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Overview of the Collection

Title: Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros Papers

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Abstract: The bulk of this collection is letters authored by the colleagues of Portuguese-American politician and cosmographer Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros (1778-1855), documenting changes in the Portuguese politics and government and United States-Portuguese foreign relations, chiefly in the 1810s-1820s. There are also some scientific and mathematical works by Monteiro de Barros.

Language: Portuguese, English, Spanish, and Latin.

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In library. Two biographical entries were gifts of Dr. Alberto Iria, Director of the Arquivo historico Ultramarino in Lisbon, Portugal, November 1961.

Biographical Note

Born in Carnide, Portugal in 1778, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros (1778-1855) initially pursued the study of mathematics and science at the University of Coimbra. After serving as cosmographer of Santarem between 1802 and 1808, he worked for the Lisbon Commissariat. He entered Portuguese politics in 1820, advocating liberal reforms. In opposition to a growing contingent of absolutist supporters, Monteiro de Barros and his family moved to England, where they were settled by August 1823. On October 19, 1824, they embarked for New York and later established themselves in Goochland County, Virginia. There he pursued a career as a banker while remaining versed in Portuguese affairs through his communication with the Consul-General to Washington, Joaquim Figanière e Mourão. Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros died in Virginia in 1855.

Scope and Content

The chronologically-arranged papers consist of eleven manuscripts, eighty-nine pieces of correspondence, and three ephemera folders. The bulk of the collection is letters authored by the colleagues of Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros, documenting changes in the Portuguese politics and government and United States-Portuguese foreign relations. Prominent persons represented in the correspondence series include:

- Scholar and writer, João José Miguel Ferreira da Silva Amaral (1773-1857)
- Legal scholar, economist, and politician, José Ferreira Borges (1786-1838)
- Physician, diplomat, and scientific writer, Francisco Solano Constancio (1777-1846)
- Diplomat and author, Joaquim Cesar de Figanière e Mourão (1798-1866)
- Journalist and London-based editor of the journal *O Portuguez*, João Bernardo da Rocha Loureiro (1778-1853)

Most of the works penned by Monteiro de Barros are scientific and mathematical notes and tracts, specifically relating to celestial mechanics and mathematical physics. The dates of these papers are unknown, and were therefore dated before 1855, the year of his death.

The letters and manuscripts in the collection are in Portuguese, English, Spanish, and Latin.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

- Carvalho, José da Silva. Subject in Macedo, Luis Antonio d'Almeida letter (1822, Sep. 24) to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72448.
- Carvalho, José da Silva. Subject in "M" letter (1824, Mar. 18) to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72468.
- Celestial mechanics - - 19th century. Subject in Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855 [before 1855] "Mechanicae Scriptoribus mos est spatia tempora velocitates per s, t, u representare, harum vero quantitatum elementa per ds, dt, du..." HM 72408.
- Celestial mechanics - - 19th century. Subject in Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855 [before 1855] "Sit planeta T (Fig. 1a) cum a Sole attrahi incipit in distantia ST, quae duplex mediae ejus distantiae SP esse assumitur..." HM 72410.
- Celestial mechanics - - 19th century. Subject in Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855 [before 1855] "Telurem non esse sphaericam jamdudum Geometris compertum; sed quae sit ejus figura adhuc obscurum..." HM 72411.
- Currency question - - Portugal. Subject in Albuquerque, Joao Victorino de Souza letter (1821, Mar. 7) to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72427.
- De Forest, David Curtis, 1774-1825. Subject in Lima, Antonio Luiz de letter (1825, Apr. 2) to De Forest, David Curtis, 1774-1825 (in Spanish). HM 72470.
- Desertion, Military - - Portugal. Subject in Crespo, Antonio José Alves letter (1823, Mar. 27) to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72461.
- Ferreira, Silvestre Pinheiro, 1769-1846. Subject in Rocha Loureiro, João Bernardo da, 1778-1853 letter (1821, Sep.4) to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72435.
- Franco, Francisco Soares, ca. 1772-1844. Subject in Carneiro, Heliodoro Jacinto de Araújo, 1776-1849 letter (1822, Feb. 3) to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72444.
- Geometry, Differential - - 19th century. Subject in Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855 [before 1855] "Sendo ha altura avelocidade com que o movel por huma direção oblique..." HM 72409.
- Great Britain - - History. Subject in "Da antiga Britania" [undated]. HM 72412.
- Mathematical physics. Subject in Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855 [before 1855] "Mechanicae Scriptoribus mos est spatia tempora velocitates per s, t, u representare, harum vero quantitatum elementa per ds, dt, du..." HM 72408.
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- Old age pensions - - Planning. Subject in Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855 [before 1855] "As seguintes taboas forão calculadas pelo Sr. Price, para a formação de hum plano, por meio do qual os officiaes pobres, em razão de pequenas quantidades tiradas semanalmente dos seus stipendios, ficassem habilitados para receber quantias com que podessem subsistir no tempo da enfermidade, e da velhice." HM 72407.
- Pindar. Olympian odes. English. Subject in Valorado, Jose Francisco letter (1813, Mar. 25) to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72413.
- Planets - - Orbits. Subject in Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855 [before 1855] "Telurem non esse sphaericam jamdudum Geometris compertum; sed quae sit ejus figura adhuc obscurum..." HM 72411.
- Portugal. Ministério da Fazenda. Subject in Portugal. Ministério da Fazenda Receipt (1823, Jan. 29) acknowledging that Sebastiao José de Carvalho satisfied his debt to Francisco Xavier Monteiro. HM 72405.
- Rocha Loureiro, João Bernardo da, 1778-1853. Subject in Peixoto, Caetano José letter [ca. 1822] to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72457.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the [Huntington Library's Online Catalog](#).

Subjects

Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1885.
Carvalho, José da Silva.
De Forest, David Curtis, 1774-1825.
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Celestial mechanics -- 19th century.
Diplomats -- Portugal -- Correspondence.
Geometry, Differential -- 19th century.
Mathematical physics.
Mathematics -- Manuscripts -- 19th century.
Planets -- Orbits.
Science -- Manuscripts -- 19th century.
Portugal -- Commerce -- United States.
Portugal -- Foreign relations -- United States.
Portugal -- Politics and government -- 1777-1816.
Portugal -- Politics and government -- 1816-1826.
United States -- Foreign relations -- Portugal.

Forms/Genres

Letters (correspondence) Portugal -- 19th century.
Manuscripts Portugal -- 19th century.

Additional Contributors

Amaral, João José Miguel Ferreira da Silva.
Borges, José Ferreira, 1786-1838.
Carneiro, Heliodoro Jacinto de Araújo, 1776-1849.
Constâncio, Francisco Solano, 1777-1846.
Mourão, Joaquim Cesar de Figanière e.
Peixoto, Caetano José.
Rocha Loureiro, João Bernardo da, 1778-1853.
Portugal. Ministério da Fazenda.

Box 1

Manuscripts and Correspondence, 1813-1821

[Between 1812 and 1820]. "Discurso dirigido aos Senhores Redactores do Jornal de Coimbra." HM 72402.

1815, Feb. 18. Cardozo, Domingos Joze. Statement certifying the service of Francisco Xavier Monteiro to the Office of the Commissary General. HM 72403.

1822, Oct. 19-Nov. 2. Receipt issued to Carlos Vieira de Figueiredo by the Contadoria da Arrecadação dos Direitos Nacionaes for his payment of taxes on a cask of wine. HM 72404.

1823, Jan. 29. Portugal. Ministério da Fazenda. Receipt acknowledging that Sebastiao José deCarvalho satisfied his debt to Francisco Xavier Monteiro. HM 72405.

[ca. 1837]. Mattos, Paschoal Bernardino de. "Oração Academica, que no dia da abertura da Sua Aulla recitou na Cidade de Mariana..." HM 72406.

[Before 1855]. Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855. "As seguintes taboas forão calculadas pelo Sr. Price, para a formação de hum plano, por meio do qual os officiaes pobres, em rasão de pequenas quantidades tiradas semanalmente dos seus stipendios, ficassem habilitados para receber quantias com que podessem subsistir no tempo da enfermidade, e da velhice." HM 72407.

- [Before 1855]. Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855. "Mechanicae Scriptoribus mos est spatia tempora velocitates per s, t, u representare, harum vero quantitatum elementa per ds, dt, du..." (in Latin). HM 72408.**
- [Before 1855]. Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855. "Sendo ha altura avelocidadecom que o movel por huma direção oblique..." HM 72409.**
- [Before 1855]. Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855. "Sit planeta T (Fig. 1a) cum a Sole attrahi incipit in distantia ST, quae duplex mediae ejus distantiae SP esse assumitur..." (in Latin). HM 72410.**
- [Before 1855]. Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855. "Telurem non esse sphaericam jamdudum Geometris compertum; sed quae sit ejus figura adhuc obscurum..." (in Latin). HM 72411.**
- [Undated]. "Da antiga Britania." Note: manuscript appears incomplete, and the author is unidentified. HM 72412.**
- 1813, Mar. 25. Valorado, J[ose] F[rancisco]. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros(in Portuguese and English). HM 72413.**
- 1813, Apr. 23. Peixoto, C[aetano] J[osé] and Joanna Peixoto. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72414.**
- 1813, Aug. 9-Nov. 15. Peixoto, Caetano José. 2 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72415-72416.**
- 1817, Dec. 18. Constancio, J. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72417.**
- [After 1817]. Peixoto, [Caetano José]. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: year derived from the date of the paper's watermark. HM 72418.**
- 1819, Jan. 17-Mar. 20. Peixoto, Caetano José. 2 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72419-HM 72420.**
- [ca. 1819], Dec. 15. Peixoto, Caetano Jozé. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72421.**
- [After 1819]. Peixoto, [Caetano José]. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: year derived from the date of the paper's watermark. HM 72422.**
- [Between 1820 and 1823]. Costa, Antonio José Ferreira da. 2 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72423-72424.**
- [Between 1820 and 1823]. Ferrao, J. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72425.**
- 1821, Jan. 2. Henriques, Joao Anastacio de Carvalhosa. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72426.**
- 1821, Mar. 7. Albuquerque, Joao Victorino de Souza. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72427.**
- 1821, Mar. 19. Rebello, José Pinto. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72428.**
- 1821, Mar. 25. Sandoval, Candido de Almeida y. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72429.**
- 1821, May 1. Loureiro, Francisco de Sousa, 1772-1844. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72430.**
- 1821, May 12. Borges, José Ferreira, 1786-1838. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72431.**
- 1821, May 23. Rebello, [José Pinto]. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72432.**
- 1821, Jun. 20. Peixoto, Caetano José. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72433.**
- 1821, Aug. 15-Sep. 4. Rocha Loureiro, João Bernardo da, 1778-1853. 2 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72434-72435.**
- 1821, Sep. 26. Guerra, Francisco Joze. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72436.**
- [ca. 1821], Oct. 11. Rocha Loureiro, João Bernardo da, 1778-1853. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72437.**
- 1821, Oct. 12. Macedo, Luis Antonio d'Almeida. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72438.**

1821, Nov. 15. F[aria], A[ntonio] C[andido] de. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72439.

[ca. 1821], Nov. 23. Sandoval, Candido d'Almeida y. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72440.

1821, Dec. 10. Costa, Antonio José Ferreira da. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72441.

1821, Dec. 14. Magalhaens, João de Sousa Pinto de. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72442.

Box 2

Correspondence, 1822-1840, undated and Ephemera

1822, Jan. 22. Peixoto, [Caetano José]. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72443.

1822, Feb. 3. Carneiro, Heliodoro Jacinto de Araújo, 1776-1849. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72444.

1822, Mar 1. Santos, Antonio Pio dos. 1 letter to [Francisco] Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72445.

1822, Mar. 18. Maldonado, Pedro Reyxa da Costa. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72446.

1822, Sep. 3. Crespo, Antonio Jozé Alves. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72447.

1822, Sep. 24. Macedo, Luis Antonio d'Almeida. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72448.

1822, Sep. 26. Costa, Antonio José Ferreira da. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72449.

1822, Oct. 3-6. Amaral, João José Miguel Ferreira da Silva. 2 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72450-72451.

1822, Oct. 20. Faria, Antonio Candido de. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72452.

1822, Oct. 20. Reys, Maximo Joze dos. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72453.

1822, Oct. 25. M-----, J----- G-----. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72454.

1822, Dec. 12. Abreu, Jose d'Azevedo Sá Sotto-Maior e. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72455.

[ca. 1822]. Peixoto, [Caetano José]. 2 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72456-72457.

1823, Jan. 1. Coelho, Francisco Duarte. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72458.

1823, Jan. 20. Peixoto, [Caetano José]. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72459.

1823, Feb. 19. Costa, Jose Dias da. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72460.

1823, Mar. 27. Crespo, Antonio Jozé Alves. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. HM 72461.

[Before Aug. 1823]. Di[...], Joao Nepomuceno. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: author addressed letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros when he was still based in Lisbon before Aug. 1823. HM 72462.

[Before Aug. 1823]. "Hum Cidadao Constitucional." 1 letter to [Francisco] Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: author addressed letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros when he was still based in Lisbon before Aug. 1823. HM 72463.

[Before Aug. 1823]. Peixoto, [Caetano José]. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: author addressed letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros when he was still based in Lisbon before Aug. 1823. HM 72464.

[Before Aug. 1823]. Souza, A.J.C. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: author addressed letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros when he was still based in Lisbon before Aug. 1823. HM 72465.

1823, Aug. 26. [A].J.S.T. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: Author signed only his initials: the first letter appears to be an "A." HM 72466.

- 1823, Nov. 29. Vieira, [Carlos]. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.**
HM 72467.
- 1824, Mar. 18. "M." 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: Author signed his name as "M." HM 72468.**
- 1824, Aug. 19. Fernandes, Manuel Bernardo Lopes. 1 letter to Mrs. Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.** HM 72469.
- 1825, Apr. 2. Lima, Antonio Luiz de. 1 letter to David Curtis De Forest (in Spanish). Note: It is plausible that the author was not aware that the recipient died on Feb. 22, 1825, which may explain why the letter remained in the possession of Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.** HM 72470.
- 1825, Jun. 18. Constancio, Francisco Solano, 1777-1846. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.** HM 72471.
- 1834, Feb. 17-Feb. 19, 1838. Mourão, Joaquim Cesar de Figanière e. 18 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros. Note: various letters contain some English.**
HM 72472-72489.
- 1838, Jun. 28-Mar. 15, 1839. Figaniere, João d'Almeida de la. 2 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.** HM 72490-72491.
- 1840, Jul. 17. Thompson, John, Jr. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.**
HM 72492.
- [Undated]. Muñoz, N.A.P.P. 2 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.**
HM 72493-72494.
- [Undated]. Obr[...], Joao Cypriano de. 1 letter to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.**
HM 72495.
- [Undated]. Peixoto, Caetano José. 6 letters to Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros.**
HM 72496-HM 72501.
- 1833, Nov. 8. *Chronica Constitucional do Porto*, no. 264: [newsletter]. Note: edited by Antonio Pereira dos Reis (1804-1850) and printed by Gandra & filhos.** HM 72502.
- [Before 1855]. Barros, Francisco Xavier Monteiro de, 1778-1855. Miscellaneous mathematical notes.** HM 72503.
- 1909. Two photostatic copies of biographical entries for Francisco Xavier Monteiro de Barros: one from the *Diccionario Portugal* Volume IX (Lisbon, 1909) and the other from the *Grande Enciclopedia Portuguesa e Brasileira*.** HM 72504.