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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Earl of Loudoun was a British soldier who was for a time commander-in-chief of the British forces in North America and governor of colonial Virginia.

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Arrangement

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Scope And Contents

Loudoun, John Campbell, Earl of, 1705-1782. John Campbell Loudoun papers concerning the siege and fall of Quebec,

1756-1784: Guide

Includes letters most to the Earl of Loudoun; documents; and Loudon's AMs notes. All concern the military situation between the British and the French and the British and the Americans, especially during the French and Indian war and the American Revolution.

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Abercrombie, James, Major. A.L.s.(James Abercrombie) to [John Campbell, 4th] earl of Loudoun; Quebec, 15 Sep 1763., 1763.

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General Note:

Addressed on p.[4]

A letter giving details of military affairs in America at end of the French and Indian war, sent to Loudoun as former commander in America.

Abercrombie a major (presumably of 78th regiment, commissioned 1760 - Army lists).

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-113F.

Aldridge, Christopher, Major. Ms.L.s.(Chris: Aldridge) to The Right Honble. The Earl of Loudoun; St. Johns, Newfoundland, 21 May 1757., 1757.

Identifier: (2) Volume 1

Date: 1757.

Physical Description:

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General Note:

A letter from the British commander at St. Johns reporting on conditions there to John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun, commander of British forces in America 1756-1758.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-114F.

Barkley, Isabella. A.L.s.(Isabella Barkley) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun?]; [London?] 13 Oct 1778., 1778.

Identifier: (3) Volume 1

Date: 1778.

Physical Description:

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General Note:

Transmitting enclosure (11.) mentioning French and American attempt on Rhode Island.

With notations In Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-115F.

Brown, John, Captain. A.L.s.(John Brown) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun]; Quebec, 3 and 9 Sep 1762., 1762.

Identifier: (4) Volume 1

Date: 1762.

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General Note:

Mentions the British attack on Havana.

Brown a captain in the 60th regiment, commissioned 1760 (Army lists).

*45M-116F.

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Brown, John, Captain. A.L.s.(John Brown) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun]; Quebec, 6 and 12 Nov 1763., 1763.

Identifier: (5) Volume 1

Date: 1763.

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General Note:

Refers to the appointment of James Murray as governor of Canada.

*45M-117F.

Brown, John, Captain. A.L.s.(John Brown) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun]; Quebec, 3 Aug 1763., 1763.

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Date: 1763.

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General Note:

Discusses Indian attacks on British outposts.

*45M-118F.

Butler, Thomas. A.L.s.(Thomas Butler) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun]; Quebec, [H.M.S.] Isis, 12 May [17]76., [17]76.

Identifier: (7) Volume 1

Date: [17]76.

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General Note:

Describes the raising of the siege of Quebec.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-119F

Butler, Thomas. A.L.s.(T. Butler) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of] Loudoun; [H.M.S.] Isis, off St. Lucia, 5 Feb 1779., 1779.

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Date: 1779.

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General Note:

A request for patronage for promotion, containing an account of naval actions in which the writer has participated.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-120F.

Campbell, James. A.L.s.(James Campbell) to John Campbell; [Quebec, 24 Sep 1756?], 1756?]

Identifier: (9) Volume 1

Date: 1756?]

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General Note:

Place and date are added in another hand.

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A letter from a British officer captured by the French at Oswego Aug 1756 to an aid-de-camp of the Earl of Loudoun, commander-in-chief.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-121F.

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Campbell, James. A.L.s.(James Campbell) to [John Campbell, 4th] earl of Loudoun; [H.M.S.] Nightingale, New York, 23 Nov 1756., 1756.

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Date: 1756.

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General Note:

A letter mentioning movements of ships.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-122F.

Campbell, John. A.L.s.(John Campbell) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun]; Plymouth, 10 Nov 1756., 1756.

Identifier: (11) Volume 1

Date: 1756.

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General Note:

A general news letter of affairs in England. including difficulties with imported Hessian troops, change of ministers, etc.

*45M-123F.

Cuninghame, James. A.L.s.(Jas: Cuninghame) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun?]; Portsmouth, 26 Mar 1756., 1756.

Identifier: (12) Volume 1

Date: 1756.

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General Note:

Pertains to the sailing of ships for America.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-124F.

Hack. Ms.L.unsigned to; Albany, 2 Aug 1759., 1759.

Identifier: (13) Volume 1

Date: 1759.

Physical Description:

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General Note:

Contemporary copy, unfinished, of a letter by "Dr. Hack".

Discusses the capture of Fort Niagara by the British 25 Jul 1759.

With notations in the hand of John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun[?].

*45M-125F.

Holmes, Charles, 1711-1761. A.L.s.(Chas. Holmes) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of] Loudoun; [H.M.S.] Grafton, at sea, 26 Aug 1756., 1756.

Identifier: (14) Volume 1

Date: 1756.

Physical Description:

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General Note:

A letter from Commodore Holmes (later rear admiral, and third in command under Saunders at Quebec, 1759) to Loudoun as recently arrived commander-in-chief for America.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-126F.

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Hope, Robert. A.L.s.(Robt. Hope) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun]; Boston, 8 Oct 1775., 1775.

Identifier: (15) Volume 1

Date: 1775.

Physical Description:

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General Note:

Describes Battle of Bunker Hill, interception of vessels off New England coast, etc.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-127F.

Kennedy, Thomas. A.L.s.(Thos. Kennedy) to [his father]; Trenton [N.J.] 3 Jan 1756., 1756.

Identifier: (16) Volume 1

Date: 1756.

Physical Description:

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General Note:

A detailed account of possible procedures for attacking Quebec and Montreal.

With notations in the hand of John Campbell. 4th earl of Loudoun[?].

*45M-128F.

[Loudoun, John Campbell, 4th earl of, 1705-1782] A.L.unsigned to [Henry Fox, 1st baron Holland]; [Albany 19 Aug 1756], 1756]

Identifier: (17) Volume 1

Date: 1756]

Physical Description:

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General Note:

Copy, assumed to be in Loudoun's[?] hand; unfinished.

Lengthy account of the situation in America on Loudoun's arrival to take command of British forces.

Portion quoted (with variations) by Parkman, Montcalm and Wolf, 1898 ed., v.1, p., 413.

*45M-129F.

[Loudoun, John Campbell, 4th earl, 1705-1782] Ms.L. unsigned to [Robert D'Arcy, 4th] earl of Holderness [and] William Pitt [1st earl of Chatham]; H.M.S. Winchelsea, at sea, 16 Aug 1757-New York, 17 Oct 1757., 1757, 1757.

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General Note:

M.s. copy (New York? 1757)

A detailed analysis of the strategic situation in America, from the commander-in-chief to Holderness and Pitt as secretaries of state.

*45M-130F.

[Loudoun, John Campbell, 4th earl of, 1705-1782] Ms.L.unsigned to [William Wildman, 3nd] Viscount Barrington; New York, 16 Feb 1758., 1758.

Identifier: (19) Volume 1

Date: 1758.

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General Note:

Ms.copy (New York? 1758?)

A letter from the British commander-in-chief in America to the secretary at war reporting details of military arrangements.

*45M-131F.

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Mackintosh, Alexander. A.L.s.(Alexander Mackintosh) to [John Campbell, 4th] earl of Loudoun; London, 9 Aug 1759., 1759.

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Date: 1759.

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General Note:

Addressed on p.[4]

Discusses progress of the Seven years' war.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-132F.

Montrésor, James Gabriel, 1709-1776. A.L.s.(Jas: Montresor) to [Robert] Napier; New York, 12 Jan 1756., 1756.

Identifier: (21) Volume 1

Date: 1756.

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General Note:

A letter on the military situation early in the French and Indian war.

Montrésor was chief engineer for Braddock's expedition and subsequently director of engineering in the middle colonies.

*45M-133F.

Montrésor, John, 1736-1799. A.L.s.(John Montresor) to Patrick McKellar; German Flatts [N.Y.] 9 Aug 1756., 1756.

Identifier: (22) Volume 1

Date: 1756.

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General Note:

Addressed on p.[4]

A letter describing details of the campaign of 1756, directed to "Oswego by two Tuscarora Indians".

Montrésor was chief engineer in America 1775; MacKellar was chief engineer at Louisbourg 1758 and Quebec 1759.

*45M-134F.

Murray, Alexander, Major. Ms.L.unsigned to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun]; [H.M.S.] Newark, off Halifax, 23 Aug 1757., 1757.

Identifier: (23) Volume 1

Date: 1757.

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General Note:

Ms. copy of signed letter (New York? 1757?) with leaf bearing explanatory notations added.

A letter describing portions of the defences of Louisbourg.

Murray a major in the 45th regiment, commissioned 1755 (Army lists).

*45M-135F.

Webb, Daniel, Major-general. A.L.s.(Dan. Webb) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun?]; Albany, 24 May 1757., 1757.

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General Note:

A letter discussing prisoners escaped from the French at Montreal, etc.

With notations In Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-136F.

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Young, John, Lieutenant-colonel. A.L.s.(John Young) to [John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun]; New York, 18[?] May 1759., 18[?], 1759.

Identifier: (25) Volume 1

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Date: 1759.

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General Note:

A letter discussing the recruiting and assembling of troops for Wolfe's expedition against Quebec.

Young a lieutenant-colonel, commissioned 1757 (Army lists).

*45M-137F.

Young, John, Lieutenatn-colonel. A.L.s.(John Young) to [John Campbell, 4th] earl of Loudoun; [Quebec] 18 Sept 1759., 1759.

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Date: 1759.

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General Note:

Addressed on p.[4]

A letter reporting the battle on the Plains of Abraham, written the day of the surrender of the city.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-138F.

Gt. Brit. Army. *To the Right Honble. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. The memorial of the Rt. Honble. the Earl of Loudoun ...* [New York? 1757], 1757]

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General Note:

Ms.D.

Draft of a memorial (not sent) soliciting more effective arrangements for provisioning troops in America, to be submitted by the Earl of Loudoun as commander-in-chief.

*45M-139F.

Gt. Brit. Army. A.L.s.(Jas: Napier) to His Excellency the Earl of Loudoun; Halifax [N.S.] 18 Jul 1757., 1757.

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General Note:

A letter from the director of military hospitals in Halifax to John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun, commander of British forces in America 1756-1758.

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-140F.

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Gt. Brit. Army. Examination taken Augst. 4th 1757 at Port Edward. [Fort Edward, N.Y., 4 Aug 1757], 1757, 1757]

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General Note:

Ms.D.

Report of an examination of a French prisoner taken by the British during Montcalm's siege of Fort William Henry.

With notations in the hand of John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun[?]

*45M-141F.

Gt. Brit. Army. Ms.L.s.(Hen: Dobson) to Captain James Cuninghame; Halifax, 24 Oct 1757., 1757.

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General Note:

Official communication in Dobson's hand to Cuninghame as aid-de-camp to the Earl of Loudoun, commander-in-chief.

Dobson a lieutenant in the 47th regiment, commissioned 1755 (Army lists).

With notations in Loudoun's[?] hand.

*45M-142F.

Gt. Brit. Army. 45th regiment. Recruiting instructions for the officers of His Majesty's 45 th regiment of foot ... [Halifax? 4 Nov? 1757], 1757]

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General Note:

Ms.D.

Copy, drafted and signed by John Cosnan, captain in the 45th regiment, of a document signed at Halifax, 20 Oct 1757, by Alexander Murray, major of the 45th regiment.

With notation in the hand of John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun[?]

*45M-143F.

Gt. Brit. Army. A copy of Governor Murray's letter to the Secretary at war. [Quebec? 1764], 1764]

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General Note:

Ms.D.

Copy of a letter of recommendation for Capt. Robert Campbell (60th regiment) originally dated Quebec, 31 Oct 1764, and signed by James Murray, governor of Canada, addressed to Welbore Ellis, 1st baron Mendip, 1713-1802, secretary at war 1762-1765.

With notations in the hand of John Campbell, 4th earl of Loudoun[?]

*45M-144F.

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Gt. Brit. Army. Return of His Majesty's forces in Nova Scotia 14th January 1756. [Halifax? 1756], 1756., 1756]

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General Note:

Ms.D.

*45M-145F.

Gt. Brit. Army. Return of His Majesty's forces in Nova Scotia. [Halifax?] 1 Oct 1756., 1756.

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General Note:

Ms.D.

Signed: Chas. Lawrence [d. 1760, governor of Nova Scotia from 1756]

*45M-146F.

Gt. Brit. Army. Return of His Majesty's forces in Nova Scotia 1 February 1757. [Halifax? 1757], 1757., 1757]

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General Note:

Ms.D.

Signed (twice): Robt. Monckton, lieut. govr.

*45M-147F.

Gt. Brit. Army. 46th regiment. ... Monthly return of the XLVI regiment of foot ... Halifax camp. 24 Jul 1757., 1757.

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General Note:

Engraved form filled out in ms.

Signed: S[amuel] Bever, Lt. coll.

*45M-148F.

Gt. Brit. Army. Monthly return of His Majesty's forces in the province of Nova Scotia, Halifax, 21 Aug 1757. Halifax, 1757., 1757., 1757.

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General Note:

Ms.D.

Signed: Geo: Scott, majr of brigade.

*45M-149F.

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Gt. Brit. Army. Monthly return of His Majesty's forces in the province of Nova Scotia, Halifax, 24th November 1757.

Halifax, 1757., 1757., 1757.

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General Note:

Ms.D.

Signed: P[eregrine] T[homas] Hopson, majr genl.

*45M-150F.