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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** OSBORN FB94

**TITLE:** Civil War. Collection of letters and state papers, apparently from the papers of John Pym

**DATES:** 1584-1643

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.15 linear feet (1 volume)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection of 28 letters and other documents, many written to John Pym and all concerned with military activities of the Parliamentary army during the English Civil War. Numerous writers request financial assistance, food, clothing, and arms for their soldiers, including Alexander Carew, who asks for money and arms to combat an uprising in Cornwall; Sir William Balfour, who requests back pay for his services as commissary and captain of a troop in Ireland and requests two months' advance for his soldiers, or else they will be unable to subsist; and William Jephson, who begs Pym to be as active for him in Parliament as his soldiers have been on the field, and who are now in rags without enough food to eat. Other letters report on threats of armed uprisings and on the movements of King Charles I as well as the movements of Queen Henrietta Maria at The Hague.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Processing Information

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## Scope and Contents

The following finding aid is a complete inventory of the contents of [Osborn fb94](#). This list was reformatted from previously existing cataloging.

## Collection Contents

### Osborn fb94

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#### BALFOUR, SIR WILLIAM, D. 1660.

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| b. 1 | <a href="#">LS to John Pym.</a><br>n.p.<br>1 p.; 30 x 18 cm.<br>"Sir Give me leave to arreast your noble promise of endeavor on my behalfe..." Includes list of payments and expenses due to Balfour.<br>folder 1. | 1641 Dec 6 |
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#### MANCHESTER, EDWARD MONTAGU, 2ND EARL OF, 1602-71

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| b. 1 | ALS to John Pym.<br>Worcester.<br>1 p.; 30 x 20 cm.<br>"Sir I received your letter this afternoon and I fully agree with your way..." Discussion of military situation near Worcester.<br>folder 2. | [1642] Oct 7 |
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#### JENNINGS, GABRIEL.

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| b. 1 | ALS to John Pym.<br>Marshalsea of the Four Courts in Dublin.<br>2 p.; 29 x 19 cm.<br>"After 3 years Strong oppression, I am now in Ireland..." Complains about his imprisonment.<br>folder 3. | 1641 Oct 5 |
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#### NORTHUMBERLAND, ALGERNON PERCY, EARL OF, 1602-68

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| b. 1 | <a href="#">LS to unnamed recipient.</a><br>Derby House.<br>1 p.; 31 x 20 cm.<br>Countersigned by John Campbell, 1st Earl of Loudoun (1598-1663). Draft of reply on the same page. "Sir, The King being now marched with all his forces..." Reply: "According to your Lordships commands..."<br>folder 4. |  |
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#### BEDFORD, WILLIAM RUSSELL, 1ST DUKE OF, 1616-1700

## BEDFORD, WILLIAM RUSSELL, 1ST DUKE OF, 1616-1700 (continued)

- b.1 [LS to the Committee of Safety.](#) 1642 Oct 18
- Worcester.  
1 p.; 32 x 22 cm.  
"My Lords & Gentlemen, In obedience  
to the commands of the Houses..."  
Discusses the King's refusal to  
receive a petition. Also signed by  
Viscount Mandeville; Denzil Holles,  
1st Baron Holles of Ifield  
(1599-1680); Philip Wharton, 4th  
Baron Wharton (1613-96); Robert  
Greville, 2nd Baron Brooke (1608-43);  
Francis Willoughby, 5th Baron  
Willoughby of Parham (1613?-66);  
Arthur Goodwin (1593?-1643) and one  
other.  
Great Britain. Committee of Safety;  
Charles I, 1600-49.  
folder 5.

## JEPHSON, WILLIAM, 1615?-59?

- b.1 [ALS to John Pym.](#) 1642 Oct 15
- Cork.  
1 p.; 33 x 22 cm.  
"Noble Cousin, Wee are now brought  
to the last Pynche of beinge able to  
subsist..." A plea for supplies for  
the troops around Cork.  
folder 6.

## PEYTON, SIR THOMAS

- b.1 ALS to Robert Hales. 1641 Apr 29
- n.p.  
1 p.; 19 x 15 cm.  
"Good Cousin, The Lord Petition for  
the expedition of justice..." Also  
discusses a tax plan for raising  
money.  
Taxes -- Great Britain.  
folder 7.

## NICHOLAS, SIR EDWARD, 1593-1669

- b.1 [LS to Sir William Boswell \(d. 1650\).](#) 1642 Sep 21
- Shrewsbury.  
2 p.; 29 x 20 cm.  
"Sir, His Majesty arrived here  
yesternight..." With nine line  
autograph postscript stating that  
he would rather die in the King's  
cause, "than prosper by taking arms  
against God's annoynted."  
folder 8.

## ESSEX, ROBERT DEVEREUX, 3RD EARL OF, 1591-1646

## ESSEX, ROBERT DEVEREUX, 3RD EARL OF, 1591-1646 (continued)

b.1 [ALS to the Committee of Safety.](#) 1642 Oct 18  
 Worcester.  
 1 p.; 29 x 19 cm.  
 "My Lords and Gentlemen, In obedience  
 to your commands..." Concerns a  
 petition sent to Charles I.  
 Great Britain -- Committee of Safety.  
 folder 9.

## BERKER, JOHN

b.1 ALS to Robert Devereux, 3rd Earl of Essex (1591-1646). 1643 Mar 14  
 Coventry.  
 1 p.; 30 x 19 cm.  
 "May it please your excellency, We  
 received youres expressing your care  
 by diversion..." Discusses military  
 situation around Coventry.  
 Also signed by H. Mackworth, William  
 Purefoy (1580?-1659) and George  
 Abbott.  
 folder 11.

## CHOLMELEY, SIR HUGH, 1600-57

b.1 ALS to John Pym. 1642 Nov 3  
 Stamford Bridge.  
 2 p.; 30 x 21 cm.  
 "Sir, I am this day come to Stamford  
 Brigge..." Detailed description of  
 military situation in his area.  
 folder 12.

## STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670.

b.1 [Memorial to the States General of the United Netherlands] 1642  
 1 p.; 30 x 20 cm.  
 Manuscript in French.  
 An appeal to refrain from helping Charles I. Accompanied by the Declaration  
 of the States General (in Dutch), to remain neutral in the English Civil War,  
 1642 Oct 18. Netherlands (Unites provinces, 1581-1795). Staaten Generaal.  
 folder 13.

## STRICKLAND, WALTER, D. 1670

b.1 [ALS to John Pym.](#) 1642  
 1642 Oct 31-Nov 10  
 The Hague.  
 1 p., 33 x 21 cm.  
 "The Queen hath demanded ships and  
 appointed the 17th of this month to  
 depart from hence..." Discussion of  
 affairs at the Hague including a note  
 about plans to raise money by pawning  
 jewels.  
 folder 14.







## STRICKLAND, WALTER, 1670 (continued)

- b.1 [Protest to the States General of the United Netherlands] 1642 Dec 2  
2 p., 33 x 21 cm.  
Manuscript in French, signed, with  
autograph postscript in English.  
Protest concerning the breaches of  
the order of the States General  
against the transport of soldiers  
and arms to England.  
Netherlands (United provinces,  
1581-1795) Staaten generaal.  
folder 24.

## BUTTON, JOHN

- b.1 ALS to John Pym. 1642 Nov, 4  
Southampton.  
1 p., 30 x 20 cm.  
"Sir, In obedience unto your  
letters..." Report on the situation  
in Southampton. Also signed by  
Edward Hooper.  
folder 25.

## CAREW, SIR ALEXANDER, 1609-44

- b.1 LS to John Pym and the Committee of Safety. 1642 Nov 11  
Plymouth.  
1 p., 30 x 20 cm.  
"Sir, Wee have not word either by  
this nor last poste..." Renewing an  
appeal for immediate support and  
supplies. Also signed by Francis  
Butler, J. Elliot, John St. Aubyn,  
John Trefusis, John Carter, Francis  
Godolphin, Richard Erisey and T.  
Arundell.  
folder 26.

## WARWICK, ROBERT RICH, 2ND EARL OF, 1587-1658

- b.1 ALS to John Pym. [1642]  
n.p.  
4 p., 27 x 18 cm.  
"Mr. Pimme, I received your letter  
on Saturday last..." Tells of the  
needs for supplies for the merchant  
men, a piracy against some English  
ships, and the foul actions of a  
Captain Ketelby.  
folder 27.

## LONDON. CITIZENS.

## LONDON. CITIZENS. (continued)

b.1 [Petition to both Houses of Parliament] [1642]  
1 p., 31 x 20 cm.  
Contemporary MS copy.  
Request that a voluntary levy be  
raised for the defense of the  
country.  
Great Britain -- Parliament.  
folder 28.

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## SACKETT, JOHN

b.1 ALS to Robert Hales. 1648 Aug 11  
Mungebarn.  
1 p., 31 x 20 cm.  
"Sir, The last night about nine of  
Clocke I was warned to send a light  
horse..." Discussion about the  
burden of maintaining a troop of  
horse. Hales was Captain of the  
troop of horse for the Lath of St.  
Augustine (Co. Kent).  
folder 29.

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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.

### **Geographic Names**

England -- Foreign relations -- Scotland  
Great Britain -- History -- Civil War, 1642-1649  
Great Britain -- History -- Civil War, 1642-1649  
-- Campaigns  
Great Britain -- Politics and government --  
1625-1649  
Scotland -- Foreign relations -- England

### **Genres / Formats**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Bedford, William Russell, Duke of, 1613-1700  
Charles, King of England, I, 1600-1649  
Essex, Robert Devereux, Earl of, 1591-1646  
Henrietta Maria, Queen, consort of Charles I,  
King of England, 1609-1669  
Manchester, Edward Montagu, Earl of,  
1602-1671  
Nicholas, Edward, Sir, 1593-1669  
Northumberland, Algernon Percy, Earl of,  
1602-1668  
Pym, John, 1584-1643  
Strickland, Walter, -1670

### **Corporate Bodies**

Great Britain. Army  
Great Britain. Parliament