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**CREATOR:** Eardley-Wilmot, John, 1750-1815

**TITLE:** Eardley-Wilmot correspondence

**DATES:** 1768-1817

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence between Eardley-Wilmot and his friends and colleagues. Included are letters from Spencer Perceval and Henry Ellis about the Lansdowne Manuscripts, which Eardley-Wilmot was trying to place at the British Museum; from Mark Noble about Eardley-Wilmot's book on Bishop Hough; and from William Franklin about a Silas Deane letter that Eardley-Wilmot sent to Franklin. There are also many letters about Eardley-Wilmot's book on his father; about political patronage in British parliament; and about political developments in Great Britain after the French Revolution.

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## JOHN EARDLEY-WILMOT (1750-1815)

John Eardley-Wilmot was the second son of Lord Chief Justice Sir John Eardley-Wilmot. Born in 1750, he graduated from University College, Oxford in 1769, was chosen fellow of All Souls' College, and was called to the Inner Temple bar in 1773. From 1781 to 1804 he held a Mastership in Chancery. He served in Parliament from 1776 to 1796, first as M.P. for Tiverton and later for Coventry.

A Whig, in 1783 he was appointed head of the Commission for Inquiring into the Losses, Services and Claims of the American Loyalists, reporting on claims for compensation filed by Loyalists after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. Eardley-Wilmot published his "Historical View of the Commission....." in 1815. He organized the Freemasons' Hall Committee for the relief of French refugees in 1790.

In addition to his professional and political activities, Eardley-Wilmot was a book collector and antiquarian whose materials were essential to John Raynor's edition of Glanville's *Tractatus de Legibus* (1780), and who furthered the British Museum's purchase of the Lansdowne manuscript collection in 1807. He was also an early supporter of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Other publications by Eardley-Wilmot include *Memoirs of the Life of the Right Hon. Sir John Eardley Wilmot, Knt., with some original letters* (1802, 1811) and *The Life of the Reverend John Hough, D.D.....* (1813).

Eardley-Wilmot died at Bruce Castle on June 26, 1815. His only son, John, was created Sir John Eardley Eardley-Wilmot in 1822, appointed lieutenant-governor of Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania) in 1843, and died in Hobart in 1847.

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## Scope and Contents

The [John Eardley-Wilmot Correspondence](#) consists of three boxes of letters to and copies of letters by John Eardley-Wilmot, as well as a small number of personal papers and related items. The papers span the dates 1769-1912; the bulk of the material dates from between 1793 and 1810.

The letters are alphabetically arranged by author; retained draft copies of letters by John Eardley-Wilmot himself are arranged alphabetically by recipient under the entry for Eardley-Wilmot.

The collection reflects the variety of Eardley-Wilmot's intellectual and charitable interests. Letters from Christopher Anstey, John Anstey, Sir Joseph Banks, Benjamin Incledon, and Mark Noble discuss Oliver Cromwell's correspondence; Wilmot's writings are the subject of letters from Wynley Blair, Charles Butler, Robert Cadell, Daniel Coke, James Ross and others. Wilmot's early letters to his lifelong friend Henry Michell are in Latin and Greek, drawing upon their literary studies at Cambridge.

Eardley-Wilmot's participation in the political patronage systems of his day can be traced in the letters of Thomas Blomefield, Isaac Crakell, Baron Harrowby, Bishop Hurd, John Phillips, and William Pitt. A 1779 letter to Nathaniel Ryder discusses Eardley-Wilmot's views on the American Revolution, while a later letter to Benjamin West comments on the compensation claims made to the Crown by American Loyalists.

Eardley-Wilmot was the executor of the estate of William Petty, 1st Marquis of Lansdowne, and his role in the purchase by the British Museum of Lansdowne's manuscripts is documented in letters by Sir Francis Baring; Sir Henry Ellis; William Petty-Fitzmaurice, 3rd marquis of Lansdowne; Joseph Planta, and Spencer Perceval. His abiding interest in King's College, Nova Scotia, is seen in letters from Shute Barrington, Charles Inglis, and John Inglis; while his activities on behalf of French refugees are noted in letters by the 1st marquis of Buckingham, Edmund Burke, Jean François de la Marche, Samuel Parr, John Hampden Trevor, and an unidentified contributor to his fund who signed himself "Philo-Caritos".

Other correspondents of note include William Franklin; John Bowles, who in an 1807 letter expressed fear that dancing and music "naturally lead to licentiousness and debauchery" in the poor; and Warren Dawson, who was likewise concerned with "mirth and jollity among the lower classes." The letters of Martha Wilmot, Edward Wilmot, and John Henry Michell are largely personal in nature.

Box 3, folder 157 contains a small number of personal papers of John Eardley-Wilmot, including his call to Temple Bar. Folders 158-160 contain bibliographical and biographical information.

Descriptions of individual letters or correspondences can be found in the notes appended to many of the folder entries in the finding aid.

## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

<b>"A"</b>		
b. 1, f. 1	"A" general	1804
b. 1, f. 2	Adams, James. ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot	[1802 or later] Jun
b. 1, f. 3	Ailesbury, Charles Brundenell-Bruce, 2d earl of, 1773-1856. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	1817 Jun, Sep
b. 1, f. 4	Ailesbury, Thomas Brundenell-Bruce, 1st earl of, 1729-1814. 1 letter to John Eardley-Wilmot	1800 Apr 3
b. 1, f. 5	Annesley, Francis. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss the design and construction of Downing College, Cambridge.	1807 Sep, 1808 Jul
b. 1, f. 6	Anstey, Christopher, 1724-1805. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot, Bath Concerns the authenticity of a letter written by Oliver Cromwell.	1794 Jan
b. 1, f. 7	Anstey, John, d. 1819. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Discuss an Oliver Cromwell letter.	1802 Nov
b. 1, f. 8	Aylesford, Heneage Finch, 4th earl of, 1751-1812. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Concerns the memoirs of Sir John Eardley-Wilmot.	1802 Dec
<b>"B"</b>		
b. 1, f. 9	"B" general	1803-09
b. 1, f. 10	Banks, Sir Joseph, 1743-1820. 2 ALS (signatures removed) to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss an Oliver Cromwell letter.	1793 Dec, 1794 Jan
b. 1, f. 11	Barentin, Charles Louis François de Paule de, 1738-1819. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	1807 Jun
b. 1, f. 12	Baring, Sir Francis, 1740-1810. 7 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss business matters especially relating to the sale of manuscripts and an estate (probably the Lansdowne estate).	1806 Apr-1807 Dec
b. 1, f. 13	Barrington, Shute, Bp. of Durham, 1734-1826. Letter to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter concerns patronage for Kings College Library, Nova Scotia.	1802 May
b. 1, f. 14	Birch, Wynley. ALS to W. Digby On the life of John Hough, Bp. of Worcester.	1809 Apr
b. 1, f. 15	Blakiston, Anne. 5 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters deal with an attempt to have Eardley-Wilmot secure a public position for Charles Blakiston, age 18, and failing this the letters deal with finding any means of respectable employment.	1806 Dec-1807 Apr

## "B" (continued)

b. 1, f. 16	Blomefield, Thomas, 1744-1822. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Discusses the expedition against Copenhagen. Blomefield commanded the artillery.	1806 Feb, 1807 Sep
b. 1, f. 17	Bowles, John. ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letter concerns a fair and attempts to have it strictly regulated. Bowles is afraid that dancing and music are not harmless amusements for the lower classes, because of lack of education and different habits, "pleasures which are harmless and safe in one case, naturally lead to licentiousness and debauchery in the other."	1807 Sep
b. 1, f. 18	Browne, J. M. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot About foreign and domestic problems in government.	1794 Jan
b. 1, f. 19	Buckingham, George Nugent-Temple- Grenville, 1st marquis of, 1753-1813. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter concerns Eardley-Wilmot's resignation as Commissioner for the French Emigrants and, as a reward, a position for one of his sons as "one of the Commissioners of Appeal in Excise Causes."	1806 Jun
b. 1, f. 20	Burke, Edmund, 1729-1797. 2 ALS (signatures removed) to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters deal with Wilmot's work with French refugees.	1792 Oct, 1793 Nov
b. 1, f. 21	Butler, Charles, 1750-1832. ALS and 1 letter to John Eardley-Wilmot On the memoirs of Sir John Eardley- Wilmot.	1795 Jan, 1799 Sep
b. 1, f. 22	Butler, George, 1774-1853. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Concerns the memoirs of Sir John Eardley-Wilmot.	1805 Jun
<b>"C"</b>		
b. 1, f. 23	"C" general	1793-1809
b. 1, f. 24	Cadell, Robert, 1788-1849. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Concerns the publication of the memoirs of Sir John Eardley-Wilmot.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 25	Carrington, Robert Smith, 1st baron, 1752-1838. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Personal matters.	1807 Aug
b. 1, f. 26	Carron de la Carrière, Abbé Guy Toussaint Julien, 1760-1821. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss personal matters.	1803 Nov, 1807 Jun
b. 1, f. 27	Coke, Daniel Parker, 1745-1825. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Concerns the memoirs of Sir John Eardley-Wilmot.	1802 Nov
b. 1, f. 28	Cornwallis, Charles Cornwallis, 1st marquis, 1738-1805. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Concerns a patronage position.	1787 Jul
b. 1, f. 29	Cowper, Henry, [1758-1840]? ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for a present.	1803 Dec

## "C" (continued)

b. 1, f. 30	Crakell, Isaac. 7 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letters deal with a successful attempt by Crakell to obtain a patronage position for which Eardley-Wilmot's influence was necessary.	1809 Mar-1810 Oct
"D"		
b. 1, f. 31	"D" general	1802-07
b. 1, f. 32	Dalrymple, Sir Hew Whitefoord, 1750-1830. 3 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot	1770 Jul-1785 May
b. 1, f. 33	Dartmouth, George Legge, 3d earl of, 1755-1810. Letter to John Eardley- Wilmot Letter thanks Wilmot for the present of a book.	1802 Nov
b. 1, f. 34	Dartmouth, William Legge, 2d earl, 1731-1801. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter of sympathy on the death of Sir John Eardley-Wilmot.	1792 Feb
b. 1, f. 35	Digby, William. 6 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letters deal with Bishop John Hough.	1809 Apr-Aug
b. 1, f. 36	Disney, John, 1746-1816. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	1809 Apr
"E"		
b. 2, f. 37	"E" general	n.d.
Eardley-Wilmot, John, 1750-1815		
b. 2, f. 38	ALS (copy) to George Nugent-Temple- Grenville, 1st marquis of Buckingham Letter expresses appreciation for the offer made to Wilmot's son concerning a position as Commissioner of Appeal in Excise Courses, and also asks that Wilmot be relieved, for reasons of health, from the Commission for the French Emigrants.	1806 Jun
b. 2, f. 39	ALS (copy) to Edmund Burke Letter is reply to Burke's letter to Wilmot of 1795 Feb 6. Letter discusses the morale of the country. "[T]he People in general do not seem apprized of the real state of the Country, namely that the Enemy is at the Gate."	1795 Feb
b. 2, f. 40	ALS to Eardley-Wilmot, Sir John Eardley Concerning travel, meetings, and his son.	1808 May 6
b. 2, f. 41	AL (copy) to John Scott, 1st earl of Eldon Congratulates Scott for resuming the great seal and presents him with a collection of John Hewlitt's sermons.	1807 Oct
b. 2, f. 42	ALS (copy) to Charles Long, Baron Farnborough Deals with the affairs of Mr. Marsh.	1793 Mar



"E" > Eardley-Wilmot, John, 1750-1815 (continued)

b. 2, f. 43	ALS (copy) to William Gilpin Wilmot declines for reasons of time and health an invitation to help publish and write either a biography of William Gilpin or a collection of his correspondence. Indicates how he would organize such an undertaking.	1810 May
b. 2, f. 44	ALS (copy) to Nathaniel Ryder, 1st baron of Harrowby Letter expresses Wilmot's position on the Revolutionary War. At one point in the letter Wilmot refers to the "Americans" but this mistake is corrected by strikeouts and the insertion of the word "Colonies."	1779 Nov
b. 2, f. 45	ALS (copy) to Francis Rawdon- Hastings, 1st marquis of Hastings	1787 Jun
b. 2, f. 46	AL (copy) to Henry Petty- Fitzmaurice, 3d marquess of Lansdowne	1806 Mar
b. 2, f. 47	ALS (copy) to Charles Manners-Sutton Letter recommends that John Inglis be chosen to replace his father Charles Inglis as Bishop of Nova Scotia.	1812 Sep
b. 2, f. 48-49	15 ALS to Henry Michell 14 ALS in Latin and 1 in Greek to Michell, an accomplished Classical scholar, containing various quotations, epigrams, and discussions of Latin authors, as well as personal news.	1769-70, n.d.
b. 2, f. 50	ALS (copy) to Brownlow North Tries to convince the Bishop to change the residence of Rev. Rivett, a "near Relation" to Wilmot.	n.d.
b. 2, f. 51	<a href="#">ALS (copy) to Spencer Perceval</a> Letter deals with the Lansdowne Manuscript Collection and Wilmot's suggestion that it be sold to the government and deposited in the British Museum.	1807 Apr
b. 2, f. 52	3 ALS (copies) to William Pitt Asks to be replaced as Master in Chancery and to be appointed Welch Judge; warns him of restlessness among lower classes. Asks for pension for Mr. Marsh. Discusses war in Europe and warns of invasion in England; worried about lack of unity in England, especially regarding the "disaffected within the Kingdom."	1792 Nov-1795 Feb
b. 2, f. 53	ALS (copy) to John Freeman-Mitford, 1st baron of Redesdale Seeks a different appointment for a relative of Wilmot's.	1805 Jun
b. 2, f. 54	ALS (copy) to Mr. Rose Letter discusses the affairs of a certain Mr. Marsh.	1793 Jun
b. 2, f. 55	ALS to Mrs. Statham Concerning personal relations and business matters.	1809 Nov 18
b. 2, f. 56	ALS (copy) to Brook Watson Letter deals with an attempt by Wilmot to obtain funds for the college in Windsor, Nova Scotia. Wilmot knows of a trust whose funds were to be used to establish a (Royal) College in New England.	1803 Mar

"E" > Eardley-Wilmot, John, 1750-1815 (continued)

b. 2, f. 57	<a href="#">ALS (copy) to Benjamin West</a> Letter gives an accounting of the claims of American Loyalists upon England for damages incurred during the American Revolution.	1809 Jun
b. 2, f. 58	AL (copy?) and poem to Robert R. Wilmot (cousin)	1813 Nov 13
b. 2, f. 59	4 ALS to Matt Wren Letters discuss Wilmot's election as fellow of All Souls College. The last two letters describe Wilmot's life in London and relate some of Parliament's actions.	1769 Oct-1770 Jan
b. 2, f. 60	ALS to unnamed recipient Letter contains Wilmot's suggestions for a proper education leading to a study of law.	1797 Aug
b. 2, f. 61	ALS to unnamed recipient Concerning personal matters and business relations.	1807 Jan 1
b. 2, f. 62	ALS to unnamed recipient(s) Concerning the catalogue of the Marquis of Lansdowne's manuscripts and the proposal to apply to Parliament for funds for their purchase by the British Museum.	1807 Apr
b. 2, f. 63	ALS to unnamed recipient Concerning the delivery of the Lansdowne manuscripts to the British Museum and Eardley-Wilmot's signature of the catalogue.	1807 Nov 26
b. 2, f. 64	Eardley-Wilmot, Sir John Eardley, 1783-1847. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss both personal and public matters (Duke of Wellington's campaign).	1810 Oct-Dec
b. 2, f. 65	Ellis, Sir Henry, 1777-1869. ALS to Joseph Planta Concerns a collection of manuscripts.	1807 Sep
b. 2, f. 66	Erksine, Thomas Erksine, 1st baron, 1750-1823. ALS (signature cut) to John Eardley-Wilmot	n.d.
<b>"F"</b>		
b. 2, f. 67	"F" general	1802-06
b. 2, f. 68	Fisher, A. ALS to William Digby Letter concerns information about Bishop Hough.	n.d.
b. 2, f. 69	Fox, Charles James, 1749-1806. ALS (signature cut) to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter informs Wilmot of a coming session of Parliament and warns Wilmot that "Business of the greatest Importance is intended to come on immediately."	1783 Oct 8
b. 2, f. 70	Franklin, William, 1731-1813. ALS and 1 letter to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter of 1806 deals with Silas Deane's advocacy of a reconciliation with England during the Revolution. Franklin dislikes the "violent Hot heads in Congress." Refers to Deane's secretary in Paris, presumably Edward Bancroft, a British double agent.	1801 May, 1806 Oct

## "G"

b. 2, f. 71	"G" general	1802–09
b. 2, f. 72	Gaskin, George, 1751-1829. 1 printed letter, signed, to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter informs Wilmot that he has been chosen to be a subscribing member in the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and will be a member as soon as he pays "a voluntary sum."	1806 Dec
b. 2, f. 73	Gilpin, William, 1724-1804. 15 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss family matters and on occasion deal with matters of state. One letter (1800 Oct 29) talks about Gilpin's son (John Bernard?) and his fortunes in America.	1793 Dec-1801 Jul
b. 2, f. 74	Grantham, Thomas Philip de Grey, 3d baron, 1781-1859. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	[After 1804] Feb
b. 2, f. 75	Gregory, George, 1754-1808. 4 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters deal with personal matters including the memoirs of Sir John Eardley-Wilmot. One letter (1805 Feb) deals with Gregory's son and his plans to obtain legal training; same letter describes the living of West Ham, Essex, to which Gregory was presented in 1803.	1805 Feb
b. 2, f. 76	Gregory, John. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter informs Wilmot of the death of George Gregory.	1808 Mar
"H"		
b. 2, f. 77	"H" general	1803–09
b. 2, f. 78	Hardwicke, Philip Yorke, 3d earl of, 1757-1834. ALS and 1 letter to John Eardley-Wilmot	1796 Jul, 1806 Dec
b. 2, f. 79	Hargrave, Francis, 1741?-1821. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter concerns two books which were given to Hargrave by Wilmot.	1783 Jan
b. 2, f. 80	Harrowby, Nathaniel Ryder, 1st baron, 1735-1803. 5 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters deal with general parliamentary matters. 1777 Nov 29 contains the confession that Harrowby cannot support an unnamed proposal because it "would effectually disappoint every future Prospect of a Parliamentary Establishment for my Son."	1777 Nov-1802 Nov
b. 2, f. 81	Hastings, Francis Rawdon-Hastings, 1st marquis of, 1754-1826. 5 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	1787 Jun-1804 Nov
b. 2, f. 82	Heath, James, 1757-1834. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	1809 Dec
b. 2, f. 83	Hewlett, John, 1762-1844. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot First letter thanks Wilmot for his contributions towards securing a home for Hewlett; the second sharply criticizes "those fanatics who are called Methodists."	1803 May, 1808 Nov
b. 2, f. 84	Hurd, Richard, Bp. of Worcester, 1720-1808. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter deals with an attempt to have the Bishop give a patronage position to one of Wilmot's friends.	1790 Aug

	"I"	
b. 2, f. 85	"I" general	1802
b. 2, f. 86	Inclendon, Benjamin, 1730-1796. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter concerns an Oliver Cromwell letter.	1794 Jan
b. 2, f. 87	Inglis, Charles, Bp. of Nova Scotia, 1734-1816. 5 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letters concern the King's College at Windsor, Nova Scotia, the need for it, its history and progress; his son was the first student. Letters discuss current events and people. Sends a copy of his protest, included.	1802 Oct-1805 Dec
b. 2, f. 88	Inglis, John, Bp. of Nova Scotia, 1777-1850. 21 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letters primarily deal with King's College of Nova Scotia, including administrative problems. Politics are also discussed and the threat of Bonaparte increases in the later letters. 1804 July 25 speaks of sectionalism in America. 1807 Nov 13 talks about the possibility of war between the U. S. and England. 1808 May 29 deals with American politics.	1802 Apr-1810 Nov
	"J"	
b. 2, f. 89	"J" general	1803
	"K"	
b. 2, f. 90	"K" general	1802
	"L"	
b. 2, f. 91	"L" general	1802-06
b. 2, f. 92	La Marche, Jean-François de, Bp. of St. Pol de Léon, 1729-1806. 6 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters deal with the conditions of French refugees.	1793 Apr-1806 Apr
b. 2, f. 93	Lansdowne, Henry Petty-Fitzmaurice, 3d marquess of, 1780-1863. 5 ALS and 1 letter to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters deal with Wilmot's selection as Executor for Lansdowne's father's estate.	1805 May-1808 May
b. 2, f. 94	Lansdowne, William Petty, 1st marquis of, 1737-1805. 12 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters deal mostly with personal matters. A few concern politics, such as the issue of French refugees (1792 Sep 23), where Petty shows his dislike of Edmund Burke.	1791 Aug-1804 Jan
b. 2, f. 95	Lifford, Alicia (Oliver) Hewitt, viscountess, d. 1845. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter discusses personal matters.	1804 Nov
b. 2, f. 96	Lifford, James Hewitt, 1st viscount, 1709-1789. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Discusses family matters.	1787 Nov
	"M"	
b. 2, f. 97	"M" general	1793-1806

## "M" (continued)

b. 2, f. 98	Mackie, John, 1748-1831. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	1810 Mar-Jul
b. 2, f. 99	Mansfield, Sir James, 1733-1821. ALS and 1 letter to John Eardley-Wilmot	n.d.
b. 2, f. 100	Michell, I. C. 5 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letters concern Wilmot's desire for information about John Hough, Bp. of Worcester.	1809 Jun-Nov
b. 2, f. 101	Michell, John Henry. 35 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss personal matters. Michell often would flatter Wilmot as best he could. In particular, 1792 Sep 20 describes Wilmot as aiding French refugees and blames the French Revolution on the "impiety of Voltaire." Pays tribute to the Bp. of Leon in 1807 Jun 16.	1792 Feb-1809 Dec
"N"		
b. 2, f. 102	"N" general	1794-1809
b. 2, f. 103	Nash, Treadway Russell, 1725-1811. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	n.d.
b. 2, f. 104	Noble, Mark, 1754-1827. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters concern Wilmot's study of Bishop Hough and Noble's study of Oliver Cromwell.	1793 Dec, 1809 May
b. 2, f. 105	North, Brownlow, Bp. of Winchester, 1741-1820. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot	1799 Mar
"O"		
b. 2, f. 106	"O" general	[n.y.] Jan 5
"P"		
b. 3, f. 107	"P" general	1794-1810
b. 3, f. 108	Parr, Samuel, 1747-1825. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss the French clergy and the French Revolution and give Parr's opinions on both matters.	1793 Jun
b. 3, f. 109	Parry, Charles Henry, 1779-1860. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot On Wilmot's health, symptoms and remedies.	1810 Apr
b. 3, f. 110	<a href="#">Perceval, Spencer, 1762-1812. Letter (copy) to John Eardley-Wilmot</a> About the Lansdowne Manuscript collection and its purchase by the British Museum.	1807 Apr
b. 3, f. 111	Phillips, John. ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for a copy of his books and seeks to obtain a political appointment.	1806 Sep
b. 3, f. 112	Philo-Charitos, pseud. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for his work to aid French exiled clergy and includes a donation.	1793 Jul
b. 3, f. 113	Pitcairn, David, 1749-1809. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot On Wilmot's health.	1806 Jun

## "P" (continued)

b. 3, f. 114	Pitt, William, 1759-1806. 3 ALS (signatures cut) to John Eardley- Wilmot First letter requests Wilmot's attendance in Commons and the third deals with the proposed appointment by Wilmot to Public Office of a certain Mr. Marsh.	1788 Dec-1793 Jan
b. 3, f. 115	Planta, Joseph, 1744-1827. 19 ALS and 1 letter to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters mostly deal with the sale of the Burleigh and Lansdowne Collections.	1798 Aug-1807 Dec
b. 3, f. 116	Plumer, Thomas, 1753-1824. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for a copy of his book.	1802 Nov
b. 3, f. 117	Porteus, Beilby, Bp. of London, 1731-1808. 2 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot	1793 May, Nov
b. 3, f. 118	Praed, William Mackworth. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for a copy of his book. Praed is the father of William Mackworth Praed, the poet.	n.d.
b. 3, f. 119	Price, John, 1734-1813. 4 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot On several Oliver Cromwell letters.	1794 Jan-1809 Oct
"R"		
b. 3, f. 120	"R" general	1792-1807
b. 3, f. 121	Roberts, Thomas. ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Discusses the deteriorating physical condition of Bruce Castle.	1808 Oct
b. 3, f. 122	Roberts, William, 1767-1849. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for a copy of his book.	1803 Nov
b. 3, f. 123	Romilly, Sir Samuel, 1757-1818. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot About Peter Mark Roget.	1810 Dec
b. 3, f. 124	Rooke, Sir Giles, 1743-1808. ALS and 1 AL to John Eardley-Wilmot	1794 Jan, 1797?
b. 3, f. 125	Rose, [George, 1744-1818]? ALS (signature cut) to John Eardley-Wilmot	1793 Apr
b. 3, f. 126	Ross, James. 11 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letters discuss Bishop Hough of Worcester and deal mostly with engravings and sculpture of the Bishop. Ross was apparently an artist commissioned by Wilmot.	1809 Jun-Oct
b. 3, f. 127	Rough, William, d. 1838. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Discusses a private law case.	1810 Oct
b. 3, f. 128	Routh, Martin John, 1755-1854. 2 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot With copy of Eardley-Wilmot's reply.	1809 Sep, Oct
"S"		
b. 3, f. 129	"S" general	1776-1809
b. 3, f. 130	Sargent, John, d. 1831. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for a copy of his father's memoirs.	1802 Nov

## "S" (continued)

b. 3, f. 131	Sharp, Granville, 1735-1813. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for a copy of his book.	1803 Feb
b. 3, f. 132	Sperling, Henry P. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot On the economic and political problems of an unnamed parish.	1806 Mar
b. 3, f. 133	Stevenson, Seth William, 1784-1853. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter discusses details of publishing a work by Wilmot.	1807 Mar
b. 3, f. 134	Stevenson, William, 1741-1821. 3 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters deal with political events pertaining mostly to local Parliamentary elections.	1806 Aug-1809 Jun
b. 3, f. 135	Stover, John. 2 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letter discusses John Hough, Bp. of Worcester, and includes a partial family tree.	1809 Nov-Dec
b. 3, f. 136	Strahan, George, 1744-1824? ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter discusses an Oliver Cromwell letter. Strahan describes Cromwell as having "rendered himself immortal, tho' it be only by Pre-eminence in Villany."	1793 Jan
b. 3, f. 137	Sutton, Thomas. ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letter concerns the candidacy of a friend of Wilmot's for a Cadetship at the Royal Academy at Woolwich[?].	1806 Dec
"T"		
b. 3, f. 138	"T" general	1803
b. 3, f. 139	Trevor, John Hampden, 1749-1824. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letter deals with the poor financial condition of a French refugee and Wilmot is asked for help.	1808 May
"W"		
b. 3, f. 140	"W" general	1794-1809
b. 3, f. 141	Wakefield, Priscilla, 1751-1832. ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Thanks Wilmot for the use of his personal library.	[after 1805]
b. 3, f. 142	Warren, Dawson. ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot Letter deals with a local problem concerning "mirth and jollity among the lower classes" and "licentious meetings of the Rich."	1807 Sep
b. 3, f. 143	Warren, John Borlase, 1753-1822. 4 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot and 1 ALS from Lady Warren The last letters speak of some of the logistical problems which the British Army faced.	1794 Jan-1809 Apr
b. 3, f. 144	Wentworth, John to John Eardley-Wilmot ALS expressing thanks for Eardley- Wilmot's gift to and interest in King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia.	1803 May 23

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b. 3, f. 145	Wilberforce, William, 1759-1833. ALS (signature removed) to John Eardley-Wilmot	1802 Nov
b. 3, f. 146	Wilmot, Ann. ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot	1808 Feb
	Wilmot, Edward	
b. 3, f. 147	7 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss personal matters. One letter (1784 Jun 4) proposes several forms of taxation which will not greatly bother the poor.	1782 Oct-1805 Nov
b. 3, f. 148	3 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot On family financial matters.	1806 Feb-Aug
b. 3, f. 149	Wilmot, Emma. ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot	1810 Dec
b. 3, f. 150	Wilmot, Lucy. 3 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot	1809 Jan-1810 Dec
b. 3, f. 151	Wilmot, Martha. 33 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters mostly discuss personal and financial matters. There are a few references to the Napoleonic Wars and to Russia's internal political affairs.	1803 Oct-1810 Nov
b. 3, f. 152	Wilmot, Robert. 11 ALS to John Eardley-Wilmot Letters discuss personal matters and Sir John Eardley-Wilmot's memoirs.	1800 Sep-1807 Dec
b. 3, f. 153	Windham, W[illiam, 1750-1810]? ALS (signature removed) to John Eardley-Wilmot	1793 Aug
b. 3, f. 154	Wren, Matt. 4 ALS to John Eardley- Wilmot	1768 Jan-1770 Jan
	"Y"	
b. 3, f. 155	"Y" general	[n.y.] May 27



**Other Papers, 1795-1809, n.d.**

b. 3, f. 156	Unidentified letter copies and letter fragments, some in French	1795-1809, n.d.
b. 3, f. 157	Personal papers of John Eardley-Wilmot Includes certificate of his call to the Bar; manuscript (incomplete) of "A Letter to the Publick for the P. Advertiser"; printed copy of a commentary on a proposed monument for "Mr. Howard"; and bills and receipts.	1767-1808, n.d.
b. 3, f. 158	"Indices of letters"	n.d.
b. 3, f. 159	Biographical and bibliographical information on John Eardley-Wilmot	1912, n.d.
b. 3, f. 160	"The Effects of the Preliminaries of the American Revolution on the Career of Sir John Eardley Wilmot", typescript photocopy	n.d.

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