Charles Spencer, 3rd Earl of Sunderland, Papers: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: Charles Spencer, 3rd Earl of Sunderland, Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1704-1710
Bulk dates: 1706-1710
Collection Number: mssSunderland papers
Creator: Sunderland, Charles Spencer, Earl of, 1674-1722.
Extent: 87 pieces in 3 boxes.
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Language: English.
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Provenance
Purchased from Maggs Bros. 1922-1926.
Biographical Note
Charles Spencer, 3rd Earl of Sunderland (1674-1722), was a British Whig statesman during the reigns of Queen Anne and George I. From 1706 to 1710, he served as secretary of state for the Southern Department.
Scope and Content
Selection of papers relating to the colonial affairs, accumulated by Charles Spencer, 3rd Earl of Sunderland, during his tenure as secretary of state from 1706 to 1710. Included are letters, communications, reports, etc. from the Board of Trade and colonial administration and legislative bodies, chiefly those of New Jersey and New York, with a few items from South Carolina, Virginia, and Massachusetts. Correspondents include Joseph Dudley, Lewis Morris, Edward Hyde, 3rd Earl of Clarendon, and others. Included are pieces pertaining to Queen Anne's War, Lewis Morgan's conflict with New Jersey Governor Lord Cornbury, the Palatine settlements, colonial trade, Newfoundland fisheries, etc.
Some notable items include:
- Coxe, Daniel. Letter to William Dockwra (?) denouncing Lewis Morris and "that Confederate gang." Burlington, N. J., January 17, 1708/9
- Schuyler, Peter, and Schuyler, Abraham. Joint letter to Lord Sunderland written while en route to America following the visit of the Indian Kings, whom they accompanied to England. Enclosure: letter pledging the loyalty of the Six
Nations, signed by the totems of three Indian Kings. 2 pieces. "From on board Her Majesty's Ship Dragon," May 22, 1710.

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically.

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

**Subjects**
Clarendon, Edward Hyde, Earl of, 1661-1723 -- Correspondence.
Dudley, Joseph, 1647-1720 -- Correspondence.
Morris, Lewis, 1671-1746 -- Correspondence.
Sunderland, Charles Spencer, Earl of, 1674-1722 -- Archives.
Great Britain. Board of Trade -- Correspondence.
Great Britain. Secretary of State. Southern Department -- Archives.
Great Britain -- Colonies -- America -- History -- Sources.
Great Britain -- History -- 1689-1714 -- Sources.
Great Britain -- Politics and government -- 1702-1714 -- Sources.
New Jersey -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775 -- Sources.
New Jersey -- Politics and government -- To 1775 -- Sources.
New York (State) -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775 -- Sources.
New York (State) -- Politics and government -- To 1775 -- Sources.
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775 -- Sources.
United States -- History -- Queen Anne's War, 1702-1713 -- Sources.

**Forms/Genres**
Government records -- Great Britain -- 18th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- Great Britain -- 18th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 18th century.

**Alternate Authors**
Clarendon, Edward Hyde, Earl of, 1661-1723.
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Great Britain. Secretary of State. Southern Department.

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**Box 1**

**1704/5 February 19-1708 June 20**

*Note*

The last folder in Box 1 contains documents dating from 1708 June 20 to 1709 September 12.

**Box 2**

**1709/9 February 4-1710 May 22**

**Box 3**

**Oversize**

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