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## Sir Francis Beaufort Papers: Finding Aid

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## Overview of the Collection

**Title:** Sir Francis Beaufort Papers

**Dates (inclusive):** 1710-1953

**Bulk dates:** 1780-1890

**Collection Number:** mssFB 1-1920

**Creator:** Beaufort, Francis, Sir, 1774-1857.

**Extent:** 2,143 pieces in 38 boxes.

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**Abstract:** This collection is comprised of three sets of distinct papers concerning members of the Beaufort, Edgeworth, and Larpent families. The bulk of the collection consists of the papers of Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort (1774-1857), hydrographer of the British Navy and member of the Royal Society, as well as papers of other members of the Beaufort family. Subject matter includes naval operations of the British Navy, particularly during the Napoleonic Wars; geography and hydrography; Irish affairs; the Royal Society and scientific affairs in England; and family affairs. In addition there are also papers of Beaufort's daughter Lady Strangford, Emily Ann Smythe (1826-1887), a travel writer and illustrator, and papers of English diplomat John James Larpent (1783-1860) and his family.

**Language:** English.

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### Provenance

Purchased from Francis N. Beaufort-Palmer, 1968-1973.

### Processing/Project Information

This collection was initially processed by Huntington Library staff, and cards for individual items were created and filed in the chronological and alphabetical sections of the Manuscripts Catalog. In 2000, the finding aid was encoded and revised by Xiuzhi Zhou. In 2016, Dorothy Auyong and Diann Benti updated and expanded the finding aid.

### Access

Open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, contact Reader Services.

### Scope and Content

This collection is comprised of three sets of distinct papers concerning members of the Beaufort, Edgeworth, and Larpent families that were purchased from a shared descendant. The bulk of the collection consists of the papers of British hydrologist and admiral Sir Francis Beaufort and his family; in addition there are also papers of Beaufort's daughter Lady Strangford, Emily Ann Smythe (1826-1887), a travel writer and illustrator, and papers of English diplomat John James Larpent (1783-1860) and his family. Some organic material [dried plant specimens] is contained in the collection.

#### Sir Francis Beaufort Papers (1,967 pieces in 35 boxes)

The papers of Sir Francis Beaufort, dating from 1710-1953 (bulk 1780-1890), consist of diaries, journals, account books and correspondence of Beaufort and members of the Beaufort and Edgeworth families including his father Daniel Augustus Beaufort, first wife Alicia Magdalena Wilson Beaufort (died 1834). The collection includes information related to British naval history (especially during the Napoleonic Wars), Irish affairs, hydrography, scientific research in England in the early 19th century, and the Near East, including research for Sir Francis's work *Karamania* (1817).

#### Emily Smythe, Viscountess Strangford Papers (78 pieces in 1 box)

The papers of Emily Smythe, Viscountess Strangford, dating from 1836-1888, contain correspondence of Lady Strangford and her husband, Percy Ellen Frederick William Smythe, as well as Lady Strangford's travel journals (1876-1877) from

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Bulgaria, and various legal papers.

**John James Larpent, Baron de Hochepped, Papers (98 pieces in 3 boxes)**

The papers of John James Larpent, Baron de Hochepped papers, dating from 1814-1859 and consisting of diplomatic correspondence accumulated by Larpent during his term as British consul in Belgium. These items notably document diplomatic relationship between England and Belgium, particularly at the time of the French Revolution of 1830. In addition, there are letters from Larpent's sister-in-law Catherine Elizabeth Reeves, the diary (1853-1859) of his daughter Clarissa de Hochepped Larpent James, and the journal (1860-1876) of his wife, Georgiana Frances Reeves Larpent.

- [Anna Margareta Larpent diaries \(mssHM 31201\)](#)
- [John Larpent papers \(mssLA 1-2503\)](#)

**Related materials in the Huntington Library**

- Beaufort, Francis, Sir. *Karamania, or A brief description ... (1817)*. Author's proof copy.
- Microfilm copies of diaries and journals of Cornelis, Daniel Augustus, Louisa Catherine, Mary Waller Beaufort and correspondence of William Lewis are available in the Library upon request. The microfilms were taken from originals at the Trinity College Library, Dublin, and are not to be reproduced without the Trinity College Library's permission.
- [Beaufort family \[microform\] : manuscripts \(MSS MFilm 00688, reels 1-2\)](#)
- [Beaufort, Daniel Augustus, 1739-1821. Diaries and journals \[microform\] : ca. 1808-1880 \(MSS MFilm 00693\)](#)

The information file for this collection also includes the following relevant items:

- David, Andrew C. F. *A Description of the Surveys of Sir Francis Beaufort Held in the Archives of the Hydrographic Department, Ministry of Defence, Taunton Somerset, England*. 1977 (19 pages)
- Ellison, C. C. "Remembering Dr. Beaufort." Published in the *Quarterly Bulletin* of the Irish Georgian Society. Jan.-Mar. 1975 (36 pages)
- Waller, M. W. B. Craig. *The History of Some of Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort's Possessions, A Note by Commander M. W. B. Craig Waller, D.S.C., R.N.* 1976. (6 pages)
- Waller, M. W. B. Craig. *Some Notes on De Hochped and Larpent. Also notes from a letter re the spelling of Emily Anne (Beaufort) Smythe, Viscountess Strangford*. 1976 (3 pages)
- Friendly, Alfred. *Solution to Sir Francis Beaufort's cipher*. 1974 (1 page)

For a fuller description of the collection please see:

- [Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery. Guide to British historical manuscripts in the Huntington Library.](#)

**Arrangement**

Organized in the following series:

1. Sir Francis Beaufort Papers (Boxes 1-34, 38)
2. Emily Smythe, Viscountess Strangford papers (Box 35)
3. John James Larpent, Baron de Hochepped papers (Boxes 36-37)

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Aleksandŭr I, Prince of Bulgaria, 1857-1893 -- Correspondence.  
Beaufort, Daniel Augustus, 1739-1821 -- Archives.  
Beaufort, Francis, Sir, 1774-1857 -- Archives.  
Beaufort, Alicia Magdalena Wilson, -1834 -- Archives.  
Edgeworth, Richard Lovell, 1744-1817 -- Archives.  
Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849 -- Archives.  
Eliot, George, 1819-1880 -- Correspondence.  
Hillyar, James, 1769-1843 -- Correspondence.  
Larpent, John James de Hochepped, Baron, active 1825-1837 -- Correspondence.  
Lear, Edward, 1812-1888 -- Correspondence.  
Strangford, Emily Anne Beaufort Smythe, Viscountess, -1887 -- Archives.  
Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901 -- Correspondence.

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Great Britain. Royal Navy -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.  
Great Britain. Hydrographic Department -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.  
Royal Society (Great Britain) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.  
Consuls -- Great Britain -- Correspondence.  
Diplomats -- Great Britain -- Correspondence.  
Geographers -- Great Britain -- Archives.  
Hydrography -- Great Britain -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.  
Napoleonic Wars, 1800-1815 -- Naval operations -- Sources.  
Russo-Turkish War, 1877-1878 -- Civilian relief -- Personal narratives.  
Travelers' writings, English.  
Women philanthropists -- Great Britain -- Archives.  
Women -- Great Britain -- Diaries.  
Belgium -- History -- Insurrection, 1830 -- Sources.  
Belgium -- History -- Revolution, 1830-1839 -- Sources.  
Belgium -- Foreign relations -- 19th century.  
Belgium -- Foreign relations -- Great Britain.  
Bulgaria -- History -- Uprising, 1876 -- Civilian relief -- Personal narratives.  
Egypt -- Description and travel.  
Great Britain -- Foreign relations -- 1800-1837 -- Sources.  
Great Britain -- Foreign relations -- Belgium.  
Great Britain -- Foreign relations -- Netherlands.  
Great Britain -- History, Naval -- 19th century -- Sources.  
Great Britain -- History -- 18th century -- Sources.  
Great Britain -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.  
Ireland -- History -- 1760-1820 -- Sources.  
Netherlands -- Foreign relations -- 1815-  
Netherlands -- Foreign relations -- Great Britain.  
Turkey -- Description and travel.  
Mediterranean Coast (Egypt) -- Nautical charts.  
Mediterranean Coast (Turkey) -- Nautical charts.

#### **Forms/Genres**

Account books -- Great Britain -- 19th century.  
Letters (correspondence) -- Great Britain.  
Diaries -- Great Britain -- 19th century.  
Ephemera -- Great Britain -- 19th century.  
Family papers -- Great Britain -- 19th century.  
Manuscripts -- Great Britain -- 19th century.  
Personal papers -- Great Britain.  
Professional papers -- Great Britain.  
Travel literature -- Great Britain -- 19th century.

#### **Additional contributors**

Aleksandŭr I, Prince of Bulgaria, 1857-1893.  
Beaufort, Daniel Augustus, 1739-1821.  
Beaufort, Alicia Magdalena Wilson, -1834.  
Edgeworth, Richard Lovell, 1744-1817.  
Edgeworth, Maria, 1768-1849.  
Eliot, George, 1819-1880.  
James, Clarissa Larpent de Hochepped.

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Larpent, Georgiana Frances Reeves de Hochepeid.

Reeves, Catherine Elizabeth.

Lear, Edward, 1812-1888.

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### Sir Francis Beaufort Papers. 1710-1953

#### Biographical Note of Sir Francis Beaufort

Sir Francis Beaufort (1774-1857) was the son of Daniel Augustus Beaufort (1739-1821), rector of Collon, Co. Louth, Ireland, and a geographer, and Mary Waller Beaufort. His grandfather, Daniel Cornelius de Beaufort, had been a Huguenot refugee from France who established a ministry in London, and his family's consciousness of its religious heritage was very strong.

He was first sent to sea in 1789 on the *Vansittart*, commanded by Lestock Wilson, to whose family he became very close, and whose daughter, Alicia Magdalena, became his first wife in 1813. Subsequently, he entered the British navy, and from 1790-1800 served successively on the *Latona*, the *Aquilon*, and the *Phaeton*; the latter's commander (Sir) Robert Stopford became a close professional acquaintance. During these years his closest confidant was his older brother, William Lewis Beaufort, who took orders and served under Thomas St. Lawrence, Dean of Cork (marrying the Dean's daughter in 1805).

Active in the sea war against France, in particular Cornwallis's retreat (1795), Beaufort became Lieutenant in 1796, and, following a near-fatal wounding in a battle with the Spanish, November, 1800, he was promoted Commander. He was not given a command, however, and, invalided home, he lived with his family. He became close to Richard Lovell Edgeworth, inventor and landowner, father of the novelist Maria Edgeworth, and husband (after 1798) of Francis's sister, Frances (Fanny). Beaufort and Edgeworth worked on projects including the Dublin-Galway semaphore telegraph (1803-04), until 1805, when he was named commander of the storeship *H.M.S. Woolwich*. Only in 1809, after much frustrations over his eventless command (although in 1807 he did his first major hydrographical work, surveying the Rio de la Plata), did he get an active command, that of the *H.M.S. Blossom*. Soon after his return on the *Blossom* from a mission to Quebec, in 1810, Beaufort was given post rank, and assigned command of the frigate, *H.M.S. Frederiksteen*. From his base on Malta, during 1810-1812 Beaufort conducted surveys geographical and hydrographical of the eastern Mediterranean, particularly Karamania (the south Turkish coast). He was again grievously wounded in June, 1812, and returned home, marrying Alicia, living quietly, and writing his widely acclaimed book *Karamania, or a Brief Description of the South Coast of Asia Minor...* (1817), based on his survey. His researches and book earned him membership in the Royal Society, in which he was active throughout his life, and access to the scientific circles of England, which included such luminaries as Sir Humphry Davy. He was much involved in plans for the establishment of mining and other industries in Ireland, and with his father's revisions of his map of Ireland and financial troubles, until Daniel's death in 1821.

In 1829, after years of petitioning for reactivation in the Navy, Beaufort was named Hydrographer to the Navy. Until his retirement in 1854, this position was his constant concern. He expanded its staff and physical facilities, established surveys over the entire globe, and served on many naval commissions. Deeply affected by his wife's tragic death in 1834, he found support in closeness to his children: Daniel Augustus, Francis Lestock, William Morris, Emily Anne Sophia, and Rosalind Elizabeth. In 1839 he remarried, his new wife being Honora, daughter of Richard Lovell Edgeworth. In 1846 he was named Rear Admiral (ret.), and knighted in 1848. His retirement was accompanied by unfortunate and painful quarrels over the amount of his annuity.

Sir Francis had spent his early married life at Lestock Wilson's house at Epping, Surrey. As hydrographer, he lived on Manchester St., London; he passed his last days at Brighton. At his death on December 17, 1857, he was survived by all six of his children.

#### Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the papers of British admiral and hydrographer Sir Francis Beaufort and members of the Beaufort and Edgeworth families dating from 1710-1953 (bulk 1780-1890) and consisting of diaries, journals, account books and correspondence. Subject matter includes the Beaufort and Edgeworth families; British naval history of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, in particular the period of the Napoleonic Wars; geography and hydrography, particularly of the Eastern Mediterranean; Irish affair of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, particularly related to economic and commercial issues; and the Royal Society and scientific affairs in England in the early 19th century.

The bulk of the collection is comprised of the papers of Sir Francis and includes journals of his naval service (1791-1812); journals, notes, and working papers for his survey of Karamania (or Caramania), along the southern coast of Turkey (1813-1817); his professional diaries as hydrographer to the British Navy (1840-1857); and 854 letters by Sir Francis.

Notable topics included in the correspondence of Sir Francis includes a letter-journal of his first sea-voyage, to Indonesia (1789, July 24); a description of the Battle of San Joseph, in which he was critically wounded (1800, Oct. 28); letters to Richard Lovell Edgeworth detailing the construction of the Dublin-Galway telegraph (1803) and later discussing various projects for navigation, including the proposed telegraph (1800, Nov. 5); and letters to the children of

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**Diaries, journals, account books, etc.**

- Beaufort, Alicia Magdalena (Wilson)**  
Box 1 (FB 1) **Journal of Family History. 1780-1804** FB 1
- Beaufort, Daniel Augustus**  
Box 1 (FB 2-5) **Diaries (1780-1798)**  
**Diary. 1776 January 1-1781 August 13** FB 2  
**Travel diary. 1779 October 5-1780 May 1** FB 3  
**Travel diary in England. 1792 August 31-1795 April 8** FB 4  
**Diary. 1796 March 22-1798 April 3** FB 5
- Box 2 **Diaries (1798-1821) and Calendar of Correspondence.**  
**Diaries (1798-1821)**  
**Diary. 1798, 1801-1804** FB 6  
**Diary. 1805 January 3-1805 November 14** FB 7  
**Diary. 1812 September 21-1814 February 28** FB 8  
**Diary. 1820 December 2-1821 May 6** FB 9  
**Calendar of Correspondence. 1794-1797** FB 10
- Beaufort, Sir Francis.**  
Box 3 **Journals (1791-1812)**  
**Journal. 1791 October 5-1793 October 15** FB 11  
Written aboard HMS Aquilon.
- Journal. 1794 January-May 31** FB 12  
Written aboard HMS Aquilon.
- Journal. 1795 July 17-1796 March 11** FB 13  
Written aboard HMS Phaeton, off Spain.
- Journal. 1805 June 5-1806 May 31** FB 14  
Written aboard HMS Woolwich.
- Journal. 1811 July 14-1812 March 21** FB 15  
Written aboard the HMS Frederickstein in the Mediterranean; the basis for his Karamania.
- Box 4 **Journals (1812; 1821-1822)**  
**Journal. 1812 April-June** FB 16  
Written aboard the HMS Frederickstein in the Mediterranean.
- Journal. 1812 June** FB 17  
Written aboard the HMS Frederickstein in the Mediterranean.
- Box 5 **Journal. 1821-1822** FB 18  
**Pocket diaries (1835-1850)**  
**Pocket diary. 1835** FB 19  
**Pocket diary. 1836** FB 20  
**Pocket diary. 1837** FB 21  
**Pocket diary. 1838** FB 22  
**Pocket diary. 1839** FB 23  
**Pocket diary. 1840** FB 24  
**Pocket diary. 1841** FB 25  
**Pocket diary. 1842** FB 26  
**Pocket diary. 1843** FB 27  
**Pocket diary. 1844** FB 28
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	<b>Pocket diary. 1845</b> FB 29
	<b>Pocket diary. 1846</b> FB 30
	<b>Pocket diary. 1847</b> FB 31
	<b>Pocket diary. 1848</b> FB 32
	<b>Pocket diary. 1849</b> FB 33
	<b>Pocket diary. 1850</b> FB 34
Box 6	<b>Pocket diaries (1851-1857); hydrographic diaries; sketchbooks and notebooks</b>
	<b>Pocket diary. 1851</b> FB 35
	<b>Pocket diary. 1852</b> FB 36
	<b>Pocket diary. 1853</b> FB 37
	<b>Pocket diary. 1854</b> FB 38
	<b>Pocket diary. 1855</b> FB 39
	<b>Pocket diary. 1856</b> FB 40
	<b>Pocket diary. 1857</b> FB 41
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1847</b> FB 42
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1848</b> FB 43
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1849</b> FB 44
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1850</b> FB 45
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1851</b> FB 46
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1852</b> FB 47
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1853</b> FB 48
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1854</b> FB 49
	<b>Hydrographic diary. 1855</b> FB 50
	<b>[Watercolor Topographical sketches of Mediterranean sites with commentary]. [1810-1812]</b> FB 51
	<b>[Notebook on Karamania]. [before 1817]</b> FB 52
	<b>Originals of Karamania.</b> FB 52a
	Volume with 14 engravings used as illustrations Beaufort's book, <i>Karamania, or a Brief Description of the South Coast of Asia Minor...</i> (1817).
	<b>[Sketchbook]. 1828-1832</b> FB 53
	<b>Commonplace book. 1806-1825</b> FB 54
Box 7	<b>Account books</b>
	<b>Account book. 1812-1824</b> FB 55
	<b>Account book. 1825-1830</b> FB 56
	<b>Account book. 1831-1841</b> FB 57
Box 7	<b>Beaufort, Louisa Catherine</b>
	<b>Diary. 1842-1843</b> FB 58

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### Papers

Box 8	<b>Papers. 1710; 1764-1790</b>
Box 9	<b>Papers. 1791-1795</b>
Box 10	<b>Papers. 1796-1799</b>
Box 11	<b>Papers. 1800-1803</b>
Box 12	<b>Papers. 1804-1805 September</b>
Box 13	<b>Papers. 1805 October-1806</b>
Box 14	<b>Papers. 1807-1808 April</b>
Box 15	<b>Papers. 1808 May-1809</b>
Box 16	<b>Papers. 1810-1811 October</b>
Box 17	<b>Papers. 1811 November-1813 June</b>
Box 18	<b>Papers. 1813 July-1814</b>
Box 19	<b>Papers. 1815</b>
Box 20	<b>Papers. 1816, and undated before 1817</b>
Box 21	<b>Papers. 1817</b>
Box 22	<b>Papers. 1818-1820</b>
Box 23	<b>Papers. 1821-1822, and undated before 1821</b>

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Box 24	<b>Papers. 1823-1824</b>
Box 25	<b>Papers. 1825-1826</b>
Box 26	<b>Papers. 1827-1828</b>
Box 27	<b>Papers. 1829-1832</b>
Box 28	<b>Papers. 1833-1838</b>
Box 29	<b>Papers. 1839-1843</b>
Box 30	<b>Papers. 1844-1854</b>
Box 31	<b>Papers. 1855-1857</b>
Box 32	<b>Papers. 1858-1875</b>
Box 33	<b>Papers. 1876-1884</b>
Box 34	<b>Papers. 1885-1947</b>

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**Miscellaneous materials**

**Edgeworth, Frances Anne (Beaufort). Drawings of flowers [colored botanical illustrations]. 1798-1807.** FB 59

**Physical Description:** 1 volume

**Photographs, drawings and illustrations of churches and buildings at Navan and Collon, Ireland.**

**Physical Description:** 10 pieces

**Articles by and about Sir Francis Beaufort (including obituaries).**

**Physical Description:** Approximately 30 pieces

Includes a small printed envelope with a folded chart for "Cryptography. A System of Secret Writing, by the late Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort."

**Obituaries of Daniel Augustus Beaufort. 1821**

**Physical Description:** 9 pieces

**Obituaries of William Morris Beaufort. 1908-1909**

**Physical Description:** 3 pieces

**Miscellaneous obituaries including Frances Beaufort Edgeworth and John Beaufort.**

**Physical Description:** 3 pieces

**Miscellaneous printed material.**

**Physical Description:** 6 pieces

Includes two pamphlets about the revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1865) and a pamphlet *Barony and Viscounty of De L'Isle*.

**Unidentified manuscript fragments.**

**Physical Description:** 21 pieces

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**Maps between 1828 and 1843**

**Physical Description:** 5 pieces in 1 folder

13 printed maps with Francis Beaufort's annotations intended for publication by the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge (SDUK). The Society formed the Map Committee in November 1828, and Beaufort undertook the editing and annotation of the series for the next 15 years. Maps depict various areas of Great Britain, Europe, India and the Caribbean. 8 maps are missing as of April 2016. Available maps are identified below.

**The Punjab with part of Afghanistan, Kashimeer, Sinde, etc. (No. 5)**

**Switzerland (No. 7)****Bernany (III) Baden, Wuntenberg, Bavaria, Tyrol amp; Switzerland (No. 8)****Gallica Cisalpina (No. 13)****Bokhara, Cabool, Beloochistan.****Emily Smythe, Viscountess Strangford papers. 1836-1888****Physical Description:** 78 pieces in 1 boxes**Biographical Note of Emily Smythe**

Emily Anne Beaufort Smythe, Viscountess of Strangford: philanthropist, youngest daughter of Sir Francis Beaufort (1774-1857) and wife of Percy Ellen Frederick William Smythe, the 8th Viscount Strangford and 3rd Baron of Penshurst (1826-1869). Upon her husband's death, she went through four years of training in a hospital, and devoted herself to nursing, founding the National Society for Providing Trained Nurses for the Poor. In 1876, following the suppression of the April Uprising in Bulgaria, she organized the Bulgarian Peasant Relief and traveled to Bulgaria to oversee the relief works. She also established temporary hospitals and helped political prisoners. During the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 she organized hospitals in Adrianople and Sophia. She died in 1887, on her way to Port Said where she was to open a hospital for British seamen.

**Scope and Content Note**

Consists of correspondence, documents, and various legal papers of Lady Strangford and her husband, Percy Ellen Frederick William Smythe, the 8th Viscount Strangford, as well as three travel journals kept by Lady Strangford from October 1876 to March 1877 documenting her life and travels in Bulgaria during the Turko-Bulgarian war, and her efforts in establishing military hospitals. Some items in the collection are in French and Arabic.

Correspondence includes two letters from Mary Ann Evans Cross (George Eliot), dated 1874; a letter from Edward Lear, discussing his literary activities in Italy, etc. in June 1886; a June 9, 1867, letter from Harriet Martineau containing long discussion and analysis of Maria Edgeworth and her edition of Richard Lovell Edgeworth's autobiography; and an April 28, 1871, letter from Anna Eliot Ticknor discussing her life with George Ticknor. Alexander I, King of Bulgaria (1 letter); Frederick Temple Blackwood, 1st Marquis of Dufferin (6 letters); Sir Stafford Northcote (1 letter); and William Henry Smith (2 letters). There is also a November 17, 1886, letter from Alexander of Battenberg, Prince of Bulgaria, and an invitation to the May 8, 1838, coronation of Queen Victoria.

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**Papers 1836-1888****John James Larpent, Baron de Hochepped papers. 1814-1859****Physical Description:** 98 pieces in 3 boxes**Biographical Note of John James Larpent**

John James Larpent (1783-1860) was the son of John Larpent (1741-1824) and Anna Margareta Porter (1758-1832). In 1819, he and his brother George Gerard Larpent (1785-1855) added the name de Hochepped to their names, and in 1828 John James succeeded his mother's brother as seventh Baron de Hochepped. From 1825 to 1837 he served as British council in Antwerp.

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes 52 letters by John James Larpent, chiefly consisting of diplomatic correspondence accumulated by Larpent during his term as British consul in Belgium. The letters cover diplomatic relations between Great Britain, Netherlands, and Belgium, particularly at the time of the Insurrection of 1830 that brought Belgium its independence. Among the documents are letters between Larpent and Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, from the 1830s.

There are also letters from Larpent's sister-in-law Catherine Elizabeth Reeves, the diary (1853-1859) of his daughter Clarissa de Hochepped Larpent James, and the journal (1860-1876) of his wife Georgiana Frances Reeves Larpent.

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**Papers. 1814-1832**

Box 37

**Papers. 1833-1853**