Hamilton-Greville collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Hamilton-Greville collection
Dates: 1769-1801
Collection Number: mssHM 34441-34527
Creator OR Collector: Hamilton, William, Sir, 1730-1803
Extent: 87 items in 1 box and 2 cases
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Abstract: The collection consists of correspondence between British diplomat and archaeologist Sir William Hamilton (1730-1803) and his nephew Charles Francis Greville (1749-1809).
Language of Material: The records are in English.
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Acquisition Information
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Biographical Note
Sir William Hamilton (1730-1803), diplomat and archaeologist, served as British ambassador to the court of Naples from 1764-1800. During this period he studied volcanoes and earthquakes and collected Greek and Roman artifacts. In 1769 he began a regular correspondence with his nephew, Charles Francis Greville (1749-1809), with whom he shared numerous interests and tastes.
Arrangement
The collection is arranged by author and then chronologically. It is housed in one box and two cases.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of correspondence between Sir William Hamilton and Charles Francis Greville. Their letters contain gossip about various persons in English and Neapolitan ruling and cultural circles of the day; political observations and opinions; diplomacy; volcanism and earthquakes; and the collecting of Greek and Roman artifacts.
Personal Names
Greville, Charles Francis, 1749-1809
Hamilton, William, Sir, 1730-1803
Subjects
Classical antiquities -- Collectors and collecting
Diplomats -- Great Britain -- Correspondence
Seismology -- Early works to 1800
Volcanism -- Early works to 1800
Geographic Areas
Great Britain -- Social life and customs -- 18th century
Naples (Italy) -- Social life and customs
Genre
**Hamilton to Greville (HM 34441-34477) 1769-1801**

**HM 34441**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1769, Apr. 8)  
Naples

**HM 34442**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1772, Nov. 23)  
Venice

**HM 34443**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1773, June 8)  
Naples

**HM 34444**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1774, June 28)  
Vietri, near Salerno

**HM 34445**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1774, Aug. 2)  
Naples

**HM 34446**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1774, Oct. 2)  
Naples

**HM 34447**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1774, Dec. 20)  
Naples

**HM 34448**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1775, Mar. 14)  
Naples

**HM 34449**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (177[5], July 4)  
Naples

**HM 34450**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1775, Nov. 14)  
Naples

Caserta [Italy]

**HM 34452**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1776, Jan. 2)  
Caserta [Italy]

**HM 34453**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1776, Jan 30)  
Naples

**HM 34454**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1776, Mar. 12)  
Naples

**HM 34455**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1777, Dec. 16)  
Naples

**HM 34456**  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1778, Mar. 3)  
Naples
HM 34457  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1779, Aug. 10)  
Naples

HM 34458  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1780, June 27)  
Naples

HM 34459  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1780, Oct. 31)  
Caserta [Italy]

Caserta [Italy]

Caserta [Italy]

Naples

HM 34463  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1783, Apr. 29)  
Naples

HM 34464  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1787, Feb. 16)  
Naples

Caserta [Italy]

HM 34466  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1790, Mar. 2)  
Caserta [Italy]

HM 34467  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1793, Mar. 12)  
Naples

HM 34468  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1794, Apr. 10)  
Naples

HM 34469  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1794, July 15)  
Naples

Caserta [Italy]

Caserta [Italy]

HM 34472  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1796, June 7)  
Naples

HM 34473  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1799, Apr. 28)  
Palermo

HM 34474  Hamilton, Sir William. Letter to Charles Greville (1800, Apr. 22)  
Palermo
Case 1

Greville to Hamilton (HM 34478-34502) 1769-1785

HM34478 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1769, Oct. 9)
        Vienna

HM 34479 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton [1769]
        [Rome]

HM 34480 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1773, Feb. 12)
        St. James

HM 34481 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1773, May 11)
        St. James

HM 34482 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1773, July 10)
        St James Square

HM 34483 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1775, Oct. 31)
        St. James Square

HM 34484 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1775, Dec. 3)
HM 34485 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1778, May 5)
HM 34486 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1780, Oct. 16)
HM 34487 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1781, Mar. 13)
HM 34488 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1781, Apr. 3)
HM 34489 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1781, June 5)
HM 34490 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1781, Aug. 31)
        Warwick

HM 34491 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1781, Sep. 17)
HM 34492 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1781, Oct. 11)
HM 34493 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1782, Sep. 24)
HM 34495 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1784, Dec. 15)
HM 34497 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton [1785, Jan.]
HM 34498 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1785, Mar. 10)
HM 34499 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1785, May 5)
HM 34500 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton [1785, June]
HM 34501 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton (1785, Nov. 11)
HM 34502 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton [1785, Dec. 3]

Case 2

Greville to Hamilton (HM 34503-34527) 1786-1801

HM34503 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton [undated]
HM34504 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton ([1786], Mar. 11)
HM34505 Greville, Charles. Letter to Sir William Hamilton [1786, May]