Overview of the Collection

Title: James Bryce, Viscount Bryce, Collection
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Collection Number: mssHM 71900-72019
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Abstract: This collection consists of papers of British politician, historian, and diplomat Viscount James Bryce (1838-1922) including correspondence dealing with personal, political and business/publishing matters from Bryce to various addressees in the political, social, and literary worlds of England and America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Language: English.

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Preferred Citation

Provenance

Cataloging Decisions
1. The cataloging of the collection was begun by Sarah Green in 2009, and completed by Gayle M. Richardson in 2010. Regardless of the cataloger, the standard authorized form of the names has been used on the folders and in the Finding Aid.

2. A number of letters and postcards were originally pasted down or mounted into albums by previous owners. The letters and postcards have been removed from the original pages and mountings; but, some evidence of the original locations (old glue, tabs, etc.) remain on the letters. Also, some material in the collection has pencilled notes and markings of previous owners and sellers.
   • The William Ewart Gladstone Collection (Call number: mssGLA), Henry Cabot Lodge Collection (Call number: mssHM 73270-73569) and the John A. Schutz Miscellany Collection (Call number: mssHM 73570-73655), complementary to the Bryce Collection, were donated to the Huntington Library in 2006, by John A. Schutz, brother of Mrs. Rosemary Di Salvo.
   • The Bryce-White Papers (Call number: mssHM 66718-66749) donated by Allan Nevins in 1965.

Biographical Note
James Bryce, Viscount Bryce (1838-1922), British politician, historian and diplomat, was born in Belfast, on May 10, 1838; he was educated at the University of Glasgow and Trinity College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar in 1867, and first elected to Parliament as a Liberal in 1880, where he remained until 1907. Throughout his life, Bryce travelled and wrote extensively, and was active in the intellectual and literary communities of England, America and Europe.

On July 23, 1889, Bryce married Elizabeth Marion Ashton when he was fifty-one years old and she was twenty years younger; they had no children. In 1907, he was appointed British Ambassador to the United States, a post he held until 1913. Upon his return to England, Bryce was created Viscount Bryce and joined the House of Lords; he also served at the International Court at The Hague, worked in support of the League of Nations, and continued to write and travel. He was on holiday in Sidmouth, Devon, when he unexpectedly died of heart failure on Jan. 22, 1922.
Bibliography

Scope and Content
The collection consists of three miscellaneous manuscripts by Bryce; the majority of the correspondence are letters written by Bryce to various addressees in the political, social, and literary worlds of England and America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The papers consist of the following series:

1. Manuscripts & Correspondence (Box 1) are arranged alphabetically by author and title (manuscripts) and by author and addressee (correspondence). This series includes three miscellaneous manuscripts by Bryce; the majority of the correspondence are letters written by Bryce to various addressees in the political, social and literary worlds of England and America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The letters deal with personal, political and business/publishing matters and the addressees include: Richard Everard Webster, (Viscount Alverstone), Sabine Baring-Gould, Anne Cobden-Sanderson, and William Gibbs McAdoo.

2. Correspondence & Ephemera (Box 2) is arranged alphabetically by author. This box continues the series of personal, political and business/publishing letters to, among others, George Foster Peabody, William H. Rideing, Harold Felix Baker Wheeler, and Lucien Wolf. This series also includes two Colonial-era documents signed by Thomas Pownall, Governor of Massachusetts (1757-1760), and one folder of ephemera containing a printed engraving and a printed photograph of Bryce.

Arrangement
Organized in the following manner: 1. Manuscripts and Correspondence (Box 1); 2. Correspondence and Ephemera (Box 2); arranged alphabetically.

- Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. In Ephemera: James Bryce..., printed engraving and photograph, ([ca. 1890-ca. 1902]). Box 2 (60).


Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922.
Pownall, Thomas, 1722-1805.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Great Britain.
World War, 1914-1918 -- United States.
Great Britain -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Great Britain -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.

Forms/Genres
Business letters -- Great Britain.
Ephemera -- Great Britain.
Letters (correspondence) -- Great Britain.
Manuscripts -- Great Britain.
Personal papers -- Great Britain.

Additional Contributors
Alverstone, Richard Everard Webster, Viscount, 1842-1915.
Baring-Gould, S. (Sabine), 1834-1924.
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. “The Pleasures of Mountaineering: [speech?: early draft], A.M.S.S. (1 p.), ([ca. 1908]). HM 71900

With corrections; incomplete, first page only.

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. “Some Traits of Mr. Gladstone’s Character:” [article: early draft], A.M.S.S. (12 p.), ([1898-1899]). HM 71901

With corrections

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. “We are all apt to read too much...: [quote and autograph], A.M.S.S. (1 p.), (1919, Nov.), Hindleap, Forest Row (East Sussex, Eng.). HM 71902


Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Dr. ----- Allen?], A.L.S. (3 p.), ([ca. 1877?]), London (Eng.). HM 71904

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 4 letters to Richard Everard Webster, Viscount Alverstone, 1842-1915, (1909-1915), Washington (D.C.) and Hindleap, Forest Row (East Sussex, Eng.). HM 71905-71908


Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [The Author’s Syndicate], L.S. (typewritten: 1 p.), (1917, Feb. 26), London (Eng.). HM 71910

Addressed to: [W.M. Colbet]?

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to Alexander Hugh Bruce, Baron Balfour of Burleigh, 1849-1921, A.L.S. (3 p.), (1914, Aug. 7), London (Eng.). HM 71911


Addressed to: “Mr. Gould.”

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to Alexander Hugh Bruce, Baron Balfour of Burleigh, A.L.S. (3 p.), (1914, Aug. 7), London (Eng.). HM 71911

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to Albert Francis Blakeslee, 1874-1954, A.L.S. (2 p.), (1912, Sep. 23), Kineo (Me.). HM 71913

Also enclosed: typewritten transcription (1 p.)

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to John Bell Bouton, 1830-1902, A.L.S. (4 p.), (1895, Mar. 11), London (Eng.). HM 71914


James Bryce, Viscount Bryce, 1838-1922. 1 postcard to Milton Brunner, A.N.S. (1 p.), (1921, Mar. 10), London (Eng.). HM 71919

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 7 letters to Theodore E. (Theodore Elijah) Burton, 1851-1929, (1911-1917), Seal Harbor and Kineo (Me.), Honolulu (Hawaii), and London (Eng.). HM 71920-71926

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Stewart Henbest Capper, 1859-1925], A.L.S. (3 p.), (1905, Mar. 21), London (Eng.). HM 71927


Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 3 letters to Century Company, (1897-1898), London (Eng.). HM 71930-71932

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Chapman and Hall], A.L.S. (4 p.), (1893, Apr. 27), London (Eng.). HM 71933

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 2 letters to W.H. (Wilfrid Hugh) Chesson, ([1896?]), London (Eng.) and Edinburgh (Scot.). HM 71934-71935

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 2 letters to Anne Cobden-Sanderson, 1853-1926, (1902-1906), London (Eng.). HM 71936-71937


Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to Sir Arthur Augustus Thurlow Cunynghame, 1812-1884, A.L.S. (3 p.), (ca. 1882?), Feb. 28), London (Eng.). HM 71940

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Mr.] ----- Dawkins, A.L.S. (2 p.), (1886), Mar. 1), London (Eng.). HM 71941


With envelope


Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Wendell Phillips Garrison, 1840-1907], A.L.S. (1 p.), ([1897]). HM 71944

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Gentlemen], A.L.S. (2 p.), (1891, July 2), London (Eng.). HM 71945


Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to George Gray, 1840-1925, A.L.S. (4 p.), (ca. 1902?), (Scot.). HM 71947

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Mr.] ----- Harrison, A.L.S. (4 p.), (1918, Nov. 1), Hindleap, Forest Row (East Sussex, Eng.). HM 71948

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to Frederic Harrison, 1831-1923, A.L.S. (2 p.), (1903, June 30), Aberdeen (Scot.). HM 71949


Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 2 letters to [Mr.] ...... Kennedy, (1893-1914), London (Eng.). HM 71955-71956
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Dr.] ...... McGan, A.L.S. (2 p.), (1898, Mar. 20), London (Eng.). HM 71960

Box 2

Correspondence & Ephemera -- James Bryce (McKeenan-Wright; Unidentified Addressee) - Pownall. HM 71961-72019

With autograph postscript

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 2 letters to Fridtjof Nansen, 1861-1930, (1891-1898), Nordfjord (Norway) and London (Eng.). HM 71970-71971
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Mr.] ...... Nicholls, A.L.S. (2 p.), (1891, Mar. 5), London (Eng.). HM 71973
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 2 letters to Henry Shaw Perris, 1870-1933, (1917-1918), London (Eng.) and Hindleap, Forest Row (East Sussex, Eng.). HM 71976-71977

Cataloger’s Note: this is the wife of Andrew James Peters

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [George Haven Putnam, 1844-1930], A.L.S. (4 p.), (1887, May 9), London (Eng.). HM 71981
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Charles F. (Charles Francis) Richardson, 1851-1913], A.L.S. (4 p.), (1890, Feb. 19), London (Eng.). HM 71982
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 3 letters and 1 postcard to William H. (William Henry) Rideing, 1853-1918, (1891-[1905]), London (Eng.) and Hindleap, Forest Row (East Sussex, Eng.). HM 71983-71986

Addressed to E. Trimmer, Secretary

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 3 letters to [Miss] ----- Shore, (ca. 1880?-ca. 1890?), London (Eng.). HM 71989-71991

Also: autograph notes with biographical information; in an unknown hand


Cataloger’s Note: this letter and the letter to “My dear Sir,” May 20, 1895, are to the same person


Cataloger’s Note: this letter and the letter to “Dear Sir,” Apr. 10, 1895, are to the same person


Addressed to: Dr. Burk

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Mr.] P---- A---- Wieting, A.L.S. (4 p.), (1890, May 9), London (Eng.). HM 72012

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 2 letters to Lucien Wolf, 1857-1930, (1906), London (Eng.). HM 72014-72015

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922. 1 letter to [Mr.] ----- Wright, A.L.S. (2 p.), (1902, July 9), Hazelbeach (Northants., Eng.). HM 72016


Pownall, Thomas, 1722-1805. 1 document to Benjamin Day, D.S. (printed form, filled in: 1 p.), (1758, July 33), Massachusetts Bay Colony. HM 72018

Note: a commission, as major, into a Regiment of Foot

Pownall, Thomas, 1722-1805. 1 document to Nathaniell Little, D.S. (1 p.), ([ca. 1760?]). HM 72019

Note: marching orders; repaired with tape

Folder 60. Ephemera: James Bryce, Viscount Bryce, 1838-1922: printed engraving and photograph of Bryce, (2 pieces), ([ca. 1890-ca. 1902]).