

**LEYCESTER, WILLIAM, 1826-1893.**  
**William Leycester correspondence,**  
**1855-1900 (bulk 1880-1895)**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Leycester, William, 1826-1893.  
**Title:** William Leycester correspondence, 1855-1900 (bulk 1880-1895)  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 137  
**Extent:** .25 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Correspondence of William Leycester, nineteenth century journalist, from members of the British Parliament and fellow journalists.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on Access**

Unrestricted access.

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#### **Source**

Purchase, 1984.

#### **Citation**

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

William Leycester, nineteenth century journalist, reported for the *London Times* during the late 1800's as an architectural critic, newspaper representative in Parliament, and later as Parliamentary chief of staff. Leycester's 1865 obituary of Lord Palmerston drew acclaim from

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his readership as well as from colleagues. His son, William Hamilton Leycester (1863-1925), also reported for the *Times* for a brief period before entering a full-time legal practice with duties as a London magistrate. Although biographical details are scant, information regarding Leycester's colleagues and the *Times* during these decades may be found in *History of the Times*, Volumes 2 and 3 (Macmillan, 1939).

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of William Leycester from 1855-1900. The papers include ninety-eight letters and notes and cards dated 1855 to 1900, with most falling between 1880-1895. Of that number, two letters (dated March 22, 1877 and March 20, 1890), bear the signature of Leycester himself. The remainder are written to Leycester from members of Parliament and fellow journalists. The correspondents include *Times* staff and members of Parliament. For example, two undated letters bear the signature of George Earle Buckle, editor of the *Times* for twenty-eight years. (A photocopy of Buckle's newspaper obituary follows these letters.) Members of Parliament represented in the other letters are William A. Amherst, Sir Arthur Arnold, Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, Sydney Buxton, Hugh C. E. Childers, Sir John Pope Hennessy, Sir Roper Lethbridge, and Baron Henry de Worms. Other correspondents include Clerk of the House of Commons Archibald Milman and French journalist and member of Parliament Henry Du Pre Labouchere. The correspondence, then, reflects the working relationship of the *Times* newspaper staff with members of Parliament. The topics of the letters concern inquiries from members of the House of Commons about their remarks or debates and about space available for them in Leycester's reports. Other letters deal with requests to verify the quotations of colleagues. Topics include the Australian squadron, disturbances in Belfast, and pension reforms. The collection--excluding those items which lack a full signature or a complete date--follows a chronological arrangement. Letters not bearing a date are arranged alphabetically by the surname of the author in a separate sequence following the dated items. Pencilled notations regarding provenance appear on several letters while on others typewritten biographical notes are attached; this supplemental information was part of the collection at the time of purchase.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

### **Finding Aid Note**

An index to correspondees is available.

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## Container List

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1	1	July 1855-July 1885 (12 letters)
1	2	April 1886-October 1887 (11 letters)
1	3	February 1888-August 1889 (10 letters)
1	4	March 1890-July 1900 (17 letters)
1	5	Undated, A-B (10 letters)
1	6	Undated, C-F (11 letters)
1	7	Undated, G-L (12 letters)
1	8	Undated, M-W (10 letters)
1	9	Undated with illegible or no signature (12 letters)

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## **Index of Selected Correspondents**

The following is an index to the correspondents in this collection. The number following the name refers to the folder in which the correspondence is located.

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**Bartlett, William L. Ashmead**

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**Barton, Dunbar Plunket**

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**Bentinck, E.W.P.**

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**Henniker, Lord John**

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**Hennessy, Sir John Pope**

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**Lawrence, Sir James Trevor**

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**Lee, Henry Austin**

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**Madden, Dodgson Hamilton**

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**Plunkett, D.**

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**Scott, Charles**

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**Sheridan, Henry**

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**Worms, Baron Henry de**

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