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Abstract: Richard Cobden (1804-1865) was born in Dunford, Sussex, England. He was a middle-class manufacturer and MP. He became interested in the Manchester Anti-Corn Law Association in 1838 and helped to transform it into the National Anti-Corn-Law League. Cobden was elected to Parliament in 1841, 1847 and 1859. The collection consists of 225 items, mostly correspondence from Cobden to others concerning his activities as a leader of the Anti-Corn-Law League, 1838-46.

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Biography
Cobden was born in Dunford, Sussex, England on June 3, 1804; became a middle-class manufacturer and Member of Parliament, advocating free trade, non-intervention in foreign affairs, an end to aristocratic misrule, and a variety of radical political reforms; became interested in the Manchester Anti-Corn Law Association in 1838 and helped to transform it into the National Anti-Corn-Law League; the League agitated for the repeal of the Corn and Provision Laws, which was achieved in 1846 due to the famine in Ireland; elected to Parliament in 1841 and again in 1847, working for international arbitration, financial reform and arms reduction; opposed the conduct of the Crimean War; although defeated in 1857, he returned to Parliament in 1859; he negotiated reciprocal tariff reductions with France, 1860; died in London on April 2, 1865.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of 225 items, mostly correspondence from Cobden to others concerning his activities as a leader of the Anti-Corn-Law League, 1838-46. Includes letters to Salis Schwabe, Julie Salis-Schwabe, William Tait, his brothers and sisters, and others. Also includes materials regarding testimonials and a pamphlet by Cobden titled, 1793 and 1853, in three letters.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
   1. Letters from Cobden to siblings (Box 1).
   2. Letters from Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1846-52 (Box 1).
   3. Letters from Cobden to Mme. Julie Salis-Schwabe, 1850-64 (Box 2).
   4. Letters from Cobden to William Tait, 1835-41 (Box 2).
   5. Letters from Cobden to various persons (Box 2).
   6. Notes and printed material (Box 2).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Cobden, Richard, 1804-1865--Correspondence.
Salis-Schwabe, Julie, 1819-1897.
Tait, William, 1793-1864.
Anti-Corn-Law League.
Legislators--England--Archival resources.
Social reformers--England--Archival resources.
Corn laws (Great Britain).

Note
(* indicates added entry in numbered collections catalog.)
Ashley, Lord see Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of.
**Letters from Richard Cobden to his Brothers and Sisters, 1833-1847**

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<td>To Frederick W. Cobden, Gibraltar, November 2; to Millicent Cobden, Gibraltar, November 11; to Frederick W. Cobden, Malta, November 17; November 18; to My dearest Girls, Alexandria, November 30; to Miss Cobden, Cairo, December 20; to Harry Cobden, Cairo, December 31.</td>
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<td>To Frederick W. Cobden, Cairo, January 4; * to Charles Cobden, On the Nile between Cairo &amp; Alexandria, January 8; * to My dearest Girls, Alexandria, January 18; to Frederick W. Cobden, Alexandria, January 18; On board the Sardinian Brig La Verke in the Sea of Marmora, January 28; * to My dearest Girls, On board the Sardinian Brig La Verke in the Sea of Marmora, January 29; to Frederick W. Cobden, Constantinople, February 7; * to My dear Girls, Constantinople, February 14; Smyrna, February 24; to Frederick W. Cobden, Smyrna, February 24; March 3; On board the Hermes Steamer, Bay of Biscay, April 18.</td>
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Box 1, Folder 5  **Cobden to his brother, Frederick W. Cobden, and sisters, 1838.**

Physical Description: 7 letters.
Scope and Content Note
To Frederick W. Cobden, Hamburg, August 28; to My dear Girls, Berlin, September 3; to Frederick W. Cobden, Dresden, September 11; to My dear Girls, Dresden, September 12; to Frederick W. Cobden, September 21; Zurich, October 5; Elberfeld, October 16.

Box 1, Folder 6  **Cobden to his brother, Frederick W. Cobden, 1840.**

Physical Description: 2 letters, 1 envelope.
Scope and Content Note
Geneva, June 30; Rome, July 13.

Box 1, Folder 7  **Cobden to his brother Frederick W. Cobden, 1841.**

Physical Description: 1 letter.
Scope and Content Note
* Manchester, July 3.

Box 1, Folder 8  **Cobden to his brother, Frederick W. Cobden, and sister, Katherine Cobden, 1847.**

Physical Description: 8 letters.
Scope and Content Note
To Frederick W. Cobden, Rome, February 3; April 12; Geneva, May 18; Vienna, July 15; to Katherine Cobden, Königsburg, August 12; Moscow, August 25; to Frederick W. Cobden, Moscow, September 2; to Katherine Cobden, St. Petersburgh, September 10.

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**Letters from Richard Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1846-1852**

Box 1, Folder 9  **Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1846. 7 letters with transcripts.**

Scope and Content Note
House of Commons, April 21; 27 Victoria St., Westminster, May 11; (transcript only); Manchester, June 4; July 29; August 1; Paris, August 19; August 26; Marseilles, December 26.

Box 1, Folder 10  **Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1847. 4 letters with transcripts.**

Scope and Content Note
Florence, May 9; Venice, June 25; Extract of letter from Cobden to his wife, Saint Petersburgh, September 17; Manchester, December 22.

Box 1, Folder 11  **Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1848. 3 letters with transcripts.**

Scope and Content Note
Manchester, February 4; London, March 1; London, April 4.

Box 1, Folder 12  **Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1849. 2 letters with transcripts.**

Scope and Content Note
London, April 2; London, October 27 [297].

Box 1, Folder 13  **Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1850. 9 letters with transcripts.**

Scope and Content Note
London: January 1; February 14; March 16 (no transcript); May 9; July 8; July 11; July 20; July 28; August 3.
| Box 1, Folder 14 | **Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1851.**  
| Physical Description: 8 letters.  
| Scope and Content Note  
| London, March 3; March 7; March 8; March 14; March 24; Midhurst, August 23; London, November 23; Midhurst, September 2. |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | **Cobden to Salis Schwabe, 1852 & n.d.**  
| Physical Description: 4 letters.  
| Scope and Content Note  
| London, October 28; Irwell Bank, Higher Broughton, Manchester, October 30; Monday morning (n.d.); March 22 (n.d.). |

**Letters from Richard Cobden to Mme. Julie Salis-Schwabe, 1850-1864**

| Box 2, Folder 1 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1850.**  
| Physical Description: 4 letters.  
| Scope and Content Note  
| London, March 14; April 1; copy of a letter from Cobden to Chevalier Bunsen, Midhurst, October 3; Rochdale, October 28. |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1851.**  
| Physical Description: 4 letters.  
| Scope and Content Note  
| + Midhurst, August 6, with an enclosure marked: Extract of a letter from Mrs. Milner Gibson to Mrs. Cobden; London, October 10; November 27. |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1852.**  
| Physical Description: 7 letters.  
| Scope and Content Note  
| Midhurst, January 3; January 20; London, February 21; Midhurst, July 31; August 25; September 14; 1 n.d. |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1853.**  
| Physical Description: 10 letters.  
| Scope and Content Note  
| Midhurst, March 25; London, March 28; March 31; House of Commons, May 13; 103 Westbourn Terrace, May 13; London, May 31; Worksop, October 7; Edinburgh, October 13; Mrs. Schwabe to Mr. Cobden, October 30; Bognor, October 31. |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1854.**  
| Physical Description: 11 letters.  
| Scope and Content Note  
| 38 Grosvenor Street, Grosvenor Square, February 23; July 19; July 27; Midhurst, July 30; 38 Grosvenor St., London, August 5; August 8; Midhurst, August 15; August 25; October 7; October 24; 105 Westbourn Terrace, London, November 6. |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1855.**  
| Physical Description: 8 letters.  
| Scope and Content Note  
| Midhurst, June 16; August 8; September 5; September 17; October 31; 3 copies of letters from Mrs. Schwabe to Richard Cobden: Oct; November 2; n.d. |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1856.**  
| | Physical Description: 9 letters.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | Midhurst, March 20; April 29; Dunford, April;+ Midhurst, May 2; May 3; Chichester, May 14; Dunford, May 25; Midhurst, May 28;+ June 21.  |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1856, continued**  
| | Physical Description: 10 letters.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | Midhurst, July 24; Dunford, September 11; Glyn Garth, September 27; copy of letter from Richard Cobden to Chevalier Bunsen, September 27;+ at Sir Joshua Walmsbys, Member of Parliament, n.d.; Glyn Garth, October 20; November 17; November 24; December 7;+ December 15.  |
| Box 2, Folder 9 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1857.**  
| | Physical Description: 4 letters.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | Midhurst, April 11; April 26;+ May 15;+ August 11.  |
| Box 2, Folder 10 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1860.**  
| | Physical Description: 1 letter.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | + Paris, July 5.  |
| Box 2, Folder 11 | **Cobden to Mrs. Schwabe, 1864.**  
| | Physical Description: 2 letters.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | Midhurst, February 3;+ Westminster, May 11.  |

**Letters from Richard Cobden to William Tait, 1835-1841**

| Box 2, Folder 12 | **Cobden to William Tait, 1835.**  
| | Physical Description: 1 letter.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | Manchester, December 7.  |
| Box 2, Folder 13 | **Cobden to William Tait, 1836.**  
| | Physical Description: 8 letters.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | Manchester: June 12; June 29; July 2; July 9; July 16; July 21; July 21; July 29.  |
| Box 2, Folder 14 | **Cobden to William Tait, 1837 & 1838.**  
| | Physical Description: 2 letters.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | Manchester, December 31, 1837; March 9, 1838.  |
| Box 2, Folder 15 | **Cobden to William Tait, 1840.**  
| | Physical Description: 3 letters.  
| | Scope and Content Note  
| | Manchester: January 21; March 12; December 23.  |
Letters from Richard Cobden to William Tait, 1835-1841

Box 2, Folder 16  Cobden to William Tait, 1841.
Physical Description: 6 letters.
Scope and Content Note
Manchester: January 8; January 10; January 12; February 9; February 20; September 10.

Letters from Richard Cobden to Various Persons, 1842-1864

Box 2, Folder 17  1842. 4 letters, 1 envelope (1843).
Scope and Content Note
To George Toms, Manchester, January 13; to J.S. Heron, London, February 7; My dear Sir, London, February 26; My dear Sir, London, March 12.

Box 2, Folder 18  1844.
Physical Description: 1 letter and envelope.
Scope and Content Note
To Adam Black, London, April 18.

Box 2, Folder 19  1846.
Physical Description: 1 letter.
Scope and Content Note
To Mr. Kershaw, Monday, n.p., n.d.

Box 2, Folder 20  1848.
Physical Description: 3 letters, 1 envelope.
Scope and Content Note

Box 2, Folder 21  1849 & 1850.
Physical Description: 3 letters.
Scope and Content Note
To Charles Reed, Leeds, March 6, 1849. This letter may be from Frederick Davies about Richard Cobden. to Mr. Wood, London, May 10; to Lord Ashly, London, March 6, 1850.

Box 2, Folder 22  1853.
Physical Description: 1 letter.
Scope and Content Note
To the Earl of Shaftsbury, London, July 19.

Box 2, Folder 23  1860.
Physical Description: 3 letters, 1 envelope.
Scope and Content Note
Dear Sir, Westminster, March 28; My dear sir, Westminster, April 2; Dear sir, London, April 15.

Box 2, Folder 24  1862.
Physical Description: 6 letters.
Scope and Content Note
To William Tait, Midhurst, June 10; London, August 13; Edinburgh, October 8; Edinburgh, October 10; October 13; to Adam Black, Member of Parliament. Manchester, October 25.
1864. 1 item: a notation, November 14.
Scope and Content Note
Included is clipping from Daily News, January 1882, A Historic Pen.

1865. 
Physical Description: 2 letters.
Scope and Content Note
To George Toms, Midhurst, March 6; to Lord Ashley, n.p., Tuesday.

Miscellaneous Notes, Printed Material, etc.

1845. 
Physical Description: 2 items.
Scope and Content Note
Ticket of admission to Free Trade Promenade & Final Exhibition, May 28, 1845. Signed by Reverend A. Reed. To the overseers of the parish of Great Torrington in the county of Devon, July 4, 1845. Signed by George Toms.


Cobden testimonials--newspaper clippings.
Physical Description: 22 items
Scope and Content Note
various papers, 1846.

Mr. Cobden's Notice. 1849.
Scope and Content Note
The above is in his hand.