

Guide to the John Browne, Commonplace Book

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: OSBORN FB153

CREATOR: Coventry, Henry, 1619-1686

TITLE: [Papers: collection of documents from his papers relating to the Popish Plot]

DATES: 1678-1679

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.02 linear feet (1 volume)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Collection of seven manuscripts, in multiple hands, concerning the Popish Plot, primarily of testimonies and accusations. The collection contains a letter by an unnamed woman to Coventry promising to deliver to him the names of many priests and Jesuits for a promised reward, as well as Coventry's reply assuring her she will be paid. Other items include a report on the death of Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey; King Charles II's speech to the House of Lords in 1678; a signed statement by Sir John Werden, declaring that he had been sent by the Duke of York to Titus Oates to confirm that Oates had spoken with Sir Thomas Williams; and a signed statement by Roger Hyett declaring that John Birch had accused the Queen and the Duke of York of being Papists.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

Sir Henry Coventry, Papers. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

The following finding aid is a complete inventory of the contents of [Osborn fb155](#). This list was reformatted from previously existing cataloging.

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COVENTRY, SIR HENRY (1619-86)

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|------|--|-------------|
| b. 1 | Letter (draft) to unnamed recipient.
n.p.
1 p.; 24 x 19 cm.
Response to an enclosed letter from a woman in Paris offering to reveal Papists, and promising payment. | 1678 Dec 19 |
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[REPORT]

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| b. 1 | Concerning the death of Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey (1621-78).]
n.p.
3 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
Anonymous Manuscript. | 1678 Oct 20 |
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HYETT, ROGER

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| b. 1 | Document, signed
Norton Canon.
1 p.; 31 x 20 cm.
States that John Birch (1616-91) had accused the Queen and Duke of York of being Papists.
Catherine of Braganza, Queen consort of Charles II, 1638-1705; James II, King of Great Britain, 1633-1701. | 1679 May 10 |
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CHARLES II, KING OF GREAT BRITAIN (1630-85)

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| b. 1 | [Speech to the House of Lords, 9 Nov 1678.]
1 p.; 25 x 19 cm.
Contemporary MS copy. Also includes part of a reply by the Lord Chancellor, Sir John Duncombe. | n.d. |
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WERDEN, SIR JOHN, BART., 1640-1716

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|------|---|-------------|
| b. 1 | Document, signed
Whitehall.
1 p.; 30 x 19 cm.
States that he had been sent that day by the Duke of York to Titus Oates (1648-1705), who claimed to have had a discussion with Sir Thomas Williams. | 1679 Sep 24 |
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Legal documents
Popish Plot, 1678
Women authors

Geographic Names

Great Britain -- Politics and government --
1660-1688
Great Britain -- Religious life and customs --
17th century

Names

Birch, John, 1615-1691
Catherine, of Braganza, Queen, consort of
Charles II, King of England, 1638-1705
Charles, King of England, II, 1630-1685
Coventry, Henry, 1619-1686
Godfrey, Edmund Berry, Sir, 1621-1678
Godfrey, Edmund Berry, Sir, 1621-1678 --
Assassination
James, King of England, II, 1633-1701
Oates, Titus, 1649-1705
Werden, John, Sir, 1640-1716

Corporate Bodies

Catholic Church -- Protestant authors --
Controversial literature
Great Britain. Parliament. House of Lords