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# **Guide to the Edward Hyde Clarendon Letters and Documents**

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** OSBORN FB152

**CREATOR:** Clarendon, Edward Hyde, Earl of, 1609-1674

**TITLE:** Edward Hyde Clarendon Letters and Documents

**DATES:** 1666-1684

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.08 linear feet (1 volume)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** Collection of manuscripts, in multiple hands, primarily documenting Clarendon's financial activities. Many of the items are acknowledgments of debts, including one appointing Sir Robert Clayton and John Morris to act as his attorneys in order to pay interest out of his shares of the New River Waterworks to his debtors; a legal document and several receipts acknowledging Clarendon's debts and payments to others arising from shares in the New River Waterworks; and three pages of financial accounts and calculations related to those debts and payments. Other items include a request to Clayton for a copy of his father's deed settling Clarendon House on Richard Boyle, Earl of Burlington, explaining that he is weighing offers of purchase from John Granville, Earl of Bath; Christopher Monck, Duke of Albemarle, and William Cavendish, Earl of Devonshire; a letter to Clayton asking him to appoint a house where they can meet with Richard Boyle and Alan Brodrick, 1st Viscount Midleton; and another to Clayton thanking him and John Morris for a bill of credit and promising him a gift of fruit trees, including some varieties not yet in England. The collection also includes an official petition, addressed to Clarendon as "Lord High Chancellor of England" from Sir Robert Clayton (1629-1707) and John Morris, concerning a land dispute between John Dove and John Pretzman.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

For provenance information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

Edward Hyde Clarendon, Letters and Documents. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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### Processing Information

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## Biographical / Historical

Edward Hyde, 1st Earl of Clarendon (1609-1674), was an English statesman, lawyer, diplomat, and historian. He served as chief advisor to Charles I during the First English Civil War, and Lord Chancellor to Charles II from 1660 to 1667.

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## Scope and Contents

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## General

Binding: half red morocco. In gilt on spine: Clarendon Papers. Marbled endpapers.

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## Collection Contents

b.1	Document, signed 1 p; 31 x 25 cm. Document addressed to Clarendon as "Lord High Chancellor of England" from Sir Robert Clayton (1629-1707) and John Morris. Concerns a land dispute. Signed by Clayton, Morris and Clarendon. Dove, John.	
b.1	Autograph letter, signed, to Sir Robert Clayton (1629-1707) n.p. 1 p.; 20 x 29 cm. Requests a copy of his father's deed settling Clarendon House on Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Burlington (1612-98) and gives advice regarding the purchase offers of John Granville, 7th Earl of Bath (1628-1701); Christopher Monck, 2nd Duke of Albemarle (1653-88) and William Cavendish, 4th Earl of Devonshire (1617-84). With an ALS (1931 Sep 10) from Herbert Arthur Doubleday (1867-1941) to J.C.K Letts-Croke, regarding Clarendon's letter.	1675 July 22
b.1	Document, signed n.p. 1 p.; 37 x 24 cm. Acknowledges debts to several people and appoints Sir Robert Clayton and John Morris as his attorneys. Signed by Morris, Thomas Leman and Sir Anthony Keck (1630-95).	
b.1	Autograph letter, signed, to Sir Robert Clayton (1629-1707) London. 1 p.; 20 x 30 cm. Asks Clayton to appoint a house where they can meet with Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Burlington (1612-98) and Sir Alan Brodrick, 1st Viscount Middleton (1656?-1728).	1675 December 16
b.1	Autograph letter, signed, to Sir Robert Clayton (1629-1707) n.p. 1 p.; 33 x 22 cm. Thanks him and John Morris for a bill of credit and promises to return to London with a parcel of Fruit Trees.	1676 September 30

- b.1 Document, signed  
n.p.  
1 p.; 42 x 33 cm.  
Acknowledges debts and payments to Sir Robert Clayton, Sir Anthony Keck (1630-95) and others, witnessed by Keck and Deane Monteage.
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- b.1 Document, signed  
n.p.  
1 p.; 31 x 19 cm.  
Acknowledges debt, stated by Sir Robert Clayton, to Sir Anthony Keck, witnessed by Keck and Deane Monteage.
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- b.1 Document, signed  
n.p.  
1 p.; 30 x 18 cm.  
Acknowledges debts computed by Sir Robert Clayton to Sir Anthony Keck and others, witnessed by Keck and Thomas Beech, with 3 pages of figures.
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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Finance, Personal -- England  
Land tenure -- England  
Legal documents  
Stocks -- England

### **Geographic Names**

Great Britain -- Social life and customs -- 17th century

### **Genres / Formats**

Accounts  
Correspondence

### **Names**

Albemarle, Christopher Monck, Duke of, 1653-1688  
Bath, John Grenville, Earl of, 1628-1701  
Brodrick, Alan, Viscount Midleton, 1656?-1728  
Burlington, Richard Boyle, Earl of, 1612-1698  
Clarendon, Edward Hyde, Earl of, 1609-1674  
Clayton, Robert, Sir, 1629-1707  
Devonshire, William Cavendish, Earl of, 1617-1684  
Keck, Anthony, Sir, 1630-1695