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TITLE: Thomas Fowke Papers

DATES: 1746–1755

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.4 linear feet (5 boxes)

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SUMMARY: The papers of Lieutenant-General Thomas Fowke of Park Hill, near Sheffield in Yorkshire, cover the decade 1746 to 1755, with half of the material concerning his term as Governor of Gibraltar (1753-1755). The collection contains approximately 500 letters, documents, and official and personal papers including copies of many of Fowke's outgoing letters. The correspondence is with business colleagues in England and Ireland primarily involved in real estate transactions, with military officers and those who wanted to enter service, and with officials of the British government and local governments near Gibraltar, particularly in Spain and Morocco. Also present is a small manuscript map, likely drawn as an exercise by a military engineer trainee.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Bonham's (sale 22715, 11 November 2015, lot 28), 2015.

Custodial History

No provenance information was provided by the auction house but a twentieth-century printed genealogical pamphlet with a biography of Sir Frederick Ferrers Conant Fowke (1879-1948), Bt., of Lowesby Hall, was laid in the first volume, and likely indicates a custodial chain. The pamphlet was added to the library's collection file for the papers.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

The Thomas Fowke Papers were received at the library in two volumes which were described in the auction listing as "over 500 items, many papers folded to fit the volumes, some fraying at outer edges, dust-staining, tears along folds etc., contemporary sheep-backed boards, spines defective, worn," which did not adequately describe their condition. Many of the larger documents were missing up to an inch of their outer edges, many others were torn and broken along fold lines, and there was only partial chronological order within the two volumes, which were advertised as dating 1753 (first volume) and 1755 (second volume). When the material was removed from the decayed bindings, flattened, and foldered, it was discovered that the collection spans an entire decade from 1746 through 1755, and the contents were mixed, with both personal and government/military topics covered in each volume.

Thomas Fowke (1690-1765)

Thomas Fowke was born in 1690, the son of Thomas Fowke (1645-1708) and his second wife Mary (1650-1705) of Gunstone, South Staffordshire, England. He was married twice, first in 1721 to Elizabeth Ingoldsby (1705-1735), daughter of William and Theophila Lucy Ingoldsby, and then in 1741 to Dorothea Randall (1704-1784), daughter of Edward Randall of Salisbury, Wiltshire. Fowke had three children, Theophila Lucy (1724-1734), Sir Thomas Fowke (1744-1786), and Theophila (1745-1756).

Fowke's military career spanned 1702 through his appointment as governor of Gibraltar in 1752. Following the British Navy's defeat at Minorca in June 1756, Fowke was courtmartialled, charged with refusing to provide Admiral John Byng with reinforcement from the garrison at Gibraltar, and dismissed from the Army. Fowke was reinstated to the rank of general in 1761 and died in Bath, Somerset, on March 29, 1765; he was buried at Bath Abbey.

Scope and Contents

The papers of Lieutenant-General Thomas Fowke of Park Hill, near Sheffield in Yorkshire, and London, cover the decade 1746 to 1755, and half of the material concerns his term as Governor of Gibraltar (1753-1755).

The collection contains approximately 500 letters, documents, and official and personal papers including copies of many of Fowke's outgoing letters.

While only focused on a few years of his life, primarily 1735 to 1755, the papers provide details about his operations, agents, and governmental colleagues, as well as the constant need for intelligence about the movement of ships, both naval and merchant, between England and Europe. Organized into two series, the first holds material related to Fowke's personal life, assets, and activities in England and Ireland. The second series covers his life in Gibraltar and is predominantly dated in 1755. While not giving a full picture of his reign as Governor, the papers provide evidence of some of the military, political and diplomatic concerns he faced while there.

The Thomas Fowke papers contain no family correspondence with the exception of two letters from his son Thomas, while a student in Geneva; also present in Series I is a related invoice from Theodore Desvories, who handled Thomas's school arrangements. Desvories is one of several Huguenot refugees who emigrated to Ireland and appear in the Thomas Fowke Papers.

Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Personal Papers, 1746-1755. II. Diplomatic and Military Papers, 1750-1755.

Collection Contents

Series I: Personal Papers, 1746–1755

0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)

Series I contains letters and documents related to Fowke's personal activities in England and Ireland, in particular those involving his real estate in South Yorkshire where his estate, Park Hill, was located just outside Sheffield. The full story of his life there is not encompassed in the papers in this collection, but he did sell Park Hill in early 1754 as he was transitioning to his post in Gibraltar. His correspondence with local attorney William Whitaker reveals information about the management of the estate while Fowke was in London, where he also had a home, and Whitaker's folder holds a multipage inventory of the house's contents. Major William Singleton was involved in the Park Hill sale, and other real estate transactions occurred between Fowke and Thomas Threlkeld; the latter defrauded Fowke and other creditors (see Fowke's letter to Count Joseph Haslang). Other transactions are covered in the thirteen letters exchanged with Raymond Kane, an attorney in Dublin. London merchant Thomas Tierney was instrumental in arranging shipments of items including horses, fowl, wine, and a cabinet of shells, from Gibraltar to London; his folder contains a printed bill of lading along with other descriptive documents. Fowke's own household goods were also shipped and a folder of inventories and invoices for that material can be found in the Documents subseries. Other invoices and receipts in the subseries cover some of his purchases and the work done on his properties; notable are three extensive invoices for commissioned objects and services: from Elizabeth Godfrey, the leading female gold and silversmith in eighteenth-century London, from the London upholsterer Peter Des Champs, and from a scrivener, William Ward, who created and managed legal documents for Fowke in London. The folder for merchant Galfridus Mann holds a dozen letters, receipts, and other documents detailing their financial dealings.

Series I is organized into two subseries: Correspondence, and Documents.

Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Andrew Drummond & Co.	1753 July 3
b. 1, f. 2	Ashmore, John Regarding a gelding	1753 May 14
b. 1, f. 3	Bellenden, Henry, -1761 Includes a letter from attorney Jonathan Woodhouse.	1753, 1755
b. 1, f. 4	Blair, William	1755 June 12
b. 1, f. 5	Bowes, John Bowes, Baron, 1690-1767	1753 November 10
b. 1, f. 6	Bowman, Rev. J. An account of funds owed him.	1753 May 11
b. 1, f. 7	Cheveley, Jerningham Cheveley was an attorney of Lincon's Inn.	1753
b. 1, f. 8	Cope, John	1753 October 24
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 1	Cope, John Letter to Cope from Fowke	1755 May 17
b. 1, f. 9	Craig, Hugh	1775 August 14

Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 10	Dejean, Louis After emigrating from France, Dejean became military leader in the Grenadier Guards and the Light Dragoons. Lieutenant-General Dejean died in Dublin in 1764.	1753-1755
b. 1, f. 11	Desvories, Theodore The folder holds an accounting of cash expended by Lieutenant Desvories for "conducting Mr. Fowke to Geneva" for schooling between January and April 1755.	1755 July 3
b. 1, f. 12	Downe, Henry Pleydell Dawnay, Lord, 1727-1760	1753 June 23
b. 1, f. 13	Draper, Matthew	1753 May 12
b. 1, f. 14	Fead, William	1755 August 25
b. 1, f. 15	Fitzgerald, Charles Fitzgerald wrote from Ballycar, County Clare. See also John Perfect's 1751 invoice in Box 1, folder 36.	1753
b. 1, f. 16	Fowke, Sydenham, 1688-1743 Fowke was a cousin of Thomas Fowke. Includes one letter from Fowke to James Rivers in Whitehall.	1753
b. 1, f. 17	Fowke, Thomas, 1744-1786 Two letters in French from his son Thomas while at boarding school in Geneva, with invoices for expenses.	1755
b. 1, f. 18	Gosling, Frances Gosling was a banker on Fleet Street.	1753
b. 1, f. 19	Haslang, Joseph, Count, -1783 Haslang was a count of the Holy Roman Empire and the Bavarian ambassador to England.	1755 July 14
b. 1, f. 20	Hollway, William	1754 August 18
b. 1, f. 21	Hotham, Beaumont, 1698-1771	1755 July 2
b. 1, f. 22	Jones, Thomas	1753 December 20
b. 1, f. 23	Jones, William	1755
b. 1, f. 24	Kane, Redmond, -1778 Kane was an attorney in Dublin and Mantua, Swords, Co. Dublin, and a land speculator.	1753-1755
b. 1, f. 25	Limes, Thomas	1753
b. 1, f. 26	Lloyd, Edward	1754 August 9
b. 1, f. 27	Lynch, Peter	1755

Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 28	Mann, Galfridus, 1706-1756 Mann, the brother of Sir Horace Mann, was a merchant in London.	1750-1755
b. 1, f. 29	Marshall, James, Capt.	1753-1754
b. 1, f. 30	Master, Ann	1753 May 2
b. 1, f. 31	Mitchell, Henry Mitchell was a banker in Dublin. Includes Fowke's copy of his letter regarding one of the legatees of his wife's estate.	1753
b. 1, f. 32	Moore, Elizabeth and William William Moore was a cousin of Thomas Threlkeld; his daughter Elizabeth Moore was a legatee of Mrs. Fowke.	1753-1755
b. 1, f. 33	Nesbit, Arnold	1753 November 2
b. 1, f. 34	Newton, James	1755 August 10
b. 1, f. 35	Onslow, George, 1731-1792	1755, undated
b. 1, f. 36	Perfect, John Perfect was a nurseryman of Pontefract, Yorkshire, and a Lieutenant in 6th Regiment of Foot Guards. Includes an inventory for fruit and forest trees Fowke purchased for Park Hill; Charles Fitzgerald wrote a letter on the invoice in 1753.	1751
b. 1, f. 37	Roscommon, Angel Widow of Robert Dillon, 7th Earl of Roscommon (-1721) of Dublin.	1753
b. 1, f. 38	Singleton, H. H.	1753-1755
b. 1, f. 39	Singleton, William Major Singleton wrote from London and the War Office; the letters concern both personal real estate matters (at Park Hill and Dublin) as well as military news. Also present is a letter to him from Edward Woodcock of Lincoln's Inn.	1753-1755
b. 1, f. 40	Thistlethwayte, Alexander	1753 September 3
b. 1, f. 41	Thornhill, George Thornhill was from Diddington, Cambridgeshire. The folder holds letters from him to William Singleton and Whitaker regarding Fowke's Park Hill property.	1753
b. 1, f. 42	Threlkeld, Thomas, 1707- Threlkeld was born in Morpeth, and inherited the family home in Tritlington, Northumberland, from his father. In 1748 he married Louisa Hunt of Popham and settled there. Legal and financial documents covering real estate and investment arrangements with Fowke.	1746-1753

Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 43	Tierney, Thomas Tierney was a native of Limerick and wealthy merchant of London, who later became a prize agent in Gibraltar.	1755
b. 1, f. 44	Tunnadine, John	1753 December 9
b. 1, f. 45	Villiers, M. The writer was a sister of Fowke; his sisters were named Mary and Martha.	1755
b. 1, f. 46	Warburton, John, 1682-1759 Warburton was a celebrated antiquary and Somerset Herald in the College of Arms, London. He notified Fowke that he had completed his pedigree, which had "run out to an enormous size."	1753
b. 1, f. 47	Ward, William Ward was a scrivener and a Principal of Staple Inn and Gray's Inn.	1753
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 2	Ward, William A detailed invoice for work performed for Fowke from 1750 to 1753.	1753 October 5
b. 2, f. 1	Watson, Wroth	1753 June 9
b. 2, f. 2	Whitaker, John Whitaker, an attorney in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, managed Park Hill, Fowke's house and estate overlooking Sheffield. He worked in concert with Robert Barlow, who oversaw the tradesmen maintaining the property. The folder concerns the management and sale of Fowke's property; one of his letters enclose an accounting of all money paid out by Robert Barlow. Also present in the file is "An Inventory of the Goods of Major General Fowke left in his House at Parkhill" dated May 1753.	1753
b. 2, f. 3	Woodcock, Edward Woodcock was an attorney of Lincoln's Inn, London.	1753
b. 2, f. 4	Woodhouse, Richard and Jonathan The Woodhouses were attorneys.	1753-1755
Documents		
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 3	Estate of James Hunt, of Popham, Hampshire Accounting of money proved as a credit to John Hunt's estate from October 1, 1740 to October 10, 1753.	1753
b. 2, f. 5	Inventories and invoices for shipping Inventories of glass and china, invoices for wharfage, carriage, etc., for household goods and furniture removed from Park Hill and shipped to London and Gibraltar.	1753-1754
	Invoices and receipts	

Documents > Invoices and receipts (continued)

b. 2, f. 6	Alterations to Park Hill An invoice from John Wildsmith for drawing plans for house alterations. Wildsmith was a British sculptor and stonemason who was active in London from 1757 to 1769.	1753 November 7
b. 2, f. 7	Beverages For liquor, beer, Maderia, port, and other beverages.	1753
b. 2, f. 8	Glazier For glass in the gardens and garrets.	1753 September 21
b. 2, f. 9	Household goods For snuff (James Fribourg), silver (Elizabeth Godfrey), hats (M. H. Wagner), Windsor chairs (Thomas Pitt), and bookbinding (Thomas Williams), in London.	1753
b. 2, f. 10	Mason For work on Fowke's London home.	1753 April 13
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 4	Medical care For medical care from Robert Bates, likely at Park Hill, during 1751 and 1752.	1752
b. 2, f. 11	Transportation For a sedan chair (Samuel Vaughan), carriage repairs (John Hill), and horse furniture (Baker), in London.	1753
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 5	Upholstery Invoice from Peter Des Champs, London.	1754
b. 2, f. 12	Miscellaneous The invoices and receipts here are primarily for land management, crop sales, rents, and repairs.	1753 January-June
b. 2, f. 13	Miscellaneous	1753 July-December
Real Estate		
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 6	Land agreement Multipage agreement concerning property in Ireland owned by Sir William Ingoldsby and others.	undated
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 7	Letter of Attorney Agreement with Thomas Threlkeld.	1753 October 11
b. 2, f. 14	Estate in the parish of Firbeck Two documents describing land owned by Fowke between Rotherham and Doncaster in South Yorkshire, and a purchase agreement between Fowke and Edward Woodcock and John and George Thornhill.	1753 September 5

Series II: Diplomatic and Military Papers, 1750–1755*2.75 linear feet (3 boxes)*

The series holds more than half of the collection and reveals some of Fowke's administrative network of military and diplomatic contacts. The first subseries, Diplomatic Correspondence, features letters to and from government officials and offices in London and British consuls stationed around the Mediterranean; many of their folders contain more than a dozen items. The correspondents include Henry Fox at the War Office, Secretary of State Thomas Robinson, and naval commander George Forbes, Earl of Granard. Francis Aiskill in Malaga, Burrington Goldsworthy in Cádiz, and Sir Benjamin Keene in Madrid are among the eight consuls found in the series. Also in the files are letters from groups of local officials in Morocco and Cádiz filed together under those places.

The subseries Military Correspondence contains reports about military issues and the state of the regiments and recruitments; two men making reports are Major J. Molesworth and Captain Edward Windus in Newport, both of whom wrote from Ireland. Also present are various requests for military commissions and favors as well as letters of congratulations to Fowke on his promotion to Governor. The Documents subseries holds a variety of items that were not connected to correspondence in the collection, but their content is diplomatic. The war in America, though far from Gibraltar, was of much interest to Fowke and was mentioned in some of the correspondence, including letters he received from Joseph Popham and Robert Napier. Popham, writing from Cádiz, had just met the master of a ship from America who told him "people of that Country were in high Spirits that our Forces were marching to the Frontiers in three different parts." The war was also highlighted in some of the four narrative reports filed here. Fowke was active in the repair and renovation of the Governor's House in Gibraltar, a sixteenth-century Franciscan friary that had become the residence of the British governors in 1728. Documentation of that project and the names of the workers involved are shown in eight detailed invoices. Another item, the "Order of Session of the Peace," describes physical conditions in the town of Gibraltar and a set of decisions that were made to improve them.

Series II is organized into three subseries: Diplomatic Correspondence, Military Correspondence, and Documents.

Diplomatic Correspondence

b. 3, f. 1	Aiskill, Francis, 1723-1800 Aiskill was the British consul in Malaga, Spain.	1755
b. 3, f. 2	Alcaide of Tangier Correspondence with different men having that title.	1755
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 8	Alcaide of Tangier	1755 August 31
b. 3, f. 3	Aspinwall, Stanhope, 1713-1771 Aspinwall was the British consul general in Algiers.	1755
b. 3, f. 4	Banks, John Banks was the British consul in Cartagena, Spain.	1755
b. 3, f. 5	Cádiz Filed here are letters to Fowke from Spanish officials in Cádiz.	1755
b. 3, f. 6	Calcraft, John, 1726-1772 Calcraft served as a clerk in the War Office from 1747 to 1756.	1753–1755

Diplomatic Correspondence (continued)

b. 3, f. 7	Castres, Abraham, -1757 Castres was the British consul in Lisbon.	1755
b. 3, f. 8	Cleveland, John, 1706-1763 Cleveland was Secretary to the Admiralty.	1753-1755
b. 3, f. 9	Commissioners of the Victualling Office The commissioners were Zachary Philip Fonnereau, Thomas Walpole, and Merick Burrell, contractors for victualling the garrison of Gibraltar.	1755 May 14
b. 3, f. 10	Dalrymple, William Includes a letter from Dalrymple Diodati & Co., with an invoice.	1755
b. 3, f. 11	Desbrisay, Theophilus, 1694-1772 Captain Desbrisay, born Samuel Théophile Desbrisay, was a Huguenot refugee who emigrated to Lisburn and settled in Dublin. He was a member of the Dublin Society for Improving Husbandry.	1753-1755
b. 3, f. 12	Edgcumbe, George, 1720-1795 Edgcumbe, a Naval lieutenant and politician, wrote from Mahon.	1755
b. 3, f. 13	Escoiquiz, Juan de De Escoiquiz was governor of Oran.	1755 August 8
b. 3, f. 14	Goldsworthy, Burrington, 1704-1774 Goldsworthy was the British consul at Leghorn and Cádiz.	1755
b. 3, f. 15	Granard, George Forbes, Earl of, 1685-1765	1753
b. 3, f. 16	Grantham, Thomas Robinson, Baron, 1695-1770 Robinson was Secretary of State for the Southern Department and resigned in November 1755.	1753-1755
b. 3, f. 17	Great Britain. Board of Inland Revenue	1775 July
b. 3, f. 18	Great Britain. Board of Ordnance	1753-1755
b. 3, f. 19	Great Britain. Treasury Fowke's letter to the Right Honorable Lord's Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.	1755 July 4
b. 3, f. 20	Hay, Edward Hay was the British consul in Lisbon.	1755 July 15
b. 3, f. 21	Herbert, Edmund, -1769 Herbert was a government clerk, secretary, and assistant paymaster of Marines.	1755 July 21
b. 3, f. 22	Holland, Henry Fox, Baron, 1705-1774	1753-1755
b. 3, f. 23	Keene, Benjamin, Sir, 1697-1757 Keene was envoy-extraordinary and plenipotentiary in Madrid.	1755

Diplomatic Correspondence (continued)

b. 3, f. 24	<i>London Gazette</i> Two letters written to the <i>Gazette</i> regarding a cruizer from Arzila that had been seized.	1755
b. 3, f. 25	Mackenzie, Alexander	1755 February 16
b. 3, f. 26	Maplesden, James Maplesden was the commanding officer of the <i>Fortune</i> Sloop in the Mediterranean squadron. Writing to report about the two Swedish and nine French warships that had arrived at Cádiz Bay.	1755 July 13
b. 4, f. 1	Morocco Filed here are letters to Fowke and to James Read from various government officials in Arzila, Sale (Salle), and Tétouan (Tetuan); also present are letters from Isaac C. de Lara and Joseph Mattos.	1755
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 9	Morocco	1755
b. 4, f. 2	Panmure, William Maule, Earl of, 1700-1782	1755 May 6
b. 4, f. 3	Peck, John	1755 July 5
b. 4, f. 4	Petticrew, William, -1756 Petticrew was consul general in Tétouan, Morocco.	1755
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 10	Petticrew, William, -1756	1755 May 5
b. 4, f. 5	Popham, Joseph Popham wrote from Cádiz.	1755 June 18
b. 4, f. 6	Randall, Robert	1755
b. 4, f. 7	Robert Main & Company Robert Main & Co., a Scottish company operating in Cádiz.	1755 July 30
b. 4, f. 8	Robertson, William	1755 July 19
b. 4, f. 9	Rowley, William, Sir, 1690?-1768 Rowley was rear admiral of the White, Royal Navy.	1755 July 11
b. 4, f. 10	San Just, Joseph Possibly Joseph San Just, Coronel del Regimiento de Cordova.	1755
b. 4, f. 11	Skinner, W. Skinner wrote from Lisbon.	1755 May 12
b. 4, f. 12	Tanevot d'Herbault, Gabriel-Claude Tanevot d'Herbault was president of the Société fraternelle des anciens Représentants de la Commune de Paris.	1755
b. 4, f. 13	Townshend, George Townshend, Marquis, 1724-1807	1755

Diplomatic Correspondence (continued)

b. 4, f. 14	Unidentified A letter in Spanish, and a letter from Fowke to an unidentified recipient.	1755
Military Correspondence		
b. 4, f. 15	Colins, Charles H., Major	1753 September 3
b. 4, f. 16	Craufurd, John, Lt. Colonel	1755
b. 4, f. 17	Dale, John A cloth dealer in London, Dale hoped to provide uniforms for the regiments.	1755 June 27
b. 4, f. 18	Donkin, R., Ensign	1753
b. 4, f. 19	Dussaux, Joseph, Lt. Colonel Also contains a letter from the commanding officers of each corps: Dussaux, John Grey, Charles Colvill, and John Craufurd, expressing their concern over the lack of silver in the garrison.	1755
b. 4, f. 20	Harrington, William Stanhope, Earl of, 1719-1779 Stanhope was an army officer and was styled Viscount Petersham from 1742 until his accession to the earldom in December 1756. From June 1745 until his death he was colonel of the 2nd Horse Grenadier Guards.	1755 May 29
b. 4, f. 21	Knatchbull, Norton	1755 May 2
b. 4, f. 22	Leith, Alexander, Captain	1755 May 19
b. 4, f. 23	Molesworth, J., Major	1753
b. 4, f. 24	Montrésor, James Gabriel, 1709-1776	1755 July 29
b. 4, f. 25	Morris, John, Captain	1753
b. 4, f. 26	Napier, Robert, -1766 Napier was adjutant to the Duke of Cumberland.	1753-1755
b. 4, f. 27	Ogle, William	1755 June 20
b. 4, f. 28	Raitt, Robert	1753
b. 4, f. 29	Richardson, Captain Captain Richardson wrote from Namptwitch (Nantwich), Cheshire.	1753
b. 4, f. 30	Sackville, George Germain, Viscount, 1716-1785	1753 June 20
b. 4, f. 31	Webb, Richmond, 1715-1785 The recipient of the letter is unknown, but was not Thomas Fowke.	1753 July 2
b. 4, f. 32	Windus, Edward, Captain Letters with report of returns of the regiment.	1753
b. 4, f. 33	Yeo, John, Coronet	1753
b. 4, f. 34	Yorke, Joseph, Baron Dover, 1724-1792	1753 June 13

Military Correspondence (continued)

b. 4, f. 35	Yorke, William, 1700-1776 Yorke was chief justice of the Irish Court of Common Pleas.	1753 May 8
Documents		
The subseries holds items that appear to be unrelated to correspondence in either series, but with content related to military or governance issues.		
b. 4, f. 36	Circular letter to regional consuls Copy of letter relaying advice from Secretary of State Thomas Robinson to consuls in Barcelona, Malaga, Cartagena, Algiers, Genoa, Cádiz, and Alicante.	1755 August 13
b. 4, f. 37	Financial accounts Fowke's accounts as Governor of Gibraltar.	1750-1754
b. 4, f. 38	Invoices for repair to the Governor's House Eight detailed invoices listing the names of workers by profession, and the cost of materials including lumber, bricks, lime, sand, nails, bolts, screws, and stone used to repair the building in May and June 1755. Also present is an invoice from Daniel Campbell for his work between September 1754 and February 1755, and two letters related to the project.	1755
b. 4, f. 39	King's speeches to Parliament	1755 April and May
b. 4, f. 40	List of Spanish Naval Forces A list of the Royal Spanish Navy ships including frigates, bomb ketches, fire ships, packet boats, chebecks (xebecs), and line of battle ships, with names and number of guns on each.	1755
b. 4, f. 41	Military map The map is hand-drawn and unsigned. Mary Pedley, in the Map Division at the University of Michigan's William L. Clements Library, suggested that it is a student exercise in cartography, writing that: "It has many elements of a standardized style of representation of natural and man-made features, important for military operations: fortifications, with grey for built structures, red for buildings in stone or masonry, shading for elevation of the glacis, tree-lined roads, river with bridges of two different types (red for stonework, dotted lines probably for wood), trees of different type, enclosed woodlands, marshland versus cultivated fields, shading for elevation." Peter Barber, former curator of maps at the British Library, added that "it is a typical, polished exercise map [and] could well have been drawn at the military academy at Woolwich established in 1741." He suggested its presence in Fowke's papers could be due to "an applicant for an engineering post in Gibraltar where there was a continuing and voracious demand for skilled military engineers."	circa 1750
Narrative accounts		
b. 4, f. 42	Account from Boston in New England An account received from the ship <i>William</i> that had arrived in Cádiz with news of military activities in America.	1755 May 4
b. 4, f. 43	Extract of a letter from Cádiz A from London sent to Mrs. James Read regarding the British and French fleets.	1755 May 10

Documents > Narrative accounts (continued)

b. 4, f. 44	Extract of a letter from Cádiz A report on British, Dutch, and French naval activities in the English Channel.	1755 May 21
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b. 4, f. 49	Staff Officers at Gibraltar for the Year 1753 Docketed as "Signals by beat of Drum for the Manual Exercise Evolutions & Firings"	circa 1753
b. 4, f. 50	William Jenkins' obligation A signed statement regarding a dozen half shiners (Gibraltar currency) lost by Jenkins.	1755 July 5
b. 5	Boards from two volumes Four contemporary sheep-backed boards with partial spines.	circa 1760

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