Guide to the Clay / Randolph Duel Correspondence, 1826

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Acquisition Information

History
A more detailed account of the events and personalities surrounding the Henry Clay -- John Randolph duel may be found in works such as:

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection contains 7 letters and notes concerning the duel between Secretary of State Henry Clay and Senator John Randolph on April 8, 1826. The correspondents are Clay, Randolph, and their seconds, Col. Edward F. Tatnall and Gen. Thomas J. Jesup. The first letter is from Clay to Randolph, dated March 31, 1826 and demanding "personal satisfaction" for "the unprovoked attack on my character." During the duel Randolph fired into the air and Clay's shot only hit Randolph's coat.

A separate letter from Emily Donelson to her son was included in the collection by the donor but does not seem to have any connection to the Clay-Randolph correspondence.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog:

*Clay, Henry,--1777-1852*

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**Box 1: 1**  
Clay, Henry -- 1 letter (ALS) to John Randolph, demanding personal satisfaction, Mar. 31, 1826

**Box 1: 2**  
Randolph, John -- 1 letter (ALS) to Henry Clay, accepting his challenge, Apr. 1, 1826

**Box 1: 3**  
Randolph, John -- Copy of 1 letter (AL) to General Thomas J. Jesup, referring him to Randolph's friend, Col. Edward F. Tatnall, Apr. 1, 1826

**Box 1: 4**  
Clay, Henry -- 1 note to Col. Tatnall, agreeing to meet him the same evening, Apr. 1, 1826

**Box 1: 5**  
Tatnall, Edward F. -- Duplicate copy of 1 letter (ALS) to Gen. Jesup, agreeing to see him, Apr. 3, 1826

**Box 1: 6**  
Jesup, Thomas J. -- 1 letter (ALS) to Col. Tatnall, on conditions and arrangements, Apr. 6, 1826

**Box 1: 7**  
Tatnall, Edward F. -- 1 note (AN) to Gen. Jesup, accepting conditions, if official, n.d.

**Box 1: 8**  
Donelson, Emily -- 1 letter (ALS) to her son, Master A. Jackson Donelson, saying she is sorry she cannot send for him (free-franked by Andrew Jackson), n.d.