RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Department of Manuscripts

Acquisitions January–December 1981

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Benjamin Disraeli: Private and semi-official letters to the 5th and 6th Earls Beauchamp, together with nine letters from the 6th Earl to Disraeli and miscellaneous correspondence conducted on Disraeli’s behalf; 1874–80. Add. MS. 61892.

Jacques Brunius and others: Correspondence on behalf of Editions de la Revue Fontaine, regarding the proposed translation and publication in France of works by Elizabeth Bowen, Graham Greene, V. S. Pritchett, Virginia Woolf, and others; 1944–6. Add. MS. 61893.

Supplementary Macmillan papers: Business and private correspondence of Alexander Macmillan, co-founder, and of George Lillie Craik, partner, of Macmillans, including part of the private correspondence of Craik’s first wife, Dinah Maria Mulock, the novelist; 1845–1905, n.d. The papers supplement Add. MSS. 54786–6035. Add. MSS. 61894–61896.

Bernard Forest de Belidor: ‘Memoire sur une nouvelle Theorie de la science des mines . . . Dedié a monsieur de Valliere par M. Belidor en 1729.’ Another version of this treatise is in Kings MS. 256. Transferred from the Patent Office Library. Add. MS. 61897.

Collection of sermons in Latin by Johannes de Castello, O.F.M. (fl. c.1273), Aldobrandinus de Cavalcantibus, O.P. (d. 1279), and others; early 14th cent. Written in Italy, by several scribes. Add. MS. 61898.

Miscellaneous papers relative to the Harley family, Earls of Oxford from 1711, including genealogical notes and printed pedigree; 17th–19th cent. Presented, with Add. Charters 75882–75884, by the executors of Mrs Primrose Roper, through Mrs Ellen Lindsay Watson. Add. MS. 61899.


Folcard’s Life of St John of Beverley; late 14th cent. Add. MS. 61901.


Two miniatures in the Flemish style of about 1500, painted for John Boykett Jarman by Caleb W. Wing; mid-19th cent. They represent (a) the Assumption of the Virgin and (b)
the Virgin and Child with donor. These are two out of a total of nine miniatures made by Wing for addition to a Flemish Book of Hours in the Jarman collection. See Janet Backhouse, 'A Victorian Connoisseur and his Manuscripts: the tale of Mr Jarman and Mr Wing', British Museum Quarterly, xxxii (1967–8), pp. 76–92, pls. xxvi–xxx (the miniature of the Assumption reproduced as pl. xxviiia). Presented by Mrs Ruth Wright in accordance with the wishes of her husband, Dr Cyril Ernest Wright. Add. MS. 61904.


'Sketches of sermons preached at the Countess of Huntington's Chapel Spa Fields, St. Johns Church Clerkenwell, and George Street Chapel Chelsea ... Taken in short-hand by R[ichard] Shepherd, W. M.'; 1781–1802. Frontispiece portrait of Revd Thomas Wills, engraved and coloured by hand. Add. MS. 61907.

Aristotle's Politics: An anonymous translation into English from the French (1576) of Louis Le Roy; c.1576–98. Books I and II were printed, with slight variations, as part of the version prepared by 'I.D.' and published by Adam Islip in 1598. From the Library at Burghley House (sale catalogue, 21 Nov. 1687, p. 88). Two volumes in vellum covers. Add. MS. 61908.


Summaries in English of the terms of British treaties with the major European powers, 1661–1750, preceded by an index to the printed texts of European treaties; 1648–1758. Add. MS. 61913.

Two manuscript estate-plans of lands adjoining Marlborough, Wiltshire; 1752. Add. MS. 61914A, B.


Laurence Mayse: Dictates on logic delivered at the English College of Douai 1699 and transcribed by Sir George Jerningham, 5th Bart. of Costey (Costessy), Norfolk. Add. MS. 61916.


Letters to Sir John Simeon, 3rd Bart. from his family. A transcript made by his son Stephen Louis Simeon, with notes and introduction; 1914, 1833-4. Transferred from the Loan Division, British Library. Add MS. 61926.

Mathilde Blind, the poet (b. 1841, d. 1896): Correspondence with Dr Richard Garnett (d. 1906), C.B., of the British Museum, mainly relating to her literary works and travels; 1860-96. Four volumes. Presented by Patrick S. Garnett, Esq. Add. MSS. 61927-61930.


'Traité sur le moyen inventé pour relever et recuperer les vaisseaux submerges de toutes les grandeurs et a toutes les profondeurs de mer qui n’excédent pas 140 brasses'; c.1740. Transferred from the Science Reference Library. Add. MS. 61936.


Keith Douglas: Two school exercise-books comprising drafts and fair-copies of poems and some drawings; c.1934-7. Fifteen of the poems are unpublished. The material supplements Add. MSS. 53773-6; 56355-60; 57955; 59833-5; and 60858-9. Add. MSS. 61938, 61939.

Philip Ayres (1638-1712), poet and pamphleteer: Eleven documents in his hand or signed by him; 1691-1704, n.d. The documents relate to the Drake family of Amersham, Buckinghamshire. Add. MS. 61940.


Register of payments received on behalf of the Exchequer by Thomas Watson, Receiver General of Tithes; Oct. 1613 to Apr. 1614. Phillipps MS. 15127. Add. MS. 61943.


‘Recepta Scaccarii’: Tellers’ view of Account from the Exchequer of Receipt for the half year beginning Michaelmas 1587. The present manuscript fills a gap in this series of records in the Public Record Office, between E. 405/433 and E. 405/434. Add. MS. 61947.


Ernest Jones, Chartist and poet: Album containing sketches, verses, etc. mostly by Jones and his friends; 1834–53, n.d. Add. MS. 61971A–C.


Log of vessel ‘Grand Duchess of Tuscany’ for a voyage from West Africa to London; 12 April to 14 July 1790. Presented by Mrs Bruce Fennell on behalf of Mr Ted Fennell of Palm Springs, California, USA. Add. MS. 61978.

Sheffield Park Papers: Private and political correspondence and papers of John Baker Holroyd, 1st Earl of Sheffield and of members of the North family, including Frederick, 2nd Earl of Guilford, Prime Minister, his daughter Lady Charlotte Lindsay, Lady of the Bedchamber to Queen Caroline, and his son, Frederick, 5th Earl of Guilford; 1753–1849, n.d. For Lord Sheffield and the 2nd Earl of Guilford see also the North (Sheffield Park) Papers, Add. MSS 61860–76. Nine volumes. Add. MSS. 61979–61987.


Miscellaneous letters, papers and correspondence of the Harley family of Brampton Bryan, Herefordshire; mostly 17th cent. Add. MS. 61989.

Alexander MacGrigor, M.D., Army Surgeon: Letter to his brother Alexander Mennie of Huntley, Aberdeenshire, chiefly relating to his service as Principal Medical Officer, and later as Deputy Inspector of Hospitals, at the Barrack Hospital at Scutari; 19 March 1854 to 12 Nov. 1855. Also included are two letters to MacGrigor from Florence Nightingale; [Jan.?], 21 Feb. 1855. Together with a volume of typewritten copies. Add. MSS. 61991, 61992.

Thomas Scott, political writer (d. 1626): ‘Sr. W.R.G.’ [Sir Walter Raleigh’s Ghost; pseud. of Scott], Vox Spiritus . . . 1621(?); 17th-cent. copy. Add. MS. 61993.

Sir Henry Irving: Prompt-books and acting editions for his productions at the Lyceum Theatre of Much Ado about Nothing (1882), King Lear (1892), and Coriolanus (1901); 1882-1901. Add. MSS. 61994-61996.


George Bernard Shaw: Letters and postcards to Johnston Forbes-Robertson (b. 1853, d. 1937; kt. 1913) and his wife Mary Gertrude (née Elliott); 1903-46. Autograph and typewritten. Presented by Mrs Vincent Sheean and Mrs F. C. Miles, daughters of Sir Johnston and Lady Forbes-Robertson. Add. MS. 61998.


Galfridus Grammaticus: Medulla Grammaticae, Latin-English dictionary; second half of the 15th cent. Other manuscripts, mostly imperfect likewise, of this work are Harley MSS. 1000, 1783, 2181, 2257, 6514, and Add. MS. 24640. Formerly Phillipps MS. 8244. Add. MS. 62080.

Rumbold Manuscripts: Part of a collection previously on deposit at Wiltshire Record Office of manuscripts, etc., largely relating to Prince Rupert, formerly belonging to the Benet family of Pyt House, Wiltshire; mainly 17th cent. Six volumes. Partly printed. Add. MSS. 62081-62086.

Travel Journal of an unidentified member of Tommaso Contarini’s embassy on behalf of the Venetian republic to the United Provinces; 14 March to 20 July 1610. Italian. Add. MS. 62087.

James Stuart, F.R.S. (b. 1713, d. 1788): Note-books of a visit to Athens; 1751, 1752. Formerly Phillipps MS. 15433. MS. 62088.

Queen Victoria’s Album Consolativum, containing extracts from poems, sermons, verses, and letters collected by Queen Victoria for consolation after the death of Prince Albert in 1861. Partly autograph. Add. MSS. 62089, 62090.

of Wormleighton, appears throughout as auditor. Add. MS. 62092.


Revenues of Edward VI: Copy of the report of the commission appointed in 1552 ‘for the Survey and Examination of the State of all his Majesty’s Courts of Revenue’, 18th cent. The report has been printed by W. C. Richardson in Archives of British History and Culture, iii (West Virginia University, 1974). Add. MS. 62098.

Handel’s ‘Chandos’ Anthems and other music manuscripts, from the library of the Duke of Chandos at Cannons; before 1720. These manuscripts can all be identified in ‘A Catalogue of Anthems Cantatas and other Musick belonging to his Grace James Duke of Chandos’, signed by Johann Christoph Pepusch, August 1720 (Huntington Library MS. ST 66). Five volumes. Add. MSS. 62099–62103.

Fragment from a noted missal, in Latin, written in England, probably at Exeter; mid-11th cent. Other fragments from the same manuscript are Harley MS. 5977, no. 59; Westminster Abbey MS. 36, nos. 17–19; Oxford, Bodleian Library, Lat. liturg. c. 38; and two fragments in the library of Lincoln Cathedral. Add. MS. 62104.


Fairfax Papers: Correspondence, etc. of the Fairfaxs of Denton, and of Steeton and Newton Kyme in the West Riding of Yorkshire; 1318–1874, n.d. For further Fairfax papers see Add. MSS. 11325, 11743, 30305, and 30306. Add. MSS. 62107–62109A–G, and Add. Charters 75995–75997.

Ralph Vaughan Williams: Piano Concerto in C major; 1926, 1930–1. Autograph draft, extensively revised, the orchestral part written as for a second piano. Imperfect, notably lacking the whole of the ‘finale alla tedesca’ of the last movement. The autograph full score is Add. MS. 59385. Add. MS. 62110.


Humphrey Repton, landscape architect: Memoirs, 1788–1814. Copy, apparently made by a member of the family; c.1865. Add. MS. 62112.
