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SUMMARY: The papers document the West Indian portions of the economic fortunes and political career of the sugar planter and politician Ralph Payne, first Baron Lavington.

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Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Associated Materials

Related material may be found in the Lavington Papers: Stuart Documents and in the Osborn Files, located at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library; the Payne Family Papers, located at the University of British Columbia; several collections in the British Library and the National Library of Ireland; and the Limerick University Library. Several items relating to Lord Lavington are cataloged in *The Beinecke Lesser Antilles Collection at Hamilton College* by Samuel J. and Penelope R. O. Hough (University Press of Florida, 1994)

RALPH PAYNE, BARON LAVINGTON (1739-1807)

Ralph Payne was born in Basseterre, St. Kitts, in 1739, the surviving son of Ralph Payne (d. 1763), chief justice of St. Kitts, and his first wife Alice Carlisle, the only surviving child and heiress of the Antiguan planter Francis Carlisle.

Like many of the West Indian elite, Payne divided his time between England, especially London, and the Caribbean plantations from which he derived his wealth and power. Educated at Christ's Hospital, Payne returned to Antigua in 1759, where he was promptly elected to the House of Assembly and unanimously voted Speaker of the House.

Payne returned to England in 1762 and embarked on a lengthy and expensive Grand Tour of Europe. In 1767 he married Françoise Lambertina Kölbel, daughter of Henry, Baron Kölbel of Saxony; she was a close friend of Queen Charlotte. Shortly after his marriage, Payne entered English politics, and was M.P. for Shaftesbury from 1768 until 1771, when he was made Knight of the Order of the Bath and set sail for Antigua as the newly-appointed Governor-General of the Leeward Islands.

Payne was popular with the plantation owners. He supported Lord North's government in its struggles with the North American colonists, reporting in 1774 that his islands were free of "mischievous sparks of the Continental flame." He was the first governor in over fifty years to visit every one of the Leeward

Islands, after the "Great Hurricane" of 1772. (At the time, the colony consisted of Antigua, Barbuda, the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, St. Christopher's (St. Kitts), Nevis, Anguilla and Dominica.) He also patronized the artist Thomas Hearne. In 1775, the Paynes left for England "to reestablish Lady Payne's health," and the Assembly petitioned for his speedy return and presented him with a diamond-encrusted sword as a token of their affection. Payne was to remain in England for the next twenty-four years.

He spent many years in various elective and appointive offices, becoming a supporter of Fox after 1780. Payne and his wife also became known for their elaborate parties, despite the rumored unhappiness of their marriage. In 1788 he traveled again on the Continent, and conducted secret but unsuccessful negotiations with Charlotte, Duchess of Albany over the possible return of the Stuart crown jewels to England.

Payne, whose wealth was declining rapidly due to his lavish spending and to the sharp decline of sugar profits after the American Revolution, seceded from the Whig Club and allied with William Pitt and Henry Dundas. In fact, the dinner at which Dundas and Lord Loughborough first broached the idea of an alliance between Pitt and the Duke of Portland was held at his Grafton Street house. His reward for changing parties followed quickly; he was created Baron Lavington of Lavington in the Irish peerage in October 1795.

In 1799 he was re-appointed Governor-General of the Leeward Islands, and arrived in Antigua in August, 1801. He moved into the just-completed Government House, and remained on that island until his death in August, 1807. Payne was buried on Carlisles, his Antigua plantation. His estate was thoroughly encumbered by debts, mortgages, and liferents, and his widow was left so poor that the Antiguan assembly voted her a pension of L 300 a year "in affection and esteem." She returned soon after to England, and died at Hampton Court Palace in 1830. See "Payne, Ralph, Baron Lavington" in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford, 2004) for further information.

Scope and Contents

The Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington Papers document the West Indian portions of the economic fortunes and political career of the sugar planter and politician Ralph Payne, first Baron Lavington. The researcher will also find the papers of value in the study of the history of the Caribbean sugar trade, including documentation of land and slave ownership and estate management in the West Indies. While the record of Payne's holdings is far from complete, his papers reveal the dense networks of family and patronage connections that operated in the Caribbean colonies in the later eighteenth century. The papers span the dates 1689-1855, but the bulk of the material dates from 1730 to 1790. The collection is organized into six series: Correspondence; Political and Governmental Papers; Land and Plantation Records; Payne Family Personal Estate Papers; Other Business Papers; and Accounts, Bills and Receipts. Boxes 16-17 contain Oversize material. Oversize Broadside Material is housed in a separate location.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1741-1801

1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)

Series I, *Correspondence*, is organized into four subseries: Sir Ralph Payne (d. 1763?), Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington (1739-1808), Stephen Payne (d. 1772?), and Third Party Correspondence. Within each subseries letters are arranged alphabetically by correspondent, with unidentified letters placed at the end. The series includes correspondence of Ralph Payne and of various family members, including his father and his uncle, Stephen Payne. The first subseries, Sir Ralph Payne (d. 1763) contains mostly single business letters from overseers, tenants, debtors, and sugar factors to the father of Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington. The letters of Alexander Cooper, who was the elder Payne's partner in the establishment of a sugar plantation on St. Croix, contain precise details about that operation, covering everything from a lack of copper for boilers and the high price of salt beef to an epidemic among the slaves. A 1753 letter describes the practice of giving sick slaves "their liberty" on the Spanish Main. Other topics in this subseries include the difficulty of collecting debts; the shipment of sugar to New York and London; and plantation conditions. Discussion of individual slaves and slave management practices occurs throughout the letters. W. Thomas's comprehensive offer to sell his estate to Payne includes a request to exclude several slaves from the sale at "my wife's desire that the family shall not be separated." The second subseries, Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington, primarily consists of brief business notes concerning bills of exchange, letters of credit, and appointments. Most correspondents are represented by fewer than five letters. There are two folders of lengthy letters from Edward Jones, who was apparently overseer of Payne's plantations on Antigua, containing details of many slave sales; sugar prices and production difficulties; the effects of the naval war on shipping in the Leeward Islands; and other business matters. Several 1799 letters discuss the suitability of Government House as Payne's official residence and other preparations for his arrival in Antigua. Folders 65-70 contain the letters of Godschall Johnson, another Antigua planter with substantial business interests in England who spent years in London. Most of these letters were written while Payne was traveling on the Continent in 1787-88, and contain reports requested by Payne on his sugar plantations, shipping arrangements and finances; information on bills of exchange, annuities, mortgages, and other business dealings among members of the interconnected Payne, Ottley, Willett, Adye, and Payne-Gallwey families of St. Kitts and Antigua; and some personal news. The Stephen Payne subseries includes a group of lengthy letters from bibliophile and St. Kitts native Ralph Willett, located in folders 101-112. Written during the 1760s, the letters document Willett's extensive business interests on St. Kitts, particularly the problems of absentee estate management, including sugar production, plantation maintenance, unreliable overseers, and chronically indebted renters. Willett also sends news of and comments on various relatives, including Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington himself. A March 25, 1763 letter, written shortly after Sir Ralph Payne's death, points out that his son "makes, for a young man, a great sacrifice in leaving England" to manage his inheritance on St. Kitts. Willett's unsuccessful attempts to arrange a marriage for the dowerless cousin Nancy Payne are also discussed in detail, as are various business dealings, inheritances, and debts among Willett's family connections. The remainder of the subseries consists of mostly routine business letters addressed to Stephen Payne, who was an uncle of Ralph Payne and one of his agents and accountants. At least two of the 1763 letters mention Ralph Payne's recent death. Third Party Correspondence contains letters to recipients other than the main members of the Payne family. They concern business and legal matters. The letters of Judith Butler Dunbar concern the settlement of a relative's estate.

Sir Ralph Payne (d. 1763?)

b. 1, f. 1	Alford, James	1741 Mar 9
b. 1, f. 2	Banister, John	1749 Feb 27

Sir Ralph Payne (d. 1763?) (continued)

b. 1, f. 3	Barclay, Andrew With: 2 1755 invoices from the New York firm	1755 Jun 28
b. 1, f. 4	Barrett, Onslow	1762 Aug 7
b. 1, f. 5	Blake, S.	1762 Jun 9
b. 1, f. 6	Bolans & Macmahon	1749 Mar 21
b. 1, f. 7	Bourryau & Spooner	1751
b. 1, f. 8	Brodbelt, John	1755, 1762
b. 1, f. 9	Brodbelt, Richard	1747 Jul 13
b. 1, f. 10	Brown, Francis	1747 Sep 28
b. 1, f. 11	Burnett, George	1758, 1759
b. 1, f. 12	Butler, James Also signed by Thomas Hooke	1759 Mar 18
b. 1, f. 13	Coleman & Lucas	1758, 1759
b. 1, f. 14	Colhoun, Robert	1756, undated
b. 1, f. 15-20	Cooper, Alexander	1753-1758
b. 1, f. 21	Cooper, George	1760 Apr 21
b. 1, f. 22	Cooper, John	1759 Jun 19
b. 1, f. 23	Fahie, George	1761, 1762
b. 1, f. 24	Farren, Frederick	1755 Jan 25
b. 1, f. 25	Farren, Josias	1758 Dec 29
b. 1, f. 26-27	Frankland, John	1750, undated
b. 1, f. 28	Graham, George	1757 Jul 15
b. 1, f. 29	Hamm, John	undated
b. 1, f. 30	Honey, William	1754-1755
b. 1, f. 31	Irwin, Andrew	1760-1761
b. 1, f. 32	Laroche, James Concerning sales of Ralph Payne's sugar; addressed to Mrs. Ottley	1762 Feb 11
b. 1, f. 33	Low, William	undated
b. 1, f. 34	Mathew, Richard	1762 Aug 23
b. 1, f. 35	Mills, Peter M.	undated
b. 1, f. 36	Molineux, C.	undated

Sir Ralph Payne (d. 1763?) (continued)

b. 1, f. 37	Newton, William	1755, undated
b. 1, f. 38	Ottley, Drewry	1756 Aug 8
b. 1, f. 39	Ottley, Lucretia	1760 Jan 5
b. 1, f. 40	Payne, Joseph	1750 Apr 27, undated
b. 1, f. 41	Payne, Ralph Draft copies of four business letters	1752-1758
b. 1, f. 42	Perrott, Andrew With: Bond to Robert Nutter, 1758 May 15	1758 Nov 17
b. 1, f. 43	Phipps & Leigh Concerning deaths of Dominick Trant and his son James Signed: Con.t Phipps; Geo. Leigh	1762 Apr 17
b. 1, f. 44	Pocock, George?	1749 Jan 31
b. 1, f. 45	Protheroe, Philip	1750 Apr 27
b. 1, f. 46	Sharpe, Henry	1758 Jul 18
b. 1, f. 47	Sharpe, John	1753 Apr, Jun
b. 1, f. 48	Stead, Benjamin	1759 Mar 15
b. 1, f. 49	Stewart, Judith Concerning the estate of Governor Heyliger of St. Eustatius	1762 Mar 25
b. 1, f. 50	Sutton, ?	1758 Mar 23
b. 1, f. 51	Tannatt, Edmund	undated
b. 1, f. 52	Thomas, W. Concerning his desire to exclude several slaves from a proposed estate sale Accompanied by "A Copy of my former proposalls" concerning a 1745 mortgage	1747
b. 1, f. 53	Trant, Dominick Also addressed to Stephen Payne	1762 Apr 2
b. 1, f. 54	Turner, Robert	1750 Apr 18
b. 1, f. 55	Wardrop, William	1750 Dec 10
	Warner, Thomas Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 415	1754 Oct 19
b. 1, f. 56	Woodley, William	1762 Apr 20
Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington (1738-1807)		
b. 2, f. 57	Audain, Anne Payne	1781

Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington (1738-1807) (continued)

b. 2, f. 58	Audain, John	1777-1787
b. 2, f. 59	Browne, Jackson	1787 Apr 23
b. 2, f. 60	Desborough, Mr.	1797?
b. 2, f. 61	Feuilleteau, William	1787 Feb 22
b. 2, f. 62	Gallwey, Stephen Payne	undated
b. 2, f. 63	Georges, W.	undated
b. 2, f. 64	Hamilton, Mr.	1776 Apr 19
b. 2, f. 65-70	Johnson, Godschall	1786-1798, undated
b. 2, f. 71-72	Jones, Edward Includes: 2 copies of business correspondence from Jones to others	1797-1801
b. 2, f. 73	Knapp, Edward	1786
b. 2, f. 74	Lavington, Ralph Payne, Baron Retained drafts of 12 business letters	1759-1799
b. 2, f. 75-76	Maitland & Boddington	1759 Mar 26, undated
b. 2, f. 77	Mannings & Vaughan	1786 Dec 18
b. 2, f. 78	Neave & Willett	1772-1777
b. 2, f. 79	Ottley, Drewry	1782-1788, undated
b. 2, f. 80	Ottley, Mary	1786?
b. 2, f. 81	Pearce, Charles	1771, 1777
b. 2, f. 82	Pownall, Thomas?	1777 Oct 19
b. 2, f. 83	Somers, Mr.	1790 Jan 13
b. 2, f. 84	Stanley, John	1771-1773
b. 2, f. 85	Stephens, William	1797 Mar 28
b. 2, f. 86	Warner, Thomas With: letter to Warner concerning Drewry Ottley's lack of a marriage settlement, undated	1772 Sep 7
b. 2, f. 87	Wilett, Mr.	undated
b. 2, f. 88	Willett, John	undated
b. 2, f. 89	Willett, Ralph	1776
b. 2, f. 90	Woodley, William	1797, undated

Stephen Payne (d. 1772?)

b. 2, f. 91	Baker, Mo.	1748 Aug 9
b. 2, f. 92	Cottle, Thomas With: enclosed letter from John Willett to Cottle, 1765 Feb 6	1765 May 2
b. 2, f. 93-95	Dunbar, Charles Collector of the Customs	1740-1748
b. 2, f. 96	Esdaile, James	1764 Apr 26
b. 2, f. 97	Mathew, Janett Mentions "Mr. Payne's death"	1763 Mar 10
b. 2, f. 98	Mills, John	1764 Apr, May
b. 2, f. 99	Ottley, Drewry	undated
b. 2, f. 100	Payne, Stephen Retained drafts. The 1763 letter mentions the death of "Mr. Payne"	1763, 1764
b. 3, f. 101-112	Willett, Ralph	1762-1769
b. 3, f. 113	Woodley, William	1762, 1764
b. 3, f. 114-115	Unidentified	1762, undated
Third-Party Correspondence		
b. 3, f. 116-117	Dunbar, Judith Butler	1759
b. 3, f. 118	Holt, Frances	1759 Jan 6
b. 3, f. 119	Gordon, George	1756, 1758
b. 3, f. 120	Keige, James	1775 Jan 23
b. 3, f. 121-122	Mills, John and Thomas	1758-1759
b. 3, f. 123	Seton, James	1798 Jul 26
b. 3, f. 124-125	Willett, Ralph?	1779, undated
b. 3, f. 126-127	Unidentified	1760-1773
b. 3, f. 128	Empty covers and labels	undated

Series II: Political and Governmental Papers, 1724-1812*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

Series II, *Political and Governmental Records*, is organized into four chronological and topical subseries: Member of the Assembly (1759-1761); First Governorship of the Leeward Islands (1771-1775); Tortola Dispute Papers; and Second Governorship of the Leeward Islands (1799-1807). The series documents the West Indian portion of Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington's political career. It contains no records related to his service in the British Parliament. The first subseries, Member of the Assembly, contains several documents from Payne's first office holding as a member of the House of Assembly. These relate to the dissatisfaction of the Leeward islanders with the British military's abandonment of an attack on Martinique in 1759, and include "A Transliteration from the French of a Letter from the Inhabitants of a Neighboring Island to -----." This is a satire in which the inhabitants of Martinique supposedly thank Sir John Moore for relieving them against the interests of Great Britain, and rehearse all of the Leeward Islanders' complaints. There are also documents relating to the official inquiry into Moore's conduct, apparently abandoned after his successful capture of Guadeloupe in March of 1760. The second subseries, "First Governorship of the Leeward Islands (1771-1776) primarily concerns Payne's departure from Antigua on a leave in 1775 and include the official grant of his leave by George III, a copy of his farewell speech to the Legislature and the legislature's petition for his return. Folder 134 contains a copy of "Queries Relating to his Majesty's Islands in America," a 1773 survey sent to Caribbean governors by Lord Dartmouth. Tortola Dispute Papers, housed in folders 138-145, document parts of a frequent type of conflict over land ownership and property rights in the Caribbean colonies, stemming from what Lavington refers to as "the usurpation of property arising from the lawless state of the country." In this case, the Governor's demand that the Tortolans produce their title deeds and letters patent resulted in a long and bitter dispute over the existence and authenticity of such documentation, as rival claims and duplicate title documents, some apparently forged or issued in error, were entered into evidence. The documents include Lavington's statement concerning his conduct in the matter, particularly in the case of John Fahie, and a letter from Fahie denouncing the Tortolans and the Assembly of the Virgin Islands and adding details of the islanders' fight against the title demand.

Member of the Assembly (1759-1761)

Dispute over Commodore Moore's Conduct

b. 4, f. 129	"Mr. Pickering agent for Barbados's letter to the Committee concerning their Remonstrance against Commodore Moore"	1759 Nov 21
b. 4, f. 130	Letters copy concerning Moore's conduct and the action by the Assembly of Barbados	undated
b. 4, f. 131	"A Translation from the French of a letter from the Inhabitants of a neighboring Island"	undated
b. 4, f. 132	Newspaper clipping discussing Moore's conduct (incomplete) From the <i>Boston Evening Post</i>	1760 Feb 18
b. 4, f. 133	ALS from John Moore to the Committee concerning the convoy	1760 Mar 3
	Questions and draft answers concerning Commodore Moore's conduct [1760] Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 416	

First Governorship of the Leeward Islands (1771-1775)

	"Additional Instructions" Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 417 Concerning the legislature of St. Christopher's; signature and seal of King George III	1772 Jul 1
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First Governorship of the Leeward Islands (1771-1775) (continued)

b. 4, f. 134	"Queries Relating to His Majesty's Islands in America" With: copy of circular letter from Lord Dartmouth	1773 Jul 5
b. 4, f. 135	Leave of Absence; signature and seal of King George III	1774 Dec 10
	"Answer upon the Presentation of the Sword from the Legislature of Antigua" Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 418	[1775?]
b. 4, f. 136	Letter of petition from the General Assembly of Antigua to King George III	[1775]
b. 4, f. 137	Other papers	undated
Tortola Dispute Papers		
b. 4, f. 138	Labels	undated
b. 4, f. 139	Copy of Robert Kenny's patent from Queen Anne, 1713 May 20	undated
	Richard Downing's patent from King George I Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 419	1724 Jun 1
	Petition of the Lieutenant Governor and Assembly of the Virgin Islands concerning Tortola Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 420	1774 May 7
	"Copy of a Letter from Mr. Fahie" Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 421 Concerning the Tortola Assembly	1774 May 8
b. 4, f. 140	Letter from John Fahie concerning his 1774 May 8 letter	1774 Jun
	Petition of John Downing Junior and others concerning Tortola Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 422	1774 Aug 2
b. 4, f. 141	George III letter patent to John Downing Junior (copy)	1774 Oct 16
b. 4, f. 142	"Letters from Mr. Warner &c about Tortola"	1774-1775
	"Memorial of John Downing Junior Esq." Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 423	1776 Nov 20
b. 4, f. 143-144	Lord Lavington's response to the Memorial of John Downing Junior With: ALS from Alexander Wedderburn concerning the Memorial, n.d.	[1777]
b. 4, f. 145	Letter from John Fahie concerning the Memorial (2 copies)	1778 Apr 29
Second Governorship of the Leeward Islands (1799-1807)		
b. 4, f. 146-147	"Account of Office Fees Received by Mr. Thomson....1799...1801"	1804
b. 4, f. 148	Letter copy from the Office of Ordnance requesting payment for guns and stores for Antigua	1805 Feb 3
b. 4, f. 148	Letter of thanks from the Council of St. Christopher	[1806?]

Second Governorship of the Leeward Islands (1799-1807) (continued)

b. 4, f. 149	Anglia. Account of the Right Honourable Lord Lavington, late Governor of the Leeward Islands from 14 February 1801 to 21 July 1807 Parchment roll	1812 Feb 1
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Series III: Land and Plantation Records, 1689-1855*1.67 linear feet (4 boxes)*

Series III, *Land and Plantation Records*, contains deeds, royal warrants, mortgages, leases, official inventories, quitclaims, wills, annuity grants, articles of purchase, and other conveyance documents concerning properties on various Caribbean islands. These have been arranged first by island, then by property name, and finally chronologically within each property. Documents relating to properties on multiple islands have been listed at the beginning of the series. Information concerning the persons named in a document has been provided wherever it was readily available, whether from a docket or from the document text. In most cases, we do not have a complete title series for any given property, nor is it always clear why a specific document is found in the Lavington Papers, although in many cases a member of the Payne family or a related family is named. Nevertheless, these provide valuable information concerning West Indian plantation ownership and business dealings. Many of the documents are or contain detailed inventories: there are at least sixteen slave inventories in this series, from several islands across seven decades. Occasionally there is a fairly full accounting of the history of a property. Box 5, folders 150-161 contains documents relating to Carlisles, once one of the richest plantations on Antigua, from an early inventory of "field negroes" to the legal maneuvering that resulted in Baron Lavington's eventual inheritance of the property, to the multiple "sales of Negroes" in the 1790s that financed Lavington in London. (The final mortgage on Carlisles is located in Box 5, folder 150). The largest number of documents is from Lavington's native St. Kitts. Many from the 1720s relate to the final expulsion of the French from St. Kitts by the Treaty of Utrecht and the British crown's attempt to regularize land titles in the conquered area of Basseterre: hence the many "articles of purchase" between island residents and "His Majesty." Indentures and rental agreements for smaller plantations on both St. Kitts and Nevis also contain valuable information about the economic and social status of non-slaveholding white settlers, while the mortgage and annuity contracts reveal the often ruinous loan terms agreed to by cash-poor owners. Folders 178-180 contain documents related to the St. Croix sugar plantation founded by Ralph Payne and Alexander Cooper.

Multiple Islands

	Deed of trust from Sir Ralph Payne to Godschall Johnson Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 459 Plantations in St. Christopher's and Antigua; includes a schedule of slaves	1786 Dec 1
	Surrender of trust from Godschall Johnson to Sir Ralph Payne and Deed of Trust from Sir Ralph Payne to Messrs. Nesbitt and Stewart Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 460 Plantations in St. Christopher's and Antigua; includes schedules of slaves and livestock for both	1789 Dec 31
b. 5, f. 150	Deed of covenant between Lord Lavington and Daniel Bergeman Mortgage of plantations in St. Christopher's and Antigua	1798 Jul 27
	Conveyance from Lord Lavington and others to William Farmerie in trust Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 444 Multiple lands in England	1801 Jun 25
Antigua		
Carlisles		
b. 5, f. 151	"A List of Field Negroes belonging to Francis Carlile"	1728 Aug 20
b. 5, f. 152	Will of Francis Carlisle (incomplete) Disinheriting his "undutiful daughter Alice Payne"	undated

Antigua > Carlisles (continued)

b. 5, f. 153	Letter of attorney from Elizabeth Carlisle to Mackinnon, Tomlinson and Payne (2 copies)	1744 Oct 12
b. 5, f. 154	Special letter of attorney from Elizabeth Carlisle to Ralph Payne	1744 Oct 12
b. 5, f. 155	Release by way of settlement from Elizabeth Carlisle to Ralph Payne	1744 Oct 12
	Articles of agreement between John and Elizabeth Carlisle Gray and Ralph Payne for obtaining an Act of Assembly concerning the plantations in Antigua Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 461	1752 Dec 26
	Royal Proclamation of the Act of Assembly concerning the plantations in Antigua Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 462	1754 Jul 21
b. 5, f. 156	Accounts for "Carlile's Plantation"	1773-1774
	"A List of Negroes Cattle Horses Mules Buildings Utensils &c on the estate in Antigua called Carliles..." Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 424	1774 Jan 1
b. 5, f. 157	"Copy List of Sir R. Paynes Negroes etc."	1779 Aug 15
b. 5, f. 158	"A General List of Negroes belonging to Sir Ralph Payne K.B. upon his estate called Carliles..."	1780 Dec 8
b. 5, f. 159	"A General List of Negroes belonging to Sir Ralph Payne K.B. upon his estate called Carlisle..."	1781 Oct 25
b. 5, f. 160	"A General List of Negroes belonging to the estate of Sir Ralph Payne K.B. called Carliles..."	1783 Apr 25
b. 5, f. 161	"Sales of Negroes belonging to the Right Honourable Lord Lavington..." See also: Oversize, Box 16, folder 425	1796-1797
Barbados		
b. 5, f. 162	"Major Clarke's estate at the Bell in Barbados..." Brief descriptive inventory	n.d.
Dominica		
b. 5, f. 163	Indenture for Princess Plantation from Henry Curry and Levy Porter to John Thornton Includes inventory of slaves	1772 Feb 6
Montserrat		
	Indenture and conveyance from Bartholomew Rees to Rowland Tryon and William Tryon of sugar works and plantations on Montserrat, including "Calk Hill" Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 463 Includes attestation by Thomas Sandiford	1705 May 8

Montserrat (continued)

Indenture and conveyance from William Tryon to Robert Cunningham of two sugar works and plantations on Montserrat, Cork Hill and a plantation in St. Anthony's Parish
Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 464
Includes inventory of Cork Hill slaves

Nevis

Brodbelt Plantation

b. 5, f. 164 Memorandum of mortgage by lease and release from James Brodbelt to Stephen Payne in 1769 (2 copies) n.d.

Assignment of mortgage of Brodbelt plantation from Sir Ralph Payne to Ralph Willett: draft (2 copies) 1775
Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folders 426-427

Charles Town land

Grant from King George II to Ralph Payne 1757 Mar 7
Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 445

Sweetens Land and Mountain Plantation

b. 5, f. 165 Indenture from James and Perletta McSheen to Ralph Payne (2 copies) 1746 Jan 8, 27

b. 5, f. 166 Indenture from James and Perletta McSheen to Ralph Payne 1747 Dec 4

b. 5, f. 167 Indenture from James and Perletta McSheen to Ralph Payne 1747 Dec 5

Tripartite indenture of release from Maitland & Boddington to John Mills et. al. 1766 Dec 5
Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 446

Morgans Plantation

b. 5, f. 168-169 Lease from Sir Ralph Payne to Charles Pearce (2 copies) 1771 Nov 18

b. 5, f. 170 Mortgage in fee from Sir Ralph Payne to Charles Pearce (2 copies) 1771 Nov 18, 19
[See also: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 447](#)

b. 5, f. 171 Charles Pearce receipt to Sir Ralph Payne for L 10,000 1772 Jul 7

New River Estate

Indenture and conveyance in four parts: Maynard and Fraser 1789 Nov 17
Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 448

Plantation in St. James's Parish

b. 6, f. 172 [Indenture from Mary Elliott to Ralph Payne](#) 1747 Dec 30
Includes list of slaves

Indenture from Mary Elliott to Ralph Payne 1747 Dec 31
Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 428
Includes list of slaves

Plantation in St. John's Parish

Nevis > Plantation in St. John's Parish (continued)

	Tripartite indenture from Edward Jessup and members of the Dewitt family to Ralph Payne Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 449	1745 May 27
	Plantation in St. Thomas's Parish	
b. 6, f. 173	Indentures between John Peterson George Burnett	1758 Aug 24
	Plantation in Sulphur's Gutt	
	Indenture between Richard and Elizabeth Kirwan and Ralph Payne (2 copies) Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 429 and in Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 450	1749 Feb 21
	Richardson's Plantation	
	Indenture from John Richardson to Papillon Ball Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 451	1739 Aug 2
	Multiple Plantations in Nevis	
	Counterpart of grant of an annuity by Ralph Payne and Samuel Martin to Thomas Walter of Nevis Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 452	1752 Dec 16
	Deed of indenture from John Symonds to Ralph Payne Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 453	1762 May 31
	Indenture and release from Ralph Payne to Henry Wilmot Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 454	1764 Jun 4
	Indenture and release from Ralph Payne to Valentine Allott Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 455	1768 Mar 3, 4
	Indenture and release from Drewry Ottley to Ralph Payne Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 456	1769 Jun 16
	Passage Islands	
	Release from Edward Byam to Sir Ralph Payne (2 copies) Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folders 430-431 Transfer of the "Isle of Passage" and "the smaller Passage Islands, part of the Virgin Islands"	1773 Nov 26
b. 6, f. 174-176	Letters Patent for the Island of Passage to the Honourable Edward Byam, Esq. Includes later correspondence and research notes concerning the title, 1860-88, undated	1774 Jul 13
b. 6, f. 177	Note concerning the debt of Byam to Sir Ralph Payne	circa 1780
	St. Croix	
	Plantations in Company with Alexander Cooper	
	Articles of Agreement for a Co-Partnership Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 432	

St. Croix > Plantations in Company with Alexander Cooper (continued)

b. 6, f. 178	Accounts for the Plantations in Company	1758-1761
b. 6, f. 179	Attestation of examination of the accounts Signed by George Cooper, Frances Cooper, and John Willett	1761 Oct 1
b. 6, f. 180	"A List of Sundry's wanted for the Plantations...in St. Croix" With additional note concerning coppers, undated	undated
St. Christopher's (St. Kitts)		
Land in Basseterre Town		
b. 6, f. 181	Indenture between Peter Hende and John Davy Breholt	1722 May 29
b. 6, f. 182	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and Mrs. Catherine Fraize	1726 Oct 25
b. 6, f. 183	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and Anthony Du Roy	1726 Sep 23
b. 6, f. 184	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and Samuel Shipton	1727 Apr 25
b. 6, f. 185	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and William Estridge Concerns lands in "Deep Bay Town"	1727 Oct 5
b. 6, f. 186	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and Wavell Smith	1728 Feb 20
b. 6, f. 187	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and William Ashby	1728 Apr 18
b. 6, f. 188	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and John Harris	1728 Apr 1
b. 6, f. 189	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and Thomas Tyson See also: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 457	1731
b. 6, f. 190	Fragment of bonds between Shipton and others	1734
b. 6, f. 191	Indenture between Peter Manning and Wavell Smith for the purchase of land in Basseterre	1730 Jul 23
b. 6, f. 192	Indenture between Sarah and Mary Guilhen and John Manning	1731 Jun 26
b. 6, f. 193	Indenture between John Willet and Stephen Payne	1733 Dec 17
b. 6, f. 194	Indenture between Jacob and Ann Martin and Ralph Payne	1734 Mar 14
b. 6, f. 195	Indenture between Wavell Smith and Zachariah Bourryau	1734 May 24
b. 6, f. 196	Indenture between Walton and Sarah O'Neal and Patrick Blake	1734 Sep 20
b. 6, f. 197	Indenture between Sarah and Mary Guilhen and Nicholas Parkinson	1735 Dec 26
b. 6, f. 198	Indenture between William and Christopher Stodard and Thomas Pilkington	1736 Jul 20
	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and Ralph Payne Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 465	1737 Sep 20
b. 6, f. 199	Indenture between Tobias Wall and His Majesty's trustees for the purchase of lands in Basseterre	1737 Sep 21

St. Christopher's (St. Kitts) > Land in Basseterre Town (continued)

b. 6, f. 200	Indenture between Peter Thomas and His Majesty's trustees for the purchase of lands in Basseterre	1737 Sep 21
b. 6, f. 201	Indenture between William Mathew, Gilbert Fleming, and John Willett and Henry Slingsby	1737 Sep 21
b. 6, f. 202	Indenture between William Mathew, Gilbert Fleming, and John Willett and Charles Milliken	1737 Sep 21
b. 6, f. 203	Indenture between William and Christopher Stoddard and Ralph Payne	1742 Jun 16
b. 6, f. 204	Indenture between Christopher Stoddard and Ralph Payne	1744 Jul 20
b. 6, f. 205	Indenture between John Willett and Henry Brouncker for a "dwelling-house"	1754 Jun 1
Plantation and slaves in the Parish of St. Mary Cayenne		
	Indenture between John Ward and Thomas Mills Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 466	1760 Dec 2
Plantation and slaves in the Parish of St. Paul Capisterre		
b. 7, f. 206	Indenture between Dominick Trant and Joseph Phipps	1727 Apr 13
	Indenture between John Helden and Gilbert Fleming Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 467	1729 Dec 24
b. 7, f. 207	Indenture between John Lynch and Robert Henvill	1743 Nov 5
b. 7, f. 208	Assignment of bond from Dominick Henry Trant to several members of the Morphy family	1760 Jul 15
	Indenture between Dominick Henry Trant of Montserrat and Archibald Esdail Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 468 Includes inventory of "Slaves, buildings, mules, cattle, canes and plantation utensils"	1768 Oct 12
Plantation in the Parish of St. Thomas		
b. 7, f. 209	Indenture between Susannah Mathew, Gilbert and Ann Fleming and John Maddox	1737 Mar 5
b. 7, f. 210	Indenture between John Reeah and Willet Payne	1755 Sep 24
Plantation in Trinity Palmetto Point		
b. 7, f. 211	Bill of sale from Sarah Mullins to John Neale	1717 May 11
	Mortgage from Valentine French to Martin Blake Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 469	1736 Jul 16
b. 7, f. 212	Assignment by John Johnson to Drewry Ottley Includes inventory of slaves and mules With additional notes on purchase	1737 Mar 31
b. 7, f. 213	Mortgage in fee by John Johnson for Drewry Ottley	1737 Mar 31

St. Christopher's (St. Kitts) > Plantation in Trinity Palmetto Point (continued)

	Bond for performance of lease between Valentine French and Martin Blake Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 433	1738 Apr 13
	Indenture between Philip Audain and Zachariah Bourryau Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 434	1740 Jun 11
Salt Ponds		
	Indenture between William Mathew, Gilbert Fleming, and John Willet and the Rev. Walter Thomas Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 470	1742 Jun 16
	Indenture between John and Mary Neal, Elizabeth Clay, Sarah Robinson, and Ann Williams and the Rev. Walter Thomas Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 471	1746 Sep 5
b. 7, f. 214	Indenture between Richard Williams and the Rev. Walter Thomas	1746 Sep 29
	Indenture between the Rev. Walter Thomas and Ralph Payne Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 472	1747 Mar 26
Sandy Point		
b. 7, f. 215	Grant of land in return for maintenance from Ann Garratt to Elizabeth Wishart	1689 Feb 13
b. 7, f. 216	Grant of land to Elizabeth Pew	1698 Jan 10
b. 7, f. 217	Sale of land to Stephen Payne	1698 Jan 11
b. 7, f. 218	Deed of gift from Ann Garratt to Elizabeth Wishart	1699 May 29
b. 7, f. 219	Indenture between Ann Garratt and Stephen Payne	1704 Oct 8
Sugar Mill in Frigate Bay		
	Indenture confirming articles of agreement between John Douglas, Peter Mitchell, and others regarding a joint boiling house Stored in: Oversize Parchment, Box 18, folder 458	[1730 Feb?]
Sugar Mill in Irish Town (Basseterre)		
b. 7, f. 220	Memorandum of Agreement between Ralph Payne and William Newton (2 copies)	undated
b. 7, f. 221-222	Accounts between Ralph Payne and William Newton	1746-1762, undated
b. 7, f. 223	Accounts and memoranda concerning the sugar mill	1748-1755, undated
b. 7, f. 224	Business correspondence concerning the sugar mill	1757-1764, undated

St. Vincent

St. Vincent (continued)

	Attested copy of a grant from King George III to William Fitzhugh of a plantation in the parish of St. David Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 435 With diagram of land	1768 Jul 8
b. 8, f. 225-226	Mortgage from William Fitzhugh to William Lee for L 3300, for the St. David parish plantation (2 copies)	1771 Jul 30
b. 8, f. 227	Assignment of a debt of L 2360 on the estate of the late William Fitzhugh, from the executors of William Lee to William Lee Antonie, Esq.	1786 Jun 8
Tobago		
	Duplicate mortgage by Cauldwell Craig Esq. to James Ballmer Esq. Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 473 Includes inventory of slaves	1773 Jan 6
b. 8, f. 228	Last will and testament of Thomas Wilson of Tobago (wife Martha) Includes registration of will by Archbishop of Canterbury	1802 Mar 12
Tortola		
b. 8, f. 229	Release of lands on Tortola from Edward Byam to Sir Ralph Payne	1773 Nov 24
b. 8, f. 230	Bargain and sale of lands on Tortola from Edward Byam to Sir Ralph Payne	1773 Nov 26
Unidentified and Incomplete		
	"Purchase of interests in Plantation, Buildings, 82 Slaves, Cattle, etc. in the West Indies" (incomplete) Stored in: Oversize Broadside, bsd 474	1775

Series IV: Payne Family Personal Estate Papers, 1759-1855*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Series IV contains documents relating to the settlement of the wills and legacies of members of the Payne family, particularly Sir Ralph Payne (d. 1763) and Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington. Folder 237 contains a detailed list of slaves owned by Lord Lavington and their planned dispositions on his death.

Ralph Payne (d. 1763?)

Estate

b. 9, f. 231	Last will and testament	1759 Jul 25
b. 9, f. 232	Attestation of witnesses to Ralph Payne's last will and testament	1763 Jan 15
	Accounts with Truman, Neave & Willett Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 436	1764-1768
b. 9, f. 233	Accounts with the estate of Thomas McClearney	1764
b. 9, f. 234	Accounts of Stephen Payne with the estate of Ralph Payne	1764-1768
b. 9, f. 235	Opinion of the Solicitor General in the matter of a lapsed legacy in Ralph Payne's will Formal case; opinion in the hand of and signed by Alexander Wedderburn	1776 May 30
	Statement by Lord Lavington concerning the administration of his father's will Stored in: Oversize, Box 16, folder 437	[ca. 1780]
Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington (1739-1807)		
b. 9, f. 236	Annuity grant from Stephen Payne-Gallwey to Sir Ralph Payne on revenues of lands in Norfolk	1790 Jun 2
b. 9, f. 237	List of slaves to be disposed of after Lord Lavington's death	undated
Stephen Payne (d. 1772?)		
b. 9, f. 238	Last will and testament	1768 Jul 13
Sir William Payne-Gallwey		
b. 9, f. 239	Bond from Sir William Payne-Gallwey to John Moseley	1818 May 10
b. 9, f. 240	Estate settlement correspondence	1823-1855

Series V: Other Business Papers, 1679-1802*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

Series V, *Other Business Papers*, is organized alphabetically by type of material and then chronologically within each type. Contents include seven appraisals or slaves, stock and other properties; a variety of financial contracts; a declaration of manumission; and a set of documents relating to a prolonged legal dispute over lands on Nevis from the 1750s. Many of these papers also concern members of the Payne, Payne-Gallwey, Ottley, and Adye families documented elsewhere in the collection.

Appraisals

b. 10, f. 241	"An inventory of the negroes, cattle, horses..."	1723 Dec 17
b. 10, f. 242	"Appraisement of my negroes taken from the Salt Pond"	1748 Jul 25
b. 10, f. 243	Appraisal of "seven Negroes"	1755 Sep 3
b. 10, f. 244	"Valued the above Negroes"	1757 Aug 2
b. 10, f. 245	"List of slaves and stock as taken by Mr. Beck manager"	1781 Oct 20
b. 10, f. 246	"A list of Mssrs. Payne & Cooper's Negroes"	undated
b. 10, f. 247	"A schedule & appraisement of the Negroes, stock, buildings, caines etc."	undated

Estate Plans

b. 10, f. 248	Plan of a plot of land surveyed by George Webbe	1747 Jul 29
b. 10, f. 249	Plan of an estate in the Parish of Middle Island belonging to John Reeah	1750 Oct 15
b. 10, f. 250	Plan of a house	undated

Legal Documents

Articles of Agreement

	Between the King and Christopher Stoddard (2 copies) Stored in: Oversize, Box 17, folder 439 and Oversize Broadside, bsd 475	1726 Sep 23
b. 10, f. 251	Between John Brach and George Gordon	1755 Sep 24
b. 10, f. 252	Between Andrew Perrott and Thomas Winder	1762 Feb 6
b. 10, f. 253	Between Mary Payne and Ralph Payne	1773 Jul 7

Articles of Purchase

	Between the King and Rev. Walter Thomas Stored in: Oversize, Box 17, folder 440	1732 May 9, Aug 10
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Bills of Exchange

b. 10, f. 254	"Fraudulent bills of exchange in the possession of Gideon Franklin"	1799-1802
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Bonds

b. 10, f. 255	Ralph Payne to Dominick Trant	1746 Jan 1
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Legal Documents > Bonds (continued)

b. 10, f. 256	Joseph Payne to Stephen Payne	1750 Jun 1
b. 10, f. 257	Stephen Payne to Martha Love	1753 Apr 27
b. 10, f. 258	William Well, Jr. to Ralph Payne	1754 Dec 15
b. 10, f. 259	Ralph Payne to John Stanley	1764 Jul 2
b. 10, f. 260	Archibald Esdaile, Edward Gilliard, and Thomas Thomas to Dominick Trant	1768 Oct 12
b. 10, f. 261	Andrew Hamilton to Ralph Payne	1772 May 26
b. 10, f. 262	Anthony Cunyngham to Ralph Payne	1772 Oct 24
b. 10, f. 263	Mary Payne to Ralph Payne	1773 Jul 27
b. 10, f. 264	George Ottley to William Simson and Daniel Bergman	1776 Apr 4
b. 10, f. 265	Stephen Payne Gallwey to Ralph Payne	1781 Dec 17
b. 10, f. 266	George Ottley to Daniel Bergman	1783 Jun 12
b. 10, f. 267	Ralph Payne to Daniel Bergman	1797 Nov 12
Cases		
b. 10, f. 268	Will of John Douglas	1748 Jun 4
Depositions		
b. 10, f. 269	By Richard Williams and William Brown concerning land boundaries	1731 Dec 10
Indentures		
b. 10, f. 270-271	Between Drewry Ottley of Tobago and Ralph Payne	1772, 1774
b. 10, f. 272	Between Amand and Charity Benneville and Alexander Willock for an annuity	1797 Dec 4
Leases		
b. 10, f. 273	From William Stapleton to Nicholas Raynsford, attorney for Stephen Bearcroft	1679 Mar 21
b. 10, f. 274	From Daniel O'Neal to Ralph Payne	1750 Sep 20
b. 10, f. 275	From the guardians of Janette Orton to Anthony Fahie	1750 Oct 5
b. 10, f. 276	From George Gordon to Willett Payne	1756 May 8
Legacies		
Release from John Pogson to Ralph Payne, executor of Stephen Adye's estate Stored in: Oversize, Box 17, folder 442		
b. 10, f. 277	Release of legacies from Abraham Charles Adye to executors of Henry Payne's estate	1773 May 21

Legal Documents > Legacies (continued)

b. 10, f. 278	Acknowledgment of receipt of money by William Woodley to executors of Stephen Payne's estate	1774 Mar 10
b. 10, f. 279	Release of legacy from John and Anne Audain to executors of Willett Payne's estate	1786 Nov 28
Letters of Attorney		
b. 10, f. 280	Letter of attorney from John Willett to Richard Wilson, Thomas Mills, and Robert Colhoun	1751 Jul 8
b. 10, f. 281	Letter of attorney from Andrew Perrott to Stephen Payne	1758 May 29
b. 10, f. 282	Letter of attorney from Martha Love to Walter Griffiths	1758 Nov 19
b. 10, f. 283	Letter of attorney from Robert Gibbon to Stephen Payne	1764 Jun 7
b. 10, f. 284	Warrant of attorney from George Ottley to Daniel Bergman	1783
Manumission Documents		
b. 10, f. 285	Declaration of manumission by Stephen Payne-Galwey regarding "a certain Negro Woman Slave, commonly called or known by the Name of Kitty"	1781 Nov 17
Wills		
b. 10, f. 286	Last will and testament of Charles Powell	1710 Feb 11
b. 10, f. 287	Last will and testament of William Penn	1738 Aug 17
b. 10, f. 288	Last will and testament of Bedingford Pogson	1739 Nov 16
b. 10, f. 289	Notes on the will of John Osten	undated
Other Legal Documents		
b. 10, f. 290	Record of debt from William Johnson to James Bunyard	1709 Sep 24
b. 10, f. 291	Protested bill between James Cradock and John Willett	1754 Apr 2
b. 10, f. 292-293	Documents related to legal dispute between Thadeus Bridgwater and William and Samuel Clarke Pemberton over land on Nevis Island (9 items)	1756-1758
b. 10, f. 293	Acknowledgment of receipt of money from Ralph Payne to Charles Pearce	1772
b. 10, f. 294	Assignment of money from Drewry Ottley to Ralph Payne in trust	1772
Payne & Leigh Shipping Papers		
	Accounts, shares, and related papers Stored in: Oversize, box 16, folder 437	1749-1772

Series VI: Accounts, Bills and Receipts, 1726-1807*1.67 linear feet (4 boxes)*

Series VI, Accounts, Bills and Receipts, is divided into four subseries: Ralph Payne (d. 1763); Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington (1739-1807); Stephen Payne (d. 1772); and Other Accounts. The first three are chronologically arranged; the items have been roughly sorted by year. This series contains a wealth of information on all types of financial transactions, from bills of exchange through a 1752 receipt for "30 fine brilliant diamonds" and for "building the steps to the organ Loft" for a church in St. Kitts. The "accounts of sundries" frequently contain information on the purchase of individual slaves, listed alongside farming and sugarmaking supplies and "sundries from London." In addition to the above types of information, the accounts of Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington also include information on his expenditures during his governorships. The folders of receipts and bills covering his sojourn in England, although obviously very incomplete, document his aristocratic tastes in clothing, food and household goods as well as his increasing indebtedness and frequent inability to raise small sums of cash. Stephen Payne's accounts are more tightly focused on his work as a manager and overseer for his more prosperous relatives. "Other Accounts" contains single items and small groups of financial records related to individuals, almost all of whom did business with Stephen Payne. They have been left in the order in which they were received, filed by personal name.

Ralph Payne (d. 1763)

b. 11, f. 295	Accounts, bills and receipts	1742-1749
b. 11, f. 296-302	Accounts, bills and receipts	1750-1759
b. 11, f. 303-307	Accounts, bills and receipts	1760-1766, undated

Ralph Payne, Baron Lavington (1739-1807)

b. 12, f. 308-310	Accounts, bills and receipts	1765-1770
b. 12, f. 311-315	Accounts, bills and receipts	1771-1779
b. 12, f. 316-323	Accounts, bills and receipts	1780-1789
b. 13, f. 324-330	Accounts, bills and receipts	1790-1799
b. 13, f. 331-340	Accounts, bills and receipts	1800-1807
b. 13, f. 341-344	Accounts, bills and receipts	undated

Stephen Payne (d. 1772)

b. 14, f. 345	Bills and receipts	1744-1749
b. 14, f. 346	Bills and receipts	1750-1755
b. 14, f. 347-349	Bills and receipts	1756-1759
b. 14, f. 350-354	Bills and receipts	1760-1764
b. 14, f. 355-359	Bills and receipts	1765-1769
b. 14, f. 360-361	Bills and receipts	1770-1772
b. 14, f. 362	Bills and receipts	undated

Other Accounts

b. 15, f. 363-364	Adye, Stephen and Clara	1757-1764, undated
b. 15, f. 365-366	Alford, Daniel See also: Oversize, Box 17, folder 443	1735-1769
b. 15, f. 367	Audain, ?	undated
b. 15, f. 368	Baker, Jonathan	1767
b. 15, f. 369	Barry, Jonas	1753-1754
b. 15, f. 370	Buckley, William	1756
b. 15, f. 371	Colman, Francis	1732
b. 15, f. 372	Constantine, Henry	1755
b. 15, f. 373	Crooke, Charles	1769
b. 15, f. 374	Dewitt, Phillip	1731
b. 15, f. 375	Douglas, John	1753
b. 15, f. 376	Dunbavin, Nicolas	1748-1751
b. 15, f. 377	Edmeads, Thomas	1761
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b. 15, f. 392	Ottley, Thomas	1734-1786
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b. 15, f. 400-401	Payne, Richard	1741-1751
b. 15, f. 402	Payne, Willett	1756-1757
b. 15, f. 403	Payne, ?	1756-1770, undated
b. 15, f. 404	Percival, James	1752
b. 15, f. 405	Priddie, William	1761-1769
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b. 15, f. 407	Symonds, James	1758-1759
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b. 15, f. 410	Warner, Thomas	1772
b. 15, f. 411	Willett, Martha	1756-1758
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b. 16, f. 415	Warner, Thomas (Series I)	1754 Oct 19
b. 16, f. 416	Questions and draft answers concerning Commodore Moore's conduct (Series II)	[1760]
b. 16, f. 417	"Additional Instructions" (Series II)	1772 Jul 1
b. 16, f. 418	"Answer upon the Presentation of the Sword from the Legislature of Antigua" (Series II)	[1775?]
b. 16, f. 419	Richard Downing's patent from King George I (Series II)	1724 Jun 1
b. 16, f. 420	Petition of the Lieutenant Governor and Assembly of the Virgin Islands concerning Tortola (Series II)	1774 May 7
b. 16, f. 421	"Copy of a Letter from Mr. Fahie" (Series II)	1774 May 8
b. 16, f. 422	Petition of John Downing Junior and others concerning Tortola (Series II)	1774 Aug 2
b. 16, f. 423	"Memorial of John Downing Junior Esq." (Series II)	1776 Nov 20
b. 16, f. 424	"A List of Negroes Cattle Horses Mules Buildings Utensils &c on the estate in Antigua called Carliles..." (Series III)	1774 Jan 1
b. 16, f. 425	"Sales of Negroes belonging to the Right Honourable Lord Lavington..." (Series III)	1796-1797
b. 16, f. 426-427	Assignment of mortgage of Brodbelt plantation from Sir Ralph Payne to Ralph Willett: draft (2 copies) (Series III)	1775
b. 16, f. 428	Indenture from Mary Elliott to Ralph Payne (Series III)	1747 Dec 31
b. 16, f. 429	Plantation in Sulphur's Gutt: Indenture between Richard and Elizabeth Kirwan and Ralph Payne (Series III)	1749 Feb 21
b. 16, f. 430-431	Release from Edward Byam to Sir Ralph Payne (2 copies) (Series III)	1773 Nov 26
b. 16, f. 432	Articles of Agreement for a Co-Partnership (Series III)	1752 May 4
b. 16, f. 433	Bond for performance of lease between Valentine French and Martin Blake (Series III)	1738 Apr 13
b. 16, f. 434	Indenture between Philip Audain and Zachariah Bourryau (Series III)	1740 Jun 11
b. 16, f. 435	Attested copy of a grant from King George III to William Fitzhugh of a plantation in the parish of St. David (Series III)	1768 Jul 8
b. 16, f. 436	Accounts with Truman, Neave & Willett (Series IV)	1764-68
b. 16, f. 437	Payne & Leigh shipping papers: accounts, shares, and related papers (Series V)	1749-1772
b. 16, f. 438	Markham, Benjamin (Series VI)	1726-1738
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b. 17, f. 440	Articles of Agreement between the King and the Rev. Walter Thomas (Series III)	1732 May 9
b. 17, f. 441	Articles of Agreement between the King and the Rev. Walter Thomas (Series III)	1737 Aug 10

b. 17, f. 442	Release from John Pogson to Ralph Payne, executor of Stephen Adye's estate (Series V)	1760 Apr 4
b. 17, f. 443	Alford, Daniel: Accounts (Series VI)	1735-1769

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b. 18, f. 444	Conveyance from Lord Lavington and others to William Farmerie in trust	1801 Jun 25
b. 18, f. 445	Grant from King George II to Ralph Payne	1757 Mar 7
b. 18, f. 446	Tripartite indenture of release from Maitland & Boddington to John Mills et. al.	1766 Dec 5
b. 18, f. 447	Mortgage in fee from Sir Ralph Payne to Charles Pearce	1771 Nov 18
b. 18, f. 448	Indenture and conveyance in four parts: Maynard and Fraser	1789 Nov 17
b. 18, f. 449	Tripartite indenture from Edward Jessup and members of the Dewitt family to Ralph Payne	1745 May 27
b. 18, f. 450	Indenture between Richard and Elizabeth Kirwan and Ralph Payne	1749 Feb 21
b. 18, f. 451	Indenture from John Richardson to Papillon Ball	1739 Aug 2
b. 18, f. 452	Counterpart of grant of an annuity by Ralph Payne and Samuel Martin to Thomas Walter of Nevis	1752 Dec 16
b. 18, f. 453	Deed of indenture from John Symonds to Ralph Payne	1762 May 31
b. 18, f. 454	Indenture and release from Ralph Payne to Henry Wilmot	1764 Jun 4
b. 18, f. 455	Indenture and release from Ralph Payne to Valentine Allott	1768 Mar 3, 4
b. 18, f. 456	Indenture and release from Drewry Ottley to Ralph Payne	1769 Jun 16
b. 18, f. 457	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and Thomas Tyson	1731
b. 18, f. 458	Indenture confirming articles of agreement between John Douglas, Peter Mitchell, and others regarding a joint boiling house	[1730 Feb?]

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b. bsd, f. 459	Deed of trust from Sir Ralph Payne to Godschall Johnson (Series III)	1786 Dec 1
b. bsd, f. 460	Surrender of trust from Godschall Johnson to Sir Ralph Payne and Deed of Trust from Sir Ralph Payne to Messrs. Nesbitt and Stewart (Series III)	1789 Dec 31
b. bsd, f. 461	Articles of agreement between John and Elizabeth Carlisle Gray and Ralph Payne for obtaining an Act of Assembly concerning the plantations in Antigua (Series III)	1752 Dec 26
b. bsd, f. 462	Royal Proclamation of the Act of Assembly concerning the plantations in Antigua (Series III)	1754 Jul 21
b. bsd, f. 463	Indenture and conveyance from Bartholomew Rees to Rowland Tryon and William Tryon of sugar works and plantations on Montserrat, including "Calk Hill" (Series III)	1705 May 8
b. bsd, f. 464	Indenture and conveyance from William Tryon to Robert Cunningham of two sugar works and plantations on Montserrat, Cork Hill and a plantation in St. Anthony's Parish (Series III)	1732 Feb 9
b. bsd, f. 465	Articles of Purchase between His Majesty and Ralph Payne (Series III)	1737 Sep 20
b. bsd, f. 466	Indenture between John Ward and Thomas Mills (Series III)	1760 Dec 2
b. bsd, f. 467	Indenture between John Helden and Gilbert Fleming (Series III)	1729 Dec 24
b. bsd, f. 468	Indenture between Dominick Henry Trant of Montserrat and Archibald Esdail (Series III)	1768 Oct 12
b. bsd, f. 469	Mortgage from Valentine French to Martin Blake (Series III)	1736 Jul 16
b. bsd, f. 470	Indenture between William Mathew, Gilbert Fleming, and John Willet and the Rev. Walter Thomas (Series III)	1742 Jun 16
b. bsd, f. 471	Indenture between John and Mary Neal, Elizabeth Clay, Sarah Robinson, and Ann Williams and the Rev. Walter Thomas (Series III)	1746 Sep 5
b. bsd, f. 472	Indenture between the Rev. Walter Thomas and Ralph Payne (Series III)	1747 Mar 26
b. bsd, f. 473	Duplicate mortgage by Cauldwell Craig Esq. to James Ballmer Esq. (Series III)	1773 Jan 6
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Johnson, Godschall
Lavington, Ralph Payne, baron, 1738-1807
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