneill for another fifteen days, that the earl of Stair was imprisoned then released, and giving some other minor items of news.

[1695, August 24 N.S. from the camp at Masie.]

[Lord George Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, discussing some family matters, and describing the siege of Namur. [Only the postscript in his own hand, explaining that he enclosed a plan of the town (4037)]

A plan of [Namur], drawn by the earl of Orkney to show the army's advance towards it.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has sent his lordship an account of the last £1000 sterling from Commissioner Elthenstone [6629], and that he hears that guineas are to be cried down in England to 22/-.

On the previous day the new excise of 5d on the pint of ale was rouped at £80800 sterling and taken by the writer's brother, Lord Belhaven.

Edward Callender to the earl of Arran, asking for the payment of the money owed to the writer's brother.

Gift by the tutors testamentary of William, earl of Dundonald to John Tylzeor, lately minister at Paisley, of £600 merks to be uplifted from the vacant stipend. [Signed by W. Cochrane of Killmoranoch, and witnessed by Mr William Cochrane, Mr Andrew Cochrane of Reusten and James Cochrane]
4073. 1695, August 15. Kirkmikel.

W. Cochrane of Killmaronock to the earl of Arran, asking
him to see that Mr John Tailior is paid according to the
enclosed precept. [4055]

4036. 1695, August 28 N.S. [18 C.S.]

from our camp at Masi.

[Lord George Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing
the French advance to Namur.

7831. [1695?], August 20. Tuesday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, sending him
gazettes and telling him that everyone believes that there will
be a battle to raise the siege of the castle of Namur.
[In French]
[With cover]

3986. 1695, August 22. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, mentioning that
Lambingtoun has not yet arrived to settle the dispute with the
coalhewers, and discussing clearing the ground at Kinneill and
hiring a new gardener.

6347. 1695, August 24. Litchfield, Plymouth Sound.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], giving
an account of how he has had to put in to Plymouth after losing
both his ship's topmasts in an unsuccessful pursuit of a
French privateer. He has now been ordered to go to Spithead
to fit out for a voyage to the Mediterranean, and complains
that he has more than two years' pay due to him.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran,
enclosing a letter from Daniel Hamilton [? 3986] who has
delivered to the writer £2,400 Scots and a precept on an
Edinburgh merchant for £2,800. He remarks that the exchange
has risen very high, so that the earl 'may have £100 at
London for £90 heir'.

4039. 1695, September 5. N.S. [August 25 C.S.]

From the camp near Mari.

Lord George Hamilton to the earl of Arran, describing
the capitulation of Namur.

News letter: Rumours say that the relief of Namur is planned. The Spanish army march to besiege Palamos.

4015. 1695, August 26. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], giving instructions for a bed she wants made, the engraving of her late husband's portrait, and the purchase of glass. She also complains about the earl leaving money locked in a room at Holyrood.

[Only the signature in her own hand: the rest written for her by David Crawford]

7791. [c. 1695], August 29. Thursday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran at the Bath, Sumersetshire, telling him that the castle of Namur has been taken.
[In French]

6493. [? 1695], August 31. Edinburgh.

Lord Murray to [his brother-in-law, the earl of Arran], reporting that his wife is now recovering from her miscarriage and thanking him for his kindest to their son.

4038. [1695, c. August]

Postscript to a letter from [the earl of Orkney] to [the earl of Arran], announcing that he has heard that Monsieur Guiscare desires to capitulate.

7830. [1695?], September 1. Thursday.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, sending him gazettes and thanking him for the mutton.
[In French]

4041. 1695, September 14 N.S. from the camp att Hall.

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[The earl of Orkney] to the earl of Arran, promising to send him a large plan of Namur, referring to rumours of his brother's engagement to the earl of Renalagh's daughter, and speculating about the intentions of the French army.

[The earl of Arran to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the making of some furniture for her and the engraving of Kneller's painting of the 3rd duke.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], referring to Admiral Russell's victory and telling him that she has delayed planting the avenue that leads to the Clyde until his return.
[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to [the earl of Arran], discussing his lordship's financial affairs.

7396. 1695, September 13. Hamilton.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], advising him to farm his salt and coal by roup, and giving some family news.
[Wrongly endorsed as being from Lord Basil Hamilton]

6663. 1695, September 13. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, advising him to dismiss some of the servants at Kinneil, especially Anthony and his wife.
[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]


[Madam Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his gift of mutton, and giving the latest news from the continent.
[In French]

6824. 1695, September 17. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing the purchase of guineas, mentioning that an order has come for the release of the earl of Breadalbane, and giving news of the death of old Lady Belhaven.
[David Crawford] to [? Lord Basil Hamilton], asking him to bring home with him a small seal for the duchess.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the duchess asks for a little seal, a clock and some other articles, explaining that the delay in sending the plaids is not his fault, and urging him to return to Scotland.

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, rejoicing at the news of his homecoming and urging him to bring her 'a good mama ... for none but a good mama will please Mama Hamilton' [the earl's mother].

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the earl of Arran], criticising the draft of her late husband's arms which are to be cut with his picture.

[Madame Mazarin] to the earl of Arran, concerning his wine.

James Hamilton of Pencaitland to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's financial affairs.

Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, mentioning James Miller's desire to resign as gardener, discussing the discontent among the coal hewers, and referring to the collection of arrears of rent.
4007. 1695, September 30. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, announcing that the duchess of Hamilton has obtained the services of a good gardener, and passing on instructions from her grace about an engraving to be made depicting her late husband.

4050. 1695, October 2. Edinburgh.

M. Smith to Mr David Crawford, reporting that he is 'prettie forward in the marble chimneys and in sawing of the marble for the monument' [the 3rd duke's tomb].

4045. 1695, October 3. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran, reporting on his financial transactions, that the president of the council looks well, and on the well attended council meeting of that day.

6825. 1695, October 5. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, sending him two bills and discussing his lordship's finances.

4065. 1695, October 8. Edinburgh Castle.

[ ] to [ ], remarking on his own imprisonment and warning his correspondent not to let 'ill preparativs of designing men creep in' to the country's affairs.


[ ] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that Lady Katherine Murray [her daughter] is now pretty well, and announcing his intention of visiting her grace on the following Wednesday.

4022. [1695], October 17. Holyrudhouse.

David Crawford to [the earl of Arran], announcing the safe arrival in Edinburgh of the duchess and the earl's daughter, and telling him that the building being done at Hamilton is going on well.
6348. 1695, October 18. Litchfield in Plymouth Sound.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting that he has put in to Plymouth after spending a month loading for Captain Dilkes and in the course of the cruise chasing and being chased by French privateers. He would be glad if his brother would help him obtain the £111-10 due to him from the salvage of a Dutch ship.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's finances and mentioning that the duchess [of Hamilton] has resolved to move in the process against the earl of Southesk.

4009. 1695, October 22. Holyrudhouse.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that it is reported that he has married Lord Ranelagh's daughter, and that although the new gardener does not write well, 'he draws better and has much more mathematicks as ever H. Wood had'.


Lady E. C[lancarty] to [ ], remarking on the weddings of Lord Montague and of Lord Ross.

8991. 1695, October 29. From the camp of the king, at Bossire near Mari.

Memorandum, giving recent movements of the French army. [In French]

6349. 1695, October 29. Litchfield at Plymouth.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to the earl of Arran, discussing some minor financial business and referring to the accident which has befallen Lady Dundee.

8446. 1695, October 31. London.

[The earl of Arran] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, contradicting rumours that he has been making addresses to the earl of Ranelagh's daughter, and discussing the purchase of furniture and glass, and the engraving of the 3rd duke's picture.
1695, October 31. Holyrudhous.

David Crawford to the earl of Arran, telling him that the earl of Sunderland has spoken to the king on his lordship's behalf.

1695, November 2. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that the session has sat down, and that the duchess [of Hamilton] is very anxious to conclude her process against the earl of Southesk.

1695, November 5. Holyrudhouse.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, discussing the duchess of Hamilton's seal, and telling him that she never intended that it should be cut in London.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess [of Hamilton]'s case against the earl of Southesk has been postponed until after the burial of Southesk's mother.

1695, November 11. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, notifying him that five of his coalhewers have run away, giving news of the horses at Kinneill, and referring to the process by the countess of Rothes and her son against the family of Melville and Leven.


Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, thanking him for a scarf and declaring that since her grandmother [the duchess of Hamilton] has brought her a new gown and everything else she needs, she now wants only his company.

[Written out for her by David Crawford, with a page of scribbles by Lady Mary herself.]

[With cover]

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the officers of the mint will not coin English money and that the duchess [of Hamilton] has ordered him to draw up a submission to Lord Whytlaw in the earl of Southesk’s cause.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess is well pleased with the bargain his lordship has made for the glass, and remits the ordering of her plaid bed entirely to him and Lady Dundonald [her daughter].


Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, announcing that the duchess advised him to pay part of the coal hewers' bounty, so they have gone back to work, reporting on the building of the park walls, the leasing of lands at Barrowstoune, and giving news of other domestic matters.


[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], referring to the ill condition of some of their horses, and giving news of a submission signed between [the duchess of Hamilton] and the earl of Southesk, with Whitelaw and Rankillar as arbitrators.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, condemning her son George’s choice of a wife [Elizabeth Villiers], and urging Arran to use his interest with the earl of Sunderland to procure for Lord Whitelaw the place of president of the session.

[Written out for her by David Crawford, only the signature in her own hand]


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, advising him to send for his English money before the exchange falls any lower. The council is debating how to stop the export of coin, and the process against the earl of Southesk is being heard.
[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], urging him to have the earl of Sunderland support Lord Whitelaw. He repeats his previous suggestion that the earl should roup his coal, and remarks that without the customary bounty the colliers would not have remained in his employ.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that the duchess is much troubled at the marriage of her son, Lord George [to Elizabeth Villiers], and describing how 'your colliers for want of work are all running up and down the country'.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], remarking that their mother is 'extreamlie vexed and angrie' at their brother Lord George's marriage. As for the new president of the session, most people expect Lord Whitlaw to be appointed, so the earl must do all he can for him.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess is 'much mitigatt' about Lord George's marriage, and that she desires a seal to be cut for her.

[Daniel Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, asking for instructions about the payment of duty on twenty-five pictures and some frames, telling him of some domestic appointments made by the duchess, and reporting on the enclosing being done at Kinneill.

Marie Arskine to [ ], thanking him for his kindness to her and her children, and asking how she can persuade the secretary to be better disposed in her business.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran],
warning him that their mother is annoyed at being pressed by
the earl's creditors and by his failure to marry. He himself
urges the earl to do so, and criticises him for his politics.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran,
telling him that he may not have the remaining £2000 which
she gave him until he has settled with his Scottish creditors,
and that she expects an account of the £6000 which she gave him
to pay off his English creditors.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in
her own hand.]


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran],
urging him to have their mother pay off some of the earl's
debts in Scotland before he and the family lose the respect of
their fellow countrymen.

1695, December 17. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran],
urging him to do what he can for Lord Whitlaw, and remarking
that 'the business of our East India act make a great noise ...
here, where we are all very fond of it'.

1695, December 17. Minthouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran,
agreeing that it will be in the family's interest to have
Whitelaw as president, and remarking that since their Lord
George is Lord Portland's brother-in-law 'I cannot see how
anything should be hard for us now'. The writer himself would
not decline a place as an extraordinary lord of session.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran,
remarking that the duchess [of Hamilton] has had a consultation
with her lawyers about the Southesk case. The general assembly
has opened and on the following day the lord advocate,
Queensberry and others leave for London.
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4046. 1695, December 24. Hamilton.

[ ] to Mr David Crawford, secretary to the duchess of Hamilton, describing an old boundary charter which he had seen at Douglas, with reference to a dispute, over boundaries, between the duchess and Blackwood, and reporting that George Mair wished to buy some timber from her grace.

3950. [c. 1695]

The countess of Forfar to [? the earl of Arran], hoping that he will make amends for his opposition to her in another matter by pressing the king for a pension promised to her husband.

1148. [? 1695]

Plan of a fortress [in the Low Countries?].
[Key in French: gives only situation of various batteries of guns - no place names.]

8572. [c. 1695]

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], suggesting that he should return to her the money from his father which she gave him, and she will then allocate to him the £1000 a year which he desires. She adds that she is still of the opinion 'that a Scots wife is by far the preferablest'.

8573. [c. 1695-6]

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], hoping that he does not mean to have a print made of the new buildings [at Hamilton], and discussing other minor matters.

7474. 1695/6, January 7. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to marry. News has come that Stair has demitted, and that Lord Murray is to be secretary.
7492. 1695/6, January 9. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, expressing surprise at rumours that someone other than Lord Murray is to be made secretary, and commenting that Stair's own party are equally amazed that he has demitted. He draws his brother's attention to a book called The Fundamentall Charter of Presbytir by one Dr. Monroe, who makes various impertinent remarks about their family.

6276. 1695/6, January 18. Holyroodhouse.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the earl of Arran, sending the draught of a plan for the front of the north quarter of Hamilton [palace] for his consideration.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.]


Robert Rickaby to Daniel Hamilton, chamberlain at Kinneil, telling him that the earl of Arran has given orders for Jack the groom to be sent by sea to London, and mentioning that Lord George has been made earl of Orkney.

4108. 1695/6, [? January] 22.

William Cunningham to [the earl of Arran], asking him to speak to the secretaries in favour of the writer's son, an advocate, in whose favour Lord Whythill is willing to demit should the necessary commission be forthcoming.

4144. 1695/6, January 23. Holyroodhouse.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, asking him to send the duchess the draughts of Hamilton Palace as soon as possible, telling him that Mr John Buchan has promised the duchess that he will be as easy as possible on the people of Bo'ness, and describing his conversation with Buchan.


[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving a number of reasons as to why his money at Edinburgh should not be used to pay off his creditors there, and promising to send her Sir Christopher Wren's opinion about the drafts for the new buildings at [Hamilton palace].
1695/6, January 28. Holyroodhouse.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, giving orders for the sending down of glass to Hamilton, and explaining that she kept his money in Edinburgh so that his Scottish creditors would be paid.

1695/6, February 4. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that there are plans to address the king about the East India Act.

1695/6, February 11. Holyrudhouse.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the duchess wonders at his delay in sending her the draught of part of Hamilton palace.

1695/6, February 18. Holyroodhouse.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, acknowledging his letter.

1695/6, February 22. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a memorandum concerning the earl of Southesk's case, and asking him to assist Captain Durham of Grainge who wishes to take service in a regiment other than that of Colonel George Hamilton.

1695/6, February 24. Hamilton.

William Wilson to Mr David Crawford, reporting that he has made a list of all the horses in the stable, and warning him that there are few coals in the coal house.

1695/6, February 25. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, remarking that Banks may give very good advice about the building being done at Hamilton. The duchess [of Hamilton] means to subscribe £1000 when the books of the East India Company are opened on the following day, for although it has been suggested that she should give more as an example to other persons of quality, she believes this unnecessary as her sons will also be participating. The writer himself intends to subscribe at least £1000, and has had Mr Paterson with him for two hours on the previous night.

[With cover]
J. Paterson to Mr David Craffoord, complaining about the behaviour of Claud Hamilton, one of the duchess of Hamilton's tenants.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], declaring that the latest post from London 'brought us such strange news, of assassinations, and invasions, that we are all agast here'. The subscriptions to the East India Company are going on very quickly.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, sympathising with him in his imprisonment.

[ ] to [? Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to rumours of an invasion.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that many people have been imprisoned and horses confiscated from those who have not yet taken the oaths. Because of the earl's failure to send instructions, the coal-works at Kinneill are in such a bad condition that they will not keep the salt pans going for another month.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that Lady Largo has been imprisoned in the Tolbooth and that both she and Sir William Sharp have probably been questioned about the earl of Arran. He and his mother both wish that his lordship would marry.
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7475. 1695/6, March 24. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, commenting on the erratic behaviour of their cousins [ ]. He then warns him in confidence of rumours that the duke of Queensberry is trying to buy from the duke of Richmond all his superiorities and heritable offices in Scotland. Subscriptions to the East India Company have now reached over £20,000.

6693. [1695/6], March 24. Holyrudho.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, criticising her daughter, the countess of Dundonald, for staying on in London, and urging the earl to encourage Lord Kennedy's marriage to Lady Margaret Wemyss.

7496. 1696, March 31. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, fearing to write of anything important because of the danger of letters being opened, and warning him that he has enemies in Edinburgh. Since the earl had spoken so much about subscribing to the East India Company, he wishes that he had done so before as it is now too late. [With cover]

7497. 1696, April 7. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, reporting that he has spent the afternoon at the first meeting of the East India Company's committee. Lady Largo has now been released, and he does not think that the present trouble can do his brother much harm.

6694. 1696, April 7. Holyroodhouse.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], urging him to marry, for then the king would allow him to come to Scotland, and to have Lord Kennedy complete his marriage arrangements.

7498. 1696, April 14. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that unless he is to be put to great expense he must lease his coalworks at Kinneil, and suggesting that he set them to Bonhard.
1696, April 14. Holyroodhouse.

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [one of her children, other than Katherine or Basil], criticizing her son the earl of Arran for leaving £2000 sterling unused in Holyrood, and asking her correspondent and all the earl's other brothers and sisters to speak to him.


Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, referring to his accounts and reporting on the work done at Kinneill by the masons, the condition of the horses, and the proposal to give out a tack of the coal works.

1696, April 14 & 16. Holyroodhouse.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her daughter Susan, countess of Dundonald], declaring that if the earl of Arran will give her back the money she gave him she will put him in possession of the yearly £1,000 he so much covets.

1696, April 16. Holyroodhouse.

Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to marry, and telling him of rumours that he is to enter the government. [With cover]

1696, April 21. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, announcing that he has subscribed £1000 sterling [to the East African company] on the earl's behalf, explaining that Annandale had opened a letter of the earl's entirely by mistake, and urging him to go ahead with his marriage.

1696, April 21. Holyroodhouse.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the earl of Arran], rejoicing that he has the opportunity of marrying Lord Gerard's daughter.

1696, April 25. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, welcoming his decision to marry, and enclosing a letter which she has written, at her son's request, to the earl of Sunderland. [With cover]

[The earl of Arran] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he is to be set at liberty in a day or two. As for his marriage, the articles are still being adjusted.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, expressing relief at the news that he is now at liberty and urging him to conclude his marriage [to Lady Gerard's daughter].


David Crawford to the earl of Arran, congratulating him on his 'accession to the share of the government.'

7665. 1696, May 7. Minthouse.

Lady Anne Hamilton to her aunt and mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, remarking that she is better of her severe cold. Her husband Lord John means to return home with the countess of Dundonald the following week.


Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to sign a tack leasing out his coal works.

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6399. 1696, May 21 N.S. Breda.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], suggesting that the conservator [of the staple] could speak for the earl at the peace conference at Ryswick, and giving news of the French plan to besiege Ath. On a separate sheet he reports that Albermarle is very well disposed towards Arran.


[Daniel Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the horses, and discussing the leasing out of the coal works and the selling of salt.
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[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother the earl of Arran], stating that their mother thinks the terms of the earl's marriage reasonable enough on his side although he does not say what he will gain, and discussing the leases of the coal and of the parks.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, asking if their mother should employ one of Hugh Wood's sons as gardener, and mentioning that the foundations of the new house are being laid.


[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother the earl of Arran, on behalf of the bearer Mr Gordon, a merchant of Camphyre.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, reminding him of the expense to which she is being put by the building being done at Hamilton, wondering at his reluctance to have his tailzie registered, and asserting that Kinneil must continue as the family jointure land.


[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, excusing his delay in writing on the grounds that he has had to make arrangements for the burial of Lady Lucie Hamilton, being her nearest relation. The duke of Queensberry's letter to be president of the council and Argyll's commission to have the troop of guards are expected daily.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], reporting that Daniel Hamilton has everything at Kinneil in good order, and urging him to send down the tack leasing the coalworks to Bonhard. The building at Hamilton has had to be more extensive than was envisaged by their father, so that money is very short.
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[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that Annandale has satisfactorily explained why he failed to write to Arran about some unspecified matter.


[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that his own marriage is delayed by lawyers' discussions, expressing relief that his cousin Lord Kennedy is now unlikely to marry a merchant's daughter, and suggesting that the new building [at Hamilton palace] should be less extensive than originally intended.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, passing on the countess of Dundonald's queries about her son's governor, urging his lordship to sign the tack of the Low Park, and wishing that he would marry.

4150. 1696, June 20. [? Noukston]

The earl of Stair to [? the earl of Arran], recommending to his favour Captain McCulloch of the regiment of Innerlochy.


Charles, earl of Selkirk, to his brother [the earl of Arran], saying that he has delayed writing as he has been waiting for news of the earl's marriage, reporting that the troops are all in good condition, and giving the numbers of the French and English armies.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], criticising his recent letter, fearing that his present marriage negotiations will turn out as his previous ones have done, and complaining that she herself is in financial difficulties.

9011. 1696, June 25. At the Camp of Corbeoy.

Prince Thomas of Savoy to [the earl of Arran], assuring him of his friendship and, if he is now married, congratulating him and sending his best wishes to the bride.

[In French]

[Copy] William Paterson to William Hack, telling him he has ordered Mr Smyth to pay him his £50 expenses for books.

7528. 1696, July 8. Baldone.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, discussing the lease of the coal and the parks.


James Stewart to [the duchess of Hamilton], on behalf of his friends in the parish of Carmethan, discussing what should happen to the lands on the expiring of the tacks set by the bishops.

6865. 1696, July 23. Minthouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that Lord Annandale has left for London after acting in [the duchess of Hamilton's] interest with regard to the gift of the teinds of Cambusnethan. [With cover.]

6467. 1696, August 6. Hamilton.

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, remarking that 'tho I doe not care for a stepmother; yet for the honor of your good company I wish I had one'. The new house goes on well, and she concludes by asking for a fine hood.

[Written out for her by David Crawford, with a page of her own scribbles and the explanation 'all these are kisses'.]

6275. 1696, August 7. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the earl of Arran, urging him to complete his marriage negotiations.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand] [With cover]
4128. 1696, August 7. Edinburgh.

Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting on the building done at Kinneill, referring to the general famine caused by the scarcity of victual, and mentioning the catching of 'a littell whale' and its mate.

4127. 1696, August 8. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to [? the earl of Arran], enclosing a letter from Daniel Hamilton [4128], and discussing some legal and financial business.


Lord Murray to [his brother-in-law, the earl of Arran], reporting that parliament has been adjourned until September 8.

9765. 1696, August 15. London.

The earl of Arran to Daniel Hamilton, his chamberlain at Kinneil, ordering him to take £500 sterling of the Kinneil rents to James Hamilton, who is to buy with it guineas for the earl's use.

4105. 1696, August 15. [? Lovendigher] Camp.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [the earl of Arran], remarking that he expects the army will do nothing more that year as all the action will be in Germany, and referring to the scarcity of money in the army.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, promising to buy what guineas he can and discussing the entry of John Drummond and Hew Wallace into their lands. He will send his lordship a list of all the rents of Burroustounes.

6830. 1696, August 27. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, announcing that Daniel Hamilton has delivered the £500 asked for by his lordship, and that the writer has bought 100 guineas at 23 shillings each.
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4148. 1696, August 30. Altrop.

The earl of Sunderland to the earl of Arran, asking him to pass on the enclosed letter to Mr Penn.

4143. 1696, September 2. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, announcing that Lord Tullibardine has managed parliament's business very well, and that the duke of Queensberry's party have quite lost their design, as the other party are entirely masters.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him of rumours that warrants have come for the arrest of spies, and that Sir William Steuart of Castlemilk has been chosen as commissioner for Lanarkshire on the duchess [of Hamilton]'s recommendation.


[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, mentioning that he has been at Kinneil where Daniel Hamilton [the chamberlain] is having houses built. The earl of Tullibardine's regiment has been quarter at Barrowstoness, but thanks to his care, has behaved very well.

7529. 1696, September 7. Baldane.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, regretting the difference between the earl and their brother-in-law Lord Murray, which must surely have proceeded from a misunderstanding, and criticising the delay in his marriage.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, urging him to marry as soon as possible.

[With cover]


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of the opening of parliament.

Frances, countess of Seafort to [the earl of Arran], asking him to deliver a letter to the earl of Sunderland and to write to the latter on her behalf, her husband having surrendered at Inverness.


Susan, countess of Dundonald to her brother the earl of Arran, telling him that his little daughter 'dayly grows handsomer and more beautyfull and for witt is her mother's apprehension in younger years'. She concludes by wishing that he were married.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of how parliament has voted the king supply.


Margaret Hamilton to Daniel Craufurd, asking him to help her acquire the pension promised to her.

1696, September 15. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of that day's proceedings in parliament, when the committee of supply reported and when the African Company gave in an act for the monopoly of a new fashion of making salt.

1696, September 17. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, sending him a copy of the African Company's act for a monopoly of salt [not found] which is now before the committee of trade and is opposed by Lords Elcho, Sinclair and others. Daniel Hamilton has drawn up plans for an imposition on some burghs to be used for building a bridge over the Aven, and parliament has voted the king a subsidy for two years.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother, [the earl of Arran], announcing the birth of the writer's son and explaining how parliament will grant the king £120,000 sterling yearly for two years. 'The commissioner has found the friends of our family very usefull to him', and it is hoped that Whitelaw may become lord president.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, describing his meeting with 'all the considerable salt maisters', their advocates and Sir Patrick Home, all of whom agree that the African Company's act is most unreasonable and cannot be passed. That day parliament passed the act for the land cess and their answer to the king's letter.

6741. 1696, September 21. Holyrudhous.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], explaining that the illness of her daughter Katherine [the countess of Tullibardine] has hindered her from writing, and urging him to marry.

4156. 1696, September 22. Hamilton.

J. Smith to Mr David Crauford, asking him to deliver a letter to the writer's cousin, and telling him that the wrights are very busy with his correspondent's new house.

4125. 1696, September 22. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], describing how the salt masters and the African Company had been heard on the act proposed for the new fashion of making salt.

5244. 1696, September 23.

[Copy] 'Sir John Fenwick's Information'.
[Enclosed with 5243]


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, reporting that the African Company's salt act has been passed by the committee of trade but with amendments.
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[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, sending him copies of the African Company's salt act and the printed objections to it, together with a petition from the town of Borroustoues about the intended bridge and the acts passed in parliament on the previous day.

6868. 1696, September 26. Minthouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to [his brother the earl of Arran], urging him to oppose the African Company's plans for the salt industry and giving some family news.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the African Company's salt act has been read in parliament and that the act for a bridge [over the Aven] is before the committee of trade. Parliament has also been debating other acts, one of which would continue it after the king's death.

7479. 1696, September 30. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, reporting that in parliament that day Melville was given permission to choose some more commissioners for Fife despite Lady Rothes's claims. The African Company has some plans for salt which would seem to be prejudicial to the salt masters. In conclusion he mentions the birth of his own son Basil on September 10.


[Susan, countess of Dunoonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, protesting that she always does what she can to promote his interests, telling him that Queensberry did not have time to visit his lordship before the former left [London], and wishing that he himself would return to Scotland.

[Wrongly attributed to the earl of Ruglen]
6912. 1696, October 1. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of the debate in parliament about its continuation after the king's death. Linlithgow has opposed the plans for a bridge at Avenmouth, but the proposals are to go before parliament.

6847. 1696, October 1. Minthouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, declaring that he has done all he can 'to oppose the project of the new fashion salt'. The committee of trade has agreed that a general contribution from the whole kingdom should be made for building his lordship's bridge, and a toll exacted from every vehicle to maintain it. Parliament has passed an act of settlement and is debating an act concerning the copper coinage.

[With cover]

6874. 1694, October 2. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's financial affair.

6913. 1696, October 3. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, declaring that in his opinion the duchess of Hamilton will be 'a good instrument against the passing of the salt act', and telling him that Daniel Hamilton has written that the customs at the proposed Aven bridge will be of no use unless higher.

6841. 1696, October 3. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, remarking that he does not much care for the present act of settlement. He then urges his brother to marry, for 'all the arguments you can say against it [are] of no weight'.

[Wrongly attributed to the earl of Ruglen]

6743. 1696, October 3. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, stating that she and his daughter have arrived safely back at Hamilton.

[With cover]

V. Kincardin to [the duchess of Hamilton], sending 'a draught of the act for having retrospect taken away, with the reasons wherefore it should'.

4139. 1696, October 5. Edinburgh.

William Paterson to the earl of Arran, justifying the act of parliament proposed by the [African] Company for the making of salt.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, reporting that parliament has approved the building of a bridge at Avenmouth despite Linlithgow's objections, and giving an account of the other business done that day.

7530. 1696, October 7. Thursday night near 12 at night. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], hoping that he will now marry and settle down in Scotland, and regretting that the salt act is likely to be passed by the Scottish parliament.


[James Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], denying any knowledge of a petition given by Daniel Hamilton to Mr Crawford, sending him minutes of parliament, and describing recent parliamentary business.


Frances, countess of Seafort, to [the earl of Arran], asking him to speak to the earl of Sunderland on behalf of her husband.

7531. 1696, October 13. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that parliament has now adjourned after passing the African Company's act for making salt.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], criticising the African Company for interfering with the salt masters, and giving an account of the debate in parliament on the copper act. He asks for his brother's assistance in acquiring a certain place.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother, the earl of Arran, in support of Sir Thomas Livingstone, the bearer, who says 'how much he has been condemned by all of us without any grounds'.

7478. 1696, October 15. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to marry soon, and explaining that he is about to leave town because of his wife's illness.

6915. 1696, October 15. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lord Basil's wife is extremely ill, and that the countess of Tullibardine is also unwell.

6776. 1694, October 20. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, asking for instructions about sending him money, and telling him that Robert Park, town clerk of Glasgow, has been murdered by Major Meinzie.

6376. [1696], October 22. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother the earl of Arran, referring to the illness of their sister, Lady Tullibardine, asking him to use his influence on behalf of Lord Whitlaw, and seeking his advice about some proposals [of marriage] made to her.

[With cover]
4116. 1696, October 22. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess of Hamilton has been detained in town by the news of Lady Tullibardine's serious illness.

6742. 1696, September 22. [? in mistake for October] Holyrudhouse.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, enclosing her previous letter [6741] and telling him that Lady Katherine is worse and means to return from Belford to Edinburgh [instead of going on to London].

6377. [1696], October 24. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, telling him of her concern for their sister Lady Tullibardine, who lies ill of a fever at Belford, and urging him to persuade Lord Tullibardine to support Whitlaw.

7771. 1696, October 26. Hamilton.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran] urging him to put in his claim for Châtelherault now that the privy council is to draw up a list of 'any pretensions or franchises the Scots had in France'.


Frances, countess of Seafort to [the earl of Arran], asking his help in procuring her husband's release.

8570. 1696, October 29. London.

[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne], duchess of Hamilton, hope that his marriage will soon be arranged and telling her that his future bride's relations insist that the duchess be a party to the articles.

6878. 1694, November 1. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the earl of Arran, discussing his lordship's financial affairs, and thanking him for his efforts on behalf of the writer.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that there are fears for the life of their sister, [Lady Tullibardine], and that their mother [the duchess of Hamilton] has come to be with her as well as the writer.

4117. 1696, November 7. Castle Kennedy.

[ ] to [the earl of Arran], mentioning that he is at Castle Kennedy to arrange his son's marriage, and praising Hamilton, which he recently visited.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to [the earl of Arran], giving news of their sister [Lady Tullibardine], who is still alarmingly ill, referring in guarded terms to the matter [? of her own marriage], and wishing that her brother would marry.


'The Case of The Countess of Tullibardine', being a description of her illness.

[Enclosed in 6379]

6282. 1696, November 17. Minthouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him of Lord Whitelaw's opinion that 'your friend and our patron my Lord Sunderland by your desire is able to doe more than many other folks you know'. He criticises his brother-in-law, Lord Tullibardine, for taking from Alexander Gibson the principal copper act.

4124. 1696, November 17. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton to [the earl of Arran], referring to his own hopes of obtaining a certain position.
4114. 1696, November 17. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, referring to the price of guineas and giving news of Lady Tullibardine.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, evincing alarm at the news of her son being in danger of losing the use of his fingers and thumb, as no one had told her that there was any cause for worry. Their sister, Lady Tullibardine, is recovering slowly from her illness.

6735. [1696], November 20. [Belford]

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for sending on some [medicine] from the doctor, but announcing that the writer's wife, though 'extream weak', is much better than she was.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, describing how upset she is at being suddenly informed of her son's serious condition when she had been allowed to believe that he was rapidly being cured.

6283. 1696, November 24. Minthouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the earl's daughter [Lady Mary] is ill of a fever, and wishing that the duchess of Hamilton were in Edinburgh.


[? William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], explaining that he has been out of town for some days, and declaring his loyalty to his lordship.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], informing him of Lady Mary's illness.
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4153. 1696, November 25. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, explaining that he can only supply him with £400 sterling because of the general scarcity of money, giving news of the planting at Kinneill, the leasing of the coal works at Birchtoun Craigies, and the likely total of the minister at Bo'ness's stipend.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, complaining bitterly the failure of her brothers and of her son's governor to send her news of the child.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of Lady Mary's illness.

9096. 1696, November 27. Belford.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to her brother [the earl of Arran], urging him to find a place in London for her son to stay, to look after the boy's health and watch his diet. Their sister Lady Katherine continues to recover pretty well.


Hew Wood to David Craufurd, discussing the levelling of the ground near the latter's house, and asking permission to graze his 'little pownie' in the great park.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of Lady Mary's illness, and reporting that the countess of Rothes has lost her case against the earl of Melville.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, referring to the illnesses of her own son, of the earl's daughter and of their sister Lady Tullibardine.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], granting him permission to go on with his match with Mrs Crue, but fearing that he really has no intention of marrying. [In reply to 8474, despite dating]

7108. 1696, December 3. London.

[Copy, in his own hand] The earl of Arran to the countess of Rothes, thanking her for her kindness towards his daughter during the latter's illness.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, complaining of the loneliness of Baldone, and remarking that he has been granted a licence to import 120 young cows from Ireland.


David Crawford to [the earl of Arran], telling him that Lady Mary is recovering from her illness, and emphasising his loyalty to the earl and his family.


Frances, countess of Seaforth, to [the earl of Arran], begging him to remember her request [that he try to obtain her husband's release].


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, giving him news of his daughter's recovery, and expressing her satisfaction with her own son's condition.
[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that Lady Mary is recovering from her fever, giving other family news, and referring to the recent extraordinary storm of frost and snow.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, describing how she and her companions have been forced to stay on at Belford because of deep snow, and expressing her confidence in Mr Behan's treatment of her son.

Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that work in the gardens has stopped because of the bad weather, and that he has written to Holland for clover seed to sow on the kail yards at Nether Kinneill.

Francis, countess of Seafort to [the earl of Arran], asking him to speak to Lord Tullibardine on her husband's behalf.

David Crawford to [the earl of Arran], referring to the position which he hopes to obtain [as keeper of the registers of horning].

[Lord John Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lady Mary is now very well again after her fever, and mentioning the general alarm at rumours of a French invasion. [With cover]

[? William Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], giving news of his lordship's daughter, Lady Mary.
6285. 1696, December 17. Minthouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], asking him to speak to the secretaries on the writer's behalf, for Queensberry's brother and the chancellor are now both seeking earldoms as well.


The countess of Rothes to [? the earl of Arran], making light of her kindness to Lady Mary, and reporting that she is now pretty well.


Lady Mary Hamilton to her aunt, the countess of Dundonald, repeating rumours that Mrs Montgomerie [the duchess of Hamilton's housekeeper] is to marry an English squire and that Mrs Mason will marry 'your landlord'. [Written for her by David Crawford]


Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, remarking that she has recovered well from her fever, and asking him for a waistcoat and a writing box. [Written out for her by David Crawford] [With cover]


[? William Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, asking him to persuade the earl of Selkirk to grant to the writer's son, Archibald, the position of one of the clerks of session about to come vacant on the expected death of George Gibson.


David Crawford to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter from Lady Mary and one from Cunningham of Air [4108].


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, rejoicing at the good news of her son's recovery, and arranging to have money put at his disposal. She encloses a letter she has received from the earl's daughter [6387]. [With cover]
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6744. 1696, December 31.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Selkirk [in error for the earl of Arran?], telling him that she and her daughters have arrived safely back at Edinburgh, where they were reunited with Lady Mary [the earl of Arran's daughter].


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], referring to his hopes of gaining a position [as keeper of the registers of horning].

6286. 1696, December 31. Abbey.

[Lord John Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], thanking him for his endeavours on the writer's behalf, and referring to various minor items of news.

4120. [c. 1696]

The earl of Seafort to [the earl of Arran], thanking him for his attempts to obtain the writer's liberty.

5243. [c. 1696]

Copies of letters from 'L.M.F.' [? Lady Mary Fenwick] to 'G.A.Y.', with the latter's answer, concerning how the latter can save himself [in connection with Sir John Fenwick's plot].

5430. [1696]

[? Copy] [Sir John Fenwick] to [ ], declaring that only the influence of his friends, who include Lord Arran, can now save his life, and asking that a servant and his nightgown be sent to him when he is brought to London.

8571. [c. 1696]

[Draft, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran], rejoicing that he has the prospect of marrying Lord Gerard's daughter, and assuring him that more than £6000 a year is settled on him.

7312. [c. 1696]

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, thanking him for the gown he has sent her. [Written out for her]
[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that his marriage plans are delayed by the general scarcity of money, and hoping that Wishaw will come south to draw up the articles.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that Mr Crightoun has been chosen as moderator of the general assembly, giving news of the building and livestock at Hamilton, and referring to his own disappointment at failing to obtain a position as keeper of the registers of horning.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, giving news of her arrival in Edinburgh and of the marriages of the sons of Lord Carmitchell and Lord Belhaven. The whole country is in a sad condition because of the scarcity of corn and money.

The earl of Morton to the earl of Arran, asking him to recommend the writer to Lord Whytelaw so that he get fair dealings in his case before the session concerning some difference with Sir William Bruce.

Robert Darloe and Hew Wood to David Craufurd, reporting on the pruning and levelling being done in the palace gardens.

[The countess of Tullibardine] to her brother, the earl of Arran, thanking him for his kind concern during her recent illness.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him of the good health of various of his lordship's relatives, and of how surprised everyone is that Lord Whitelaw's commission has not yet arrived.

7916. 1696/7, January 7. London.

[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that there have been so many delays in his plans to marry Elizabeth Gerard that he is almost ready to give up the whole idea. He is now busy looking into the family's claims in New England and would be glad if his mother would look in the charter chest at Hamilton for any relevant material.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, referring to the general scarcity of money and urging him to conclude his arrangements to marry.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, reporting that Aikenhead has been hanged for atheism, and referring to his own recent failure to obtain a post of secretary.

4134. 1696/7, January 11. Hamilton.

Hew Wood to David Craufurd, reporting on the levelling and planting being done in the gardens.

6767. 1696/7, January 13. Holyrudhous.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, criticising his recommendation of an [unnamed] man for a place which is in any case not yet vacant, and telling him that if he is determined to have her sign his marriage articles he must send them soon.


Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, rejoicing that there is news of him marrying, and thanking him for the waistcoat he sent her 'which tho it be too big yet I like it very well'. [Written with her hand held by David Crawford, her grandmother's secretary].

[? The earl of Arran] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, advising her to have the earl of Selkirk speak to the king about her grace's claim to Chastelherault, and to ask the earl of Sunderland to help with her interest in New England.

6768. 1696/7, January 20. Holyrudhous.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], telling him that she has written to his brother the earl of Selkirk as he wished, but has not sent a letter to the earl of Sunderland with whom she has no interest. She has sent her son a copy of the patent for the earldom of Cambridge, but urges him rather to take in England the title of Hamilton.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, referring to some matter about which they disagree, and mentioning that she has introduced Wishaw to [the duchess of Hamilton].

6287. 1696/7, January 20. Holyrudhouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], mentioning council's letter to the king complaining of an English man of war having taken a Scottish wine ship from a harbour in Orkney. The delay in sending down Whitelaw's commission is also regrettable. The writer hopes that his patent will soon go through, and urges his brother to have the claims to Châteelherault inserted among the instructions to be given to the English plenipotentaries.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, referring to his own failure to obtain a certain position, and to the competition for the place of clerk of session, since Mr. Gibson is dying.

6769. 1696/7, January 30. Holyrudhouse.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, giving some family news and telling him that at her behest Lord Teviot countermanded the order for some soldiers to be quartered at Borrowstounness.

[Written out for her by David Crawford, only the signature in her own hand].
4202. 1696/7, January 30. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, giving news of the health of various members of his lordship's family.


George Baillie to David Crawford, keeper of the signet, inviting him to attend the funeral of the writer's mother, Rachel Johnston, Lady Jarviswood.

[Only the signature in his own hand].

6471. 1697, February 2. Berwick, Spithead.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], announcing that he has orders to sail to Bilboa, but that his voyage is delayed by the scarcity of provisions. He has now received just over £300 from the prize office, and expects no more.

6418. 1696/7, February 2. Edinburgh.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, on behalf of Lord Belhaven. She also mentions the general hopes of an abatement in the excise in this 'sever yeare'. [With cover].


[Lord John Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], stating that 'the council has appointed me to be on that committie for considering the Scots pretensions and privileges in France so I shall be sure your businesse of Chasteuherauld be not forgot'. He encloses a list of the committee members [6289], with various prints and papers. [Not found].

6289. [1696/7, February 4].

List of the members of the committee 'for propossalls to the generall treaty of peace' with France.

7559. 1696/7, February 9. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, announcing his safe arrival in town after a journey through a great snowstorm.
6290. 1696/7, February 9. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that his lordship's claims to Châtelherault have been included in the report of the committee for peace with France. [See supra 6288].

7560. 1696/7, February 11. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, on behalf of Sir Godfrey McCulloch, a near relation of the writer's wife, and asking to be allowed to send three horses to Kinneil for hay as he cannot send them home because of the storm.


J. Bannantyne to the earl of Arran, asking him to recommend Mr. John Steuart, who is married to the writer's niece, for the vacant post as one of the clerks of session.

6461. 1696/7, February 13. Holyroodhouse.

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran; describing the kindness of her uncle the earl of Orkney, who has given her 'a fine pocket glass, a fine knife, spoon and fork and a very fine fan'. She then thanks him for the playthings he sent her 'which tho they were not very good, yet seeing they came from your sweet hands I am mighty well pleased'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford].


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to [the earl of Arran], declaring that if they mean to change their way of life [by marrying], now is the time to do it. She then inquires about her son's financial affairs.

9034. 1696/7, February 15. Minthouse.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, advising him to have recoined the money he left at Holyrood, and promising that 'I shall be sure you shall loose as little that way as if it were my own'.
Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother the earl of Arran],
telling him that their mother wishes the family claims to
Châteherault to be included in the council's report on the
privileges of Scotsmen in France, but finds that the earl has all
the relevant papers. His lordship must also consider whether or
not he will buy the lands in Arran offered to the family by Lady
Margaret Montgomerie.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, giving a report of
the building work done at Hamilton palace, with some other
minor domestic news.

[ ] Mornay to [ ], giving a short
description of the people of the Amazon, having recently visited
'that opulent country'.

[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran,
telling him that in the privy council debate over Scottish
privileges in France the whole discussion was delayed and
opposed by the duke of Q[ueensberry], the earls of Melville and
Leven, Raith and Philiphaugh 'for no other reason than that of
the family of Hamilton's pretensions' to Châteherault.
Nevertheless the Hamilton claims are to be included when the
secretaries put the matter to the king. [With cover].

Charles Hay, master of Yester to [the earl of Arran],
hoping that the writer's proposal of marriage to Susan, countess
of Dundonald, will be supported by her brother the earl.

Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, giving news of the
horses, the building of walls at Kinneill, of other domestic
matters, and listing the names of the tacksmen of the customs.
The earl of Stair to the earl of Arran, wishing that the latter would marry and asking his favour for the master of Cathcart, who hopes to procure a pension from the king.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, wishing that he would marry. Queensberry and Morton set out for London on the following day, and Argyll will quickly follow if he can get leave. Sir Godfrey MacCulloch has given in his petition for a reprieve, but the writer fears that this may not be forthcoming since Sir Godfrey is 'branded with being an Episcopall and Jacobite'.

Viscount Torbat to [the earl of Arran], asking him to help the widow and children of Colonel Murdo McKenzie.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to [the earl of Arran], hoping to obtain a good governor for her son since Mr. Jourgniac is leaving him. Lady Seaforth is much afflicted with her son's illness and husband's imprisonment.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother, the earl of Arran, hoping that the latter will manage to persuade the English plenipotentiaries to put forward the Hamilton claims to Châteletberault. The duchess of Hamilton is willing to write to Sir Joseph Williamson if it will help matters. As for the earl's delayed marriage, 'all the obstacles are not worth the want of a sone'.

David Crawford to the earl of Arran, mentioning that Sir Godfrey McCulloch is to be executed on the following Friday, and telling him that the duchess of Hamilton wishes the prints of her late husband's picture may be on good, large paper.

George, earl of Orkney to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the king has asked after her health, and hoping that his own visits to Bath or Aix will do the writer good.

6460. 1696/7, March 5. Holyrudhouse.

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, observing that Lady Tullibardine is her favourite aunt and the earl of Orkney the uncle she likes best.

[Written for her by David Crawford.]

7562. 1696/7, March 6. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, asking him to help the bearer gain a remission for Sir Godfrey MacCulloch, who has been sentenced to death for murdering a cousin of Mr. Wylie [the minister at Hamilton]. [With cover.]


[Lord John Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, expressing his surprise at the delay in Whitelaw's business and his disappointment that his own [patent] has not yet gone through despite the earl of Sunderland's help. As to Arran's money in Holyrood, it must be recoined 'whatever the loss 'for no English unmilled money passes here but by weight'.

7563. 1696/7, March 9. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, wishing that he would marry, and telling him that Sir Godfrey McCulloch was reprieved the night before he was due to be executed.


Frances, countess of Seafort to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his kindness, especially in helping procure her lord his liberty.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to the earl of Arran, asking him to help Mr. George Hay whose cargo of wine for Scotland was taken by Captain Cross of the 'Dover' and sold at Lisbon, and to assist the writer in his business with the prize office.

6421. 1696/7, March 13. Holyroodhouse.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, mentioning that she has seen 'my L D' [Lord Drummond?] several times, and observing that someone else 'is not the first man that has very violent opinions when in preson'.


Daniel Hamilton to William Hamilton of Wishaw, reporting on the building of the park walls.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to do what he can for Sir Godfrey McCulloch. The countess of Dundonald's [marriage] negotiations with the master of Yester have come to an end for the time being.

6422. [1696/7], March 18. Holyroodhouse.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to [the earl of Arran], describing the master of Yester as 'very deserving' but declaring that the terms of a marriage settlement which Tweeddale would give are 'so very meen that I belive there will be littell more of that affair'. [Torn].


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Lady Mary is pretty well again.

7565. 1696/7, March 23. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Selkirk], thanking him for his efforts on behalf of Sir Godfrey McCulloch criticising the earl of Tullibardine for doing so little to help, and discussing similar cases.
7566. 1697, March 27. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Selkirk], enclosing a printed copy of the last speech of Sir Godfrey McCulloch [also numbered 7566] who died very well and had nearly 30 gentlemen mourners on the scaffold with him.

7567. 1697, March 27. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, regretting the death of Sir Godfrey McCulloch. The master of Yester still lays close siege to the countess of Dundonald although the propositions made by his friends were unacceptable, and Lord Drummond has said no more about wanting to marry the countess since he came out of the castle.

7568. 1697, March 30. Holyroodhouse.

Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran remarking that neither their mother nor anyone else approves of the master of Yester's desire to marry the countess of Dundonald, who refuses to commit herself and would be far better to marry Lord Mountgomery. [With cover].


Daniel Hamilton to William Hamilton of Wishaw, discussing the layout of the grounds at Kinneill, the upkeep of the buildings, and the urgent need for clover seed.


[Lord John Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, asking for instructions about the money the earl left at Holyrood, and criticising Lady Dundonald's proposed marriage.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], reporting that his money has been deposited in the mint house, apart from the £500 given in for him to the African Company, and advising him to 'cause coyne the same in milned money'.
1697, April 1. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to William Hamilton of Wishaw, enclosing some papers, one of which refers to William Wilson's desire for the post of keeper of the register of seisins of Stirling.

1697, April 2. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], announcing that the duchess has ordered the conservator of the Scots privileges to wait on his lordship in case he may be 'any ways serviceable to you in the affair of C - ault' [Châteherault] during his mission with the plenipotentiaries to the treaty of peace.

1697, April 3. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], wishing that he would marry and settle at Kinneil, which the writer has just visited and found in good order. He explains why a wall there has had to be built at a sharp angle and remarks that a very good coal has been found at the heughs there.

1697, April 3. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him of Arthur Naismith's letter complaining that for the past half year he has not got one penny from the chamberlain, and that James Smith was forced to come to Edinburgh to get money to pay the workmen.

1697, April 6. Holyroodhouse.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, explaining that her illness has delayed her departure from Edinburgh, urging him to sell [his father's?] George, and condemning his slowness in completing his marriage arrangements.

[Written out for her by ? Lord Basil; only the signature in her own hand]. [With cover]
7570. 1697, April 8. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], discussing various minor matters.

6424. 1697, April 10. Holyroodhouse.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, saying that the matter of her marriage to the master of Yester has gone no further, and giving him news of his family's health.

4194. 1697, April 10. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess of Hamilton is recovering from her attack of gout. [With some pencil notes on the reverse side]

8457. 1697, April 15. London.

The earl of Arran to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining why he had broken up the horse George and used its diamonds to put with some of his own to be a jewel for 'Mrs Gereard' [Lady Elizabeth Gerrard, his future wife], and hoping that his marriage articles will soon be completed.

4193. 1697, April 15. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, declaring that if any of the money in bags with his seal is short, it is no fault of his as they were opened and the contents counted without his knowledge, at Lord John Hamilton's command.

7697. 1697, April 17. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], regretting the misunderstanding between the earl and their brother-in-law the marquis of Tullibardine and the earl's dissatisfaction with his marriage plans.
4165. [1697], April 17.

Charles Hay, master of Yester, to the earl of Arran, telling him that he has postponed any marriage contract with Lady Dundonald, but assuring him that should such a contract ever be made, he will consider the interests of both families.

6292. 1697, April 20. Minthouse.

The earl of Ruglen [formerly Lord John Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of the latter's money which he had left at Holyrood, and 'which is all so clipt as it must be recoined'. The marriage of their sister, the countess of Dundonald, seems further off than ever.

4218. [1697], April 21 and April 28. Pasley.

Copies of two letters from the earl of Dundonald to the earl of Rosse concerning his promise to sell the latter a farm. [See 4217]

8444. 1697, April 24. London.

[The earl of Arran] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing his decision to present a petition in her grace's name about their claims in New England. He also intends to further the claims to Châtelherault.

7698. 1697, April 26. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that the building at Hamilton goes on very well and that the gardens are in good order, though in general there is great want throughout the countryside. [With cover]

4192. 1697, April 26. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, announcing the death of Arthur Naismith, who will be sadly missed by the duchess since no one else understood her business so well or was so sensible and honest. Two of Naismith's children are also at the point of death, for 'there is a great mortality here among the young and old'.
6293. 1697, April 29. Minthouse.

[The earl of Ruglen] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the loss from the recoinage of the latter's money will be less than he expected, and urging him to do what he can in Whitelaw's business.

4191. 1697, April 30. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, promising to send the inventory of books which he had asked for, although the writer and Principal Dunlop have done only half of them, and telling him that the duchess wishes his advice about the sort of cornice to go round some of the rooms in the palace.


[April 30 O.S.]

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the earl of Arran], declaring that his correspondent should have the share in Scottish affairs to which his birth entitles him. He then reports that the crossing took him only 26 hours and that on the following day the king goes to Zullestine. Only the first formalities were completed at the opening conference at Riswick of the ambassadors for peace.

6328. 1697, May 1. Minthouse.

The earl of Ruglen to the earl of Arran, reporting that the writer's patent has been read in council but that Lord William Douglas's has been stopped as Lord Teviot claims that he himself has already been given the title of Peebles.

6473. 1697, May 4. Berwick in St Mary Sound at the Islands of Silly.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of his voyage to Vigo, Corunna and St. Antonia, with descriptions of the places visited and of two encounters with the French. [With cover].


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to [the earl of Arran], reminding him to do what he can to get a place for Wishaw, inquiring about her son's health, and asking for his accounts. [Torn]

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, declaring that no one in the kingdom likes their brother John's new title [earl of Ruglen].


Lord Archibald Hamilton to the earl of Arran, sending him a description of Bilbao [also 6474].


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, stating that William Wilson will probably be given Arthur Nasmith's position, but that the duchess of Hamilton is very short of servants.

1697, May 15. Minthouse.

The earl of Ruglen to the earl of Arran, protesting that the latter will suffer the least possible loss through the recoining of his money, and demanding how English clipped money can be disposed of to better advantage. He wishes that his brother would do something for Whitelaw, and refers to the great loss which their mother has suffered in the death of Arthur Nasmith. In conclusion, he observes that 'the duke of Queensberry opposes everything that concerns any Hamilton'.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, sending him a picture of the king of Spain.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, remarking on how quiet Edinburgh is at this time, and reporting that his lordship's relatives are all well.


James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, advising that William Wilson be transferred from Barroustonnes to Hamilton, as the duchess wishes, to be chamberlain there, suggesting John Blair as Wilson's successor, and discussing some financial business.
4230. 1697, May 24.

Daniel Hamilton to the moderator of the presbytery of Linlithgow, complaining that on May 20, when he was in Falkirk, he had been made prisoner because the earl of Arran owed a year's stipend to the presbytery.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, announcing that her son's tutors have advised her to farm his estate, so it is to be put to a rouy, and she hopes that Kilmarnock will not obtain it. [With cover]

6400. [1697], June 3. Genapp.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], reporting that their army is to separate from the elector's again, the plan to relieve Ath having been set aside as being impracticable since the French are nearly 40,000 men stronger. Albemarle has promised to assist Lord Mackiesfield become a lieutenant colonel.

4228. 1697, May 24. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to [ ? the earl of Arran ], giving a lengthy account of the dyking, levelling, preparing of a limekiln and other improvements being made at Kinneill.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], giving some news of his lordship's family, and explaining his own financial difficulties, which would increase were he to go to serve the duchess at Hamilton.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, promising to send a present to Mme. Mazarine, and announcing that he has been ordered to convey troops to Flanders.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], mentioning that 'our great folks' have all left town, the earl of Tullibardine having gone to Huntingtower, and the duke of Queensberry to Nidpeth.

6707. [1697], June 1. Huntingtower.

[The earl of Tullibarine] to his brother-in-law the earl of Arran, hoping that he has recovered from his indisposition, and telling him that the trial of the witches will soon be in print so he will be able to judge for himself the justice of it.

6477. 1697, June 2. Berwick, at the Gunfleet.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, sending gifts to Mme. Mazarine and to the earl.

6402. 1697, June 13 N.S. Genap.

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[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to the earl of Arran, stating that the French are still in their camp, and that the weather is very cold. [With cover]

4232. 1697, June 5. Edinburgh.

Daniel Hamilton to the earl of Arran, discussing the building of walls at Kinneill, and approving of the choice of John Blair as clerk of Borroustounness'.

6330. 1697, June 5. Minthouse.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the earl of Arran, describing how 'Sir John Cochran has craftily obtained a bond from my Lord Kennedie for a thousand pounds for services done in promoting the marriage', and asking him to help to extricate Lord Kennedy. [The writer's brother-in-law] He then discusses the likelihood of the English crying down the Scottish coinage, and reports that the earl's loss from recoining is only £187-19-0 sterling. [With cover]
6771. 1697, June 7. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, stating that she has sent for William Wilson as a successor to Arthur Nasmith, and referring to the expense of the building being done at Hamilton. [With cover]

6403. 1697, June 17 N.S. Genap.

[7 O.S.]

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [the earl of Arran], explaining that he has not time to write with every post, and that there is no news of the peace negotiations advancing quickly. He is surprised that the French have made no move since taking Ath, for they are far superior in numbers.

6505. 1697, June 7. O.S. Hague.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the earl of Arran], giving an account of his crossing from England. He has spoken to Lord Villiers about Châtelherault, but had no time to see any of the other plenipotentiaries. Contradictory reports have come about Condé being chosen king of Poland.

4187. 1697, June 7. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, explaining that he did not write sooner because his wife was very ill at the birth of her twin daughters, and mentioning that Lady Mary has been ill with 'the nirles' [measles].

6401. 1697, June 10. From the Camp of Genapp.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [the earl of Arran], mentioning that Colonel Murray has got Mackay's regiment and Lord Rebay Colonel Mathew's dragoons. He hopes that 'the French have shot there bolt and that wee shall be in a condition to hinder there further progress', and though Audenard is in an exposed position, it has a good garrison.

4161. 1697, June 12. Crawfurd.

James Cuthbert to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining of her tenants' carelessness in paying bygone rents, and asking for instructions as to what to do about it.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that Lady Mary is recovering from the illness which he believes to be smallpox, remarking that the gardens will yield little fruit that year, and mentioning some other domestic matters.

6404. 1697, June 25. N.S. From the Campe at Cookelsberg.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], announcing that their army has encamped outside Brussels to prevent the French from bombarding the town.

6405. 1697, June 27. N.S. From the Camp at Cookelsberg.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], reporting that they are very strongly entrenched and do not expect to be attacked by the French.

6406. 1697, July 4. N.S. From the Campe at Cookelsberg.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to the earl of Arran, reporting that fifty squadrons of horse and dragoons are being sent towards Namur. Their camp is so near Brussels 'that the ladies take the aire in their coaches along the lines and the officers go every night to the opera'.


Susan, countess of Dundonald to [the earl of Arran], remarking that she has shown his letter about her son's estate to Ochiltree, and referring to his daughter having recovered so well from smallpox.

6772. 1697, June 26.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, approving of his resolution to come home with his wife as soon as he is married, and thanking him for helping his cousin [Lord Kennedy] in his marriage.
4186. 1697, June 26. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], reporting on the progress made in lining with wainscot and painting some of the rooms at the palace.

6407. 1697, July 8. N.S. Cookelsberg.

[June 28 OS]

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], sending him Lord Raby's compliments, and remarking that everything possible is being done to have their brother the earl of Orkney made a major general. The opposing armies are still within sight of each other but neither seems eager for action; and everyone is waiting to hear who has been chosen king of Poland.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, thanking him and Mr. Paschal for their help in some of his business, describing his recent voyage to Hamburg and announcing that he is now to patrol the coast of Flanders' to keep De Bart in'. [With cover].

7727. 1697, June 30. Baldone.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, promising to write him a long letter from Hamilton and telling him that Lord Montgomerie has proposed to the countess of Dundonald. He has recently visited Lord Stair whom he found 'as fatt, merry and contented as you can suppose' and as at home in the country 'as if he had never been at a Court nor out of this place'.

6468. 1697, July 1. Hamilton.

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father the earl of Arran, writing out certain letters of the alphabet and a few sentences in her own hand, with the explanation by [David Crawford] that she has been learning writing for only nine days.
6433. 1697, July 11. N.S. Kookellsberg.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [the earl of Arran],
reporting that the position of the armies has not changed,
although much talk has been caused by Lord Portland going
to the French camp to visit Maréchal Bouffler, to exchange
civilities. The news of the choice of the elector of Saxony
as king of Poland has come as a surprise to many, but
it should help the allies since it was promoted by the
emperor and the pope.

4184. 1697, July 2. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], enclosing a
letter which Lady Mary has written with her own hand and
without any help [6468].

6434. 1697, July 15 N.S. Cookelsberg.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [the earl of Arran],
describing how the French insist on upholding the Prince of
Conty [Condé] as king of Poland although he had only a third
of the votes.

4237. 1697, July 5. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to [? the earl of Arran], discussing
the layout of the park walls, and giving news of the horses
and the harvest.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother, the earl of
Arran, describing the uses of coconuts, his own chances of
participating in a voyage to the Straits, and his present
situation in Captain Beaumont's fleet of ten.

6773. 1697, July 8. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran,
remarking that the countess of Dundonald will choose her own
husband and says that she does not expect his lordship to
criticise her delay in marrying since it is his own practice.
[With cover]
[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law, the earl of Arran], asking for news of his marriage plans, telling him that the coasts are much troubled by French privateers, and referring to the witches in his correspondent's part of the country.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his brother the earl of Arran], reporting that the English ships are unable to prevent the Dutch from leaving port, and that Mein has sent him no more word about the suggested voyage to the Mediterranean.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [the earl of Arran], announcing that the elector of Saxony has now been crowned king of Poland. Lord Portland has paid another visit to Maréchal Boufflers, thereby causing much speculation.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [the earl of Arran], announcing that the French army has marched to an area which will provide them with forage for six weeks. There is talk of King William leaving the army and going to Loo.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, giving some minor items of news.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to [the earl of Arran], telling him that nothing has yet been decided about her son's estate, or about her own marriage. She is relieved to hear that a suitable governor for her son has been found.
1697, July 22. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, reporting that although terms for the marriage of the countess of Dundonald and Lord Montgomerie could soon be drawn up, would she consent, she still seems to favour the master of Yester despite the disapproval of both her own family and his.

1697, July 27. Ochiltree.

William Cochrane to [the earl of Arran], asking him to support the earl of Montgomerie's suit to Lady Dundonald, who still seems to favour Lord Yester.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to come to Scotland as there is great talk of a peace and 'there never was such cabaling and making of parties'. Their sister the countess of Dundonald has still not accepted Lord Montgomerie's proposal but has written to tell the master of Yester about it so the latter will either have to withdraw or himself make an offer.

1697, July 28. Eglintoune.

Lord Montgomerie to the earl of Arran, entreatying him to forward the writer's suit with Lady Dundonald, his correspondent's sister.

1697, July 31. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, commenting on the news of the peace treaty, telling him that their mother's secretary David Crawford is anxious to find another post, and condemning the earl's failure to marry and neglect of home affairs. [With cover]


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], asking that he be recommended to the earl of Selkirk for the post of clerk to the admission of notaries.
8092. 1697, July 31. Leith.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that his brother Selkirk has obtained control of the place of clerk to the notary in Leith, and that David Crawford is anxious to be given the position.

7943. 1697, August 3. Edinburgh.

Lord Basil Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the behaviour of David Crawford.

7731. 1697, August 5. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, stating that he has been at the meeting of the African Company which has considered the king's reply to their address complaining about their treatment at Hamburg [and enclosing a copy of the answer, 7732]. He discusses the behaviour of David Crawford, who neglects their mother's business in his desire to gain Sir James Ogilvie's place for himself, and wishes that the earl would come to Scotland. [With cover]

7732. [1697, August 5].

[Copy], 1697, August 2. The earl of Tullibardine and Sir James Ogilvie, secretaries of state, to the council general of the African Company telling them that the king will consider their address on his return home and in the meantime has forbidden his envoy at Luxembourg and resident at Hamburg to use his name or authority to obstruct the company's affairs.

4178. 1697, August 7. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling his lordship that he has applied for the place of clerkship to the notaries.

On the reverse side is a note, in another hand, referring to a portrait of Lord Darnley, painted with the order of St. Michael about his neck, and to one of Mary, queen of Scots in 1578.

6643. [1697], August 7. Hamilton.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the earl of Arran], assuring him of his friendship but declaring that the earl himself is the person who can best approach the duchess of Hamilton about his affairs.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], hoping that the general expectations of peace will be fulfilled, since he is heartily weary of a sea life.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, thanking his lordship for recommending him to the earl of Selkirk for some vacant position, and mentioning the death of the marquis of Tweedale.

7773. 1697, August 16. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, wishing that he would marry and asking him to write to the countess of Dundonald advising her to accept Lord Montgomerie's proposal. The writer is now to live at Hamilton as his mother has asked him to come and help her there.

7774. 1697, August 20. Baldone.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, declaring that Queensberry, Argyle and Tarbat 'would gladly enhance the whole government of this kingdom into their own hands' and during the next parliament will endeavour to procure a different cess. Their greatest fear is that the earl will enter the government and, together with the marquis of Tullibardine, counterbalance their interest.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter from Lady Mary, who needs a new copy book and a book of the rudiments of Latin grammar.

6774. 1697, August 24. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, announcing that she has decided after all to have her son Lord Basil live at Hamilton and help with her affairs, and condemning the earl's opposition to his brother Lord John's attempt to become an extraordinary lord of session. [With cover].
6331. 1697, August 24. Hamilton.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the earl of Arran, wishing that his brother was at home to look after his own affairs since some people 'prey extremly' upon their mother, the duchess of Hamilton, and the duke of Argyll opposes their family in everything. [With cover]

8450. 1697, August 24. Hamilton.

[? Draft, in her own hand]. [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the earl of Arran], telling him that she now agrees that Lord Basil should come to live at Hamilton and assist her in place of Arthur Nasmith [who had recently died]. She criticises the earl for opposing Lord John's being made an extraordinary lord of session, for it would have been to the family's advantage.

6558. 1697, August 26. Spa.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the earl of Arran, denying that he has failed to send him the latest news, promising to do what little he can to advance the family claims to Châtelherault, and urging him to come over and press them himself.

4216. 1697, August 27. Hamilton.

Lord Montgomerie to the earl of Arran, thanking him for the support which Lord Basil says he has given to the writer's suit [to Lady Dundonald], and asking that it may continue.

6664. [1697], August 28. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the earl of Arran], referring to the countess of Dundonald's 'small inclinations to my lord Montgomery', and promising to discuss this fully when he sees his lordship in London.

4180. 1697, September 1. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, giving news of his lordship's family and asking him on the duchess's behalf for 'the newest and best edition of a French grammar' for Lady Mary.
6513. 1697, September 2. Berwick Spithead.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother, the earl of Arran, asking for his advice about how to proceed with regard to the position of lieutenant colonel to the Marines, and reporting that his is one of the 20 or so ships to be sent out under Vice Admiral Mitchell. [With cover.]

6032. 1697, September 2. London.

[The earl of Arran] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to her decision to employ his brother Basil in all her affairs, denying that he had opposed the appointment of his brother John as an extraordinary lord of session, but confessing that should the honour go to his family he believes that it should be conferred upon himself and not upon any of his younger brothers.

6514. 1697, September 5. Berwick Spithead.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, hoping that he has received the monkey and the squirrel, and mentioning that he expects to sail in a day or two. [With cover.]


Daniel Hamilton to William Hamilton of Wishaw, reporting that he has had built the wester and easter walls of the park, with a summerhouse at the corner, and referring to the good harvest.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duchess of Hamilton, describing his conversation with Litlepark, who has refused to 'take the parkes again for a year', remarking that he intends either to farm the Stuartry or put in a new chamberlain, and giving some minor news of Lord Mountgomery.

6437. 1697, September 16 NS  Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to the earl of Arran, asking for more information about Châtelherault as he plans to return to the Hague to press the family claims to the duchy. [With cover.]
7993. [1697], September 8. Yester.

The marquis of Tweeddale to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, supporting his son's desire to marry her grace's daughter Susan, countess of Dundonald. [With cover].

5215. [1697], September 9.

Lord Yester to [the earl of Arran], asking him to support the writer's suit to Lady Dundonald, for though Lord Montgomery may exceed the writer in offers to the lady, he does not exceed him in love for her.


[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, repeating that she is now making a treaty of marriage with Lord Yester and can hear no more of Lord Montgomery. [See 6428] [With cover]

4221. 1697, September 11. Drummond.

Lord Drummond to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his part in obtaining for the writer his liberty.

6559. 1697, September 23 NS. Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the earl of Arran], referring to the peace having been signed, and repeating Lord Villiers' assertion that only when that has been settled can particular claims be considered, so Arran should have the king support him in the business of Châtelherault. News has come of a great victory over the Turks in Hungary, and it is believed that the king and the tsar will dine together since the latter is still in Amsterdam 'learning to build ships'.

6775. 1697, September 15. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, explaining that Lord Basil has been delayed in coming to Hamilton because Littlepark has not engaged to lease his lordship's parks. [Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand].
6428. 1697, September 15. Hamilton.

[Susan, countess of Dundonald] to the earl of Arran, describing how when Lord Yester and Lord Montgomery came to see her in Glasgow she explained to the latter that she could not accept his proposal [of marriage] whereupon he returned to Edinburgh and Lord Yester accompanied her to Hamilton.

4214. 1697, September 16. Inverugie.

The Earl Marischall to [the earl of Arran], vigorously denying that he had spoken ill of him, as current rumours suggest.


David Crawford to the earl of Arran, describing the celebrations of peace in the city, and remarking that he thinks that Lady Dundonald will marry Lord Yester.


[Copy] The earl of Arran to Lord Yester, explaining that he had paid attention to Lord Montgomerie's suit to his sister because he understood that Lord Yester had withdrawn his proposal.

4174. [1697], September 21.

Lady Mary Hamilton to her father, the earl of Arran, telling him that Lady Dundonald will be married before him if he does not make haste.

6332. 1697, September 23. Minthouse.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that 'our Jacobits are such strainge folks that they will not believe one word of the peace'. He then urges his brother to do as much as he can for Lord Whitelaw, and to buy the duke of Lennox's interest which he hears is to be sold. [With cover].
6560. 1697, October 3 N.S. Loo.
September 23 O.S.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the earl of Arran], remarking that there has been little rejoicing at the news of the peace around Delf, and promising to do all he can to promote the family claims to Châtelherault.

4209. 1697, September 24. Eglintonoune.

Lord Montgomerie to the earl of Arran, declaring himself still to be a friend of his lordship although he had heard the day before that Lady Dundonald has rejected the writer in favour of Lord Yester.

6515. 1697, September 25. Berwick, Torbay.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother [the earl of Arran], explaining that he has been unable to sail because of contrary winds, and asking him to use his influence on the writer's behalf with regard to the vacancy in [? Shoude's] regiment.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, sending him a letter from Lord Yester, whom he believes to be 'a man of very good esteem and reputation'.


The earl of Abercorn to the earl of Arran, giving a detailed description of the business done in the Irish parliament in the previous week.

6516. 1697, September 29. Berwick Spithead.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, reporting that Mitchell's squadron have brought in 16 Dutch East India ships, but that because of the expense the writer has been unable to buy much from them. His own ship is to be laid up at Chatham, and he is anxious about his future employment. [With cover]
8046. 1697, September 30. London.

George, earl of Orkney to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her kindness to him in his affairs, and hoping to bring his wife to wait upon her grace the following summer.

6333. 1697, September 30. Minthouse.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a bill payable in milled money or in guineas, and expressing pleasure that his brother's marriage is soon to be concluded. [With cover]

4176. 1697, October 2. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, giving some family news and remarking that 'we are mightily overjoy'd and allarmed here with the news of the peace' and 'the account of the defeatt of the Turks and Tartars, and of the duke of Saxony being crowned king of Poland'.

6776. 1697, October 4. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, urging him to facilitate the young earl of Dundonald's return home. [With cover]

6430. 1697, October 4. Hamilton.

Susan, countess of Dundonald to the earl of Arran, insisting that she had made plain her intention of marrying Lord Yester, and announcing her decision to bring home her son [the earl of Dundonald] [With cover]

4175. 1697, October 9.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter from Lady Mary, and referring to the recent storms.

6334. 1697, October 12. Minthouse.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his offer of Kinneil but hoping that the earl will soon live there himself as a married man, and warning him of the 'close confederacy' of Sir James Ogilvy, Queensberry and Argyll. [With cover].
1697, October 14. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, giving some minor news of his lordship's family.

1697, October 15.

The countess of Forfar to [the earl of Arran], asking him to speak to Lord Tullibardine and Sir James Ogilvie about the payment of a small pension promised to her husband by the king.

1697, October 18. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, remarking that her daughter the countess of Dundonald has rejected Lord Drummond, and permitting the earl to renew the family claims to Châtelherault so long as he promises not to alienate it from the family, not to use it as a pretence for going to France, and not to spend any proceeds without consulting the writer. [With cover]


[Copy] The earl of Arran to [Lord Yester], wishing him happiness in his proposed alliance with Lady Dundonald.

1697, October 22. Gogar.

John, archbishop of Glasgow to the earl of Arran, explaining that he is kept prisoner and reminding his lordship of his promise to procure for the writer the rents of Glasgow.

1697, October [ ] Halkland.

The earl of Rosa to Sir Robert Murray, sending a letter for the earl of Arran and a copy of two letters he had received from the earl of Dundonald [4218] referring to the latter's promise to sell him a farm of about £25 yearly.

1697, November 5. Hamilton.

Susan, countess of Dundonald to the earl of Arran, hoping that her son will have a safe journey from England, and explaining that she did not think it reasonable to farm his estate when she was at Glasgow.
Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, explaining that she will not permit the selling of the family claims to Châtelherault, since a future generation might have the opportunity to make them good. [With cover].

Alexander Hamilton to Mr. David Craford, announcing the death of Sir John Stuart of Minto three days before.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that Alexander Wood could not obtain the plane and ash trees from Wishaw as Lady Wishaw was from home, and reporting that except for the new stair and the carving of arms, crests and ciphers, the stonework of Hamilton Palace is now finished.

[ ] to the duchess of Hamilton, announcing that the king has arrived at Margett and will make his public entry into London on the following day. As there are rumours that his majesty will visit Scotland the following summer, the duchess should consider what must be done to the king's house. [Holyrood.]

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the earl of Arran, forwarding some information she had once received from Orbiston about Richmond's interest in Scotland, and remarking that Lady Dundonald goes to Edinburgh on the following day.


Lord Montgomerie to [the earl of Arran], thanking him for his kindness, and assuring him of his friendship for young Lord Dundonald.

Lord Yester to the [earl of Arran], protesting that he is not at all dissatisfied with the earl promoting Lord Montgomery's suit to Lady Dundonald, and that in any case the lady has declared herself publicly in the writer's favour.

6790. 1697, November 22. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, offering to give him her rooms at Holyrood to use during the king's proposed visit to Scotland. [With cover]

7775. 1697, November 23. Baldone.

Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, regretting that his correspondent is melancholy and depressed, offering consolation and disagreeing that 'there is hardly such a thing as truth, honour or morall honesty in the world'.

6791. 1697, November 25. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the earl of Arran, giving him some family news, and urging that when repairs are done at Holyrood, the church should receive attention. [With cover].

4215. 1697, November 25. Inverugie.

The Earl Marischall to the earl of Arran, expressing his relief at the latter's assurances that there was no misunderstanding between them.


David Crawford to the earl of Arran, mentioning the disbanding of Lord Lindeg's regiment and giving news of the planting, painting and other improvements being done at Hamilton Palace.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, explaining that he is delayed by having to wait for his ship being paid off, and has been summoned to attend the court martial investigating Captain Harlow's action with five French men of war. [With cover].
4213. 1697, November 30.

William Hamilton, Lord Whitelaw, to [the earl of Arran], on behalf of Lord Kilmaures who wishes the place of lieutenant which will fall vacant on the imminent death of Lieutenant Colonel Murray of the Guards.

4167. 1697, November 30. Edinburgh.

James Hamilton to Mr. William Hamilton of Wishaw, giving an account of what payment Coltness is demanding from the earl of Arran.

4223. 1697, December 13. Hamilton.

Mr. R. Wyllie to [the earl of Arran], telling him that his lordship's daughter, Lady Mary, died that night between 8 and 9 o'clock, apparently of smallpox, and attempting to offer consolation.


The earl of Abercorne to the earl of Arran, describing the rejection of the act for the better security of his majesty's royal person and government, with a list of reasons why some of the lords could not assent to the passing of such a bill, and a note of the voting.


7776. 1697, December 15. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], describing the death from smallpox of the earl's little daughter Lady Mary.


The earl of Ruglen to [the earl of Arran], commiserating with him on the death of his daughter, an event which has afflicted all the family, especially their mother the duchess of Hamilton.
1697, December 17. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], describing the funeral of the earl's daughter, Lady Mary.

1697, December 22. Minthous.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the earl of Arran, promising to arrange for the payment of his bills, referring to the house of commons' unexpected disbanding of all forces raised since 1680, and giving news of the marriage of their sister [the countess of Dundonald], to Lord Yester.


[The earl of Ruglen] to the earl of Arran, warning him that 'the provost of Linlithgow is endeavouring to be collector at Borrowstounnesse' despite the writer's attempts to prevent this as being a further instance of Linlithgow's attempts to oppress the town.

1697, December 31. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that their mother will write to him soon about his daughter's death.

Elizabeth, countess of Clancarty to [her brother-in-law the earl of Arran], offering her condolences on the death of his daughter, Lady Mary [the writer's niece].


Susan, countess of Dundonald to her brother the earl of Arran, offering her condolences on the death of his daughter [Lady Mary]. [With cover.]

Lord Yester to the earl of Arran, offering his condolences on the death of Lady Mary, and expressing his pleasure at having persuaded Lady Dundonald to marry him.

[The earl of Ruglen] to [the earl of Arran], describing his struggle to defeat the provost of Linlithgow's claims to the collectorship of Bo'ness [see supra 6356], and mentioning Morton's proposal to have the writer on the treasury.


[The earl of Ruglen] to [the earl of Arran], giving an account of how their sister has lost her precedence as a countess by taking the title of Lady Yester since her marriage. He regrets that Sunderland has laid down his white staff, and criticises the delay in sending down Whitelaw's commission.


Susan, Lady Yester to her brother [the earl of Arran], discussing the varying reports of her son's health, and announcing that she now proposes to consult Mr. James Murray, a much recommended surgeon, about the boy. She hopes that the earl will send his advice about her son's business affairs.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], remarking that their mother has been busy with John Bailie's accounts and has made Craignethan chamberlain [of Hamilton]. He gives some news of the general assembly and complains about the government's treatment of the African Company.

6795. 1697/8, January 12. [Hamilton.]

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the earl of Arran, describing her grief at the death of his daughter, Lady Mary.


[Copy, not in his own hand]. The earl of Arran to the marquis de Chanlais, sending him a gift of wine with Colonel Stanhope. [In French]

[With modern transcription and translation.]

[Copy, in his own hand] [The earl of] Arran] to the marquis of Tweeddale, thanking him for his letter and approving of the relationship now between their two families. [The earl's sister having married the marquis's son]

4281. 1697/8, January 14.

The marquis of Tweeddale to the earl of Arran, telling him how pleased he is that his son is to marry his lordship's sister.


[John, earl of Ruglen] to his brother [the earl of Arran], recommending to him the laird of Binns, who is being pursued at law by Lady Calwell for bygone rents.


[Susan, Lady Yester] to her brother [the earl of Arran], assuring him of the friendship of both Lord Yester and the marquis of Tweeddale. She is much troubled about her son, whose arm seems worse and whose governor would take him to London.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, asking him if he is to come into the government and urging him to pay his debts. [With cover]


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, describing the recent arguments in the African Company's council, and the lack of enthusiasm among the members who make a quorum only if there are likely to be differences of opinion. He fears that they will run short of money, only £17,000 having come in. They are at present discussing the constitution and laws for the colony but 'I am affrayed Patersone and the merchants may be tricking us, for I fear we are robbing the Company to raise the colony'.

Lady Cochrane is busy pursuing at law for the money left by Lady Margaret Kennedy. [With cover].
4295. 1697/8, January 26.

The Earl Marischall to [the earl of Arran], asking him to procure a lodging in Holyroodhouse for the writer's wife during the king's visit.

6038. 1697/8, January 27. London.

[The earl of] A[rran] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how affected he has been by the death of his daughter, declaring that if he could but settle with his creditors, he 'would retire and neaver think of the worlde more', but reporting that his marriage arrangements still go on.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that the earl's lodgings [in Holyrood] have been flooded since the thaw.

6472. [1697/8, January]

The earl of Dundonald [then aged about 12], to his uncle, the earl of Arran, offering his condolences on the death of Lady Mary, the writer's cousin.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], discussing the behaviour of Carstairs, who is trying to bring in a diferent cess and to break up the African Company as well as making 'great court underhand to the Jacobites'. He urges his brother to be kind to Sir Patrick Home, who is very much in the family's interest and believes Arran to be annoyed at him for his part in drawing up [the 3rd duke's] tailzie.

7781. 1697/8, February 3. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that their mother urges the earl to marry soon despite the lady's aversion to coming to Scotland. The writer's wife on the previous day gave birth to a daughter who has been christened Mary. At some length he urges his brother to marry and settle in Scotland, and promises to visit Kinneill, finishing the letter at after 4 a.m., having been writing all night.

Daniel Hamilton to William Hamilton of Wishaw, telling him that the laird of Kinglass is negotiating for a tack of the coalways, that the minister of Bo'ness has not yet had any money from the barony, and reporting on some minor domestic matters.


Monsieur de Thosse to [the earl of Arran], telling him that the case of wine for M. de Chanlay has arrived in very good condition and assuring him that it will be sent on carefully on the following day.


[John, earl of Ruglen] to his brother the earl of Arran, enclosing an account of his correspondent's cash [also numbered 9038]. It is much feared that their political enemies will have the choice of commissioner [to parliament].


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], sending him a paper with information about the old process at Lady Cochrane's instance against the duchess of Hamilton, which has now been revived.


John Callender to [the earl of Arran], describing his financial straits and asking for payment of part of his annual rent.


[? February 20]

[Autograph]. The marquis de Chamlas to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his gift of wine. [In reply to 8968]. [In French, also a copy, 8958]
[With modern transcription and translation]

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], reporting that he is 'just now in a tavern at a great deal of company, concerting our counsellors for this ensuing year to the African Company, which are to be chosen tomorrow'. The directors wish to have Arran's opinion on 'what may be the properest place to settle', and would like copies of some of his maps.


Susan, Lady Yester to her brother the earl of Arran, complaining of his failure to reply to her letters about her son's health and business. She is also annoyed at rumours that she is in debt, and demands the necessary accounts and discharges to prove otherwise.


[James Hamilton] to [the earl of Arran], discussing some minor financial matters and telling him of Lady Cochrane's action against the duchess of Hamilton.

4317. 1697/8, March 1. Lachop.

G. Muirhead to the earl of Arran, describing how he has been haunted by people accusing him of having taken from them horses, money and arms while he was in King Charles's service, and asking the earl to obtain from the king an indemnity for him.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], describing his recent visit to Kinneil. The park wall should be finished that summer and the house is in a good condition but the slate roof is in need of being replaced. On his way there he saw Lord Stair, who professes great friendship for the earl but says that he will ruin his reputation with his delays in politics and in his marriage. Lord Montgomery is negotiating for Skelmorlie's interest in Arran, but should not be allowed to buy it for it should be purchased by the Hamiltons.
8970. 1697/8, March 20. Marly.

The marquis de Chamblas to the earl of Arran, regretting that he has been out whenever Mr. Stanhope called. [In French] [With modern transcription and translation]


[Draft, not in his own hand]. The earl of Arran to [? Monsieur Chamblas], expressing surprise that his correspondent did not receive his last letter, but hoping that he enjoyed the wine which the earl sent him by Monsieur De Thosse. He would be pleased if someone would send him a pound or two of good tobacco. [In French].


[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, telling him that he hears that the earl of Cassills has now married [again].


The countess of Forfar to [the earl of Arran], asking him to persuade the earl of Orkney to do something in her son's favour, and also recommending Lord Haddo.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, advising him to allow Bonhard to change his holding from ward to feu. The duchess of Hamilton would approve of this, and also urges Arran to see if he cannot obtain for her a heritable gift of the sheriffship of Lanarkshire. Until this office was resigned by the 1st duke to Charles I, it always was heritable and would have been granted to the duchess on these terms had not 'your good new friend Mr. Johnston thought it not fitt, for fear of coming into your hands, and so only gott it during her grace's lifetime'. [With cover].


[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter from Bonhard [4328], who is anxious to alter the lease of his land, and referring to the arrival of the king's latest letter.
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Walter Cornwall of Bonhard to the earl of Arran, asking that his holding should be changed 'from waird (as it now holds) to a feu holding', with copies of his petition about the subject, and of the obligement by the 3rd duke and duchess to James Cornwall. [4329].

4329. [1697/8, March 22]

'Copy of the oblidgement to the duke and dutches of Hamilton to James Cornwall of Bonhard', 13 and 19 March 1678. [See 4328]

4238. 1697/8, March 24.

Henry Wotton to the earl of Arran, asking for employment as a 'fireworker or bombardier', and stating his experience.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, expressing surprise at the appointment of Dalrymple as president, an event which shows how little interest the earl has at Court. He is also very angry at his brother's delay in marrying, declaring that 'nothing but spleenatick notions and fancys hinders you'. He acknowledges the papers and maps for the African Company, and blames the 'merchants and projectors' for mismanagement of the company. The building work at Hamilton palace is going well, the upper storey now being complete, but the weather is very severe and the duchess of Hamilton has had to send her coach horse to Kinneil as the hay at Hamilton is all used up.

9036. 1698, March 31. Minthouse.

[John, earl of Ruglen] to his brother [the earl of Arran], declaring that everyone is annoyed that Whitelaw has not been made president. As Lord Raith is now dead, the writer would like to obtain his post.

9057. 1698, April 6. Hamilton.

Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, telling him that their mother will answer Lady Sunderland's letter 'in shorter time than my Lord Sunderland has taken to answer her last, which was about two years agoe'. He himself has written to Wishaw about Skelmorlie's interest in Arran.
9050. 1698, April 11. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], congratulating him [on his 40th birthday], and wishing that he would marry.

9074. 1698, April 13. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], commenting on the odd appointment of Dalrymple as lord president. He does not think it advisable that he should come to [London], for it would be much more sensible of the earl and Tullibardine to come back to Scotland in preparation for the next parliament. Arran spends far too much of his time in England, when he should marry and return home. He should also refuse any offers from the present government, who merely seek to divide the opposition. [With a covering note from the earl of Tullibardine at Kensington on 22 April, remarking that the letter 'contains so much reason and has so much the aire of a good man and true countryman that I have read it over and over with a great deale of satisfaction'.]

4273. 1698, April 13. Taymouth.

The earl of Breadalbane to [? the earl of Arran], sending the bearer with a true representation of the writer's affairs with Lord Jersey [the earl's brother-in-law].

6884. [c1698], April 16.

A[nne], countess of S[underland] to [the earl of Arran], welcoming the news of his safe arrival in London and asking him to have Lord Albemarle persuade the king to [give her husband a pension?] of £600.

4309. 1698, April 20. Lachop.

G. Muirhead to Captain Frederick Hamiltonne, asking that the earl of Arran grant him a general indemnity for what he did while in King Charles' service.

6885. [c1698], April 28.

A[nne], countess of S[underland] to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his kind letter.
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4245. 1698, April 30. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that the duchess of Hamilton wishes to know if the rumours of his lordship's marriage are true, and describing the recent bad weather.


Lords Montgomerie and Ross, William Cochrane of Killmaronoch and William Cochrane [of Ochiltree], tutors testamentar of the earl of Dundonald, to [the earl of Arran], sending him various drafts to be signed, asking his advice in various financial matters, and requesting that Mr. Labnell, the young earl's governor be dismissed. [Signed by all four tutors]

4340. 1698, May 5.

Memorandum of a meeting of the earl of Dundonald's tutors.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, announcing the birth of a daughter to Lady Ruglen.

4318. 1698, May 7. Dublin.

William Penn to [? the earl of Arran], asking him and the earl of Maclesfield to help quash an indictment against him by stating that he was in England on 13 February 1688/9.


James Wood to [? the earl of Arran], thanking him for his favours.


William Penn to the earl of Arran, congratulating him on his marriage, remarking that he himself has 'gott as weel off my ugly business, as was possible', and describing his pleasant reception in Dublin.

[Draft, not in his own hand]. [The earl of Arran] to [ ], asking his help in the matter of the writer's claim to Châteelherault, and hoping that he will find out if the French king would be agreeable to his continuing to press the claim. [In French]

8936. [1698], May 15. London.

[Draft]. [The earl of Arran] to [? M. Dubois], thanking him for all his kindness to the writer, reminding him of the Hamilton claims to Châteelherault as set out in the 'factum' he gave his correspondent, and asking if the French king agrees to the earl pressing the claim once more. [In French]


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the earl of Arran], hoping that he will give a suitable reply to the messages sent to him by the other tutors of his nephew, Lord Dundonald. It is not true that Lord Montgomerie means to buy Skelmorlie's lands in Arran, though it is rumoured that there is another purchaser. In conclusion she asks him to do what he can for Thomas Hay, the son of [her half-sister] Lady Park Hay.


John Hamilton to James Brown, writer in Hamilton, sending an account of the state of Arran for the duchess of Hamilton. [Not included]


The earl of Abercorne to the earl of Arran, agreeing to visit the latter and congratulating him on his marriage.

4342. 1698, May 23. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to William Hamilton of Wishaw, describing the attempts to drain the coalworks at Kinneill, which resulted in a series of explosions.
8312. 1698, May 24. Inveraray.

D. McKay, moderator, to the duchess of Hamilton, reporting on the synod of Argyll's discussions about providing ministers for Arran and salaries for the schoolmasters. They also request a precept for payment of the two years' vacant stipend and tack duty.

6886. [1698], May 28.

Anne, countess of Sunderland to the earl of Arran, thanking him for his kindness and assuring him of her friendship, but wishing that he could withdraw from his proposed marriage.

4339. [1698, May]

[Draft] The earl of Arran to Lord Montgomerie and others, sending them back, signed, a commission for setting in tack the lands of Achaness, which belong to the writer's nephew, the earl of Dundonald. [In reply to 4342]


James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, telling him that Mr. David Cunningham had called to see the articles of the earl of Cassilis's son's marriage contract, and had seemed satisfied with the content of the copy shown to him.

8947. 1698, June 22. Calais.

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Monsieur de Thosse to the earl of Arran, sending him a little box containing six pounds of an excellent tobacco. [In French].


'A copy of a letter from a Gentleman at Paris Giving an Account of the present State and Condition of France'—describing the countryside, custom and his visit to Versailles.
6805. [1698], June 13.

[The earl of] S[underland] to [the earl of Arran], thanking him for his sympathy on the occasion of the earl's loss [of his daughter-in-law Lady Arabella Cavendish].

6887. [1698], June 15.

A[nne, countess of] S[underland] to [the earl of Arran], thanking him for his sympathy on the death of her daughter-in-law. [Lady Arabella Cavendish]

9080. [1698], June 18. Holyroodhouse.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine, the earl of Tullibardine and Lord Basil Hamilton, begun by the countess, continued by her husband and concluded by Lord Basil] to [their brother the earl of Arran, entreating him to come to Scotland, and referring to the famine, for there are several accounts of 'people's dying in the hywayes and there's such scarcity of mony that nowhere it circulates'. [Tullibardine.]

9040. 1698, June 18. Minthouse.

[John, earl of Ruglen] to his brother the earl of Arran, discussing his correspondent's finances and hoping that he will soon marry and come back to Scotland.

4344. 1698, June 20. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to William Hamilton of Wishaw, reporting on the dyking, planting and crops at Kinneill, and discussing the problem of the fire in the coalworks.


The earl of Tullibardine to his brother-in-law the earl of Arran, wishing him joy in his marriage, and hoping that he will hurry home and bring with him the earl of Abercorn for the parliament. In a postscript he adds that 'the African ships saile next week'. [With cover]
9079. 1698, June 28. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, wishing that he would come to Scotland especially since their mother has now agreed to resign her titles to him. Their political enemies are 'laying their plots to injure and ruine, if they can, all our family, friends and relations, and thinks this is now the proper time having the ball at their foot'. If he does not come down before parliament sits 'it will be a great mortification to your friends'. [With cover].

9072. [1698], June 28. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the earl of Arran], entreating him once more to return home. In a postscript he adds that 'I heare that vilaine and lyar Symon Fraser has sent misrepresentations to Court concerning our family, which I hope none will be so base to give creditt to'.

4307. 1698, June 29. Bristol.

James Abercrombie to the earl of Arran, [his father], assuring him of his gratitude, and asking him to persuade Lord Orkney not to disapprove of his recent actions.

9068. 1698, June 30. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the earl of Arran], announcing that she is willing to resign her titles to him 'that so you may be in a capacity to represent the family, which I wish you may doe for the interest of King and Countrey as your father and predecessors have done'. He will now be able to do good service in the present parliament. [Written out for her by Lord Basil; only the signature in her own hand] [With cover]

9067. 1698, June 30. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to hurry home to receive their mother's resignation of her titles.

Susan, countess of Yester to her brother [the earl of Arran], announcing that she thinks that she has found a very good governor for her son in a Mr. Dickson, who was with the late Lord Tweeddale for many years and is recommended by Lord Yester. Mr. Dickson will take her son to Mr. Murray in Perth on the following Tuesday.


[The earl of] Arran to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for planning to resign her titles in favour of him, and hoping that she has already sent the resignation to London. He also complains about the difficulty he is having in drawing up his [marriage contract].


David Simpson, moderator, to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that he and his colleagues have had a satisfactory meeting with her son Lord Basil, and that they hope that she will encourage a ministry on Arran by ordering appropriate stipends, manses and glebes.

9059. [1698], July 16. Holyroodhouse.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the earl of Arran, declaring that everyone is amazed at his failure to marry, for 'never man had so fair an opportunity and neglected it'.

9044. 1698, July 16. London.

[Copy, in his own hand] [The earl of Arran] to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that his marriage articles were signed on the previous day and that he will be married on the following day.

4315. 1698, July 17.

James Fraser to the earl of Arran, sending another parcel of books and a list of them. [?] 4312]
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4312. [c1698, July 17]

An account for various books bought by [? the earl of Arran], amounting to £9-15-6. [In the same hand as 4311]


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the earl of Arran, giving an account of the business done in parliament that day, the earl being much missed. The earl of Tullibardine has been put out of the council. [Tullibardine himself then puts a postscript adding his entreaties that Arran hurry back] [With cover]


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that little had been done in parliament that day, and that Lord Basil has given an account of the great poverty in Arran.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], emphasising the difference that his brother's presence would make in the present parliament. He has sent the earl's resignation, signature and instrument to the king by William Crawford, the younger brother of the duchess of Hamilton's secretary. Parliament is to choose its committees on the following day, and the African Company has that day decided to draw up a petition to parliament representing their difficulties. However, the ships sailed on the previous Monday, carrying 'about 1,200 good men and 60 pretty officers and 7 counsellors'.


[The earl of Tullibardine] to his brother [-in-law the earl of Arran], expressing the general amazement that he has not come back to Scotland for the current parliament, and urging him to return at once.

4323. 1698, July 20.

Sir Patrick Home to [the earl of Arran], informing him that he has drawn up a procuratory of resignation for the duchess of Hamilton, and expressing his approval of this course of action.

[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], sending him various documents involved in the duchess of Hamilton's resignation of her titles. [Not included].

1698, July 23. Chelsea College.

James Fraser to the earl of Arran, sending him a further parcel of books with a list of them. [4311]

1698, July 23.

Account for various books sold to the earl of Arran, amounting to £2-7-0.


David Crawford to [the earl of Arran], congratulating him on his marriage, sending him a copy of a petition given in to parliament by 'our African Company', and telling him that parliament have voted that it is necessary to keep up the present standing forces, of which he gives a list.

1698, July 24. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that parliament has voted for the continuance of the present standing army. He reproaches his brother once more for not coming to Scotland, declaring, 'God forgive you if you could have helped this poor sinking nation, for many here blame you'.

1698, July 25. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], congratulating him on his marriage. As to the earl's desire that a notary be sent to Holland where the king is to receive the duchess of Hamilton's resignation, Lord Whitelaw says that this is unnecessary because the instrument was drawn up in the Scottish form, and a Dutch notary will be able to deal with it.
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Lord Belhaven to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on his marriage, and stressing 'how great a blessing we would account it to have you residing amongst us'.


[David Crawford] to [the earl of Arran], discussing the drawing up of the instrument for the duchess of Hamilton to resign her titles in her son's favour.

9030. 1698, July 25.

The earl of Tullibardine to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on his marriage which 'we only regretted ... was not sooner', and hoping that he will 'make no longer delay in coming here to serve your country, yourself and friends'. [With a postscript in the hand of the countess of Tullibardine, adding her good wishes].

9029. [1698], July 26.

Lord Yester to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on his marriage, and hoping that he will now return to Scotland, a move 'which is so necessary both for the good of the country and the honour of the family'.


Sir Hew Dalrymple to [the earl of Arran], congratulating him on his marriage.


[?Sir William] Anstruther to [the earl of Arran], congratulating him on his marriage, and remarking that he fears that the managers of parliament will have alienated the people from the king.


Susan, Lady Yester to her brother the duke of Hamilton, wishing him happiness in his marriage.
9073. [1698], July 28. Holyroodhouse.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the earl of Arran, enclosing a letter of good wishes for his new wife [not included], and regretting his absence from parliament.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the earl of Arran], telling him that their mother has been upset by the news that Loudoun, her groom, was drowned at Hamilton, having been trapped by weeds while swimming with some of the other servants. Parliament is debating funds for the army supply, and there has been a 'great deall of jangling about admitting the earl of Aboyne because he has been a professed papist', but he was finally allowed to take his place. On the following day will be heard the private case between the laird of Grant and the sheriff of Moray, a matter very important for all those with regality in heritable sheriffships.


John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his marriage.


James Abercrombie to [his father] the earl of Arran, congratulating him on his marriage.

4275. 1698, July 29. Edenbrugh.

Sir Robert Murray to [the earl of Arran], congratulating him on his marriage, but complaining of the behaviour of [William Hamilton of] Wishaw, who pressed him to sign a resignation as soon as the writer came back from London.

9056. 1698, July 30. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], expressing her pleasure at the news of his marriage, and wishing 'that you will make all the haist you can home' although he will now be too late to serve his country in the present parliament. She encloses a letter for his new wife. [Not included].
[James Hamilton] to Mr. William Hamilton of Wishaw, giving an account of the business done in parliament on the previous and on the same day.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, giving news of parliament having voted the king eight month's cess yearly for two years, and telling him that news has come from London of his lordship being about to assume the title of duke of Hamilton, to the 'great consternation' of 'severall of our great folks'.

James Fraser to the earl of Arran, sending him a choice parcel of books and pamphlets, and enclosing a list of them.

An account for various books and pamphlets bought by the earl of Arran, amounting to £2-11-6.

The earl of Panmure to his [brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his marriage and remarking that he himself has not 'been at the slaughter of the club' though he may be accused of having been, just as he was charged with the slaughter of Glencoa though far away from it.

James Irving to [the duke of Hamilton] explaining why he has not yet been able to deliver his lordship's letter to the duke of Albymarle.
4282. 1698, August 1. Loo.

Robert Pringle to [the earl of Arran], promising to lay before the king the duchess of Hamilton's instrument of resignation as soon as his majesty returns to town.

9054. 1698, August 2. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], wishing that he would come home and see to the family's affairs; the matter of regalities and of the communication of trade to the non-royal burghs is to be discussed in the current session of parliament.

4292. 1698, August 2. Langroster.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, reporting on the condition of the woods in Lancaster and Preston.

8971. 1698, August 2. Rome.

The chevalier de Mesmes to the earl of Arran, remarking that he has already heard of the illness of Mr. Forbes at Boulogne, and asking anxiously about his lordship's own health. [In French]
[With modern transcription and translation]

4331. 1698, August 2. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, informing him of the business to be done in parliament on the following day.

4333. 1698, August 4. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, giving an account of the business done in parliament on the previous day, including the giving in of private bills by the African Company.
4322. 1698, August 4. Edinburgh.

James Anderson to [the earl of Arran], telling him of a collection of curious manuscripts once belonging to Sir James Balfour and now about to go on sale, including the chartularies of the abbeys of Scone, Aberdeen and Dunfermline, very old charters, and letters of the kings of Scotland.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him of parliament's complaints to the king about the African Company's hard usage by the Resident at Hamburgh, and giving news of some other lesser matters.

9081. 1698, August 8. Holyroodhouse.

Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the earl of Arran, urging him to avoid by all methods a lawsuit with Lady Gerard. Parliament is busy drawing up an address to the king about the African Company and debating the matter of protections. He himself has had several meetings with Skelmorlie's friends about the purchase of lands in Arran, and the negotiations have almost been completed to his satisfaction. [With cover]

4763. 1698, August 8.

Mr. Poley to the earl of Arran [sic], sending a deed he has asked for and promising to read the mortgage.


James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, giving an account of the business done in parliament on the previous day and mentioning that the laird of Grant's process with the sheriff of Murray is to be in that week.
9070. [1698], August 9. Holyroodhouse.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the earl of Arran, hoping that he will be able to pay off his debts with his wife's portion, and advising that the sooner his young wife is away from her mother's influence the better, for it was said that the latter caused the differences between Lord Mackelsfield and his lady. There are rumours that when 'the great folks' in Scotland heard that the duchess of Hamilton had resigned her titles in favour of her son, they tried to stop his patent, so the countess asks if he has any news of it.

[With a postscript by the earl of Tullibardine entreating the earl of Arran to come home]. [With cover]

6708. [1698], August 9.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the earl of Arran, on behalf of Lady Callendar, who is seeing about an aliment taken off her jointure and given to 'the other Lady Calendar and her children'.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, enclosing a copy of parliament's address to the king, concerning the African Company.

9046. 1698, August 10. Loo.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his new title and enclosing his patent which the king signed that morning, [not included], together with the 1st duke's patent for the earldom of Cambridge, [not included], since the king made no difficulty about that title.

6021. 1698, August 11.

Lady Gerard to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that through ill advice the earl of Arran, the writer's son-in-law, has not strictly performed 'what he was obliged to before marriage both by promise and deed in a matter whereing he cannot pretend that he was in the least surprized or imposed upon'. [With cover.]
1698, August 11. Edinburgh.

James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, referring to a proposed act against 'the extravagancy of apparel', and to other acts proposed in parliament on the previous day.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that parliament has been debating the sumptuary law, and giving news of his lordship's family.


James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting that parliament has spent the whole of the previous day discussing the proposed act for regulating apparel, that there is to be a national fast on the second Sunday in September, and that parliament has been adjourned.

[c1698, August 14] [Loo]

James Irving to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has done all he can to remind the king of his lordship's business.


James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, sending him some papers concerning the fast and the proposed sumptuary law, and reporting that the committee has been considering the petitions given in by the officers of the disbanded army.


[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, telling him that parliament has done little of consequence, that the annexed excise of 3d pints has gone to Bailie Menzies and that the marquis of Douglas has disposed his estate in favour of his son, setting up a commission to settle his debts.
4240. 1698, August 17. Wishaw.

[William Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the duchess of Hamilton is well pleased with his grace's marriage, reporting that Lord Basil has come to an agreement with Skelmorly over some lands in Arran, and announcing that a few rooms in the upper storey of Hamilton palace have been finished.

4338. 1698, August 18. Edinburgh.

James Hamilton to the earl of Arran, reporting that parliament had been adjourned because of a dispute over the earl of Buchan's right to sit, but has convened again that day to pass acts against the invading of ministers and the wearing of gold and silver apparel.

4254. 1698, August 18. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the earl of Arran, reporting that at the opening of parliament some objected to the earl of Buchan sitting by virtue of that title, so that there will be a hearing of the matter on the following Friday.

7409. 1698, August 20. London.

The duke of Hamilton to [his brother-in-law the marquis of Tullibardine], telling him that the writer has now received his patent, and that he intends to come to Edinburgh very soon.


David Crawford to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing surprise that he has notified none of his friends about his new title.


[James Hamilton] to the earl of Arran, describing the business done in parliament on the previous day.

7154. 1698, August 22. O.S. Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], sympathising with him over the delay in his grace's patent. No day has yet been fixed for the king's journey to Zell, and he spends his time hunting and shooting.
1698, August 23. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his new title, and describing the business done in parliament on the previous day.

1698, August 23.

[Copy, in her own hand]. [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to Lady Gerard, [in reply to supra 6021], apologising for the duke of Hamilton's behaviour if he has failed in his obligations in any way.

1698, August 23. Edinburgh.

The earl of Tullibardine to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], wishing him joy of his new title, which has made his enemies 'trembling and dejected', and mentioning that means of paying the army are currently being discussed.

1698, August 23. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that 'parliament proceeds so very slowly in business that really we cannot give your grace accounts thereof', and mentioning the argument about the earl of Buchan's right to sit in parliament.

1698, August 23. London.

The duke of Hamilton to [?] his wife Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, enclosing his patent and related documents, [not included] and complaining that he is hard pressed by his creditors.

1698, August 23. Minthouse.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his new title.

1698, August 23. Holyroodhouse.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his new title, and declaring that parliament has been occupied with 'so insignificant stuff ... it's hardly worth the writing'.
4301. 1698, August 23.

[William Hamilton of Wishaw] to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his new title, thanking him for telling the writer's son about what Sir Robert Morray had written of Wishaw himself, and discussing his business with Morray.


[David Crawford] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that word has come of her resignation being accepted by the king. [Unfinished].


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, describing the business done in parliament on the previous day, and by the great committee on the day that he writes.

7155. 1698, August 25. O.S. Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has presented his grace's compliments to Lord Albemarle and has spoken to the latter on behalf of their brother, the earl of Ruglen.


[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], informing his grace of what is left at Holyrood since the duchess removed her furniture, bed linen and so on from almost all the rooms, and mentioning the debate, over the exportation of wool, in parliament on the previous day.

6641. [1698], August 27.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother, the duke of Hamilton, announcing that her husband has been confined to his chamber 'for a crime he is absolutely innocent of'.

4253. 1698, August 27. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, describing how Lord Tullibardine and his brothers have been arrested and a charge of beating up Balnagoun, who has also been made prisoner.
4284. 1698, August 29. Abberston.

The duke of Bolton to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on receiving the dukedom. [The signature only in his own hand.]  

7156. 1698, August 30. Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk], to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter to Madame Mazarine and mentioning that Lord Albermarle is that night expected back from Amsterdam, where he has been buying things with which to furnish his house.  

6721. [1698], August 30.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the duke of Hamilton, urging him to help her husband who has been falsely accused of beating a man, and enclosing her letter to the earl of Selkirk. [6722]  

6722. 1698, August 30.

[Copy] [Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother [Charles, earl of Selkirk], giving a detailed account of the proceedings taken against her husband, who has been unjustly confined to his lodgings by the commissioner.  

4252. 1698, August 30. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Lord Tullibardine, his two brothers and Balnagoun have been released on bail, although his complaint to parliament was laid aside, and giving a brief account of the other business done that day.  

6642. [1698], September 1. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], referring to his own release, to the adjournment of parliament, and to the business done before it adjourned.
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6764. 1698, September 2. Gew.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], describing his efforts to obtain payment of Madame Mazarine's pension.

4267. 1698, September 2. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the business done in parliament on the previous day.


[The earl of Ruglen] to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for what he has done for the writer, and regretting the illness of the earl of Cassilis [their uncle and the writer's father-in-law], whose affairs are in great disorder.


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, asking for a hundred copies of the [3rd] duke's picture.

7157. 1698, September 5. Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Albemarle has passed on his grace's letter to the king, and regretting that one of the six Scots regiments is to be sent home. When the coming review is over, the king is to go to Zell.

4256. 1698, September 5. Hachwood.

The duke of Bolton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he wants only hawks of the present or previous years, as his son keeps him well supplied with longwinged hawks from Ireland.

[Only the signature in his own hand.]

4272. 1698, September 6.

The marquis of Tweeddale to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him both on his marriage and on his accession to his mother's title, and wishing that he would return to Scotland.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that his patent has passed the seals, that Fraser of Beaufort has been condemned, and that Argyll has refused to be president of the council of war.


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that William Cochrane has got the farm of the new poll tax, and giving news of the duke's relatives.

4265. 1698, September 11. Hachwood.

The duke of Bolton to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that the latter will be able to supply him with more hawks later, though they are not at present available.

[Only the signature in his own hand]

6760. 1698, September 12. Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of how he protested to the king about the barbarous usage of Lord Tullibardine by the commissioner, and how the king had merely replied that he had heard nothing of the matter. Lord Albemarle has scarcely spoken six words to the writer since their last conversation, and the king will leave for Zell during the following week.

[With cover]


[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], declaring that the writer is 'still getting new marks of malice and unjustice from our grandees here' and that the duke's enemies would prevent him becoming a privy councillor.

6792. [1698], September 13. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to pay his debts and hurry to [Scotland]. She approves of his having written to the earl of Portland on behalf of the earl of Tullibardine.
Lady Gerard to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that the duke of Hamilton has refused to pay her dower and, when she put his deed in suit, took the matter to chancery. [With cover].

The earl of Tullibardine to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], recommending the bearer Dr. George Murray who may be trusted entirely with any message, and warning him that 'there are no wicked contrivances omitted to make you and your friends insignificant'.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], insisting that he has done everything in his power to further the countess of Orkney's interest, whatever the countess herself may say. [Last pages missing]

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of his grace's family, of Orbistoun's 'drinking and debauching' at Hamilton, and of the African Company's decision to send fresh provisions and ships after those which have already gone.

Patrick Murray to [? the duke of Hamilton], sending him a copy of some legal papers concerning Beaufort and his accomplices, at the order of Lord Tullibardine.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, enclosing an anonymous letter 'which uses you very scourvely', and expressing surprise that the duke means to leave his new wife so soon to go to Scotland. As to Lord Tullibardine, the king declares that his lordship has no reason to expect favours with him but that he will be dealt with justly as is everybody else.
6670. [1698], September 17.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him that their mother hopes to see him in Edinburgh before October 11, on which day the earl [of Tullibardine]'s business is to come before the council, and adding her own persuasions for him to do so.

6793. [1698], September 19. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], approving of his expressions of concern for the earl of Tullibardine, who is to appear before the council on October 11.

6438. 1698, September 20.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his new title, and hoping to see him and his wife in Scotland soon.


[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has paid all the dues of his grace's patent, except those to Langtoun the king's usher.

8466. 1698, September 22. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that he has been very busy paying off his debts, and although he has offered to submit to arbitration his dispute with Lady Gerard, the latter has not replied to this suggestion.

6669. [1698], September 22. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his efforts on behalf of the writer who lies under various false calumnies and will do so for some time further as the council has now been adjourned until the second Tuesday in November.

With a postscript by Katherine, countess of Tullibardine, emphasising their mother's anxiety to see the duke soon.
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6852. 1698, September 23. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to give an unspecified object to Mr. Floumois, who will call upon his grace with the cipher which the writer promised him.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], explaining that a boil on his finger has hindered him from writing, and assuring his brother that he delivered his letter to the earl of Portland.


William Cochrane to the duke of Hamilton, telling him how much the young earl of Dundonald's affairs are suffering in his grace's absence, and expressing his fears of a famine because of the bad weather.

4270. 1698, October 2. Goodwood.

The duke of Lenox and Richmond to the duke of Hamilton, requesting that he have his Scottish friends attend the council at which he is to pursue the magistrates of Glasgow for their daily insolence towards the writer.

4269. 1698, October 3. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the bad weather and poor harvest 'which with the three last bad years, will quit ruin this country', and discussing the putting up of glass in some of the palace rooms.

4278. 1698, October 4. Taymouth.

The earl of Breadalbane to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on receiving the dukedom, and assuring him of his friendship.

4288. 1698, October 7. Dagaty.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his new title, and telling him how much his friends long for his return to Scotland.
[The earl of Ruglen] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the illness of the writer's wife, and saying that opinions differ as to whether or not his grace should come home at this time. [With cover]

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son, the duke of Hamilton], sympathising about his wife's miscarriage, and regretting that he has quarrelled with his mother-in-law, Lady Gerard.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that David Crawford's letter will give him all the local news, and referring to the very bad harvest.

[Copy, in her own hand] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to Lady Gerard, [in reply to 6023], regretting the breach between her correspondent and the duke of Hamilton, but denying that the latter's financial condition is poor.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the duke of Hamilton, regretting that his wife has had a miscarriage.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], stating that he has once more asked the king about Madame Mazarine's pension and about Lord Archibald. He suggests that his grace delay his journey to Scotland until the king returns to London, so that the writer may accompany his brother north.
Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], recommending to him Captain Archibald Hay, who fears that his company may be reduced.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.]

Prince Thomas of Savoy to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on his new title. [In French] [With cover].

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, giving news of his grace's family and remarking that the country is at present 'knee deep of snow and hard frost, and the corn's not halfe cutt down'.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that all the arrangements for paying Madame Mazarine's pension have been made.

Lady Gerard to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, [in reply to 6024], insisting that the only way in which a settlement between the writer and her son-in-law can be reached is for the latter to perform his obligations. [With cover]

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter for the payment of Madame Mazarin's pension, and explaining that he can write no more because of eye trouble.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], wishing that he had not broken with his mother-in-law, Lady Gerard.
6440. 1698, October 31. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing his uncertainty as to whether his brother should stay at Court until the king comes over, or set out for Scotland. He urges his brother to come to terms with Lady Gerard, and mentions that his brother owes the African Company £17-10.

6763. 1698, November 4. Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], repeating the remarks which he made to the king on behalf of Madame Mazarine. The king will soon set out for the Hague so the writer hopes to see his brother in eight or ten days' time.

6365. 1698, November 5. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a list of the persons put into the new commission of council [not found] and promising to let him know who are to go on to the exchequer.

4290. 1698, November 5. London.

The earl of Orkney to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing his unsatisfactory conversations with Lady Gerard, during which he had tried to clear up misunderstandings between her and the Hamiltons, and announcing that there is 'a great quarell' between himself and his brother, the duke.

8093. 1698, November 8. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that the council has spent most of the day reading their new commission but has also named a new committee to examine Balnagoun's witnesses.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], sympathising with him in his troubles [over his marriage contract], and explaining that he has come to Edinburgh to wait upon their brother-in-law Lord Tullibardine when Balnagoun's affair comes before the council which the writer condemns for its 'strange politicks and hectoring of members of parliament at a shamefull rate'.
4291. 1698, November 9. [? Murth]

[? The earl of Ruglen] to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that unless the duke, his brother, intervenes, the writer's office will be disposed of to another.

6849. [1698], November 14. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to the duke of Hamilton, asking him most earnestly to use all occasions to let everybody know 'that I am settled here without a thought of ever again engaging in business'.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that she is glad that he and his wife agree so well despite the duke's difference with his mother-in-law, and declaring that as a matter of civility she had had to reply to Lady Gerrard's letter.

6442. 1698, November 15. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the hearing of Balnagoun's case against Lord Tullibardine and his brothers. He then alludes briefly to the poverty of the country and indications of a famine.

6444. 1698, November 17. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], continuing his account of Balnagoun's case against Lord Tullibardine [see 6442] and warning his grace that everyone speaks of him as 'never to be a Scotch man' since he finds such charms in London and now has an English wife and estate.

8942. 1698, November 18. London.

[Draft, not in his own hand]. [The] duke of H[amilton] to Prince Thomas of Savoy, thanking him for his congratulations [supra 8938], and hoping to see him in England sometime. William III is about to return from Holland, 'et a cette heure que nous n'avons plus de guerre nous n'avons que des campagnes de parlement pour nous occuper, qui sont quelques fois aussi facheuses ...' [In French.]

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], announcing that the writer has clearly been acquitted since 'the very witnnesses that ware chosen to prove against me are the persons that have vindicated me more then any thing'.

8432. 1698, November 23. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing his meeting with the earl of Annandale, Lord Montgomery, Lady Margaret [? Hope], and Sir Patrick Home to discuss her grace's financial affairs.

6853. [1698], November 23. Altrop.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for promising to do as the writer desired of him. [See 6849].


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], stating that he is detained in town by Scelmorlie's affair. The poverty throughout the country is such that people are being found dead on the highway. As to the African Company, another ship with provisions is to be sent out.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting on the drawing up of a bond which he sends for her signature.

6452. 1698, December 1. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that 'things jog on here as they did, and our governours are impatient to hear of the king's arrivall, that they may have the vacant offices filled at their desire, thereby to crown their absolute power'. The African Company is to protest at not having received an answer to their address to the king.


James Dunlop to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to order the payment of the sum of money which he owes to the laird of Moristoun.

[The earl of Ruglen] to [the duke of Hamilton], denying that he wrote the duke a letter announcing his intention of going to London, for he meant to do no such thing.


Helen Johnston to the duke of Hamilton, asking his grace to continue to favour her sister, daughter and son-in-law after her impending death.

[Only the signature in her own hand].


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the bad harvest and dearness of fodder, which makes it advisable to send the grey coach horses to his grace.


The earl of Ruglen to [the duke of Hamilton], asking about a misfortune which his brother has suffered, and sending him a newsletter with which he is very ill pleased. The king's advocate has, however, promised to prosecute those responsible.

6668. 1698, December 13. Huntingtower.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, expressing concern over his grace's 'unhappy accident'. The writer's father, the marquis of Atholl, is being pursued by Argyll to make restitution of part of the latter's estate.

6453. 1698, December 13. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing relief that reports of his condition had been exaggerated, and wishing that his grace were at home 'for I think England shall still prove fatal to our family'.
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4287. 1698, December 15. Edenbrugh.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], inquiring anxiously about him, and announcing the birth of his own son that morning.

9010. 1698, December 28 [187]

Prince Thomas of Savoy to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his letter, assuring him of his regard, and promising to send him news. [In French] [With cover]

6026. [1698], December 20.

Lady Gerard to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that as the duke of Hamilton has not yet executed a release in her favour, she is about to prosecute him at law. [With cover]


Sir William Bruce to the duke of Hamilton, expressing his concern at 'the late hazard your grace's life was in'.


[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the duke of Hamilton, expressing relief at his recovery from his recent 'misfortune', and telling him that her husband is ill with jaundice.


The earl of Granard to the duke of Hamilton, assuring him that he is his unalterable and humble servant.


The earl of Ruglen to [the duke of Hamilton], commenting that France will be very ill pleased with the news of the Spanish succession and expressing surprise that the house of commons will not allow the king his army in time of peace. There is much talk in Scotland of the earl of Argyll going to be created duke of the Isles, together with other new titles for some of his fellow peers.
6360. 1698, December 27. Minhouse.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him 'now you have an opportunity which is to strike in with E.P. for our statesmen here are much down in the mouth with the votes of the house of commons'.


Lord Belhaven to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself for not having congratulated him sooner on his accession to the dukedom, and warning him not to get even with his enemies by entering into any private engagements, but to inform the king of the true state of the country.

6454. 1698, December 29. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, wishing that his grace had put in print the true account of his recent accident. He warns that 'my Lord Atholl and Tullibarden are like to be destroyed by Argyll, with his plea before the session', and urges his brother to do anything he can to help the former.

7782. [c1698]

Note in the hand of the earl of Arran concerning the tack of the coal heugh in favour of Bonhard.

7974. [c1698]

[Lady Anne Hamilton, countess of Ruglen] to her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that her husband cannot wait upon her grace as yet since parliament is busy discussing a prohibition of French wine as well as Caledonia and the army. [With cover].
8233. [1698]

Elizabeth, countess of Clancarty to [? the 4th duke of Hamilton], asking him to persuade the countess of Orkney to have her brother the earl of Jersey prevail with Lord Albemarle to spare her husband's life.

[Enclosed is a petition to the king on the same subject. Also 8233]

4365. 1698/9, January 5. Kerlston.

The viscount of Stair to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the shires will petition parliament if no promise of relief is made [in the matter of the African Company].


[William Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he does not have the articles his grace has asked for, and wishing that the latter would return to Scotland.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that he hopes to be able to decide whether to marry a certain young lady [Lady Fraser of Lovat's daughter?] before going to London.


William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, promising to look for the paper he has asked for, and telling him that Lord Kenmò is confident of success in his action against the duke over a bond.

6673. 1698/9, January 11. Huntingtower.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], giving notice of his intention to go to Edinburgh 'to assist my father against the attacks of the now great earl of Argile', who pursues the marquis for part of Argile's estates.


[The earl of Ruglen] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his friends expect him not to let his opportunities slip, and that the votes of parliament which came by last post 'have dissapointed our great folks here'.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to [her brother, the duke of Hamilton], rejoicing at his recovery, and referring to rumours that over the Christmas holiday the English parliament would not keep to their former vote to reduce the army to 7000.


[The earl of Tullibardine] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, rejoicing at his grace's recovery.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that their mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, is making her accounts with her chamberlain as best she can 'in a sadd broken countrey', where some of the corn still stands in the fields.


Daniel Hamilton to his cousin [ , referring to 'the accident which hath befalln the duke' [of Hamilton], giving news of the coal hewers who have been working again since September, and mentioning the planting being done at Kinneill.

4358. 1698/9, January 18. Wishaw.

William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he cannot find the articles for which the duke has asked.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he is about to depart for London, and declaring that the financial circumstances of the young lady who was proposed as a match for him have been much misrepresented.


[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], declaring that 'the managers here have done and does the king and his goverment prejudice', and reporting that the earl of Argyll is pursuing the writer's father 'with the height of malice and violence', and will be satisfied only with Glenlyon.

The earl of Ruglen to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to come home as soon as possible and that he therefore come to terms with Lady Gerard and 'make up with Earl Portland who seems to have the whole management of Scotland'. All the king's affairs there are mismanaged, with everyone discontented and the president of the session struggling with the king's advocate for a vacancy on the session. [With cover]


[The earl of Tullibardine] to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, suggesting that he write a letter of thanks to the Earl Marshal who has sent from the north to inquire after his grace, discussing the vacancies on the session, and enclosing a letter written out for him. [6725]

6725. [1698/9, January 24] [Aby]

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], giving news of the general assembly's criticism of the earl of Argyll's scandalous behaviour and of some differences between Sir John Maxwell and the justice clerk.


J. Steuart of Bute to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on receiving the title of duke, and on his recovery from the 'alarmoing danger you incurred by the bold and surpryeing attack of these villians'.

6456. 1698/9, January 25. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to use in town 7 grey horses left at Hamilton since their father's death, as there is no hay for them in the present ill season. Although old they look well and might even be bought by 'some young spark, that has more money than wit'. [With cover]

6726. 1698/9, January 27. Aby.

The earl of Tullibardine to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, giving news of various appointments including those of Lord Carmichael as secretary and the justice clerk as treasurer depute, rather against the latter's will. He expresses surprise that the duke has not sent word of these changes to his friends in Scotland, and wishes that he were in the government.
6803. [c1698/9], January 31. Altrope.

[The earl of] Sunderland to [the duke of Hamilton], refusing to be persuaded to leave Altrope where he and his wife 'are quiet and satyfied', and asking for news of Lord Makelsfeild's business.

8411. 1698/9, February 1. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing her grace's financial affairs, and referring to the death on the previous day of his nephew Johnny, son of the earl of Ruglen.

4387. 1698/9, February 5. Inverugie.

The Earl Marischall to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing pleasure at the latter's plan to visit Scotland in the summer.

6457. 1698/9, February 6. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to their mother's purchase of the lands of Skelmorlie, and to changes in the government. [With cover].

6727. 1698/9, February 9.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her brother the duke of Hamilton, warning him that people say 'for as well as D. Hamilton waits on the Court he cannot obtain a place, nor so much as know of the disposing of one'.

6854. [1698/9], February 11. Altrope.

[The earl of] Sunderland to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that it is very long since he has heard from his grace.

6857. [1698/9], February 20. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], sympathising with his troubles in being involved in a lawsuit.

[The earl of Tullibardine and Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, sending a message by the bearer and, on Lord Basil's part, condemning him for staying in England.

6855. [71698/9], February 26. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing the abstract of a letter which he has received from Mr. Secretary Vernon [6856] and asking him to keep the contents secret but to use his influence with Lady Clancarty [the writer's daughter] to have her submit to those hardships which she has brought upon herself.

6856. [1698/9, February 26]

[Mr. Secretary Vernon] to [the earl of Sunderland], telling him that he has recommended to the king that the earl of Clancarty should be sent with his wife [Sunderland's daughter] to live in Holland, since his presence in London is 'a great obstruction to your coming up'.

4354. 1698/9, March 1.

William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, discussing a deed drawn up by Mr. Crawford relating to the 3rd duke's tailzie, and the payment of some bonds.

6458. 1698/9, March 2.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that their mother had positively ordered Lord Archibald to deliver a letter to Lady Gerard. Atholl and Argyll have now subscribed a mutual discharge. [With cover]

6367. 1698/9, March 2. Edinburgh.

[The earl of Ruglen] to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his condolences on the death of the writer's child. He is sorry that the duke is so much troubled with the tedious lawsuit, and complains about his own treatment by his friends. [With cover]
1698/9, March 9. Gerrard Street.

John Norris, junior, to [the earl of Sunderland], asking for a loan of 20 guineas, which he must raise by March 21 without his father's knowledge.

1698/9, March 11. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to 'give from me ten guinys to Norries the frame-maker's son'.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of their mother's illness, and explaining that she had seen no harm in writing to Lady Gerard. Her grace has ordered that the grey horses be sent to her son in London, but if he does not want them they can be sold. The marquis of Douglas is thought to be dying, and Tantallon has been sold to the lord president.


Sir William Bruce to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his letter and explaining that he has spent the winter adjusting a debt due to him from the earl of Morton.

1698/9, March 18. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking if he has received the writer's letter of March 11. [6851]

1698/9, March 19. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking his grace to make the writer's compliments to Lord Maxwell who is now a free man.

1698/9, March 20.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], welcoming his intention of visiting the writer at Easter.
William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that Thomas Alexander has informed him of 'some mismanagements in your interest' in Garstang.

The earl of Ruglen to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that 'Mr. C' desires to be taken up by the duke. [With cover]

James Cunningham to the duke of Hamilton, advising him on how to reclaim the money owed to him by the late duchess of Mazarine.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a representation from Borrowstounness which he has had printed for the townspeople [6486], suggesting that his grace and Lord Carmichael may be very useful to each other, and hoping that the duke's lawsuit will not delay his journey to Hamilton. [With cover]

A printed 'Representation for the Town of Borrowstounness Humbly offered to the Commission for Setling of Trade', declaring that their condition is far worse than as described by Linlithgow, and asking that their customs books may be examined to prove this.

[The earl of] Ruglen to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that 'Mr. C.' is anxious for his help. The great scarcity of food has caused tumults throughout the country, and corn prices are excessive. A disturbance was caused in Edinburgh by the earl of Argyll's order to have all horses about the town seized for his own use. [With cover]
6801. [c1699], March 28. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the earl of Arran], suggesting that the latter visit Altrope the following week, and may wish to bring Lord Macklesfeild with him.

6487. 1699, March 29. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to be reconciled with their brother Lord Archibald, referring to the good news of the colony, 'which has landed on the Isthmus of Darien, in a fine country a good harbour and what not, and very well received by the inhabitants', and urging him to come to Scotland soon. [With cover]


[Mr. Robert Blackwood] to [Lord Belhaven], giving a description of the defences at Darien, and of the wreck of a French man of war, and concluding that 'I truely think Mr. Paterson will be found to have been true in all his informations'.

6488. 1699, April 1. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, describing the recent meeting of the directors of the African Company, where arrangements were made for sending out supplies to the colonists, and the general rejoicing at the good news from Darien. He encloses a copy of a letter from the colonists. [With cover]

6484. 1699, April 1. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [George, earl of Orkney], rejoicing at the news of the African company's men having landed on the coast of Darien during the previous November, and warning him against the lies of one Harris, who deserted the colony. The prospects are good, and it is to be hoped that gentlemen of quality will go over, including perhaps their own brother Lord Archibald. Seventy five of the colonists have died, probably from drinking brackish water, but the others have recovered and have fortified their position.
1699, April 1. Edinburgh.

[William Hamilton of Wishaw] to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to sign a corroboration of his previous gift to the duchess of £2000, and referring to the lamentable condition of Clidisdail.

1699, April 2. Beil.

Lord Belhaven to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to return to Scotland, remarking that 'our Indian affair really it looks verie weel' [the Darien scheme], and enclosing a letter from Mr. Blackwood. [4393]

1699, April 3. Halkhead.

Lord Rosse to the duke of Hamilton, justifying his action in compelling Lord Dundonald to sell him some lands.

1699, April 4. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [? the earl of Arran] telling him that he is welcome at Altrope whenever he pleases and whoever he brings with him.

1699, April 5. Campbeltoun.

Dugald Campbell, moderator, to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, recommending Dugald Stewart as a minister for Arran.

[A note by David Crawford on April 17 records her grace's consent and promise of an augmentation in stipend.]

1699, April 5. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing some minor domestic matters. [With cover]

1699, April 5. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself for not having written before, and wishing that his grace were at home, especially 'at this time, when the future happynes, or misery of poor Scotland is at the stake, and few such as your grace to lend her a life'.

4412. 1699, April 6. Durness.

Lord Reay to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he has been unable to obtain any hawks for him.

6729. 1699, April 6. Huntingtower.

The earl of Tullibardine to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, announcing the birth of his daughter, and referring to the general enthusiasm about the Darien scheme.


The earl of Panmure to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the directors of the African Company have been busy making arrangements to send out more men and provisions that the president of the session [Hugh Dalrymple] has promised to support their interests in London, and that everyone in Edinburgh is 'very zealous for the company'.

4380. 1699, April 6.

The earl of Panmure to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that both the ship commanded by Captain Jameson and the other are to sail from Leith, and condemning Heris, who went in the company's ships 'only with a design to cheat and impose upon those he went with'.

6552. 1699, April 7. Glasgow.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, describing the general enthusiasm for the Darien scheme. [With cover]

6982. 1699, April 8. London.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to some recent disputes in which he has been involved [unspecified], and declaring that he inclines more and more to a settled life, looking on going to sea as 'the last remedy'.

6901. [c1699], April 8.

Anne, countess of Sunderland to the duke of Hamilton, welcoming the news of his intended visit but warning him that their horses are ill.
6553. 1699, April 19. Hamilton.

Lord Basil Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, describing the enthusiastic preparations to send out men and provisions to Darien, and declaring that England should support the scheme. [With cover]

4381. 1699, April 20. Huntingtower.

The earl of Tullibardine to [the duke of Hamilton], sending verbal news by the bearer, and a map of Caledonia.

4397. 1699, April 21. Inverugie.

The earl Marischall to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to procure from the king a letter granting the writer one of 'the visitations of the colledges'.

6858. [1699], April 22. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], welcoming the news of his safe arrival in London, and hoping that he does all he means to do before the arrival of '43'.

6590. 1699, April 23. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], referring to the latter's letter to Penicook, explaining why the ships for Darien did not sail from the Clyde, and declaring that there was bound to be a certain amount of mismanagement in such a venture.

4391. 1699, April 25. Beil.

[Lord Belhaven] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the directors of the African company are 'all verie dilligent in eingaging a second ventur'.

6800. [cl1699], April 27. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that lawyers 'make every thing that they meddle with last a great while for they find their account in it' and that 'Madame Mazarin's pruderie is incomprehensible'.
1699, April 27. Edinburgh.

Lord Kennedy to [his cousin the duke of Hamilton], entreaty him to help the writer, whose father's creditors are about to ruin him.

The earl of Panmure to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to 'recommend unity' when he writes to Captain Penicook and derying in detail charges of mismanagement made against the African Company by the duke in his letter to Lord Basil.

1699, May 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Panmure to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that fewer men than intended can be sent out [to Darien] because of the scarcity of provisions.


Lord Kennedy to [his cousin the duke of Hamilton], describing his financial straits, enclosing a memorandum on the subject [4395] and imploring his grace's assistance.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, remarking that Glenagie will give him an account of the African Company's affairs, and asking him to prevent the chancellor [Marchmont] from acquiring Bailie Hamilton's little lodging at Holyrood.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], hoping that she will not disapprove of his going to sea again in his previous capacity instead of participating in [the Darien venture], and asking for some financial assistance.

[The earl of Sunderland] to the duke of Hamilton, describing how he and his wife narrowly escaped death when their coach overturned. [With cover]


[The earl of Panmure] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing the departure of two ships for New Caledonia.


[The earl of Panmure] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the decision to send out 1,000 more men to Darien, and referring to a proposal to raise £100,000.

6811. [1699], May 20. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the writer's wife is in less pain.

4398. 1699, May 22. Dagaty.

Lord Yester to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the writer's wife advises the duke not to write a letter agreeing to Lord Rosse buying land from her son, the earl of Dundonald. [See 4396]


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, giving him some news of his grace's family and mentioning the recent 'great drought'.


[The earl of Panmure] to the duke of Hamilton, describing the arrangements for sending more ships to New Caledonia, and reporting that those which sailed from Leith had been sighted off Peterhead.

Prince Thomas of Savoy to the duke of Hamilton, asking for news. [In French]

[With modern transcription and translation]


Lord Carmichael to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, regretting that he could not persuade the king to do as her grace wished with Bailie Hamilton's house in the abbey. [Holyrood]

4407. 1699, June 1.

James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that Daniel Hamilton has just paid in £100 'for your interest in the African Company', and that Sir James Hall intends to demand payment of what he claims is the duke's bond to Edward Callandar.

6815. [1699], June 5. Altrop.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the writer's wife is recovering gradually and hoping to see his grace soon.


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that 'the condition of the shire of Clidsdale is so bad that the poor are dying every day by the dykesides and the highway for mere want', and remarking that the people there are 'a little unsatisfied' that the king went away without hearing the report of the ministers of state with reference to the African Company.

4409. 1699, June 12. Wishaw.

William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has been to Kinneill to examine Daniel Hamilton's accounts and to inspect his grace's policies there.


Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the difficulty of collecting rents, and advising that the coal and saltworks be put up for public roup.
1699, June 13.

James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that
he has spoken to Daniel Hamilton about the communication of trade
to Borroustonnes, and has been informed that 'the inhabitants of
that place are resolved altogether to neglect their trade'.

1699, June 15. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing
that the court of directors [of the African Company] have decided
to ask Captain Douglas to be officer in command of the next
expedition, stressing the need for agreement within the company,
and discussing the difficulties facing them.

1699, June 15. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that
the [3rd] duchess has resolved upon a wainscot rail for the
hanging stair, not an iron one.

1699, June 16. Panmure.

The earl of Panmure to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that
he will press as much as he can for the sending of more men to
Calidonia, and passing on news of a Spanish attack on a party
of the settlers.

1699, June 22. Edinburgh.

The earl of Tullibardine, Lord Montgomerie and William
Cochrane of Ochiltree to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to
sign and return the accounts relating to the earl of Dundonald's
affairs.


[George] Haldane to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him
copies of letters from Darien, where they colony seems to be
'in a verie good condition', and discussing preparations to
send more men out.


Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of his
family, and praising his grace's decision to return to Scotland.
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The earl of Tullibardine to the duke of Hamilton, promising to try to persuade his grace’s mother to grant his request, but pointing out that the ill years and the expenses of building have been a heavy drain on the duchess’s finances.

4413. 1699, June 26.

The earl of Dundonald [then aged 11], to the duke of Hamilton, his uncle, announcing that he is in good health.

6883. [1699], June 27. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], approving of his grace’s conversation with ‘the knight’.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that the marble chimneys sent down by his grace are all of the wrong measurements and colour, and mentioning some other minor domestic matters.

4486. 1699, July 1. London.

[Copy] The duke of Hamilton to the earl of Tullibarden, Lord Montgomerie and William Cochrane of Ocheltrie, informing them that he has already sent them a note of his remarks about his nephew’s accounts, but enclosing a duplicate in case his original letter had been lost. [In reply to 4487]

4414. [1699], July 4. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that preparations to send out more men and provisions to Caledonia are going well, but remarking that ‘all the world are upon the catch to ruine our undertaking if they cane but gett a handle for it’.

4422. 1699, July 5. Edinburgh.

Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he is in town to hear about a new project for saltmaking and because the burghs are considering the communication of trade to Borroustounness, and reporting on some minor domestic matters.

[George] Haldane to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing the determination of the members [of the African Company] to write amongst themselves, and discussing the sending of provisions, men and arms to the colony.


C. Campbell of Cesnok to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining about his treatment by the earl of Marchmont and his son, who is the writer's son-in-law, and asking him to inform the king of the situation.

440. 1699, July 8.

Memorandum entitled 'A full information as to both articles of Bredisholm's complaint'. [See 4417]

4425. 1699, July 12. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, asking what should be done about the tack of the coalworks at Kinneill.


[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that the marquis of Douglas has acted very foolishly in all his affairs and referring to the duke's writ against Braidisholm. [See 4430]


The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that the ship for Caledonia should sail on the following day and the others before August 10, and discussing the difficulties facing the colonists.

9115. 1699, July 14. Loo.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], fearing that there are small hopes of success for Darien, due to 'our owne mismanadgment' and the actions of their enemies. There are rumours that the king of Spain is seriously ill, and he refers to his own grief at the death of Madame Mazarin, for 'you knew a little how great friends we were of leat'. 

George Hadley to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for 'adjusting my interest in so obliging a manner'.


James Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that the marquis of Twedail and others probably intend to go to Glasgow to see the fleet sail for Caledonia.

4429. 1699, July 17. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a memorandum concerning the dispute between Banncluith and Bradesholm [4430], and warning him of how Borroustouness will suffer from the new duty for the communication of trade.

6809. [1699], July 20.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing surprise at his plan to go to Scotland but hoping that he will call at [Altrope] on the way.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of his visit to Glasgow to receive the men going to on the next expedition [to Caledonia], and urging the duke to come to Scotland because of the burden laid on Borroustouness for the communication of trade.


James Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], acknowledging his letter, and remarking that Lord Basil has been 'discoursing about setting your grace's coallworkes at Kinneill to Woodsaye'.


Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, describing his attempts to borrow money for his grace.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the sending of more men to Caledonia, with 'a person' who will give advice and assistance, and the effect of the proclamation by the governor of Jamaica.


Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, sending him two bills for a total of £300, which is as much as he could raise.

4416. 1699, August 3. Expedition Downes.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his voyage so far and asking if his brother means to go to Scotland as he has said he would.

4485. 1699, August 7. Bath.

[The earl of Panmure] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting the division in the council of the colony, recommending that Mr. Hamilton be made a director, and considering it very strange that Captain Marr and the others should be guilty of those things of which they are accused.

4435. 1699, August 8. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing his pleasure at the news of the duke's return to Scotland.

4437. 1699, August 10. Greenock.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he and the other directors of [the African Company] have seen their men 'all shipt and very hearty', and referring to reports of treachery in the colony.


Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him of the arrival at Gravesend of Mr. James Montgomerie and Mr. Jollie, two of the councillors from Caledonia, but warning him that they might have been concerned in 'that unaccountable designe which has been happily defaite'.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for news of him.

1699, August 15. Loo.

[The earl of Selkirk] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of their brother, Lord Archibald and of the improvement in the king of Spain's health, which is ill news for Darien.

1699, August 17. Expedition at the Boy of the Nore.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his help in getting him permission to continue in this ship, but complaining that he no longer likes life at sea, especially since it seems that 'evry elder officer must be preferred before me'.


[The earl of Panmure] to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the departure of two ships [for Caledonia].

1699, August 22. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he and the marquis of Tweeddale have been to Greenock, where the ships [for Darien] are waiting for a fair wind, with over two hundred promising men on board. There is, however, a great need for persons of quality to go out, and there are many complaints about Lord Archibald Hamilton's failure to take part. He concludes by discussing arrangements for his grace's visit to Scotland.

1699, August 22. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting on the sailing of ships for Caledonia.

1699, August 23. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her daughter-in-law [Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], welcoming her intention of visiting the writer.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of William Kintail's desire to sell his grace the lands of Kinglas.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], intimating that, thanks to his brother's intervention, he is to be allowed to stay with the same ship.


[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the preparations for his grace's visit.

1699, August 31. 'Expedition', Nore.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning that he has spoken to Tarras as his brother desired, and reporting that he himself is just getting under sail for Spithead.

1699, September 4. [? Brome]

Stephen Fox to the duke of Hamilton, denying that he has sought to alter the terms of payment of his debt to the duke.

1699, September 5. Stivenadge.

The duke of Hamilton to his brother [ ], declaring his wife to be 'ane angle and has behaved herself byon't all expression wee towards me', and praising her virtue.

[1699], September 5. Altrope.

[The earl of] S[underland] to [the duke of Hamilton], inviting him to call in at Altrope on his way to Scotland.
7904. 1699, September 8. Expedition at Portsmouth.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her invitation to come home but explaining that he cannot now do so as, contrary to his expectations, the king has shown him favour and is to continue him in the navy.

6807. [?1699], September 11. Altrope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to be at Altrope before September 28.

7990. 1699, September 13. Holyroodhouse.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her of the numbers of people who have gone south to meet [the duke of Hamilton] who is bringing his wife to Scotland. [With cover].

4453. 1699, September 16. London.

Lord Rosse to [the duke of Hamilton], stating that the late earl of Dundonald did promise to sell him the lands of the hill of [? Whitford].

7707. 1699, September 17.

George, earl of Orkney to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he can 'think of nothing but poor Darien that the Scots have diserted'.


The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that his wife will wait upon her grace on the following Friday.

6794. [1699], September 20. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that he and his wife will be welcome when they come to Hamilton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her invitation and promising to visit her on the following Tuesday, and remarking that the news of the colonists deserting Caledonia is possibly 'only a trick of some of our enemies'.

1699, September 22. Deptford.

[Copy] John Campbell to his cousin, James Campbell, merchant in London, repeating the news from Darien which he had heard while staying in Jamaica, and declaring that rumours of the Scots deserting Caledonia cannot possibly be true.

1699, September 23. London.

Captain A. Gawne to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Captain John Campbell assures him 'that our friends at Darien are in a very good condition', contrary to current reports, and that the colonists had routed a large party of Spaniards.


Lord Carmichael to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining why he has not managed to see his grace.

1699, September 28. from Mr. Smith's, a painter in Kerlson Court in Drury Lain.

Moses Stringer to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that lack of money prevents him from paying the ironworkers.

1699, October 22. London.

Peter [, to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of his daughter.

1699, October 3.

[Lord?] Feilding to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of rumours that the Spanish ambassador has been ordered to leave the kingdom, and offering to send him pamphlets about the Darien scheme.
The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], praising his concern for the Indian trade, condemning the behaviour of those sent by him and his friends to Greenock, and approving of the plan to send out another ship [to Darien].

Daniel MacKay to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the resolutions agreed upon at the meeting that day of the directors of the African Company, who plan to send Captain Alexander Campbell out to Caledonia in 'a gally'.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the loss of Darien.

The earl of Tullibardine to [the duke of Hamilton, welcoming him back to Scotland, suggesting that they meet to concert measures for the next parliament, and expressing relief that Lord Seafield's news of Caledonia was made up.

Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the 'Caledonia' and the 'Unicorn' have arrived at New York 'with the debris of our collonie'.

The Earl Marischall to [the duke of Hamilton], welcoming him back to Scotland, and recommending the bearer, James Wood.

Captain A. Gawne to [the duke of Hamilton], commenting on the 'fatall news' of Darien.
1699, October 11. Edinburgh.

Daniel Mackay to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that everything possible is being done to try to retrieve the disastrous loss of Caledonia.

1699, October 11. The marquis of Tweeddale to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the present confusion of the directors of the African Company and expressing concern for Captain May because of the order 'for taking up all officers or others that are come over from France since the peace'.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, expressing his satisfaction that the latter is now in Scotland, where he has always urged him to stay. He refers to 'the sad neuse of our countrymen's having abandoned Darien', and announces that he is being sent to Denmark to pay William III's compliments to the king.

1699, October 13. Huntingtower.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to the duke of Hamilton, lamenting the sad news of the desertion of Caledonia, and advising that an address to parliament be drawn up.


[The earl of Sunderland] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the news of 'the quitting of Darien is but too true', and that it is said that the air there is 'abominable and the water poyson'.

1699, October 15. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Lord Stair has come from Northberwick to Newliston.

1699, October 17. Pusey.

Lord Rosse to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for the promise of his support in a legal matter involving the earl of Dundonald.
6802. [c1698-9], October 19. Altope.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], wishing that his grace's dispute with Lady Gerrard were at an end.

4375. 1699, October 20. Gogar.

John, archbishop of Glasgow, to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his return to Scotland, and asking for payment of the rest of the tack duties of the teinds of Cambusnethan.

4447. 1699, October 23. Aby.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to the duke of Hamilton, sending him the draft of a petition.

4460. 1699, October 24. Leslie.

The countess of Rothes to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing herself for not having written sooner, and sending her greetings to the duchess.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the visit of Lady Gerard's commissioners, who had come to give their opinion in a dispute between the duke and Lord Stair.

4368. 1699, October 27. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the 'little regard' given by the committee of the church to the request for a fast, and discussing the drawing up of an address to parliament [about the African Company].

4458. 1699, October 27. Racket Court, Fleet Street.

John Cunningham to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he is claiming £800 from the duchess of Mazarine's estate on his grace's behalf.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that the thanksgiving for the good harvest will be followed by a fast for the failure of Caledonia, and advising that a petition should be started in the west rather than in the north, which would lead to it being called a Jacobite design.

1699, October 28. Glasgow.

Daniel Mackay to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that 'things are not in that readiness I expected', with reference to the sending out of another ship to Caledonia.

1699, October 30. Yester.

The earl of Cassillis to [his nephew the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself for not greeting the duke on his return to Scotland and congratulating him on the birth of his daughter.

1699, October 30. Yester.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining why he had advised Captain Hay to refuse the proposition made to him by the court of directors [of the African Company].

1699, November 1. Glasgow.

Daniel Mackay to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the difficulty of the directors of the African Company in raising money, and telling him that 'the directors of this place are somewhat pettish and will doe nothing without being courted and humor'd'.

1699, November 2. Edinburgh.

James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he has sent him a copy of Lord Stair's deposition before the English commissioners, and announcing that an order has come from Court for the adjournment of parliament.
7705. 1699, November 2. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him if news that his wife has given birth to a daughter is correct. He has little news to give as 'Darien and what you are doing in Scotland is the great subject of discourse here' but mentions some recent appointments.

[With cover]

4484. 1699, November 2.

Charles Lauton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that little is said of his grace in connection with the Darien affair, and giving news of a great plague in Pensylvania.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining why he has not written before.

6983. 1699, November 4. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, mentioning that Lord Marlborough has inquired when his grace will be coming to London. Everyone there thinks that Scotland's colony [of Darien] cannot possibly succeed.

[With cover]

4478. 1699, November 4. London.

Alice Heylin to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of his daughter.

4367. 1699, November 4.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], justifying the action taken with regard to Captain Hay, and discussing the presenting of an address to parliament [on the subject of the African Company].

4462. 1699, November 11.

[William Hamilton of Wishaw] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that 'there seems now to be little doubting of the deserting of Darien', and that the company have sent an address to the council.
4454. 1699, November 11. Kelly.

The earl of Aberdeen to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his expressions of sympathy on the death of the writer's son.

6482. 1699, November 12. Perth.

The earl of Dundonald [then aged about 13] to his uncle, the duke of Hamilton, mentioning that he is learning Latin, writing, arithmetic and riding.

4443. 1699, November 13. Huntingtower.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him not to be discouraged at his lack of progress, and that the king 'has sent the African Council an answer but not a very gracious one'.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the duke's financial affairs and referring to rumours of Caledonia being deserted and, in a postscript, to Pennycook's ship being refused victuals at Jamaica.


William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to a dispute 'betwixt two persons so nearlie related to your grace', and promising to do all he can to help it be settled by law.

4364. 1699, November 14.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that 'there is no further adressing unless it can be done in your countreys and the Lothians'.

6373. 1699, November 15. Barnton.

The earl of Ruglen to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that since he has now got the troublesome affair of Barnton ended, he hopes to see [the duke] soon at Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the debate in council about the king's answer to their address. The African Company is allowing a discount of 12% to all who pay their Candlemas subscription at once.

4457. 1699, November 16. Whitehall.

Viscount Seafield to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the king has granted the earl of Annandale possession of certain rooms in the Abbey.


The earl of Sunderland to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that the writer and his family will go to London about Christmas to see their lawyers as 'Lord Spencer is desperately in love'.

4400. 1699, November 17.

Memorandum for Lord Kennedy, drawn up by 'the ablest lawyers' and offering him advice about his financial affairs. [See 4399]

7794. 1699, November 18. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the misfortune of Darien, giving news of 'Lord P', the duke of Shrewsbury and others at Court, and mentioning his own Irish affairs.


Lord Kennedy to [his cousin the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he has served an inhibition and caused arrest all the money owed by the vassals in the superiority of Galloway to his father, and asking him to acquaint the latter of an action of poinding raised by one Fergison against the writer. He encloses a memorandum on the subject of his finances. [4,400]

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of his daughter, with the assurance that no one more than the writer desires that the earl should have a son, although this would displace Selkirk as heir to the dukedom. He hopes that he will not now be sent to Denmark but will soon be home. As for Scottish affairs, he has small hopes of the African Company's petition being successful. [With cover]


[? James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing some minor financial matters.


Lord Annandale to [the duchess of Hamilton], sending her his letter from the king, putting him in possession of certain rooms in the Abbey.

6948. 1699, November 22. Edinburgh.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that every post leads him to believe that 'those shattered remnants of our people at New York are endeavouring to return to Caledonia'. Graham of Bowpaple, who is one of the gentlemen who have come from France, has been arrested and imprisoned, and Lord Annandale is 'very uppish' since he secured from the queen the lodgings [at Holyrood] formerly occupied by [the duke of Hamilton].

7036. [1699], November 23.

Elizabeth, countess of Orkney to [her brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], giving news of a bad fall sustained by her husband while out fox-hunting.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, discussing the petition of the African Company to the king.
1699, November 24. Lanerk.

J. Bannantine to the Reverend Mr. Robert Wyllie, minister of the gospel at Hamilton, asking for news of the Scots' repossession of Darien, and for his support in the plan to provide Lesmahagow with a second minister.


[The earl of Panmure] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that some of his friends are of the opinion that one should be sent to London about the [African] Company's affairs and that no one would be more suitable than Lord Basil.

1699, November 25.

Robert West to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his arrival in Scotland, describing his meeting with one of Lady Charlotte Orby's representatives, and intimating that he is to meet with the administrators of the duchess of Mazarine's estate.

1699, November 25.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the general desire that Lord Basil go to London on behalf of the [African] Company.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the African Company have now been given permission to print their address to the king, together with his majesty's answer, but are delaying a little 'to show little we valueu that'. Some 'Queries' on the subject have also been printed. He and Tweeddale have drawn up a further address for public subscription.

1699 Nov.] Barnton.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother, [the duke of Hamilton], promising to try to see him at Hamilton two days later.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that the commissioners have not yet come over from Ireland, and referring to the debate about a commission being given to one Kidd. [With cover].


George, earl of Orkney to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he has not been able to write until now because of the injury to his head. [See 7036]. He is sorry to hear that the colonists' desertion of Caledonia 'proceeded from nothing but disunion amongst themselves'. Annandale is still pressing the king for the duke's lodgings at Holyrood.

4442. 1699, December 12. Tullibardine.

The earl of Tullibardine to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the progress made in gathering subscriptions to the petition in Stirlingshire, and referring to rumours that 'the bad provisions and cheating of the persons employed in packing up the provisions for Caledonia has been the great cause of their desertion'.


The Reverend R. Scott to the duchess of Hamilton, sending her a funeral sermon.


[George, earl of Orkney] to his sister [Margaret, countess of Panmure], fearing that the Scots will never succeed at Darien and that the address will do no good, and announcing that parliament has voted to resume all the forfeitures and grants in Ireland [including the property given to the writer's wife].

6812. [1698], December 17. Altrop.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], welcoming the news of his recovery, and hoping to see him at Altrop soon.

Lord Nairne to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on 'espousing so zealously the interest of our country'.


The marquis of Atholl to [the duke of Hamilton], welcoming his grace home to Scotland and assuring him of his friendship.

7934. 1699, December 18.

Amelia, marchioness of Atholl to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] asking for her grace's health.

4473. 1699, December 18.

The earl of Dunmore to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him of his friendship even though he was not able to meet the duke on his return to Scotland.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that 'your actions at present ... are so represented that there can be nothing blacker nor more loaded'. He himself is suspected of disloyalty to the king, and the secretaries are so reserved with him 'that I know less what is doing then if I were in Jappan'. He disapproves very strongly of their brother Lord Basil making his first appearance at Court as the bearer of the African Company's petition.


David Crawford to John [ ], denying that the duchess's horses had eaten some of the duke's hay.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, describing his journey from Edinburgh and intimating that he means to travel to Morpeth that night.
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[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring to rumours that the clergy will not join with the other Scots in the address [on behalf of the African Company].


Lord Carmichaell to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that when he saw the king he had no time to convey to him his grace's message, but promising to do so at the earliest opportunity.

4553. 1699, December 23.

[ ] to [ ]
confirming rumours of Caledonia being repossessed, quoting a paragraph from another gentleman's letter about the Company, and referring to the Court's present kindness towards the company.


Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of a 'design' against the writer.

4474. 1699, December 26.

Robert West to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing some proposal concerning Lady Gerard, and referring to the administration of the duchess of Mazarine's Will.


Lord Basil Hamilton to his wife, Lady Mary Dunbar, announcing his safe arrival in London after a very good journey. There are rumours that the king will not see him, but he will know nothing definite until he has delivered the council's letters to the English secretaries.


Lord Carmichaell to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has read to the king his grace's letter but that his majesty said 'he knew yow wer willing to be employed in his service upon yowr own terms' but that he was not using the right methods to obtain any place. The writer announces that Lord Basil has arrived, but that the king will not see him. [On an enclosed slip of paper he says that he will answer the duke's enclosed note in person.]

Lord Carmichael to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king is not pleased with the methods his grace is taking, and that his majesty will not see Lord Basil.

1699, December 27. Perth.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he has been collecting subscriptions 'to the petition'.

1699, December 28.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the petition [about the Indian and African Company] is now in Angus, referring to rumours of the Scots having repossessed Darien and that another ship is to be sent out.

1699, December 30. Inverness.

The Earl Marischall to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the good progress of the proclamation.


Hew Dalrymple and James Murray to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the duke of Queensberry's answer to their letter about the African Company, in which he describes the king's attitude.

1699, December 30.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that recent developments should make Lord Basil's mission to London easier, and discussing the likelihood of Annandale being made commissioner to parliament.

[Margaret, countess of Panmure] to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of a letter and hoping that their brother Basil's journey to London may have good results.


[The earl of Ruglen] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to strange rumours about the duke, describing the arrangements for Lord Kennedy's funeral, and enclosing a paper with some news.


Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the king's refusal to see Lord Basil but acceptance of the latter's instructions from the African Company.

1699. George, earl of Orkney to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the writer's wife denies ever having told his grace that Lord Macklesfield had confided to her that he intended making his will in favour of the duchess of Hamilton.

[In an endorsement the duke insists that the countess of Orkney did tell him this].

1699. Note by [the marquis of Tweeddale] giving news of the governor of Jamaica's proclamation against the colonists at Darien.

1699/1700, January 2. Hampton Court.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], promising to do what he can to help Lord Basil, although the king has refused to admit him and he fears will not change his mind.
6374. 1699/1700, January 2. Edinburgh.

The earl of Kuglen to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that the letter has been most unjust and unreasonable to the writer in his recent angry letter, explaining how he had sent news to the duke, and discussing the arrangements for Lord Kennedy's funeral.

4546/1 1699/1700, January 2. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he hears that the king has refused to see Lord Basil, and that over sixty people in Teviotdale have signed the address, which has also done well in the north.

4566. 1699/1700, January 2. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his grace's mother has now decided to infest Bardine in Raploch's estate.

4657. 1700, January 2. [1699/1700?]

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the choice of commissioners to the English parliament, and the action France is likely to take against England when she realises that war is imminent.

4547/1 1699/1700, January 3. Hamilton.

[Copy] The duke of Hamilton to Lord Carmichall, declaring that he has been 'grosly misrepresented' to the king, that Lord Basil's journey was 'peremptorily put upon him' by the African Company, and sending a letter for the king.

7224. 1699/1700, January 3.

Copy, not in the duke's own hand, of 4547/1.

7225. [1700], January 3. Hamilton.

[Copy, not in his own hand] [The duke of Hamilton] to William III, declaring that he has been misrepresented by his enemies and expressing his willingness to receive any post which the king might give him.
4543. 1699/1700, January 3.

The earl of Cassilis to [his nephew the duke of Hamilton], inviting him to attend the funeral of the writer's son [Lord Kennedy].

4560. 1699/1700, January 4. [London]

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [ ], referring to the arrival of Stuart and Stratton, discussing the behaviour of Mcklean and Forbes, and urging him to 'go on vigourously at the address'.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the marquis of Tweeddale], giving news of how Jameson's ship was destroyed, of the arrival in London of Captains Forbes and LickLean, and of his own attempts to clear up misrepresentations about the colony in London.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], regretting the 'saddest misfortune of Jameson's ship', describing his conversation with '199', and asking for news of the subscribing of the address. [Partly in cipher]


William Cochrane of Ochiltree to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the good progress of the address, inquiring if it should be copied out on parchment, and hoping for his help in Lady Kincardeen's affair.

4546/2 1699/1700, January 5. Glasgow.

William Cochrane of Ochiltree to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his help in Lady Kincardeen's affair, and expressing his good hopes for the success of the address.

4568. 1699/1700, January 5. Edinburgh.

Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the position of the chancellor [Marchmont] with regard to the African Company's affairs.
4550. 1699/1700, January 5. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], agreeing with the latter's condemnation of Lord Carmichell's fellow secretary, and promising to do everything possible to forward the address.


Isabella Hutchison to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how upset her daughter has been at the news of [her husband] Lord Kennedy's death, and thanking him for his letter of condolence.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], complaining that Maclean has 'made a great noise everywhere ... blaming the management at home' for the ruin of [the Darien scheme]. The earl of Sunderland believes that the English parliament will debate the matter soon, and 'all the talk now in town is of the union'.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered by the recipient]


An anonymous note to [? the duke of Hamilton], telling him that it is no wonder the African Company has not thriven, 'you have chosen such villains to employ abroad, and also grossly betray'd at home', and describing the arrival of Captains McLaine and Forbes.

4440. 1699/1700, January 8. Tullimet.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], seeming it inadvisable to publish a vindication of his grace's actions, and remarking, with reference to the Darien Scheme, that 'the king is still kept in the dark as to his true interest here'.


William Cochrane of Ochiltree to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to wait on him on the following day, and announcing that a convenient room at the Cross has been obtained, where the address may be seen.
4555. 1699/1700, January 9.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the desire of the African Company's enemies to disunite its members, discussing Lord Basil's reception at Court, and giving news of the progress of the address.

4562. 1699/1700, January 9.

William Paterson to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that time and the state of his health will not allow him to come to Hamilton with a representation and proposal as he had intended, and urging his grace to come to Edinburgh.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the marquis of Tweeddale], assuring him that if he can do the company no good in London, he will do them no harm, announcing that the king intends to be present at a parliament in Scotland in May, and reporting that the latest pamphlet makes a terrible noise here.

4659. 1700, January 9. [1699/1700?]

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that Scotland will not be 'draged into a warre at the pleshur of England', and commending the passing in Scotland of the prohibition act.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], agreeing that only the duke's own actions can remove him from suspicion, and sending to him and his wife the greetings of the duchess of Marlborough.


The Earl Marischall to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his success in collecting signatures to the address, all the gentry and towns in the north having signed.
4556. 1699/1700, January 10.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the news of the loss of Jameson's ship has made people 'not so disheartened by it as not cheerfully enough to goe on in providing supplys for supporting our now only remaining hope the Rising Sune', and that Lord Basil has been refused access to the king.

6987. 1699/1700, January 11.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], hoping that Sunderland, Rochester and others will use their influence in favour of [the African Company].
[Partly in cipher, deciphered by the recipient.]


The earl of Ruglen to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that Caledonia has been abandoned and that the king has not yet seen Lord Basil.


[Copy] Lord Basil Hamilton to [the marquis of Tweeddale], telling him that Lord Peeterburry has brought Scotland's affairs before the house of lords, and giving an account of the ensuing debate.

4660. 1700, January 11.
[1699/1700]

[Gavin Mason] to the duke of Hamilton, expressing satisfaction with the commissioners elected to the English parliament, and discussing the situation on the continent.


Lord Carmichael to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king has read his grace's letter, found it 'deutyfull', and hopes that he will do as he wrote.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], promising to serve him in his legal affairs in any way possible. Albemarle still refuses to see the writer, but the earl of Jersey [his own sister-in-law's brother] has been very civil and has promised to acquaint the king with everything. Marlborough says that he also spoke to his majesty but never saw him angrier than now.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered by the recipient.]

4558. 1699/1700, January 15.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has arranged for the printing of his grace's propositions, and sending him some papers, including a letter from Lord Basil. [4559]


George Haldane of Gleneagles to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself from joining Lord Basil in London, and stating that the African Company has called a council to consider what should now be done.


Lord Carmichael to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king has once more refused his grace's request to see the latter's brother Lord Basil Hamilton.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [ ], written on the same sheet as [ ] to [ ], who gives some news of the parliamentary debates on Caledonia. Lord Basil discusses the debate in greater detail.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, acknowledging his letters.

4671. 1700, January 16. London.

[1699/1700?]

[Copy] [ ] to Sir Francis Scott of Thirlestane, condemning Sir James Ogilvy as a traitor to Scotland and declaring that if the Union took place 'we would all be slaves'.

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Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that parliament has been adjourned until May 14, and that the king has ordered intimation to be made to the directors of the African company of his answer to the petition and instructions sent with Lord Basil.


Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a copy of anonymous letter which he had received, the same writer having sent him another mentioning the duke.

4673. 1699/1700, January 18.

[Copy] [ ] to [ ], reporting that in the house of lords only Lord Haversham 'roared against our companie', and that he is 'a new made lord, a great cronie of Mister Carstairs'.


Mr. Roderick MacKenzie to Mr. David Crawford, sending him a packet of printed sheets and pamphlets referring to the African Company, and reporting that 'the nationall address goes on wonderfully in the north'.

4554. 1699/1700, January 18.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a copy of a letter from Lord Basil [4552], discussing parliament's debate of the African Company's affairs, and giving news of the imprisonment of Dr. Pitcairne and Captain Bruss.


Susan, Lady Yester to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that her son the earl of Dundonald's affairs are neglected, and begging him to come to town to see them.
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[David Crawford] to [ ], enclosing 4569, and telling him that the printed propositions will be given to Lord Cassilis to disperse.

4565. 1699/1700, January 19.

The countess of Southerland to [the duke of Hamilton], asking that her husband may continue in his present lodgings at Holyrood till a week or two before the king's arrival.

4551. 1699/1700, January 20.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of a letter from the king concerning the African Company.


[Copy] Patrick Campbell, Lauchlan McLean and John Forbes to [ ], describing the abandoning of Caledonia, but expressing the opinion that the proclamations, though very discouraging, need not have proved fatal to the colony. With this is a covering letter discussing the debate in the lords on the subject of Caledonia.

7960. 1699/1700, January 22. Tullibardine.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving news of the illnesses of her husband and sons James and William. Johnny, the eldest, has been sent by his father 'to the highlands to lairne Irish' [ie Gaelic]. Her parents-in-law continue to be 'the most unreasonable unjust people that I belive is on the earth' and refuse her husband the money he should have from them. She concludes with hopes for the success of Caledonia despite the recent burning of Jameson's ship.


Lord Basil Hamilton to his brother the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Sunderland has still not spoken to the king about the Scottish address although frequently with his majesty, while 'Albemarle minds other things more than business and ours least of all'. Although the writer and Queensberry are 'in wondrous good terms' the latter does nothing to help, but Lord Basil has not yet given up hope of seeing his majesty.

[Partly in cipher, deciphered by the recipient]

Sir Francis Scott to the duke of Hamilton, referring to 'the extraordinary methods of the English parliament against our companie or rather nation', and telling him that he has been one of the commissioners who received the king's answer to the address carried to London by Lord Basil. He encloses a copy of an anonymous letter which he has received. [4671]

4677. 1699/1700, January 23.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], condemning parliament's attitude to Scottish affairs, and telling him that the court of directors has been told to send two of their number to receive the king's answer to their address.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, describing his recent conversation with the earl of Jersey, who has spoken to the king on behalf of the writer. [Partly in cipher, deciphered by the recipient]

4708. 1700, January 25. [1699/1700?]

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Sir Charles Grenfild will not draw up a letter of attorney in his business with some tenants, but that he has advised that no action be taken until the duke can come in person to Lancashire.


Anne, countess of Ruglen to her mother-in-law and aunt Anne, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for her tender concern for the writer [whose only brother has recently died]. [With cover]

4806. 1700, January 28. [1699/1700]

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that everyone is pressing for war and complaining about the bribery and corruption in the current parliamentary elections.

8304. [1699/1700, January]

The last page of a letter from [Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], asking that the address be sent up quickly.
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4557. [1699/1700, January]

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton] deprecating Lord Basil's failure to gain access to the king, discussing what action the former should take, and urging the duke to return to Scotland.


[1699/1700?]

Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that the Navy has paid him off.

7815. 1699/1700, February 5. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], explaining that Mr. Wylie could not go to Edinburgh sooner because he was busy writing papers, denying that he is a trimmer, and wishing that their enemies would cease to trouble them.

4539. 1699/1700, February 6.

The earl of Findlater to his daughter [? the countess of Lauderdale], asking how his son James fares as representative of the king at the national synod.

4735. 1699/1700, February 7. Limerick.

James Abercrombie to [the duke of Hamilton, his father] thanking him for adding a considerable allowance to his small pay, and asking him to write to the earl of Orkney so that the latter's agent may give him credit.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, regretting that the churchmen have refused to associate themselves with the address to the king. The earl of Ruglen must have been hindered from coming to town by his wife's illness.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of the debate in the house of lords about Darien.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving details of the address by the house of lords disapproving of the Scottish settlement in Darien, and describing their decision to propose union in a separate address as 'a fine shugar plum indeed'. [Partly in cipher, deciphered by the recipient].


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], regretting the countess of Ruglen's illness which prevents her husband from going to Edinburgh and discussing the possibility of his grace taking the [African Company] address to London.

7667. [1699/1700], February 12. Barneton.

Susan, countess of Dundonald to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing the death of the writer's sister-in-law and cousin Anne, countess of Ruglen.

4503. [1699/1700], February 12. Nottingham.

Lady Elizabeth Kennedy [later 2nd wife of John, earl of Ruglen] to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his condolences on the death of her husband, and asking him to share with her the guardianship of her son.


[Lady Katherine Murray] to [her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to the death of the writer's cousin and sister-in-law the countess of Ruglen, and regretting the English attitude towards Caledonia. The writer's own troubles are hard to bear, because of the behaviour of her father-in-law over his financial affairs, and in addition some of her own children are ill.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, bewailing the sad loss Scotland has suffered through the [destruction of ], and giving an account of the king's reply to the address by the house of lords.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the act relative to union passed since the Revolution is to be laid before the English parliament on the following day, and discussing the views of various people whose names are given in cipher.

7283. 1699/1700, February 17. London.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the bill for a union has been given a first reading in the house of lords and complaining of his brother's delay in sending up the address. [Partly in cipher, deciphered by the recipient.]


Ludovick Grant to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that because the Earl Marischall collected so many signatures to the proclamation, there was nothing for the writer to do.


The Earl Marischal to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he has been 'very ill of pains in my stomak', but promising to wait upon the duke during the following week.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], sending his condolences to their brother the earl of Ruglen, whose wife has just died.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], regretting that the ministers would not join in the address and wondering who will take it to London.


[James Hamilton] to [David Crawford], discussing some minor judicial matters.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, commenting on the 'trimming' behaviour of the general assembly. As to his own affairs, Sunderland is often with the king and may be able to persuade him to see the writer.


Lord Belhaven to [the duke of Hamilton], asking to be excused from travelling to London because of his ill-health, but offering advice on how the address concerning the African Company should be presented to the king.

4499. 1699/1700, February 27. Edinburgh.

David Curynghame to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of his meeting with the earl of Cassilis about the debts owed by the earl to the duke.

7286. 1699/1700, February 27. London.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning that Carstairs has arrived in London and that Seafield is expected soon. He then discusses the current political situation, and refers to some of his grace's financial affairs. [Partly in cipher].


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he is writing instead of their brother Lord Basil, who has gone into the country with the earl of Orkney [their brother], remarking that 'we are in great expectations what the returne of our two great men from Scotland will produce', and mentioning the earl of Sunderland's illness.


John, earl of Ruglen to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for her kindness to his motherless children and promising to wait upon her as soon as he has paid his wife's funeral expenses and put things in some order.
4779. 1700, March 1. Port royall in Jamaica.
[1699/1700?]

David Byres to the Earl Marischall, describing his arrival at Caledonia, which he found to be deserted, and blaming the disaster on rascals who have imposed on the company.

4592. 1699/1700, March 1.

Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how the Scots commissioners presented their address to the king, who refused to comment on it until the meeting of the Scottish parliament.

7819. 1699/1700, March 2. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], suggesting that Lord Ross be persuaded to sign the address, and telling him that Mr. Wylie is opposed to the earl of Ruglen taking it south.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, asking when the address is to be sent up and emphasising his longing to be home.

4608. 1699/1700, March 2. London.

[The marquis of Tweeddale] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his meeting with Lord Seafield, who told him that the king would receive the Scottish address, but still refused to see Lord Basil.


Mr. Julius Hutchison to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining how the marriage settlement of his sister, Lady Elizabeth Kennedy, is endangered by the earl of Cassilis's financial difficulties, and supporting her request that his grace act as a tutor to her son.

7671. 1699/1700, March 5. Holyroodhouse.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her concern for his children, and asking permission to go on using the black coach.
7288. 1699/1700, March 5. London.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of how the house of commons rejected the bill for union, and referring to rumours of Caledonia being repossessed.
[Partly in cipher, deciphered by the recipient]


Colonel Andrew Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Mr. Penn has been well received in America, giving an account of letters he has been sent reporting that the Scots have resettled Caledonia, describing his meeting with Captain Veatch, one of the original council of the colony, and advising the duke to ask to be put in possession of the Naranganset country.

4505. 1699/1700, March 8. Inverugie.

The Earl Marischall to [the duke of Hamilton], acknowledging his letter giving news of the marquis of Tweeddale having set out with the address to the king.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him that rumours of the Scots repossessing Caledonia still continue, and that Lady Gerard [his grace's mother-in-law] is dangerously ill of a fever.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lady Gerard has died, and that Mason advises that a caveat be entered against her Will, the contents of which are not yet known.


Lord Duffus to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his son's address to parliament has been to the furthest part of Caithness, and asking for news of the reception of this and the other addresses by the king and parliament.

[Copy, in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to his mother-in-law, Lady Gerrard, hoping that she has recovered from her indisposition.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, hoping to know more of how affairs go when the marquis of Tweeddale arrives in town, and discussing various lesser matters.

[Partly in cipher, and slightly damaged].


Lady Elizabeth Kennedy to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to continue his protection of her and sending some papers for his approval.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, expressing pleasure that such a good council of the African Company has been chosen. The earl of Salkirk will convey his grace's message to Sunderland, since the writer does not agree at all well with the latter, 'he being so violent an enemy to Caledonia'. He fears that Queensberry will never be really friendly to the duke, while Lord Carmichael 'poor unintelligible man' is made a tool of Queensberry and his friends.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], commenting on the death of his mother-in-law Lady Gerard.


Lord Loundores to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that [? Lord Belhaven] will be at the coming parliament and will do what lies in his power to serve his country 'and no father-in-law shall bayas him'.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his meeting with the marquis of Tweeddale and the other commissioners who are preparing to present the address to the king, telling him that the duke of Queensberry is treated much better than others by the king, warning him to be on his guard when writing Marlborough, and giving news of the English parliament.

4628. 1699/1700, March 21.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting on the progress made in the dispute over Lady Gerard's Will.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king says he will go to Scotland, and that if the country stands firm all their grievances should be redressed. The marquis of Tweeddale and his companions are to present their address to the king on the following Monday, but his majesty will not receive Lord Basil.

4599. 1699/1700, March 21.

The earl of Sunderland to [the duke of Hamilton], offering to help in Lord Macklesfield's affair now that Lady Gerard is dead. [Lord Macclesfield being the brother of the deceased Lady Gerard].


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, denying rumours that the duke of Queensberry will come to Scotland and has that day gone to Richmond with Mr. Carstairs and 'the two brotherly secretaries'.

4635. 1700, March 23.

[1699/1700?]

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has delivered his grace's letters to Lord Mackelsfield at Gerard House, telling him that the prerogative court has allowed him three weeks to object to Lady Gerard's Will, and telling him that he has discussed the Will with Sir Alexander Rigby.
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7110. 1700, March 25. Holyrudhous.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that from what he hears it seems likely that the king will receive the address about Caledonia and will agree to support it. His mother-in-law, Lady Gerard, has been as unkind to her daughter in death as she was in life, for in her Will she has left the young duchess only five shillings.

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4636. 1700, March 26.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his letters have been passed on to Lord Basil, who called to see Mr. Pooly but found he was not in his chambers.

4623. 1700, March 26. Tullibardine.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to the duke of Hamilton, promising to be in Edinburgh a fortnight before parliament meets.


[The marquis of Tweeddale] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the king's reception of the address.

4601. 1700, March 26. Lundores.

Lord Lundores to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that there is a vacancy for the position of parliamentary commissioner for Cupar, and declaring that he refuses to believe current rumours about the duke.

4600. 1700, March 26. London.

James Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], suggesting that a reconciliation with Lord Maxelfield might now be possible since Lady Gerard has died, and remarking regretfully that Lady Gerard Hungerford [grandmother of the 4th duchess of Hamilton] is still alive.
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[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reproaching him for not sending Lord Basil's letter on to the latter's wife, who was worried by his silence, and discussing the black cloth to be hung in the abbey, although she considers it unnecessary.

4598. 1700, March 26.

Charles Lawton to [the duke of Hamilton], suggesting that with the death of Lady Bromleigh Gerrard, a reconciliation with Lord Macklesfield might now be possible, and offering to do anything in his power to help.


[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a charter, and discussing John Drummond's claim to the lands of Letham.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the address has been presented to the king, and that he, the duke of Queenberry and others will travel together to parliament on 9 or 10 April.

7856. 1700, March 27. Kenill.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], hoping on the following day to have news of the reception given to the address and of whether Queensberry is to be commissioner.

8358. 1700, March 27. Borroustounness.

James Cassils to Mr. David Crauford, asking that the town's minister, Mr. John Brand, may be paid before going to Shetland and the Orkneys.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Campbell and MacKay are on their way to Caledonia with provisions, that the church of England is very pleased with the appointment of Queensberry as commissioner to the Scots parliament, and that he is on very bad terms with Marlborough.

4629. 1700, March 30.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that as there is no encouragement to contend Lady Gerard's Will, a gentlemanly peace would be best.


Lady Elizabeth Kennedy to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his kindness, reporting that her child is now out of danger, and promising to be in Scotland by 1 June 'as your grace has ordered me'.


James Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the position of commissioner for Kirkcudbright and for Whythorne are now vacant, remarking that were Lord Basil at home he could influence both elections, and advising him to clear his accounts with Bonhard.

4714. 1700, April 1. Beil.

Lord Belhaven to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to recommend the writer's brother, Robin, to the earl of Orkney for the vacant position in the latter's regiment, telling him how he had advised one of his brothers to reply to a letter from Queensberry and emphasising that the king should grant all Scotland's desires with regard to Caledonia.

4716. 1700, April 2. Tullibardine.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to the duke of Hamilton, asking for news of the Scots commissioners' audience of the king, and telling him that Sir Robert Murray, who feels himself very ill-used by the duke, finds that Lord Macklesfield intends to continue his pursuit against his grace.
1700, April 2. Edinburgh.

Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], asking if he can confirm reports of Caledonia being resettled.

1700, April 2. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lady Baldone says she does not know how to write to the people in Galloway about the elections, and that Mr. Wylie is at the synod in Ayr.

1700, April 2. London.

Sir Robert Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing how Lady Gerard's death will have altered the duke's legal affairs, and promising to help in any way he can.

1700, April 2.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has discussed the duke's dispute with Lord Mackelsfield over Lady Gerard's Will with Sir Alexander Rigby, and has urged Lord Basil to persuade the earl of Sunderland to act as mediator.

1700, April 3. Dalgety.

Lord Yester to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], asking him to send to Mr. MacKenzie doubles of the memorials of the Spanish and French discussions of Darien if he has the originals, and telling him that some sort of parade is to be arranged to welcome the writer's father [the marquis of Tweeddale], so that the attendance of gentlemen from the west is desirable.

1700, April 4. London.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his vain attempts to persuade an unnamed acquaintance to intervene on the duke's behalf with Lord Mackelsfield, and giving news of the business done in the English parliament and of the colonists once more being settled in Caledonia.
4755. 1700, April 5.

The countess of Sunderland to [the duke of Hamilton], sending her respects and mentioning that she has given Lord Basil a fine French scarf for the duchess.

4718. 1700, April 5. Glasgow.

William Cochrane to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a petition [4719] and stating that the merchants have decided to wait upon his grace at Hamilton to beg his protection and assistance.

4719. [1700, April 5]

[Copy] Petition of the merchants [of Glasgow] to the dean of gild, complaining about the excessive stent demanded of them, and requesting him to ask the merchants to remedy this.

4596. 1700, April 5.

Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that Campbell has set out with a sloop loaded with provisions for Caledonia, and that Captain Mackay is also on his way there, and giving some news from the Court.


[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that parliament has rejected the changes in the money and Irish bills, and has added a clause to the bill concerning innocent heirs of forfeited persons.


[ ] to [ ], warning him of rumours that the king 'hath scrapt togither about fifty thousand pounds' in secret, which he intends to bestow as bribes on members of the Scots parliament.

4631. 1700, April 6.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how when Mr. Owen had conveyed to Lord Mackelsfield the message that the duke was anxious for an accommodation, he had been told that no answer could be given until a proper person was sent with the message, but holding out hopes of an answer should the duke's brother call on his lordship.
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4624. 1700, April 8. Tullibardine.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to go to Edinburgh two days before the marquis of Tweeddale and his companions arrive there, declaring that 'the presbyterians must be the blindest creatures alive if they see not now they have brought their own ruins by their meane and servile compliances', and expressing his annoyance at Lord Whitelaw's acceptance of a pension.

4625. 1700, April 8. Tullibardine.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that as the address has been received as favourably as possible, all now depends on parliament, hoping that the duke has written to Galloway to secure a commissioner's place for Lord Basil, and declaring that they should not ask the writer's own father to attend parliament for if they do 'it's too, too probable we may bring a staff to break our own heads'.

4757. 1700, April 8.

Memorandum sent by [Greenock] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the communication of trade to the unfree burghs.

4630. 1700, April 9.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to seek an accommodation with Lord Macklesfield, as no agreement will be possible once the latter has been charged with imposing a false will on the world, and as the sum involved is only about £6000, it is outweighed by the lawyer's charges and other expenses.

4604. 1700, April 10. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], criticising his decision to have the lodgings in Holyrood hung with black in mourning for his mother-in-law, and welcoming the news of Caledonia being settled again.

4509. 1700, April 11.

[Copy] [The Reverend Mr. Robert Wylie] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the proceedings of the synod at Ayr, which had discussed Caledonia.
1700, April 11.

[Mr. Wyllie] to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of the national fast at Glasford and the synod at Ayr.

1700, April 11.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the king has passed all the bills in the house of commons and prorogued them, and that the lords have 'receded from their amendment'.

1700, April 11. London.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he intends to leave London on the following day and giving news of 'the money bill' debated in parliament.

1700, April 12. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing an account of the synod at Ayr, reporting that four ministers have kept on fast at Glasford, and urging her son not to quarrel with his brother, the earl of Ruglen, who was unavoidably prevented from waiting upon the duke.

1700, April 13. Barnton.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling him that he will send his son to her with the countess of Panmure [his sister]. News has come of Caledonia being repossessed, and so the marquis of Tweeddale deserves all the honour the nation can give him.

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1700, April 13. Barnton.

[Margaret, countess of Panmure] to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, planning to visit her the following week with her little nephew [the earl of Ruglen's son].

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1700, April 13.

Paul Jodrell to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning that the English parliament passed the just forfeiture bill before rising, and that the earl of Macclesfield will probably revive his proceedings against the duke at the beginning of the next law term.
4626. 1700, April 13.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the earl of Selkirk intends to see Lord Macklesfield as soon as possible, and that the duke's reasons against the proving of the Will are to be heard on the following Tuesday in the prerogative court.

4684. 1700, April 13. London.

James Johnston to [the duke of Hamilton], denying that he was opposed to the duke entering the government, but emphasising that to do so by any agreement not open and above board would do the Hamiltons more harm than good.

4611. 1700, April 13. Kensington.

[The earl of Selkirk] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that Lord Basil has begun his journey, reporting that he called on Lord Mackelsfield but found him not at home, and protesting that he himself is 'very ignorant of the segrett both of Scots politicks and what passes here'.

4720. 1700, April 15. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to purchase wethers from Crawfordjohn, promising to try to get wildfowl though they are very dear, especially in time of parliament, and discussing the supplying of milk and meat while his grace is in Edinburgh.

4606. 1700, April 15. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that neither Lord Basil's wife nor Mr. Wylie knows what to do about influencing the election of parliamentary commissioners for Galloway.

4734. 1700, April 16.

Henry Poley to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that his grace's demands on Lady Gerard should not be much affected by her death.

4717. 1700, April 16.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the earl of Selkirk has not yet seen Lord Macklesfield.
Sir Patrick Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that it is not possible for him to manage to have himself elected as shire commissioner, and remarking that the earl of Roxburgh and a number of the gentry are preparing to meet the marquis of Tweeddale on his arrival in Scotland.

[David Crawford] to [the duchess of Hamilton], telling him that the earl of Ruglen will call on him to ask whom he thinks should be parliamentary commissioner for Linlithgow.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he is opposed to Sir Patrick Murrie's claims to the vacancy of Kilrenny, but will suspend judgement on Lord Whitlaw until he sees his behaviour in parliament.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to the duke of Hamilton, intimating that he plans to be in Edinburgh on Tuesday, but that he is still apprehensive of what the duke of Queensberry's friends may do at parliament.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing the opinion that there is now no hope of an accommodation with Lord Mackelsfield, and warning him that when the Will is proved his lordship will stand in Lady Gerard's place in all legal matters.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], recommending some medicines for her illness, promising to seek the earl of Ruglen's assistance in the Linlithgow election and discussing when he himself should go to Edinburgh.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that she is now feeling better, and thanking him for his concern. [Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand].
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4715. 1700, April 21. Hamilton.

David Crawford to the duke of Hamilton, at Kinnell, telling him that the marquis of Tweeddale and Lord Basil Hamilton should be in Edinburgh by Thursday, and that Lord and Lady Panmure will call on the duke at Kinnell on the following day.

4612. 1700, April 22. Darntoun.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he hopes to be at Dunbar on Friday night and to see the duke in Edinburgh before parliament meets. He refers briefly to the news of Caledonia being resettled.

4764. 1700, April 23. Preston.

John Francks to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the purchase of horses, reporting that the tenants have promised to pay their rents after the coming fair, and discussing the work done by the surveyor, together with other estate affairs.

4713. 1700, April 23. London.

Sir Robert Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he is still of the opinion that it is to no purpose to contest the proving of Lady Gerard's Will in the prerogative court.

4701. 1700, April 23. Edinburgh.

Roderick MacKenzie to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the arrival at Caledonia of three vessels with provisions.

7572. 1700, April 25. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of his meeting with Lord Macclesfield, who seems willing to be reconciled with Elizabeth duchess of Hamilton, his niece.

4613. 1700, April 29. Tullibardine.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], reminding him that 'all the gentlemen in the several shires that have as much as will maintain them doe come to Edinburgh to attend the parliament and advise their representations'.
4762. 1700, April 30.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the court of chancery is still at a stand because the king has not yet appointed a new keeper of the great seal, although Lord Chief Justice Holt seems the most likely choice.

4732. 1700, April 30.

Robert West to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how he explained to one of Lord Macklesfield's representatives that the duke expected his lordship to make a gift of the £5000 mortgage to the duchess of Hamilton, and intimating that the duke's suit against his lordship will not be heard until Midsummer.

4743. 1700, April 30.

Robert West to [the duke of Hamilton], on behalf of some gentlemen who wish to make a settlement on the coast of Africa near Cape Bonne Esperance, are willing to supply Caledonia with provisions and slaves, and seek the patronage of the African Company. He encloses a memorandum giving further details of the proposition.


Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him an anonymous letter he has received, and referring to the arrangements to send supply ships to Caledonia.

4785. 1700, May 4.

[Gavin Mason] to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a bill of lading for a picture, hoping that the earl of Selkirk has had a further conference with Lord M[acklesfield], and mentioning a dispute between Sunderland, Portland and others.

4770. 1700, May 5. Lowns.

Colonel James Grahme to the duke of Hamilton, on behalf of Mrs. Ruthen, who 'hath been long in law and had very hard usage'.

4616. 1700, May 5. Tullibardine.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the election of commissioners for parliament and asking for details of how he has managed matters in Clidsdale. [The last part of the letter missing.]
1700, May 7.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Lord Macklesfield is at Bushie, and the duchess of Mazarin's administrator at Greenridge.

1700, May 7. London.

warning him of reports that the former King James will distribute 40,000 pistoles in Scotland to bribe members of parliament to support the Caledonia scheme, the whole plot being instigated by France.

1700, May 7. Hampton Court.

[The earl of Selkirk] to [the duke of Hamilton], suggesting that Tippemoor might be useful to the duke in spite of past differences between them, urging him to make up his quarrel with Lord Macklesfield, and explaining why the earl of Sunderland will not intervene in the affair.

1700, May 9. Tullibardine.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to hold a meeting in Perthshire about the address, and telling him that Kilcreuch is determined to represent Stirlingshire should he have to be 'carried on a barrow' to parliament.

1700, May 11.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Mackelsfeld is still in Bushie.


Lord Nairne to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that, much as he would like to be of service to the duke, he cannot comply with his request.


Robert Arbuthnot, factor in Rouen, to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to persuade parliament to see that the French renew their former ancient privilege to the Scots, who are now under a heavy financial burden in France.

Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Kilcubright declines to persuade his son to give up his commission, and remarking that the duke and Lord Basil must now take their own way to secure the election of a suitable commissioner from Linlithgow.


Sir John Home to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that the lord chancellor [Marchmont] had been unable to agree to the duke's proposal. [Unspecified].

1700, May 13.

The marquis of Atholl to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself from attending parliament on the grounds that his wife had not yet recovered from her dangerous sickness, and that his own health is uncertain.


[The earl of Tullibardine] to the duke of Hamilton, sending him a copy of the Perthshire address, and hoping to see him in Edinburgh.


The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that they had parted so abruptly when last in town, and discussing the drawing up of the addresses.


The Earl Marischall to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the marquis of Tweeddale and the writer are going out some miles to meet the duke of Queensberry.


The earl of Tullibardine to the earl of Panmure, reporting that 'this shire is now addressing the parliament very particularly in favours of the African Company', and that he has sent a copy of the address to the duke of Hamilton.

[ ] to [ ],
referring to the duke [of Hamilton's] failure to meet the marquis of Tweeddale some three or four miles out of Edinburgh, and noting that Lord Carmichael, the earl of Annandale and the earl of Lauderdale have already arrived.

7571. 1700, May 15. Twitnham Park

George, earl of Orkney to his sister [Margaret, countess of Panmure], telling her that he has shipped her pictures and other goods north on the 'Providence' after paying excessive customs dues.

4771. 1700, May 17. Tullibardine.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to the duke of Hamilton, expressing surprise that nothing has been done about drawing up an address in Angus.

4730. 1700, May 17. Preston.

John Francks to Captain John Hamilton, with the duke of Hamilton in Scotland, asking for his grace's instructions about the woods at Woodacker, which have been spoiling for 20 years for want of cutting down and have been valued at £300. A postscript on a separate slip of paper warns his correspondent to come quickly or else his cousin John will take his mistress from him.

4765. 1700, May 18.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], suggesting that his grace propose to Lord Macclesfield that affairs be left as they are until the duchess comes of age and can decide matters for herself, and discussing some minor financial matters.


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that the only fault of Mr. Couper the surveyor is that he goes to Preston on Saturday night and does not return until Monday; reporting that the valuer has so far valued only 102 of the oldest decayed trees, and telling him that although two of the tenants mean to give in a petition, most of the others will not meddle in the affair.
The earl of Cassilis to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he considers it not fit to call a meeting of the gentlemen of the shire about certain addresses and advices while parliament is sitting.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Lord Justice Holt is to be keeper of the great seal [of England], and hoping that he will be of the same opinion now as he was while his grace's counsel.

Mr. Mason to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the earl of Selkirk has frequently been with Lord Macclesfield with whom he is still very friendly, and that the earl wishes his grace to send a release to the earl of Sunderland.

James Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Mr. West no longer advises an accommodation [with Lord Macclesfield], although Buckingham is of the opposite opinion.

John Francks to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the purchase of horses and the collection of his grace's rents.

[? Mr. Mahil of Dover] to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that he heard rumours in Dover that the duke's enemies were plotting against him, and that Captain Maire had offered to come to England to try to find out evidence of his grace corresponding with the Court at St. Germains.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the duke of Hamilton, urging him to reach an accommodation with Lord Macclesfield.
1700, May 28.

Charles Lawton to the duke of Hamilton, on behalf of his cousin Paschal, whom he wishes to be recommended to the earl of Sunderland.


[Copy] Robert Pincartone, John Malloch, James Graham, Ben Spencer and David Wilson to [? the directors of the African Company], asking them to send out copies of their patent and other documents. as the writers are about to be sentenced for piracy because the king disarmed the settlement of Caledonia.

1700, May 28.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], repeating the news of the raising of the siege of Riga, and agreeing that Mr. Sloan has been much to blame about Lord Warwick's money.


John Paschal to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to write to the earl of Sunderland on his behalf.


[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], fearing that the lord privy seal is past recovery and reporting that the duke of Leeds has disposed of his town house and gone to Yorkshire.

1700, May 30.

Charles Lawton to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to press the earl of Sunderland to put the writer's cousin Paschal into some handsome post.


W. Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, giving him news of a sharp engagement between the settlers at Caledonia and the Spanish.
1700, June 1. Hollyrudhous.

[Copy, in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to the lord keeper of the great seal of England [Sir Nathan Wright], congratulating him on his appointment to that post.

1700, June 3. Holleyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that 'never people were so much routted as thos who at this tyme would have soled and ruined ther contrie'. Those from whom least was to be expected, that is to say the burghs, have shown themselves better countrymen than the nobles for 27 of the former have signed the address but only 20 of the latter.

1700, June 3. Wetherby

Lord Rosse to the duke of Hamilton, stating that he hopes to reach London on Wednesday.

1700, June 5. Keixton.

Lord Rosse to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he hopes to wait upon the king before the latter goes to Windsor.

1700, June 8. London.

Lord Rosse to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that the king has agreed to tell the Scottish commissioners on the following Monday or Tuesday when he will see them.

1700, June 8. London.

'P.W.' [Patrick Murray] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that the Scots commissioners expect to see the king on the following Monday or Tuesday.

1700, June 8. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], advising him to see about making improvements to the house at Kinneill, and to stand his ground against Queensberry's party.
1700, June 11.  London.

Lord Rosse, J. Pringle, J. Bennett and Patrick Murray to [the duke of Hamilton], describing their audiences of the king to present their address.


Lord Rosse, J. Pringle, Patrick Murray and J. Bennett to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that they are still waiting for an answer to the address which they presented to the king and giving news of a Spanish attack on Caledonia being repulsed.

1700, June 15.  Huntingtower.

The earl of Tullibardine to [the duke of Hamilton], asking whether or not parliament is to meet the following week, and telling him that he never saw the country 'so hearty and well pleased as they are with our late carriage particularly your grace's'.

1700, June 15.  Middlough.

[? S. Sierickzee] to [ ], referring to the news that the colony at Darien is to be re-established, and showing interest in the import of slaves for work in the mines.  [In French]

1700, June 15.  Hampton Court.

[The earl of Selkirk] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he and his friends are condemned at Court as Jacobites, discussing the current political situation [with the names of the main personalities in cipher], urging him to come to an agreement with the earl of Macclesfield, and announcing that the king has had to delay his journey to Holland.


[The earl of Ruglen] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has visited Lord Whitelaw as desired, that the king was surprised to learn of the Scots parliament being adjourned and addresses being sent in from everywhere, but that this is very popular in England.
1700, June 18. Twitnam.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], condemning the behaviour of the Scottish parliament, and repeating rumours that the king of France has made public the treaty concerning the succession of Spain before it was wished for in London.

1700, June 18. London.

[Copy] Lord Rosse, James Pringle, Charles Murray and J. Bennett to [? the duke of Hamilton], describing their audience of the king, who declined at that time to answer the petition from the Scottish parliament.

1700, June 19. Seville prison, in Irons.

[? Copy] Robert Pencarton, John Malloch, James Graham and Ben Spencer, shipwrecked sailors of the 'Dolphin' to [? the directors of the African Company], announcing that they are now under sentence of death, entreating them to see that the patents and other documents are sent out, and informing them that the king of Spain is also demanding that the duke of Hamilton and others should be seized and forced to make reparation for their part in the Darien Scheme.

1700, June 20. Dunkeld.

The marquis of Atholl to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself from going to Edinburgh, as Megins has refused to forbear from using diligence against the writer, and hoping that the duke will promote a reconciliation between the marquis and his son, the earl of Tullibardine.

1700, June 20. London.

Lord Rosse to [the duke of Hamilton], stating that he and his fellow commissioners will leave London on the following day, and that a gentleman from the West Indies is on the way north with a detailed account of the Spaniards' defeat at the hands of the Scots settlers in Caledonia.

1700, June 20. London.

John Paschal to the duke of Hamilton, asking permission to write to a certain noble lord, whom he believes could 'put me in what office he pleases'.
The earl of Selkirk to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to an unnamed acquaintance who is 'violently against Darien', to the view of various others whose names are given in cipher, and to the king's impending visit to Holland.

The earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason, to be left at Young Man's Coffeehouse near Charing Cross London, declaring that there is scarcely one true word in Lang's bill against the writer, and naming the four commissioners for taking his answers.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], welcoming the news of the success against the Spaniards in the Indies, expressing the opinion that 'the greatest part of England will be so reasonable to think their interest strengthened by supporting ours', and telling the duke that he is spoken of as a patriot to his country.

Lord Rosse, J. Pringle and J. Bennett to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that they left London in the York coach on the previous Friday, and hope to be in Haddington on Monday.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], sending back a paper which she has signed much against her will. [Not included.]

[The earl of Selkirk] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of some new appointments at Court, referring to rumours of the colonists at Caledonia having capitulated to the Spaniards, and mentioning that he has heard that 'my Lord Seafield's windows have been broke at the rejoicing for the victory our countrymen have had at Darien'.
1700, June 29. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], referring to the sad news of [the desertion of Caledonia].

1700, June 30. Garstang.

Captain John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, concerning the documents referring to Netherweyersdale which the duke wishes to obtain, and complaining about the unsatisfactory behaviour of Mr. Couper the surveyor.

1700, July 2. London.

John Menize to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him of rumours that Maires means to make trouble for the duke. With this is a covering note from [Mr. Mason] explaining how Menize came by his information.

1700, July 2. London.

The earl of Selkirk to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that on receipt of the news of the desertion of Caledonia 'the country may not rune unto extravagant confusions which will signify nothing', and announcing that he is about to set out for Holland with the king.

1700, July 3. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], warning him against having dealings with people liable to put about false stories concerning the family.

1700, July 3.

[The Reverend Mr. Robert Wyllie] to [the duke of Hamilton], reflecting on the loss of Caledonia and the need for a reformation in the kingdom.


[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he has seen the address signed by the provost and some of the bailies of Stirling, and that he has sent the address for Perthshire to his father that he may sign it first.
Daniel Hamilton to Lord Basil Hamilton, reporting that the coal hewers refuse to return to work until all their grievances are redressed.

Charles Lawton to the Duke of Hamilton, telling him that Mr. Penn is very well, and congratulating the Duke on having 'carried yourself equal to the dignity of a conservator' in public affairs.

Sir Stephen Fox to the Duke of Hamilton, asking for payment of his bond.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the Duke of Hamilton], expressing the opinion that their enemies will leave no stone unturned to harm the Duke, telling him that he had been unable to persuade their mother to sign a gift of escheat, and remarking on the good progress of the address.

Margaret, Countess of Panmure] to [her mother, Anne, Duchess of Hamilton], approving of her brother the Duke of Hamilton's efforts on behalf of the country, and regretting the loss of Caledonia.

The Earl of Tullibardine] to [the Duke of Hamilton], announcing that he is going to Perth to collect signatures to the address, referring to the proclamation against Parliament's resolve about French wine, and declaring that everyone believes that they should assert their right to Caledonia more than ever.
The earl of Tullibardine to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he and Lord Basil are about to go to Dunkeld to persuade the writer's father to agree to certain action [unspecified], and deploring the fact that Lord Basil's visit to Scotland has aroused hostile rumours. With a postscript in Lord Basil's hand, reporting that he has written to Whitelaw to use his influence for the signing of the address.

Samuel Tyldesley to Captain Hamilton, hoping to see him at the hunt on the following week, when he will be ready to accompany the captain to Lord Gerrard of Bromley on the duke's business.

Captain John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, sending a schedule of the papers concerning the manor of Nether Weyersdale [4513] which the writer will collect from Justice Longworth when given a letter from the duke.

Schedule of the documents concerning the manor of Nether Weyersdale, which was granted by Queen Elizabeth to Gilbert Gerrard. [ancestor of the 4th duke of Hamilton's 2nd wife].

[Captain John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to authorise the collection of the papers from Justice Longworth as soon as possible. [See 4512.]

J. Johnston to the duke of Hamilton, condemning the treaty with France.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that Captain Gavin Hamilton has arrived in Scotland, showing many guineas 'which he say's he gott from your grace to bear his charges to France', but is considered by the duke's friends to be 'a tooll imployd against yow'.
4697. 1700, July 5. Philadelphia.

William Penn to the duke of Hamilton, referring to 'some faction and uneasiness' in the settlement and to the jealousy of other people, commiserating with him on the failure of the Darien Scheme, giving news of his own family and reporting that over half the thirty ships arriving there have carried passengers.

4690. 1700, July 15. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that there has been a misunderstanding between the duke and their mother because of the duchess's refusal to sign the gift of escheat. [Second part of the letter missing]

4691. 1700, July 18. Tullibarden.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that his grace will soon be reconciled with their mother, mentioning that the earl of Tullibardine has gone to Perth where some gentlemen are to sign the address, and protesting that his own journey north was unavoidable.


[ ] to Captain Frederick Hamilton, asking him to request the duke of Hamilton to pay the writer the money he owes him for swords, belts and other articles, mainly purchased for his grace's footmen between 10 June 1696 and 20 July 1699.

4517. 1700, July 30. London.

James Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of a delay in the marriage of Lord Wexefield and Mrs. Marbore, and announcing the death of the duke of Gloucester, 'which has putt this city and country in a consternation'.

5256. 1700, August 3. Hamilton.

The earl of Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], asking for Lang's bill and amendments, and the writer's protest of Lang's accepted bill.
1700, August 3. Whitehall.

Richard Godard to the duke of Hamilton, asking for payment for furnishing his grace with the news during the past year.

1700, August 3. Whitehall.

Richard Godard to [ ]ick Hamilton, asking him to deliver a letter to the duke of Hamilton and to remind his grace of 'the bargain he made with me for the news, which was ten guineas yearly. Besides his noble consideration of my paines and labour'.

1700, August 8.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that Mr. West has not given the writer a letter for his grace, that Mr. Minire [?] has burned his as it was written in haste, and giving some other minor items of news.

1700, August 10. London.

James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Lord Maxelfield and Lord Cutts have changed their plans for visiting Berwick-upon-Tweed, and that a great search had been made for people who had come over from France.

1700, August 11. Newcastle.

James Sloane to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to come in person to Lancashire.

1700, August 12. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving some family news, and announcing that he is going to Arran and then to Baldoon.

1700, August 12. Huntingtower.

[The countess of Tullibardine] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton, her mother], telling her that the writer's husband has been ill with a cold, and that it would be folly for him to go to Edinburgh with his brothers that week, although he is determined to do so.
1700, August 13. Preston.

Adam Cooper to the duke of Hamilton, assuring him that there has been no neglect of the survey of Wersdaile.


Lord Blantyre to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for news of the effect that the king's letter has had.

1700, August 24. N.S. Log.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], saying that he knows nothing of the king's intention of visiting Scotland, but that his majesty's health is very good.

1700, August 15.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that although his grace's affairs in Lancashire urgently require his presence, the duke must not leave Scotland because of the political situation.

1700, August 15.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Seafield has set out for Scotland, that he has seen a copy of a letter 'said to be wrote from Spaine seting forth strange demands of the Catholick king from your grace, Lord Tweedall, Lord Panmore and others', but believed to be 'A Jest', and warning him not to neglect his Lancashire affairs.

1700, August 17.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that the English parliament will not sit before Christmas. Everyone is full of 'notions and speculations' since the death of the duke of Gloucester. As to the duke's own affairs, he utterly opposes his grace's decision to go to Lancaster on August 23.

1700, August 17. Brechin Castle.

[The earl of Panmure] to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he has not signed the address because 'it was thought by many that my signing the former did hurt', and remarking that the town of Dundee will not sign either.
4530. 1700, August 17. London.

[Robert Hamilton] to [the Duke of Hamilton], telling him that his journey to Lancashire could be delayed without harming his affairs there.

4528. 1700, August 17.

[Gavin Mason] to [the Duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from the Earl of Orkney and Lord Archibald Hamilton, and hoping that he has changed his mind about coming to Lancashire.

4529. 1700, August 18. Beil.

Lord Belhaven to [the Duke of Hamilton], explaining that his 'miserable toothache' has kept him at home, so he has been unable to see his grace.

4524. 1700, August 20.


4525. 1700, August 21. Castle Lyon

The Earl of Strathmore to the Duke of Hamilton, resolving to follow his grace's example, for the honour, liberty and interest of the country.

4527. 1700, August 22. Edinburgh.

Sir Patrick Home to [the Duke of Hamilton], giving news of the death of Lord Mersingtome, and telling him of his desire to be a lord of session.

4526. 1700, August 24. Tullibardine.

[The Earl of Tullibardine] to [the Duke of Hamilton], telling him that according to Lord Lindores the address is going very well in Fife, and referring to the death of Lady Rothes.
4693. 1700, August 24.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a paper concerning his quarrel with the earl of Macclesfield, and discussing the king of Poland's siege of Riga.

4494. 1700, August 26. Dagaty.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], asking if he still intends to go to England, and expecting to see him at Lady Rothes's funeral.

4561. 1700, August 27. Leslie.

The earl of Hadinton to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his condolences on the death of his mother, the countess of Rothes.

4508. 1700, August 27. Leslie.

Lord Leslie to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his letter of condolence on the death of the writer's mother.

6413. 1700, August 29. Edinburgh.

[John, earl of Ruglen] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, reporting that 'our statesmen are all in town and are using their last efforts: all irons are in the fire to compass their ends and the greatest civilities and promises immaginable made to everybody'. He himself believes that Scotland's right to Caledonia must be asserted. Seafield has criticised the advocate and solicitor for their 'faint procedure against the rable'. He concludes by giving news of the progress of his own courtship [of his former sister-in-law, Elizabeth Hutchison]. [With cover].

4521. 1700, August 31.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that his grace's journey to Lancashire has been delayed, especially since Lord Macclesfield is now there, and announcing the death of Lord Halifax.
Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing 'a memorial of the laws concerning the highways', and telling him of Lord Seafield's arrival in town.

Lord Rosse to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for news of parliament, so that he will know if it is worth his while going to Scotland.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that his grace's business in Lancaster can be settled satisfactorily, and making known his own desire to succeed Garthland [as commissioner for Galloway].

Robert Kennedy to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how he has been imprisoned for his debts, and asking for her help as he cannot pay his prison dues, which must be settled before he can obtain his release.

The earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason, to be left at Young Man's Coffeehouse, London, promising to draw up a memorial of the whole of his case against Lang.

Sir Charles Hay to [? Lord Basil Hamilton], warning him that Lord Stair and others are doing everything possible to have his correspondent's rival elected as sheriff.

Helen Anstruther to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for her inquiries.
4.703. [1700], September 21. Logan.

Robert McDouall to [Lord Basil Hamilton], assuring him that he will keep his promise to vote for his lordship being a commissioner to parliament. [With annotations by Lord Basil].

4786. 1700, September 22. Pusey.

Lord Rosse to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he hopes to be in London by 10 October and asking if parliament will sit at the time appointed.

4705. 1700, September 23. Parke.

Sir Charles Hay to [Lord Basil Hamilton], telling him that plans are being made to have Castlestuart the elder elected sheriff.

4704. 1700, September 27. Parke.

Sir Charles Hay to [Lord Basil Hamilton], telling him that he has received his charter, but that Barenbarroch will not get his until after the election unless he opposes Lord Basil.

4706. 1700, September 29. Douall Castle.

P. McDowall of Freugh to [Lord Basil Hamilton], telling him that a recent meeting at Stranraer did not favour the election of his lordship as commissioner.

4707. 1700, September 30. Baldone.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, complaining about his opponents' attempts to hinder the election of a commissioner for Galloway, fearing that a double election may be the outcome, and describing in detail the whole unhappy situation.

4702. 1700, September 30. Craiglaw.

[Copy] William Gordon to [Lord Basil Hamilton], sending a declaration that he cannot attend the meeting to elect a commissioner to parliament, because of age and infirmity, but signifying that Lord Basil is his choice. [Witnessed by Robert Wallace, George Hutcheson and Andrew Houstone, with a note in Lord Basil's hand stating that "This is but a testimony of friendship, and won't hold in law."]
5255. 1700, October 1. Hamilton.

The earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason, to be left at Young Man's Coffee House near Charing Cross London, explaining that he has been unable to send the memorial as promised [see 5249] because of the illness of the king's advocate [Sir James Stewart], who was to have drawn it up.

4692. 1700, October 5. London.

Captain A. Gawne to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Mr. Bushnell assures him that his engine 'will performe beyond all can be imagined of itt', and that Sir Godfrey Kneller has promised to finish the three pictures with all speed.

4669. 1700, October 8. Bute.

J. Steuart, sheriff of Bute, to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has had the local people sign the address, promising that they will send him a commissioner upon whom he can count, and praising his grace's patriotism.

4650. 1700, October 9. Duffus.

Lord Duffus to [the duke of Hamilton], inquiring if parliament will sit on the 22nd of the current month, reporting that he and the commissioners had gone to see the secretary but all to no purpose, and promising to send him the Caithness address if parliament does not sit.

4781. 1700, October 17. London.

James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he has always acted in the duke's interests in Lord Macklesfield's affair.


William Clealang to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he will accept payment of the duke's debt under the terms which his grace had offered.
8038. 1700, October 22. Huntingtouer.

[Katherine, countess of Tullibardine] to [her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how she and her husband have taken 'Ipsom salts'. She then condemns the constant adjournments of parliament, and criticises the behaviour of her father-in-law who has been at Perth but did not visit her or her grandchildren.

4510. 1700, October 28.

The earl of Abercœne to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that if ever the English parliament 'can gett the same asendant over Scotland [as over Ireland] they will not practice less tyranny'.

4646. 1700, October 29. Inverarey.

Dugald Campbell, moderator of the presbytery of Kintyre, to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that even with her grace's previous augmentation, the stipend for the minister of Killmore is not sufficient.

4787. 1700, October 31.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him an Instrument for his grace and the duchess to Mr. Franks.

4676. 1700, November 2. Wishingtone.

[? Lord] Rutherfurd to the laird of Puncattlen [?Pencaitland], telling him that he has refused a bribe to vote a certain way in parliament, as it would be contrary to the duke of Hamilton's interests.

6278. 1700, November 2. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of a daughter, asking for news of Lord Basil's election, and condemning those who are trimmers at this time.
The earl of Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], explaining that the delay in sending him the memorial has been occasioned by the illness of the king's advocate, and referring to the minor business done in parliament that night.

Gavin Mason to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the current reaction to Scottish affairs and the belief that attempts will be made to divide the supporters of the Darien Scheme.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that at first the Court party rejoiced at the news of Lord Basil's defeat in the election, but soon came to condemn Lord Stair's proceedings, and condemning the news that the French king has sent for 20 ships of war from Holland and 10 from England to pass into the Mediterranean.

John Brisbane to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing his own chances in the forthcoming election, and promising to do everything possible to serve his grace.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that 'this election has made a mighty noise', and discussing the question of the Spanish succession.

[Susan, Lady Yester] to [her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], fearing that the writer's husband will have 'a very unpleasant time and a bad reception' in parliament. The young duchess of Hamilton's new daughter is a very fine child 'but the boy was so much expected that the young lady was thought the less of'.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that he will encourage others to adhere to their duty and oppose 'those that are prevailed with to betray thare country for places, tytels or mony'.


[The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton],
protesting that he thinks Scottish affairs very important.

4495. 1700, November 16. Hamilton.

The Reverend Mr. Robert Wyllie to [the duke of Hamilton],
explaining his reluctance to go to Edinburgh as requested.


[As in 4543] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that her husband is waiting for an audience [of the king], and that the earl of Selkirk is ignorant of Scottish affairs as 'the king had not spock of Scotland befor him this yeare and this halfe'.


Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the 'great many speculations here concerning the Spanish succession', discussing the possibility of a Union being proposed, and announcing his intention to return home in the first week of December.


John Brisbane to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to do his best to serve the duke, who has named him as a candidate for commissioner to the shire in opposition to Sir Robert Dickson of Sornbegg.


[The earl of Selkirk] to [the duke of Hamilton],
enclosing a letter from [the earl of Sunderland], [4619], who will not be in town that winter.

4620. 1700, November 27. Althrope.

The countess of Sunderland to [the duke of Hamilton],
excusing herself for not writing sooner, and sending her best wishes to the duke and duchess.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], approving of the amendment made to the Habeas Corpus bill, and referring to rumours of a new parliament in Scotland 'to restore episcopacy'.

8581. 1700, November 30. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], wishing that the Scots parliament would pass his correspondent's bill against wrongful imprisonment and the act against popery, and giving news that the 'Rising Sun' has run aground on the Carolina coast.

4663. 1700, November 30.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to 'a mighty busell amongst the tennants, occasioned by Whitsert', though he does not advise punishing the latter at present, and remarking that in foreign affairs 'the clouds rather thicken then otherways'.


[The earl of Orkney] to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him upon the birth of his daughter [Katherine], telling him that Lord Yester has not yet been given an occasion to present the address, and referring to 'my brother' Basil's election'.

4664. 1700, December 3.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing the opinion that parliament will be dissolved about the middle of the following month and referring to the current belief that war is necessary for the preservation of the nation.

4665. 1700, December 5.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has received a bill for £300, no more being available from the tenants at present because of the low price of corn.
1700, December 7.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that 'the more sensible people' now regard a Union with Scotland as a necessity, expressing the opinion that the matter will be discussed in the next peaceful parliament, and giving news of the storming of Narva.


C. T. Stanley to [the duke of Hamilton], writing to 'beg your interest for our county' now that it is said that parliament will be dissolved.

1700, December 10.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing with approval that Rochester and Godolphin have been taken into the cabinet, referring to the country's financial difficulties, and reporting that the Dutch are being forced to evacuate the garrisons in Holland.

1700, December 12.

W. Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to support his brother Quentin's request that the [African] Company afford him protection during his proposed voyage to the East Indies.


[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], commenting on his brother [Basil] having lost in the recent election.

1700, December 12.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing some minor financial business and approving of the Scots parliament's measures for the improvement of manufactories.

1700, December 14.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the French ambassador's two visits to the king, discussing the actions of the present English parliament and hoping that eventually Scotland will be allowed to trade fully with the colonies, and stressing the importance of the woollen industry to Scotland.
1700, December 14.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from Mr. Franks, and remarking that Lord Rochester can leave a deputy in Ireland and return to England if he wishes.

1700, December 17.

Gavin Mason to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Mackelsfield has given notice 'that hee will move my lord keeper for his interest money of the £1500', which the writer will oppose, and that the English parliament is to be dissolved.

1700, December 19.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Mr. Gibson approves of his grace's order for the payment of £175 to Mr. Hadly, and that the king has heard of the Swedes' defeat of the Muscovites.

1700, December 21.

[One of the duke's sisters?] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that Lady Yester has given birth to 'a brave lusty daughter'.

1700, December 21.

Gavin Mason to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Mackelsfield has been told to give a list of which of Lady Gerard's assets came into his hands.

1700, December 22.

Hugh Chamberlen to the duke of Hamilton, complaining that the committee to consider land credit has done nothing yet.

1700, December 24.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Rochester and Godolphin seem to labour hard for a union of the two East India companies, and speculating on the likelihood of war against France.
4655. 1700, December 26.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], advising that the duchess be satisfied with the £4,000 under a power of revocation, and giving him an account of a case heard in chancery.

4656. 1700, December 28.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing a discussion with Mr. Cleveland about a bond, and discussing the news from Spain and the business done in parliament.

4674. 1700, December 29.

William Clevlany to the duke of Hamilton, asking to whom he should apply for the half of his money which he believes the duke has given order to be paid to him.

4694. 1700, December 31.

The earl of Rochester to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his letter.

4488. N.D. [1700]

Viscount Stair to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that the king's refusal to see the duke's brother can be no surprise, and hoping that the writer's own troubles will be resolved.

4538. [1700]

Hugh Chamberlen to [the duke of Hamilton], urging that 'the proposal for land-credit' be not neglected by parliament.

4883. [1700]

[Captain Bruce] to [the duke of Hamilton], repeating Captain Forbes's account of the abandoning of Caledonia.

5247. 1700-1706.

Covering note for group of letters from the earl of Ruglen to Mr. Mason.
4675. [? 1700]

Patrick Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter and telling him that the marquis of Tweeddale will tell the duke how necessary his presence is.

4797. 1700/1, January 2.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that Mr. Whitworth's papers have been delivered to Lord M[acclesfield], and discussing the duke's dispute with the latter.

4801. 1700/1, January 6.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of his negotiations in the dispute with Lord Macclesfield, who has now been served with a subpoena, and inveighing against the bribery and corruption involved in the election of members to the new English parliament.


[1700/1?]

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that Mr. Francks has arrived with the duke and duchess's letter of attorney for letting his grace's lands in Lancashire for a year, but informing him that further authorisation is necessary before the refractory tenants can be made to deliver up a voluntary possession.

4798. 1700/1, January 9.

Gavin Mason to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Macclesfield's friends are extremely pleased that the duke has ordered the tenants to serve Mr. Gerrard.

7511. 1701, January 10.

4799. 1700/1, January 11.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], stating that Sir Christopher Grenfild says that a letter of attorney is not sufficient to turn out the tenants, and discussing some minor financial matters.

7666. 1700/1, January 13. Holyroodhouse.

The earl of Ruglen to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of the business done in parliament that day.

4800. 1700/1, January 14.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Mr. Jodrill has agreed to serve Lord Macclesfield with a subpoena and expressing the opinion that the latter is obliged by Lady Gerard's Will to pay her debts.

7405. 1700/1, January 15. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him that their mother is recovering from her illness, and asking for news of what is being done about Caledonia.

6860. 1701/2, January 15. London.

Lord Maclesfeld to [Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that illness has prevented him from answering her grace's many kind letters.

4949. 1700/1, January 15. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of the circumstances under which Lady Lauchop's holding was changed from ward to feu, and protesting that he had no part in it, knowing that his grace would be displeased.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Basil has written five times to the duke since his arrival in London, and fears that his letters may have been intercepted as he has had no acknowledgement.
Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], recommending the bearer, and criticising the 'insignificant address' drawn up [on the subject of the Darien Scheme].

1700/1, January 18.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for the minutes of the proceedings [of the Scots parliament], and complaining that Sir Edward Hungerford has deceived him about the whereabouts of 'my lady' [old Lady Gerard?].

1700/1, January 21.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his vain attempts to see 'my lady'.'

1700/1, January 26.

Pass for Mary Hamilton who is travelling to the Lancashire assizes to give king's evidence.

[Signed by John Fenwick]

1700/1, January 28.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the trouble with some of the discontented tenants [? in Lancashire].

1700/1, January 29. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], agreeing that parliament's action in ratifying the act in favour of the African company while failing to add a further nine years' immunities is both disgraceful and inconsistent.

1700/1, January 29.

[Copy] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the presbytery of Kintyre, agreeing to settle 900 merks each on the ministers of Kilmorie and Kilbryde.
4807. 1700/1, January 30.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning reports that the king of France will oblige Holland to declare for or against Spain, and remarking that he has no real information about Mr. Fearne in relation to the duke of Gordon's affair.

4808. 1700/1, February 6.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], advising that Scotland give in an address to request the dissolution of the present parliament, fearing that the bank of England will be forced to make 'a full stope', but expressing himself satisfied with the composition of the house of commons.

5257. 1700/1, February 8. Holyrudhouse.

The earl of Ruglen to Mr. Mason to be left at Young Man's Coffeehouse near Charing Crosse London, reporting that he has had the commission executed as desired, and thanking him for the pains he is taking in Mr. Lang's affair.

4809. 1700/1, February 8.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the adjournment of parliament, reporting that in England 'the mightie busell of warre is quite offe', and referring to the action brought against the Lancashire tenants.

4791. 1700/1, February 11.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing a conversation which he has had with the earl of Orkney and Lord Archibald Hamilton, advising him that his private affairs make it necessary for his grace to come to Court, and referring to the king's ill-health.

4582. 1700/1, February 12. Hackney.

Amy Hatton and Ann Web to the duke of Hambleton, telling him that Miss Katrine and Miss Mary need a supply of everyday clothes and other little necessaries, and asking him to pay the £4 due for part of a year's board.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, approving of his remaining in Scotland and of the acts recently passed in the Scottish parliament. In conclusion he comments on the latest news from the continent.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], warning him that parliament has discovered a letter from Melfort to the earl of Perth, in which he says that in case of an invasion [of England by James VII] it is absolutely necessary to have 'Lord Aran', which everyone takes to mean his grace.


Gilbert Burnet, bishop of Salisbury, to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his kindness to 'my niece Preston', who has been so long oppressed by Sir James Oswald.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], enclosing the house of commons' resolve to address his majesty for the implementation of the 1677 treaty with the Dutch.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], telling him that most people think the reference to his grace in Melfort's intercepted letter [see 8582] to be of little consequence. He himself intends to come to Scotland soon.

1700, February 27. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his endeavours for the country in that winter's parliament, but regretting that he has been publicly accusing her of unkindness and injustice towards him. His claims to money after his father's death were settled long before, but if he will come to Hamilton and bring the earl of Tullibardine with him as a witness: they can discuss the matter.
[Copy, in the hand of Lord Basil Hamilton], [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that it has been very comforting to her 'to hear how you have appeared for the interest of the poor country in this session of parliament', but accusing him of complaining to many people that she owes money to him from his father's estate. He should come out to Hamilton to settle matters, but though he and his wife will be welcome there for a visit, it is not suitable for him to settle there.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], [in answer to 9088], denying that he had complained about her to Mr. Findlater and regretting that she will not allow him and his wife to live with her.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], [in reply to 9089], declaring that he had indeed complained about her in public, and that his living elsewhere on good terms with her would give less satisfaction to his enemies than his living with her on bad terms would do.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], declaring that only if England and Holland prepare as they ought for war will there be a chance of peace.

Sir Patrick Home to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking her to look out all her papers about Castlemilk's affair, and recommending to her Mr. Samuel Douglas, who is to study for the ministry.

The duke of Hamilton to the earl of Strathmore, recommending the bearer, Dr. Scot, who would like to preach in a little church near the earl.
8576. 1700/1, March 8. Kensington.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], discussing the purchase of wine, spa waters and chocolate for his correspondent. Parliament is very busy about the succession 'but by what I heare they will make such restrictions that who eaver succeeds will have but litle to say in the governmt'.

8577. 1700/1, March 8. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of his conversation with Sir Robert Murray, who is to speak with Lord Macklesfield on the duke's behalf. [With cover.]

7175. 1700/1, March 8. London.

[Lord] A[rchibald] H[amilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that 'the earl of Aran's being mentioned in the letter that has been made publikk' has been disregarded by all sensible people.

7158. 1700/1, March 15. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that although the writer is of the opinion that the duke's affairs in Lancashire require his presence there, some of his grace's friends believe that he should come to Court. He then repeats a Lancashire Quaker's criticisms of the duke's rack-renting in that county.

6506. 1700/1, March 15. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], referring to the settlement of the succession on Princess Sophia of Hanover observing that stocks are down and all paper credit destroyed because of the uncertainty of whether there will be war or peace, and reporting that the Whigs seem to gain ground daily.

4622. 1700/1, March 15. Preston.

H. Francks to Captain Frederick Hamilton at Duke Hamilton's, reporting that he has been at Garstang collecting the Candlemas rents, and urging the duke to see about the valuing of the woods at Woodacker.
4882. 1701, March 15. Preston.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has had Mrs. Roberts sent to the house of correction and will remain there until she tells who had her inform against his grace.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], summarising the demands put by the states of Holland to the French.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the purchase of wines, chocolate and spa water from Holland. The house of commons is to come to a decision shortly about the demands of the states of Holland.

7130. 1700/1, March 21. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his brother-in-law [the earl of Tullibardine], discussing at some length the action taken against those who had drawn up a list of eighty-four dissenters to a recent vote concerning Caledonia.

7133. 1700/1, March 21.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [ ], discussing the action taken over Thomson's list of dissenters.


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John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing the Information of Mary Roberts [4873], and explaining that he has been unable to attend to his grace's business as he strained his leg when going to the house of correction to take the information.
7061. 1700/1, March 24. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the duke of Hamilton, declaring that she thinks it strange that he has failed to tell her about his being called before the privy council.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that the earl of Macclesfield is so taken up with his forthcoming marriage that he has no time to think of the duchess of Hamilton's affairs. The news from abroad is good and it seems that the Dutch grow very strong.

7162. 1701, March 27. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], agreeing that a strong squadron of ships should be sent to the West Indies. As to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton's affairs, there seems to be a good chance of her recovering what her mother possessed.

6354. 1701, March 27. London.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the general awareness of what would happen should France gain possession of Peru and Mexico, and to changes in the English administration.

7163. 1701, March 29. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has seen a copy of the print which is to be burned by the public hangman, but that there has been little mention of his grace in that connection. The news from the continent is that the French king says he will keep the treaty of Ryswick but will not give up any more towns as the Dutch desire, and that both the French and the emperor are augmenting their troops in Italy.

7164. 1701, April 3. London.

[Charles earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the earl [of Macclesfield?] now hears Sir Robert [Murray?] with more patience. He asks to be warned of his grace's journey to England, and enquires where in Holyrood he himself may lodge when he returns to Edinburgh.
7165. 1701, April 5. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, promising to let him have the address of the man who can supply him with chocolate, and asking again where the writer can be accommodated at Holyrood.

4997. 1701, April 6. Munktoune.

[Sir Francis Scott] to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that it is positively resolved that there will be no new parliament that summer, and that there is a rumour of correspondence between France and Scotland having been discovered.

7166. 1701, April 8. Kensington.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that he will not believe that the earl of Macclesfield's marriage is settled until it has actually taken place. He also encloses the address of the Dutch chocolate-maker.

4889. 1701, April 11. Brane.

Frances, countess of Seafort to the duke of Hamilton, asking his assistance as the government means to enact that both her children be taken away from her, although her son is already being roared by his protestant grandmother, and her daughter is her only comfort to her in her widowhood.

6509. 1701, April 15. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the parliamentary debate about Lord Summers.

7167. 1701, April 17. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], complaining about the unusually cold and snowy weather, and declaring that the time has come to press [the earl of Macclesfield] for a settlement.
[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Sir Robert Murray has been unable to make Lord Macklesfield see reason and advises his grace to have recourse to law, for even a personal visit by the duchess of Hamilton to the earl would do no good.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, stating that his daughter Betty is still unwell and that her illness caused the death of Lord Basil's children.

Lady Margaret Hope to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to 'take some course with that debt which my dear brother was bound in to my Lord Roseberry for your grace', with a note on the back of the letter in the duke's hand declaring that Lord Haddington himself had made no such request.

Lord Saltoune to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Lord Seafield is trying to postpone the election in Barry but that Kinnivie, whom his grace desires should be elected is confident of victory.

Alexander Leslie [to the duke of Hamilton], explaining that it was impossible to have Lord Basil elected as shire commissioner since an act of the town council limited candidates to inhabitants.

Alexander Duff of Braco to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the election of a commissioner for Banff.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he cannot offer advice about the sale of cows in England as he has never sold any there, and agreeing that 'this mighty noise of patriots in the English parliament cools much'.
1701, May 1. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], asking to be given notice of the duke's journey to London, and suggesting that he speak to their mother on behalf of Mr. Abercrombie [thought to be the duke's illegitimate son].

1701, May 1. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], discussing the likelihood of peace or war, giving a detailed account of the business done recently in parliament, and referring to their brother Selkirk's ill usage at Court.


Lord Saltoun to the duke of Hamilton, describing the attempts of the earl of Findlater and his friends to postpone the election of a member of parliament for Banff, and regretting that they would not choose Lord Basil.


Informations of John Tallow and Mary Hamilton [Roberts].


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], commenting that the house of commons has made a considerable step towards assisting the states-general.


Alexander Duff of Braco to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the election of a commissioner for Banff.


John Keikell to Daniel Hamilton, chamberlain at Kinneil, sending him cords and pulleys [for the sash windows] and hoping that the bell arrived safely. [With his receipt for payment of these articles]

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], asking for details of his journey to London as he hopes to see his grace in Scotland first. Their brother the earl of Orkney is to go to Holland with his regiment, and Lord Archibald is still on the River Medway with only 80 men.


[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], reporting that parliament has voted to supply the Dutch with 10,000 men.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], complaining that he is prevented from leaving his present position and has had his men reduced to a small number. The navy offers no security and, for him, little advancement.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], urging him to bring to a satisfactory conclusion his business in Lancashire and London, but warning him not to rely upon his influence at Court since 'I beleave there has neaver been a time that you have been more obnoxius then at present'. He is only glad that his brother is 'free from any medling of any keind with the enemies of the government and that nothing of that keind can be laid to your charge. He himself hopes to visit Scotland that summer.


The earl of Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], asking for news of his suit against Mr. Lang, and announcing that he intends to be in London in a month or two.

1701, May 21. Castle of Aran.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he hopes to set out on his progress round the island on the following day, describing his dealings with the tenants and giving news of the search for coal on the island.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has warned the earl of Marlborough that Lord Macklesfield may well try to incriminate the duke in the eyes of the government, and that Marlborough has been very reassuring. Rochester is also anxious to help his grace if he can.


[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], describing his disappointment at the birth of his own daughter when he had so much hope of a son, mentioning rumours of a great German victory over the French and that parliament has been debating supply, and discussing his own regimental affairs.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him the surprising news that Lord Macklesfield has gone to Loo with the king and is to go on to Hanover to compliment Princess Sophia on being declared next protestant heir to the throne.

4910. 1701, June 2. London.

Mr. Hodges to the duke of Hamilton, sending him some proposals which he hopes may be read in parliament.

6583. 1701, June 5. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has bought 'James' [Abercrombie] a company, that Marlborough is to be the army's general, and that the Germans have entered Italy.

6596. 1701, June 7. Hamilton.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of his recent visit to Arran, where he agreed on a place to begin a little town at Lamblash and saw the drillings for coal.

7200. 1701, June 10. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of Lord Macklesfield's quarrels with his brother and Lady Charlotte [Orby].
George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of his preparations to take his regiment to Holland, announcing that his new daughter has been christened Frances, and discussing other items of family news. In a postscript on a separate sheet he refers to the king's impatience to be gone, and gives some news from the continent.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he hopes to set out for Scotland as soon as the king leaves for Holland. Rumours say that the only vacant place among the knights of the Garter is to go to the elector of Hanover.

James Johnston to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he has no news as he has just returned from the country.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the duke of Hamilton, hoping to see him before he comes to town, and promising to give him all the latest news then. Queensberry has been given the Garter and the elector of Hanover has also been admitted to the order.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a sample of the Arran coal, and recommending Mr. Mackdouall as an ensign colonel for the earl of Orkney.

[Lord Basil Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, expressing confidence that the Arran coal will burn, and discussing various minor domestic matters.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the earl of Sunderland has that day been with the king at Hampton Court, and that his majesty will begin his journey in three days' time.

The earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason at Young Man's house near Charing Cross, London, explaining that he has been prevented from coming to London by the death of the earl of Cassillis, and referring to rumours that even if he is successful in his suit against Lang, the latter will not pay his debt but will leave the country or go into sanctuary.


Lady Margaret Hope to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking on behalf of her son, the earl of Haddington, for ten young deer, and requesting that the duke of Hamilton help the earl relieve himself of a caution in which he is still engaged with Lord Roseberry.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], praising Kinniel as 'an extreme sweet place' which should be still further improved, and referring to Hamilton as having 'another beauty of a different kind' and being in even greater need of improvement. On a separate sheet, he advises his brother not to repair the old house at Ashton.

1701, August 16. Hamilton.

[Draft, in her own hand]. Anne, duchess of Hamilton to ['dear Madam'], congratulating her on her daughter's good settlement and giving news of the writer's family.

1701, August 29. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the sad death of their brother Lord Basil, whom the writer saw drown while crossing a river in Galloway.

1701, August 30. Lancaster.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his brother Lord Basil Hamilton, declaring that he cannot decide whether to return to Scotland or stay where he is for the winter, complaining about his litigious tenants in Lancaster who have been without the presence of a landlord for so long that they think the estate is their own, and lamenting his shortage of money.
1701, September 3. Lancaster.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, commiserating with her on the accidental death of his brother, Lord Basil, and asking her to inquire about a box which he had given into Lord Basil's keeping.

[1701], September 3. Lancaster.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, offering her condolences on the death of [Lord Basil].


Margaret, countess of Panmure to her mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], expressing her deep sorrow at the loss of her brother Lord Basil.

1701, September 15. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the tragic loss of Lord Basil, and hoping that his widow has a safe delivery.


The earl of Seafield to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], offering his condolences on the death of Lord Basil Hamilton, and promising to help in the matter of the wardship of his children.

1701, November 10. Twitnam Parke.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, promising to visit her as soon as possible.

[With cover]


J. Bathurst to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining of having written twice to the duke but receiving no reply, announcing that 'I am married and am turn'd a country gentleman', and giving news of mutual friends.
1701, November 25.

Brian Fairfax to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he has spoken to the bishop of Rochester on behalf of Mr. Franks as desired.

1701, November 27. Holyroodhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], promising to visit him in Lancashire on the writer's way south to London.

1701, December 1. Preston.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton describing his wife's indisposition and his own fears that 'she wont be verie long lived'. [With cover]

1701, December 1. Crauford.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], hoping to visit her that Saturday.


James Anderson to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Mr. Cleland has had two men at work transcribing manuscripts in the Advocates' Library for his grace, and that they have already completed Balfour's Annals, a good part of Fitzscottie's History, and a considerable part of the minutes of parliament and privy council.

1701, December 31. Dublin.

The earl of Granard to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that he has many well wishers in Ireland.


Charles Fraser to his brother, David Fraser, reporting that he has had a satisfactory meeting with the duchess of Hamilton with the result that 'my encouragement now in Aran is double what it was formerly'.
A Calendar of the Correspondence
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7206. 1701/2, January. Kensington.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk, to his brother the duke of Hamilton, remarking that desire the desire of all his friends the earl of Sunderland and should come to town, he seems have decided to stay at Althorp.]

4950. 1701/2, January. Barnacleuth.

J. Wylie to the duke of Hamilton, calling him of the desire of all local gentlemen to put an address.

6533. 1701/2, January. Hamilton.

[The duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of a son, and giving news of his daughter's health.]

4948. 1701/2, January. Barnacleuth.

J. Wylie to the duke of Hamilton, announcing a meeting of the gentlemen of Hamilton, and asking if he has any instructions or act.

4944. 1701/2, January. Hamilton.

[Archibald Wylie to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of a son and to draw up an address.] of Hamilton, congratulating him on the desire of the local gentlemen to put an address.

5007. 1701/2, January. Hamilton.

[Archibald Wylie to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, congratulating her on the birth of a son, and hoping to see the duchess and duchess in Scotland soon.]


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of his son, and announcing that he is hastening to town so as to have his choice of a ship. [With cover]
1701/2, January 9. Hamilton.

Dr. Hugh Chamberlen to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, giving instructions for the duchess's treatment and reporting that Lady Betty [the duke's daughter] seems to be recovering from a condition which he describes in detail and concludes is not the King's Evil, as had been suggested.

1701/2, January 10.

[A woman friend] to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, congratulating her on the birth of a son.

1701/2, January 11. Huntingtower.

The earl of Tullibardine to [], sending a copy of the address to the king on the French king's owning the prince of Wales as king of England and Scotland, and explaining the part he had played in having it drawn up. He also describes how a dragoon has been executed in Perth on a charge of drinking the health of James VIII, although actually well affected to the government.

1701/2, January 11.

John, earl of Ruglen to [his sister-in-law Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], congratulating her on the birth of a son.

1701/2, January 11.

Susan, Lady Yester to her sister-in-law [Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], congratulating her on the birth of a son, and hoping that her own child, due any day now, will also be a boy.

1701/2, January 11. Holyrudhouse.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son and asking whether the child is to be known as marquis of Clydesdale or earl of Arran. Lord William Hay has married Sir James Hay's daughter, Lady Leven has died in childbed, and the duchess of Hamilton's business with Castlemilk is under discussion.
5006. 1701/2, January 11.

The earl of Forfar to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of the marquis of Clidesdail.


William Hamilton [of Wishaw] to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, and promising to send a little porpoise to Kinniel for the young marquis.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, discussing his grace's financial business, and referring to his process against Castlemilk.

[? The last part of the letter missing.]


Lord Lindores to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of his son, and mentioning that Leslie of Kinnud is likely to be next provost of Camse.


Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, approving of the method being used to draw up addresses and telling him of rumours that the recent alliance includes a clause giving the English or Dutch possession of any territory they may seize from the Spaniards or French in the West Indies.


William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, and alluding to a legal dispute involving some of his grace's friends.


[The marquis of] Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that the drawing up of addresses has not been so general as some would have it believed because of the way they were organised, and enclosing some proposals made at a meeting of his friends in Edinburgh [4919].

Proposals for the future actions of the country party drawn up at a meeting in Edinburgh on 13 December 1701.

[Enclosed in 4918]

4907. 1701/2, January 12. Dagna
ty.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of his son, declaring that they should not meddle with the matter of a Union until the English show their willingness for it, and telling him of various meetings he has attended when the non-jurats were urged to take the oaths.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son. Lord Rochester sends his felicitations too, but there is no word yet of the earl of Sunderland coming to town.


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of a son and heir, mentioning the delay in the process against Castlemilk, and noting that Ochiltree is in town pursuing several people for the exportation of wool and importation of foreign stuff contrary to the recent act of parliament.


[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his enemies make use of his absence in England to say that he has made his own terms at Court, remarking that were the non-jurats to take the oaths the country party would carry the elections throughout the land, and condemning his grace's servants, who ought to be replaced by 'sober, discreet men'.

6497. 1701/2, January 20. Huntingtower.

Katherine, countess of Tullibardine, to her brother the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of a son.

   The earl of Tullibardine to [his brother-in-law, the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son.


   [Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring to his brief meeting with Lord Macklesfield, and to the appointment of a new high admiral.

4994. 1701/2, January 20. Halkhead.

   Lord Rosse to [the duke of Hamilton] congratulating him on the birth of a son, expressing satisfaction that his grace approves of the intended marriage of the writer's daughter, and referring to the drawing up of addresses in Scotland.


   The countess of Forfar to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, and thanking him for his help in some matter involving Lord Anstruther.

4903. 1701/2, January 21. Middle.

   [Illegible] to John Lesley at his chamber in the Inner Temple, discussing his dealings with various servants, and minor judicial matters. [Torn]

4804. 1701/2, January 21.

   [Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the general approval in London of the Scottish parliament's actions, although the king is displeased.

9087. 1701/2, January 23. Brechin Castle.

   The earl of Panmure to his brother-in-law [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son.

[David Crawford] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], informing her of the progress made in her grace's dispute with Castlemilk, and explaining that he had advised putting the earl of Selkirk's name in the gift of ward of Lord Basil's children purely in their interest.

1701/2, January 27. London.

Lord Herbert to [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of Lord Rochester quitting his position as lord lieutenant of Ireland, and of various minor happenings in London.


Daniel Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], giving a detailed account of the coal works at Borrowstoun, advising his grace to purchase deals from Norway, repeating his explanation of how he sells the new oats rather than have them destroyed by rats, and reporting on other domestic matters.

[cl701/2, January]

Elizabeth, duchess of Argyll, to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, and referring to the serious illness of two other dukes.

1701/2, February 1. Hamilton.

Mr. Robert Wyllie to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, urging him to visit Hamilton soon, and referring to a dispute between the town of Borrowstounness and the 'handycrafts men' there.

1701/2, February 3. B' Ness

John Callender to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how the inhabitants of Bo'ness now refuse to pay the stent designed to raise the money due to Mr. John Buchan arising from the communication of trade, and adding that coal hewing is being held up because of the heavy rains.
C.1 4993. 1701/2, February 3. Borroustounness.

William Wilson to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him some papers to demonstrate how unreasonable is the behaviour of those inhabitants of the town who have raised a suspension of the stent rolls.

4932. 1701/2, February 3. Barncluth.

J. Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning a meeting to draw up an address, complaining that David Crawford has opposed his little improvements on his own lands, and enclosing a copy of the address and some poems by a Hamilton tailor.

7172. 1701/2, February 3. London.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing his safe arrival in London that afternoon after a good journey. He has been to see Lord Pembroke, who was very civil to him, though 'I find I'm much behind in not being here sooner'. [With cover].

4914. 1701/2, February 3. Over Kinnell.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reminding him of his promise to provide the writer with a better house.

6498. 1701/2, February 5. Holyrudhouse.

[? John, earl of Ruglen] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the marquis of Tweeddale has been administering the oaths at Haddington, that some troops are soon to go to Holland, and that there are rumours of three new regiments to be raised.

4820. 1701/2, February 5. Glasgow.

[Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him for political news, such as whether the duke has found 'any designes towards ane union'.

8408. 1701/2, February 6.

[David Crawford] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, acquainting her with the progress made in her case against Castlemilk, and with Annandale's request for his papers.
W. Baillie of Lamington to [the duke of Hamilton], sympathising with him about the flooding in the coalworks at Kinneil, which might not have happened had the writer's instructions been followed, and recommending to him Miltoun, who hopes for a position in the two new regiments to be raised.

The duke of Hamilton's memorandum about Dutton Lodge.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that it is absolutely necessary for him to return as soon as possible, since parliament is to meet before June, announcing that thanks to Saltoun the non-jurats in East Lothian have taken the oaths, and hoping that the rest of the country will follow suit and so end the aspersions of Jacobitism cast upon them all.

[The marquis of] Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to come to town before parliament meets, reporting that ten or twelve of the gentlemen of East Lothian have taken the oaths, and condemning the involvement of Scotland in England's continental wars.

[William Cochrane] to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of the marquis of Clidsdale, announcing that the writer and five others have been appointed to enforce the laws against certain exports and imports, referring to the success of the act against French wine, and reporting that Lords Lorne, Mar and Forbes are to levy three regiments for Holland.

[As in 4911] to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a packet of letters, advising him to obtain the boat he wants from the Thames or St. Malo, wishing that the other non-jurats would follow the example of those in East Lothian, and mentioning that 'the prohibitions upon wine and brandy and foreign manufactures makes a mighty potther here of late'.
The earl of Tullibardine to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that he means to come to Edinburgh before parliament sits, and congratulating him again on the birth of his son.

Patrick Maxwell to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of his son, telling him that the laird of Saltoun has prevailed on all but three of the East Lothian gentlemen to take the oaths and mentioning that the chancellor [Marchmont] is believed to be going to London to be made commissioner.

Dr. Hugh Chamberlen to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Lady Betty seems slightly better.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], commenting on the latest news of the continental wars.

Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, remarking that the chancellor may go to Court when the session rises, and that rumours say that the chancellor may become commissioner to the assembly.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], warning him of 'many lyes' circulated about the duke, telling stories of his having killed an Englishman and been himself desperately wounded, and so on. Lord Roseberry has been pressing for payment of the money which his grace owes him, so for this and other reasons his brother urges him to come to Scotland soon.

[As in 4911] to the duke of Hamilton, bewailing the nation's condition, condemning the sending of Scots troops to Holland, and urging his grace to return to Scotland.
[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has been at Chatham to take possession of the 'Chichester' and has failed to obtain one of the three companies of guards disposed of recently. He concludes by giving news of their family's health, and by complaining about his own financial straits.

4863. 1701/2, February 20.

T. Green to the duke of Hamilton, asking for the confirmation of a lease given him by Charles, Lord Gerard, and describing the hardships he has undergone in the past.

7404. 1701/2, February 22. Kensington.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Marlborough is unable to do anything for the captain recommended by his grace. There are rumours of the lord chancellor being made commissioner to the general assembly.

1701/2, February 24. Kensington.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], describing how the king has broken his collar bone in a hunting accident but is as well as possible and in no danger. The latest news from the continent is that the duke of Vendome has arrived at Milan, and that the French have a strong garrison at Cremona.


[Copy] Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to come to town.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton at his house in the town of Preston, stating that he will soon ask Daniel Hamilton to send in his accounts and will send men for 'your wall work'. He also describes Wishaw's financial difficulties, and gives news of some legal matters.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, giving news of the health of his grace's family, remarking that Lord Annandale is very displeased at the chancellor's appointment as commissioner to the assembly, and referring to a rumour that Argile is to be commissioner to parliament.

5018. 1701/2, March 3.

[? George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], agreeing with the latter's news about Prince Eugene, remarking that Scotland is unlikely to agree to the succession desired by the English without a Union being agreed upon, and advising him to come to London for a few days.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the chancellor [the earl of Marchmont] has been appointed commissioner to the general assembly, and mentioning some other expected appointments.

7094. 1701/2, March 5. [? Herrelved]

Lord Belhaven to the duke of Hamilton, recommending Lord Ross as being 'verie weal inclined to your grace and common interest'.

7574. 1701/2, March 5. Kensington.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], suggesting that the duchess of Hamilton come to town to meet her uncle, Lord Macclesfield, and expressing concern over the condition of the king, who has suffered three fits of an ague since his fall at hunting and is very weak.

7083. 1701/2, March 7. Kensington.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [? his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], deploring the king's critical illness at a time when the writer and his brother Selkirk had hoped to have his majesty do something for them.
1701/2, March 7. Kensington.

[?Charles earl of Selkirk] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that there is little hope of the king's recovery.

1701/2, March 8.

Printed copy of Queen Anne's letter to the privy council of Scotland, authorising them to continue to meet.


James Anderson to Daniel Hamilton, chamberlain at Kinnel, acknowledging receipt of £12-12 sterling 'to be employed for paying the transcribing of some manuscripts as his grace ordered', and promising to insert in the Gazette the advertisement he has been sent.

1701/2, March 11. Edinburgh.

[The marquis of] Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton, urging him to come to Edinburgh especially since the king is dangerously ill.

1701/2, March 11. Holyroodhouse.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that his grace will no doubt be given conflicting advice as to whether he should come to Edinburgh or go to London, and mentioning the general alarm at the news of the king's illness.

1701/2, March 11. Edinburgh.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the king is dangerously ill, and urging him to come home as soon as possible.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], discussing some minor domestic matters and remarking that he has given out that his journey to Scotland is occasioned by the illness of his children and his consequent desire to visit them [at Hamilton].
7502. 1701/2, March 12. London.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he is coming to town as many of the courtiers from Scotland are doing so.

7419. 1701/2, March 12. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to come to London at once, especially as there is talk of commissioners for a Union being nominated. His grace should try to arrive in time to speak to Marlborough before the latter leaves for Holland.


[John, earl of] R[uglen] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to go to London as soon as possible.


William Cochrane of Ochiltree to [the duke of Hamilton], commenting on the accession of Queen Anne and the desire of some members of parliament to have a petition drawn up reminding her majesty that parliament must meet within twenty days. He also answers some of the duke's questions as to whether he may import furniture and 'sheipe' from England.


Lord Lindores to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that most people think that his grace should go straight to London, and that Lord Leven sets out for the south on the following day.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], stating that he does not see how the duke can decline to give Mr. Glen an assignation for the £200 he paid out of Bonhard's money, and advising him to 'make a stop to London' at this crucial time.
4985. [1701/2, March 13]

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], repeating his advice that his grace should come to Edinburgh, while sending his duchess on ahead to London.


Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Princess Anne is to be proclaimed queen that day, sending him a copy of the act of security, and advising him to go at once to London if he has not already done so.


W. Baillie of Lamington to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that because of the king's death he has postponed following the duke's commands.


[Roderick MacKenzie] to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to return to Scotland because of the king's death.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, hoping that he is on his way south as the king is dying.


Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he is setting the house of Kinneil in order, describing his financial transactions, and referring to the unprofitable state of the Kinneil coalworks. [Torn]

4855. 1701/2, March 15. Hamilton.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to Queen Anne, congratulating her majesty on her accession.

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Draft, in the duke's own hand, of 4855.

6578. 1701/2, March 16. Hamilton.

[Copy] The duke of Hamilton to the earl of Marlborough, explaining why he has come to Scotland and discussing the political situation.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, stating that the lords of council have ordered the old seals to be used while the new ones are being made, and that twelve of the lords of session have met and taken oaths of allegiance to the queen, the three absent lords being Lauderdale, Fountainhall and Arniestone.

7418. 1701/2, March 17. London.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his sister [Katherine, countess of Tullibardine], warning her that if she thinks of sending congratulations to the new queen, she must remember how eager people are to misrepresent their brother [the duke of Hamilton]'s position, declaring already that he is going to Scotland to make trouble.

4873. 1701/2, March 17. Preston.

Information taken upon oath by Mary Roberts before Thomas Foster J.P., denying that she gave any information accusing James, duke of Hamilton of treasonable practices and stating that her remarks about John Bruce, John Hamilton, Frederick Hamilton and John Bannister having drunk damnation to the late King William were made at the instigation of Joseph Worthington.

[Signed by Thomas Foster and marked with a cross by Mary Roberts.]

[Enclosed with .]

[Charles, earl of Selkirk], to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], expressing surprise at his correspondent's decision to go to Scotland instead of coming to London, and urging him to come to town as soon as possible.

5017. 1701/2, March 22.

[? George, earl of Orkney] to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to come to London.

4810. 1701/2, March 22.

James Johnston to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to come to Court with his friends, as he believes their proposals for a new parliament will now be given a fair hearing.

4937. 1701/2, March 23.

Mr. Robert Wyllie to [the duke of Hamilton], advising him not to befriend Mr. George Hamilton, Mr. Meldrum and Mr. Wilkie, the three ministers who are to wait upon his grace at Edinburgh.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lady Marlborough is pleased both with his grace's letter to the queen and with the one to herself, and therefore urging him to hurry to town.

7417. 1701/2, March 24. Yester.

[Susan, Lady Yester] to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], promising that she and her husband will wait on his grace in Edinburgh that Saturday.

5016. 1701/2, March 24. [London]

[? George, earl of Orkney] to the duke of Hamilton, emphasising the absolute necessity of his grace's coming to [London], condemning the views of the duke's friends in Scotland, and mentioning that Marlborough has made a speech to the States pressing for the vigorous prosecution of the war.
[1702], March 26. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, urging him to come to London so that people may be convinced of his good intentions.

1702, March 27.

Lord Yester to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to meet him in town on the following day, and advising him to write at once and say that he and his friends will come to Court.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to hurry south, and telling him that Lord Marlborough is expected home at any time.

1702, March 29. Hollyroodhous.

[Copy, in his own hand] [The duke of] Hamilton] to [the countess of Marlborough], expressing his obligations to her and his fidelity to the queen.


The duke of Hamilton to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he gives up all hope for his daughter [Betty], and that she should have a private funeral. He himself has been urgently summoned to London but wishes to dissuade his wife from accompanying him. His letter to the queen and Marlborough has had a good effect, for he hears that Lady Marlborough 'espouses my interest with all the zeal I can wish and says the Queen is of my mind and does not designe to be Queen of a part but of all her people'.


The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking her to subscribe as consenter a security in favour of his wife.
1702, March 31. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the queen was satisfied with his grace's letter and that Lady Marlborough was pleased with his wife's. The earl of Sunderland is to be in town for the coronation and hopes to see the duke there.

1702, March

The marquis of Tweeddale to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his concern at the writer's great loss [? the death of his wife].

1702, April 4. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he has by this time arrived safely at Preston. There are rumours that either Marlborough or Somerset is to be made master of the horse, and it has been announced that Sir Benjamin Bathurst is to be cofferer.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Sir George Rooke has arrived with all the great ships from the Nore for the prince's review of the fleet and land forces. He describes the review, and comments that the army does not have 6000 men in it and does not seem to him to be suitable for the coming expedition. The Dutch army, although consisting of only 1500 or so men, were very well clothed and armed.

1702, April 15. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that she has signed the document settling his wife's jointure, and that his little daughter Lady Betty has been buried.

1702, April 16. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], accepting her invitation to visit Hamilton, and describing how he has delivered her letter to the queen. His brother the duke has had his first meeting with Marlborough, but there seems little hope of a new [Scottish] parliament. [Last page missing].
1702, April 18. Whitehall.

The earl of Seafield to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the queen has written her grace a letter appointing certain rooms in Holyrood Palace for the duke of Queensberry, who is to be commissioner to the next session of parliament.

1702, April 19. Lancaster.

Charles Rigby to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Worthington has been brought into this gaol at his grace's instance, and has so far failed in his attempts to get bail.

1702, April 20.

[? G]. Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Weston had precipitately called a meeting for the taking of the oaths without informing the duchess, who ordered it to be postponed.

1702, April 21. London.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to the coming meeting of parliament, and mentioning that Lady Orkney has had no conversation for some years with 'the party men' mentioned in two letters sent to her by her grace. [With cover.]


John, archbishop of Glasgow to the duke of Hamilton, asking his assistance in their attempts to persuade the king to grant the bishops 'ane suitable and honourable maintenance' out of the rents and benefices.

1702, April 23. Edinburgh.

Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing two memoranda [4975, 4976], emphasising that Scotland's coal supply will soon be exhausted and giving a report of the coalworks at Kinneil.
"Memorandum concerning Coall and Salt", declaring that four-fifths of Scotland's coal has been exhausted, and recommending that a survey be taken.

A memorandum concerning union with England, discussing the interests of trade, the law and the clergy.

John Morley to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, regretting that he had not called upon her grace while she was on her way to London.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that she has received a letter asking her to deliver up to Queensberry the keys of the queen's apartments at Holyrood and also the lodgings of the writer's own underkeeper. Not knowing how things stand between her son and Queensberry, she has sent a civil reply.

George Ridpath to [the duke of Hamilton], describing Lord Haversham as a very suitable person to act in their interest at Court.

Dr. Hugh Chamberlen to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a memorial advising the queen on how to bear living children, and recalling that he had been for many years physician to Charles II.

Charles Fraser to Mr. David Crauford, asking for the return of some papers stolen from his pocket in Glasgow, which he believes have come into his correspondent's hands.
George Monro to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for recommending the writer to the queen and the prince, but explaining that Lord Seafield has shown him that he cannot be given the place he had hoped for.

John MacKenzie, moderator of the presbytery of Kintire, to [? Anne, duchess of Hamilton], insisting that Mr. Robert Glen is a more suitable minister for Kilbride than Mr. Neil Campbell, and asking that the call to the latter be withdrawn.

[? Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Lady Marlborough told the duchess of Hamilton that Lady Orkney might now come to Court.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], announcing his safe arrival at Hamilton and promising to see him soon.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], sending him a verbal message with the bearer, his brother.

R. Macdouall to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to support Sir Charles Hay in the elections.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the duke of Hamilton, fearing that Sir Charles Hay will not be chosen commissioner, and sending David Crawford to him as desired.
1702, June 3. Parke.

Sir Charles Hay to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Galloway's brother is likely to be elected shire commissioner to parliament, and that Castlestuart has illegally ordered a meeting of all those who have a vote for the following day.

1702, June 3. Parke.

[E?] Hay to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to serve him and asking his favour on behalf of the writer's brother, who would like to procure the captaincy of the company of Edinburgh.


Lord Blantyre to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that the commission to the writer to be his correspondent's vice-admiral in Scotland is not in the kindly terms used by their predecessors, and urging his grace to take the oaths.

1702, June 4. Wigtoun.

R. Mcdouall and G. Hay to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that a diet for electing a commissioner in place of Sir Andrew Agneu has been appointed 'much contrare to our expectation'.

1702, June 4.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the duke of Ventosom's march through Breshia, and reporting that the new government does not seem to prefer Whig to Tory.

1702, June 5. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of] Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], declaring that their present difficulty [unspecified] is 'a designed bussenes and more desgned against you on the publick account then against me', and condemning the part played in it by Carnwath and Lord Montgomrie.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of a son, referring to the business done in parliament, including the bill of abjuration, and mentioning that the earl of Sunderland still refuses to come to town. [With cover].

7117. [1702, June 6]

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], urging him to make his protestation 'in the name of all that will adhere thereto which some may doe afterwards that has not the courage to doe itt at the first'.

7293. 1702, June 6.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that contrary winds have driven the forces back to land but that they have taken the counterscarp at Keiserwert.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that he has been too busy to write sooner as the prince has been reviewing both the fleet and the land forces. Everything is now being prepared for the coming expedition, but although 'we shall have the greatest fleet that ever England had', the land forces are far short of what was planned. [With cover]

6628. 1702, June 6. [Edinburgh].

2 o'clock

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to [John, earl of Ruglen], wondering at his leaving town at such a time and begging him to attend a meeting at Pates Stilles at 6 o'clock.


[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of Prince Eugene's abandoning the blockade of Mantua, with a detailed description of events in Italy and Flanders.
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[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of the business done in parliament that day. [Last pages missing]

6625. [1702], June 10. London.

[The earl of Sunderland] to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that everyone in Scotland will concur in their duty to the queen. [With cover]

6573. 1702, June 10.

The duke of Hamilton to [the countess of Marlborough], complaining of false stories being spread about him by his enemies.


6580. 1702, June 10.

[Copy, in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to Lord Treasurer Godolphin, giving the latest news of the Scottish parliament.


6575. [1702, June 10]  

[Copy, in his own hand] [The duke of Hamilton] to Queen Anne, concerning misrepresentations made against him.


4793. 1702, June 11.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the French squadron commanded by Chatrone has returned to France, that the grand fleet is ready to put to sea, and that there is talk of the crown being entailed on the prince of Denmark for life.
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6579. 1702, June 12. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy, in his own hand] [The duke of] H[amilton] to Lord Treasurer Godolphin, discussing the political situation.


6574. 1702, June 12. Hollyroodhous.

[Copy, in his own hand] [The duke of] H[amilton] to [the countess of Marlborough], discussing the political situation.


6576. 1702, June 13.

[Copy, in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to Queen Anne, vindicating himself with regard to accusations that he has opposed the ready of her majesty's commission.


4794. 1702, June 13.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that varying reports of recent events are coming from Scotland.

4859. 1702, June 16.

Lord Godolphin to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that 'it is no great surprise to find the plurality against you upon that poyn't of the parliament's being'.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that she longs to hear how his address has been received.
The countess of Marlborough to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the queen is not surprised at his party's failure to have a majority in parliament.


Lord Haversham to the duke of Hamilton, describing how the government is run by Rochester, Harley, Musgrove, Nottingham, Marlborough and Godolphin, and discussing their various attitudes.

Printed copy of Queen Anne's letters to the Scottish parliament, signifying her majesty's resentment of the dissenters' action. Sic. Sub. Robert Pringle.

[Printed by the heirs and successors of Andrew Anderson, printer to the queen's most excellent majesty.]
4796. 1702, June 20.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of confused reports that an address signed by the dean of the faculty of advocates has been sent to the queen.

4816. 1702, June 20. London.

William Keith to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the address which they hope to present soon to the queen has made 'a great stirr in all the coffy houses and publick places in town', with people blaming Lord Rochester as the author of all the disturbance in Scotland.


[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], telling him that almost all the forces are embarked and that the fleet sailed on the previous day from Spithead. They are to be joined by a detachment of 14 English and 7 Dutch men of war, the writer being in the ship next to Sir George Rooke's in the line of battle.

4815. 1702, June 23. London.

William Keith to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the meetings which he and Lord Blantyre have had with the queen in an attempt to persuade her to accept the address which they now hope she will do on the following day.

4842. 1702, June 23.

[Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of his private conversation with the queen.

9688. 1702, June 24.

'Your unknown friend' to Sir Alexander Bruce of Broomhall at Edinburgh, warning him that 'the Court are here resolved to drive the nail in Scots affairs to the very head'.

[Endorsed by the 4th duke of Hamilton as being 'by the last expres from a hand I know'.]
1702, June 24. London.

William Keith to the duke of Hamilton, describing the queen's refusal to accept the address from Lord Blantyre, followed by his own conversation with her majesty, and warning the duke to maintain the queen's true interest should things come to 'a considerable height' in Scotland, as seems likely.

1702, June 25. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, regretting the sad state of 'this poor nation'.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, describing his attempts to present the address to the queen.

1702, June 27. Hague.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, discussing the army's retreat to Nimuegan.

1702, June 27. Holyrudhouse.

John, earl of Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], describing his efforts to contact his first wife's servants who were present when a sum of money was paid to John Murray.

1702, June 27.

[Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he will soon have a written answer to the address from the queen, and remarking that the act about a fast is regarded as a trap for the episcopal clergy.

1702, June 29. Hamilton.

[? Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son] the duke of Hamilton, criticising Blantyre's failure to present the address to the queen, and doubting if her correspondent's visit to Court will do any good.
The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her of the queen's unaccountable refusal to accept 'our address'. There have been great divisions among the statesmen over the abjuration act, which was carried by only four votes. Since all the commissioner's friends were against it though he was for it, the writer looks 'upon all this as a trick'. In conclusion he declares that he 'never saw such dark clouds nor a nation in lamentable condition this is in'.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Queensberry has adjourned parliament. The presbyterians have done themselves and the country much harm, and now Argyll 'would fain put himself at the head of thos who run for the objuration'.

[William Keith] to [ ], asking him to acquaint the duke [of Hamilton] with the queen's answer to the petition, refusing to receive it while parliament is sitting.

[ ] to [ ], advising that the recently rejected address be printed, and warning of the design to trample on the present method of church government.

[Roderick MacKenzie] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Lord Blantyre delays in collecting the queen's written answer about the address because he hopes that some other solution may be forthcoming, and that he himself has discussed with the bishop of London the likelihood of parliament being dissolved.

[Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining the delay in presenting the address to the queen.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that Castlemilk's case is to be heard on the following Friday, and copying out the queen's answer to the [African Company's] address.

4813. 1702, July 4. London.

William Keith to [the duke of Hamilton], describing a misunderstanding which he had with the queen over the presenting of the address, and giving an account of how a copy of it was given to Lady Marlborough, who has not yet, however, persuaded the queen to read it.


John Brisbane to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to act in his grace's interest in the elections in Renfrew, Houstoun, Blackhall and Cunningham.

4812. 1702, July 7. London.

William Keith to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that the queen has not been better advised with regard to 'our commission', and assuring him that his address will be safe with the writer.

4837. 1702, July 7.

[Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that events in Scotland are believed to be likely to influence the coming English elections, and advising him not to come to Court unless summoned.

7244. 1702, July 9. From the Camp near the Grave.

George, earl of Orkney to [his brother ], describing the army's position, about a league from the French encampment.

4836. 1702, July 9.

[Copy] Lord Blantyre to the marquis of Tweeddale, describing the English reactions to the recent session of the Scots parliament, and the likely reception of an address to the English parliament.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he has recovered from his attack of the gout.


William Keith to [the duke of Hamilton], asking if arrangements can be made to send him an express to discuss his grace's affairs.

1702, July 13.

Lord Godolphin to the duke of Hamilton, commending Mr. MacKenzie as 'a very rationall sober gentleman', and remarking that until the lord commissioner return from Scotland he will have little news.


1702, July 14.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of his vain attempt to see the treasurer [Godolphin], and telling him that it is believed that the Whigs are very desirous that the Scots parliament should meet and pass the abjuration.

1702, July 17.

Roderick McKenzie to the duke of Hamilton, expressing the opinion that the queen's declining to accept the petition was equivalent to refusing it.

1702, July 17.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that his actions do not prejudice the duke's interest.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], telling him that their mother believes that when the duke goes to London he should say that his journey is occasioned by private business so that 'if the Court have a meind they will make advancis to you'. Her grace is also very willing to have the young duchess of Hamilton stay with her during that time, but warns that no money can be had from there.
7294. 1702, July 20. Campatt St. Hubertshill

George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the army's march from the camp at Grave.


William Keith to the duke of Hamilton, justifying the giving of a copy of the address to Lady Marlborough, whom they could not afford to antagonise.

4834. 1702, July 23.

Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that everyone says that 'this will be ane Torie parliament', that there are rumours of Tarbat, Stair and Breadalbane being called to London, and that it is said that the French king offers a separate peace and a league to the Scots.

6577. 1702, July 25. Holyroodhous

[Copy, in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton] to [Lord Treasurer Godolphin], remarking that 'those that were the fondest for the sitting of this parliament have had reason to wish it had not mett'.


4832. 1702, July 25.

Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he hopes to go to Windsor to get more news, as everyone is out of town, and discussing Queensberry's position.

7152. 1702, July 27 O.S. From the camp att Pere Comte

George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], describing how the army was not ordered to join battle with the French, despite Marlborough's impatience to do so.

7576. 1702, July 27. Hamilton.

Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that their mother has done all she can to have the coming election go the right way.
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The earl of Granard to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to continue to serve his grace's interests.

5962. 1702, July 28. O.S. From the Camp at Nimeguen.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [the duke of Hamilton], commenting on the imposition by parliament of 1½ years' cess, approving of the queen's decision to appoint the commissioners for union, and giving the latest information about the French army.

4821. 1702, July 28.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing current opinions on whether the Scots parliament should meet.

7124. 1702, July 29. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Akenhead has promised to attend parliament if he is able to go, and suggesting that her son come to the next meeting of the shire.

7984. 1702, July 30. Holyroodhous

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, excusing himself from visiting her on the following Tuesday as he is to go to Kinneil to meet some gentlemen about the election in Linlithgowshire, and must soon go south to Lancashire where his affairs are in confusion. In a postscript he announces that he will visit Hamilton on the following Monday.

4825. 1702, August 4. Windsor.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his grace's affairs are obstructed by the general belief that he is under the influence of the earl of Sunderland, and discussing the current political situation in England.
James Crauford to his cousin [John Hamilton] the bailie of Aran at the castle of Aran, asking for 1,000 merks as he is under a charge of horning for owing the 'taxmen' £1000 Scots for duty on goods, and advising him to send at once for the timber he wants.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], commenting that in view of the news from Holland it is now that the want of the king is to be regretted. He promises to do what he can to have the local elections go as the duke desires, and wishes that the duke of Queensberry and his friends would fall out.

Robert Menzie to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Lord Blantyre is still delayed until the duke of Queensberry's arrival, and that parliament may be dissolved on the following day.

Lord Blantyre to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he believes that his grace will be called to Court.

[Last pages missing.]
4956. 1702, August 11. Castle of Aran.

John Hamilton to David Crawford, telling him that James Crawford of Greenock is pressing for the money owed to him for the wine and brandy bought by the writer on behalf of the duke [of Hamilton], and enclosing Crawford's letter. [4955]

4829. 1702, August 11. Windsor.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, entreating him to come to Court as quickly as possible, and reporting that Sir John Cochran has given in a memorial to the queen suggesting the establishment of a Scots council in London.

5010. 1702, August 14.

[Sir Francis Scott] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the queen's letter dissolving parliament, of rumours that Prince George is to be declared king and the Union project revived and of Blantyre and Prestonhall often being with the English ministers.

4827. 1702, August 15. Windsor.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, urging him to hasten to Court as circumstances present him with a golden opportunity, as the queen now expects him.

7215. 1702, August 17. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], agreeing that it will prove difficult to have Carnwath elected for the shire.

4828. 1702, August 18. London.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, assuring him that he has written regularly, remarking that some people hope that his grace will not come to Court, and referring to reports that the duke 'does zealously lay out for to get trewbew zealous presbyterians elected for members of parliament.'

4933. 1702, August 18. Edinburgh.

James Stewart, to [the duke of Hamilton], reminding him that the town of Borroastounness owes him 'a small sume' assigned to him by Mr. John Buchan.
9761. 1702, August 19. Hamilton.

Anne Hay to Mrs. Jean Hamilton at Kinneil, enclosing a receipt [also 9761] for cambric and mentioning that Betty Lowdan insists that she has given Mrs. Hamilton's father a receipt for her wages and for lace.

7242. 1702, August 20. O.S. From the camp of Asch and Girick

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], commenting on the earl of Selkirk having lost his place, and describing the army's march to their present camp.

4822. 1702, August 21.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning Lord Seafield's arrival at Court, and his conversation with him.

6951. 1702, August 27. Boyne before Cadiz

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of his voyage from Torbay, the council of war held off Cadiz, and the difficult landing of men there.

4848. 1702, August 29. London.

[Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the desirability of the duke coming to London and of a new parliament being called.

4849. 1702, August 29. London.

[Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton] - a slightly different version of 4848.

5015. 1702, August 31. Asch Camp

[? George, earl of Orkney] to the duke of Hamilton, describing the army's progress so far as 'the oddest campagne that ever was' because of dissension among the leaders of the Dutch, and declaring that nothing would be done were it not for Marlborough.
4943. 1702, September 2. Edinburgh.

Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], sending Mr. James Anderson to him for instructions as his grace's mother is anxious to have 'the visitations about the muire' done soon.

7216. 1702, September 3. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a paper with advice as to whether or not he should attend the next meeting of the shire.

5020. 1702, September 13. Boyne before Cadiz.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that their campaign is almost over, having achieved nothing, describing how the army plundered Port St. Mary's and besieged Matagorda, and declaring that he will not sail with his ship to the Indies.

4890. 1702, September 17. Edinburgh.

George Main to [the duke of Hamilton], asking permission to set up a post office in the town of Hamilton, and inviting his grace to nominate a postmaster.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that since everybody is out of town he has no news except that the earl of Sunderland has been very ill. He himself is anxious to have news of the elections in Scotland.


[? Lord Blantyre] to the earl of Tullibardine, or in his absence, to the duke of Hamilton, discussing whether or not his lordship should come to Court.

4979. 1702, September 23. Tinningham.

Lady Margaret Hope to [the duke of Hamilton], protesting that her son did not oppose his grace in the Linlithgow elections for opposition's sake, as his grace had contended.
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4892. 1702, September 25. Tinningam.

Lady Margaret Hope to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton],
giving news of her family's health, and complaining that the
duke of Hamilton represented her son as being unwilling to
stand as a shire commissioner.

4958. 1702, September 26. Dunglass.

James Hall to the duke of Hamilton, explaining the reason
for his brother's diligence [? against James Hamilton of
Pencaitland]. [Torn]

4962. 1702, October 8. Leslie.

The earl of Rothes to [the duke of Hamilton], telling
him that Lord Melville's party have been defeated and Lord
Anstruther, Major Balfour of Denbog, Sir Patrick Murray and
the laird of Balfour have been elected, to the writer's great
satisfaction. [Torn]

4960. 1702, October 10. Slaines.

The earl of Errol to the duke of Hamilton, informing him
that the lairds of Pitlurge, Pitmen, Udny and Storiewood
have been elected for the shire.

8946. 1702, November 2. A foulourte, pais du maine, en France.
[October 22 OS?]

The marquise de Broc de la Fourlandry to [the earl of
Arran], reminding him of her late husband's friendship for
him whilst his lordship was in Angers, and soliciting his
assistance for her son, the chevalier de la Fourlandry,
taken prisoner at the attack on Vigo. [In French]

4953. 1702, October 24. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, discussing some
domestic matters, and informing the duke that Hoptoun and
Livingstone were elected for Linlithgowshire and that there
was a great struggle in Clackmannan.
7503. 1702, October 26. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a memorandum about the heritable office of bailie of the regality of Glasgow. [Not included.]

8396. 1702, October 29. London.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he has summoned his wife to London because her uncle the earl of Macklesfield is ill, and hoping that her grace will lend the young duchess some money for the journey.

4925. 1702, November 5.

James Anderson to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that a book to be published in London, written by B. Guthrie and called *A History of the Late Civil War*, has several passengers reflecting unfavourably on his grace's family, but offering him a copy of a vindication by Sir James Turner, and telling him of a list of ancient charters.

4868. 1702, November 16. The Hague.

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Andreas Antemonides Matueof to [the duke of Hamilton], promising that, as envoy to the states general and as the son of a member of the house of Hamilton, he will always serve the duke's interests. [In Latin.]

4968. [1702], November 9.

Lord Godolphin to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to call upon the writer as he cannot leave home because of a cold.

6796. 1702, November 16. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his wife has now left Hamilton, and deprecating the suggestion that Clarendon may be the author of the scandalous books against Scotland in general and the writer's father in particular.
5270. 1702, November 19. Woodhall.

The earl of Ruglen to Mr. Mason, at Young Man's Coffee house near Charing Cross, asking what progress has been made with Mr. Lang.

4966. 1702, November 22. Goodwood.

The duke of Lenox and Richmond to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that the duke of Queensberry's proceedings against him come as no surprise, but that he will never be a more faithful servant to the queen than the writer, who will never act as his servant.

5011. 1702, December 1. Edinburgh.

A. McMorrane to the duchess of Hamilton, complaining that before her husband was twenty four hours in his grave, Sir Alexander Hume sent men to inventory her furniture which he claims, and intends to revoke her jointure.

4967. 1702, December 2. Edinburgh.

Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reporting on the work being done at the Borroustoun Muir coalworks, and on the appointment of William Kerr as sheriff clerk of Lithgow.


D. Williamson to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the commission has refused her request that Mr. John Orr be permitted to remain at Bothwell.

4963. 1702, December 4.

W. Spencer to [the duke of Hamilton], giving him first offer of the manor of Ashton cum Stodda, which his financial circumstances compel him to sell.


The directors of the African Company to the duke of Hamilton, the marquis of Tweeddale and Lord Belhaven, discussing the voyage of the 'Discovery'. [Signed by Sir Francis Scott, Robert Blackwood and 10 others]
5014. 1702, [ ] 19. O.S. Liège

[? George, earl of Orkney] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the bombardment of [? Liège] which is about to capitulate and praising the behaviour of the duke of Marlborough.

4906. [? 1702]

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that he will arrive safely at Garstang, and complaining about the behaviour of John Hamilton, whom she dislikes greatly. [Torn]

4895. 1702, St. James's.

[Draft] Queen Anne to parliament, announcing that she intends to dissolve it.

5019. 1702.

William III to the house of lords recommending a union with Scotland to the consideration of the house.

4844. [? 1702]

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, asking him for the name of a certain man who wrote to the duke of Lenox.

4841. [1702]

[Lord Blantyre] to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he has no news yet of the dissolution of the English parliament, that Sunderland is in favour with Godolphin, and that Rochester takes pains to disown his meddling in Scottish affairs.

4831. [? 1702]

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he has taken all possible pains to tell the queen of the hard treatment his grace has received.

6571. 1702.

[Copy, in his own hand] [The duke of] Hamilton to the lord treasurer of England, telling him that Tweeddale is now with him and that they will be joined by Tullibardine on the following day.
[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he has now read the villainous pamphlet to which his correspondent had referred. [First pages missing, remainder badly torn]


Daniel Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that they are now mining for coal behind the yards of Borroustounness, referring to the shortage of money, and discussing the desirability of compelling the Dutch to use Scots salt for curing their fish.

1702/3, January 5. Preston.

John Francks to [the duke of Hamilton], stating that he has sent Captain Hamilton his grace's letter as directed.


Robert [? Wormor] to John Chessyres, at his chambers in the Inner Temple, reporting that Lord Mohun has retained various lawyers and has gone to London.

1702/3, January 20.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, discussing some business connected with an inquisition in Cheshire.

1702/3, January 24. Liverpole.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Mr. Clayton's clerk would not let him have a bill upon his master for £200, and asking his grace to speak to Mr. Clayton about it.

1702/3, January 31. Preston.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], stating that he has made with the tenants 50 agreements for one year and 8 leases for three lives; warning him that Buckingham is acting in the interests of Lord Mohun, and discussing some other local business. Also a note on the back of the letter, in the duke's hand, to the effect that he has spoken to Lieutenant General Lumley on behalf of William Hamilton.
5073. 1702/3, February 5. Warrington.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has paid the bill of £200 from Mr. Vernon to his clerk.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the writer and the president [Hugh Dalrymple] are to be arbitrators in the suit with Castlemilk, and discussing some other minor legal matters.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a paper from the late bishop of Glasgow, and remarking that although the duchess [his grace's mother] and Castlemilk have signed a submission nothing more will be done until the president returns home.


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], protesting that only he can agree with the tenants in his grace's absence, and reporting that Lord Mohun has employed Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Shaw as his attorneys.

5181. 1702/3, February 15. Leslie.

The earl of Rothes to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that 'our friends here in this country are firmly resolv'd not to pay cesse', and stating that the Fife address has far fewer signatures than Lord Balcarra's claims.


[David Crawford] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, advising her not to employ the gardener recommended by Sir William Cunningham, although he might be given some other employment since he has a mind to see Hamilton.


[The earl of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that his own mother is still dangerously ill, and remarking that 'several of our friends will not scruple the payment of the cess if they were assured of the meeting of the parliament'.
5001. 1702/3, February 18.

Proposals concerning the state of the coalworks at Kinneill and the coalhewers' advice about the same; drawn up by Daniel Hamilton.


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that most of the tenants seem willing to pay the half of their fine, and defending himself against criticisms made against him by some of them.


Copy [Daniel Hamilton] to Wm. Baillie of Lamington, reporting that their hopes of obtaining a lasting source of splent coal in Deanfield have failed, that Bolfor-nought is almost exhausted as is the coal at the moor, and enclosing the proposals put to a meeting of the coal hewers. [5001]


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton] reporting that George Harison is the first of his grace's tenants to pay the promised fines, and that he has set only one more lease since his last letter. Also a note on a slip of paper in John Hamilton's hand, warning the duke to 'take care of the doctor' who is 'a dangerous man for all his black gown'. [? Dr. Ashenhurst]

5000. 1702/3, February 23. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, stating that hopes of finding 'four foot coall' behind the yards of Bo'ness have been disappointed, and that money is in very short supply because of the bad harvest of the previous year.

6797. 1702/3, February 27. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that she has ordered all her chamberlains not to pay the cess, but complaining that many other people in the shire have paid it. She asks him to look for a new gardener for Hamilton, and refers to the poverty of her tenants.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to send a list of those tenants who refuse to pay 'the half moytes of their fines', and discussing the leasing out of lands.

5167. 1702/3, March 1. Kilbudo in Aran.

Dugald Campbell to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, requesting once again that Mr. Robert Glen be accepted by her as minister of Kilbudo, since the parishioners are determined to have him, asking that her grace give orders to her bailie to pay the vacant stipends so that the manse and office houses may be repaired, and hoping for an allowance to pave the floor of the manse of Kilmory, which stands in 'a marish place'.

8436. 1702/3, March 2. Edinburgh.

Hew Dalrymple to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that in order to settle with Castlemilk she will have to pay him 21,500 merks at the following Whitsun.


Adam Cokburne to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], rejoicing that he has had a share in settling the dispute between her grace and Sir William Stewart [of Castlemilk].


James Hamilton of Pencaitland to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting on the financial aspect of her settlement with Castlemilk.

7923. 1702/3, March 5. London.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining about the inconvenience and expense of his visit to London, but promising to try to be in Edinburgh for parliament.


William Alves to Mr. David Crawfoord, enclosing a letter for the duchess of Hamilton from the queen, concerning the commissioner's lodgings at Holyroodhouse.
7074. 1702/3, March 27. London.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to his wife Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, hoping that she has paid £500 to Mr. Thornton as directed. He will be unable to make a stay in Lancashire as he is going north to attend parliament [in Edinburgh], which is to sit on May 6. He asks her opinion about leasing some land to a cousin of Widow Curen's, and tells her that he is sending home some mountain wine which she is not to open.

[With cover.]


W. Baillie of Lamington to David Craford, stating that he has caused charge Ernoch with horning, and asking to buy from Anne, duchess of Hamilton an 'axtree' to be used in a pump gin for draining water from coal.

5182. 1703, April 1. Edinburgh.

The earl of Tullibardine to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his father will answer his grace's letter soon, being unable to do so at present because of illness.

9117. 1703, April 2. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the duke of Hamilton, wishing that he were in Scotland, and complaining that the money she has to pay to Castlemilk 'will straten me for long innough to come'.

5075. 1703, April 4.

[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, estimating that year's revenues from 'the hay, joist and sheep'.

6730. 1703, April 5. Dunkeld.

The earl of Tullibardine to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], explaining that the death of his mother [Amelia Sophia, marchioness of Atholl], his own indisposition and the serious illness of his father have all prevented him from writing. He has, however, made up his mind to pay the cess, about which he had previously entertained some doubts.
1703, April 12. Kelburn.

Lord Boyle to the duke of Hamilton, on behalf of the bearer, Robert Patrick, whose boat was wrecked on the isle of Arran with the loss of his son, son-in-law and the rest of the crew, the vessel now being at his grace's disposal.

1703, April 17. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, urging him to hurry straight to Edinburgh before parliament meets.

1703, April 19. Milntoun.

J. Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that contrary to her grace's prohibition, Coltness has heightened Gairen Dam and set in a cruise there.

1703, April 20. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that his 'heart bleeds to see the confusion and dispansanice that's amongst people', with the presbyterians still ready to be gulled.

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1703, April 20. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother, the duke of Hamilton, approving of his decision to go to Scotland; he himself hopes to arrive in Edinburgh in a few days' time, and the earl of Ruglen will also go there. The writer has done everything he can 'to gett the other of our friends doune in time', and Roxburgh means to take post from York. He concludes by giving some news from the continent.


William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that he had already done all he could in the Linlithgow election before receiving his grace's letter.
5168. 1703, April 21. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [James, duke of Hamilton], regretting that she has intervened on behalf of Houstoun Sharp in the election of a commissioner for Linlithgow, as her son is supporting a different candidate, and reporting that she is having to call in all her chamberlains to make their accounts so that she can pay Castlemilk.

5166. 1703, April 24. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [James, duke of Hamilton], discussing the choice of a principal for the college of Edinburgh, and stating that they must not distrust the earl of Tullibardine because he cannot leave his sick father at this time.

7077. 1703, April 25. London.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], explaining that neither he nor the earl of Ruglen could spare 12 guineas to advance to Mr. Hedges as his grace had desired. He has no time to write further as his ship is in the Downs and he is about to put to sea.

8476. [1703, May 3]

[Copy, in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to [Queen Anne], complaining about the terms of the earl of Mackelsfield's will.


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, excusing himself from waiting on his grace in Edinburgh on the grounds that in a fortnight's time he must clear with Castlemilk and the money is not yet all provided, the bailie of Aran having brought over only about 10,000 merks.


[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that 'this people does not deserve that one should be venturing for them what I doe everie day for they'l doe nothing for themselves but twist slavery heeder about ther own neckes'. He would wish he were in Lancashire were it not for the fact that his enemies would then think that he could not face them.

John, earl of Ruglen to Mr. Mason, describing the minor items of business done in parliament that day, when the duke of Hamilton gave in 'an act recognizing her majesties authority which mett with the general applause of the whole house'.


William Hamilton to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her kindness to James Houston and stating that the latter's marriage contract has been made as secure as possible despite the difficulties caused by Castlemilk.


J. Bannanyrne to David Crawford, secretary to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he has delivered to James Brounhills 7,000 slates.
[With receipt by James Macfarlane for £93-1-8 Scots.]


Martha Callender to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking for immediate payment of the balance of the account advanced by the writer's husband to her grace's coalworks.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the successful election of their commissioners, and discussing some minor matters.

8406. 1704, May 23. Pinkye.

The marquis of Tweeddale to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from the queen. [Not included.]


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the scarcity of money among his grace's tenants, giving an account of how he delivered the duke's mace to the mayor, and describing a quarrel between the gardener and another of the servants.
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[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [James, duke of Hamilton], desiring to hear news of parliament but fearing that 'if the sess be caried itt will speak sadly of the deplorable conditione of this poor nation'.

5157. 1703, May 27.

Gavin Mason to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that Lady Charlotte Orby is very displeased with his grace as she has heard that he has sought an accommodation with Lord Mohun, and expressing fears that little will be achieved in Flanders that year.

5165. 1703, May. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [James, duke of Hamilton], expressing surprise at the choice of Mr. Carstares as principal, censuring her son 'in beeing overtaken with drink' almost in the presence of the whole parliament, and fearing that by paying Castlemilk she will 'straten' herself.

8475. 1703, June 1. Holyroodhous.

[Copy, in his own hand] The duke of Hamilton to the lord treasurer of England, asking him to see Sir Charles Orby who will tell him why the earl of Macklesfield's Will should not be accepted.

7610. 1703, June 3. Holyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to [ ], criticising the acknowledgment of the recent convention of estates as a parliament.

5263. 1703, June 3. Holyroodhouse.

[John, earl of] Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], complaining about the further delay in his suit against Mr. Lang, whom he does not believe to be the 'perfect beggar' that his friends would have people think him to be.

5146. 1703, June 3.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that until Scotland looks after her own interests England will certainly show no concern for them, and fearing that England will lose over £400,000 of cloth if the ships on which it is loaded are sent to the Mediterranean.
7862. 1703, June 5. Hollyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that their enemies in parliament 'have fallen into the snares which they have been laying for others', and describing how he has that day pressed for the ratification of presbytery although supporting a certain measure of toleration. He also spoke most strongly in the scandalous debate about the wine act.

5145. 1703, June 5.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning varying reports about the Scottish attitude towards Union, rumours that the duke of Queensberry has told the queen that he can no longer serve her, and the latest news from the continent. [Torn]

7095. 1703, June 5. Dunkeld.

[The earl of Tullibardine] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], promising to call on him that week in Edinburgh.

5140. 1703, June 5.

[Lord Blantyre] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of his belief that Sir John Cochrane would like to see parliament adjourned for a few months, and that the writer has obtained a new lease of the sulinage after a great struggle.

5156. 1703, June 5.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to find out if Captain Frederick Hamilton ever gave a letter of attorney to one Gregory, as the latter claims.

5170. 1703, June 8. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that she understands that he cannot write more frequently, being taken up with public affairs.

5147. 1703, June 8.

[Gavin Mason] to the duke of Hamilton, fearing bad news will come from Italy, where the Germans are vastly outnumbered by the French and Spaniards, and stating that Sir John Cochrane sees nothing that tends to an adjournment of parliament.
1703, June 9.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], repeating rumours that the duke of Savoy has entered the struggle against the French, and that the commissioner to the Scots parliament has been commanded not to pass any act that may limit the queen's successor.

1703, June 12.

[Gavin Mason] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that 'everybody is wonderfully plased with the disposition of affares in Scotland'.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], advising him against a toleration 'which I do beleve would prove no advantage to the episcopal partie but on the contrarie a prejudice to them', and recommending him not to have his son cared for by Antony's wife, but by Betty Edwards, a fresher and younger person.

1703, July 16. Preston.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, describing how he has had the 'coollseed' measured and lodged in Halsall Hall, and asking his grace what he intends to have done about the wine in the isle of Man.
5141. 1703, June 17.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the French and Bavarians now seem to wish to open a communication with the confederate army in Italy, and that Mr. Mahon has successfully petitioned the queen that nothing in his brother's case be decided until the arrival of the latter.


[John, earl of] R[uglen] to [Gavin Mason], thanking him for 'having gain'd my suit against Lang' with regard to a debt, and reporting that the only business done by parliament that day was to continue to debate the disputed election of a commissioner for Linlithgow, but that this has successfully held up the voting of supply.

7885. 1703, June 22. Hollyroodhouse.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton] announcing the death of his nephew William [Lord Basil's son]. He then describes Queensberry's political manoeuvres, complaining that the Scottish statesmen seem fated to be 'slaves to ane English ministry'.

5143. 1703, June 22.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Mr. Jodrill is ready to bring the jewels, giving the latest news from the continent, and referring to a report that Lord Aberdeen is resolved to serve the queen by joining with his grace.


The marquis of Powis to [the duke of Hamilton], on behalf of his sister the countess of Seaforth, who has been very unfortunate with regard to her jointure, and has met with 'severe usage' in that matter.

5148. 1703, June 24.

[Gavin Mason] to the duke of Hamilton, informing him of his decision to have the jewels brought at once to the master of chancery before Lord Mohun can give an order not to have them delivered at all.
1703, June 27. Preston.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Lord Mohun is expected to return from Ireland in the immediate future, when he will be served with the duke's writ.

1703, July 1.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the delay in having the jewels valued, mentioning rumours that Lady Gerrard is seriously ill, and giving news of an encounter between the French and the Dutch.

1703, July 2. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how parliament has debated the act of security, the presbyterians and the 'high cavaliers' once more joining together against the interest of their country instead of helping to shake off the 'insupportable dominion' of the English ministry.

1703, July 3.

[Gavin Mason] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Mr. Jodrell has promised to take the jewels to be valued at the beginning of the following week, and that on the continent the army has sustained great losses.


[Lord] A[rchibald] H[amilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the fleet sailed some days before from St. Helens but was forced back by contrary winds. He encloses the names of the ships in the line of battle.

[Also numbered 7178]

1703, July 6.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his conversation with Lady Charlotte [Orby] who advises that his grace come to London speedily, referring to Lord Bellhiven's recent speech in parliament, and giving some news from the continent.
5059. 1703, July 6.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that in a very few days the jewels will be secured to [Elizabeth] the duchess [of Hamilton].

7971. 1703, July 7.

Katherine, duchess of Atholl to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, denying that her husband has joined with the commissioner and Annandale and describing his attitude towards the act of security.

5056. 1703, July 7.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that Lady Charlotte [Orby's] attorney is of the opinion that Lord Macolesfield could not benefit from Lady Gerard's Will, and that the [4th] duchess of Hamilton has the title to the estates.

5063. 1703, July 8.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing relief that matters have ended so well in 'the business of my Lord Bellhiven'.

5048. 1703, July 10.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing his grace's legal affairs and regretting that Lord Archibald Hamilton is on the present expedition as people do not like it.

5058. 1703, July 13.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the business of the jewels cannot be settled until the following day as Mr. Cheshyre is to go on circuit, and giving news from the continent, where Marlborough is resolved to force the French into an encounter.

5057. 1703, July 15.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Mr. Morice has failed to deliver up the jewels for valuation, and mentioning the disagreement among the leaders of the army on the continent.
6036. 1703, July 16. [? Put Hilles]

[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her about the 'warne debeattes' in parliament which followed a clause brought in by the earl of Roxburgh.

5054. 1703, July 20.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Mr. Bonor failed to come and meet him to discuss Lord Mohun's affair, and that the latest news from the continent is that on the approach of Marlborough the French retired within their lines.

7884. 1703, July 24. [Holyrood].

The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that his wife has visited Keniel against his will and that his bond has been registered. In the debate in parliament on the previous night he charged the session with causing delays in the business of the house, and finds the duke of Atholl more mistaken in his behaviour than ever.

5055. 1703, July 24.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his fruitless attempts to find Mr. Bonar.

5065. 1703, July 27. Preston.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a paper concerning some trouble at Garstang, and discussing the leases of tenants there.

5053. 1703, July 27.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], approving of the actions of the Scottish parliament.

5052. 1703, July 27.

Gavin Mason to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that 'the most judishus people' at Court approve of the Scottish parliament's proceedings, and hoping that 'the affaire of Portagale, Savoy and Venice will give a happy turne to our affaires with France'.
1703, July 27. Preston.

Thomas Winckley to the Captain John Hamilton, informing him of the progress of Lord Mohun's chancery suit against his grace and the [4th] duchess.

1703, July 29.

[Gavin Mason] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that Lord Mohun's friends unjustly blame Mr. Harrart for his difficulties, and discussing Anglo-Scottish relations.

1703, July 29.

The duke of Lenox and Richmond to [? the duke of Hamilton], apparently excusing himself for not waiting on his grace, and referring to Monsieur Bernard's letter to Lord Belhaven. [See 5091]

[One side of the letter torn off and missing]

1703, July 31.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting the delay in the business of the jewels.

1703, August 5. London.

D. Bernard to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that Lord Belhaven gave him a bill payable on the first of that month, but that the writer has heard nothing from him. [In French]

1703, August 12. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing the 'miracles' done in parliament during the previous two days.

1703, August 31. London.

[? Mr. Hodges] to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that neither the act of security nor the act anent peace and war will receive the royal assent, and that a refusal of supplies would merely make matters more difficult. He goes on to discuss the English attitude towards the current business done by the Scots parliament, and advises his grace not to come to the capital yet, since there are rumours that the act of security really refers to his grace as the successor to the crown.
5158. 1703, September 5. Preston.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him that 'all here blames your grace for what is done in the parliament', discussing how the wine should be brought over from the isle of Man, and referring to Mr. Orby having disposed of the 'coall seed'.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining about his financial difficulties and the failure of his brothers to help him. He then condemns parliament for having passed an act allowing the export of skins with wool upon them. [Last pages missing - 5153?]

5152. 1703, September 11. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how the act of security has been laid aside, condemning 'our fooll ministers', and regretting that he has spent so much time and effort on behalf of 'a bass nation that won't saive nore serve itself'.


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[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing the satisfactory news that parliament has adjourned without granting a cess.

5153. [1703 c. September]

Portion of a letter from [James, duke of] H[amilton] to [ ], announcing that skins are to be carried out of the country from Borrostouness, Glasgow and Dumfries, that everyone believes that the queen has instructed the commissioner not to touch the act of security, and condemning Marchmont's 'behaviour in parliament.

8069. 1703, October 9. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that the chancellor and Atholl urge him to go to London soon, as does his own wife. As to politics, the ministers are likely to ruin the act of security for they 'are soe weak as to be capturatt with Lord Staires pretencess of beeng for presbetrrie and fancy duke of Queen[sterry] their hearty freind'.
5159. 1703, October 21. Tiningan.

Helen, countess of Hadinton to [Anne], duchess of Hamilton, giving news of her own family's health, and sending her greetings.

7865. 1703, November 5. Kenill.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that his wife is all the more anxious to go to London as she has had news of her grandmother's death. The duke of Atholl has also written urging him to go up so he fears that he must do so.

5176. 1703, November 7. Sand Hall.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], indicating that he has been at the burial of Lady Hungerford, [grandmother of the duke's wife] where he met Mr. Perry, a rent collector for Sir Edward Hungerford and a very discreet man.


James Hamilton of Pencaitland to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the settlement of Edward Callendar's business.


John, earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason, at Young Man's coffee house near Charing Crose London, remarking that it seems necessary to 'streaten' Mr. Lang 'to the utmost' in order to bring him to reason, and hoping that the Fleet prison will have the desired effect.

5267. 1703, November 27. Edinburgh.

John, earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason, at Young Man's coffee house near Charing crosse, London, warning him that Peter Crawford means to go to London to concert with Mr. Lang to the writer's prejudice.

5080. 1703, November 27. Inverugie.

The Earl Marischal to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he has offered his wife a separation on her own terms, but that she will decide nothing without consulting her friends, and asking the duke's advice.
7609. [1703], November 28.

[Copy] [Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother George, earl of Orkney, describing the wreck of some men of war on the Goodwin Sands during a severe storm.

5079. 1703, November 30. Slaines.

Anne, countess of Erroll, to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the attempts to reconcile the Earl Marischal and his wife, who are separated.

5179. 1703, December 2. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that some affairs have delayed his visit to his grace at Kinneall. Enclosed in this is a short note referring to the children of Colonel Alexander Hamilton.


[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], recommending to Mr. Lamington's request for a change of the wardholdings. The duke of Atholl is at present on very bad terms with Queensberry, whom he discovered had obtained a pass for Simon Fraser to go to France.


David Baillie to the duke of Hamilton, describing how he had been interrogated by the duke of Queensberry, who asked him what he knew of a plot to restore the prince of Wales, and accused the duke of Hamilton of being a long-standing pensioner of France, asking the writer to tell this to the queen. Also a copy of this letter, signed by Gilbert Eliot, clerk of the privy council, and witnessed by Robert Kennedy and David Caw.

6937. 1703, December 23. Dunkeld.

[Katherine, duchess of Atholl] to [her brother the duke of Hamilton], hoping that the current plot will not have the desired effect, with the observation that 'if they will not open the presbyterian eyes I know not what will till their own destruction doe it'. Moreover, it was Queensberry and not the writer's husband who introduced the bishop of Glasgow to the queen. News has come that Lieutenant Campbell of Glendemell and Mr. Keith Lutw hernsson are both close prisoners in Newgate for corresponding with Simon Fraser.
George, earl of Orkney to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that Queensberry's extraordinary behaviour will be his own undoing. The duke of Atholl is now in town but is so generally taken for a Jacobite and understands the Court so little that he is in need of help. He goes on to give the latest news from Court and from the continent.

'Philopatris' to the duke of Hamilton, condemning the decision to allow the importing of wines and to continue the prohibition of the export of English and Irish wool.

William Addington to ['my lord'], warning him that a suit of law will be immediately commenced by [ ], who has retained three lawyers as counsel and three solicitors, Attwood, Ashton and Whitwell.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to call for an act in favour of the hatmakers, who are daily prejudiced by the export of coney and hare skins.

Frances, countess of Seaforth to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to speak for her as she hears that a bill has been given in against her.

The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of the debate in parliament about the right of appeals from the lords of session, with the claim that 'I was neaver in my wholl life more in my deuty and persuing the triew intrest of the lidges as in this'. He alone had the heart to try to shake off the shackles of the lords of session and was supported only by Ruglen and Forfar.

J. Warren to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he has not yet been able to do anything about Lord Moore's forcible entry at [? Gefreath].

[Copy] The duke of Hamilton to the Muscovite ambassador at the Hague, sending him a genealogy of the family of Hamilton. [Not included.] [In Latin.]


Drafts of the duke of Hamilton's letter to the Muscovite ambassador, [5231], one in the duke's own hand. [In Latin and English.]

8068. 1703/4, January 1. Hollyroodhous

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, sending her in confidence an account of 'the duke of Queensberry' and Annandaill's business' [not included], and discussing its implications.


Lauchlan Campbell to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her to augment the stipend of Mr. Daniel McLean and see that he has a sufficient manse and glebe.


J. Hamilton of Dalserf to William Cunningham, chamberlain of Hamilton, asking him to remind David Crawford about the writer's query concerning the duchess's action against Gavine, and inquiring what feu duties are owed by Matthew Thomson for his lands in Bothwell.

5194. 1703/4, January 14. Cardonald

[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the writer's son has been introduced to kiss the queen's hand by the duke of Queensberry, and says that the division among 'our great men' is very great. He hopes that his grace will not oppose his son's interests, and refers to some suspected plot in which John Areskin and 'Bass John' Spreuel have been implicated.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning that the 'Scotch Plot' remains a mystery to him and describing how the king of Spain's fleet has been forced to return to Spithead for a refit.

6888. [1703/4], January 24. [Kinneil]

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, asking him to bring some sack and to buy oranges and lemons.

[With a covering note by the duke for the series of letters from his wife.]


J. Hamilton of Dalserf to Mr. David Crawford, reporting that he has conferred with Sir Patrick Hume and Mr. David Calderwood about the duchess of Hamilton's legal affairs.

6889. [1703/4], January 30. [Kinneil]

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, sending him 'someporridge' for his supper, with other food, and hoping that he will come to [Kinneil] until parliament sits.

6890. [1703/4], February 1. Kinneil.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to [her husband the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that duty will make her civil to those members of his family who do not care for her, asking about his health, and sending him some 'Bohee tea'.

6891. [1703/4], February 2. [Kinneil]

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, urging him to come and stay at [Kinneil] until parliament sits, and sending him a nosegay.

5216. 1703/4, February 3. Whithall.

Thomas Brand to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his genealogy will not be in town until the following week, noting that Argyle, Seafield and Cromarty are being made knights of the thistle, and announcing that the East India Company has seized the 'Annandale' belonging to the African Company.
6892. [1703/4], February 3. Kinneil.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband, the duke of Hamilton, remarking that 'our cause went as I expected so my concern and surpriz about it are much alike'.

6894. [1703/4], February 8. Kinneil.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, describing how she ordered the hearth in his room to be removed, on smelling smoke, and found the great wooden joist to be on fire. She wishes that he were with her but fears that 'your politick self designing sister [the duchess of Atholl] will prevail to keep you where you are'.


[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, reporting that although the smell of smoke still remains in the house, the danger of fire seems past.


The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he cannot leave his son who has been dangerously ill.

6924. [1703/4 c. February 10]

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, fearing that their lawsuit looks no better than it did. [Torn]

6896. [1703/4], February 11. Kinneil.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, agreeing to come to Edinburgh if he will have no more to do with Dr. Pittcairn.

6893. [1703/4], February 14. Kinneel.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, hoping that he will continue to wear his ribbon [of the order of St. Andrew] in the position in which he has always done so.
6897. [1703/4], February 14. Kinneel.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, sending him a salmon and some other food.

5197. 1703/4, February 15.

Thomas Brand to the duke of Hamilton, asking his grace to recommend the writer for the position of recorder or usher to the order of the thistle.

6898. [1703/4], February 16. Kinneel.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, declaring that she is 'surpriz'd the queen dosnot use the duke of Queensberry like a villain as he is'.


Mr. Robert Wyllie to the duke of Hamilton, commending the bearer, James Maxwel, chamberlain of Cambuslang, and suggesting that the duke might follow up his 'slighted petition' with an informatory petition to the council.


[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that there is little news from Holland since all the troops are in their winter quarters. The house of lords has been busy discussing 'our Scotch plot'.


Mr. Hodges to the duke of Hamilton, stating that although the chancellor favoured a federal union, everyone else presses very much for an incorporating union, and giving an account of their conversation on the subject. He also discusses a pedigree which his grace is having drawn up. [With a copy]

5211. 1703/4, February 21. Blakad[der?]

John Home to the duke of Hamilton on behalf of his brother, who is a captain in the earl of Orkney's regiment and hopes to be promoted to major.
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[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, sending a verbal message by the bearer.

6923. [1703/4], February 23. Kinneil.

[Elizabeth, duke of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, asking him to disappoint his enemies by wearing the ribbon [of St. Andrew] as the queen directs, and complaining about the behaviour of Gouch, one of his grace's servants.

6899. [1703/4], February 23. [Kinneill]

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, asking about his health and sending him some butter and a nosegay.

6922. 1703/4, February 24. Kinneill.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, warning him of the arrival of Henley, the duchess of Queensberry's page, who claims to have come for recruits.

5213. 1703/4, February 24. Hackney.

Anne Web to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of 'the two gentlewomen's' urgent need for clothes and money.

5198. 1704, February 24. Whithall.

Thomas Brand to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from Mr. Hodges [5195] and complaining that the earl of Orkney has refused the writer's generous offer to draw him a family tree for 50 guineas.

5114. [c1703/4, February]

The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he cannot leave his son, who is dangerously ill.
7043. 1703/4, March 2. Holyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, asking him to tell Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton that she is missed in town, and remarking that he will not repeat his previous remarks about his correspondent coming.


[The duke of] [Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], commenting on the pass given under Queensberry's hand to Simon, Lord Lovat, a copy of which he sends her together with copies of two letters from Leven to Beaufort [not included]. He condemns the presbyterian ministers who are 'to the last degree sollicitous of vindicating him' [Queensberry]. He then discusses the change in colour of the ribbon of the order of the thistle, which he is sure has been made in order to trick him into disobeying the command.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, regretting that his wife's indisposition has kept her from going with him to Edinburgh, 'a place wher I think it so very nesisary for you not to be so much as a day absent.'

[Written out for her: only the signature in her own hand].


[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], promising to do all he can to have the execution of the sentence on Bailie stopped. He believes that Rothes, Roxburgh and Jerviswood have been instructed to insist that parliament meets, but declares that 'if they doe not also insist on the impossiblity of D.Q. [Queensberry] continuing in service if either the queen or nation's advantage be considered there coming will be of litle use', since Queensberry will nominate a successor as commissioner. The writer stresses that he himself does not covet this post, for his only desire 'is to gett knaves out of the government and honest men in'.


The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his condolences on the death of the writer's only son.
6926. [1703/4], March 6. Kinneill.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, declaring that she will never consent to his going to Lancashire, and referring briefly to their lawsuit.

5103. 1704, March 10. Chirton.

Thomas Marr to the duke of Hamilton, promising to go to Scotland to serve his grace as soon as the writer has disposed of his horses and cleared his accounts.

5042. 1703/4, March 11.

Gavin Martin to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to order payment of his bond due to the writer at the beginning of May, or at least of £100 of it.

5150. 1703/4, March 15. College of Glasgow.

John Stirling to the duke of Hamilton telling him that Mr. Carmichael and Mr. Lowdun have been allowed to teach their classes again.

7919. 1703/4, March 16. Hollyroodhous

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], commenting on some letters which he sends her [not included], declaring that 'now the presbiterians are as zealous for Duke Queen[sberry] as if he had been one of the first reformers'. Rothes and Roxburgh have told the queen about the latest plot, and are to have her answer in a day or two.


[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of how he has helped his friends that winter, and of how he got Captain Green and his crew remitted to the judges of admiralty. They have that day been found guilty of piracy, robbery and murder, and he thinks it likely that they will confess before their deaths.
Robert West to the duke of Hamilton, giving an account of what measures were being taken to defend the suit brought by Lord Mohun at Chester.

Mr. Hodges to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that his own printed proposals may do some good, and warning his grace against the dangers of an incorporating union, as advocated in a recently published book described to him by Mr. Anderson [see 5100].

James Anderson to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him he has sent him a scandalous book entitled The Superiority and direct dominion of the Imperial Crown of England over the Crown and Kingdom of Scotland, and that he has pointed out to several of the nobility that the alleged charters of homage are notorious forgeries.

The earl of Home to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that now that the resolves of the committee and of the house of lords have been made known, it is too apparent that the absolute dependency of Scotland upon England is designed.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], condemning the imprisonment of Glengarie, and asking his grace to do what he can for the man. The house of lords has ordered the trial of Ferguson, for giving in some reflections on government to the cabinet council.

[Susan, Lady Yester] to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the man he recommended to her husband is most unsuitable as 'he is downright for the English successor'. The Scottish parliament has been adjourned until July 4 and will not sit even then if D.Q. [Queensberry] and his party have anything to do with it.
6862. 1704, March 28. Holyroodhouse

The duke of Hamilton to the lord advocate [the marquis of Lothian], urging him to refuse a licence for the printing of *A Narrative of the Tryall and Proceedings against David Bayly in Scotland* in which his grace is 'most villainously traduc't'. [With cover]

7218. 1704, March 29. Hamilton

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, mentioning that the local presbytery have sent Mr. Hamilton, the minister of Eavendaille, into Edinburgh possibly 'to putt some spirite into some of the breathering'. [With cover]

6925. [1703/4, cMarch] Kinneil

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, hoping that he arrived safely in Edinburgh.

6928. [1703/4, cMarch] Kinneil

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, hoping to see him on the following day.

5206. 1704, April 1. Prestonhall

[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing a recent pamphlet entitled *An accompt of the proceedings of the Counsel of Scotland against David Bailie* as 'very disingenuous' in parts.

5208. 1704, April 1. Duffus

Lord Duffus to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself from attending parliament on the grounds that he could not go along with some of the business to be done, and that his son's visit to London has drained him of money.

7219. 1704, April 3. Hamilton

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], fearing that Baillie will not live long at Blackness and regretting that the family had been unable to do anything for him.
5107. 1704, April 4. Castle of Aran.

John Hamilton to David Crawford, informing him that five cases of wine and one case of brandy have arrived for the duke of Hamilton from the isle of Man, and asking for instructions about them.


[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], announcing that all is quiet in town since the queen has gone to Windsor, Marlborough to Holland and the treasurer [Godolphin] to Newmarket. He himself means to leave during the following week. The chancellor and his friends have set off for Scotland where they are 'to feel pulses in relation to the successor'.


The duke of Atholl to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, remarking that Rothes, Roxburgh and Jerviswood 'have all three carried themselves as well as your grace and those that employed them could wish', and hoping that 'their coming up has contributed very much to open the eyes of the Court as to the duke of Queensberry.'

5038. 1704, April 7. Greenock.

John Shaw to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has acquired for his grace a pipe of the best wine that was on board Campbell's ship.

5196. 1704, April 8.

[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a paper which he can either burn or print.

6564. 1704, April 11. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother [the duke of Hamilton]], emphasising the necessity of preserving Baillie's life and asking for news from London.

7588. 1704, April 11. London.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother [the duke of Hamilton?], telling him that in the opinion of Lord Ross 'settling the succession will be a harder task than was given out here'.

7048. 1704, April 11. London.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], sending him verbal messages by the bearer, the laird of Boyne, and adding that 'the measures to be taken here will depend very much on the accounts the chancellor gives of the temper of the nation [Scotland], both in relation to the succession and the duke of Queensberry'. It is planned to have Tweeddale declare himself for the English successor and so be made commissioner, which will please the writer very well.

5099. 1704, April 11. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from the bailie of Aran announcing the arrival of 5 peice of wine and one of brandy' for his grace [5107], remarking that he should not have to pay duty on these as the bailie would seem to insinuate, and advising him to send a servant to accompany the carters, who are in the habit of drawing off the wine for themselves.

7049. 1704, April 12. London.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he plans to return home very soon. It now seems plain that the chancellor [Seafield] and Cromartie have promised to do what they can to have the succession settled on the English choice, for although they are not really enthusiastic about it, 'English measures will be always followed by such Scotsmen as prefer their places or private interest to their country'. It has been written from Scotland on several occasions that [Hamilton] 'would never hearken to a treaty of union or a communication of trade with England. But the more you think on it, you will be persuaded it is the best proposal can be made at this time when the matter of succession is tabled', and the writer grows more and more satisfied with the scheme to employ Tweeddale. [See 7048.]

7058. 1704, April 12. London.

[Katherine, duchess of Atholl] to her brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the queen's decision to put off settling her majesty's affairs in Scotland until 'the parliament here was up'.
7050. 1704, April 13. London.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], remarking that the chancellor may well decide to do justice to both Glengarie and Bailie. The writer means to leave London very soon, and hopes that his correspondent will not appear averse from a treaty of Union either federal or entire, or communication of trade for the appearing against any of these or settling a successor with limitations gives a handle to be misconstrued.

5098. 1704, April 13. Kinniel.

Daniel Hamilton to Captain John Bruce, telling him of the unworthy stories told by Robert Taylor about the duke [of Hamilton], and enclosing an account of the expenses of one of the boats loaded with coals for the Hamiltons' use at Holyroodhouse.

7229. 1704, April 17. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that in time many of Queensberry's villainies may be discovered, and enclosing a paper which their mother wishes his grace to sign and so 'knok doune that laying pamphlit where you are so much aimed at'.

5094. 1704, April 17. Hirsell.

The earl of Home to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that they may be sure that no stone will be left unturned 'that may stand in their way who designes to make us slaves to the English nation', and promising to give the chancellor [Seafield] no encouragement to hope that the designed succession will be favourably received.

7051. 1704, April 18. London.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], explaining that his departure from town has been delayed, and reporting that 'D[uke] of Q[ueensberry's] creatures are all down in the mouth they dispare of his being commissioner'.

1704, April 18. Linlithgow.

James Crauford to Mr. Robert Boid at Grainge, enclosing a memorandum of a meeting he has had 'with these people'.

1704, April 20. Hamilton.

[? Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], hoping to meet him that Saturday.

1704, April 20. London.

Mr. Hodges to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he has been compelled to support the move to bring the marquis of Tweeddale into the government since the Court will not trust 'D.H.' [the duke of Hamilton].

1704, April 20. Barnet.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], announcing that he, his wife and son are now halfway home.

1704, April 21. Hirsell.

The earl of Home to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he has spoken with the chancellor [Seafield] at Berwick, that the settlement of the succession on Hanover will probably be the great design in the next parliament, and asking whether he should come to Edinburgh. [The signature only in his own hand]

1704, April 27. Borrowbridge

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], hoping to arrive in Edinburgh in time for Thursday's council meeting, and advising his friends to attend. He hopes that the earl of Strathmore may be persuaded to 'come out of his retraite' if his grace writes to him.

1704, April 30.

Dr. Hugh Chamberlen to the duke of Hamilton, advising treatment for the marquis of Clydesdale and his sister should they fall ill and smallpox be suspected.
Daniel Hamilton to General Ramsay at his house of Carriddan, requesting him to be present in Edinburgh on the following day to meet the duke of Atholl.

M. Gibson to Daniel Hamilton, returning to him the letter which Hamilton had sent to Lieutenant General [Ramsay] [1004,3] with the message that the latter 'desires that thou may not trouble thyself in sending such letters to him heirafter'.

[Endorsed by the 4th duke of Hamilton as having reference to Ramsay]
7988. 1704, May 5. Holyroodhous

[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that Queensberry, March, Glasgow and the lord register [Sir James Murray of Philiphaugh] have been put off the council. The writer does not expect to be on the new council but fears that his brothers may be.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], approving of his grace's agreement with their brother-in-law the duke of Atholl.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], emphasising the need for unity amongst his friends in parliament at this time, and mentioning that he has 'gott several intimations from Johnston that the Court are desirous to employ me'.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, stating that he is still of the opinion that Queensberry will be commissioner, and agreeing with the way in which the duke proposes to keep his political allies together at this time.


[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, remarking that rumours state that Johnston is to be 'verie considerable upon the projected changes' in the government.


10 o'clock

[The duke of] Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that he derives a secret satisfaction from Tweeddale being appointed commissioner as this disappoints certain others. Queensberry has told the queen that he will serve under the marquis and help to carry the succession act, thus hoping to keep his friends in the ministry still.
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10, 449. [1704, May 3] [Kinneil]


[Torn]

[The duke of] H[amilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that Tweeddale's commission has arrived, and declaring that the writer will 'help all I can in the first place to unhors Queensberry, in the nixt place I'l doe all I can to cutt off oure dependence upon England'.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], agreeing that the appointment of Tweeddale as commissioner 'will dismunt the duke of Queensberry', although there will be a strong party opposing the commissioner.


[The duke of] H[amilton] to the baron of Ocheltrie, at Culross, excusing himself for having opened his correspondent's letter from his father, as he had to know what advice the duke of Atholl had received. So far only Tweeddale has been sent a commission to represent the king in the coming parliament, but other alterations are sure to follow.


[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], remarking that although the appointment of Tweeddale as commissioner did not surprise him, he does think it very extraordinary that Queensberry should continue in office, 'and indeed if the marquis gett not him outt he will have a difficult game'. It would be best if the post of secretary could be kept open until after parliament meets. It is very much in the chancellor's interest to be in a close understanding with the writer and his correspondent.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, approving of his grace's behaviour at this time and remarking that the news of Lady Marlborough dining with Mr. Johnston is sufficient evidence of the latter's influence.

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The earl of Home to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the appointment of the marquis of Tweeddale as commissioner, and of other members of the government.


10 a clock

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his brother the earl of Selkirk], describing his efforts to have his correspondent restored to his office [of register], and discussing in detail the current political situation.

7842. 1704, May 23.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton] telling her that he has written in detail to his brother Selkirk. [7843]


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, asking him to talk to Lord Nithsdail about a recent election the results of which were unsatisfactory.

7055. 1704, May 23. Moulin in Atholl.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], observing that he does not yet know if Tweeddale's commission has come into effect. The writer is on his way to Blair, then will return to his family at Dunkeld. He has found that 'the people here are transported with my coming safe home to them and are beyond expression kind and affectionat'.

7114. 1704, May 24. Hamilton.

[One of his brothers] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the queen has sent their mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] a letter for the lodgings in the Abbey. [Holyrood]

5121. 1704, May 24. Bo'ness.

Mark Stark to Captain John Bruce, enclosing for the duke [of Hamilton] an account of the [coal] works at Bo'ness, [5122], which will not for some time be 'in a going condition', and desiring his grace to see that the boats unloading at the town buy coal and salt from him and not from the coal and salt-masters.
5122. 1704, May 24. Bo'ness.

Note of the work being done in the coal heughs at Bo'ness.

[Enclosed with 5121]


W. Cochrane of Killmaronock to [the duke of Hamilton], condemning the disensions at Edinburgh, which he fears may lead to the succession being settled as the house of lords desires, and suggesting that the northern gentlemen should be urged to come to Edinburgh when parliament sits.

5209. 1704, May 29. Glasgow.

The marquis of Montrose to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that he has no news to give his grace.

7989. 1704, May 31. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that the Court refuses to accept the nomination of councillors sent up by Tweeddale until all named agree to the Hanoverian succession.

8021. 1704, June 3. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that Beilhaven and Duplin have informed him that the queen will employ him in her service if he will support the nomination of the English successor, but Tweeddale and the others who agree to it will be disappointed.

5269. 1704, June 3. Holyroodhouse.

The earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason, to be found [at] Young Man's Coffee house near Charing Cross, London, asking if Mr. Lang has made any application to him yet, and if he has been moved to a closer prison in an attempt to bring him to reason.
7611. 1704, June 4. Holyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to [one of his brothers or brothers-in-law], urging him to come to town. The message sent to the writer by the queen was only what he had often heard before, that if he would agree to the Hanoverian succession he would be honourably employed.

5210. 1704, June 4. Holyroodhouse.

[ ] to [ ],
declaring that he has been very ill-used in the service of his country, and discussing in general terms the question of nominating [? commissioners to treat for union].
[The last part missing]

7096. 1704, June 6. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his children have escaped the smallpox so far.
[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

7099. 1704, June 7. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], welcoming the news of evil councillors being turned out but questioning the qualifications of those who replace them.
[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

5097. 1704, June 7. Glasgow.

The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his account of 'many great and sudden changes' upon which he is not qualified to comment.


[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that affairs of state are kept from him and that he is continually pressed to support the English successor. Until he does so, he has no chance of becoming even a privy councillor. Moreover, he is of the opinion that, very soon, 'Duke Queensbery will be greater then ever'.
[With cover].

Blair of that ilk to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking her to write to any of the lords of session in the writer's favour as he is involved in a plea with the laird of Ardkinlas.

5045. 1704, June 18.

The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], alleging that even a small journey to Edinburgh might do the writer harm in his present state of health.

5110. 1704, June 24. Whithall.

Thomas Brand to the duke of Hamilton, explaining his delay in setting out for the Hague, and reminding his grace of the writer's desire to be [<? secretary] to the order of the thistle.

7098. 1704, July 1. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that she is sending Mr. Wylie to him to discuss the current political situation instead of writing about it in a letter, and urging him to say nothing until he has consulted with the duke of Atholl. [Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

8020. 1704, July 3. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], deploring the fact that Mr. Johnston has so managed matters that the commissioner has resolved to push through parliament the nomination of the English successor, and condemning his brother Selkirk's resolve to support the measure if limitations are given. All this will lead to the inevitable ruin of Scotland, and 'wee should be the stupid fools ... not to demand reparation of the wronges they have done uss nor a communication of tread'.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, hoping that he and his brothers will not take different sides in parliament. [Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

Mr. Hodges to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that his grace will accept the Hanoverian succession, but only if Scotland is given sufficient compensation, and remarking that his illness has allowed him to compose only one sheet on the subject, which Lord Belhaven is to have printed for him.


[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the settlement of the succession, and condemning his brother the earl of Selkirk for opposing him in this matter. [With cover]


Mr. Hodges to [the duke of Hamilton], summarizing his own letter of July 6 [5116], in case it has miscarried.


[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, lamenting the divisions in his party in parliament and condemning those who have supported the Hanoverian succession. [With cover]


Mr. Hodges to [the duke of Hamilton], sending some additional paragraphs to the article which had previously conveyed to Lord Belhaven for printing [see 5116], declaring that the English inhumanely prohibited the selling of corn to the starving Scots during the recent famine, and warning his fellow countrymen not to prejudice themselves by agreeing to the Hanoverian succession without securing their own position.

5031. 1704, July 17. Holyrood.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], rejoicing at his own success in parliament that day, inveighing against the earl of Selkirk [his brother] who has joined his enemies, and referring to Queensberry as 'the most criminaall of Scotesmen'.
[The duke of Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he had offered 'to come to an immediate declaration of the succession of the house of Hanover upon just limitations' but that 'soe made and baie faced' are the supporters of an incorporating union that they are determined to accomplish their designs by force, and that English troops are being sent to the Borders. He therefore asks her to have one or two rooms in the castle of Avendall prepared for him as a place of safety.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, regretting that he was badly treated when he went to wait on the commissioner, but urging him to press his proposals without 'any noyse or recentment' and to join with the duke of Atholl to enquire into the recent plot. [Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

The earl of Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], agreeing that if anything will bring Mr. Lang to reason 'it will be streatching his person in the Fleet', and promising to pay Mason and the others employed on the case before the writer touches a farthing of the money.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing the death of Lord Blantyre and the recent debates in parliament, where a cess was granted. Argyll is determined that those last taken into the government shall be turned out again, and Stair will in the end accomplish this. Queensberry will see that if anything does not answer his expectations, the failure will be blamed on Argyll's youth and heat. Belhaven now accuses the writer of spoiling his plans, but his grace denies that he seeks a breach between the two nations although he will 'never be for the subjecting Scotland to England', despite his great interest in the latter.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he has been 'too rough' towards his brother, the earl of Selkirk. [Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

[Copy] Lord Rosse to Lord Wharton, describing the debates in the Scottish parliament about the granting of a cess to the queen, and wishing that her majesty would nominate commissioners to treat [for union].

1704, July 27. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to the adjournment of parliament. There have been rumours put about that the French are preparing for an invasion, but this is very improbable.

1704, July 27. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, wishing that he had time to come to communion the following week.
[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

1704, June 28. Huntingtower.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], asking if it certain that parliament will meet on [July] 6. He hears that Montrose has been falsely saying that Queensberry helped him obtain the estate of Lennox while the writer and his correspondent hindered him.

1704, August 1.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the general desire in London that parliament should continue to sit further the matter of Union with Scotland, referring to the un lamented death of Sir Christopher Musgrave, and describing how Lord Summers denied that he had encouraged Mr. Johnston in his affairs.

1704, August 1.

[Gavin Mason] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Mr. Ridpath says he has heard from Scotland that 'the so much talket of plot is compramised' and that there will be no effectual inquiring into it that session.
5125. 1704, August 3.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of reports that the French have taken St. Hellina and fifteen East India ships.

7231. 1704, August 5. Holyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving an account of the business done in parliament on the previous day, during which his brother the duke of Hamilton 'in his ordinary manner was so violent and said so dissobliging things that I believe there will be an impossibility of reconsealing with the commissioner and his friends who I am sure are the people my brother ought naturally to be well with'. The act of security and act for a cess have now been passed, with the duke saying 'several things which the commissioner I believe will never forget and Salton in his ordinary was very satirick ... in short both he and my brother said very provoking things'. [With cover]

5046. 1704, August 5.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his grace is highly commended in London as are the rest of the Scots for their parliamentary proceedings, and that Mr. St. Paulle has gone north either to disturb the Dutch fishing or to waylay some East India ships.

7947. 1704, August 6. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he obliged the Courtiers to give a first reading to the act for nominating commissioners for the union. He gives a detailed description of the relevant debates in parliament, emphasising his own part in them.

7435. 1704, August 8. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son, the duke of Hamilton, remarking that she is very glad that the act of security has been passed, although she regrets that there should be such heated debate among the members of parliament. [Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]
1704, August 10.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that Sir Francis Blake's daughter is in no way a suitable match for the earl of Dundonald, and giving news of a victory by Marlborough over the French and Bavarians.

1704, August 12.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he must 'harteuly congratulat the passing your act of security', which should make the way to union all the easier, and sending him accounts of Marlborough's progress.

1704, August 14. The Camp at Hochstet

[Copy?] [George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the great victory on the previous day, with details of the part played by the writer.


[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], enclosing a letter with news of a great victory by the duke of Marlborough. There have been great divisions in parliament over the choosing of commissioners to treat [for union], and news has come that the African Company has seized a ship ['Worcester'] in reprisal for the treatment of their 'Annandale'. As for the report that 'the Court cram'd doun the acct of security upon uss, it's as falls as hell'.

1704, August 15.

The duke of Hamilton to his nephew [? the earl of Dundonald], ordering him to come home since he has been 'making a bussell with one Mrs. Blaik' and 'fluttering also after Mrs. Collier', neither of whom are at all suitable matches for him.

1704, August 15.

Gavin Mason to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a paper describing the victory in Germany, commenting that the taking of Gibraltar 'is A Good Thing' although it may prove difficult to hold, and denying that the earl of Saymor has wronged Scotland in his parliamentary speeches.
1704, August 16. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], asking for news of the great action in Barbaria and of the fleets, and remarking that 'as for what you mention of the act of security's being crambed down your throats, I never heard any such thing from anybody'. In her opinion, commissioners for union should be nominated 'in plain parliament', with his grace and the duke of Atholl as two of them.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

1704, August 17.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has failed to find any document relating to the boundary of Netherwiersdall, giving an account of Marlborough's recent victory, in which the earl of Orkney behaved very commendably, and mentioning groundless rumours of a plot against the queen.

1704, August 18. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], mentioning the capture of Gibraltar, but fearing that it 'will make the English soo high ... we shall in this poor nation not reap benefit by it'.

1704, August 19.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of Marlborough's victory on the Danube, discussing the situation on the continent, and referring to whisperings about a new plot.

1704, August 20. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving a detailed description of the previous day's debates in parliament and telling her how he supported Salton's motion for an additional number of barons to be present, helped Lord Crawford and the clothiers who furnished clothing to his regiment, obtained an aliment of £500 for the young countess of Seaforth and baulked Rothes's act about the commission of teinds. He concludes with a lengthy condemnation of the Courtiers.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the countess of Orkney has informed her of the safety of the writer's son, Lord Archibald Hamilton, after the capture of Gibraltar. Although 'the English will be much ellevant by those news ... we ought all to be thankfull for them', for this may lead to the humbling of the French king. She then questions his opposition to the commission for the plantation of kirks and valuation of teinds, and urges all members of parliament to unite and so have more influence on England in case of a treaty [of union].

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

5205. 1704, August 22. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], remarking that John Hamilton, the former bailie of Aran, and Bardonie have been stating their accounts at Hamilton.

[Written out by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

5039. 1704, August 22.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of current fears that the earl of Bavaria 'will not accomodat things', and of some dispute over payment to a sergeant-at-arms.

8956. 1704, September 2. N.S. From the camp of Isabelle in Flanders.

[August 23]

[ ] Balzac to [ ], congratulating him on his two great victories on the Danube, and praising his achievements. [2 copies]

5224. 1704, August 23. The Hague.

A. Mateusof, Russian ambassador at the Hague, to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing his admiration for his correspondent's family and thanking him for the genealogy he has sent by Thomas Brand. [In Latin]
10,050. 1704, September 2
August 23

De Camp d'Isabelle en Flandres.

Voiture to Sir James Baird of Sauchtonhall, giving the latest military news, but mainly a complimentary letter. [In French]
Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that from the foreign news it appears that the elector of Bavaria is resolved to sacrifice his country for the interest of France. As for home news, he feels that the breaches among the Scottish statesmen cannot be healed; his brother the duke of Hamilton 'looses ground eavery day and severall of his party leave him and joyne with Queensberry's', and now his grace and Salton have quarrelled to such an extent that they challenged one another. It is, however, likely that parliament will soon be adjourned.

George, earl of Orkney to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving news of the army's recent great victory.

Gavin Mason to the duke of Hamilton, disapproving of the earl of Dundonald's desire to go to Oxford instead of to Bath, referring to a letter justifying the king of Portugal's actions, and remarking that he begins to think a new parliament will be called.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that there is no reason to fear for Lord Archibald as there was no loss of men at Gibraltar of those not ashore, but referring to the great losses in Marlborough's army.

The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving an account of the business done in parliament that week; nothing was produced in connection with the plot so the queen is to be asked to send down the relevant papers. Salton and the writer have had a dispute in the house over the former's desire to bring in the act for additional loans rather than discussing the plot. As to the nomination [of commissioners for union] the duke still thinks that this should be done by the queen.
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6939. 1704, August 28. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of how parliament has been suddenly adjourned, and sending her a copy of the address which he had presented anonymously to parliament and which was passed despite the opposition of Annandaill, Argyll and Stair.

7232. 1704, August 28. Hollyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that parliament has now been adjourned until October 7.

5095. 1704, August 29. London.

'A.G.' to the duke of Hamilton, rejoicing at the earl of Orkney's noble share in the victory at Hochstet, where the enemy's loss is believed to have been very great, although the great battle will have decided nothing, should the elector keep Ulm. In a postscript he hopes that the duke approves of the seizing of the 'Worcester'.

7234. 1704, August 30. Holyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that the commissioner and the chancellor have been summoned to Court. [With cover, torn]

7101. 1704, August 30. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], regretting that parliament has adjourned without naming commissioners for the treaty [of union]. She explains why Spittell was not chosen to be collector of the cess as his grace had recommended, and urges him to come west for the next meeting.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

6940. 1704, August 31. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother], Anne duchess of Hamilton, remarking that everyone now is preparing for London, and warning her that since John Hamilton is dying she should be thinking about a successor to him as bailie at Holyrood.
1704, August 31.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that Salton will soon be sensible of his fault, discussing some minor financial matters, and giving news of Prince Lewis of Baden's siege of Ulm and Marlborough's march towards the Rhine.

1704, September 1. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, declaring that it is unlikely that his brother the earl of Selkirk will go south with the commissioner and chancellor as he has arranged to come to Hamilton, and advising him against printing the earl of Orkney's letter.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.]

1704, September 2. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he has 'neaver by any ministrey been soe ill tretted as by this', and that they have deliberately tried to isolate him during this discussion of the succession act.

1704, September 5. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, commenting on the letter he sent by Raploch.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.]

1704, September 9.

The earl of Seafield to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that his grace's memorial is 'verie reasonable'.

1704, September 11. Eglintonoue.

The earl of Eglintonoue to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for the loan of a horse litter, and remarking that because of it the writer's wife had a very easy journey and is keeping so well that he hopes that his expected child will be a boy.
1704, September 12. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining of ill health, financial difficulties and the ingratitude of his friends.


[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he longs to hear from his brother Lord Archibald, there being rumours of a great victory.

1704, September 16. Whitehall.

Thomas Brand to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the [? Muscovite] ambassador at the Hague, to whom the duke has sent a present, as having a face with 'a greater air of humanity and good nature than it has of politicks'.

1703, September 17.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining about his financial straits. The duke of Atholl speaks of going home instead of to Court, which would give Queensberry the advantage.


The earl of March to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that rumours of 'a treaty' between Mr. Johnston, the writer's brother, and some others, are false.

1704, September 20. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, regretting that he is still in financial difficulties, expressing unwillingness to look after another of his children, and urging him to visit her.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]
[With cover].
1704, September 22. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, protesting at her refusal to allow his child to come to Hamilton.

1704, September 23. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that although he reasoned with the duke's mother, he could not persuade her to alter her mind about a matter which she had previously discussed with her son, and that she would have liked to see his grace before his wife arrived.

[With cover, and enclosing a letter from the duchess - 6932]

1704, September 23. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, expressing relief at the news of Lord Archibald being safe, and allowing him to send his daughter [Charlotte] to Hamilton.

[Written out for her by David Crawford]

1704, September 27. Blair.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], inviting him to visit Blair Atholl, and sending his correspondent's wife a branch of Atholl myrtle.

1704, September 28. Windsor.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing his safe arrival at Court.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his financial negotiations with Mr. Glen.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Captain Bruce has shown him the accepted bill and that the money will be paid on the following day. Bruce himself adds a sentence to the effect that he has left the bill with Pitcatlin, and in a postscript Hamilton notes that Bonhard has sent him word that he will give the duke £50 sterling presently.

1704, September 29. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, describing her anxiety to hear of the safe return of the fleet, with her son Archibald on board.

[Written out for her by David Crawford]

1704, September 29. Kinneill.

Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a breviet of his accounts [5190], mentioning that he has sent James Falconar to Leith to buy lead, and referring to the difficulties in selling salt.

1704, September 29. [Kinneill].

'Ane abreviat of Daniel Hamilton's Intromissiones with the Rents of Kinneill, Polmont etc. Crop 1703 and with the Causuall Rent of Kinniell from 16 August 1703 till 21 August 1704'.

1704, September 30. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that the queen's delay in declaring her mind about Scottish affairs has been occasioned by the illness of the lord treasurer. [Godolphin]

1704, September 30. London.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he has arrived safely in town after a tiring and dangerous voyage. As his ship is to be refitted at Portsmouth he hopes to have longer ashore that winter. [With cover]
1704, October 2. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, hoping that his daughter has arrived safely at Hamilton. There is little news of politics, although rumours suggest that Johnston is a little less in favour than before.

1704, October 2. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing some minor family matters.

1704, October 3. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], announcing the safe arrival at Hamilton of his daughter, and hoping to hear soon from Lord Archibald since the fleet has arrived at St. Helen's.

[Written for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

[Torn in half]

1704, October 5. Dublin.

[ ] Dalyell to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he has received none of the duke's letters asking him to return to Scotland to look after his nephew who has 'gone distracted'.

1704, October 6. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving him some family news and telling him that [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] still has his grace's cloth dividend from the manufactory in her possession.

1704, October 6. Abbey.

The countess of Southerland to [the duke of Hamilton], asking to be put in possession of the keys to the coach-house which her husband always used to keep.


Lord Belhaven to the duke of Hamilton, declaring his preference for 'a country lyffe'.
1704, October 7. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that the queen has not yet made up her mind about Scottish affairs.


James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he cannot come to Kinneil because of a swollen foot, and enclosing a letter from Lord Belhaven. [5089]

1704, October 11. Tullimet.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law, the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Duplin wants the writer and his correspondent to write to the queen that they were not against entering into a treaty to settle the succession but that they want to have a commissioner nominated to do it, or leave it to her majesty if she so desires.

1704, October 12. Kinneill.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, promising to wait upon her on Monday if his health permits and telling her of alarm in council at rumours of a French fleet being sighted off the north east coast; however, the vessels were found to be of the Russian fleet.

[With a postscript on a separate sheet complaining about his ailments]

1704, October 14. Hamilton.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother the duke of Hamilton, urging him to come to the next meeting of the shire, and telling him that their mother means to make Sheriff Depute Udston's nephew bailie of Holyrood. [With cover]

1704, October 14 and 17. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving an account of the changes in the Scottish government announced by the queen and telling her that his brother the earl of Orkney has been made governor of Virginia. In a lengthy postscript he describes how the new government was chosen. [With cover]
6500. 1704, October 14. Dunkeld.

Katherine, duchess of Atholl to her brother, the duke of Hamilton, mentioning how busy her husband is, and explaining that she has no news as 'I have nothing to converse with but the roks and mountains'.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he has been mistaken about the date of the shire meeting, which is to be on October 19.

[Written out for her by David Crauford; only the signature in her own hand]


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that James Anderson has pronounced a diet of forthcoming as to the coal and salt.


[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining how he came to mistake the date in his former letter, and promising to wait upon her grace on the following Wednesday.

7240. 1704, October 24. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that the earl of Orkney's appointment as governor of Virginia will not bring him in much more than £1500 a year. He then summarises the queen's recent speech to parliament, and comments briefly on the foreign news.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, regretting that the recent vacancy for a bailie had not been given to the writer's younger brother, mentioning some other new appointments, and discussing Bonhard's financial affairs.
8399. 1704, October 26. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that everything is going according to the queen's wishes in the present session of parliament, and that Gibraltar is now in no danger that year.

7432. 1704, October 27. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the date for the meeting of the gentlemen of the shire has been altered in accordance with his request, but suggesting that it is too early yet for him to speak to them about 'a parliament man in place of Jerviswood'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.
[With cover].


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that his brother the earl of Orkney has arrived back from the army.

5036. 1704, October 31. Stirling.

M. Bennett to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the commissioners of supply doubt if they could warrantably act as justices of the peace, as his grace had suggested, but that they will consult the queen's advocate about the matter.

5191. 1704, November 2. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that Daniel Hamilton's accounts come to such an unhappy conclusion in that every year the coal account exhausts the land rent [see 5190], discussing an enclosed letter from John Blair, and referring to the advocate's fears that his son will not be given a position by Queensberry.

6934. 1704, November 6. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, giving him some family news.

[Written out for her by David Crawford] [With cover.]
1704, November 6. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, promising to obey his commands, and wishing him a good journey [to Hamilton].

1704, November 11.

[ ] to [Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Lady Charlotte [Orby] has just come from Westminster where she has been defending a motion made by Lord Mohun to dissolve an injunction. Lord Halifax is to impart to the Lords some important information on the following Monday; Queen Mary is dying of a cancer.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, hoping that in a short time Bonhard's creditors will accept his grace's propositions, referring to speculations about a new parliament, and reporting that Mr. Mitchell has changed his mind about moving and wishes to remain at the Canongate church.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his meeting with the duchess of Buccleuch, who is 'mightily intangled' in writs and processes.

1704, December 2. Boness.

Mark Stark to [ ], complaining that someone has told malicious stories about him to the duchess [of Hamilton].

1704, December 2. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], sending a list of the members of the new council and exchequer.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], sending his thanks to the duchess for the box of Lancashire china, and noting that the earl of Ruglen has taken his seat on the council.
6535. 1704, December 11. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of his children, and reporting that Lord Haversham's speech and the meddling of the English parliament in Scottish affairs 'has irritatt the people so that now they are arming faster then'ever'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]


[David Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the men are obeying his grace's commands to muster and provide themselves with arms, which are to include 'a terrible sort of weapon called a Haversham', and announcing the death of Lord Whitelaw.


John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], announcing the death of Lord Whitelaw, who is likely to be succeeded by Ormiston, and describing how Roderick MacKenzie is in trouble with the privy council.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that rumours of Salton having gone to Holland are mistaken, that there are hopes of the duchess of Buccleuch and Melville composing their differences, and that the death of Lord Whytlaw is a great loss to the bench.


George Lockhart to the duke of Hamilton, listing the 16 new councillors [including the earls of Selkirk and Ruglen, his grace's brothers] and the 22 displaced [including the writer], hoping that rumours of a new parliament may be true, and giving an account of his conversation with Lee about the forthcoming election in Clidesdale.

William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, excusing himself for not having waited on his grace at Kinneill as he was delayed in Fife, waiting to see Mr. Arcot, and giving news of Lord Whytlaw's death.


Martha Callendar to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking for payment of the money loaned by the writer's late husband for the duke of Hamilton's coalworks at Borroustounness.


[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he will return to Scotland after the birth of his child. He considers Lord Haversham in his speech to have done Scotland more justice than is usually the case, but dislikes most of the reflections on it.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, stating that Lord Whitelaw's papers are not to be opened until after his funeral and giving news of the arrest of Captain Green [of the 'Worcester'].


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that on the previous day 'our bank was shutt up for want of mony to answer there bills', although they have good debts to the value of £13,000 sterling above what they owe.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that the run on the bank which resulted in its closure was due to a rumour that the coin was to be cried up, and mentioning that Lord Whytlaw had been buried that day with very great solemnity.
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5104. 1704, December 27. Kinniel.

Daniel Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the causeway from Bo'ness to the coal hill is now completed, referring to the shortage of money, and discussing other domestic matters.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, reminding him that he had in April 1702 given two bonds to Colonel Rowe, discussing Lord Whytlaw's financial affairs, mentioning that the committee of council are unloading 'the English India shipe', and referring to some financial matters.

8071. 1704, December 29. Preston.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], expressing surprise at the English parliament's apparent desire to hinder a Union and threats that unless Scotland submits they will make war on her. He discusses at some length the prospects for a complete Union.

7959. 1704, December 29. Dunkeld.

The duke of Atholl to his mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing the birth of his son, whom he and his wife mean to name after Lord Basil, as they once promised him.

5201. [c1704]

David Crawfurd to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a copy of a book which condemns the revolution of 1688, according to some people, and by others is said to be equally violent against the reformation and the leading families of the country. He goes on to promise to publish some valuable papers concerning the Gourie Conspiracy, at present in the hands of William Hamilton of Wishaw.

5228. [c1704] Edinburgh.

[ ] Dalyell to [the duke of Hamilton], asking to be reckoned among his grace's servants, and sending a copy of 'what documents Generall Dalyell had from his master'.
Part of a letter from [Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has persuaded Akenhead to vote, and referring in general terms to the political situation.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], mentioning the election in Clydesdale, and referring to the inadequacy of limitations on the succession act.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to the misguided behaviour of the Presbyterian ministers.

[First pages of the letter missing]

Katherina Riven to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his kindness and asking him to continue to send her [and her sister] money to buy such items as clothes like those of the other ladies in their school, and a lute. [In French]

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that when the bailie of Grange imposed a duty of a groat on each boll of malt sold to the brewers in Grangepans, he retaliated by enacting that there should be a duty of a groat on each cartload of coals coming from Grange to Bo'ness. As the bailie has objected to this, the writer asks for the duke's instructions as to how he should behave in this matter.

Mark Stark to [ ], emphasising that the townspeople and skippers of Bo'ness should be persuaded to buy all the coals they need from the duke of Hamilton, and describing how the crew of a Bo'ness ship had been released from prison in Ostend when it was discovered that they were his grace's vassals.
6536. 1704/5, January 5. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], declaring that as to parliament's procedure she is still of the opinion that 'a given up game was never won'.


David Crawford to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a paper for him, and fearing that 'the business of the English ship [the 'Worcester'] will turn to nothing for nothing is yet discovered as to what was allledged'.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the failure of the bank, noting that Ormistoun has been given the two places made vacant by the death of Whytlaw, and reporting that the search of the East India Ship [the 'Worcester'] has revealed nothing.


E. Rigby to [Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], protesting at her grace's 'barbaraty' towards the writer's sister Mary, and asking how she would like it if 'I should goe and acquaint the dutchis of Queensborow with the ougly storys you told me of her and the Lord Roxborow and money of the nobility'.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that there is no truth in the rumours of a store of arms being sent from France to Scotland. The customs have just been set for £28,500.


[George Lockhart] to [the duke of Hamilton, giving details of the changes he believes will be made in the ministry.]

[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], announcing the birth of a son whom he has named Basil. He urges his grace to return to Scotland as 'all good Scottsmen shoud concert what measures to take against the ensuing parliament to preserve us from English influences'. The country is now arming itself, and they are resolved 'to weare or drink nothing that is foreigne'.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to draw a precept on Daniel Hamilton for the £500 his grace owes to the bank.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of alarming rumours that a mob of tenants had attacked his grace's house [at Preston], and expressing relief that the duke's letters had contradicted these. A new committee has been appointed to search the rest of the English ship ['the Worcester'], one of whom is the earl of Ruglen, who is very unwilling to go.

5330. 1704/5, January 22. Alloa.

The earl of Mar to Captain John Bruce, with the duke of Hamilton at Preston, asking him to remind John Hamilton to send down the writer's cows, referring to the rumoured changes in the ministry, and mentioning that the duke of Atholl has been at a meeting in Perth 'proposing a paper for the gentelman to signe for providing armes'.

5327. 1704/5, January 22. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving him news of his family, reporting that the men are busy mustering, and mentioning that a manufactory of arms has been set up at Hamilton and one at Glasgow.

7075. 1704/5, January 23. Scorton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife, Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that so pleasant has his visit to Ashton been that he has resolved to make the place habitable, and commenting on some letters which he sends her.
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John Auchmouty to Captain John Bruce, attending the duke
of Hamilton, asking how he should approach his grace in order
to obtain for his son a letter of recommendation to the earl
of Orkney.


G[eorge] L[ockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him
that the contents of the express from London are still kept
secret, but that it is rumoured to contain a letter from the
queen showing that she has been informed of a projected
invasion by the prince of Wales. It is said that parliament
will sit towards the end of March or the beginning of April.
Ormiston has now taken his place as justice clerk.

5281. 1704/5, January 30. Scortan.

The duke of Hamilton to his wife Elizabeth, duchess of
Hamilton, telling her that Lord Denbigh and Mr. Shuttelworth
request her to use her interest in their favour in the next
election.

9027. 1704/5, January 31. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her daughter-in-law,
Elizabeth Gerard, duchess of Hamilton], giving news of the
latter's children. Charlotte is 'a very fine thriving
child' and now has six teeth. The writer's daughter, the
duchess of Atholl, has had a son whom they have named Basil.

6537. 1704/5, January 31. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of
Hamilton], acknowledging his letters and expressing the
opinion that the English parliament will proceed no further
against the Scots at this time.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in
her own hand].
6706. 1704/5, February 5. Edinburgh.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother, [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he and his friends had failed to secure for Lancelot Carlyle the place of collector at Alisonbank, describing the country's extraordinary scarcity of money, and mentioning that the writer has been appointed to the committee which is to consider the state of the nation's coinage. He refers briefly to the charges against Captain Green, and gives an account of how Provost Anderson of Glasgow is oppressing the town of the Gorbels, which he wishes to be joined to Glasgow. As the village was always a dependency of the Hamilions, he is doing what he can to help it.


The countess of Southerland to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking that her grace's bailie might prove that her coach house is the same one granted to her husband fourteen years before.


The countess of Southerland to Mr. Robert Wyllie, asking him to deliver a letter to Anne, duchess of Hamilton [5234], and enquiring after the health of her grace's family. She also asks that her grace may give her a warrant for 'some of the little marbles to lay the hearth of the dining room' so that her servants may light a fire there without endangering the palace.

9745. 1704/5, February 10. Dryden.

George of Lockhart of Carnwath] to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that parliament will sit about the beginning of April. In his opinion, unless parliament gives the queen power to nominate commissioners for a union the whole project will fall through, since the English commissioners were empowered to meet with such Scottish commissioners as the queen chose to appoint. He urges the duke to hurry to Edinburgh.


[Copy] Charles, earl of Selkirk?] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton?], giving an account of how he spoke to the treasurer [Godolphin] in his correspondent's favour, and of their brother Archibald's need for preferment.
5402. 1704/5, February 23. Perth.

[As in 5400] to his uncle, the duke of Hamilton, referring to a rumour of his grace being 'commissionary', which has met with a mixed reception.


[The duke of Atholl] to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], wishing that rumours of his correspondent's being nominated as one of the commissioners for union were true, and criticising the proposal that the nomination be left to the queen. Atholl was never so populous or well armed as it is now.

5285. [1704/5, before 27 March] Scorton.

The duke of Hamilton to his wife Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for seven bottles of ale and a pie, asking her to let William Lamb have some money, fearing that the Scots parliament will sit at the end of March or beginning of April, and discussing the current political manoeuvrings in Edinburgh.

6758. 1704/5, March 1. Edinburgh.

[John, earl of] Ruglen to his brother the duke of Hamilton, confirming the news of Argyle being made commissioner, Seafield chancellor, Tweeddale president of the council and Annandale secretary. Captain Green and his crew are to be tried on Monday, 'remissions being sent down to some of them if they confess, to facilitate the tryall of the rest'.

6798. 1704/5, March 3. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Argyll is to be commissioner to parliament, Seafield chancellor, Tweeddale president of the council and Annandaill secretary. She urges him to remain friendly with the duke of Atholl, and refers to his own earlier remark that he would rather have the queen name the commissioners to treat for union than not have them named at all.
1704/5, March 3. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her daughter-in-law Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], hoping that she will have a safe delivery, and telling her that her correspondent's children are all well, Charlotte now having seven teeth.


[Only the signature in his own hand] The earl of Home to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he found all their friends 'firms and steady and of opinion that although the duke of Queensberry joyne with the secretaries and Argyle (who is now certainly commissioner) they will not be able to Carrie their maine designe'. As for the people generally, all are dissatisfied with the behaviour of the English parliament. Queensberry has received conflicting advice about coming to Edinburgh, and Annandale is very ill-pleased with his new position. He discusses the affiliations of the other leading statesmen and wishes that his correspondent were in town.

[Partly printed in H.M.C. Report, p.200].


George Lockhart of Carnwath to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the duke of Argyll's 'promotion' and the attitudes of the other statesmen. He urges his correspondent to come to town at once.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report, p.200].

1704/5, March 8. Alloa.

The earl of Mar to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he could not write sooner as, much against his will, he has been at Edinburgh and Burntisland searching Green's ship [the 'Worcester']. Despite the changes in the ministry, he himself is still on the council.

1704/5, March 10. Glasgow.

The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his kindness to Sandy Levingstone, the writer's cousin, mentioning that parliament will probably meet in the first week of May, and referring to the scarcity of money throughout the country.
1704/5, March 10. Scorton.

The duke of Hamilton to his wife Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton remarking that Lady Herbert is as likely to provide her with as good a housekeeper as anyone.

1704/5, March 11. Rupert Street, the sign of the Feathers, nere the Haymarket, at Miss Collins.

Jane Frost to the dowager duchess of Hamilton, asking for news of her grace, describing how she herself was widowed six or seven years before, and giving some minor items of news.


[John, earl of] [Ruglen] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing his daughter's illness, and remarking that the nomination of commissioners for union gives very little satisfaction.


J. Graeme to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to defend his country's 'sinking liberties', and condemning their treatment by [England] as 'full of insolence and arrogance'. In the opinion of the writer, 'the unione is a sugger plum to sweeten the successione'. He urges his correspondent to come to Edinburgh.

1704/5, March 15. London.

John Paschal to the duke of Hamilton, begging his grace to use his interest in favour of the writer, who has been cast into the Fleet prison for debt.

1704/5, March 16. Dryden.

G[eorge] L[ockhart] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that despite the news of a conjunction between Roxburgh and Queensberry he should not be too apprehensive, for 'our young ministry are so sharp sighted as to forsee what will be ther fortune if the present court measures succeed'. In conclusion, he urges his grace to hasten to town.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.200, where the date is erroneously given as 26 March]

[Margaret, countess of Panmure] to [her sister-in-law, Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the duke of Argyll is said to be unwilling to be commissioner to parliament unless Lord Glasgow be made treasurer-depute, Philiphaugh register, and unless Belhaven and Selkirk are removed from the treasury.

5299. 1704/5, March 17. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the commissioner is not expected until the end of April, recommending Mr. Walker as a replacement for Daniel Hamilton, and urging him to attend to his private affairs.


The earl of Home to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Seafield's and Annandale's new commissions have passed the seals. A person of quality has written to the earl urging the duke of Hamilton to 'bestirre himselfe in this session of parliament', and he adds his own persuasions.

[Summarised in H.M.C. Report p.200].


[The earl of] Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Belhaven is better satisfied with his grace's conduct than he was at first, that parliament is adjourned until May 3, and that Captain Green and his crew are to be sentenced on Wednesday.

5297. 1704/5, March 19. Smiddy Croft.

[? The Reverend Mr. Wylie] to [ ], telling him that Raploch is very ashamed of what he has done, so that it would be an act of charity were the duke of Hamilton to write to his colonel in his favour. He himself then condemns the action of the 'Winchester', an English man-of-war sent to collect recruits, and gives news of the latest government appointments.
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7847. 1704/5, March 20. Preston.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking if parliament will definitely sit on April 27, fearing that his own arrival in Scotland will do no good since 'Johnston by Tweeddall broke the must substantill party that every was togither for the support of our countrie'.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son [the duke of Hamilton]], condemning 'this affair' [unspecified] as 'an amusement ... to break friends ... and is just like what was done last year by telling us of limitations'. She goes on to declare that 'the English does intend to hector and cudgell us into any thing they have a mind to, for I hear the queen has given the royall assent to the act against us, and you will hear what abuses one of their men of warr who came down for recruits is committing in Leith Road'. Argyll will be the youngest commissioner ever, 'however he is to be managed and directed by Queen'sberr[y]'s people here'. As for his own coming to Scotland, he should not contemplate it until his wife has been safely brought to bed, and then the sooner he comes the better.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her daughter-in-law Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that her children are well, and hoping that the duke will come to Scotland after his wife's delivery.

5235. 1704/5, March 22.

Martha Callender to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her to clear the accounts of the writer's husband, and order payment of the balance, which is a very small sum.

5333. 1704/5, March 27. Chambers number 8 in Cliffords Inn in Fleet Street London.

Richard Bartholomew to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to order payment of the £48-2-0 which his grace owed to the writer's late father-in-law, Mr. Scrimshire the goldsmith.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Tweeddale has taken his place on the new council. The process against Green is to be sent to London for consideration, but the Scots are determined to have the execution carried out.

5342. 1705, April 3. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, stating that the nation is generally inclined to have justice executed upon Captain Green and his men, although they have been given a week's reprieve. The assembly is still sitting but nothing of import has been done.

7228. 1705, April 5. Eagle at Gibraltar.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, giving a detailed description of the siege of Gibraltar, and enclosing a list of the five enemy ships destroyed or taken in the harbour. [Also numbered 7228]

5399. 1705, April 6.

Charles Lawton to [the duke of Hamilton], recommending the bearer, Mr. Annesley.

5340. 1705, April 7. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to come north before parliament meets, about the beginning of May. 'The affair of Captain Green has put things much out of joint' and although a stay of execution has been granted, the case has been remitted to the council, few of whom are well-disposed towards the captain.

6699. 1705, April 9. Pasley.

[Susan, marchioness of Tweeddale] to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son.

6697. 1705, April 9. Pasly.

The earl of Dundonald to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son.
1705, April 10.

Elizabeth, duchess of Argyll to [? the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the fact that England has provided him with a wife, estate and two sons should incline him to an act of Union, and congratulating his wife on the birth of her child.

1705, April 10. London.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his sister-in-law Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, congratulating her on the birth of her son Lord William.

1705, April 12. Dryden.

George Lockhart of Carnwath to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has just returned home from 10 days' stay in Angus and referring to 'how yesterday the rable tost the chancelour' commenting, 'I don't much care for rables but I fancy this may make his lordship more upon the reserve'. He then gives an account of his interview with Seafield, the chancellor.

[The latter part printed in H.M.C. Report, p.201]

1705, April 12. Barnton.

[John, earl of Ruglen] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son. From his conversation with the chancellor [Seafield] it would seem that the latter favours his grace. There has been trouble in Edinburgh from 'the enraged rabble who did very much insult the chancellour thinking that he designed to favour Green and his crue with another reprieve'.

1705, April 12. Barnton.

John, earl of Ruglen to [his sister-in-law Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], congratulating her on the birth of a son.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of his second son, and urging him to return to Scotland.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand].
5339. 1705, April 13. Barncleuth.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of his son, Lord William. Reports from Edinburgh declare that the chancellor has been attacked in his coach by the mob for being too favourable to Captain Green.

5421. 1705, April 14.

William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing regret at having inadvertently given the wrong impression of Mr. Owens, and approving of his grace's decision to pay Cleveland his debt at Whitsun. [Torn]


The duke of Buccleuch to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his concern at [the death] of the writer's son.

9727. 1705, April 18. Dryden.

[George Lockhart of Carnwath] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how the chancellor [Seafield] told him 'that he was very uneasy in his post, for he was in the government with a set of people that were att cutting of throats with and mistrusted one another and how to behave he knew not'. The writer imagines that one of the reasons for parliament being adjourned until 24 May is so that Queensberry may attend. In conclusion he begs his correspondent to come in time to be present at it himself.

5408. 1705, April 18.

Lady K. Herbert to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son, recommending a housekeeper formerly employed with Lady Oswellstone, and giving some minor news from Court.

5163. 1705, April 25. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he and his wife will visit her before going to London, but telling him that, apart from horses, she can send him none of the articles he required during time of parliament as she was using them all herself. [Written out for her by David Crawford, with only the signature in her own hand]

[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], who wishes her son and his wife to come to Scotland soon, and mentioning that the earl of Glasgow and Lord Archibald Campbell have been admitted to the council.

7107. 1705, April 29. Mafitt.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his wife, Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he has almost completed his journey to Hamilton, and complaining that after all his haste in settling his affairs, he now finds that parliament has been adjourned until [May] 24.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, expecting to see him in town in a few days' time, advising him to meet Lord Belhaven before the latter goes to 'the goat milk in the highlands', and mentioning that council is to meet that day, to examine some people 'in relatione to Captain Green's bussienes'.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that as Belhaven, Annandale and Roxburgh are all going into the country it looks as if parliament will be further adjourned.


Lord Belhaven to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he and his wife are going to the Highlands to drink goat whey, and congratulating his grace on the birth of a son.

5219. 1705, May 4. Slaines.

The earl of Errol to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his kind inquiries [on the occasion of his father's death], and concluding that as parliament has adjourned his grace will not be able to come north as soon as he had intended.
7089. [1705], May 4. Edinburgh.

The earl of Seafield to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing the death of his mother-in-law [ie stepmother] the countess of Findlater [Lady Mary, daughter of the second duke of Hamilton], and asking for directions about the funeral.


James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Lord Belhaven has left town for the highlands, explaining why he had not been able to send word of parliament's adjournment as soon as it had been announced, and announcing the death of the countess of Finlater.


John, earl of] Ruglen] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], announcing the death of Lady Findlater [their mother's cousin]. He has seen both the chancellor and the commissioner: the former swore that he knew nothing of the adjournment of parliament, but the latter was more reserved. The lord president [Hugh Dalrymple] believes it better that the queen should name the commissioners [for union] rather than have it left to parliament. England is very enraged about [the fate of the 'Worcester's' crew].


James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he does not understand the politics of his brother [Lord Belhaven], expecting that parliament will be again adjourned, and referring to the reading of Lady Finlatre's papers.


[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has visited the laird of Cambusnethan, whose political views are wrong, and that he will go once more to see him in an attempt to persuade him not to thwart the duke's measures. He goes on to list the members of 'the cabinet council', and to refer to the disagreement between the commissioner and the advocate. [Sir James Stewart.]

The earl of Home to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing pleasure at the news of his grace's safe return to Scotland and hoping that the duke will assist in preserving 'our poor contry from slavery which is so much in danger at present by our proud and ambitious neighbour nation'.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the dispositions of Lady Finlater's will, and remarking that parliament will probably be further adjourned.


James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning talk of some alterations in state offices, and telling him that Daniel Hamilton still says that he cannot pay any of the £500 to the bank.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Saltoun wishes to warn him that parliament may sit on May 24, although it is not generally expected to do so.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the will of 'your cusine Callander' [the countess of Findlater], and referring to rumours that commissions have come for new officers of state and that parliament will be adjourned until June 20.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, explaining the alteration in the arrangements for the countess of Finlater's burial, and telling him that parliament has not yet been adjourned.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to return to Lancashire as soon as possible if he means to do so before parliament sits.
John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], promising to visit his grace at Kinneil during the following week if he is still there. The changes expected in the government have still not taken place, much to the disappointment of the commissioner and Queensberry's friends. The present disagreements in the ministry seem likely to occasion a further adjournment of parliament.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of rumours that parliament is not to meet soon and that all the ministers are not at one.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that the chancellor [Seafield] is to dine with him on the following day, and discussing whether or not he should go to Lancashire for his wife.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to bring his wife to Edinburgh.

James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the arrival of the chancellor, who is to be made a burgess of the town.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his goods cannot be secured for him until a warrant from the commissars be issued.

William Cochrane to [the 4th duke of Hamilton], describing how the latest letter he has received from his grace was opened before he got it. There are rumours that Queensberry is about to return home, and he hopes that reports of the queen having decided to make no changes in the government are untrue.

The duke of Atholl to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], referring to the unexpected adjournment of parliament, and reporting that he has heard that the commissioner has told Tweeddale and his friends that he intends to displace them in order to make room for his and Q[ueensberry]'s creatures.


The earl of Mar to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he has been too busy at Alloa to wait on his grace, since his colliers are all idle for want of water to work their mill, and he is arranging for them to work a water-lead to his dam instead.

5415. [?1705], May 27. Preston.

G. Maddison to Mr. Walker, at the duke of Hamilton's, Edinburgh, asking him to let his grace know that the duchess, his wife, will write to him on Tuesday, and that Mr. Ostle and Mr. Langham Booth have been chosen as tackers for Chester.

5397. 1705, May 27. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, describing his conversation with Daniel [Hamilton], whose scheme of accounts he condemned as 'most fallacious'.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that 'as for your polliticks, truely I understand none of them'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]


The earl of Mar to [the duke of Hamilton], asking when he means to come to Stirling so that he may meet him, on his arrival.
The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, stating that he has no news of politics.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, asking why Ochiltree has told her that Lord Loudoun's health as secretary of state was drunk at the commissioners' table.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

Robert Forbes to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to act in his grace's interest when the town of Borroustounness sends representatives to meet with the committee of royal burghs on June 12 to discuss the communication of trade to the town, and asking him to write to Sir James Smallet and Sir Robert Blackwood, who in a great measure manage the committee.

George Lockhart of Carnwath to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that his grace will arrive in Edinburgh sometime that week. He then refers to Stair mediating for a reconciliation between Argyll and Seafield.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing treatment for his son's illness, referring to rumours of Castlemilk trying to be elected in Clydesdale and speculating about when parliament will meet.

The earl of Mar to [the duke of Hamilton], inquiring after his gout.
Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son, the duke of Hamilton, giving him news of his children's health.

'Directions to be observed in the method of cure prescribed for the most noble Marquis of Cliddesdale by Doctor Hew Chamberlen'.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, expecting parliament to be adjourned until June 28.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that parliament is expected to sit on January 28, although there is as yet no word of Queensberry being on the road.

Captain J. Abercrombie to [his father the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the French are entrenching and making works all round their own camp, about a league and a half away from Marlborough's forces.

Katherine, duchess of Atholl, to her brother the duke of Hamilton, telling him that parliament has been adjourned until the end of the month.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that parliament has been adjourned until June 28, and asking what he should do with Daniel Hamilton, who says he can pay the bank only £60 sterling.
[George Lockhart] to [the duke of Hamilton], referring to rumours of Forfar and Ross being put on the treasury, and of Stair having prevailed with the commissioner to lay aside all thoughts of settling the succession. All parties agree that parliament will sit on June 28.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that she will not risk giving the prescriptions left for them to his children unless in his own presence, declaring that if he wishes to look through the family papers he must do so in person, and stating that Castlemilk will vote for Dalyell.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; the signature only in her own hand]

John, earl of Ruglen to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his mother wishes him to let his brother, the earl of Selkirk, borrow her coach horses and thereby take the opportunity of having his grace reconciled to Selkirk.

James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Loudoun has been appointed secretary, and Glasgow treasurer-depute Lord [? Phesdo], 'a good judge and countryman', has just died.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the council have delayed doing anything in the matter of Burroustonnes until Tuesday 26, when the writer hopes his grace will be in town.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that it is believed that Queensberry is to be privy seal and Sleafield president of the council. Northesk, Ross and Forfar will probably be on the treasury, and Sir Gilbert Elliot should succeed Lord Pheado.


[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the health of his son and of himself, and remarking that parliament seems certain to sit on the appointed day.


[Anne, duchess of] Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], inquiring about his health and telling him that his son is recovering.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the queen's letter removing from the council Tweeddale, Roxburgh, Selkirk, Rothes, and Belhaven, and that it is generally believed that parliament will sit on 28 January.


[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to the changes at the council.


The duke of Hamilton to [Elizabeth, his wife], telling her that Tweeddale, Rothes, Roxburgh, Selkirk, Belhaven and Jerviswood have been removed from the council, and that parliament will certainly sit on June 28.


James Graham to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a copy of the printed report of Captain Green's trial which has been published after much delay.

[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton],
telling him that he has information to the effect that parliament will sit on the appointed day and will do nothing other than voting four months' cess for the subsistence of the army, whereupon it will be adjourned until after the Michaelmas elections. A new parliament will then be called to grant further supply. Moreover the English parliament means to have a forfauling of the duke's English estates.

5277. 1705, June 16. Camp at Elst [on the Moselle].

[Copy] The earl of Orkney to [one of his brothers, other than the duke] declaring that the army cannot subsist in such country for want of corn. The French are doing well, and have been able to send 10,000 men to Villray, hoping to invade Holland while Marlborough's army is occupied with sieges.

5410. 1705, June 18. Edinburgh.

Thomas Brand to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has sent off his grace's seal and has drawn but not yet coloured his coat of arms.

8025. 1705, June 20. Keniell.

[The duke of H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that there is as yet no news of Queensberry coming down, and that there seem to be great divisions in the ministry. He urges her grace to send to town Mr. Wylie, who has a better notion than anyone else of current affairs.

5373. 1705, June 20. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Lamington will wait on his grace with advice about the colliers, and referring to the coming parliament, which he believes will sit on June 28.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the duke of Hamilton], arranging to lend him her horses and to send Mr. Wylie to Edinburgh.

J. Rollo to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that he has been misrepresented to his grace by one Tayler.


The earl of Home to [the duke of Hamilton], urging him to come north as the time for parliament is approaching 'and we must either stand our ground or be eternally enslaved to England'. As it is more than probable that Queensberry is in concert with the two secretaries, great vigilance is necessary.

5236. 1705, June 22. Edinburgh.

James Anderson to [the duke of Hamilton], offering him a copy of 'ane essay in defence of the independency of this kingdom'.

5272. 1705, June 23. Calder.

H. Calder to [the duke of Hamilton], warning him to avoid a breach with England, advising that an act be passed giving the queen all custom and excise during her lifetime, after which the privileges of parliament should be the same as in 1649, and emphasising that if the country should fall under the government of a foreign prince they should endeavour to be 'Scottfree'. He encloses an example of an act which parliament might pass. [5273]

5273. [1705, June 23]

'Examplar of an act of parliament to be past with the very first if possible', by H. Calder, approving the use of the Lord's Prayer in public worship.

5317. 1705, June 24. Slaines.

Anne, countess of Erroll, to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his condolences on the death of her husband, and recommending her son to his grace's favour.
7134. 1705, June 25. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, sending Mr. Wylie [the minister at Hamilton] to him, despite his unwillingness to go, in the hopes that he may effect a reconciliation between the duke and his brother, the earl of Selkirk. [With cover]

9114. 1705, June 28. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Hamilton to [his wife Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that when parliament meets that day the first business will be the nomination of the English successor. That night, he adds that the only business done was the reading of commissions. He himself dined with the commissioner that day 'but Tweddall nore not of that sect came near him'. He comments on the great differences among the members of parliament, and mentions that there is an adjournment until the following Tuesday.

8031. 1705, June 28.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], regretting the current divisions in parliament, and commenting on the news of the German withdrawal.

7869. 1705, June 29. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of the business done in parliament on the previous day.

5326. 1705, June 29. Edinburgh.

The earl of Selkirk to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to the duke of Atholl's promise to give twelve votes, and actual giving of only seven, and regretting that the duke of Hamilton had made a protest against Atholl's proxy.

7119. 1705, June 31. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he has recovered from his indisposition 'that you may be honnered to be a happy instrument for doing good at this time when the sad and deplorable condition of this pore countrie stands in so much need'. If only those formerly called the Country party would unite, they could prevail over their opponents.
5434. 1705, July 2. Hamilton.

Hew Wood to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, requesting that Sarah be not allowed to take possession of the writer's house until Martinmas, when he intends to leave in any case.

5319. 1705, July 2. Dagaty.

[? Susan, Lady Yester] to [Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], asking when she will come to Edinburgh.

7137. 1705, July 5. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, enclosing Sir George Weir's representation against Captain Gavin Hamilton of Raploch. [Also numbered 7137.]

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.]


The duke of Hamilton to his wife Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that the Earl Marischal's proposal to parliament has been carried by 80 votes, and remarking that 'this is the most intricate parliament that I ever satt into: and the greatest divisions', the Court party being weakest of all. [Torn.]

5435. 1705, July 9.

H.S. to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to use his influence to remove three great disadvantages to the fishing trade; the duties imposed on fish by the magistrates of the burghs where they are cured, the necessity of allowing the inhabitants of these towns to buy before any strangers may do so, and the power of the magistrates to order workers to remove work from the merchant strangers.

5391. 1705, July 11. Ferme.

W. Flyming to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, refusing to sell his 'teynds of coals' although his sons are willing to sell their multures of coals to her grace.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that little has been done in parliament as yet because of the jealousies of the different parties.

5393. 1705, July 14. Craign[ethan].

Andrew Hay to his sister, Mrs. Montgomery at the palace of Hamilton, asking her to persuade Anne, duchess of Hamilton, to lease to the bearer, James Thomson, 'his father's room in Skellitoun', and to appoint men to perambulate the marches of the writer's lands.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the duke of Hamilton, regretting 'those unhappy diversions amongst you that obstructes publick affaires', but approving of his having reached an agreement with the duke of Atholl. [With cover]


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the duke of Hamilton, approving of his being reconciled with his brother, the earl of Selkirk, but regretting that the marquis of Tweeddale has presented a certain letter [to parliament]. What the duke writes of Queensberry coming to the present parliament is unexpected news, and she hopes that his fears of parliament being 'spun out in length without doing good to our distrest countrie' will not come to pass. [With cover]

5427. 1705, July 24. Kinniel.

Daniel Hamilton to Alexander Walker, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he has been getting in the hay and having the 'closet vistoe' cut. The 'wooders' [wedders] from Kilsyth keep breaking out of their field, and work on the bridge in the Hamilton avenue has been held up because of the mason absenting himself.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that the debate about Balgoun's election has been settled in their favour, and that parliament will now consider proposals about the carriage and paper projects. In a postscript he adds that the paper project has been unanimously laid aside and that the coin is not to be cried up. Since there seems to be a desire to cry down English milled crowns he advises her to dispose of any instantly.

1705, July 30. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the directors of the manufactory cannot get the wool and other goods sold, and describing the installation of Righsoyle as [? bailie] of Arran.

1705, August 8. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the duke of Hamilton, asking him to have somebody sit beside Akenhead in parliament to explain to him what is going on since he is deaf. [With cover].

1705, August 8. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [her son the duke of Hamilton?], remarking that she has been very well since her visit to Evendaill to take communion, and excusing his absence since he is employed 'in parliament 'for the good of our poore distrest nation'.

1705, September 1. Holyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that he is 'now resolved to lay down the cudgell and acknowled I am beaten' since the country will do nothing to preserve its own interests when uniting with England.

1705, September 3. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, referring to the scarcity of both money and victual in the country, and asking him for an answer about the manufactory, since the people are clamouring for one and the goods being spoiled by the delay. [With cover].

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], justifying at some length his conduct in that session's parliament.


D. Cunynghame to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that he has diverted the path through his grounds only slightly.

6956. 1705, September 11. Hamilton.

[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the duke of Hamilton, referring briefly to the granting of the cess, and warning him that if he opposes Glasgow's request to have the town's act renewed he will be very unpopular there. [With cover]

6957. 1705, September 11. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him to give a check to Mr. Grame's affair. [With cover]

7980. 1705, September 13. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising not to oppose Glasgow's plans although he thinks 'it's heard they should buy land and oblige the lidges to pay itt', complaining about the prevalence of Court members in parliament, and describing his efforts to persuade young Orbietoun to give up his present position.

6958. 1705, September 20. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, urging him to support the laird of Bredesholme in his lawsuit. [With cover].


The duke of Queensberry to the duke of Hamilton, inviting him to the funeral of the writer's brother, the earl of March, leaving Holyrood church for Peebles at 8 a.m. on 27 September.
1705, September 24. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing old Lady Breadisholme's case and declaring that although he will always do all he can for Scotland his wife's business in the south is pressing.

1705, September 24. Holyroodhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising to consult her about some purchases of land which he is contemplating. He wishes that he could reconcile his brother the duke with the duke of Atholl and fears that it will be difficult to persuade Tullibardine to obey his father and give up thoughts of going abroad.

1705, September 24. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to his nephew the marquis of Tullibardine, trying to dissuade him from going abroad, since it will lead to a rupture between the marquis and his parents.

1705, September 25. [ ]

L. Carlile to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how he sent two men to see the carrier with the wine safely beyond Penrith. [Torn]

1705, September 29.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, promising to find out all he can about the duke of Atholl's lodgings.

1705, September 30. Dunkeld.

The duke of Atholl to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, asking about some matter concerning the writer's son, and referring to the great scarcity of money throughout the country.
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5426. 1705, October 5. Glasgow.

W. Dickie, John Aird and Robert Rodger to [the duke of Hamilton], informing his grace as one of the overseers of the town that on 1 November they are to give in to the merchant and trades houses lists of the town's debts, so that they may receive the imposition of two pennies on the pint granted to them.

5530. 1705, October 7. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, arranging to visit his grace on the following day.

5438. 1705, October 16. London.

[ ] to [ ], sending him items of news from London, including the fact that the queen has come back to St. James's, and that a lawsuit is likely between the duke of Bedford and the inhabitants of Covent Garden.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him of the arrival of a messenger who came to give in a charge against his grace at the instance of Mr. William Hall.

7010. 1705, October 18. Kenell.

[Copy, in his own hand]. The duke of Hamilton to Lord Forrester, regretting that the latter is so ill, and expressing his obligations to him.


J. Robertoune to Robert Hamiltoun, brother to Coutts at Coadoun, in Arran, referring to his conversation with John Davie about some minor matters, and sending him some papers to sign.


James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to sign the charter granting the writer the lands of Meikle and Little Udston, and the lands of Barncluth.
7247. 1705, November 13. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], giving some items of family news.

7849. 1705, November 20. Preston.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving news of his family's health, and remarking that he has had no account of political affairs although he hears that 'Lord Rox[burgh] by his manadgement is to make up the Squadrone and the ministry and patch with D.Q.' [Queensberry].


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that their nephew Lord Dundonald is dangerously ill of a fever.

7249. 1705, November 23. Pasly.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], announcing the death of their nephew the earl of Dundonald, 'one of the hopefulest yeuths that eaver I saw'.

7882. 1705, December 4. Scorton.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton] offering his condolences on the death of his nephew the earl of Dundonald.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his nephew, the earl of Dundonald, is to be buried at Dundonald on the following Thursday.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that their brother the earl of Orkney is taken up with draughts and designs for his house of Clifden [ie Cliveden, near Taplow].

J. Hamilton to his cousin [Daniel Hamilton], enclosing a decree by the duchess of Hamilton against her vassals.

7579. 1705, December 11. Hamilton.

(Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that he thinks 'this poor country' undone and 'wee irremediably now under Queensberry's slavery', discussing the current political situation, and giving the latest news from the continental wars.


David Crawford to Mr. James Crawford, chamberlain of Kinnell, telling him that Anne, duchess of Hamilton desires him to send to Hamilton for the use of the 4th duke's children four firkins of good soap. [With 2 receipts.]


(Margaret, countess of Panmure] to [her brother the duke of Hamilton], referring to the sad death of their nephew the earl of Dundonald, and explaining why Mr. Edward could not go to Preston sooner as he had to oversee the masons and wrights.

7372. 1705, December 24. Dagaty.

Lord Yester to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], referring to the death of the writer's stepson the earl of Dundonald, and suggesting that the latter's curators should be added to those of his younger brother, the new earl, who should marry as soon as possible. He asks the duke to support Lady Yester's desire that her son should live with her until his marriage, instead of living alone at Paisley as his brother had done.

7580. 1705, December 25. Holyrudhouse.

(Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he has come to town on their mother's instructions to try to buy Ruglen from Sir Alexander Enstruther, in an attempt to prevent the Campbells from purchasing it. Everyone seems 'pleased with thoughts of an Union' but the writer does not think that it is so near as is generally supposed.
[Copy] The earl of Rosse to [ ], giving an account of the debate in parliament concerning the granting to the queen of six months' cess, ending with Roxburgh's proposal that both the act of cess and the act of security should lie on the table until the commissioner had acquainted the queen with their contents. He goes on to ask his correspondent to persuade her majesty to encourage the nomination of commissioners to treat with England, 'since without a treaty we are debard from nameing a successor'.

1705/6, January 1. Dryden.

G.L. [George Lockhart] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that the duke of Queensberry still has not set out, discussing the appointment of commissioners for the union, of whom he understands his grace will not be one, although he himself expects to be nominated, and fearing that the treaty will be but a sham.

1705/6, January 1. Edinbrugh.

George Lockhart to Gavin Mason, remarking that the whigs are not very fond of an incorporating union 'least their beloved Kirk should be impaird', although willing to enter into a confederal union.

1705/6, January 3. Holyrudhouse.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], denying that he has quarrelled with Orbestoun, although the latter has changed his mind about selling their mother some land so that she may lengthen an avenue of trees. He is often asked if his grace will follow Queensberry to London, and comments on rumours that Lord Mohun is dead.

1705/6, January 21. Dagaty.

Susan, Lady Yester to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], acknowledging his letter of sympathy on the death of her son, the earl of Dundonald.
7448. 1705/6, January 22. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that both she and her daughter-in-law Lady Mary have been very ill.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

7317. 1705/6, January 23. Barnton.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], asking who are to be commissioners for the treaty [of union], and mentioning that the Cochranes are in Edinburgh trying to marry off the earl of Dundonald to one of their own friends.

7141. 1705/6, January 24. Holyrudhouse.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother, [ ], stating that he is doing all he can to keep the Campbells out of Clydesdale, but that Daniel Campbell has obtained an interest in Ruglen. He then discusses the latest news from the continent, commenting that the army should try to capture Cadiz, before concluding with some remarks on domestic affairs.

7342. 1705/6, January 25. Edinburgh.

The earl of Dundonald to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that even if by law his grace cannot become one of the writer's curators, he will do nothing without his uncle's advice, including marrying although as yet he has little thought of doing so.

5323. 1705/6, January 25.

George Lockhart to [the duke of Hamilton], deprecating the suggestion that the writer might be made a commissioner for union, and referring to rumours of Marlborough and Godolphin not being 'very forward for advancing the treaty att this time'.
1705/6, January 26. Holyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from their brother the earl of Orkney whom he sees is 'a very forward man for the unione', and criticising what the latter says since the writer believes that there is no real chance of his grace becoming a commissioner for union.


William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that his grace's mother has kindly lent him some of the family papers to copy, and that the writer's father has now brought his book to a perfect conclusion. He advises that the printing of it should be begun at once as it will vindicate the Hamiltons and the royal family.

1705/6, February 16. Holyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that although there is no news of the nomination of commissioners for union, it is rumoured that there are to be only twelve 'and that the two dukes the two secretaries the chanslour Annandaille and Ross are to be for the peers ... the provest of Edinburgh and Glasgow for the buroughs but what barrons are to be I do not heare'. He urges his brother to support the family plans to have their nephew, the earl of Dundonald, marry the earl of Arrol's sister, and mentions the small hopes of success there are of the Campbells being deprived of their interest in Ruglen.

1705/6, February 23. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his grace's procurators are to answer a bill by Daniel Campbell before the following Tuesday.

1705/6, February 26. Holyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], describing how Kilmarnock has arranged for the earl of Dundonald to marry Lady Anne Murray, when his family had planned that he should marry one of the earl of Arrol's sisters. No word has yet come about the nomination of commissioners for union, but the writer is of the opinion that those least concerned in the matter are the happiest.

[David Crawford] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that the legal business involving Mr. Campbell has been delayed until June, much to the latter's annoyance, asking her to sign a deputation to the African Company, and mentioning that Montrose is to be president of the council.

7921. 1705/6, February 28. Scorton.

The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that the commissioners for union have now been chosen.


Susan, Lady Yester to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of how, unknown to the writer, Kilmarnock engaged her son the earl of Dundonald to marry Lady Anne Murray.

5309. 1705/6, March 4. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton of Wishaw to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him an inventory of some papers at Hamilton [5310] which he would like to consult and print, as illustrations to his history.

5310. [1705/6, March 4].

Inventory of papers at Hamilton which William Hamilton wishes to consult. [They refer to the 16th century, one of those mentioned being the original of 50].

7145. 1705/6, March 8. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that Annandale will be as forward as ever for a Union when he comes down, and that in the writer's opinion 'the votes next parliament will not rune so neare as they have done formerly for I reeken the party that made the opposition much brock'. The death of Sir John Hume means that 'their will be a bribe for somebody'. He concludes by commenting briefly on the military news from Spain and Sweden, and gives some family news.
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7449. 1705/6, March 15. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his children are well although the bad weather has prevented her from seeing them for some days.

7146. 1705/6, March 15. Hamilton.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the nomination of commissioners for union, news of which 'would surprise you as it did everyone body here'.

5346. 1705/6, March 16. Dryden.

G[eorge] L[ockhart] to [the duke of Hamilton], protesting that he had not expected to be made a commissioner to treat for the Union, and cannot decide whether or not to go to Court, so asks for the duke's advice.

7147. 1705/6, March 22. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that the earl of Dundonald is now in Edinburgh preparing for his marriage. He gives news of some recent appointments, with the observation that he 'cannot comprehend the present management only that Queensby is interly master'. According to the earl of Orkney, the English commissioners for union are to make such great offers to the Scots 'that it will not be in our power to refuse them. If it be so I am in paine to find a guaranty for their keeping the agreement and next parliament not to take away what shall be granted to us now'. He concludes by commenting on the news from Spain.

5350. 1705/6, March 23. London.

Captain J. Abercrombie to [his father the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he cannot get the book of maps showing the French lines until he goes to Holland. There is no news from Holland or Barcelona, but Marlborough intends to leave in a fortnight's time.


[Susan, Lady Yester] to her brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that her son's marriage contract has been signed, and he will probably be married privately that Thursday.

Captain J. Abercrombie to [his father the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the Marquis d'Alegre has at last left Holland, sending him maps to illustrate the campaign and promising him a book about it.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he could do nothing to help Captain Douglas, having been one of the judges at the latter's court martial. Sir George Byng's squadron has now sailed from Portsmouth but Sir Clowaslie Shovell and the Dutch admiral will not leave for another month or six weeks.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that James Campbell is asking Lamington's advice about setting his grace's coal works at Polmont, and that the skippers in Bo'ness complain that there are no coals left for them on the duke's hill. The general assembly sat down on the previous Thursday with Mr. William Wyshart of Leith as moderator.

1706, April 8. London.

Captain James Abercrombie to [his father the duke of Hamilton], informing him that Marlborough intends to leave for the continent about the following Friday. He has recently seen Mistress Katherine [? a half-sister of the writer] who is in great need of clothing, which he suggests his grace might arrange to provide.

1706, April 8. Edinburgh.

The earl of Dundonald to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton], announcing his marriage [to Lady Anne Murray], and apologising for not having acquainted his grace with the preparations for it.

1706, April 8. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from the earl of Dundonald. Lord Cesnock has been chosen as member of parliament for Berwickshire, as has the laird of Wedderburn although it is thought that his commission will not be sustained.
5351. 1706, April 12. London.

Captain James Abercrombie to [his father the duke of Hamilton], sending him a book thought to be by a Scots gentleman, and telling him that Marlborough intends that day to go on board the yacht at Greenwich, as will the writer.

5347. 1706, April 17. Slains.

The earl of Errol to [the duke of Hamilton], offering him his services.

8081. 1706, April 18. London.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], stating that he has taken leave of the queen and hopes to sail soon from the Nore. He speculates about the coming campaign, and mentions that the first meeting of the treaters for union has taken place.

5389. [1706], April 18. London.

['J.B.'] to [ ], describing the business done in the English parliament that Tuesday, when the chancellor and the keeper spoke on the subject of Union, and remarking that the very nearness of the latter seems to raise more difficulties in people's minds, particularly in the religious sphere.

5368. 1706, April 23. Edinburgh.

Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the contraverted election of a commissioner to parliament for the Merse, Lord Cessworth having gained 31 votes to Wedderburn's 21, but no commission being taken out because of objections.

7148. 1706, April 29. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], describing how the writer's tenants at Crawford have given him nothing although they owe him three years' rent, and mentioning that there is quite a family gathering at Hamilton for a meeting of Mr. Basil Hamilton's tutors. News has come from abroad of Sir John Leak having forced the count of Tollouse from before Barcelona.
5390. [1706], May 4.

'J.B.' to [ ], discussing the unwillingness of the Scots commissioners for union to accept the same excise for Scotland as for England in the event of Union.

8082. 1706, May 4. Royall Katherine, Spithead.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Sir Stafford Fairburne has sailed to a secret destination which is probably Brest, and that as it is said that no more ships are to go to the Mediterranean he does not know where he himself will be sent.


J. Rollo to David [Crawford], describing a quarrel among the customs officers of Bo'ness, and condemning the behaviour of one of them, Mr. Starche.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the attitude of 'the brethren' towards an incorporating Union, and commenting on the latest news from the continent. [Last page torn].


John, earl of Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], hoping that as Mr. Lang was included in the recent act of parliament concerning bankrupts, he will be brought to reason, and empowering his correspondent to act fully for him in that affair.

5283. 1706, May 15. Preston.

The duke of Hamilton to Captain John Hamilton at Garstang, telling him that he has concluded a bargain with Walker, who is to send for four joiners and a mason, and discussing the felling of trees, as well as the need to provide two ovens for Ashton Hall.

Alexander Walker to Mr. Crawford of Loch-coat, chamberlain to the duke of Hamilton at Kinniell, giving him orders from his grace to buy tablecloths, napkins, sheets and muslin and to put up two swing-gates at Kinniell. He also conveys some orders about the coal and the ovens in the house.

[With a note on 1 June 1706 by Mr. Crawford to the effect that he has ordered William Ritchie to bring back various items of linen and muslin from Holland].

5240. 1706, May 23. Arran.

The earl of Eglintoune to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her to order her bailie to allow him one or more of the hawks on the island.

9109. 1706, May 24. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the siege of Barcelona has been raised and that in Italy Prince Eugene seems to have put a stop to the duke of Vandome's progress. The duke of Marlborough has won a victory 'near a place called Ramelies'.

[With an endorsement by the 4th duke as to the date of the letter's arrival]

9111. 1706, May 29. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], discussing Marlborough's success in Flanders. If he means to attend the next parliament, he should come home now. The brethren see an incorporating Union as destruction to presbytery.


James Hall to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for payment of the money owed to him.
[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring to Marlborough's wonderful success in Flanders. He has been unable to find out much from Mr. Wyllie about attitudes to a Union, although the latter says that if parliament acts righteously the brethren will join with them to oppose an incorporating Union.

Edward Callender to the duke of Hamilton, demanding payment on his grace's bond of £1,340 sterling by Lammas.

The earl of Orkney to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that the army is vigorously pursuing the enemy and that 'the whole country of Brabant and Flanders we may say is properly ours'. He himself has been besieging Antwerp, which has capitulated.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], urging him to come north for the next meeting of parliament.

Zachary to 'Good Mr. doctor', mentioning the price of peas, strawberries and lamb in Edinburgh, sending him his wig, and referring to the deaths of Lord Primrose and his brother.

Lettice Warley to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, expressing pleasure that her grace and the duke have come into possession of the estates of the duchess's father.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the latter's financial affairs, and mentioning reports that 'all matters relating to the Union are concerted'.

5387. 1706, June 29. Bonhard.

Walter Cornwall of Bonhard to the duke of Hamilton, promising to pay £200 sterling to Pencaitland as his grace has requested.

5307. 1706, June 29. Dunkeld.

[? The duchess of Atholl] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending her a pair of shoes lined with lamb's skin.

9747. 1706, July 1. Smiddy-Croft.

The Reverend Mr. Robert Wylie to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that 'we have in this country and I believe through the kingdom been under a tepid unconcernedness with respect to this Union, nobody dreaming that it would take any effect, but now we begin to be awaked', and 'whatever our presbyterian treaters at London have had the confidence to promise in the name of ministers and people they will find themselves mistaken'. He then describes the now general opposition to Union.


[James Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that with a great deal of difficulty he has persuaded Bonhard to promise to pay up the £200 sterling by Lammas, and complaining about Daniel Hamilton's failure to settle the balance of his accounts. There has also been a dispute between the tacksmen of the coal at Polmont and the coalhewers there.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that 'many doe wish your grace down who will give small assistance to you when you are heir'. The earl of Ruglen is about to leave for England. He then discusses the duke's financial affairs.

5345. 1706, July 13. Westminster

[ ] to [ ], referring to the proposed representation of Scotland in the houses of parliament after the treaty of Union, and to the payment of the Equivalent.
5238. 1706, July 15. Castle Leslie.

Jane Sanderson to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how badly she has been treated by her husband who has recently added to his ill usage of her by forcing her from his house and trying to break her marriage settlement. As she is unable to come to Scotland herself, she begs that the duke of Hamilton may prevent her husband from carrying out his plans.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that parliament has that day been adjourned until August 29, and enclosing a paper about the Union.


Thomas Glry to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that Lord Mohun has obtained a commission of adjunct in his cause with Lady Charlotte about the earl of Macclesfield's will, and asking him to pay Mr. Tyrer the money due to him on a bond.


Edward Callender to the duke of Hamilton, asking for payment of his bond.


William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that the writer has been ordered to inventory the goods at Halsall, and that Lord Mohun will probably demand payment for them at as dear rates as if they were new.


James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, expressing the hope that the writer will be able to pay Sir James Hall, and announcing that parliament will probably be adjourned still further although it is believed that the articles of the Union were signed on the previous day.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, sending 'two gallons of French brandy to make a boole of punch of', asking that an extra barrel of ale be given 'att the cross for the mobb ... for they are the people to be quieted', and reporting that he has bargained for quantities of lime.

5313. 1706, August 1. Mitchell's board.

George Lockhart to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that 'the whole nation appears against the Union, the ministers roaring and denouncing judgments on those that [are] for it', and urging his grace to come to town.

6950. 1706, August 2. Royall Katherine St. Hellins

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the small fleet is embarked and is confident of success.

8403. 1706, August 3.

The duke of Queensberry to his aunt [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], applying for lodgings at Holyrood as he has been appointed commissioner to the next session of parliament.

5375. 1706, August 3.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has carried out various commissions for his grace, and is looking for a housekeeper for the 4th duchess. Lord Annandale has received no satisfaction from Tweeddale, and Lord Wharton has gone into the country to convalesce after an illness.

5374. 1706, August 3. London.

William Hudson to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he has paid his creditors and is settled in his old shop again, so would be grateful if the duke would pay the £72-14-0 which he owes him.

5372. 1706, August 3. London.

Richard Goddard to [the duke of Hamilton], reminding him of the money he owes the writer.

News letter: The news from Spain is good, Prince Eugene is still in the same position, and the duc de la Feuillade has returned to Turin.

1706, August 10. The Hague.

Menin is still under siege. [Unfinished]. [In French] [With modern transcription and translation].


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, fearing that the next session of parliament will be a long one, although it probably will not sit until the end of September.

9112. 1706, August 9. From the camp before Menin.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton, giving a description of the progress of the siege.

9113. 1706, August 9. Camp before Menin.

George, earl of Orkney to his brother [? the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the siege.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing his grace's financial affairs, and telling him that the length of parliament's adjournment is uncertain.

8797. 1706, August 17. [Westergwilt?]

John Thomson to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], testifying that two years before Margaret Millar in Murehead seemed to be on the point of death.

5303. 1706, August 17. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that parliament may sit on September 20, and that some time is to be allowed for members to think over the treaty of Union.
1706, August 22. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, expressing surprise that his grace intends to come to town as early as August 29, and mentioning other arrivals in Edinburgh.

1706, August 24. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he will soon arrive in Edinburgh where 'they say the trenters are using all their art to gett proselits', and condemning the earl of Abercorn's coming to sit in parliament at this time. He comments on the news from the continent and concludes with some family matters.

1706, August 26. Paslay.

The earl of Dundonald to his uncle, [the duke of Hamilton], asking his advice about the choice of a lawyer.

1706, August 31. Holyroodhouse.

[Copy, by David Crawford] [The duke of Hamilton] to [his nephew, the earl of Dundonald], recommending Mr. Symon as a lawyer.

1706, September 2. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that as most of the ministers 'in this country are barefaced against the Union and prays heartely against it from their pulpits', he hopes they will use their influence against it in earnest.


John Campbell to his cousin Mr. Robert Alexander, recommending the bearer to him and giving a description of Nova Scotia, explaining in detail why it would be suitable for a Scottish colony.

1706, September 4. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], fearing that the heavy rains may delay the writer's journey to Crawford, and referring to the sad news from Flanders of the deaths of Lord John Hay and Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay.
5250. 1706, September 7. Woodhall.

John, earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason, to be found at Young Man's Coffee house near Charing cross London, explaining that he has been prevented from coming to town by his son's serious illness which the Jesuits' powder has not yet relieved, and inviting him to pay a visit to Woodhall.


John, earl of Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], remarking that although his son is recovering, he himself has caught a severe cold 'by going too much about in my nightgown when my son was ill', and asking [Mason] when he will be at Hatfield.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that he had missed seeing him at Hamilton, but promising to visit him despite the writer's ill health.

5292. 1706, September 23. Bow'ness.

[ ] to [? Mr. Wylie] announcing that the sacrament of the Supper is to be administered there on 13 October, and reminding him that Anne, duchess of Hamilton has promised to defray the cost of the elements, the sum of £50 being thought sufficient for this.

7138. 1706, September 25. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his son is recovering from measles. She goes on to remark that many people probably have a mistaken notion of the Union, and will change their minds 'when they have gott a clearer vieu therof'. She urges his grace to concert measures with the duke of Atholl, who is to be in town that week, and will do what she can to have the gentlemen of the shire attend parliament although she believes that the ministers will be of greater use in opposing the Union. [With cover].

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand].

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that his wife gave birth that morning to a daughter who will be christened Susan the same evening. He is surprised to learn that the duke of Atholl is in town, for he has heard nothing from him, and is also amazed at the lethargy of everyone in Edinburgh.

9731. 1706, September 27. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of his daughter. As to public affairs, she is 'sorry the duke of Argyle comes down, for he may doe much prejudice and I am confident his advancement will pike the duke of Atholl [her son-in-law] very much, which I hope will make you and him joine the closer togither'. Those who brag of the Union being carried do so only 'to make some despond, and fix others the better to them'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand].

6542. 1706, September 30. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], resolving to bring his son into the palace as he is unwell.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand].

7126. 1706, October 1. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that in the country's present miserable condition he has no assistance of any kind 'for everie bodie I see are more poisoned then ane other ... and some particular persons see politick that thers noe measures taken to bring anything to bear in opposition to this deluge that's coming upon uss'.

5439. 1706, October 3. Waterseyd.

John Cochrane to the earl of Dundonald, describing a meeting of the freeholders of the district to sign an address against the Union, and enclosing a copy of the text.
5358. 1706, October 7. Ashtan.

Arthur Davis to the duke of Hamilton, stating that the wet weather has damaged the corn, and that the housekeeper has arrived from Preston.

7854. 1706, October 8. Holyroodhous.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that 'My heart is broke for the buisness of this nation surpasses al that was ever known or heard off', for that day the squadrone have come out in favour of the Union. This is generally attributed to Mr. Johnston's machinations.

5361. 1706, October 9. Hamilton.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his mother, the duchess, is sorry to learn that many of his supporters are falling away, but is of the opinion that posterity will honour him for his efforts.

7127. 1706, October 12.

The duke of Hamilton to Mr. Robert Willy [Wylie], declaring that 'you and the rest of your bretherine are most extremly to blame for not coming to attend the commition', and urging as many of them as possible to be there on the following Monday.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he will see Mr. Wylie in Edinburgh, and expressing surprise at the opposition to a general fast.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand. With cover].

5262. 1706, October 14. Woodhall.

John, earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason to be left at Young Man's Coffeehouse near Charing Cross London, thanking him for his news of parliament's proceedings, and remarking that he will delay his visit to London until advised to come by his correspondent.
George, earl of Orkney to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing his safe arrival in London. He hopes that a peace treaty is not far off.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], declaring that his 'heart's broke' by the parliamentary debates on the Union, for he expects the first two articles to be pushed through on the following day, 'and after that all will bee too lait'. The people in the town and elsewhere exclaim against Union, and the 'treading people' are also averse to it now. Protestations are currently being drawn up.

Anne Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, sending the greetings of the writer's uncle, the bishop of Salisbury, and enclosing three sermons from him.

Janet Ferguson to the duke of Hamilton, expressing support for his opposition to the Union.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the first article of Union is being debated. He discusses the situation in detail, declaring that now there are 'more instances of English influence than ever, and Scots baseness joyned with it'. The duke himself has been 'lik to have been torn in peeces by thos I had been soe long feighting for; but now the prospect of places makes them forgett everie thing'. After much threatening of those who at present enjoy places and pensions, the act for 6 month's cess has been passed, its supporters including his own brother Selkirk. It is now plain that 'Johnston is to rulle without controll, and the poor marquis of Tweedall to say amen to whatever comes to be told'. Selkirk is the favourite of Roxburgh, who is Johnston's 'premier minister'. The duke will now endeavour to retrieve the situation by adjoining the act of security to the cess act.
1706, November 3.  Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that the [anti-Union] addresses from the presbytery are to be sent in the following day. The recent proclamation against the rabble incenses the local people, who feel it to be 'a great encroachment on the freedome and privilege of parliament to bring the standing forces into the parliament close'. She advises her son against writing to the queen by himself, suggesting that he should persuade a company of friends to join him in doing so.

[‘Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.’]


3 o’clock

The duke of Hamilton to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing the business done in parliament on the previous day, when the royal burghs presented an address against an incorporating union.  [Last pages missing.]

1706, November 7.

William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to pay the money he owes the writer, who is in great financial difficulties.

1706, November 9.  Watersyd.

John Cochrane to [ ], detailing those who have signed the address which the writer has been organising.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that all the addresses have been read in parliament, and reporting on the debates on the Union.

1706, November 15.  Holyroodhous.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that he has no time to write at length, for 'wee are everie day proceeding to destruction'.
Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], remarking that 'there seems little doubt now but the Courtiers designs to pass this Union which will inevitably bring on mischief on this place for the people herabouts are all in a ferment as I believe they are all through the nation and this you cannot but be sensible of but I need say no more only it's sad to sit still and be ruined'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.]

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], describing how he sought out the queen and assured her of the falsity of stories that 'you had protested before the voting of the first article of the treaty [of Union] that the right your family had to the crown should not be thereby prejudged'. As her majesty still seems doubtful, he urges his brother to inform his friends as to the truth of the matter.

The earl of Sutherland to the duke of Hamilton, describing his vain attempts to persuade two of their friends to join with them in showing the queen and the commissioners 'that this kingdom could not submit to ane incorporat union', but 'wold bee very cordiall for a federall union and wold goe in with them as to the protestant successor upon honorable terms and limitations'.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that the 6th article for Union is now being debated, and complaining that he has had a most impertinent letter from the chancellor [Seafield] in reply to his very civil one.
Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], declaring that 'we have frequent [anti-Union] rendezvous here, and as long as we have a law for it, lett them say what they will of me, I will encourage them, and if other places had done as Clydesdale has, they had prevented much of what is come to pass'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], refusing to sign a protestation he has drawn up for her, but agreeing to have an address drawn up from the whole shire although she believes the parochial addresses to be of more consequence.

[Enclosing the protestation in the name of the 4th duke and herself declaring that the first article of union must not prejudice their claim to the crown of Scotland]

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the arrival at Hamilton of a company of foot under Captains Fyndlay and Boyle. Anne, duchess of Hamilton thereupon ordered about 50 of the townspeople to keep guard all night in the tolbooth, with sentries in the streets to prevent any disorder. Everything is in confusion at this time, and 'anybody that seems sober, or moderate is in hazard of his life, if he doe not speak against the Union'.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], denying that any disorders had been committed at the recent local rendezvous, although admitting that 'if I had not prevented it, the same things might have been done through this shire as was done at Dumfries'. As to his making a protest [to the queen, see 9744] she is very much against it at this time and would be obliged to declare herself to be so. In a postscript on 5 December she describes how she restrained some of her tenants from attending a rendezvous at Clydeside 'to prevent any trouble to them afterwards, because this is the place that the Court seems most to levell at'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand].
1706, December 9. Hollyroodhous

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], warning her of how diligent their enemies are in looking for faults in the conduct of the writer and his correspondent, and reporting that parliament is now debating the fifteenth article of Union.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], trusting that there will be good agreement among those who oppose the Union.


George, earl of Orkney to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that the English believe that the present unrest in Scotland is the result of 'nothing but faction' and that 'once the Union is gained all that ferment will be allayed'. Even if this is not so, the plans for Union cannot be changed now.

1706, December 13. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that 'the Union goes on soe verie fast that I belive a verie litle tyme now will finish it', and the court has sent reiterated orders to press matters on with the utmost diligence.

1706, December 13. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Queensberry to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her to apprehend her servant, Mr. Porterfield, who is accused of treasonable practices against the government.


The earl of Bute to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that his wife's illness had caused him to leave town suddenly, and that he had considered that his return would do no good, as neither his votes nor influence could alter the situation.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], fearing that the duke of Atholl will not be too successful with his address, although the writer will not himself oppose it.

9737. 1706, December 17. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], describing the arrest of Weir, the town treasurer and of her own servant Porterfield. She allowed them to be taken, out of respect to the commissioner, but does not in the least believe them to be guilty of any crime. Weir is 'a sober, substantial man' who has never been guilty of any disorders, and as for Porterfield, 'he was born and bred up in my family and has been my servant ever since'. The sooner they are examined and sent back, the better. She hopes that Porterfield will not be imprisoned, 'because he is but a tender lad'.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

8032. 1706, December 17. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to his agreement with the duke of Atholl, and complaining that everyone blames the writer for other people's faults.


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the officers commanding the dragoons there had been extremely civil, and the dragoons themselves well-behaved, paying their quarters punctually.


[Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], stating that Weir and Porterfield can have nothing to 'say when examined, unless they 'have been such fools as to speak idly with such a base fellow as Findlay', in which case they have only themselves to blame. She then declares 'I wish from my heart that you and those with you had left the parliament all together when the first 3 articles [of Union] past, and entered your protest and perhaps ere now they had differed amongst themselves; for I know not to what purpose/
purpose you should sitt still and strive in vain, and be outvoted in everything and rather homologat what they do then anything else; and wheras it was proposed that you should break off at the 22 article; I am of the opinion the 19th is much more popullar, being everybody's concern'.

[Written for her by David Crawford]


[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, sending her a proclamation [not included] drawn up after Craigneathan was examined about having written letters to the gentlemen to come to town.

9739. [1706], December 30.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the 4th duke of Hamilton, declaring that the recent proclamation 'will rather do ill to there [the pro-unionists'] cause then good'.

9740. 1706, December 30. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], repeating her opinion that he should have left parliament when the 3rd article of Union was read. As to Porterfield, when he can be seen he should be given 'good advice not to be trepanned by such idle fellars as Findlay'. She had written to the commissioner requesting Porterfield's return simply because she needed him as a servant and, not, as the Court seemed to think, because the man might reveal something incriminating.

[Written for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

5380. 1706, December 30. Barras.

W. Ogilvy of Barras to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to remind the earl of Orkney of his promise to the writer's son, Charles, that he should have a commission.
5376. [c1706]

Part of a letter from [Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the character of 'G.G.' and advising his grace to reiterate that he will always be careful of what concerns the queen.

8075. [1706]

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that parliament is now upon 'the fourteenth article of Union' which is one of the most dangerous and whether there has been great manadgement'.

8105. [c1706]

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton] telling her that because of the expense he has decided against building at [Ashton?] and will only repair as much of the house as is necessary to lodge his family. He has heard a rumour that Queensberry has been taken ill at Berwick, but does not believe it. [First pages of this letter missing].

8107. [c1706]

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the handing in of the Clydesdale address to parliament.
[First pages of the letter missing].

9746. [c1706]

[ ] to the 4th duke of Hamilton, sending him a clause to be added to the 1st article of Union.

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5 lists of the commissioners for union.

7950. [1706]

[The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, hoping that Porterfield will be given a discharge.
8073. 1706/7, January 1.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], denying that he was 'of the original contrivers of bringing the gentlemen into the town', and discussing the question of the succession.

9741. 1706/7, January 3. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, wishing him a happy new year and mentioning that her daughter the duchess of Atholl has arrived to visit her.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the 4th duke of Hamilton], regretting the divisions among him and his friends, and inviting him to visit her with his wife and son William.


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to the melancholy news of the death of the duchess of Atholl [his grace's sister], who is to be buried at Hamilton on the following Friday at 4 p.m.

7855. 1706/7, January 10. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking for news of his sister the duchess of Atholl. He gives an account of that day's parliamentary debates about the articles of union and encloses a copy of the main part of the act of settlement. [Also 7855]

6519. 1706/7, January 11. Holyroodhous.

[Copy, in his own hand] [The duke of Hamilton] to [his brother-in-law, the duke of Atholl], offering his condolences on the death of [Katherine, duchess of Atholl], the writer's sister.

6549. 1706/7, January 11. Hamilton.

The duke of Atholl to his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton, announcing the death of Katherine, duchess of Atholl and asking him to attend the burial on 17 January about 4 o'clock in the evening.

[Only the signature in his own hand]
The duke of Atholl to [his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his expressions of sympathy and stating that he will understand if the duke cannot attend the duchess of Atholl's funeral.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that he 'will not believe what impression this has upon my lady [their mother] who is more then can be expressed against this Union which is I am affrayed irrecoverably intailed upon us'.

The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from the commissioner asking for Annandale's lodgings at Holyrood which the queen has assigned to him [not included]. Thanks to his efforts, Borrowstounness has been given 2d on the pint of ale.

The duke of Queensberry to his aunt [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking to be put in possession of the lodgings in Holyrood formerly occupied by the marquis of Annandale, as these have been granted to the writer by the queen.

The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining about his failure in the recent elections and his inability to leave Edinburgh.

Lord Oliphant to [the duke of Hamilton], asking if he has heard yet from the earl of Orkney, from whom he hopes to procure a commission at a cost of £200 sterling.

Katherine Hamilton to Mr. Alexander Walker, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, or in his absence to Mr. Kennedy, master of horses to his grace, asking him to have his grace persuade Lord Dalhousie to renew the warrant preventing people from spoiling the grass and dykes in St. Ann's Yards, otherwise the tacksman will leave.

5455. 1706/7, February 20. Tynan.

James Greenshields to the duke of Hamilton, asking to be recommended either to the earl of Abercorn or to the earl of Granard, and to be remembered by his grace should the latter have any livings in his gift in England.

7859. 1706/7, February 25. Hollyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he stays in town only because he is prevented [by his financial difficulties] from leaving.

5264. 1706/7, February 25. Woodhall.

The earl of Ruglen to Mr. Gavin Mason, to be left at Britannia Coffeehouse near Charing Crosse London, stating that it will not now be proper to take out a commission of bankruptcy against Mr. Lang, who has fallen ill, and hoping that through the help of the latter's physician some settlement may be reached.

5461. 1706/7, February 28.

Edmund Hornby to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that only the payment of the debt involved could have halted the proceedings against his grace.

5437. 1706/7, March 7. London.

Richard Long to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that, while he was commander of a frigate at Darien, he had nothing to do with the carrying away of the carpenters there, and asking him to finance a private voyage by the writer, as a result of which the duke may recover twice over the £10,000 lost by his family in the Darien venture.
10, O4. 1706/7, March 6. [London]

[ ] to the duke of [Hamilton],
sending him some letters and announcing that 'the queen past
the Union Act this day, for which ther hath bine generall
rejocing, the flages oute, bonfires, the tower gunds ...'
1706/7, March 13. Hamilton.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the duke of Hamilton, explaining why he did not answer his brother's letter sooner, and denying that he had written to their brother the earl of Orkney saying that his grace had voted for the rewarding of those treating for Union. The only real news he has is that Rothes is to be commissioner to the general assembly.

1707, March 19.

Thomas Orby to the duke of Hamilton, asking again for the return of the goods taken by his grace from Hallsall.

1706/7, March 20.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a horse and telling him that the writer's wife suggests that they take in exchange the picture his grace has at Sir Godfrey Kneller's. He also reports that Marlborough is to leave for Margate on the following day, and gives the latest news from the continent.

1706/7, March 22.

Thomas Orby to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to return the goods which he had removed from Hallsall as Lord Mohurft's agents are claiming that they have been spoiled and worn out. He goes on to say that Marlborough has gone to Margate to embark for Holland.

1707, March 27.

Thomas Orby to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Lord Mohun and his agents are pressing for the goods removed from Hallsall, and referring to the general talk of a peace in the continental wars.

1707, March 29. London.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], venturing to remind her of her promise to make over to him her subscription in the African company.
The Reverend Mr. Robert Wyllie to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the duchess, his grace's mother, will agree to Lady Susanna coming to stay at Hamilton palace, but not before she is weaned. She is also anxious that his grace come to Hamilton as soon as possible. He urges the duke to submit on this matter, since 'it is plain by long experience that opposing and quarrelling, tho upon just cause, but renders matters worse'.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], sympathising with his financial difficulties but hoping to see him and his wife at Hamilton soon.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his family is very much concerned at his illness.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that their mother is anxious for news of the health of the duke and duchess.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining of his ague, and announcing that as soon as he is able he intends to take his family to Kinneil. Every day now 'ther are shoalls of English exisse men and other officers coming hither the pretence is to informe our people of the English methodes of exacting the customs and the exicess which wee must now follow'.

James Vall'ange of Possill to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to sign in favour of George Monro of Auchenbowe a transference of all his right and interest in the escheat and lifierent of the writer, by virtue of an assignment granted by David, earl of Glasgow.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to [her son the duke of Hamilton], explaining why she gave a lodging in Holyrood to John Scott's wife, who is dying, and complaining that William Hamilton, without her orders, removed her daughter Atholl's goods from the rooms above the guard hall.

[Written out by David Crawford; the signature only in the duchess's hand.]

7936. 1707, May 15. Dunkeld.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], suggesting that she send his daughter to him to drink goat's whey for the good of her health.

7997. 1707, May 29. Dunkeld.

The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving news of his daughter's health and referring to his sad loss of his wife.

6585. 1707, June 12. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother, the duke of Hamilton], announcing that Sir Robert St. Clair's son has been promoted to lieutenant on the duke's recommendation, but that he must say no more of Lord Wigton's brother, who is still a Roman Catholic, and should consider various alternatives. The king has been that day at parliament, where the succession bill was passed.

5474. 1707, June 17. Edinburgh.

James Steuart to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her not to pursue his nephew Cultness for the bygone teinds of Cocklmuir and Corbans before taking the advice of her Edinburgh lawyers and allowing the writer to wait on them.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, informing him of the president's opinion that before the Union any peer might be cited by subpoena in relation to an English estate, and describing his unsatisfactory conversation with Edward Callander, one of his grace's creditors.
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[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Lord Soumers has been acquitted, giving news from the continent, and mentioning that Lord Archibald is to sail to the Downs.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the tack duty yearly payable by his grace to the earl of Linlithgow, and telling him that the bank of England is willing to advance the Equivalent, and that payment may be made in bank notes.


William Cochrane to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that Robert Hamilton is coming to answer for himself on various charges, and that he has sent Mr. Crawford an extract of the judicial confessions of the men who were imprisoned.

5520. 1707, June 27. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the declaration of locality of the minister of Falkirk, suggesting that he put a stop to George Cockburn's action against his grace for a small debt, and referring to other minor financial matters.

7694. 1707, July 1. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that their mother and his grace's children are all well.


James Stewart to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], denying that he had anything to do with the displeasure caused to her grace by the ministers of Edinburgh.

Richard Coggs to the duke of Hamilton, asking him for payment of the £12, with interest, which the duke has been owing him for over seven years.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing his grace's legal disputes with the minister of Falkirk, the earl of Linlithgow and Edward Callander.

5466. 1707, July 11. Camp at Meldert.

[Copy] George, earl of Orkney to the earl of Selkirk, telling him that he has heard that everything is very dull at the court of St. Germans, 'since all there hopes wes lost by the Union' and that Lord Middleton 'governed intyrely at that Court'. It is also said that the duke of Hamilton would raise 30,000 men if the king of France would send over 500,000 levies, with some officers and the young king.


James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, discussing his grace's dispute with Lord Lithgow about a tack of the teinds of Polmont, and mentioning that the Equivalent is now on the way north.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], giving some minor items of family news, remarking that the duke of Savoy is long in beginning his campaign, and mentioning that no fruit comes from Italy there have been such heavy rains there.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, giving news of the family and sending him melons, plums, apricots and some letters and prints.
5463. 1707, July 18. Ashton.

Arthur Davis to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Captain Hamilton's mare has been sent to Scorton, and discussing the amounts of coal and turf obtained that year.


The earl of Orkney to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that upon her recommendation he has given Lawchop a Commission.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has delivered the two summonses to John Hamilton, asking him to send a tack of certain teinds to Sir Patrick Home, and informing him that Annandale has won his action against Queensberry.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has given the tack to John Hamilton, and discussing some other minor legal matters.

8567. 1707, July 24. Keniell.

[The duke of] Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the advocates' advice with relation to the teinds of Polmont, and asking her to send him the original of the 2nd duke's tailzie since the teinds were expressly assigned to her grace in it.

[With cover, on which David Crawford on the following day noted that the tailzie and instrument of resignation had accordingly been sent to the duke.]


The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the health and temperaments of his daughters Susan and Kate, now in her grace's care. He intends to take communion at Blair since he has resolved to live there every summer, but regrets that the ministers are not 'so livelie as I could wish'.
5445. 1707, August 2. Custom house, Edinburgh.

Robert Dickson, Alexander Rigby, James Isaacson, L. Norman and William Boyle to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to continue his kindness to the customs officers of Burroustounnes, as the common people have once more been riotous to them.


The duke of Hamilton to [*Gentilmen*] [as in 5445], assuring them that all respect will be paid to her majesty's officers and no riots encouraged there.


Charles Campbell to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for a loan of five guineas to save him from being cast into the debtor's prison.

9795. 1707, August 9.

Charles Pollok to the duke of Hamilton's chamberlain at Kinneil, sending six earthen pipes.

9794. 1707, August 23. Glasgow.

John Pirrie to Mr. Crawford, chamberlain to the duke of Hamilton at Kinneil, claiming his expenses for bringing one of his grace's mares from Lancashire to Scotland.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, mentioning that he has just returned from Lord Belhaven's burial, and that Alexander Baillie will take 'the book of the treaties' to Kinneill to show to his grace. The writer himself intends to be there on September 3 or 4. The commissioners of the Equivalent will shortly pay the proprietors of the African Company.

James Graham to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to sign a copy of the assignation of his shares in the African company so that the gentleman who bought them may not be prevented from receiving his part of the Equivalent, the original assignation being in the hands of a gentleman presently in the north country.

6412. 1707, August 26. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning that she has sent David Crawford to receive her proportion of the African Company's money from the commissioners of the Equivalent, and giving him news of his children's health.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

5500. 1707, August 27. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the drawing up of Graham's assignation [see 5449], remarking that whatever inconveniences fall upon the Union, its supporters will still adhere to their opinion, and stating that those who accept exchange notes from the commissioners of the Equivalent are paid sooner than those who demand money.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the gentleman to whom Mr. Graham's assignation was given requires another [see 5449], and advising him to give it.


[David Crawford] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that he has obtained from the commissioners of the Equivalent an order to pay him in money for her grace, and referring to his own appointment as clerk to the justices of the peace in Lanarkshire.
1707, August 30. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that as she has the gout David Crawford writes the letter for her, and referring to some intentions his brother, the earl of Selkirk, has of going to sea.

[Only the signature in her own hand]

1707, September 2. Keniell.

[The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing his financial difficulties.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, urging to put his affairs in order before the writer goes to consult with him.


The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that the chancellor [Seafield] has sent him two sealed letters to deliver to Gleneagles and Gorthie, thereby making his grace (who is sheriff principal), 'no better then a post boy'. [With cover.]


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to send his grieve John Kain to inspect the coal heughs at Hamilton and then go with the writer to Arran.


Alexander Walker to Mr. Robert Ferguson, secretary to his grace the duke of Hamilton at Kinniell, describing how he 'took Mr. Findlayson napping and pretended an order from a magistrate for recovery of his grace's papers', which he accordingly secured.
5115. 1707, October 20. Edinburgh.

James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, promising to meet James Dunlop on the following day, and expressing the opinion that Dunlop is well disposed to serve his grace.

7939. [1707?], November 1. Huntingtowne.

Lady Susan Murray to her grandmother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that her stepmother is very kind to the writer, and asking permission to accompany her father [the duke of Atholl] to London 'wher I hope to improve myself very well'.

5501. 1707, November 1. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, enclosing 'very peremptor' letters from Lady Morreston and W. Hoome, who are demanding the money owed to them by his grace, and informing him that a copy of adjudication and forthcoming has been left at Kinneill at Sir James Hall's instance.

5472. 1707, November 3. Panmure.

[Margaret, countess of Panmure] to Mrs. Montgomerie, discussing her own mother's health, and remarking that as far as she knows, the duke of Hamilton has not yet come from England.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, referring again to Sir James Hall's summons of adjudication against the duke, and advising him either to come to an accommodation with the earl of Linlithgow or to prosecute the process of prorogation against him.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing his grace's financial business with Lady Morreston and Sir James Hall.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing his family's health and remarking that he is busy taking in his chamberlain's accounts. He expects that his brother-in-law the duke of Hamilton will be made a peer of Britain; despite their relationship the writer must confess that he dislikes Hamilton's 'politicks and wayes of attaining his designes, and his method of traiting his freinds and enemies has been to slight the first and court the last'.


[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him all the charters, precepts, clare constats and confirmations which the duke had left with him, and mentioning his efforts to persuade the duke's mother to buy Motherwell from Ernock.


John, earl of Ruglen to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing his safe arrival at Barnton.


Margaret, countess of Panmure to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that she did all she could to persuade her husband to settle Mr. Hamilton in Navor [see 7977] but could not prevail with him.


The earl of Panmure to his mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, excusing himself from complying with her request to settle Mr. Hamilton in the church of Navor on the ground that 'I have never had any manner of accession in placing a presbyterian minister and ... the doing anything of that kind is very much contrar to my persuasion. [With cover]


The earl of Ruglen to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing concern at the news of his daughter Nanny's illness, reporting that Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Eccles advise that she be bled, and arranging for Dr. Kennedy or Dr. Patton to come from Glasgow to see the child.

[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him which papers must be produced in the ranking of Bonhard's creditors.

[With a note in the hand of the duke] [Torn].
[Copy, in the hand of David Crawford]. [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that although his father would never have signed the precept of claren constat in favour of the earl of Linlithgow when it grants so little to her grace, she has done so 'being unwilling the world should see such differences betwixt us'. She has allowed Mr. Armstrong to copy those pictures her son wanted, although the money for them and for the work done by the engineers at Kinneil 'had been better employ'd in paying your servants' fees and the tailors' accounts for your liveries'.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of his conversation with his brother the duke, who complained to him about their mother's refusal to lend his grace money, the earl's own failure to do so, and various similar matters.

5444. 1707, December 29. Dean.

James Craufurd to Mr. Robert Fergusone at Hollyroodhouse, telling him that he will raise the money to pay the duke [of Hamilton] when he goes to Edinburgh on the following day, and reporting that his correspondent's hay and oats have been dispatched.

5473. 1707, [ ] 25. Campbeltone.

[Illegible] to his brother [ ], sending him some medicine.

5545. [c1707]

W. Cochran of Killmaronock to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that there is no word yet of his grace being provided for out of 'her majesty's liberality'.


[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Mr. Roshall is averse to lending money on the security proposed.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has not yet been able to borrow any money on the security proposed, and giving news of some minor legal matters.

7994. 1707/8, January 23. Paslay.

The earl of Dundonald to his grandmother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that his wife has that afternoon given birth to a son.


[The duke of] [Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Queensberry is that night to be made third secretary for Britain, Montrose privy seal and Argyll and Roxburgh privy councillors.


The duke of Hamilton to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asserting that for the past twenty years it has been his study 'to preserve peace in my countrie', and that he served his country as best he could 'till thos pretended patriots deserted both it and me'. It is therefore very hard that because the family tailzie has now been registered, no one will lend him money. [With cover]

5482. 1707/8, February 12.

[ ] to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, describing a recent birthday party, and giving some minor items of news about London society.


[ ] to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton at Ashton, discussing accommodation in London for her grace, and repeating some of the current town gossip. [With cover]
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7000. 1707/8, February 28.

Lord James Murray to his grandmother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that illness prevents his father [the duke of Atholl] from writing, and expressing relief that her grace's own health is improving.

6701. 1707/8, March 2. Edinburgh.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], welcoming the news of his grace's arrival at Ashtonhall, and declaring that everyone is alarmed at rumours of a French invasion.

9118. 1707/8, March 11.

Humphrey Clide to Elizabeth duchess of Hamilton, reporting that 'the French sayld out of Dunkirk on Tuesday last at 3 a clock in the morning with 26 sayl of men of war and privateers towards Scotland'. The pretender and the duke of Berwick are on board, and the queen has sent Sir George Bing out after them.


Copy letters from the duke of Atholl to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, describing how his letters have been intercepted, and declaring that he is too ill to travel to Edinburgh to appear before the council, although cited to do so on 29 March.


James Steuart to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], enclosing a letter to her from the duke of Atholl, whose previous packet of letters was seized at Queensferry and broken open, Straloch, the bearer being arrested.

[Only the signature in his own hand]

6521. 1708, April 17. London.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her of his brother Lord Archibald's desire to serve in parliament for the shire of Clydesdale.
1708, April 26. Dryden.

George Lockhart to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, promising to do all he can to have Lord Archibald elected.

1707, April 28. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [? Lord Archibald Hamilton], sending him addresses from their mother and from the presbytery, which he should present to the queen.


W. Carstares, moderator of the general assembly, to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, regretting that the assembly could not accede to her request about the parish of Bothwell, and advising that neither Mr. Crawford nor Mr. Bannantine but a third person be called to that charge.

1708, May 5. Glasgow.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, hoping that Lord Archibald's election will go in his favour.

1708, May 5. Glasgow.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, assuring her that Lord [? Rockinan] is a good friend to the family and will do all he can for Lord Archibald's election.


Andrew Hay to his sister, Mrs. Mountgomery, at the palace of Hamilton, describing how he had obeyed Anne, duchess of Hamilton's commands to go and see Lord Hyndford, but had failed to persuade him not to let his son oppose Lord Archibald in the forthcoming election.
8052. 1708, May 7 and 8. Paslay.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that he left Glasgow as David Crawford can manage the people there better than he, and the writer himself might be accused of meddling in the election thereby prejudicing his brother Archibald's cause.

5492. 1708, May 27. Edinburgh.

[David Crawford] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the double election at Glasgow is a good opportunity to get votes for Lord Archibald, 'it being in your grace's power to return whom you please', and asking her to delay giving a positive decision.

5512. 1708, June 2. Dumfreis.

W. Welch to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing his own misunderstanding with the marquis of [ ], and declaring that 'any that think I have a vote are in a mistake'.

6543. 1708, June 4. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that at her instigation the duke of Atholl has decided to forget his differences with the duke of Hamilton.


News letter: The duke of Orleans wants to besiege Tortose on all sides. The enemy is retreating before the duc de Noailles. The Flemish armies are in the same camp. [In French]

[With modern translation]

8067. 1708, June 10 and 11. Holyroodhous.

[The duke of] Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, hoping that his brother may be elected to represent Clydesdale. In a postscript he announces that the duke of Atholl is now 'working with all his might for Duk Queensberry's interest'.

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[The duke of Atholl] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], agreeing to be reconciled with her son the duke of Hamilton and to send in a proxy with a list of persons for the 16 representative peers. The writer is now allowed to converse with his children and have his physicians attend him without officers being present. The garrison have been removed to the nearby villages and only a few soldiers are still in the house to guard him. He has now been confined to his chamber for 3 months, except for two or three days when he has been in the dining room.

7926. 1708, June 18. Blaire.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], rejoicing at the success of Lord Archibald Hamilton's election, and reporting that Mr. Dougal Stewart has been elected to represent Perthshire. He hopes to obtain his own liberty on bail, in which case he will wait upon her grace.


[David Crawford] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that the election of peers has taken place.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to his successful election.

7866. 1708, June 23. Holyroodhouse.

[The duke of] Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, remarking that he has had a good deal of business on his hands in relation to the return of Daniel Campbell or the provost of Glasgow.


George Dallas to the duke of Hamilton, expressing his willingness to obey the duke's commissions with regard to the coming election.
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[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], regretting very much the death of Lord Belhaven who, 'had he lived ... had been the darling of the Whigs', and criticising the behaviour of the duke of Atholl.


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his condolences on the sudden and unexpected death of the writer's father. [Lord Belhaven]

5529. 1708, June 29. Edinburgh.

[James Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, describing how he broke the news of Lord Belhaven's death to his sister-in-law, Lady Belhaven.

7257. 1708, July 2. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, announcing his intention of going to Crawford 'where my small affairs are in great confusion' because of a bad chamberlain whom he has been forced to dismiss.


Dr. Montgomerie to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that for six weeks he treated Lady Mary Hamilton's daughter to prevent her from catching the fever which attacked Mr. Rou's children, and asking her patronage for any one of five manuscripts which he has ready for the press.

5517. 1708, July 7. Bo'ness.

Mark Stark to Mr. Hill, telling him that the brother of two of his grace's tenants has been pressed for the ship 'The Squirrel', but fearing that it is too late now to intervene as the ship has gone from Leith Road. He suggests that were the duke [of Hamilton] to have some forces quartered in Bo'ness, it would improve the town's financial situation. It would also be advisable for various tenants to see his grace about their compositions when he comes to Kinneill.
8039. 1708, July 8. Blair Atholl.

[The duke of Atholl] to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, hoping to obtain his liberty soon.

[Only the last paragraph in his own hand.]

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5518. 1708, July 8. Bo'ness.

[Mark Stark] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that a list of tenants whom the chamberlain is to pursue has been sent to his grace.


Lady Mary Hamilton to her mother-in-law, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking her grace's advice about her son's education, some of his tutors having suggested that he be sent to Westminster school, and others that he should not yet go to London.

5493. 1708, July 8. Glasgow.

The marquis of Montrose to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a copy of some letters from his friends in town.

8977. 1708, July 10. From the Camp at Lessines.

[ ] to [ ]

giving a detailed account of the present French campaign.

[In French]

7259. 1708, July 12. Crauford.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], promising to visit him in Edinburgh, and commenting on the news from the continent. He hopes that the duke will use his interest to procure for the writer the position of register which he had recently lost.


The duke of Atholl to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the queen has ordered the writer's liberty on bail, and asking if the earl of Selkirk 'will be one of my baile'.
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8976. 1708, July 13. Rotterdam.

[ ] copying out a letter in French giving details of the [French]

army's movements.


[James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to David Crawford, sending

him Bedlay's bond. [9671]


Bond by Archibald Robertson of Bedlay to Sir Archibald

Hamilton of Rosehall for £763-4-8 Scots.

[Enclosed with 9670]

7260. 1708, August 2. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton],
telling him that their mother wants to speak to
his grace about her unwillingness for him to remove any
furniture from Holyrood, and commenting on an address which
his brother has sent him.

7261. 1708, August 4. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton],
referring to the minor matters contained in some
letters which he has received, and recommending the bearer.

5511. 1708, August 13. [? Aire]

J. Vallange of Possill to [the duke of Hamilton],
repeating his request that his grace write in his favour to
Lord Sesnok.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton],
discussing the signing of an address, and
commenting on the news of the army having invested Lisle.
5534. 1708, August 23. Houstoun.

Viscount Xileyth to the duke of Hamilton, excusing himself from waiting on his grace for some few days as he must be at Houstoun to provide for winter quarters.

7914. 1708, August 26. Pasley.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing some minor family matters.

5519. 1708, August 27. Bantasken.

Michael Livingstone to James Crawfurdof Lochcot, at Kinniel, explaining that there is no point in his calling upon the duke [of Hamilton] until he has the papers about the teinds of Polmont, and that since his tack does not expire until Michaelmas, he has time enough to treat for a new agreement.

7093. 1708, September 16. Blair.

The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that Glenorchy has asked for the writer's rooms at Holyrood, but that the duke explained to him that they were at her grace's disposal.

5491. 1708, September 29. Blair.

[The duke of Atholl] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that two rooms at Holyrood will not be enough to accommodate him, and describing how his son James, now eighteen, can walk between 20 and 30 miles a day and sleep out on the heather every night.

5252. 1708, October 1. Woodhall.

The earl of Ruglen to [Gavin Mason], asking in what temper A. Long is now, requiring his correspondent to prepare everything so that the writer need not stay longer than is necessary, and referring to the recurrence of his own son's illness.
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[The duke of Atholl] to [ 

The duke of Atholl, describing the meeting of the lords of justiciary at Perth 

which he has just attended with his sons Lord James and Lord 

Charles. He means to go to Edinburgh soon.


The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, 

duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he is in town to appear 

in the terms of his bond of presentation.

5521. 1708, November 22.  Ayr.

William Cunnyghame to the duke of Hamilton, sending 

him a memorial of the town's grievances.  [5522]

5480.  [1708, November 22]

'Grievances of the burgh of Ayr', concerning their 

financial burdens. 

[Another copy of 5522]

5523. 1708, November 22.  Ayr.

William Cunnyghame, Hugh Hamilton, John Fergusone and 

Hew Crawford to Robert Ferguson, secretary to the duke of 

Hamilton, complaining of their oppression by their magistrates, 

and sending a list of their grievances.  [5522].

5522.  [1708, November 22]

Memorial of the grievances of the burgh of Ayr, 

complaining their financial burdens.


[The duke of Atholl] to [his mother-in-law Anne, duchess 

of Hamilton], hoping that his daughter Katherine has recovered 

from her illness, and describing his attempts to persuade Lady 

Mary Hamilton to order her son to go to the church and not to 

the meeting house, in accordance with the duchess's wishes.
1708, December 27. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he has spoken to the earl of Dundonald [about his marriage plans] as desired, and asking her to write reminding the duke of Hamilton of the latter's promise to enquire into the treatment of certain prisoners.

1708/9, January 1. Edinburgh.

The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, remarking that there now seems to be hope that there will be an inquiry into the treatment of the Scots prisoners.

1708/9, January 6. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, promising to send him lists of those thought fit to be commissioners of the peace in Clydesdale.


[The duke of Atholl] to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the health of his children and himself.


The earl of Linlithgow to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking permission for a brother of Lord Errol to be buried in the Abbey Church.


[The duke of Atholl] to [his mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that he is busy consulting lawyers about Stormont's claims to Falkland, and mentioning that he witnessed the contract for the secret marriage between Mary Houston and Mr. Douglas of Cavers.


[The duke of Hamilton] to his brother [ ], mentioning the impending appointment of Queensberry as [secretary of state] and complaining about his own unsatisfactory position.
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6031. 1708/9, January 11. London.

[One of duke of Hamilton's brothers] to his brother [ ], describing his search for lodgings for his correspondent, remarking upon rumours of Queensberry being made secretary of state, and referring to recent business done in the house of lords.


John Bannatyne to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to speak in the writer's favour to the new governor of the Barbados. [With cover]

8002. 1708/9, January 20. London.

[? Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving news of the harsh censure on a printed paper for taking away the Sacramental Test.

8034. 1708/9, January 22. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his brother [Selkirk or Orkney?], giving news of his opposition to Queensberry voting as duke of Dover.

7953. 1708/9, January 27. London.

The duke of Hamilton to his brother [ ], hoping that the latter will reach London safely. There have been great debates about the duke of Dover voting as a duke of Britain, which has been refused.

7844. 1708/9, January 29. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Annandale has been brought in to the house of Lords and Lothian turned out.


[The duke of Atholl] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking her permission to propose a match between his son Tullibardine and the duchess of Buccleuch's daughter, Lady Isabella, and hoping to visit her shortly.
5572. 1708/9, February 5. London.

[? Lord Archibald Hamilton] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the duke of Hamilton's failure to secure a government post and the proposal to replace the election of 16 peers to represent Scotland by a system of rotation.

5576. 1708/9, February 15. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that Sir George Weir will call upon his grace to find out the latter's resolutions concerning the teinds of Litlekype, and discussing some other minor legal matters.

7246. 1708/9, February 17. London.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining of his ill treatment at Court, and giving an account of the acts presently before parliament. [With cover].


Daniel Mean to Robert Wylie, minister of the gospel at Hamilton, hoping that, since his glebe has been found to measure only 2½ acres, the duchess [of Hamilton] will give orders to add to it.

8001. 1708/9, February 22. London.

[? Lord Archibald Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], mentioning parliament's debate about the payment of premiums and drawbacks due by the exportation of fish and flesh cured with foreign salt imported before the Union. Although the writer is eager to make a certain purchase in Scotland, he is in considerable financial difficulties.

7992. 1708/9, March 1. Edinburgh.

[The duke of Atholl] to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for her inquiries about his health and promising to wait upon her as soon as he is better. [With cover].
Lady Margaret Hope to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the health of herself and her son Hadinton, who is in urgent need of milk, which her grace could perhaps lend them.

[The duke of Hamilton] to [one of his brothers?], giving an account of the debate in the house of commons that day.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], hoping that she will soon recover from her gout, and promising to visit her soon. The only news from Edinburgh is that it is thought by some that the treason bill will be rejected in the house of commons.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], in favour of William Smith of Breuster.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising not to marry again without first seeking her grace's advice.

[Only the signature in his own hand]

Elizabeth Hay to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking for her grace's help as the writer's husband has been ill for many months, and she will not even have enough money to pay for his burial.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her again that he is to go to Flanders with the earl of Orkney.

James Steuart to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving an account of his conversation with the lord justice clerk about the circuits and what place the bailies of regalities should have there.

1709, May 28. Castle of Aran.

William Cochrane to David Crawford, enclosing an account of the funeral expenses of Mr. James McLea [5591] and explaining that the bearer, who is the latter's brother, hopes to be given some money by the duchess of Hamilton.

1709, May 28.

Account of Funerall Expenses for Mr. James McLea, preacher at Lochransey, 1708, amounting to £210-16-8.

1709, June 2. Paslay.

The earl of Dundonald to his [grand]mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, promising to visit her the following week with his wife and two children. [With cover].


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to how the prospects of a place have disappeared, and criticising his brother the duke's desire to have a certain sheriffship for himself.


[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton] explaining that he had suggested his servant as a successor to William Hamilton because he had thought that her grace had changed her mind about Porterfield, and justifying his failure to tell her that he had made further application for Châteleurault on the grounds that he expected nothing to come of it.

Mr. Archibald Hamilton of Dalserf, advocate to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, sending her a memorial concerning her right and privileges of the regality of Hamilton[10,034] and a protestation for the bailie of the regality. [10,035]
The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he intends to leave for Blair on the following day, in the hope of there recovering his health, and suggesting that his daughters might be sent to him there.

The earl of Dundonald to his [grand]mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her his proposals to the duke of Montrose about a financial matter.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving news of his family's health and hoping that 'your grace goes often abroad in the rolling chaire since it is uneasie to you to walk'.

Anthony Ellisco to Mr. Ferguson [the duke of Hamilton's secretary], thanking him for his kindness to the writer's son, whom he wishes to seek a new master.

James Hamilton to [? Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising to make inquiries about John Hamilton's paper, and mentioning that he has been in correspondence with 'my Lord Duke' [? of Hamilton] about a certain nomination, together with other matters.

John, earl of Ruglen to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the duke of Hamilton's purchase of Clockmill, and telling her that John Hamilton the porter says that the duke of Athole is removing all his goods from the abbey. He therefore asks her grace to grant them to the writer instead. In a postscript he gladly accepts the offer of those rooms.
1709, July 12. Camp before Tournay.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother], giving an account of the siege of Tournay, which is still in progress.

(1709, July 12) (London.
(1709, August 9) (Edinburgh.

List of queries sent by [the duke of Hamilton] from London to [John Hamilton] at Kinneill, asking why the persons sent down to find a site for a new dock on the Forth did not go to Bo'ness, why the dragoons left Kinneill Park, what is being done to get the £100 from Dr. Scott, and other such queries, together with the answers of the recipient.

1709, July 15. Camp before Tournay.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother the earl of Selkirk], giving the latest news of the siege of Tournay. [With cover]


David Crawford to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that he has complained to the chief baron about the omission of her grace's name from the list of fees and pensions.


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the fermes about which he inquired have now all been sold, and inquiring about his grace's legal affairs.

1709, August 2. Edinburgh.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the sale of his grace's meal and coals, promising to do what he can to raise money for the duke, and concluding by discussing rumours that Seafield and Argyle are to join the squadron.
8125. 1709, August 4. London.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the lord treasurer [Godolphin] has promised to pay her grace whatever is due to her as keeper of Holyroodhouse. The duke of Hamilton has spoken to the treasurer about Châteleurault, and thinks that her grace should make over the interest in it to her eldest son.

8076. 1709, August 5. Camp before Tournay

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother ], announcing that the hostilities still continue although there are negotiations taking place for a peace treaty.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the sale of his grace's meal, passing on Rosehall's request for a discharge of his bond, and criticising the marquis of Clydesdale's upbringing.

8077. 1709, August 8. Camp at Orchy.

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his brother ?the earl of Selkirk], telling him of a company of Prussians killed when a mine exploded.

5555. 1709, August 11. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a list of the money owed by the tenants [5532 and 5533] and the answers to his grace's queries [5531], declaring that money is very short, and telling him that William Wilson, the duke of Argyle's former huntsman is now free to be keeper of the parks of Hamilton.

5532. [1709, August 11]

Account of revenues from the barony of Kinneill for 1708, signed by John Hamilton.

5533. [1709, August 11]

'Account of Victuall Resting of the Baronie of Kinneill Cropt 1708' - in all 135 bolls, 1 firlot, 2 pecks, comprising meal, oats, peas, malt and flour.
8078. 1709, August 12. Camp at Orchy.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [? the earl of Selkirk], anunciing that the king of France has refused to surrender the citadel on 5 September.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to send on the money from James Crawford as soon as he receives it, regretting that it is difficult to find money for his grace at present, and referring to rumours that the duke of Queensberry is to demit in his grace's favour.


Lieutenant-General William Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his protection.

6523. 1709, August 20. London.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, regretting that she cannot relieve him in his present financial difficulties, which are occasioned by the expense of his lawsuit. He sees no reason why she should not assign to him any benefits which may result from their claim to Châteleurault. [With cover]


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that there will be a delay in sending his coals, as the ship they hoped to load them on is already fully freighted by merchants, nor can he send on more than a bill for £100 sterling at present. As for news, Carstairs of Kinnoucher failed to appear for his duel with Lord Anstruther, and John Hamilton, the clerk of Borroustouness, has died.

5568. 1709, August 26. Blair.

[The duke of Atholl] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], expressing his intention of visiting her during September, when he will also see his daughters.
5548. 1709, August 27. Edinburgh.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him bills for £100 sterling, asking what he should say to Major Guest, and referring to Arniston's duel with Carbistone.

5592. 1709, September 13 N.S. from the field of Battle.

[Copy] Lord Oliphant to Dr. Oliphant, physician in London, describing the battle [of Malplaquet].


John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that the delay in sending his grace his cons was due to no fault of the writer or his colleagues but was because a ship has not yet been found to carry them, and mentioning his negotiations with Major Guest, to whom he hopes to sell hay.

8141. 1709, September 7. Stamford.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to news of the great victory in Flanders, where there has been great loss of life although his brothers Orkney [and Lord Archibald] are well.


John, earl of Ruglen to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking for news of how his brothers do in Flanders.

5488. 1709, September 13. from the field of Battle.

[Copy] Lord Oliphant to Beeton Oliphant, giving an account of Malplaquet, where 'poor Tullibardin is killed and not above four officers of his regiment safe', and attributing the victory to the actions of the earl of Orkney.

7004. 1709, September 13. Cliefden.

Elizabeth, countess of Orkney to her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, enclosing a letter from her husband.
5588. 1709, September 16. Camp att the Abby De Belian.

[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of the recent victory over the French, the earl of Orkney and Lord Archibald Hamilton both having participated in the battle, and listing 6 men killed and 5 wounded.


[? The earl of Selkirk] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he has just arrived in Edinburgh on the way to Hamilton, mentioning that his brother Archibald is at Aix-la-Chapelle and the earl of Orkney at the siege of Mons, and referring to the death of Lord Tullibardine, the writer's nephew.


The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], in reply to her letter of condolence on the death of his son, the marquis of Tullibardine.


[The duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing the birth of his son on the previous day. The campaign in Flanders seems now to be at an end, and as for home affairs there is talk of nominating new commissioners of the peace.

7264. 1709, October 17. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, remarking that it seems as if the French army means to make 'quelque effort' that winter, judging by the news from abroad, and referring to some changes in the government. [with cover.]

8045. 1709, October 17. Cliefden.

Elizabeth, countess of Orkney to her mother[-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the writer's husband hopes to be in Rotterdam by the end of the week, so there will be no more action that year.
7258. 1709, October 20. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the birth of a son [Anne].


John Robertson, laird of Ernoch, to [the duke of Hamilton], recommending to him the bearer, Colonel Nickelson.

5556. 1709, November 1. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his wine will be given back if his grace give security for the queen's dues, although it may be difficult to send it to London as no transire will be given, and warning him to get Robert Stidman to clear his accounts before he leaves the duke's service. He also mentions that Lord Seafield has gone to London 'in full expectation ... of being secretary in Queensberry's place'.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that 20 chalders of his coals have now been loaded on to a ship which waits only for a convoy to Newcastle. He also mentions that the coal works are in a satisfactory condition.

7266. 1709, November 4. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that 'all the fine things you were named to are turned to shadows', referring to the inconsiderable rents collected by David Crawford on his visit to Arran, and emphasising his desire to have certain lodgings at Holyrood. He also mentions the death of their sister-in-law, Lord Archibald's wife. [With cover]


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing surprise at his grace's orders for the shipping of ten or sixteen more chalders of coal, reporting that the commissioner for foraging is willing to give forty pennies for each stone of the duke's hay, and reporting that Herron has made abundant profit on the sale of cattle in Lancashire.
5564. 1709, November 10. Dysart.

Lord St. Clair to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his fruitless attempts to persuade the earl of Rothes to support Abercrombie, and advising him to write to the earl direct.

5553. 1709, November 17. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to send him a memorial concerning Millhall's offers [unspecified] and to get a writ of apprising for his grace's wine on the following day.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, expecting to hear of some changes in the government now that parliament has met and Marlborough returned.

[With cover.]

5560. 1709, November 19.

W. Cochran of Killmaronock to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to do what he can to have Colonel Abercrombie elected, and mentioning that the duke of Atholl has recently been at Hamilton.


Letters royal of Queen Anne to her beloved cousin, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, requiring her to give the earl of Dunmore possession of that apartment in Holyroodhouse formerly occupied by the marquis of Annandale.

[Superscribed by the queen, signed by Queensberry.]


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], complaining of the family's lack of interest at Court since he cannot obtain the lodgings he would like at Holyrood and wishing that their disposal were in the hands of the heritable keeper [his mother] as is the case at Stirling. Similarly, he fears that Lord Archibald will fail to obtain a regiment.
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5561. 1709, November 22. Edinburgh.

The marquis of Annandale to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining about his own 'mad wife and a rebellious, obstinat and disobedient son prompted by his mother to the last degree of foolie and madness'.

5557. 1709, November 22. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that he will delay making a positive arrangement to sell the hay until about Christmas, when he will have some idea of the price in the area, and reporting that about 36 chalders of coals are being sent to London for him. Robert Stidman is to be criticised for going to London to clear his accounts. As for public affairs, they hear that peace is as good as concluded.

5566. 1709, November 23. Dunkeld.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], insisting that his daughter Susan be sent to Mrs. Douglas, of whom his late wife approved, and not to Mrs. Williamson, of whom he knows nothing.


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a memorial about 'Milhall's affair', reporting that he has taken out a writ of appraisement for his grace's wine, and telling him of Mr. Leith's gift of a barrel of salt salmon.

8477- 1709, November 28.
8555. 1712, September 27.

8477-8555 = 71 letters from Humphrey Perry and 7 from Thomas Palmer discussing matters relating to the 4th duke of Hamilton's finances and tenants in Staffordshire.

[The contents of each is summarised on the back of the letter in a contemporary hand].


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to do what he can concerning Colonel Abercrombie's election for the district of Dysart.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Newbiging will do all he can to have Colonel Abercrombie elected, though it may be no easy matter.

7268. 1709, December 5. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, describing how the writer's tenants in Crawford declare that they cannot pay their rents 'since the sheep skins and wool will give no price since the Union that the exportations is prohibit'. He therefore wishes that parliament would allow the export of skins. He declares that he was not so surprised as others by the duke's choice of a name for his new son [Anne], and asks for news of politics. [With cover]


John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that Colonel Abercrombie is likely to be elected.


W. Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing Clova's pursuit against the duke and Lamington, and Mylnhall's claim to multures from the mill in Polmont.


John Dickson to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that for twelve years he has been 'book-keeper and comptant to the good toune of Edinburgh'.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, giving some news of his grace's children and asking for the particulars of Lord Dumbarton [their uncle], having changed his religion. [With cover]


Thomas Thomson, tailor in the Canongate, to the duke of Hamilton, asking for payment of the balance of his late brother's account.
1709, December 23. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, disagreeing with his grace's opinion that peace is not far off, but approving of his correspondence with Princess Zartorisky and Madam la grande Maréshall Belinsky.

1709, December 24. Hamilton.

The duke of Hamilton to [ ], announcing that Lord Macklesfield is critically ill but has done all he can to disappoint Lord Mohun and that Mr. Orby has been made lessee of the three demains of Gousworth, Halsall and Odford.


John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], promising to see to his affairs and referring to the recent but apparently groundless rumours of his correspondent coming into great favour and having the prospect of great posts.


David Denoone to Mr. Robert Ferguson, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, sending his bill to be presented to the duke of Hamilton, and asking for payment [5540].


'Duke of Hamilton his Grace's account to David Denune Sadler', for saddles, curry brushes etc., £49.16.6. being due.


James Menteith of Milhall to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining why he has raised a declarator of thirlage against the vassals of the lands astricted to the mills of Polmont.

1709, December 27.

R.F. [the countess of Forfar] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him again to 'inquire into that poor youth's conduct [her son's] and severly reprehend what you find amiss in it'.
5585. 1709, December 27.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the arrangements to have Colonel Abercrombie elected for Dysart, in opposition to the earl of Rothes's candidate.

7915. 1709, December 27. Nairne.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing various family matters.

5562. 1709, December 27. Dysart.

Lord St. Clair to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his efforts to have Colonel Abercrombie elected.


The countess of Southerland to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, thanking her for ordering that the wrights be given a room to work in other than that under the one where the writer lies.


[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that Colonel Abercrombie is sure to be elected.


Provost J. Glen to [ ], describing how the duke of Hamilton's coalhewers have refused to work because they can get neither meal nor money from Robert Steedman, and suggesting that his grace appoint Finlay McGibbon to have management of his casual rent.

8087. 1709/10, January 20. Holyroodhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], stating that he has passed on her grace's command to Penkaitland.

[David Crawford] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the claims for money of 'Clova's people', and describing the recent disturbances caused by Sir George Weir of Blackwood at the church of Lesmahagow.


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a memorial [5613] asking for a certain position [unspecified in the letter].

5613. 1709/10, January 29.

Memorial by John Hamilton of Udstone to [the duke of Hamilton], asking to be kept on in the new establishment of the customs.


Elizabeth Hay to Mr. Robert Ferguson, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, asking that his grace may support her claim for money.


John Robertone [of Ernock] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Colonel St Cailor will bring 'four of the Grand Satchimes out of the five nations of our freindly Indians' to his grace's lodgings should he wish to see them, and asking the duke to continue to advance the writer's interest.

8131. 1709/10, February 2. Holyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he is surprised not to have heard from London about the 'hott worke [likely to be] in the house of comons about the preserving the liberties of parliament by hindering the officers from being members'. There are rumours that Marlborough is much dissatisfied, has retired to Windsor and 'insists now that Mrs. Masum be remouved from the Queens persone'.

J. Dudley to [the duke of Hamilton?], wishing that the queen would send him a fleet to remove the French and Indians from Canada.


Sam Vetch to [the duke of Hamilton?], introducing to him Colonel Schyler and 'the Indian Ambassadours', in the belief that their 'aspect as well as painted skins will be not a little admired through all Europe', and urging him to assert his claim to his American lands.


The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, stating that in obedience to her commands, he has informed himself about Lady Scott.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining why more money cannot be raised from the coal and saltworks, and discussing the leasing out of his grace's parks.

1709/10, February 15. Innes House.

James Innes to [the duke of Hamilton], on behalf of his cousin George Innes, a lieutenant in the earl of Orkney's regiment, who deserves promotion.

1709/10, February 17. Edinburgh.

William Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, declaring that he has been truly industrious in trying to reconcile Mr. Leikis and Cathcart.

1709/10, February 25. Borrostounnes.

Alexander Glasfurd, skipper, to Mr. Robert Ferguson, secretary to the duke of Hamilton, describing the port's need for new ships, and inquiring about a rumoured act of parliament allowing the purchase of ships from Holland.
7040. 1709/10, February 27. Huntingtower.

The duke of Atholl to [his mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that he is going north to Dunkeld then to Blair [Atholl] to see about his correspondent's affair. He asks her grace's advice about allowing his daughter Susan to go to the public dancing school, and mentions that his son George comes home from school every weekend while the writer is at Huntingtower.


Charles, earl of Selkirk to Mrs. Montgomery, hoping to be at Hamilton soon.


Charles, earl of Selkirk to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], assuring her that he has said all he could to his brother the duke of Hamilton to persuade him to insist no longer on their mother resigning to him her interest of Châtelherault.

8042. 1709/10, March 2. London.

[Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother [ ], discussing the trial of Dr. Sachervell.


[Lady Christian Bruce] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her of Sir William Bruce's kindness to the writer before his death, and recommending Lady Charlotte [Ross]'s husband as porter at Holyrood. [Last pages missing]


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing two precepts.

8407. 1709/10, March 4. Dunkeld.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the laird of Weems offers a dowry of £1000 or 20,000 merks with his sister, and would leave the provisions for the children to the duke. The earl of Breadalbane and some of the writer's relations and neighbours are, however, doing all they can to prevent him from marrying the lady.
8110. 1709/10, March 7. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the earl of Selkirk?], wishing that their mother would resign her interest in Châtelherault to her eldest son, the duke of Hamilton, although he does not really believe that they will ever get one farthing out of it.

5627. 1709/10, March 10. O.S. Cambrelis [in Spain].

James Muirhead to the duke of Hamilton, asking his grace's support in his attempt to secure the place left vacant by the death of Captain Alexander Milne.

5573. 1709/10, March 11. London.

[? Lord Archibald Hamilton] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], describing the recent debates in parliament with regard to the question of whether all prosecutions by indictment must be expressed in such information or indictment.

[The end of the letter missing.]

6524. 1709/10, March 11. London.

[The duke of Hamilton] to his brother [ ], referring to Sachervell's tedious trial and announcing that the writer's son, Lord William, has smallpox.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for instructions about Robert Steidman's accounts, the 3000 bolls of salt paid to Bailie Gordon, the forthcoming elections and the disposal of his grace's coal.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that many people in town are pleased with the turn that Dr. Sachervell's affair seems likely to take, and desiring a commission to clear Robert Steidman's accounts.
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Alexander McDowall of Corachtrie to [the duke of Hamilton], asking that a young relative of his may inherit the late John Hamilton's place as his grace's porter at Holyroodhouse.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing two bills, and discussing his grace's financial affairs.


[The duke of Atholl] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that he has been very busy as everyone has been taken up with the trial of Dr. Sachervell.

5634. 1709/10, March 22. O.S. Cambrilis. [in Spain]

James Murhead to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that he has been given neither of the vacant positions in the earl of Dalhousie's regiment [see 5627], and asking his grace to use his influence to stop the commissions of the two officers chosen.

5625. 1710, April 7. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that Robert Steidman's accounts have been delayed, and announcing that he will soon go to Kinneall to see the tenants about their tacks.

5624. 1710, April 11. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the tacksmen of Polmont have given over the coal, and that Rankin does no good with the moor which he leased from the duke.

5606. 1710, April 11. Dysert.

[Copy] Lord St. Clair to [the duke of Hamilton], expressing his satisfaction with Sir James Abercrombie.
5605. 1710, April 14

John Baillie, surgeon at Edinburgh, to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to order payment of the money owed to Bailie Warander, and also of the writer's pension of coals 'as I used to get to warme Jeanie and the bairns'.

8008. 1710, April 15. Barnton.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], enclosing a 'Memorial concerning the state of the call for a Minister to the Church of Cramond' and explaining how he has been extremely ill used by the synod in this affair.

[Memorial also numbered 8008]

8003. 1710, April 27. Edinburgh.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that the general assembly is to be petitioned about Cramond.


[James Hamilton] to Mr. David Crawford, secretary to the duchess of Hamilton, reporting that there has been a committee of council appointed to re-examine Haynes and Buckley, and that various gifts have recently passed through the treasury.


William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Sir George Weir probably expects his grace to put a stop to the trial in his affair with Birkhill.


John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining about the general assembly's treatment of the Cramond affair.


Patrick Steele to [the duke of Hamilton], on behalf of his son 'on whom I bestowed much money ... in breding him a marchant'.

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James Hamilton of Pencaitland to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing Mr. Thomas Hamilton's disposition and the duke of Hamilton's lawsuit against Lord Mohun.

5640. 1700, May 29. Boston, New England

Robert Armstrong to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has agreed with the surveyor 'to survey what lands your grace hath on this continent', and that he has obliged the man 'to keep it private otherwise our lives would be in danger'.

7272. 1710, June 2. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, remarking that the French do not seem to intend a battle until they see what success King Philip has had in Spain. [With cover]


[John Hamilton ] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Castlecarrie has promised to look out all the papers he has concerning the Hamiltons or Châtelherault, and that Milhall is still anxious to see certain papers in the Kinneil charter chest. [See 5598]


James Menteith of Milhall to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for the key of the charter chest at Kinneill to be sent down to one of his grace's agents who could then deliver to the writer some old writs of Polmont which he wishes to see.


John Bannantyne to the duke of Hamilton, asking to be recommended to the earl of Orkney, whom he hears has received the queen's commission to be governor of Jamaica.

The countess of Southerland to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to inform the queen that the writer has received no payment for her jointure lands of St. Ann's yards.

[Only the signature in her own hand.]

8621-8667. 1710, June 14 - 1712, September 24.

46 letters from William Hamilton at Tirley Castle to the 4th duke of Hamilton, discussing his grace's lands and tenants in England.

9778. 1710, June 22. Castle of Aran

William Smith to the laird of Kaims in Bute, asking him to deliver to John Hamilton, boatman in Arran, the slates ordered on behalf of Anne, duchess of Hamilton [for her new brewhouse. See 532/3].


The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, promising to send copies of the bonds of provision he is to make for his children.


The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending her a letter he has received from his son Tullibardine, and one of the bonds of provision for his children for her approval.


[Susan, Lady Yester] to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining the delay in speaking to her grace about Mrs. Lockhart's business. [With cover.]

6012. 1710, June 27. Holyrudhouse.

[? The earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to his brother-in-law the duke of Atholl's remarriage which has been much criticised, and discussing Lady Enterken's case.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that the duke of Atholl is hurt to hear of her grace's disapproval of his choice of a second wife, especially as the duchess had agreed that he should remarry, taking a young bride. He and the duke have had long discussions about the provisions made for Atholl's children of his first wife [the writer's sister], and have reached a surprisingly satisfactory conclusion thanks to 'flattery and faire words' by the writer. He has also been introduced to the new duchess, who behaved very well and seems no fool. [With cover]

8089. 1710, June 29. Holyrudhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the duke of Atholl's plans to provide for his younger children.

5631. 1710, June 29. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to write to Lord Kinnaird, who has not turned Roman Catholic as was suggested by current rumours. As to the likelihood of an election, his grace should warn his friends to enter into no engagements until matters are clearer. He goes on to discuss the leasing of the Polmont coals and the collection of the two pennies on the pint, and concludes by discussing his grace's financial affairs and enclosing an account [5632] and a memorandum [5633].

5632. [1710, June 29]

'Accompt of mony remitted to his Grace the Duke of Hamilton by John Hamilton wryter to the signet', amounting to £369-11-2½.

5633. [1710, June 29]

Memorandum to Mr. John Hamilton, from Finlay Mcgibbon, advising that the duke of Hamilton have one of the queen's officers at Bo'ness collect the twopence per pint.


Mr. Patrick Leeth, advocate, to [the duke of Hamilton], condemning the laird of Kinnaird's intention to change his religion 'by taking himself to a monastick life', and referring to the great hopes of a new parliament.

William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the coming trial of 'the prisoner Smith'.

5599. 1710, July 20. 'Suffolk' at Leghorne Road.

Captain William Clevland to the duke of Hamilton, complaining about the sullen and haughty behaviour of Lord Tullibardine, who has departed from the 'Suffolk', claiming that his father has sent for him. He adds a copy of Tullibardine's letter desiring his discharge.


Testimonial by John Atkinson, moderator, and Caleb Threlkeld, scribe, ministers of Cumberland, stating that Mr. James Paul 'is sound in judgement and sober in life'.

[Enclosed with 5636]

5602. 1710, July 26. Lancaster.

J. Bentley to [the duke of Hamilton], on behalf of one Holland, who has been arrested for speaking some treasonable words.


L. Carlile to the duke of Hamilton, recommending Mr. Wiltshire, minister of his parish, as one of his grace's chaplains.

7541. 1710, August 2. Nevis.

Peter Buor to [the duke of Hamilton?], on behalf of Lieutenant-General Hamilton.

5637. 1710, August 3. Langledele on Teas-river.

Petition by James Paul, preacher in Langledele, to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking for financial aid for himself and his people, and reminding her grace that 'the old persecuted ministers in Scotland found most kind entertainment' in that area in the past.

[Enclosed with 5636]
1710, August 4. Barnard Castle.

James Paul to the Reverend Mr. Alexander Finlater, minister of the gospel in Hamilton, enclosing a supplication to the duchess of Hamilton [5637], together with a testimonial [5638].

1710, August 15. Edinburgh.

Sir Andrew Kennedy of Clowburn to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to serve his grace in the election of a commissioner for Lanarkshire, recommending Pencaitland as a successor to Lauderdale, and hoping to lay his own grievances before the queen, with his grace's help.

1710, August 15. Edinburgh.

David Watson to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for speaking in the writer's favour to the earl of Dartmouth, and announcing the death of the earl of Lauderdale.

1710, August 15. Edinburgh Customhouse.

L. Norman, commissioner of the customs, to [the duke of Hamilton], mentioning his survey of the part of Burrostone, and announcing his intention of discussing with the duke a better accommodation for shipping there and the regulation of the coal measure.

1710, August 31. Huntingtower.

The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing his sorrow at the news that his daughter Katharine is dying [at Hamilton], and asking that his daughter Susan return to Huntingtower so that she may not be infected with her sister's disease. [With cover]

1710, September 2.

[Copy] Declaration by Robert Fleeming and his wife, Barbara Steill, to the effect that they counterfeited several 20 shilling notes of the bank of Scotland and passed them to various persons. [See 5772]

[The original signed by Mr. Archibald Hamilton of Dalserf, sheriff depute of Lanark]

[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his grace's niece, Lady Katherine Murray, has died of scarlet fever and her sister Susan is ill of the same disease. He also gives news of the arrest of a woman and her husband who have been passing counterfeit banknotes.


The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], expressing relief at the news of his daughter Susan's recovery from a fever.

5648. 1710, September 15. Philorth.

Lord Saltoun to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the forthcoming elections and remarking that 'withall I cannot be satisfied to see that your grace should yett have use for ane elction to that which is dew to your own ... great famaly'.

8079. 1710, September 18.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], expressing his obligations to her for her kindness.

5643. 1710, September 27. Redbereas Castle.

The earl of Marchmont to the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his favours to the writer's son-in-law, Jarviswood, and asking him to support the latter in his attempt to be elected as member of parliament for his shire.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that if his grace sees Provost Oswald of Kirkcaldy in time, there is a good chance that the latter may be persuaded not to oppose Colonel Abercrombie [as commissioner for Dysart]. He therefore advises the duke to return quickly to Scotland.

[? James Abercrombie] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Carnwath and his other friends are of the opinion that 'you would do more for yourself sitting in Holyroodhouse than in St. James's square hearkening to amusements', and mentioning that Captain Oswald has been elected provost of Kirkcaldy.

6010. [c1710?], October 4. Huntingtower.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing his arrival in Perthshire, and asking her grace's advice about sending his son George to Mr. London, regent in Glasgow.

5649. 1710, October 6. Broadwater.

William Wade to the duke of Hamilton, describing the burgh election at Steyning, and recommending a friend who would like gain a position in the customs or excise.

7084. [1710], October 7. London.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to [her husband the duke of Hamilton], sending him some papers and telling him that his children are well.

5641. 1710, October 9. Rochester.

W. [? Tumper] to the duke of Hamilton, informing him that on receipt of his grace's letter, he immediately discharged from the 'Royal Sovereign' William Waldoe, who has now gone to Borrowstonnesse.

5650. 1710, October 9. Whitehall.

Charles Burniston to the duke of Hamilton, sending his good wishes.

6188. 1710, October 10.

The earl of Dundonald to [his grandmother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], excusing himself for having visited her grace so little that summer, and asking her to write to Sir Charles Hay in favour of Colonel Stewart.
7085. [1710], October 10. London.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the queen has gone to Windsor.

5615. 1710, October 10.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that the Tories have gained a considerable majority in the current elections, and noting down some of the results.

5653. 1710, October 10. London.

William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing some of his grace's minor legal affairs, and enclosing a copy of Robert Harley's letter to the duchess. [5654].

5654. [1710, October 10]

Robert Harley to [Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton], promising to give the duke's letter to the queen.

7086. [1710], October 12. London.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her husband, the duke of Hamilton, begging him not to dispose of himself to any party yet and not to listen too much to the advice of his own family 'who have I must say ever been too fond of themselves and too little of you'.

5614. 1710, October 12.

[Gavin Mason] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has inquired about the progress of his grace's patent for Lancashire.

5651. 1710, October 12. London.

William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his conversation with Mr. Robins about some legal matter, congratulating his grace on being made lord lieutenant of Lancashire, which has, however, depressed the Squadrone.

5629. 1710, October 17. Annapolis Royall.

Colonel Samuel Vetch to the duke of Hamilton, recommending the bearer, Major Robertson [of Ernock].
1710, October 18. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], acknowledging his letter from Lochwood and giving some family news.

1710, October 18. Kirkaldie.

James Oswald to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself from waiting upon his grace at the time appointed, on the grounds that he had been delayed by business.


The duke of Atholl to [his mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her of his letter to the queen assuring her majesty of his support, and giving some minor items of family news.

1710, October 31. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], recommending to his attention Lady Enterkin's affair.

[Written out for her; only the signature in her own hand]


[David Crawford] to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that the earl of Selkirk has arrived safely in town and was seen by Dr. Pittcairn.


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[George, earl of Orkney] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, discussing the choosing of [? representative peers]. He sends her a list of those [also 8111] whom he thinks will be nominated, remarking that it seems that those are favoured by the dukes of Argyll and Hamilton.
7967. [1710], November 16.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that he is now busy preparing for his journey to London as he has been chosen as one of the representative peers. He asks her advice about seeking the hand of the duchess of Buccleuch's daughter for his son, though he himself would prefer one of the earl of Derby's sisters. The writer is now reconciled with the duke of Hamilton.


Determination by the earls of Mar and Seafield, and Lord Fraser, in favour of Lady Henrietta Erskine.

[Signed by Seafield and Fraser; witnessed by John Philp and James Robertson] [See 5657]


George, earl of Orkney to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that the queen seemed well pleased with Scottish affairs when he and his brother the duke saw her on the previous day. The election of the Scots peers is much spoken of in town.


William Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that he has written to the sheriff clerk for certain bank notes.


James Abercromby to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to persuade the earl of Mar to sign a determination giving the writer's wife an annual rent of £1,000 Scots.

2632. [1710], November 30. Paisley.

Alexander Symmers to [ ], giving him news of the death of Lady Dundonald, which 'has left my poor lord inconsolable'.


Robert Armstrong to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that he has, 'with a great deal of difficulty, surveyed your lands comprehended in your grant in Connecticut and Rhod Island'. He has sent the resulting map with Major Roberton. He details his expenses, and concludes that his grace owes him £74-10 sterling.
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5623. 1710. December 18 8 N.S.

Hans Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his financial difficulties and referring himself entirely to the duke's protection.


Lady Susan Murray to her grandmother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that she and her parents have arrived safely in London.

5616. 1710, December 23. Banf

Lord Beniffe to [the duke of Hamilton], reminding him that he has promised to obtain for the writer a pension of £200 as a reward for voting with him.

5712. 1710/11, January 2. Edinburgh.

J. Ramsay to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he is now the representative of his late cousin, the earl of Dalhousie, and asking the duke's assistance in 'procuring the earle of Dalhousie his company since by all appearance the estate goes to the heirs whatsomever'.


James Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, recommending to his favour the writer's son William, who has been apprenticed to a surgeon and is coming to London to seek his fortune.

5771. 1710/11, January 5. Hamilton.

David Crawford to [the duke of Hamilton], recommending on the duchess of Hamilton's behalf the bearer, William Hamilton, son of the laird of Aikenhead. [See 5743]


William Hamilton to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Sir George Weir is surprised at her insisting on an improbation and declarator of non-entry as to the lands of Litlekype which he purchased from Sir David [? Thoirs].

The earl of Carnwath to [the duke of Hamilton], on behalf of his brother, who is an ensign in the earl of Orkney's regiment.


[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a memorandum about the manufactory at Hamilton [5770], and declaring that the site at Leith will be preferred because it reduces transport charges, although the undertakers should be obliged to continue at Hamilton since the duchess has given them free premises and equipment for the past four years.


Memorandum by [David Crawford] describing how a sail cloth manufactory was set up at Hamilton, but suffered from competition from the Leith branch until the latter was burned down. As the English partners are seeking help for the rebuilding of the Leith manufactory, he suggests that his grace agitate for the continuance of the work at Hamilton too.


Walter Cornwall to the duke of Hamilton, complaining that his son has been turned out of the place in the customs at Borrowstounness secured for him by the duke, and asking that he now be made collector there if Balgounie is promoted to be one of the commissioners of customs. If this is impossible, he could perhaps be made lieutenant of Blackness Castle.


Lady Elizabeth Kinnaird to the duke of Hamilton, asking to see justice done to her and her son, Lord Aboyne, when their appeal comes before parliament.


Sir David Dalrymple to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that his brother-in-law has been dismissed from his post of collector of customs for Prestonpans, to make way for his grace's candidate, John Hamilton.


[ ] McIlvanie to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on the advancement of his affairs, and declaring that he depends upon his grace 'for everything that may help to retrieve a poor gentleman'.


Lord Belhaven to [the duke of Hamilton], asking whether or not he should go to London, and requesting his help in procuring one of the companies in the army in Spain.

1710/11, January 13.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring himself to be 'the oldest lieutenant colonel either in the Englesh or Scots foot Guards', and asking for promotion.

1710/11, January 15. Castelfraser.

Lord Fraser to [the duke of Hamilton], asking his grace to procure him the liberty to dispose of his commission and have him preferred to one of the new regiments.

1710/11, January 17.

The countess of Abercorn to the duke of Hamilton, asking his support in her attempts to secure a position as justice.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he and Pencaitland are still going through Mr. Crafurd's accounts. The squadron and Whigs have been much alarmed by the house of lords' resolutions concerning the affairs of Spain.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for his instructions about the examination of James Crafurd's accounts.

[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, adding to his earlier letter [5715] the information that Provost Glenn is willing to take a year's tack of the twopence on the pint of ale.


John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to nominate Pencaitland as successor to Lord Enstruther, who is not expected to live until morning, and then to procure the writer a commission to be clerk to Pencaitland.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that Lord Enstruther died on the previous afternoon, and reminding him of his previous suggestions about this. [5715]. He also advises his grace to accept Provost Glen's offers for the tack of the twopence on a pint of ale, and for the purchase of the lands of Kingsles.

5708. 1710/11, January 30.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter from Colonel John Hamilton, and suggesting that he write to Lord Dalhousie, who now appears to be 'intearely ane creature of your graces'.

5819. [c1710/11, January 31]

'Account of the charge of the two penys on the pytnt of ale for the years 1708 and 1709'.

[Written out by John Hamilton.] [See 5717.]


Patrick Abercromby to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to accept two copies of the book he has just written, which he has dedicated to his grace.

[Enclosed in this letter is a printed receipt, signed by Abercromby, for 10/- sterling, the payment of a subscription for The Martial Achievements of the Scots Nation, to be delivered on Whitsunday 1710]

James Dundas to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to speak to the duke of Argyle on the writer's behalf, in the hope that he may go with Argyle to Spain. [Torn]


James Graham to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to close his grace's accounts as soon as his reply is received, and recommending the bearer to him.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that many people in town will be glad to hear that Sir William Calderwood's commission to be lord of session is likely to meet with several stops, since 'he is come of very mean parentage'. He therefore encourages the duke's attempts to have a different choice made.


James Hamilton of Pencaitland to [the duke of Hamilton] giving a report on the character, education and prospects of Philiphaugh, who wishes to marry Lady Mary Hamilton's daughter, Eleanor.


Lady Mary Hamilton to her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that all their friends in town approve of Mr. Murray as a husband [for the writer's daughter Eleanor] and that she herself thinks him a man of good sense. [With cover.]

5660. 1710/11, February 10.

[Copy] [The duke of Hamilton] to [the earl of Selkirk], suggesting that it would be better for Lady Mary Hamilton to accept Philiphaugh's proposal for her daughter's hand than to let Anne, duchess of Hamilton, obstruct it.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton] congratulating him on the success of his lawsuit, and reporting that 'they are very uppish heir upon account of the throwing out that act rescinding the generall naturalization bill', though the duke of Argyle is not well pleased, and there is some demur at present as to his going to Spain.
[Copy] [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [ ], describing how she has opposed Philipaugh's offer for the hand of her grand-daughter Nelly [Lord Basil's daughter].

1710/11, February 15.
John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing the death of Mrs. Isabella Hutchison, his wife's sister. He asks permission to send his two daughters to stay at Hamilton while he and his wife go south to the funeral.

William Hamilton to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising to wait upon her at Hamilton when the session rises.

1710/11, February 17. Hamilton.
[Copy] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the earl of Ruglen, offering condolences on the death of his sister-in-law, and explaining that she does not feel capable of looking after his daughters during his absence, suggesting instead that he take them to England with him.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising to wait on her the following week and thanking her for her kind letter about his wife's sad loss [her sister's death].

William Hamilton to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising to speak to the earl of Forfar about the latter's share of the vacant stipends in Bothwell, and suggesting Francis Hamilton for the position of collector of the supply for Lanarkshire.

Lord Stormont to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for helping his son succeed in being elected to parliament.
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John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he has taken his daughters to Edinburgh where they will stay during his absence, but that the governor he had hired for his son has let him down.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to sign a discharge to Mr. Fairholme, and repeating his enquiries concerning the duke's opinion about the collection of the twopence duty on a pint of ale in Bo'ness. Finlay McGibbon, the coal manager, has bought a house in the town and wishes to know if the duke will 'quitt him any of his entry'.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], describing his attempts to raise money for his grace, and sending some tacks for his signature.

8006. 1711, March 27. Woodhall.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing his safe arrival at Woodhall after a dreadful journey.

5691. 1711, March 27. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Provost Glen's entry is to be dated at the previous Martinmas, that Finlay McGibbon has accepted his grace's bill, and that it is very difficult to raise money for the duke's lawsuit.

5666. 1711, March 29. Dalserf.

William Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, asking why John Meikle the tenant, having a tack from her grace for payment of £200 Scots yearly, pays £30 less, and discussing some minor legal matters.
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7026. 1711, April 2. Levenside.

The earl of Dundonald to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton], asking his assistance in procuring for Lord Semple the company of dragoons formerly commanded by Stonebyres.

7027. 1711, April 2.

The earl of Dundonald to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton], supporting Jordanhill's enclosed request for help in procuring the position as one of the commissioners of customs or excise. [5730]

5730. 1711, April 2. Jordanhill.

L. Craufurd to [the duke of Hamilton], asking his help in securing a post as commissioner of customs or excise.

5725. 1711, April 2. Paisley.

Lord Sempill to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to procure for the writer a troop in Hinfoord's regiment.

5694. 1711, April 5. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that he hopes very soon to reach an agreement with Provost Glen and with Johnston the undermiller, and that he has discussed with Mr. Adair the need for improving the docks at Bo'ness.

8395. 1711, April 5. London.

The duke of Hamilton to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking her to put his brother the earl of Selkirk in possession of the late earl of Dunmore's lodgings in Holyrood, the queen having granted him these.

5693. 1711, April 7. Edinburgh.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to sign two warrants in connection with Provost Glen.
5718. 1711, April 10. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], suggesting that he apply to the queen for part of the revenues arising from the fines on the import of prohibited goods, in order to use them for the improvement of Bo'ness harbour.

7933. 1711, April 10. London.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that Annandale has been appointed commissioner to the assembly. Parliament is not likely to rise for another four or five weeks and until then the duke cannot leave London.

5720. 1711, April 22. Bytherie.

[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has requested Provost Glenn to accept the duke's bill for £300, and remarking that there is great approval of the commons having taken away from the duke of Queensberry and others the pensions paid to them out of the post office.


William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the action taken against Charles Bryden, quartermaster in the earl of Hyndfoord's dragoons, and asking for his grace's advice in the matter.


[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that people are speaking of a breach between his grace and Annandale.

5711. 1711, May 9.

Robert Dundas to [the duke of Hamilton], apologising for not having sent him a copy of a certain gift made in the writer's favour.


David Crawford to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a new note of the fees payable to his grace's mother as keeper of Holyroodhouse [5774], and explaining that her grace's name has still not been added to the list of those to whom such fees are paid.
'Note of Fies payable to her Grace the Dutches of Hamilton her heirs, and successors, as heretable Keeper of her majesties pallace of Holyrudhouse ...'.

[Drawn up by David Crawford]

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that his grace's coals are being sent south by sea, and that negotiations to lease the parks to the dragoons are still going on.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the duke of Hamilton, announcing that after a voyage of three weeks he has arrived in Madeira and hopes in six or seven weeks' time to reach Jamaica. He describes his reception by the Portuguese governor, and their exchange of gifts.

The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving news of the health of his family.

33 letters from Robert Bromley, Isaac Hawkins, Joseph Plumley and others about the 4th duke of Hamilton's lands and tenants in Staffordshire.

John Baillie, surgeon, to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that illness has prevented him from carrying out his employment, and asking the duke to prevent Bailie Warander from pursuing him for the £300 which the writer owes him.
8051. 1711, June 7. Paslay.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking on the heavy rain which fell while he was visiting the duke of Montrose, and reporting that the earl of Dundonald and his children are all well.


The duke of Hamilton to his brother Charles, earl of Selkirk, sending him some prints and referring to the talk of opposition to the writer's patent by members of the house of lords.

8133. 1711, June 13. Holyroodhouse.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he has arrived safely in town and has recommended Lady Enterkin to Penkaitland, who fears that her case will be an expensive and tedious one.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his mother, the duchess of Hamilton, enclosing a letter and hoping to see her that Saturday.

7009/1. 1711, June 19. Dagaty.

[Susan, Lady Yester] to [her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving news of 'my poor poor afflicted son Willey who is in a sad condition as ever I saw a poor child'.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him of Lord Anandaill's friendship for his grace.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that Lord Selkirk is not likely to do much to help the passing of the duke's patent. He goes on to ask him to clear Andrew Wilson's accounts, the balance of which may be used to build a pier at Bo'ness, and discusses some minor domestic matters.

H. Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to make his testament, and discussing a legal case in which he is involved.

7080. 1711, June 30.

[Copy, in another hand] [The duke of Hamilton] to his brother [Lord Archibald Hamilton], hoping that he has arrived safely in Jamaica, and reminding him to order possession of [certain land there] to be delivered to Sir Charles and Lady Orby's agents.

5727. 1711, June 30. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to send him half a tun of good wine.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to send him a memorial about the port of Bo'ness and Alloa, and enclosing a bill of lading for oats and beans. There is currently much speculation about the effects that the duke of Queensberry's death will have, and the duke would be well advised to claim Queensberry's place as extraordinary lord of the session.


[Susan, Lady Yester] to [her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving some family news.

5731. 1711, July 17. Edinburgh.

Robert Dundas to [the duke of Hamilton], giving an account of Lord Bargany's death, and asking his protection for the heir, a child of eight months old.


Dudley Woodbridge to [the duke of Hamilton?], thanking him for helping the writer become agent to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and enclosing a petition to the queen by some gentlemen in the writer's favour. [Not included]
7337. 1711, July 17. St. Jago de la Vega

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the duke of Hamilton, reporting that the islanders seem well enough pleased with his arrival, but that everything is so expensive that he is in urgent need of a regiment. [With cover].

5736. 1711, July 18. Dysart.

Lord St. Clair to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his new titles, and asking him to speak to the queen on behalf of the writer's son.


[2 copies, both in the writer's hand] John Bannatyne to the duke of Hamilton, describing how he has waited upon his grace's brother Lord Archibald Hamilton, and asking the duke to use his influence to have the writer made clerk to the markets of Barbados.


Robert Dundas to [the duke of Hamilton], asking his protection for Lord Bargany's fatherless child, and requesting him to call for a certain gift in the writer's favour.

5659. 1711, July 23. Letrick.

James Paxney to Mistress Muntgomrie, attending the duchess of Hamilton, describing the trouble he has had with Thomas Dining.


J. Houstoun to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to use his influence to delay the gift of Lord Bargainie's ward.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that Raploch is now recovering from his serious illness, and that the writer has had a conversation with Lord Annandail, who is very much out of humour with the present ministry.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving her news of the whereabouts of his sons.


Sir Francis Scott to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to ensure that any grant of Bargany's ward will be burdened with the sum of 30,000 merks, which forms the portion of the writer's niece.

5661. 1711, July 30. Castle Oean.

William Smith to Mr. David Crawford, asking that Anne, duchess of Hamilton may order an inner wheel and some other timber for the local mill, together with a keel for a packet boat.

7902. 1711, August 2. Edinburgh.

The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton promising to wait upon her as soon as possible.

5751. 1711, August 2. Edinburgh.

Sir Patrick Home to the duke of Hamilton, warning him that his tack of the teinds of Arran must be renewed at once, or under the new regulations he will be held to be a wrongous possessor. He is determined that should his own case before the session go against him, he will appeal to the house of peers and so will see his grace in London.

5732. 1711, August 7. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that he hopes to go to Hamilton that week, and giving some minor items of local news.

5867. 1711, August 8. Off Causa

[Copy, by Samuel Vetch] Admiral H. Walker to Governor Samuel Vetch, assuring him that he had never trusted the French pilot, approving of his decision to lie off Cape Briton, and arranging for a signal in case of fog.
5663. 1711, August 8. Aird-Lamont.

A. Lamont to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, regretting that indisposition had prevented him and his wife from waiting upon her grace that summer.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking if he will need any more coals, and enclosing 'a vindication of the faculty of advocates from what Mr. Reidpeath wrytes of them'.


[?G] McGill to Mrs. Montgomerie, enclosing a letter and emphasising that Annandale is 'very desireous to entertain this English peer handsomely'.


[David Crawford] to the duke of Hamilton, discussing what should be done about the tack of the teinds of Arran, which has expired, and announcing that the writer's wife has died, leaving him with eight children. [In two pieces.]

5734. 1711, August 15. Hamilton.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he and Pencaitland have spoken to the duke's mother.

8036. 1711, August 17. Blaire.

The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, giving news of his children. [With cover.]

7008. 1711, August 20. Dagaty.

[Susan, Lady Yester] to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring to the death of David Crawford's wife and mentioning the writer's concern for Lord Cochrane. [With cover.]

5741. 1711, August 22. Raploch.

[Copy] C. Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his part in obtaining for the writer the sale of his commission, and asking him to help his nephew sell his.
5868. 1711, August 26. Cape Gaspee.

[? Copy] Samuel Vetch to Admiral Walker, arranging for the ships to return to Cape Breton.

5735. 1711, August 27. Hamilton.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has been at Kinneil to see the wine being sent south to his grace, and expressing surprise at the duke having leased his parks to Bailie Campbell.

5671. 1711, August 27. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], remarking that it is unnecessary for her to act as an intermediary with the duchess, his mother, who has 'such a tender respect to your grace'.

5860. 1711, August 30. Nevis.

Lieutenant-General Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, protesting that he was ignorant of Captain Peter Buar's mission on behalf of the duke, but sending him 'a fine young negro boy to attend my lord marquis of Clidsdale (his name is Cambridge)' and also a macaw. He then explains at length how he had recently missed meeting the duke's brother, Lord Archibald.


William Hamilton to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he is to visit some disputed marches at Strathven and Lesmahagow, and suggesting that her grace's chamberlain for the baronies involved should be present.


[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to persuade Cochrane of Kilmaronock to make the writer's brother Charles keeper of the signet under him. He is making arrangements to send oats, beans and coal to his grace, and as to obtaining stones for the pier at Borroustounes, suggests that his grace write to Sir George Preston. [See 5747]
1711, September 5. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the news from the continent and regretting that the earl of Jersey [Lady Orkney's brother] has died.

1711, September 5. Edinburgh tolbooth.

Robert Fleming to Mr. Alexander Finletter, minister of the gospel at Hamilton, sending [on the same paper] a petition for Anne, duchess of Hamilton, in which he explains that he is a prisoner in Edinburgh tolbooth, has gained a short reprieve from death, and asks her grace's help in obtaining a full reprieve or remission.


The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne duchess of Hamilton], promising to wait upon her with his daughter Susan at the beginning of the following week.


[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], complaining of his brother Selkirk's refusal to lend him £2,000 for his lawsuit.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing his grace's financial difficulties which will not be alleviated unless the earl of Selkirk relents and gives his grace some money.

1711, Sept. 11 x 1212, November 15] Ross.

John Aikman to the duke of Hamilton and Brandon, enclosing 'an account of the battell ... betwixt the westlins and norlins' for his approval.


The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, explaining that he and his daughter Susan have been delayed on the way to Hamilton by the news of her grace's horses being lame.

[David Crawford] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the earl of Selkirk's desire to buy the lands of Coatts irredeemably, and the duchess of Hamilton's determination not to sell them so. He encloses a note of the tacks of Arran [5776].


[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his coals, oats and beans should arrive in London in a month or six weeks' time. He is grateful to his grace for writing to Kilmarnock in favour of his brother, and is busy with the duke's financial affairs.


Dr. William Eccles to Mr. David Crawford, promising to come to Hamilton to give his advice about the duke's daughter.

5782. 1711, October 1. Hamilton.

Lady Katharine Hamilton to her father the duke of Hamilton, asking after his health and wondering why her nurse has not got the meal promised to her by his grace.

5674. 1711, October 2. Edinburgh.

Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to speak to the earl of Seafield on his behalf, as he has obtained 'a new hearing upon my wholl affaire' and wishes to make as much interest as possible.


James Hamilton of Pencaitland to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], approving of her intention of paying £500 to Mr. Basil Hamilton's curators at Candlemas instead of at the coming Martinmas, and hoping that the duke[ of Hamilton] manages to arrange for payment of her fees as keeper of Holyroodhouse.


[The duke of] H[amilton] to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that application about her fees for the keeping of Holyrood must be made in the first instance to the treasurer, and warning her that their enemies have put about rumours that the writer's father renounced the fees when he received the grant of St. Anne's yards. In conclusion he complains of his brother's refusal to lend him money.
5675. 1711, October 8. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to help Robertson of Ernokk obtain the liberty to sell his commission, as her nephew Andrew Hay wishes to buy it, and his family approve of such a move since 'he is a hansom young man, but idle, and therfor most fitt for the armey'. She concludes by giving news of his grace's children.

5676. [1711, October 8]

Memorandum by Lieutenant William Robertson of Ernokk, asking that the duke of Hamilton persuade the queen to allow him to dispose of his commission.


[? James Hamilton of Pencaitland] to the duke of Hamilton, sending to him the 3rd duchess's demission of the sheriffship of Lanark, [443/6] and advising him to 'keep it close till you get the treu gift'.

5758. 1711, October 14. Wishaw.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that his brother will deliver to Lady Mary Hamilton the duke's request for a loan of £1000. [See 5673]

7463. 1711, October 15. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, denying that her husband had renounced the fees of Holyrood when he got the gift of St. Ann's yards, and explaining the position.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand] [With cover].

7335. 1711, October 18. St. Gago de La Vega

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the recent honour conferred upon him [the dukedom of Brandon], and approving of his successful efforts to have passed the act of parliament in relation to the duties on American prize goods. He sends his brother a copy of his speech to the assembly, and the originals of their addresses to him. [7512] Rumours from Canada speak of land forces having taken Quebec, and the men of war of the writer's own squadron have been cruising around in the hope of taking prizes.
7512. 1711, October 18.

[Copy] Lord Archibald Hamilton's address to the assembly of Jamaica, and their address to the queen.

7338. [1711], October 18. Hamilton.

The marquis of Clydesdale [then aged nine] to his father the duke of Hamilton, asking after his health and telling him that 'I have got a poupy from my Lord Annandale but I have not got my furniter yet'.

5673. 1711, October 18. Edinburgh.

Lady Mary Hamilton, widow of Lord Basil, to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to follow his advice and enter into a treaty with Philiphaugh, who wishes to marry her daughter, and explaining that her son cannot lend the duke any money as he has already lent £1,000 to his grandmother.

7538. 1711, October 20. Anglesea, Carlile bay Barbados.

[Copy] Thomas Legge to the earl of Dartmouth, on behalf of Dudley Woodbridge.

5700. 1711, October 22. [? Euclidruer]

Lord Berriffe to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that the earl of Findleter is apparently very near his end.

7539. 1711, October 24. Barbados.

Dudley Woodbridge to [the duke of Hamilton?], complaining about Mr. Lowther's behaviour and enclosing a copy of a letter from Commodore Legge. [7538]

5689. 1711, October. Castle Sanderson.

Colonel Robert Sanderson to [the duke of Hamilton], on behalf of the bearer, Mr. Newburgh, who is going to London to appeal against an unjust decree made against him in the Irish courts, and sending him 'the rightest Irish hobby hors that this kingdom affords'.

5699. 1711, November 1. Edinburgh.

The earl of Seafield to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that his father's death prevented him from writing sooner, but that wishing his grace success in parliament, where he plans 'such a strock to the Union as cannot be expressed', by putting forward a new interpretation of the article concerning the peerage.
Lady Mary Hamilton to her mother-in-law [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending her a copy of the articles for a marriage between the writer's daughter and Philiphaugh [6962], and asking for her grace's opinion of them. On the same sheet is the duchess's reply, approving of the articles. [Written out for her by David Crawford.]

A draft of the duchess of Hamilton's letter to Lady Mary Hamilton. [6963.]

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to Mr. Robert Ferguson, attending the duke of Hamilton in London, enclosing a petition to his grace from her nephew, Andrew Hay. [5676.]

J. Dudley to [the duke of Hamilton?] reporting that his grace's lands in New England have been surveyed and mapped in accordance with his orders. [5861.]

Sam Vetch to Lord Dartmouth, describing his visit to Annapolis, and discussion with the Indians, and enclosing a copy of an extract from his journal. [5861.]

Sam Vetch to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he depends upon his grace's favour and protection, and enclosing a copy of his letters to Lord Dartmouth, [5865] and to Admiral Walker. [5867 and 8.]

James Hamilton of Pencaitland to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the payment of some bonds.

James Hamilton of Pencaitland to Mr. David Crawford, telling him that since his grace's relations had refused to lend the duke of Hamilton any money, the writer has arranged loans from elsewhere.

5747. 1711, November 10. Vally feild

Sir George Preston to the duke of Hamilton, explaining that he cannot comply with his grace's request for stones to be used at Borouontness, as he never meddles in his father's estate, which is 'sequestrat and in the creditors' possesson'.


The earl of Panmure to his mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton enclosing a copy of the marriage articles for Lady Mary Hamilton's daughter [6962], and asking permission to comment on them since he understands that her grace opposes the marriage. [With cover]

6962. [1711, c November 12]

[Copy] 'Articles communed upon by the friends of John Murray of Phillipaugh and Mrs. Helenar Hamilton, in relation to a marriage proposed betuixt them'.


Lady Mary Hamilton to her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing pleasure at the latter's satisfaction with the marriage articles for her daughter [6962], remarking that the earl of Ruglen's daughters seem better, and regretting Mr. Wylie's demission.


Thomas Holyneux to [the duke of Hamilton], recommending to his consideration the case of Colonel Newburgh, who has received very severe usage in a cause decreed against him in the Irish exchequer, and is forced to apply for relief to the house of lords in England.
1711, November 15. Edinburgh.

W. Cochran of Killmaronock to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that he cannot grant a post to Mr. Watson as requested.

1711, November 22. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to send him some money at the beginning of the following week, and to give an account of his conversation with Lord Kinnoull. Lady Mary Hamilton and her son's curators have made a very bad bargain in the sale of their cattle, which he takes to be 'a curse upon them for their ingratitude to your grace'.

1711, November 23. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he will win his lawsuits with Fleetwood and with Lord Kinnoull.


Sir Robert Blackwood to the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the writer has been elected provost of Edinburgh, and offering his services to the duke.

[Only the signature in his own hand]

1711, November 25. Dublin.

Lord Granard to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to do what he can to help Mr. Denetoe.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring to the important news that the Dutch have come in to the measures with the queen as to the preliminaries for a peace with France.

1711, November 27. Eglinton.

The earl of Eglinton to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing himself from attending the house of lords, on the grounds that he did not know that anything of moment was being done, and now that he realises that the duke's patent is to be discussed, is kept at home by the necessity of attending his daughter's wedding.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lord Annandaill and others have refused to meddle with a certain commission, and suggesting that he try to secure the appointment of Rosehall to one of the two places [unspecified] which they have refused. None of the Scots peers is likely to be in London before December 20, and in his opinion the duke and his friends should take this opportunity come to an agreement with the Court. He encloses the letters of Sir David Dalrymple and [Sir James Stewart] [5753 and 5754], as well as the duke's bill upon Provost Glenn for £300.

5754. 1711, November 29.

Sir David Dalrymple to [the duke of Hamilton], declaring that there is nothing in the treaty of Union to prevent a Scottish peer from sitting in the house of lords as a peer of Great Britain. [Also two copies of this.]

7462. 1711, November 30. Hamilton.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], telling him to keep reminding the treasurer that her name was omitted from the establishment for her fees as keeper of Holyrood, which should, incidentally, be repaired as soon as possible.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand.]

5686. 1711, November 30. Jamaica.

William Carr to [the duke of Hamilton], begging him to persuade the writer's mother to arrange for him to return home, since he is in a miserable condition.

5753. [1711, November]

[Copy] Sir James Stewart to [the duke of Hamilton], arguing that there is no valid reason for refusing to allow a Scots peer, created a peer of Great Britain, to sit in the house of lords in addition to the sixteen representative peers of Scotland.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that not one of the Scots peers has set out yet for London. The coals, oats and bills about which his grace had inquired are already on their way to him, and the writer's brother, Dalserf, would like his grace to persuade Sir Robert Blackwood to make him one of [?] Edinburgh's assessors.


Sir James Steuart to [the duke of Hamilton], informing him that Robert Fleeming will be executed on December 21 for forging banknotes unless his grace intervene further.

1711, December 6. Annapolis Royall.

John Robertson to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that he will be given a place in one of the standing regiments, as his grace had once suggested.


William Hamilton to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he is currently presenting his accounts to the barons of exchequer.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], longing to hear of him taking his place in the house of lords.


[The duke of Atholl] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], remarking that he does not mean to go to London until summoned by the queen.


[The duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that he has not said any more about her grace's fees as keeper of Holyrood as those involved are wholly taken up with public affairs.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring briefly to the new ministry and longing to hear that his grace has been received into the house [of lords].


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], deploiring the delay in admitting his brother to the house [of lords].


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], returning to him Provost Glenn's discharge for completion, and reporting that Lord Annandaill and Lord Northesk are coming to Court. Many rumours about his grace are circulating in Edinburgh, and he should be glad to know the truth of them.

5752. 1711, December 15. Longnewton.

Sir Patrick Scott to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to intercede with the earl of Orkney on behalf of the writer's nephew, who has killed a man in his lordship's regiment.

7626. 1711, December 18. Woodhall.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], hoping to be in town to hear the debates about his grace's patent.


[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that Sir Robert Blackwood cannot comply with his grace's request as the number of assessors of Edinburgh is to be reduced to four. Everyone is very anxious about 'the event of your grace's patent'.


William Hamilton to [? Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for writing to Sir Robert Blackwood on his behalf, although he fears that the letter will not have the desired effect.
L. Carlile to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to procure for the writer the controllership of the custom house of Whitehaven.

Memorial of Lancelot Carlile of the Guards to the duke of Hamilton and Brandon, asking to be recommended as controller of the custom house at Whitehaven.

The marquis of Clydsdale to his father [the duke of Hamilton], writing at his grandmother's suggestion, 'that you may see how I improve.'

James Hamilton of Pencaitland to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], promising to do all he can to advance Lady Enterkine's process.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, hoping that by now his grace has been admitted to the house [of lords].

The earl of Galloway to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that 'our sheriiff' is on his way to London in response to a warrant issued by the house of commons, and asking his help in procuring one of the new regiments of dragoons.

The earl of Dundonald to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton] asking how he should set about being chosen [as a representative peer] since he has heard that his grace is to be made a British peer.
7887. [cl711] [London]

The duke of Hamilton to his brother, reporting that he has been graciously received by the queen, but complaining that he has had 'my trayall putt of by Mr. Burnells death'.


[Susan, Lady Yester] to her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, referring briefly to the probable peace treaty.

9703. [cl711] J.D. to Mr. David Crawford, describing in detail his financial troubles and hoping that the duchess of Hamilton will approve of what he has done about what he owes her for his 1710 rents.

8121. 1711/12, January 1. Edinburgh.

[Susan, Lady Yester] to [her mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing the wedding of Lord Basil's daughter Eleanor [to John Murray of Philiphaugh].

5602. 1711/12, January 1. Edinburgh.

Lady Mary Hamilton to [her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing that the writer's daughter Nellie was married on the previous day.

5632. 1711/12, January 1. Castill Sempill.

Lord Sempill to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his kindness to the writer's brother.

5765. 1711/12, January 1. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing that Lord Anandailil is on his way to London, and remarking that his grace's patent is the subject of much discussion.
Draft: [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to her son-in-law the Duke of Atholl, promising to send David Crawford to him with some papers when his grace comes to Edinburgh, and giving some family news.

Written out for her by David Crawford, with an alteration in her grace's own hand.

[John Hamilton] to [the Duke of Hamilton], telling him that the Lord Justice Clerk and others have approved of his grace's representation, which the writer had shown them. Everyone is very surprised at the Duke of Marlborough being turned out of all his employments, and it is generally expected that there will be a peace.

[John Hamilton] to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], giving news of his children and asking if she would look after Susan while he is in London.

John Robertson to [the Duke of Hamilton], begging to be transferred to another regiment that is to be in the garrison, and enclosing a plan of Annapolis. [5864]

John Hamilton to the Duke of Hamilton, telling him that the Earl of Mareschall has arrived in town and plans to begin his journey to London the following week, but that there is no word yet of when the Duke of Atholl and Lord Northesk will go. Most of the commoners also leave the following week.

The Duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he intends to pay a short visit to London at the end of the month. Despite the writer's orders to the contrary, his son Lord James continues to stay in London, 'a place of many temptations'.
7341. 1711/12, January 19. Spanish Towne.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he has recovered from a second bout of fever and is now to move into the Queen's House. He complains about his financial difficulties, exacerbated by the money which he has had to spend on two plantations and on various trading ventures.

5801. 1711/12, January 19. Spanish Towne.

[Copy] Lord Archibald Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has recovered from two serious fevers and is moving into the Queen's House, but is short of money.

7006. 1711/12, January 22. Woodhall.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, expressing dismay at what she has told him about his daughters being changed for the worse by their stay in Edinburgh, explaining that it is not worth while bringing them to London since he and his wife mean to return home soon, and declaring that the ladies in London would never put any of their daughters to the boarding schools there. The writer has, however, found a governor for Lord Cassillis [his stepson] and his own son. [With cover]

5687. 1711/12, January 22. Dublin.

Dallivell Benten to [the duke of Hamilton], asking his support in securing the position of lieutenant in General Langston's regiment.

5797. 1711/12, February 8. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], giving news of his family's health, and reporting that two of his daughters have started to learn Latin 'because it helps them to spell, and understand the English'.

7910. 1711/12, February 9. Huntingtower.

Lord Charles Murray to his father the duke of Atholl, announcing the death of his brother Basil at 3 o'clock that afternoon.
5690. [1711/12], February 12.

Robert Spencer to the duke of Hamilton and Brandon, repeating his former plea for assistance.

7925. [1711/12], February 22.

Mary, duchess of Atholl to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining that there was no time beforehand to give her grace details of Lord Basil Murray's funeral [step-son of the writer and grandson of the recipient], and enclosing some papers with information of the child's last illness. [Not included].

7883. 1711/12, February 26. London.

The earl of Dundonald to [his grandmother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he plans to leave soon for Holland, and commenting on the latest news from the continent.

5820. 1711/12, February 26. Edinburgh.

John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], sending abstracts of Andrew Wilson's accounts.

5821. 1711/12, March 6. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that 'your grace is so unfortunate in relation to the peersage'. He is convinced that the Toleration Act will make a great noise in Scotland, if not something more, as few of the presbyterian clergy will take it.

5811. 1711/12, March 6. Edinburgh.

The earl of Buchan to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for his support against an appeal before the house of lords which concerns the writer.

7340. 1711/12, March 8. Jamaica.

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the duke of Hamilton, promising that when Sir Charles Orby's case comes before the grand court he will give him all possible dispatch and impartial justice. He emphasises his need for a regiment, for 'tho the peace were made, I shou'd not thinke myself saife one night without regular force to garrison the forts, as well guard the townes from the insults of rebellious negros which we shou'd/
7340. 1711/12, March 8.  (contd.)

should be layable to'. He also asks the duke's assistance in having the queen disallow the Jamaican act for preventing any one person from holding two or more offices of profit in the island, and in having Mr. Brodie made a member of the island's council. He thinks that when a peace is concluded, the Asiento should be settled once more on Jamaica. [With cover]

7928. 1711/12, March 11.  London.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], bitterly regretting the death of his son Basil, who was 'left under my care from 2 years old, his being my only companion when a close prisoner, and ... of a most sweet temper'. He then praises his second wife's affection for his children, and promises to consult her grace about a suitable match for one of his sons.

5822. 1711/12, March 11.  Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], promising to send him abstracts of James Crawford's accounts.

5823. 1711/12, March 20.  Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that several regiments are marching for London. Lord Selkirk, Pencaitland and he have discussed the duke's claim to Châteauneuf and see no need for the 3rd duchess to give up her claim when it can be made jointly with her son's.

5782. 1711/12, March 20.  Linlithgow.

Provost Glen to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing Lochquoyt's accounts.

5806. 1711/12, March 24.  Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that his mother is recovering from her attack of the gout, and that his children are all well.

John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, advising him to come to an agreement with his mother about their claims to Châtelherault, and to act as she advises in the matter.

5825. 1712, April 1. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he has settled the matter of John Nalsmith's gift.

5826. [Enclosed with 1712, April 12] Borroustouness.

1712, April 9.

Agreement between John Hamilton, in the name of the duke of Hamilton, and Alexander Mitchell, quarrier in Borroustouness, for the provision of stones for the pier at Borroustouness.


John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, discussing the building of a new pier at Bo'ness, both to help the decaying town and to increase his grace's customs revenues. He encloses a copy of his agreement with the quarriers. [5828]

5828. 1712, April 15. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his grace's mother is much better and that her secretary, David Crawford, is about to remarry. There is no word of the earl of Selkirk marrying, but there are rumours that the duke of Argyle is to be made master of the horse.

6005. [1712?], April 16. London.

Mary, duchess of Atholl to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, informing her grace that the duke of Atholl is to be commissioner to the general assembly.

[With a postscript from the duke, to the effect that Mr. William Hamilton has been made the queen's almoner]
1712, April 17. London.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the earl of Abercorn's claims to Châtelherault and their own rights to it. The duke of Atholl has been made commissioner to the general assembly and admitted to the privy council.

1712, April 21. Hamilton.

[Copy] Anne, duchess of Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, refusing to sell the family interest in ChâTELHERAULT and deprecating the earl of Abercorn's chances of success.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the building of the new pier [at Bo'ness], and promising to send a report on Findlay McGibbon's accounts. He advises his grace to seek the power to nominate the collector of customs at Borrowstouness.

1712, April 28. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that 'our ministers are all very glad of the duke of Atholl to be ther commissioner', and giving news of the health of his grace's family.


[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], dismissing the earl of Abercorn's claims to ChâTELHERAULT, and agreeing to cease employing Mark Stark although he feels that the 'malvearsations' at Bo'ness were not entirely Stark's fault.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that despite a search of the papers brought from Kinneill, he cannot find the present king of France's patent to the 4th duchess about ChâTELHERAULT.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that his mother hopes that he will at once replace Mark Stark as bailie and chamberlain of Kinneill.


Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to the duke of Hamilton, telling him of the illness of his daughter, Lady Katherine.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that 'the resumption bill' is likely to be passed by parliament.


Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his mother's gout is improving, and that his children are all well. The duke of Atholl has taken his son George away from the college, as 'he hes no grait inclination to be a scoler but rather inclyns to the armie'. She goes on to refer to the ministers' petition to the queen, which, if not granted a favourable answer, will cause unrest.


John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to support the bill for mending the roads on Finchley Common.


Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his mother has a severe pain in her jaw. Lord and Lady Yester have been paying her grace a visit.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that the coming treaty of peace will prove satisfactory, and dismissing the earl of Abercorn's pretensions [to Châtelherault].
5857. [1712, June 10 N.S.] Utrecht.

[Mr. Symmers] to the duke of Hamilton, referring to reports of a coming siege of Quesnoy, which the earl of Orkney may command. He warns the duke that the earl of Abercorn has been searching among the records of Paris for documents concerning Châtelherault, apparently with the intention of putting in a claim himself.

5799. 1712, June 4. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to the duke of Hamilton, giving news of his family’s health.


John Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the members of the squadrone have now gone home after their meeting, which several English people are believed to have attended.


Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son [the duke of Hamilton], sending him a copy of the part of her uncle’s tailzie relating to Châtelherault, but dismissing the earl of Abercorn’s pretensions as frivolous.

[Written out for her by David Crawford; only the signature in her own hand]

5783. 1712, June 14. Linlithgow.

Provost Glen to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for an answer to his remarks about Findlay McGibbon, who is now tacksman of the rent of Grainge and should be continued in the management of his grace’s casual rent. He also reports that there is trouble with the coal hewers, who have not been paid.


The earl of Findlater to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to assure the queen of the writer’s gratitude for her desire that he be elected in place of the Earl Marischal, and thanking his grace for promising to support him in the election.

Lord Reay to [the duke of Hamilton], complaining that he was neglected when the queen bestowed her favours among the highland chieftans, and hoping that his grace will speak for him.

1712, July 12. Bridges.

James Douglass to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for helping the writer have Captain Hutchison made his lieutenant-colonel.


[David Crawford] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending her some tacks to be signed, telling her that the duke [of Hamilton] has sent for all the papers of Chastlerault, and discussing the situation on the continent.


Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the duke of Hamilton, confessing that the latter was right about the writer's secretary, Mr. Mackenzie, whom he has now dismissed and explaining that if he has not advanced those under his grace's protection it is because it was impracticable to do so.

1712, July 23. Hangingshaw.

Lady Mary Hamilton to [her mother-in-law, Anne, duchess of Hamilton], regretting that she had been unable to stay at Hamilton for so long as she had intended. Lord Panmure, her brother-in-law, has advised her not to send her son to St. Andrews, so she is seeking a governor for him.

1712, July 24. Woodhall.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], inquiring about his health and referring to news of a French victory in Flanders.

1712, August 11. Halkhead.

Lord Rosse to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], asking for instructions about the citron water, sweetmeats and rolls of chocolate which have arrived at Greenock for her.

The earl of Strathmore to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the writer's late father had nominated his grace as an adviser to the countess, the young earl's sole curatrix.

5849. 1712, August 19. Levensyde.

W. Cochran of Killmaronock to [the duke of Hamilton], making him two offers for the hay at Kinneill.


[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, remarking that he is glad to hear that the duke is certain to go to France, and mentioning that Colonel Grant's regiment 'was broke heir' that day.


James Graham to the duke of Hamilton, asking that his brother Hugh may go with the duke to France as his physician.

7621. 1712, August 27. Hamilton.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his brother the duke of Hamilton, promising to write again when he has spoken to Penkaitland, and giving some family news.

7343. 1712, September 6 N.S. Ghent.

The earl of Dundonald to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to obtain for the writer a pass to go to Paris so that he can meet his uncle there.


W. Hamilton to [?Anne, duchess of Hamilton], returning to her a backbond duly executed by the duke of Hamilton.


James Smith to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the writer had been advised by Pencaitland to survey the condition of Holyroodhouse, 'and having compared it now with the case it was in June 1709 I am almost ashamed to make a report about it, the weast and consumption being more then any man/
10,008. 1712, August 28. (contd.)

man can judge by a transient sight or view'. He encloses an estimate [not found] and advises that orders for repair should be issued every year once it has been 'put in a tenable condition'.

[With a copy, also 10,008]


[John Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton, reporting that he and Pencaitland have been discussing the entry fee to the lands of Caridden with Lord and Lady Hally's representatives.

5833. 1712, September 1. Halkhead.

Lord Rosse to [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that certain goods expected by the duchess of Hamilton had not arrived on the ship expected to bring them.

5848. 1712. September 3.

J. Ashley to the duke of Hamilton and Brandon, asking for the place of an extraordinary clerk under the clerk of the deliveries, in the ordnance.

7772. 1712, September 3. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on becoming master of the ordnance, and hoping that the queen will now bestow the Garter upon his grace.


Colonel Gustavus Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], recommending to his favour the writer's second son, who is eager to accompany the duke when he goes as ambassador to France.


Captain John Slezer to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on being made master of the ordnance, and hoping that his application to his grace and the board 'in some matters relating to the putting this small trayne of ours in some better condition' will meet with approval.

[Mr. Symmer] to [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that reports of his grace's being appointed ambassador to the Court of France are true. Lord Dundonald is very eager to go to Paris too, and wishes the duke to consider the matter.

1712, September 8. Comlongon Castle.

Lord Stormont to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on his appointment as ambassador to France.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, mentioning Penkaitland's advancement and asking when his grace is to leave [for France].

1712, September 12.

Colonel Grahame to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to mention the writer's circumstances to the queen, and recommending that he find Mr. Fisher a place in the ordnance.

1712, September 13.

Dr. John Baillie to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the condition of Lady Katherine [his grace's daughter].


John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], explaining that his return to Scotland has been delayed by the illnesses of his wife and son.

1712, September 17. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], explaining why he did not tell his grace about the town of Glasgow's call to Mr. John Hamilton of Streven and commenting on the favours recently shown to the duke by the queen. He himself is anxious to have an appointment abroad and also wishes to regain the register's place.
5842. 1712, September 17. Aix-la-chapelle

Sir John Anstruther to [the duke of Hamilton], congratulating him on being made master of the ordnance and ambassador to the court of France. He hopes to wait upon his grace in Paris, if Mr. Mason can obtain him a pass to go to France.

8007. 1712, September 18. Woodhall.

John, earl of Ruglen to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for sending his daughters to Hamilton and giving news of the illnesses of his wife and son. He explains that he could not possibly have brought the girls with him to England as they had not been invited and there was no room for them.


John Hamilton to the duke of Hamilton, telling him that the negotiations with Lady Hally's representatives, about the entry of Camden, had all come to nothing as the representatives could not agree about who was to advance the money. He also sends a list of the officers of the ordnance.


[Anne Hay, Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lady Katherine's condition is deteriorating again, and that Dr. Eckels is to come to see her.


William Care to [the duke of Hamilton], describing how he purchased his son a commission in the dragoons but found the cornet's pay to be very small, so would be glad if his grace could find the young man an additional post.


Dudley Woodbridge to [the duke of Hamilton?], describing his own good work done as judge of the admiralty and complaining about the behaviour of Mr. Lowther.
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Dr. William Eccles to [the duke of Hamilton], describing the alarming condition of Lady Katherine's health.

5786. 1712, September 24. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his daughter, Lady Katherine, seems rather better, but that his son, the marquis of Clydesdale has caught 'this common distemper that is in the country'. With a postscript on the following day to the effect that both are pretty well.

5785. 1712, September 24. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the health of his daughter Katherine, whom she does not think should be taken to France.


Robert Rodgers to the duke of Hamilton, excusing himself for his part in the removal of Mr. John Hamilton to Glasgow.


Edward Callender to the duke of Hamilton, asking again for the two years' annual rent due to him at Martinmas.

5787. [1712], September 26. Hamilton.

[Anne Hay, Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him, on behalf of the duchess his mother, to thank John Bally the surgeon for his attention to Lady Katherine, and enclosing a letter from him. [5790] Lady Katherine continues to improve, as does the marquis of Clydesdale. His grace's other two daughters are very well.

5872. 1712, October 2. Edinburgh.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting that he and Pencaitland have called upon the lord advocate about Mr. Freebairn's affair, and advising the duke to seek an order for stopping him reprinting Buchanan's works. Cochrane of Kilmaronock has been refusing to pay as much money as he should have done for foraging a troop at Borroustounes.
5837. 1712, October 5. Barroufield.

John Walkinshaw to [the duke of Hamilton], asking his grace to use his influence to have the writer's name added to 'a list of pretenders to that post in the treasurer's hand'.


Sir Patrick Home to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to have the earl of Findlater speak to Lord Cullen on the writer's behalf.

7797. 1712, October 8. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], praising his grace's daughter Lady Katherine whom he thinks should accompany her father to France, although their own mother is utterly opposed to this suggestion as she is sure that the child would die on the way.


Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [ ], reporting that the duke of Hamilton's daughter, Lady Katherine, seems to be recovering but still has a cough and is a bad colour, and would not be advised to go to London.


[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], advising him to have Lady Katherine taken to London. He hopes to reach an agreement with Lord Hallys very soon, and discusses the rival claims of the duke and the earl of Abercorn to the duchy of Châteleurault. In conclusion, he informs the duke that his grace can now dispose of the position of keeper of Stirling Castle.

5812. 1712, October 11.

[The moderator of the synod of Glasgow], to [the duke of Hamilton], announcing their decision to transport Mr. Hamilton from Evendale to Glasgow, contrary to the wishes of his grace and his mother. They also send him a copy of their address to the queen relating to the oath of abjuration.


John Stirling, principal of the college, to [the duke of Hamilton], excusing his part in the transporting of Mr. John Hamilton of Avenale to Glasgow.
5840. 1712, October 16. Levensyde.

W. Cochran of Kilmarnock to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for ordering John Hamilton to pay the writer a certain sum.

7319. 1712, October 21. Woodhall.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], on behalf of Colonel Cotton, a cousin of the writer's wife.

7804. 1712, October 22. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], referring to his grace's imminent departure for France and discussing the illhealth of the duke's daughter, Lady Katherine.

5813. 1712, October 22. Barwick-upon-Tweed

Patrick Robertson, vicar of Barwick, to the duke of Hamilton, asking him to order the vacancy of furbisher in the town to be given to Joseph Pattison.

8392. 1712, October 23. London.

[The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton] regretting that his daughter Katherine is so seriously ill, thanking her for promising him his father's little George and Garter, and criticising the synod and town of Glasgow for refusing to comply with her grace's wishes in an unspecified matter [? the transporting of Mr. John Hamilton to Glasgow].

5839. 1712, October 23. Dryden.

George Lockhart to [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his kindness to his cousin, who has killed a gentleman in America. He hears that the ministers in the west are much perplexed because they dare not take the oath of abjuration for fear of disobliging the people.

7805. 1712, October 24. Hamilton.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his brother the duke of Hamilton, referring to Lady Katherine's illness and agreeing with his grace's remarks about Borrowfield.
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5814. 1712, October 25. Ghent.

John Sinclair to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to request the queen for mercy to the writer.

5792. 1712, October 27. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [ ], telling him that Lady Katherine continues in very weak condition, and exhibits many signs of approaching death. [She died on 22 December 1712].

5874. 1711, October 29. Wishaw.

[John Hamilton] to [the duke of Hamilton], regretting that the physicians now have little hope of Lady Katherine's recovery. He congratulates the duke on receiving the Garter, and sends him a list of all the ministers who have taken the abjuration in Lanarkshire. [Also 5874]

5779. 1712, October 30. [? Gaus]

William Waldie to 'my lord provost of Linlithgow', describing his dispute with the coalhewers.

5784. 1712, October 30. Linlithgow.

Provost Glen to [ ], telling him how much money Findlay McGibbon owes to the coalhewers, who are consequently taking more coal from the duke of Hamilton's hills than is their due.

5815. 1712, November 10 N.S. Calais

Alexander Symmers to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that the earl of Dundonald is on his way to Paris.

5838. 1712, November 1. Edinburgh.

Edward Callender to the duke of Hamilton, repeating his demand for the two years' annual rent due to him.

John Paterson to [the duke of Hamilton], writing on behalf of his father-in-law Lord St. Clair, to thank the duke for procuring his son's remission, and to promise to do all he can in Sir James Abercrombie's affair.

5796. 1712, November 5. Hamilton.

Anne Hay [Mrs. Montgomerie] to [the duke of Hamilton], telling him that there is no hope of Lady Katherine's recovery.


John, earl of Ruglen to his brother [the duke of Hamilton], announcing his safe arrival at Barnton.


Dr. John Baillie to [the duke of Hamilton], enclosing a report which shows that Lady Katherine is dying, and asking for certain instructions concerning the burial arrangements.

7745. 1712, November 12. London.

The duke of Hamilton to the marquis de Torcy, expressing his obligations to the marquis and hoping to be presented by him to the French king. [In French] [Mounted]


William Hamilton to [the duke of Hamilton], reporting on his discussions with Lady Enterkin's witnesses about her financial affairs.

7966. 1712, November 23. Dunkel.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], offering his condolences on the death of her son, the duke of Hamilton.


The marquis of Tweeddale to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], offering his condolences on the death of her son the duke of Hamilton.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [ ], telling him that Abercorn is now claiming Châtelherault again, and discussing what should be done.


[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], regretting that Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton and her sister-in-law the countess of Orkney are on such bad terms and have quarrelled over the latter's suggestion that the duke of Hamilton be buried in Westminster abbey.


[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the earl of Selkirk], telling him that he has acquainted the duke of Shrewsbury with his correspondent's plans to go to France, and reporting that he himself has been at the Old Bailey that day for the trial of Hamilton. This has, however, been put off until the following day, and Lady Mohun's appeal has not been received. He has also been to see Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, with whom he discussed the sum to be put on Mackartney's head.

7221/1. 1712, December 15. London.

Elizabeth, countess of Orkney to [her brother-in-law the earl of Ruglen], offering her condolences on the death of the duke of Hamilton. She wishes that she had not been at Clifden when it happened, for she might have been able to do something to prevent the duel, and marvels that the duke's porter did not warn the duchess when he saw Mackartney come three times in one day to his grace's lodgings. The writer sent word to the duchess that she would 'forget all that she had ever done and said of me and would live with her if she thought fit' but received no reply. Indeed, her grace is 'all storme and so warm in her expressions unfit for melancholy or true grief 'that the countess pities her daughters if they are to be brought up by her.

7243. 1712, December 16. London.

[George, earl of Orkney] to his brother [the earl of Ruglen?], discussing the opening of the duke of Hamilton's papers and reporting that his widow has now decided to have him buried at her own burial ground in England.
Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton to Mr. Hamilton, asking him to find her late husband's will and nomination of guardians, and have them opened in the presence of her mother-in-law. The cabinets should then be sealed, and copies of the documents sent to the writer.

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], announcing his arrival in London on the previous night, when he at once went to wait upon Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton. He has discussed his brother's burial with the latter, who is very well disposed towards the family. He has also seen the treasurer and the queen, who promised to do all she could in the matter of Châtelherault. [Last pages missing]

[George, earl of Orkney] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing what should be done about Abercorn's claims to Châtelherault, and criticising the conduct of the duke of Hamilton's widow. [Last pages missing]

[The earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing his plans to claim the family's interest in Châtelherault. [First pages missing]

[Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], arguing that if they pay the earl of Abercorn to give up his claim to Châtelherault he may well ask for more to satisfy his claim to Hamilton. He then tells her that Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton wishes her husband's will to be taken from Kinnell and read at Hamilton.
Undated letters of the 4th duke period.

516 N.D. [After 1651.]
(The writer is in her 60th year.)

Lucia Abercrumby to the duchess of Hamilton, entreating her to take up the cause of Mary, queen of Scots, and clear her name of 'severe aspersions cast on her by her enemies'.

7637. [ ], May 26.

The duke of Atholl to [ ], remarking that he is only a little better of his sprain.

7927. [ ], November 25. Holyroodhouse.

The duke of Atholl to [his mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for his two rooms at Holyrood.

8037. [After 1707], March 12. Huntingtoune.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], enclosing a proposal he has received from Lord Haddo [also 8037] for the writer's daughter.

[Only the signature in his own hand.]

7881. [After 1707], March 26. Huntingtoune.

The duke of Atholl to [his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], sending her a letter about [? his daughter's] marriage contract [not included], and remarking that he is making a disposition of his estate to his son James.

7963. [After 1707], February 18. Edinburgh.

The duke of Atholl to his former mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton explaining that as his daughter Susan has measles he cannot take her to London as planned, and asks advice about where to leave her.

5411. N.D. from my owne residence.

'Augustus' to the duke of Hamilton, condemning 'our Scotch ministry' and declaring that 'his Argilshire grace will certainly cut somebody's throats'.
5051. [ ], March 27. London.

'T.B.' to the duke of Hamilton, declaring that the conduct of Scottish affairs has passed into the hands of the Whig party, which is suspected of wishing to break both the Union and the succession.

3372. [1698 x 1712], July 12. Calander.

Anna, countess of Calander to [? the duke of Hamilton], asking him to join her son in opposing the claim, by the presbytery, that the duke and her son are heritors and so must provide a stipend for the second minister in Falkirk.

8231. [c1712]

William Cleland to the 4th duke of Hamilton, asking him to help the writer make his fortune in France.

5049. [ ], April 1. London.

Mary, duchess of Devonshire to the duke of Hamilton, congratulating him on the birth of a son.

4935. [After 1707], June 11.

'Old Donald' to [the duke of Hamilton], discussing the representation of Scotland in the house of lords.

8951. N.D.

The comte de Gama to the 4th duke of Hamilton, asking again for a loan of money.

[Endorsed by the 4th duke] [In French]
[With a modern transcription and translation]

4928. N.D.

Lord Godolphin to the duke of Hambleton, obliging himself to give Mr. Harris £120 a year for a house for three years.
5286. [ ], May 6. Levens.

E. Graham to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, congratulating her on her safe delivery.

8792. [1698 x 1712], October 28. Holyroodhous.

[The 4th duke of] Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to a suggestion that she resign her right to Châtelherault.

6037. N.D. [Edinburgh]

[The 4th duke of Hamilton] to his mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, reporting that the earl of Leven has got his remission and a thousand pounds from the queen 'as a reward of his good services in trafficking with Simon Fraizer'. Balcarres has received a £500 a year pension and Dalrymple is made secretary of war.

6295. [1698 x 1712] Scorton

[The 4th duke of Hamilton] to Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton, announcing that he delays his return until the following day because of a slight indisposition.

7081. [1698 x 1712]

[Copy] The 4th duke of Hamilton to [ ], asking him to assure the queen that the writer will defend her title and support her government.

7617. [1698 x 1712]

[Draft] [The 4th duke of Hamilton] to [ ], expressing bewilderment and surprise at the news that the queen doubts the writer, and attributing such suspicions to the malice of his enemies.

7850. [1698 x 1712], December 25. 2 aclock

[The 4th duke of Hamilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing in gloomy terms the current political situation.
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7891. N.D. Holyroodhous.
    Monday 12 at night.

    [The duke of] H[amilton] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], referring to the sudden adjournment of parliament. He declares that Atholl seems determined to quarrel with him, and is pointing at being premier minister himself but has lost ground in everybody's esteem.

7874. [ ] , August 5. Hollyroodhous.

    [The duke of] H[amilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her that many people are 'extremely exasperat' at the adjournment of parliament. Patrick Crawford is still persecuting the writer about his bond.  [With cover]

7946. [ ] Hollyroodhous

    The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], describing how the commissioner to parliament refused to see his grace. Montrose, Mar, Home and others who called on him, and giving an account of the parliamentary debates about supply.

8072. [ ]

    [The duke of Hamilton] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, condemning the presbyterians for joining in parliament with the Jacobites.

8066. [ ] , September 1. From the treasury chamber.
    4 in the afternoon.

    The duke of Hamilton to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], telling her that he has been busy all day in parliament with the communication of trade [to the unfree burghs], and urgently requesting her help as his bond has been registered. Parliament is now going on to 'give a finishing stroke to the dishonour and distruction of our countrie by repealling the actt prohibiting the importation of French wine'.

8013. [ ]

    [The duke of] H[amilton] to his mother [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], fearing that Daniel Hamilton's affairs are not in good order. The protestation in relation to the wine act has now been printed, and there are rumours that Montrose is going to London.
8397. [Before 1694], June 19.

[Draft, in her own hand]. [Anne, duchess of Hamilton] to [a lady], mentioning that the writer's sister [the countess of Cassillis] is lodged near her correspondent, and hoping that the latter will continue to give advice to the duchess's son who is in danger of 'repeating over againe the wildnes he has acted'.

6531. [1698 x 1712], November 28.

Anne, duchess of Hamilton to her son the duke of Hamilton, telling him that he may freely trust the bearer, Mr. J. Hamilton.

7973. [Before 1701], November 13.

[Lady Anne Hamilton] to her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, excusing herself from coming to Hamilton for her confinement and explaining that her husband is involved in a troublesome lawsuit with his tenants. [With cover]

8117. [ ]

Lord Archibald Hamilton to his brother the earl of Selkirk giving an account of a debate about how a certain trial should be conducted. [First pages of the letter missing].

6594. [ ]

Lord Basil Hamilton to [his brother the duke of Hamilton], discussing the regality of Glasgow and its possible purchase by his grace.

8805. N.D.

[? Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to [? her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], discussing the health of the writer's daughters Betty and Catherine.

6296. [ ], September 4.

[? Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to Mr. John Hamilton. [? Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to Mr. John Hamilton, writer to the signet at Edinburgh, enclosing a document to be registered and mentioning that [her] son has gone to Winchester school.
6019. [1699 x 1712], August 17.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton, agreeing that her children's indisposition is likely to have been caused by teething, and referring to some disagreement involving the writer's relations.

6020. [1699 x 1712]

E[izabeth], duchess of H[amilton] to her mother-in-law, Anne, duchess of Hamilton, hoping that she still merits her grace's kindness, which 'I purchase ... with quarrelling with my owne relations'.

6189. [1698 x 1712]

[? Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], regretting that Lady Orkney has suffered a miscarriage and mentioning that she herself has had a violent cold.

6187. [1698 x 1712]

[?Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to [her mother-in-law, Anne, duchess of Hamilton] thanking her for her kindness.

6530. [1698 x 1712]

[?Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to the duke of Hamilton asking how he has found things at Hamilton and urging him to hurry back to her 'for I find it impossible to live without you'.

7011. [1699 x 1712], September 1.

[Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to [her husband the duke of Hamilton], telling him that his mother desires him to go to Leslie with only his own servants, and that Mr. Willie [Wylie] is still very ill.

5102. [1698 x 1712], April 3.

[?Elizabeth, duchess of Hamilton] to [?the duke of Hamilton], telling him that Lady Woodside is displeased with him for turning out her husband, and that there is much speculation as to the fate of Mr. Baillie.
8302. [After 1694] [Arran]

John Hamilton to Anne, duchess of Hamilton, sending half of the 50 stots which he has bought for her use.

8416. [ ], August 13. Cannogate.

Lady Mary Johnstone to her aunt Anne, duchess of Hamilton, complaining that the writer's sisters intend to increase their portions by excluding the writer from a share of the bonds left by their mother.

4602. N.D.

Roderick MacKenzie to the duke of Hamilton, forwarding two letters.

4940/1 [1698 x 1712]

The duke of Marlborough to the duke of Hamilton, arranging to meet him at Lord Godolphin's at one o'clock that day.

8855. [After 1700], November 29. London.

Christian, duchess of Montrose to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her concern for the writer's children, and promising that her husband will do all he can for Mr. Basil Hamilton.


The earl of Northesk to the 4th duke of [Hamilton], asking him to vote for the writer who is anxious to be one of the peers to attend the coming parliament.

7976. [After 1694], September 30.

Elizabeth, countess of Orkney to [her mother-in-law Anne, duchess of Hamilton], thanking her for her protection.

5698. [After 1707]

The earl of Portmore to [the duke of Hamilton], assuring him that he and the earl of Orkney will be among those from whom the writer will choose his proxy.
John Porterfield to the [74th] duke of Hamilton, agreeing to allow a year's rent to William Moffet and his wife, who have leased from the writer 'those little houses in the abbey'.

[Before 1712], February 13.

Richard, Viscount Ranelagh to [Anne?] duchess of Hamilton, discussing his desire for a reconciliation with the duke [of Hamilton], and thanking her for her kindness to a young French girl.

The duke of Richmond to [the duke of Hamilton], sending him some papers and asking him to copy them as the earl of Orkney wants the originals returned to him.

[?1682 x 1711]  
The earl of Rochester to [ ] asking to speak with his correspondent.

[? The earl of Rochester] to [ ] apologising for not coming to see her on the previous night, but asking if he may now come at 2 o'clock.

[After 1707]  
[? John, earl of Ruglen] to [Anne, duchess of Hamilton], reporting that he is doing his best to have the affair of Bonhard settled, and describing how although 'there has been a great humour in Edinburgh to enter into an address for dissolving the Union' the squadron, especially Ormiston, have discouraged this and Mr. Webster is 'preaching and praying much in favours of the Union'.

[1698 x 1712] Barnton.

John, earl of Ruglen to his brother the duke of Hamilton, promising to wait upon him on the following Monday.
8140. [ ], September 24. Saltcoats.

Charles, earl of Selkirk to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, arranging for his journey home from Arran. [With cover]

8400. [1698 x 1712]

Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton], explaining why he has accepted a certain place from the queen, and fearing that his breach with his brother the duke of Hamilton can now only grow greater.

5992. [ ], June 18. Holyroodhouse.

The earl of [? Selkirk] to the duchess of Hamilton, telling her that the meeting of peers has just ended, and sending her two lists [? of those who voted in the debate].

7638. [ ], September 30.

Charles, earl of Selkirk] to [his brother ], enclosing a letter from their brother Lord Archibald and discussing the great losses of sailors during the recent storms when people were killed in their houses.

8124. [ ]

Charles, earl of Selkirk] to his mother Anne, duchess of Hamilton, telling her of the progress made in the cause between Sir Alexander [ ] and Daniel Campbell.

6813. [ ], March 29.

The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking him to speak once again to an unnamed gentleman warning him that if he troubles the writer again his grace will speak to the man's father.

6814. [ ], April 5. Altope.

The earl of Sunderland] to [the duke of Hamilton], asking for news of the duchess [of Hamilton's] health.
6808. [ ], April 16.

[The earl of Sunderland] to [the 4th duke of Hamilton], enclosing a letter for Mr. Barloe.

3221. [ ], April 4. London.

The earl of Sunderland [the duke of Hamilton], hoping that his correspondent will contribute to the 'peace and quiet of this governement'.

6733. [1698 x 1710], October 1. Huntingtower.

The marquis of Tullibardine to his uncle the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his kindness and hoping to call on him before either of them leaves Scotland.

7088. [1698 x 1710]. October 9.

[The marquis of Tullibardine] to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his concern for the writer's friend, and hoping to see his grace before he leaves Scotland.


The marquis of Tullibardine to his uncle the duke of Hamilton, hoping to meet his grace at Stirling on Thursday.

7087. [1698 x 1710], January 21. Tullibardine.

[The marquis of Tullibardine] to his uncle the duke of Hamilton, thanking him for his advice [unspecified], and asking how Frazer should go to his grace.

7035. [1698 x 1707], March 11. London.

The marquis of Tullibardine to his uncle the duke of Hamilton, announcing that the writer's mother has arrived in town.

9743. [1698 x 1710], March 13. Edinburgh.

[The marquis of Tullibardine?] to his uncle the duke of Hamilton, welcoming his return to Scotland.
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5401. [1698 x 1710], October 24.

[The marquis of Tullibardine] to his uncle [the duke of Hamilton], thanking him for his kindness to the writer's friend.

5403. [1698 x 1710], December 10. Dunkell.

[The marquis of Tullibardine] to his uncle, the duke of Hamilton, returning a previous letter to his grace which has been returned to the writer. Since his father has given him the estate of Tullibardine, he has decided against going abroad.

5400. [1698 x 1710], September 10.

[Locowie] [the marquis of Tullibardine] to [the duke of Hamilton], returning the first part of Don Quixote and asking if he may borrow the rest of it, and recommending to him the moral maxims in the book which the writer has lent his correspondent.

4970. N.D. Lancaster Castle.

Christopher Walker of Garstange to the duke of Hambleton, asking to be redeemed from Lancaster Castle where he has been imprisoned for debt.

8844. N.D.

W. Watt to Lady [? Gerard] concerning her court case and suggesting that an approach be made to the lord chancellor through Lady St. John.

8118. [After 1697] Yester.

[Susan, Lady Yester] to [her mother, Anne, duchess of Hamilton] giving news of her family's health.

4448. [ ], December 23.

[ ] to Mr. David Crawford, sending him some letters and referring to Milncroft's process.
[ ] to the duke of Hamilton and Brandon, expressing pleasure at his grace's having had good sport at hunting, and giving some minor items of news.

[ ] to [? the duke of Hamilton],
giving him an account of a battle against the French, in which the earl of Orkney took part. [Last pages missing.]

[ ], July 12. [?housins.]

[ ] to [the duke of Hamilton],
asking when he should call on his grace at Ashton.

[ ] to [? the duke of Hamilton],
reporting that as he could not find Colonel James Scott he saw his father-in-law instead and that the merchants have heard 'verie melincolly neus' that their wine will be seized.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton,
listing a series of complaints against Daniel Hamilton, chamberlain at Kinnell, who is alleged to have put the duke's horses, grass, coal and carts to his own uses.

[ ] to the duke of Hamilton,
telling him of Mr. Hamilton of Tullymore's protestations of loyalty to the duke together with his anxiety not to offend the latter as he had the earl of Orkney.

[Signature torn off] to ['dear Nelly'] complaining that although he has often been at her lodgings since his arrival in town he has not yet seen her, so he begs to know what he has done to deserve such treatment, protesting that he has never disobliged her unless by telling her how much he loved and respected her.
[As in 9799] to Mrs. Walle at the duchess of Portsmouth's apartment in Whitehall, declaring that since he last saw her he has been going over all his past actions in his mind to try to discover what might be responsible for 'that unusiall reception I mett with att your new appartment', and protesting his love for her.

7619. [ ], November 12. Hamilton.

Another copy of 7616.
Undated letters 1600-1712.

Walter Aston to Mr. George Digby, concerning the writer's dispute with his correspondent's kinsman Mr. Digby.

[Gerard Correspondence]

Giovanni Baptista Bayetto Greco to the duke of [? Hamilton], describing his 'deplorabil condizione ... sotto le tirannie dei barbari infedeli', and asking for aid.

[With note in ? Turkish] [In Italian]

Mary Chichester to her cousin Mistress Digby at Sandon, thanking her for her hospitality and referring to 'my father's sickness and my brother's great disgrace'.

[Gerard Correspondence]

'Denmarche' to the duke of Hamilton, concerning a debt.

[In French]

Christian Digby to her brother, asking him to obtain from their father a bond [of provision?] which now concerns her only since their sister has died.

[Gerard Correspondence]
Sim Digby to his cousin George Digby, apparently concerning the purchase of some horses.

[Gerard Correspondence]


[ ] to Mr. James Gibson, merchant in Edinburgh, giving him the latest news, mainly in cipher.

4905. N.D.

J. Hamilton to Mr. John Hamilton, writer to the signet at Hamilton, asking him to speak to Lord Kilmarnock about giving the writer the key to the burying place at Badenheth.

8808. N.D.

[David Kennedy] to [ ], recommending the bearer who is a physician.

8843. [ ], February.

[Copy, by William Weld]. R. Milward to Mr. Farmer, concerning the stewardship of Newcastle. [Badly faded].

1500. N.D.

Archibald Nasmith to [ ], concerning an inventory which he had sent to him, and other minor legal matters.

4097. [ ], September 10. London.

Theodore Oglethorpe to [ ], discussing some minor financial matters.

8838. N.D.

William Pagett to Mr. George Digby, requesting him to meet the writer at Stafford on the following Saturday.

[Gerard Correspondence].
8849. N.D.

Alice Rathniell to Mr. Hanyon, with a recipe for pickling cockles.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8814. N.D.

James Salgado, 'a Spaniard and a converted priest' to 
[ ] imploring his charity for the writer who dare not return to his own country.

8257. N.D.

Francis Steuart to [the king] pleading for restitution to his family's former honours.

[Only the signature in his own hand]

1810. N.D.

The earl of Warwick to [ ], asking him to persuade the king to restore to the writer his position in connection with the letter office.

8266. N.D.

Mungo [Williamson?] to Lady Hopetounne, denying allegations made in a letter from the duchess of Hamilton to the effect that he allows coal, lime and lead to be carried along a certain road.

2437. N.D.

[Copy] [ ] to [the commissioner of Clidsdale], asking him to fulfil his commission for estimating in that area the losses resulting from the action of enemies, rebels and the armies.

1129. N.D.

[Draft] [ ] to the bishop of Edinburgh, directing him to examine Mr. Robert Rollock, who is to be presented to the kirk of Martin.
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8848. N.D.

[]

concerning a dispute about her finances.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8834. N.D.

[  ] to Madam Harcourt at Sandon,
reporting that he has left certain papers with Mr. Floyd.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8839. N.D.

[  ] to Madam Harcourt, stating
that he has done all business where he is [London] and hopes
to be at Sandon on the following Thursday.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8817. N.D.

[  ] to Madam Harcourt at Sandon,
announcing that 'Mr C.' is very well pleased with the proposals
for an agreement.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8852. N.D.

[  ] to Madam Harcourt,
reporting that he has good hopes of her lawsuit.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8833. N.D.

[  ] to Mr. Tidsley, acknowledging
his letter and account.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8809. N.D.

[  ] to W. Weld, sending him two
letters and discussing some minor financial business.

[Gerard Correspondence]
9668. [17th century]

[ ] to [ ] about the purchase of 20 bolls of bere.

8826. N.D.

[ ] to [ ] warning him against Lord Brandon Gerard who has uttered bloodthirsty threats against him.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8831. N.D.

[ ] to his uncle [ ], telling him all he knows about an unnamed gentleman [English].

8840. N.D.

[ ] to [ ] giving details of the symptoms of a lady suffering from 'padentia matricis'.

8847. N.D.

Part of a letter from [ ] to [ ] with the reply from [ ] to [ ] approving of the correspondent's promise to give the rent of Bromley to a poor boy left in the care of the writer.

[Gerard Correspondence]

8850. N.D.

[ ] to [ ]
telling him that his master judges his daughters to be too young to marry.

8851. N.D.

[As in 8850] to [ ]
enclosing 8850 and stating that the answer remains the same.
[Draft?] [ ] to [ ] thanking his lordship for his favours.

[ ] to [ 'your grace'] asking him to procure a warrant delaying prosecution of the writer [a nobleman].

Letter in German.

[Copy] [ ] to [Scottish envoys], in reply to their announcement that they wish to send ambassadors to him.

[ ] to ['my lord'], advising him to rewrite his act rather than seek another copyist. [In French]

[ ], October 10. Ham[ilton].

[Copy] [ ] to [ ], expressing his gratitude for a recent favour.

[ ] to [ ], discussing a court case involving Lady [Mohun].

[ ], October 10.

[ ] to [ ], giving news from the Hague that the siege of Aire has been held up by the late rains, and that the duke and duchess of Anjou have left Valladolid.
answering criticisms that the master of work has delayed repairs to the king's house.

[ ] to [ ], September 2. Strasburgh.

Summary of news letters describing 'the maner of routing the French under the prince of Conde'.

[ ] to ['Reverend Sir'],
[described as 'intended letter for the presbeteris'],
discussing the current Scottish parliament's attitude to the church.

Francis Pringle, on behalf of the principal and masters of St. Leonard's College to the duke of Hamilton, describing 'the great and lamentable loss they have of late sustain'd by a fire that broke out amongst them, to the ruin of the best and fairest part of their fabrick (comprising their dininghall, publick schooles and some few chambers).' They trust that his grace will make a contribution towards the repairs.