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Descriptive Summary
Title: Thomas Haines Dudley Collection,
Date (inclusive): 1843-1891
Creator: Dudley, Thomas Haines
Extent: approximately 4650 unbound pieces and 34 volumes
Repository: The Huntington Library
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Language: English.

Provenance
Purchased in 1923 through Stanley V. Henkels from E. Lawrence Dudley, grandson of Thomas Haines Dudley

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Biography
Thomas Haines Dudley (1819-1893) was a New Jersey Quaker, lawyer, politician. (Whig - then Republican). U.S. Consul at Liverpool 1861-1872. In charge of U. S. Secret Service throughout the British Isles during U. S. Civil War. In 1872, assigned to give full time assistance in preparation of Alabama Claims. Author of pro-protectionist pamphlets c. 1880.
Son, Edward, served as Vice Consul & Acting Consul in Liverpool 1871 & 1872. Thereafter, partner in father's New Jersey law firm.

Scope and Content
The collection contains newspapers, 6 volumes and 1 box of clippings, miscellaneous printed matter, 19 photographs of Confederate warships.
There is also one item in 1841; one item in 1900. There are no items for the years 1851, 1874, 1876, 1878. There are three or less items for the years 1843, 1845-1847, 1857, 1877, 1880, 1881. The bulk of the collection is within the period 1861-1872, for which there are approximately 4300 pieces.

There are many autograph signed originals but most of the affidavits & official dispatches are duplicate or press copies. With only a few exceptions the volumes contain press copies - many of which are in extremely poor condition.

1843-1860

- Development & strengthening of Whig & Republican Parties
- Local, state & national elections, Fund raising for same
- Local and national conventions including 1860 Republican National Convention
- Politics and government of New Jersey & Pennsylvania - to a somewhat lesser extent, of the New England States and of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.
- Political economy (particularly in the letters of Henry Charles Carey)
- Camden & Amboy Ry. & Camden Ferry Co.
- Dudley’s legal practice
- Personal correspondence (minor)

1861-1872

- Construction by British firms of warships for C.S.A. U. S. efforts (legal & diplomatic) to induce the British government to seize & detain then under Britain's Foreign Enlistment Act (a neutrality act)
- Blockade runners
- Detectives' report re. both the above. Photographs, sketches & descriptions for use of U.S. Navy
- Registry, manifests, statistics of ships clearing from British ports 1861-1865
- Confederate finances - including cotton loans, cotton warrants, activities of Fraser Trenholm & Co. (financial agent for C.S.A. in Great Britain)
- U.S. claims for & legal actions to obtain C.S.A. assets & property in Great Britain after the war.
- Sale of Confederate ships awarded to the U.S. by British Courts.
- Preparation of Alabam Claims for presentation to Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration as provided in 1871 Treaty of Washington.
- Preparation of & Interrogatories on Memorials to Mixed Commission on American and British Claims as provided in same Treaty for civilian suits.
- Protests, petitions, mass meetings & legal actions vs. Dudley by (or insigated by) disgruntled individuals.
- Consuls - regulations - assistance to distressed seamen
- Consular services to U.S. nationals &/or relatives in Lancashire, England
- Dudley's stock & bond transactions
- Designs & price estimates for house being built for Dudley in New Jersey. Equipment for same. Stocking of his farm
- U.S. politics & national elections - only a few items
- Immigration to U.S. - only a few items of any significance
- Personal correspondence - only a few items of any significance
- Potato famine - correspondence - mainly in letter books
- Cow cholera - correspondence - mainly in letter books
- U.S. Sanitary Commission & Sanitary Fairs

1872-1891

- Politics
- Agricultural organizations & conventions
- Tariff - including opposition of Cobdon Clubs
- Dudley’s legal practice
- Personal correspondence

Persons And Organizations Represented by 15 or More Items
(exclusive of letter books & of detectives who made only routine reports)
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Wilson, Charles Lush 51 pieces
Winslow, John Ancrum 16 pieces
Yonge, Clarence Randolph 29 pieces

Note
Of possible assistance in utilizing the collection are:
- Partial list of ships frequently mentioned (In Information File)
- List of alternate names of ships (In Information File)
- Register of official dispatches (DU 1070)
- Register of Confederate & suspicious ships (DU 1059)
- The English Blockade Steamers (DU 4057)

Alternate Names of Ships
Active - Beatrice - Rappahannock Scylla - Victor
Echo - Jefferson Davis - Putnam
Agincourt - No. 278
Economist - Bonita
Alabama - No. 290 - Enrica
El Monassir - Laird's Ram - Wyvern
Alabama 2-Canton of London Pampero - Texas - Tournado
El Toussan - Laird's Ram - Scorpion (Sister ship to El Monassir)
Agnes Louisa - Grapeshot
Enrica (see Alabama)
Alexandra - Mary
Eureka - Joseph L. Gerrity - Gerrity
F. Crenshaw - Gracie
Annie Childs - North Carolina Victory - Julia Usher T.D. Wagner
Florida - Malacca - Oreto - Manassas
Georgia - Virginia 2 - Japan
Antonica - Herald
Gibraltar - Sumter
Ariel - Colonel Lamb
Giraffe - Robert E. Lee
Atlanta - Tallahassee Chameleon
Gracie - F. Crenshaw
Bonita - Economist
Granite City - Dundee
Beatrice (see Active)
Grapeshot - Agnes Louisa
Bendige - Millie
Herald - Antonica
Canton of London (see Alabama 2)
Joseph L. Gerrity - Gerrity - Eureka
Chameleon (see Atlanta)
Japan (see Georgia)
Cherokee - Thistle
Jefferson Davis (see Echo)
Colonel Lamb (see Ariel)
Julia Farmer - Martha Whitmore
Conrad - Tuscaloosa
Julia Usher (see Annie Childs)
Danmark - Santa Maria
Laird's Rams (see sister ships El Monassir and El Toussan)
Defiance No. 292
Lancashire - Stonewall - Sphinx Stoerkodder
Douglas - Margaret
Dundee - Granite City
Lilla - Mary Wright
Malacca - (see Florida)
Duntroon Castle - Shenandoah
Richard Wright - Sea King
Manassas - (see Florida)
Eagle - Mary Anne
Margaret - Douglas
Martha Whitmore - Julia Farmer
Scylla (see Active)
Mary (see Alexandra)
Scorpion (see El Toussan)
Mary Anne - Eagle
Sea Hawk - Merlin
Mary Wright - Lilla
Sea King (see Duntroon Castle)
Merlin - Sea Hawk
Shenandoah (see Duntroon Castle)
Merrimac 1 - Virginia 1
Stoerkodder (see Lancashire)
Merrimac 2 - Nargis
Stonewall (see Lancashire)
Millie - Bendage
Southerner - Westminster
Mohawk - Pekin
Sumter (see Gibraltar)
Nargis - Merrimac 2
T. D. Wagner (see Annie Childs)
North Carolina (see Annie Childs)
Tallahassee (see Atlanta)
Oreto (see Florida)
Texas (see Alabama 2)
Pampero - (see Alabama 2)
Thistle - Cherokee
Pekin - Mohawk
Tournado (see Alabama 2)
Princess Royal - Rosalind
Tuscaloosa - Conrad
Putnam (see Echo)
Victor (see Active)
Rappahannock (see Active)
Victory (see Annie Childs)
Richard Wright (see Duntroon Castle)
Virginia 1 - Merrimac 1
Robert E. Lee (see Giraffe)
Virginia 2 (see Georgia)
Rosalind - Princess Royal
Westminster - Southerner
Santa Maria - Danmark
Wyvern (see El Monassir)
Agrippina
Helen Morris
Tallahassee
Ajax
Hercules
Thomas
Alabama
Japan
Tuscarora
Alexandra
Joseph L. Gerrity
Virginia
Annie Childs
Julia Usher
Wasp
Ariel
Kearsarge
White Inch
Atlanta
Laird’s Rams
Badgar
Lark
Bahama
Louisa Ann Fannie
Beatrice
Laurel
Canton of London
Mary
Chameleon
Niagara
City of Richmond
No. 290
Colonial Lamb
Olinde
Deerhound
Oreto
Owl
Dolphin
Pampero
Duntroon Castle Edward Hawkins
DU 1274 Account by Dudley of caucus at 1860 National Republican Convention which made possible the nomination of Lincoln—with explanation of reasons for Horace Greeley’s erroneous report that Seward would be nominated. Undated but probably written c. 1885

DU 1275 Account by Dudley of his appointment & initial experiences as Liverpool Consul—includes account of his interview with Lincoln. 1884, c. Mar.

DU 4456 Letter from John Ancrum Winslow to Dudley giving detailed account of the sinking of C.S.S. Alabama. 1864, June 24

Correspondence, court proceedings etc. in U.S. suit in Liverpool for extradition of certain Confederate seamen charged with piracy aboard S.S. Joseph L. Gerrity. 1864, Feb. & Mar.

DU 3736 Correspondence, statements & affidavits re. unauthorized (and highly unfavorable) settlement by Freeman Harlow Morse & Montgomery Gibbs of all U.S. claims for Confederate assets & property. 1866 & 1867. Letter (unofficial) from [UNK] Peshine Smith to Dudley re. State Departments’ emergency steps. 1866, Dec. 11

DU 266 Letter from Joseph P. Bradley to Dudley re. confirmation of Bradley’s appointment to U.S. Supreme Court. 1870, Apr. 1

Letter from Caleb Cushing to Dudley containing critical reference to Dr. Francis Lieber. 1867, Nov. 20
DU 3738  Letter from Erasmus Peshine Smith to Dudley criticizing Lieber. 1867, Mar. 11

DU 2315  Correspondence between various U.S. & British officials re. ships being built for the Confederacy

Letter from William Inman to Dudley re. competition with North German Lloyd Steamship Co. re. U.S. mails contract. 1864, Mar. 28

Bound Volumes

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DU 4575 U.S. Dept. of State and London Legation. To Thomas Haines Dudley & Henry Wilding: Dispatches
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   1863, Jan.-Oct.

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DU 4583 [U.S. Consulate, Liverpool. Financial Accounts]  
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DU 4584 DUDLEY, Thomas Haines & Edward. [Correspondence re. Dudley's legal practice]  
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DU 4585 DUDLEY, Thomas Haines. [Correspondence re. Dudley's legal practice & other business matters]  
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