The Devonshire Collection Archives

GB 2495 DF4

Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1790-1858)

c.1780-c.1858

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Administrative/biographical history:

William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1790-1858), was the youngest of three children of William Cavendish, 5th Duke of Devonshire, and Georgiana Cavendish. He and his sisters grew up in the curious menage à trois of their parents and Lady Elizabeth Foster. His early education was supervised by Selina Trimmer, daughter of the evangelical Mrs Sarah Trimmer, and he subsequently attended Harrow School before proceeding to Trinity College, Cambridge, from where he graduated in 1811.

Hart (as he was known to his family) succeeded to the Dukedom on 29 July 1811, shortly after reaching his majority. In the House of Lords, he was a consistent supporter of the Whigs, although he seldom spoke there. Despite his youth, he rapidly stepped into the role of elder statesman and party grandee, advancing the political careers of the Whig cousinhood through his extensive political patronage, and using his influence with William IV in the interests of reform in the 1830s.

In 1826 the Duke was sent to St Petersburg for the coronation of Nicholas I, on which occasion he spent £26,000 of his own money on his entourage, and was decorated by the Tsar with the orders of St Andrew and St Alexander Nevsky in recognition of his liberality. The Duke was sworn of the privy council in April 1827 and was made Knight of the Garter the following May. He served as Lord Chamberlain to George IV from May 1827 to February 1828, and to William IV from November 1830 to December 1834. He was Lord Lieutenant and custos rotulorum of Derbyshire and High Steward of Derby.

Known as the ‘Bachelor Duke’, Devonshire never married, despite being one of the country's most eligible bachelors and his pursuit by many mothers ambitious for their daughters. In November 1827 he began an alliance with Eliza Warwick, about whom little else is known, which remained a well-kept secret throughout its ten-year duration.

Devonshire’s principal interests were cultural and literary. He was a great bibliophile, and a major purchaser at the Roxburgh sale of 1812; he also acquired a number of important libraries, including those of Thomas Dampier (bishop of Ely), and of his relation, the scientist Henry Cavendish (1731-1810). He commissioned the architect Sir Jeffry Wyatville to convert what had been the Long Gallery at Chatsworth into a Library in order to house his collection. This was just part of a vast programme of redevelopment at Chatsworth; Wyatville designed the huge North Wing, containing a dining room, orangery, private theatre, staff rooms and service areas. It also included a purpose-built sculpture gallery to house the Duke’s outstanding collection of modern sculpture; this featured work by leading sculptors of the day, including six works by Antonio Canova (1757-1822).

The Duke developed a great interest in horticulture after appointing Joseph Paxton (1803-1865) as head gardener at Chatsworth in 1826. Paxton transformed the gardens at Chatsworth, introducing exotic species and giant rockeries, designing the Emperor Fountain, and the famous Great Conservatory – forerunner of Paxton’s Crystal Palace which housed the 1851 Great Exhibition.
The Duke suffered a paralytic seizure in 1854, from which he never fully recovered, and died at Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, on 18 January 1858. He was buried at Edensor, Derbyshire.


Custodial History:
Most of the material in the collection was created or acquired by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire, and remained within the family; its exact archival history is unknown.

Acquisition:
The material was largely extant in The Devonshire Collection prior to 1 August 2011. Two later accessions were made in 2012 and 2013 and items added to the collection.

Scope and Content:
This collection consists of the personal papers of the 6th Duke of Devonshire. It should be viewed alongside the Sixth Duke’s correspondence series (GB 2495 CS6) and it includes letters that were not listed when that collection was listed.

The collection contains both incoming and outgoing letters of the 6th Duke of Devonshire (DF4/1) covering topics including, but not limited to, matters of a social, financial, family, estate or collection nature, such as: the death of Blanche Cavendish, the 6th Duke’s favourite niece, in 1840; horticulture; local politics; the financial affairs of the 6th Duke’s mother, Duchess Georgiana; and – in the correspondence with George Colman – issues relating to the licensing of plays dating from the periods when the 6th Duke served as Lord Chamberlain. There are also numerous letters to the 6th Duke from people requesting financial assistance, charity, patronage and friendship.

Some of the correspondents represented in the collection by one or more letters include: George Colman (1762-1836), playwright and theatre manager; Emily Eden (1797-1869), writer; Caroline Norton (1808-77), author and law reform campaigner; John Payne Collier (1789-1883), literary editor and forger, who also served as the 6th Duke’s Librarian for a time; Blanche Cavendish, Countess of Burlington (1812-1840); Sir Jeffry Wyatville (1766-1840), architect; and Decimus Burton (1800-1881), architect. There are also some letters sent by the 6th Duke to Joseph Paxton.

As well as loose correspondence, there are scrapbooks of letters put together by the 6th Duke of Devonshire. The scrapbooks are arranged by topic, such as sculpture, or by the place where the 6th Duke of Devonshire received the letters, such as Brighton. One notable volume includes letters sent to the 6th Duke in response to receiving a lithographic print of the Duke’s portrait by Charles Baugniet: there are letters from Charles Dickens, Wilkie Collins, Edwin Landseer, and William Makepeace Thackeray amongst others.

In addition, there are petitions received by the 6th Duke in his role as England’s Ambassador to Moscow, for the coronation of Tsar Nicholas I in 1826.
There are diaries kept by the 6th Duke during the periods 1821-1852, 1854 and 1856 (DF4/2/1), as well as date books kept by the Duke which show his whereabouts on different dates during each year (DF4/2/4). Alongside these are journals that were kept by the Duke, mostly covering the topic of travel (DF4/2/2), and address books noting friends and acquaintances in London, Brighton and Russia (DF4/2/3); amongst these are also examples of the Duke’s personal calling card.

There is a series of guestbooks, scrapbooks and notes, which includes: guestbooks kept for the 6th Duke of Devonshire’s properties at Chatsworth, Lismore, Chiswick and Kemp Town (DF4/3/1); scrapbooks of material collated by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and others, concerning people, places and events (DF4/3/2); and a collection of ephemera, consisting of items such as lists and diagrams kept by the Duke (DF4/3/3).

In addition, there is a series of personal account books and papers kept by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and his solicitors (DF4/4). The format of these account records ranges from single summary sheets to volumes recording the Duke’s private accounts. The Duke’s passport (DF4/5) is a testament to his love of travel.

A series of manuscripts and publications (DF4/6) contains material of multiple authorship, including: plays by the playwright George Colman (DF4/6/1); poems, short stories and other creative works such as a joke book, music book and historical notes, authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and others (DF4/6/2); and material relating to the 6th Duke of Devonshire’s Handbook to Chatsworth and Hardwick, published in 1844 (DF4/6/3).

There is also a series comprising papers of individuals associated with the 6th Duke of Devonshire that were found together with his own papers. These include a journal of Mrs (Robert) Arkwright (née Frances Kemble), actress, and two journals thought to have been authored by W. H. Frederick Cavendish.

Finally there are papers of the executors of the 6th Duke of Devonshire, including material relating to his estate, legacies, annuities, and so on.

The date range of material in the collection extends to before the Duke’s birth, c.1780, as some material collected by the Duke was published at this time.

System of Arrangement:
The archive has been arranged into the following series:

DF4/1  Correspondence:
   DF4/1/1 Letters sent and received by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and others, 1831 - 1854
   DF4/1/2 Outgoing letters of the 6th Duke of Devonshire, 1827 - [1857]
   DF4/1/3-8 Letters sent to the 6th Duke of Devonshire, grouped by name of sender, including George Colman, Emily Eden, Caroline Norton, John Payne Collier, Blanche Cavendish, Countess of Burlington and Benjamin Currey, 1827 - 1855
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DF4/1/14 Albums of correspondence compiled by the 6th Duke of Devonshire, 1818 - 1850

DF4/2 Diaries, Journals and Address Books, 1811 - 1858
DF4/3 Guestbooks, Scrapbooks and Notes, 18th century-19th century
DF4/4 Accounts, 1810 - 1858
DF4/5 Official Papers, 1838 - 1842
DF4/6 Manuscripts and publications, mid-18th century - 19th century
DF4/7 Papers of associated individuals, 1831-1857
DF4/8 Papers of the executors of the estate of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire, 1834-1888

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Extent:
22 boxes.

Language of material:
English, with a small quantity of material in French, Italian and German.

Preferred citation:
Devonshire MSS, Chatsworth, DF4/1 (etc).

Related Material:
See the 6th Duke’s Correspondence Group (GB 2495 CS6) for further correspondence of the 6th Duke from 1811-1839; and the Second Correspondence Series (GB 2495 CS2) for further correspondence from 1840-1858. Further papers of Blanche Cavendish, Countess of Burlington can be found in GB 2495 DF13.
This section includes incoming and outgoing letters of the 6th Duke of Devonshire covering areas including, but not limited to, matters of a social, financial, estate or collection nature. The material contains both unbound letters and scrapbooks of letters put together by the 6th Duke of Devonshire. The scrapbooks were arranged by topics, such as sculpture, or by the place that the 6th Duke of Devonshire received the letters, such as Brighton.

The material has been arranged as follows:

- DF4/1/1: Letters sent and received by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and others, 1831 - 1854
- DF4/1/2: Outgoing letters of the 6th Duke of Devonshire, 1827 - [1857]
- DF4/1/3-8: Letters sent to the 6th Duke of Devonshire, grouped by name of sender. Letters from George Colman, Emily Eden, Caroline Norton, John Payne Collier, Blanche Cavendish, Countess of Burlington and Benjamin Currey, 1827 – 1855
- DF4/1/9: Letters concerning financial matters, 1824
- DF4/1/10-12: General incoming letters, 1800 - 1858
- DF4/1/13: Miscellaneous letters, 1798 - 1830
- DF4/1/14: Albums of correspondence compiled by the 6th Duke of Devonshire, 1818 - 1850

1155 letters, 47 items and 13 volumes

The series contains letters sent and received by the 6th Duke of Devonshire, to/from a variety of correspondents. Alongside the 6th Duke’s correspondence, there are also letters sent and/or received by, Joseph Paxton, Benjamin Currey, George Henry Cavendish and Blanche Cavendish.

Within the series there are a number of undated letters, including 5 signed by the 6th Duke of Devonshire, but with no recipient details. One of these letters refers to George Colman and concerns the playwright advertising an ‘improper play’.

Also includes a note written by the 6th Duke of Devonshire listing letters that were important in making the claim of evidence respecting his birth; an inventory written by the Duke and a note entitled ‘Countess of Burlington’ attached to a sample of den wallpaper.

The letters have been listed to item level.
62 letters

| DF4/1/1/1 | Letter from [Lady Blanche Cavendish] to the Countess of Carlisle | 30 January 1831 | Piece |
Concerning the difficulties and aspirations of an unspecified lady. Sent from Milnthorpe.

1 page

Letter from Benjamin Currey to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

18 November 1831

The writer had consulted the Earl Marshall's office and found that Mr Michael Cavendish was not entitled to be called "the honourable". Also discussion of the appointment of a special constable. Sent from Old Palace Yard.

1 page

Newspaper cutting Concerning General Gascoyne's Reform Bill of 1831

19 April 1831

A list of MP's who voted for and against General Gascoyne's Bill which was against reducing the number of Parliamentary seats in England. [The Government was defeated and called a General Election.]

1 page

Letter from Lady Blanche Cavendish to William Cavendish, Lord Cavendish

12 August 1833

A letter sent by Lady Blanche Cavendish to her husband, William Cavendish, concerning family matters including the birth of "another son" [Spencer Compton Cavendish who was born in 1833].

1 page

Letter from Lady Blanche Cavendish to William Cavendish, Lord Cavendish

17 August 1833

Lady Blanche had just returned from a drive. She described a Milton marriage she had attended. She would like William to read over the Baptism service for their son Spencer. She tells William to stop referring to their son as "Spenny".

1 page

Unsigned letter to [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire]

15 April 1836

The writer complains of an illness. The letter mentions members of the aristocracy, the Duchess D'Orleans and the Sutherlands.

1 page

Letter from Sir Jeffry Wyatville to an unidentified recipient

19 March 1839

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Describing his proposed visit to Chatsworth to discuss estimates of his planned work with the Duke. Sent from Brook Street.

1 page

Letter from Sydney Smithers to G H Cavendish 11 May [1839] Piece

A letter concerning various [political?] appointments locally in Bakewell and Chesterfield. Mention of the Tories led by the Arkwrights. Sent from Churchdale.

1 page

Letter from Sydney Smithers to [G H Cavendish] 12 July 1839 Piece

A letter concerning a land purchase and the building of lodges at Baslow and Beeley. Sent from Ashford.

1 page


[Concerning a matter related to an incident in the gardens at Chatsworth?]

1 page

Unsigned letter to an unidentified recipient concerning the illness of Blanche Cavendish, Countess of Burlington 20 April 1840 Piece

Concerning the grave illness and expected death of Blanche Cavendish. Miss [Hyriott] is written on the outside of the letter.

1 page

Lament written for Blanche Cavendish, Countess of Burlington by an unknown author 1 May 1840 Piece

A lament extolling the virtues of Blanche, Countess of Burlington who had died 3 days before. Grace, eloquence and a true spirit of Christian humility are mentioned as well as her interest in the poor, particularly the education of their children.

1 page

Letter from [Mrs] Stanford to Mrs [Louisa] Cavendish 24 July 1840 Piece

Concerning a visit to Holker Hall and an update on the well-being of Mrs Cavendish's young grandchildren. Their spirits were lifted by a visit from the Duke of Devonshire. Sent from Holker Hall.

1 page
DF4/1/1/14 Letter from S Knowlton to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 20 March 1841 Piece

A request for a supply of the Duke's wine as medication for the daughter of George Vickers, who was ill. Wine bought at an inn was thought to be little better than "poison". Sent from Darley.

1 page

DF4/1/1/15 Letter from George Spencer Ridgeway to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 18 April 1841 Piece

A firm of upholsterers had sent an inflated bill for work done for the Duke. The sender (supported by Mr Currey) proposed to reduce the bill by £200. The letter clarifies the position for the Duke. Sent from Devonshire House.

1 page

DF4/1/1/16 Letter from George Spencer Ridgeway to unspecified recipient 26 April 1841 Piece

A letter concerning some tickets and also mention of the upholsterer's affair. Sent from Devonshire House.

1 page

DF4/1/1/17 Letter from J Beecham to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 14 May 1841 Piece


1 page

DF4/1/1/18 Letter from John Gibson to Reverend Francis Cradock 5 July 1841 Piece

A letter concerning the vicar's incumbency. He had also requested a loan based on a life insurance policy but the sender did not think it feasible. Sent from Curriclogh House.

1 page

DF4/1/1/19 Letter from M G Graham to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 15 August 1842 Piece

Concerning the outbreak of public disorder in Derbyshire. The Duke was asked to coordinate with other gentry and landowners to produce a civil defence force to deal with the situation. Sent from Whitehall.

2 pages
Letter from [illegible signature] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

Concerning some plants the Duke had received from the Director of the Botanical Garden in Crimea. The writer also tells the Duke that he is returning to the area via Moscow and the Caucasus.

1 page

Letter from G H Cavendish to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

Concerning a fund [which the Duke appears to have been a trustee of] which had done poorly. A similar situation affected Lord Harewood.

1 page

Letter from James Wharton to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

Concerning a young German man called Hirsch, an employee of the writer. Herr Hirsch had been involved in a fracas in Brighton and also the removal of two volumes of Goethe's work which he left at a property of the Duke. Sent from 10 Adelaide Crescent, Brighton.

1 page

Letter from F Currey to B Currey

Concerning a legal dispute between Currey and a Mr R Giles who declined an offer of a £50 payment to settle a case. Enclosed are copies of correspondence between and concerning Mr Giles and Currey dated 3 October 1843, 4 November 1843, 6 November 1843. Sent from Lismore Castle.

3 pages

Copy of a letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Captains Story, Pole and Colvile

Concerning a visit by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to Chesterfield and Chatsworth. The Duke asks the local yeomanary to be present to help control the crowds and form a guard of honour. Sent from Devonshire House.

1 page

Letter from William Moore to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

6 November 1843

1 page
A letter on mourning paper concerning someone to whom the Duke was a patron. Sent from 11 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea.

1 page

Unsigned letter to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

27 April 1844

A letter drawing the Duke's attention to a poor Irish community close to his estate. The local vicar was planning to build a small chapel and school-house. Sent from London. (Also includes a printed page concerning the appeal).

2 pages

Letter from the Dowager of Leeds to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

11 July 1844

Concerning an orphan boy brought up by the author's sister. She asks the Duke to give her a presentation to Christ's Church Hospital School. Sent from [Hornby] Castle, Leeds.

1 page

Letter from F Currey to B Currey

5 August 1844

Concerning fishing. Mentions that the Duke and George Cavendish left that day for Kilkenny on their way to Dublin. Also encloses a newspaper cutting concerning the high rates for tenant farmers in Ireland and a suggestion the Duke may sell his Irish estates. Letter sent from Lismore Castle.

2 pages

Letter from Comtesse Macnamara to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

20 August 1844

A letter written in French in which Lady Granville is mentioned. Sent from Versailles.

1 page

Letter from Sarah Price to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

[September 1844]

A letter requesting help for her husband, late of the 72nd Highlanders particularly in the "distribution of Stamps". Sent from Castle Hyde, Fermoy. The letter is undated, however is a precursor to DF4/1/1/31 sent on 5 September 1844.

1 page

Letter from Sarah Price to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

5 September 1844

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Letter thanking the Duke for his support and asking if he hears of any land agent vacancies, Mr Price would be interested. Sent from Castle Hyde, Fermoy.

1 page

DF4/1/1/32 Letter from Emily Whately to Benjamin Currey 30 January 1845 Piece

Concerning a book of engravings of members of the Kit-Cat Club published 100 years before by Clark. It included fifty engravings of eminent nobility of the day (including the then Duke of Devonshire). Sent from Rue des Reservoire. Also includes a handwritten reply by the Duke declining the kind offer as he already possessed a copy.

2 pages

DF4/1/1/33 No item at this reference number Piece

DF4/1/1/34 Letter from the President, Olympic Academy, Venice to Mr A Poynter, Honorary Secretary to the Institute of British Architects May 1845 Piece


2 pages

DF4/1/1/35 Letter from Edward Everett to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 17 August 1845 Piece

Thanking the Duke for his hospitality at Chiswick and Chatsworth. Sent from 46 Grosvenor Place.

1 page

DF4/1/1/36 Letter from [M H] Boyle alias Monmock to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1846 Piece

Thanking the Duke for a generous present.

1 page

DF4/1/1/37 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient 1 May 1846 Piece

The Duke declined the offer of a print as he already had many copies of it. Sent from London. The letter is mounted.

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**DF4/1/1/44**  
Letter from Reverend Fawcett to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
11 September 1848  
Piece  
A letter of apology for being "so troublesome". The writer mentions some correspondence with Mr Currey as the source of his concerns. Sent from Kildwick Vicarage, Skipton.  
1 page

**DF4/1/1/45**  
Letter from Lord Vernon to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
9 September 1848  
Piece  
Concerning the gift of a dog to Lady Vernon and a request to see the new staircase at Devonshire House. Sent from 8 Augusta Place, Worthing. The Duke accepts this request, see DF4/1/1/47.  
1 page

**DF4/1/1/46**  
Letter from [R Sneyd] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
23 September [1848]  
Piece  
A letter declining a visit to Chatsworth because of unavoidable and pressing personal affairs. Sent from [Keele].  
1 page

**DF4/1/1/47**  
Letter from [Lord Vernon] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
24 September 1848  
Piece  
1 page

**DF4/1/1/48**  
Letter from Eliot Warburton to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
23 September 1848  
Piece  
A request for information concerning Prince Rupert of the Cavaliers which the Duke may have had in the library at Chatsworth. Warburton was writing a book on Prince Rupert. Sent from Lynmouth, North Devon.  
1 page

**DF4/1/1/49**  
Letter from the Marquess of Westminster to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
13 July [1848]  
Piece
Concerning the forthcoming marriage of his daughter, Lady Caroline [Lady Caroline married William Leigh, the son of Lord Leigh, on 22 August 1848]. This took the Marquess by surprise but he is pleased with the outcome. He does not want it to interfere with the projects he is working on jointly with the Duke. Sent from Grosvenor House.

1 page

**DF4/1/1/50**  
Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Harriet Leveson-Gower, Countess Granville  
9 September 1849  
Piece

A letter from the Duke, in Ireland, to his sister. There is a graphic description of the mountains and fishing together with that of an Irish funeral and [William Cavendish], Lord Burlington fishing without shoes and stockings conforming to "the habits of the place". Sent from Lismore Castle.

1 page

**DF4/1/1/51**  
Partial letter from an unidentified sender to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
18 June 1850  
Piece

A letter from a vicar, attached to Trinity Chapel in Ireland. He was requesting the Duke to arrange a preferment in London or a country parish. Sent from 69 Gloucester Road, London.

1 page

**DF4/1/1/52**  
Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to his sister  
[1852]  
Piece

The Duke was upset by the illness of Lady Godolphin. Sent from Brighton. Dated Saturday 30th only and endorsed 1852 by the 6th Duke of Devonshire. Possible months identified through Cheney's Handbook of Dates are March, May or October 1852.

1 page

**DF4/1/1/53**  
Letter from Mr Brown enclosing a pamphlet poem sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
24 January 1854  
Piece

A presentation to the Duke of a poem entitled "Lines on the Loss of Lieut. Bellot" of the French Navy. At the back of the pamphlet is a short biography of Bellot. Sent from Lea Castle, Kidderminster.

1 page and 1 pamphlet

**DF4/1/1/54**  
Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire addressed to Charles  
30 March [1850s]  
Piece
A request to send the lines he had printed about "poor Francis ". Sent from Chiswick. Includes two modern copies of the same letter. Undated.

3 pages


The Duke mentions letters concerning "the chain of evidence of my birth" with a list of letters from and to the Duchess of Devonshire. "1790" at the top of this document, the year of the Duke's birth. The notes are undated.

1 page

DF4/1/1/56 Piece of Den wallpaper with the Countess of Burlington's name attached. [19th century] Piece

Undated.

2 pages

DF4/1/1/57 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient [19th century] Piece

The Duke mentions Paxton's "explanation" which the Duke says does not diminish his objections. Subject not specified. The letter is undated.

1 page

DF4/1/1/58 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient [19th century] Piece

Concerning an appointment to the living at Hathersage. The letter is undated.

1 page

DF4/1/1/59 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient [19th century] Piece

The Duke was annoyed with Mr Colman [George Colman the younger, playwright and theatre manager] for advertising an improper play. He asked that the matter be referred to Mr Payne Collier if necessary. The letter is undated.

1 page

DF4/1/1/60 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient [19th century] Piece
The Duke writes that Charles [Compton Cavendish] and Catherine [Cavendish] are going to Ireland. The Duke wants to make them an offer [to accommodate them at Lismore?] and asks the recipient of the letter for advice. He also wanted to go to the House of Lords so that a painter, McNamara could see the Queen. The letter is undated.

1 page

**DF4/1/1/61** Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient [19th century] Piece

Concerning candidates for a [South] Derbyshire election. The letter is undated.

1 page


Thanking the Duke for plants he had sent from Chatsworth. Sent from Worsely. The letter is undated.

1 page


The notes are undated.

1 page

**DF4/1/2** Outgoing letters of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire Series 1827 - [1857]

36 letters

**DF4/1/2/1** Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unknown recipient 19 October 18[27] Item

Letter sent by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unknown recipient. Written from Hardwick. The letter concerns thanks to the recipient following the receipt of two volumes of ecclesiastical and [civil] history and reference Boyle lectureship.

1 letter

**DF4/1/2/2** Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient 3 December 1827 Item

The Duke agrees to subscribe to the translation of an Oriental MS.
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1 letter

DF4/1/2/3 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient 10 December 1830 Item

The Duke allows his name to be used by Mr Jop on the occasion of a Concert for the Asylum of Female Orphans.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/4 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Mrs Bartley 27 August 1836 Item

Concerning Mrs Briggs and the [National Benevolent] Institution.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/5 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire recommending the botanist John Lindley for the appointment of director of the Royal Gardens at Kew 10 March 1838 Item

Autograph letter signed by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire, as President of the Horticultural Society, unsuccessfully recommending [John] Lindley (1799 - 1865), then assistant secretary to the Horticultural Society and professor of botany at the University of London, for the appointment of Director of the Royal Gardens at Kew.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/6 Partial letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to [Harriet Granville] [pre 1840] Item

The letter is undated. Within the letter the Duke mentions Blanche [Cavendish, Countess of Burlington] which dates the letter to pre 1840 (as Blanche died that year).

1 letter

DF4/1/2/7 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient 13 July [1840?] Item

Concerning the return of books lent to the Duke. The Duke encloses an order for the recipient to view his gardens at Chiswick.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/8 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unspecified recipient [Joseph Paxton?] 22 November [1847 or 1851] Item
Sir William Hooker offers the Duke "palms and rarities". The Duke has made the acquaintance of James Brown, Rajah and Sarawak and suggests that Borneo is a good field for botanical research. A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/9 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to [Mr Arkwright] 21 April 1848

Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unspecified correspondent [Mr Arkwright?]. The Duke mentions seeing Mrs Arkwright who told him of a misfortune at [Culbreath?]. The Duke gives a subscription to a fund to help the cause.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/10 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient 26 June [1851?]

Enquiring after Mrs Lines following her accident.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/11 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire addressed to Charles 9 November [1851?]

An invitation for dinner.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/12 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to [Charles du Pargnier] 15 December 1851

Concerning Mr Cook's drawings for the Great Exhibition 1851.

1 letter


1 letter

DF4/1/2/14 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Joseph Paxton 29 December 1853
Response to a letter from Paxton in which Paxton has asked the Duke's forgiveness on an unspecified matter. The Duke goes onto to mention that he is troubled by the situation of James Barker. He would also like to know when Woodruff will finish the pedestal for Lady Mary Labouchere. A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/15 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Harriet Granville
[c.1854] Item

The letter is undated, however it was started in an unsteady hand by the Duke of Devonshire and continued by George Henry Cavendish which suggests a date post 1854, following the paralytic seizure that the Duke suffered in that year.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/16 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unspecified recipient [Joseph Paxton?]
[July 1855?] Item

The Duke discusses travel arrangements to Rockhill. The Duke is "grieved for Lord Raglan and Capt[ain] Lyons" and is "Disgusted with Dickens for his savage and vulgar attack on Ld Palmerston." A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/17 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Joseph Paxton
19 January 1856 Item

The Duke comments on Rufford and Mrs J P [Sarah Paxton?], and comments on the improvement of his health. A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/18 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unspecified recipient
18 March [1856?] Item

A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/19 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unspecified recipient
15 November [1857?] Item

Letter concerning the Duke's thoughts on a title for an unspecified work. A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter
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DF4/1/2/20 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to George Hayter 18 November 1857 Item

Concerning the change in a small bust from Dantan. A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/21 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Joseph Paxton 20 November 1857 Item

Letter concerning the death of Meynell and the provision for his wife. Comment that all is well at Hardwick but the [neighbourhood?] is "full of accidents and murders!" A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/22 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to [Mr Nethercliffe] [1850s] Item

A letter from the Duke to [Mr Nethercliffe]. A response to a request for an order to view Chatsworth. The letter is undated.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/23 Partial letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Sir C Phipps 19th century Item

Concerning the arrangement of lectures on an unspecified topic. The letter is undated.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/24 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Carol[ine Lascelles] 19th century Item

An invitation to dinner. Undated.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/25 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unspecified recipient [Joseph Paxton?] [19th century] Item

The Duke is "enchanted with the whole house". Refers to a visit by Crace. The Duke gives details for planned alterations to an unspecified house. The letter is undated. A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/26 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unspecified recipient [Joseph Paxton?] 1 July [no year] Item

The Devonshire Collection
Concerning engravings of bread fruit by Mr Williams. Transcript included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/27 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to the Duchess of Hamilton 19th century Item

The letter is dated 17 March, with no year given. The letter concerns a response to a dinner invitation and congratulations on an unspecified family event.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/28 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient 31 March [no year] Item

Letter concerning a recommendation made by E Landseer.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/29 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient 8 August [no year] Item

The Duke is willing give his name as a President of the Improvement of St Paul.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/30 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient 30 June [no year] Item

The Duke is happy to see Mr [Elmec] the following Wednesday at Devonshire House.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/31 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to [Sitzcay] 28 May [no year] Item

1 letter

DF4/1/2/32 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to De Rodes 24 August [no year] Item

A letter in which the Duke gives permission for De Rodes's artist to sketch at Chatsworth. A transcript is included with the letter.

1 letter

DF4/1/2/33 Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to Harriet Granville 10 March [no year] Item

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DF4/1/8/3 Note sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire by Benjamin Currey concerning a Lantern in the Painted Hall 1837 Item

Related to a lantern purchased for the Painted Hall.

3 items


Letters and notes concerning a mortgage taken out in 1816 by the 6th Duke of Devonshire in order to settle debts. Includes letters written to and from George Henry Cavendish and [Pinder] Simpson.

9 letters

DF4/1/10 Incoming letters of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1800; 1811; 1820; 1829 - 1858 Series

Largely contains letters from correspondents requesting financial help, friendship or patronage from the 6th Duke of Devonshire; frequently the letters are from, or sent on behalf of, ladies requesting audiences with the Duke.

A proportion of the letters allude to the 6th Duke's private life; including letters concerning a secret marriage and illegitimate children reportedly fathered by the Duke.

Also includes: a letter and receipt sold at public auction, concerning debts accrued by Duchess Georgiana Cavendish, forwarded to the 6th Duke of Devonshire by the purchaser, Mr Belward Ray, 20 Mar 1848; a Lady in waiting tally card showing figures for the Countess of Burlington, 1839 and a letter addressed to Lady Burlington, 1836; one letter from Decimus Burton, Architect, 1st April 1841; letters concerning Cavendish Arthur Rumbold; and letters concerning shooting rights on Beamsley Moor.

The letters have been listed to item level.

123 letters

DF4/1/10/1 Letter from Belward Ray to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 20 March 1848 Piece

Letter forwarding two letters purchased by Belward Ray to the Duke concerning the debts of the Duke's mother, Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire. The enclosed letters are as follows: A receipt dated 2 April 1779 regarding a loan of £500 from Mr John Dingwall to Georgiana Devonshire (the receipt is signed G Devonshire) and a partial, undated letter to Mr Dingwall concerning the difficulties of lending money to a married lady - the idea being dishonourable as well as there being “a suspicion of unfair advantage”.

3 pages
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DF4/1/10/2 List of Ladies in Waiting for 1839 1839 Piece
A small notecard with a list of Ladies in Waiting for 1839, compiled by John Dobell, State Page. The tally card includes the Countess of Burlington's name.
1 page

DF4/1/10/3 Letter from Emily Whateley to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 22 October 1835 Piece
The writer was travelling in Europe to improve her health. She was with her 18 year old daughter who was hoping to be an opera singer. The writer was very concerned that if she died, her daughter would be left without income and the letter is asking the Duke if an annuity she received from him could be passed to her daughter in the event of her death. Sent from Ave. de Neuilly, Champs Elysees, Paris.

DF4/1/10/4 Letter from Emily Whateley to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 18 July 1836 Piece
A letter concerning the writer's daughter who has become engaged to Baron de Wishaben, Chamberlain to Prince William in Berlin. The Baron is rather impoverished (the family fortune being divided between him and his siblings). Mrs Whateley thought the marriage to be a good match but sought the Duke's financial support for her daughter. Sent from Boulogne sur Mer, France.
2 pages

DF4/1/10/5 Letter from B Curry to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 30 June 1842 Piece
A letter concerning letters from Mrs Whateley - the Duke had declined to add to her "large annuity". The letter also refers to the Freemasons and political appointments. Enclosed are two letter from Mrs Whateley: one extolling the virtues of her daughter's singing voice and marriage prospects, requesting a loan for £100 for her and a follow-up letter dated 26 June 1842 as she had received no reply. Sent from Old Palace Yard.
3 pages

DF4/1/10/6 Letter from Rosa Everest to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire [1850s] Piece
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A letter enclosing notes alluding to an unspecified previous period of the Duke's life. The enclosures are a) a letter from Emily Whateley dated 1st June 1848 regarding her quarterly allowance; b) a letter from Emily Whateley dated 10 May 1850 regarding her daughter's operatic career and asking the Duke for his support; c) a letter from Emily Whateley dated 12 May advising that her daughter had been turned down for an operatic role; d) two newspaper cuttings reporting operas involving Miss Whateley; e) a letter in French dated 9 April 1850 from Delsarte; f) a four page letter from Rosa Everest claiming Emily Whateley had secretly married the Duke and had a daughter by him and that afterwards, the Duke declined to acknowledge her assertions. Further discussion of family finances of the Whateley family. Sent from South Lancing, nr Horsham, Sussex.

13 pages

DF4/1/10/7  Letter from Emma Whittaker to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  26 March 1838  Piece

A letter concerning a request for assistance from the Duke and suggesting an assignation. Sent from 16 Newland Street, Coleshill Street, Pimlico.

1 page

DF4/1/10/8  Letter from C Willis to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  15 November [c.1835]  Piece

A letter concerning the personal circumstances of the writer and an invitation to the Duke to visit her. Sent from Euston Square. The letter is dated 15 November only.

1 page


The writer outlines her personal circumstances and attributes and suggests an assignation with the Duke. Sent from 1 Pelham Terrace, Brompton. The letter is undated.

1 page

DF4/1/10/10 Letter from Thomas Bateman to Reverend R M Milne  4 February 1852  Piece

A letter concerning religious matters, including sin, repentance and faith together with discussion of Luther and Wesley. Sent by Thomas Bateman [a Derbyshire antiquarian from Lomberdale Hall].

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Letter from Lord Ward to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

A letter concerning the sale of a picture - Lord Ward felt the artists had colluded in elevating the price and the whole transaction was "of the worst sickening description." Lord Ward felt that the Duke had been supportive by refusing to buy the picture himself. Sent from Vichy, Dept de l'Allier.

1 page

Partial letter from [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire] to an unknown recipient

An unsigned letter in which [the Duke] expresses his thoughts on repentance expressed by the dying.

1 page

Partial letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unknown recipient

A partial letter in which the Duke mentions dining with Black Rod and a visit to Holland House library for a meeting with Lord Holland. The letter is undated.

1 page

Partial letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unknown recipient

A partial letter discussing riding with Blanche and uncle Charles. The letter is dated 9 October only.

1 page

Partial letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unknown recipient

A partial letter concerning visitors, the Jerseys, Lord George from Holker, the Cliffords and the Bishop (the latter to consecrate a churchyard). The letter is undated.

1 page

Partial letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unknown recipient

A partial letter concerning a visit to Edensor church where Mr Wilmot made his debut with "2 very good sermons". The Duke mentions that he is low in himself, "I am so low you w[ou]ld be sorry to see me". The letter is undated.

1 page

A partial unsigned letter concerning a dinner with [Lord] Londonderry, the health benefits of a sea voyage for a Mrs Clair and reference to an election.

1 page

DF4/1/10/24 Letter from Emily Moreton to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 22 January [c.1935] Piece

The writer was a widow aged 28 years facing penury. She asks for the Duke's support offering mutual companionship in return. Sent from 17 York Place, Scarborough. The letter is dated 22 January only.

1 page

DF4/1/10/25 Letter from [Kate] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

A letter from a female admirer offering the Duke companionship. The writer admitted to being "a wild and wayward thing" and asked the Duke to send his reply to the Post Office, Duke St., Manchester in case her "Mamma" should read it. The letter is dated Monday 27th only.

1 page

DF4/1/10/26 Letter from Bougainvillia to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19 February 1849 Piece

An offer to the Duke of a plant and update on his Godson's illness. Sent from Lisbon.

1 page

DF4/1/10/27 Letter from H Stretton to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 13 April 1848 Piece

A letter written on behalf of Sir Cavendish Rumbold who was in distressing circumstances with no money or friends. The writer was seeking the Duke's help for him. Sent from Ostend.

1 page

DF4/1/10/28 Letter signed Mary to [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire] December 1843 Piece

A letter concerning an unknown religious report particularly in relation to women.

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The Devonshire Collection
Short letter in French regarding a visit. Sent from Paris.

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Letter from "The Secret Society" to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

A threatening letter demanding the Duke pays £200 - otherwise his life and those of his guests will be in danger. The Duke was holding a dinner party the following week. He was asked to put an acknowledgement of this letter, anonymously in the Sun and Globe newspapers.

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Letter from [Miss Adelaide Villiers] to [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire]

19th century

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Letter from Decimus Burton to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

The architect has visited Chatsworth to inspect some work there and gives further suggestions for changes to the Oak and Banqueting rooms. Sent from Chesterfield.

1 page

Letter from Lelia de Lavour to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

A love letter expressing undying love and great misery that she cannot be with the Duke. (She had left England 8 months before). She recounts being upset by the prospect of a criminal being beheaded the following day in the town. Sent from Palace Berretti, Italy (post-mark, Florence ).

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Letter from Lelia de Lavour to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

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Letter from Lelia de Lavour to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

19th century

de Levour had not received a reply from the Duke and requests that he writes to her. Sent from 28 Conduit St., Hanover Square.

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Letter from Miss Law to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

19th century

A letter offering an assignation with a young lady. Sent from Post Office, Brighton.
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

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DF4/1/10/42 Letter from Lemoyne to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 15 December 1831 Piece

A four page letter written in French. The writer leaves London the following morning and mentions the Comte de Lambert who was leaving for St Petersburg. Sent from No. 18 Air Street, Piccadilly.

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DF4/1/10/43 Letter from Maria Neville to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 28 July [1837] Piece

The writer expresses her great passion for the Duke and suggests an assignation in Montague Square. Reply to be sent to Miss Maria Neville, 2nd Post Office, Blandford Street. The letter is dated 28 July only.

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DF4/1/10/44 Letter from Maria Neville to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 11 August 1837 Piece

A letter concerning her disappointment at not receiving a reply from the Duke and asks him to write to her. She says she is 18 years old.

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An impassioned letter asking the Duke to write or meet her. Sent from London. The letter is dated 15 January only.

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DF4/1/10/46 An unsigned letter sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

A letter concerning a lady acquainted with the Duke. A rival has appeared from Brunswick who seems determined to dishonour the Duke.

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DF4/1/10/47 Letter from J Medwin to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

The Devonshire Collection
A letter concerning Sir Cavendish Rumbold and his straitened circumstances. The writer is also in financial difficulty and expected to go to debtor's prison.

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DF4/1/10/48 Letter from C Arthur Rumbold to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 22 July 1847 Piece

A letter concerning the writer's severe poverty, how he had relied on his impoverished brother for support and now asked the Duke if he could find him employment. He has a seven year old girl with him. Sent from Liege.

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DF4/1/10/49 Letter from Elizabeth [Ryan] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

A letter written in French on intricately headed notepaper. Sent from 94 King's Road.

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DF4/1/10/50 Letter from Miss Parnell to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire March 1835 Piece

The writer had recently arrived in London. She was "generally considered a fine and handsome woman" and asked the Duke to write to her at a forwarding address in Piccadilly.

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DF4/1/10/51 Letter from Fanny Palmerston to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 5 [June] 1845 Piece

A letter concerning a lady the Duke had met at Mrs Hill's and a suggestion to meet her.

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Letter written in French. Sent from 19 Wyndham Street.

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DF4/1/10/53 George [Futroye] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 25 April 1848 Piece

The sender claims to have "certain information" concerning the Duke's birth and the "offspring of the late Duchess". Sent from Montreal.
DF4/1/10/54 Letter from Captain Dunda to [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire] 27 May 1834 Piece

Sent on behalf of Capt. Dundas who requested that his carriage be allowed to pass into Stable Yard, St James. Sent from Portman Square.

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DF4/1/10/55 Letter from P Smyth to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 12 November 1836 Piece

Regarding a lady and family of "high respectability" seeking an audience with the Duke. Sent from 308 Regent St.

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DF4/1/10/56 An unsigned letter sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

Written on behalf of a lady who had fallen on hard times and requested a meeting with the Duke. She lived at 12 Wellington Terrace, Waterloo Bridge.

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DF4/1/10/57 Letter from Lorella Viola Ferdinand to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19 April [c.1935] Piece

A love letter to the Duke also containing a hand-written personal poem. The writer also enclosed a lock of hair, which is no longer present. Sent from Larouche plantation, Williamspast, Louisiana.

2 pages

DF4/1/10/58 Letter from Lord Asquith to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 22 April 1838 Piece

A request regarding the Palace at Brighton. Sent from MapleDurham, near Reading.

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DF4/1/10/59 Letter from Mme Blanche De Rieux to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

A letter written in French with a calling card attached. Sent from 12 Chapel Place, Cavendish Square.

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A letter written in French, the writer had recently arrived in London from Paris and wonders if the Duke would like to visit her. Sent from 55 Great Tichfield Street, Portland Place.

DF4/1/10/67 Letter from Lord Ward to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

Letter concerning Madame Caggish and her picture over which Lord Ward was in some dispute. The letter is dated Thursday only.

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DF4/1/10/68 Letter from Josephine to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 24 January 1850 Piece

A letter written in French, the writer had recently arrived from Paris and suggests a meeting with the Duke. Sent from 17 Shaftesbury Crescent, Pimlico.

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DF4/1/10/69 Letter from Lord Ward to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

The Duke had helped sort the dispute about a picture which was to go to Dudley [House].

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DF4/1/10/70 Letter from [illegible signature] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

Concerning the request for a meeting with the Duke in Malkin Street - sent by a young lady.

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DF4/1/10/71 Letter from Miss Leslie to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

The lady is infatuated by the Duke and wishes to meet in the Burlington Arcade. Reply to be sent to Hawkins Post Office, Lissom Grove.

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DF4/1/10/72 Letter from Elise [Long?] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1 August [year omitted] Piece
The writer, aged 17 years had been promised marriage by a French gentleman who deserted her in Paris. The lady, the "only daughter of a gentleman of high rank" sought the Duke's help. Address 3 [illegible] Street, Brighton.

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DF4/1/10/73 An unsigned letter sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

A letter warning the Duke that one of his friends was exploiting him financially. Also regarding "Lady Mother C" who "hated him cordially" and again seemed to be exploiting him.

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DF4/1/10/74 Letter signed from a "Sincere Wellwisher" to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19 January 1820 Piece

Written on behalf of a young lady, "an uncommon beauty" who possessed virtues and endowments which made her a very suitable marriage prospect. If the Duke was interested, he was asked to put a notice in The Times. Sent from Ramsgate.

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DF4/1/10/75 An unsigned letter sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

Letter concerning a young lady about to become a debutante and wishing to meet the Duke. Possibly sent from 1 Wilton Road, Cameron Place.

1 page

DF4/1/10/76 Letter from Emily Filliers to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

The 19 year old writer felt she was "friendless and cruelly used" working as a nursery governess paid £15 a year. She sought the Duke's help. Sent from Cheltenham. The letter is dated Sunday only.

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DF4/1/10/77 Letter from Josephine to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

A letter written in French. See also DF4/1/10/68 for a letter from the same sender. Sent from 17 Shaftesbury Crescent, Pimlico. Letter dated Tuesday only.

1 page
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)


A letter written in French, from a lady recently arrived from Paris giving her contact details if the Duke wishes to see her. Sent from 65 Stafford Place, Pimlico. Letter dated 27 July only.

1 page

DF4/1/10/79  Letter from Hortense de Varny to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  26 August 1840  Piece

A letter written in French from an artist of the Italian opera regarding her proposed visit to London. Sent from the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton.

1 page


A letter written in French regarding Madame Isla Valissa who was arriving from France and asking if the Duke would like to meet her. No address. Letter dated 27 July only.

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DF4/1/10/81  An unsigned letter to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  [1840]  Piece

A letter written in French, concerning a pretty lady and mentioning how to contact her. The letter is undated but postmarked Paris 1840. The letter is addressed to the Duke at an hotel in Paris.

1 page

DF4/1/10/82  Letter from Elizabeth Turner to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  19th century  Piece

Regarding "a most beautiful young person" and how to visit her if the Duke wished. Sent from 31 Somerset Street, Portman Square.

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DF4/1/10/83  An unsigned letter sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  1 February 1854  Piece

The writer mentions a handsome Turkish lady from a most distinguished family who could be contacted at 4 Cumberland Street, Bryanston Square.

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DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)


The writer had fallen on hard times and in with a bad crowd. She has an income of £30 per annum and asks the Duke if he has any cottages/lodges on his estate which she could occupy. Sent from Vine House, Walthamstow. Letter dated Monday only.

4 pages

DF4/1/10/85 Letter from Julia D’Harcourt to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 21 August 1835 Piece

A letter inviting the Duke’s patronage (between 3pm and 2am) of a house she was opening on the plan of Madame Beaumont. Sent from 1 Curzon Street, Mayfair.

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DF4/1/10/86 Letter from [Georgiana Tate] to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 20 July 1840 Piece

This lady has taken a “great fancy” to the Duke and invited him to visit her. Sent from 7 Dover Street.

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DF4/1/10/87 Letter from Georgiana Tait to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 21 May 1841 Piece

This lady had fallen on hard times and was in an unhappy situation though from a respectable family. She wondered if the Duke could send two sovereigns and also whether he knew of a position of governess. Sent from 17 Duke Street, Piccadilly.

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DF4/1/10/88 Letter from The’atise to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire [1840] Piece

A letter written in French concerning two French ladies, the prettiest in London, to be found at Bryanston Square. The Duke was asked to reply to Mme Cecilia, 16 Seymour Place, Bryanston Square. The letter is undated but postmarked 1840.

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DF4/1/10/89 Letter from Elizabeth Turner to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

Concerning an invitation to visit her. Sent from 31 Somerset St., Portman Square. The letter is undated.

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DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

DF4/1/10/90 Letter from Emily Hay to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Piece

Advising the Duke of her admiration for him. Sent from 7 Gower St., North London. The letter is undated.

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DF4/1/10/91 Letter from Maria Hill to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire [c.1834] Piece

The letter alludes to the sender’s pecuniary difficulties following a recent confinement and also a previous meeting with the Duke. The letter is undated.

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DF4/1/10/92 Letter from Maria Hill to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire [c.1834] Piece

Concerning a wish to meet up with the Duke. Hill had been to the Duke’s house but was turned away by a servant. Sent from 17 Gilbert Street, Grosvenor Square.

1 page

DF4/1/10/93 Letter from Maria Hill to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 23 July 1833 Piece

Maria Hill was concerned about her behaviour in Brighton after taking more wine than she was used to. She also writes to say that she is confined to bed with an abscess on her neck. Sent from 20 Upper George Street, Edgeware Road.

1 page

DF4/1/10/94 Letter from Maria Hill to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 12 June 1834 Piece

Hill had called upon Mr Currey who would not answer. She also writes with a request for money. Sent from 4 Southampton Yard.

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DF4/1/10/95 Letter from Maria Hill to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire [c.1834] Piece

Hill writes to ask the Duke to write or call. In the postscript the writer refers to the death of a child. Sent from 4 Southampton Yard. The letter is undated.

1 page
DF4/1/10/96 Letter from Maria Hill to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire [c.1834] Piece

Hill writes to ask the Duke to write or call. Sent from 4 Southampton Yard. The letter is undated.

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DF4/1/10/97 Letter from Maria Hill to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire [c.1834] Piece

Hill writes to say that she was hoping to see the Duke and tells him that she was going out for the first time since her confinement. Sent from 4 Southampton Yard. The letter is undated.

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DF4/1/10/98 Letter from John Sprigge to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 5 June 1834 Piece

Concerning the financial problems of Mrs Hill who had to pay medical expenses for her confinement and funeral expenses for the dead baby. She alleged that the Duke was the baby's father and threatened to expose him. There was a further request for money for Mrs Hill. Sent from 42 Crawford Street, Bryanston Square.

1 page


A love letter, with a request to meet up with the Duke and a hope that she had not offended the Duke. Sent from 30 York Street, Gloucester Place. The letter is dated 27 December only.

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DF4/1/10/100 Letter from Miss Hoffman to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 21 August [c.1935] Piece

The writer had just returned from Paris and had a parcel for the Duke from a mutual lady-friend. Sent from 9 Suffolk Place, Pall Mall. The letter is dated 21 August only.

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DF4/1/10/101 Letter from Thomas Horten to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 10 September 1844 Piece

The writer asked for funds from the Duke to help support Sir Cavendish Rumbold. Sent from 6 Green Street, Grosvenor Square.
1 page


The writer, a lady, writes to the Duke to ask if he would take her into his protection. He could visit her when he wished. Sent from 14 Vauxhall Walk, Lambeth.

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A letter written in French from a lady hoping to meet the Duke. Sent from 60 Charlotte Street, Portland Place.

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DF4/1/10/104  Draft letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient [19th century]  Piece

A draft letter written by the Duke in which he mentions not interfering with the company a lady receives in Paris and also alluding to a possible financial arrangement. The letter is undated.

1 page

DF4/1/10/105  Letter from R Meynell to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  4 April 1838  Piece

Concerning a request for a loan of £150 for a Mrs Bone who is in poor health. Also a discussion of housing on the royal estate.

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DF4/1/10/106  Letter from W Halton to an unidentified recipient  9 July 1811  Piece

Letter addressed "Dear Sir" enclosing a list (not present) of officers who have extended their service. Sent from Hythe. The letter is number 1199.

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DF4/1/10/107  Letter from W Halton to an unidentified recipient  9 June 1811  Piece

Letter addressed "Dear Sir" concerning the soldiering attributes of one Edward Bishop and Johnston who wants to leave the regiment. Halton also discusses his own impending retirement. Sent from Hythe. The letter is number 1199.

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DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

DF4/1/10/108 Letter from G Walnole to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1 August 1811 Piece
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DF4/1/10/109 Letter from [illegible signature] to Lady Burlington 4 February 1836 Piece
Letter concerning a successful speech in the House of Lords. Sent from the House of Lords.
1 page

Concerning two religious books "Hiles Devotions" and "Adam's Private Thoughts" - both well thought of. Letter dated Thursday only.
2 pages

DF4/1/10/111 Passport document for M: Cavendish 16 April 1803 Piece
Signed by the British and French ambassadors, the document allowed the holder and his entourage to travel through the country (France) with every facility to be given. Stamped in Calais.
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DF4/1/10/112 Certificate of Game Duty received from the Hon. Wm Cavendish 15 August 1811 Piece
3 Guineas paid for taxes in Hanover Square. Received by Mr Treherne, Clerk.
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DF4/1/10/113 Certificate signed by William Cavendish 1803 Piece
A certificate in French confirming that William Cavendish had arrived in Calais and signed by their authorities. Dated "Deux du mois de floreal an onze " [French Revolutionary calendar]. From Bureau Principal de Calais
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DF4/1/10/114 A Coat of Arms with gaming symbols [19th century] Piece
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<td>Letter from John Lee to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire. The writer clarified his intentions to the Duke - he wishes the Duke to have his share of Beamsley Moor but wanted to be able to shoot on it still, subject to the Duke's agreement. Sent from The Abbey, Knaresborough.</td>
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Copy of a letter in the Duke's handwriting regarding Mr Dickson who was preserving Beamsley Moor at his own expense. The letter is undated.

1 page

Unsigned letter to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

Unsigned letter detailing the recent history and shooting rights of Beamsley Moor with the position of Mr Lee, Mr Dickson and the Duke being clarified. No address.

1 page

Letter from John Lee to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

An undated letter concerning a request to shoot on Beamsley Moor and offering to pay for the privilege. Sent from Bolton Bridge. There is also handwritten note on the same letter (dated August 1837) from the Duke stating some arrangement could be made.

1 page

Copy of a letter from illegible signature to Mr Coke

A copy of a letter written in the Duke's hand, concerning the suitability of someone for an unidentified post. Also, in the 6th Duke's hand, on the same sheet are, "Extracts from D. of R. to Mr Coke" with mention of Pinxton and Bakewell.

1 page

Letter from William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to an unidentified recipient

The Duke longed to be at Chatsworth, rather than "smokey" London, and mentioned the employment of a Mr Pickersgill. Sent from London.

1 page

Letter from [Alex Dempster] to William Bentinck

Concerning the repayment of credit given to Officers Lane and Buttons. £253-3-0 was owed. Sent from Dublin.

1 page

A list of German place names

[19th century]
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A hand-written list of German place-names each followed by a figure which may represent distances.

1 page

DF4/1/10/128 A sketch from Welbeck Park [19th century] Piece

A sketch of the Green Dale Oak, Welbeck Park, by an unknown hand. The sketch shows a man-made arch through the tree.

1 page

DF4/1/11 Incoming letters of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1813 - 1857 Series

8 letters

DF4/1/11/1 Unidentified letter written in French 7 August 1813 Item

Letter written in French sent to an unidentified correspondent [the 6th Duke of Devonshire?]. Signed [G C W?].

1 letter

DF4/1/11/2 Petition sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire from the occupiers of farms and lands within Edensor, Pilsley, Birchells and Beeley concerning a large number of rabbits ruining crops 6 February 1813 Item

1 letter

DF4/1/11/3 Letter from Sophia Cannizzaro to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire c.1820 Item

Sophie Cannizzaro writes to present a Book of Poems to the Duke of Devonshire written by a Mrs Lawrence. Sophie Cannizzaro also thanks the Duke for an evening of music.

The letter is undated, possible dates based on the date of Friday 13 May, suggested through Cheney's Handbook of Dates, are as follows: 1814, 1825, 1831 or 1836.

1 letter


1 letter
DF4/1/11/5 Letter from Lord Carbery to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 26 June 1832 Item

1 letter

DF4/1/11/6 Letter from William Wallis to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 23 January 1840 Item


1 letter

DF4/1/11/7 Letter from [Victoria, Duchess of Kent] to [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire c.1840 Item

Thanks the Duke for a present. The letter is undated and signed Victoria only. The sender has been identified as possibly being Victoria, Duchess of Kent through comparison to letters within the Royal Collection.

1 letter

DF4/1/11/8 Letter from Princess Marie Amelie of Baden to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1857 Item

Letter written in French.

1 letter

DF4/1/12 Incoming letters of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire, concerning/sent by women 1821 - 1832 Series

Includes letters from, and on behalf of, different women asking for audiences with the Duke; a letter of thank you for a scarf presented to Baroness [Zeyzen]; and letters of concern for the Duke and his honour in relation to Eliza Warwick and other women.

The majority of letters are undated, dates have been taken from two letters with dates and should be seen as a rough guide.

15 letters

DF4/1/13 Miscellaneous letters kept by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1798 - 1830 Series
A group of letters to/from a variety of correspondents of which the connection to the 6th Duke of Devonshire is uncertain. The correspondents are as follows:

1 letter from Lord Middleton to Miss Mary Simmons dated 7 September 1830.
2 envelopes both annotated 'Mr Whites [papers]' containing 4 letters in total all dated [1830].
1 letter from Robinson, addressed to 'The King's most Excellent majesty' dated 19 August 1835 in an envelope addressed to The Duke of Devonshire.
1 page with copies of letters between Sir Joseph Banks and the Duke of Portland, both dated 5 July 1798. In an envelope addressed to Mr De la Garde.
1 advertisement bill for F Nugent Macnamara's poem 'The 'Irish Snake' or 'Repeal unmasked'. In an envelope addressed to F N Macnamara.
1 letter in French Dominque Molajoni to the Duke 7 November 1835. In envelope marked Molajoni, [y] Cardinal Consalvi letters [August 1810]; 4 letters possibly sent by Consalvi dated November 1814, 10 October 1813, [13] October 1813 included alongside the envelope.
1 signed document written in French and [German] in an envelope annotated 'Le Sieur Eymery'
Unsigned letter to the 6th Duke of Devonshire, 23 April [1846]

14 letters

DF4/1/14 Albums of Correspondence compiled by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire [1818 - 1850] Series

Albums of correspondence compiled by the 6th Duke of Devonshire. The scrapbooks were arranged by topics, such as sculpture, or by the place that the 6th Duke of Devonshire received the letters, such as Brighton.

12 volumes and 396 letters

DF4/1/14/1 Sculpture Accounts: A Scrapbook of the Correspondence of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1818 - 1849 Item

Scrapbook collection of much of the 6th Duke's correspondence with artists and dealers. Includes loose accounts and other relevant sketches and correspondence.

The volume in indexed and contains much important correspondence relating to the Chatsworth collection including:


1 volume
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

DF4/1/14/2 An Album of the Correspondence of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

A collection of correspondence relating to:

pp.1-37: 1822, ball organized by the 6th Duke on behalf of 'The Suffering Irish'. Letters are from eminent society women who had been asked to be patrons of the ball by the 6th Duke, list of those to be asked appears to have come from King George IV. Held on 30th May 1822;

pp.39-113: 24th February 1832 the 6th Duke threw a ball at Devonshire House on the night of the worst fogs on record. These letters are apologies from the large number of visitors who could not reach Devonshire house because of the weather.

Includes letters from:

1 volume

DF4/1/14/3 Petitions received by the 6th Duke of Devonshire as England's Ambassador to Moscow

1826 Series

2 volumes

DF4/1/14/3/1 Petitions received by the 6th Duke of Devonshire as England's Ambassador to Moscow Volume 1

August 1826 - October 1826 Item

A collection of petitions sent to the 6th Duke during his 1826 visit to Moscow as ambassador for England at the coronation of Nicholas I.

Includes letters from or concerning:

pp.2-3: 27 invitations to Imperial entertainments;
p.31: German philology student;
p.43: Russian nobleman;
p.49: impoverished German farming community;
p.53: Church Warden of Protestant Church being established in Tambow;
p.73: blind ex-merchant requesting loan to set up vinegar factory.

1 volume

DF4/1/14/3/2 Petitions received by the 6th Duke of Devonshire as England's Ambassador to Moscow Volume 2

1826 Item
A smaller collection of petitions than found in Volume 1 (DF4/1/16/1) sent to the 6th Duke during his 1826 visit to Moscow as ambassador for England.

Includes correspondence from:

p.23: ill widow requesting recommendation for her son to the Marine Corps;
p.47: headmistress of troubled boarding school;
p.49: manager of a stud farm cheated out of 2 years' wages by a Russian Aristocrat.

1 volume

DF4/1/14/4 Scrapbook album and correspondence concerning Baugniet Lithographs sent out by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to c.500 of his acquaintances, staff and tenants 1850 - 1853 Series

396 letters and 1 volume

DF4/1/14/4/1 Letters of thanks for Baugniet Lithographs sent out by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1850 - 1853 Item

From various correspondents thanking William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire for presenting them with a portrait of the 6th Duke.

The majority of the correspondence is dated 1852, with only 2 letters from the outlying dates.

396 letters

DF4/1/14/4/2 A Journal containing a summary of responses concerning Baugniet's Lithograph of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1851 - 1852 Item
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

A journal of lithographs by Baugniet containing the following entries by the 6th Duke:

(i) p.2 "I am going to write a list of, or a memorandum or a history to this lithography . . . by Baugniet. Of one, my portrait, 500 copies were taken off and given to various friends, tenants, servants, etc." This volume is a record of the letters of acknowledgement received by the 6th Duke for the above and paraphrased by him.

(ii) p. 94 "The success of Baugniet's portraits on stare [?] . . . give me the wish of retaining a memorial of the family party inhabiting Chatsworth this year. Burlington and his poor dear children, George Cavendish and his wife Louisa . . . " This is a record of the 27 sent out.

Includes letters from: p. 3 Mr Robert Arkwright; p. 4 Duchess of Bedford; p. 5 Duchess of Cambridge; p. 9 Cavendishes; p. 11 Wilkie Collins; p. 17 Charles Dickens; p. 20 Lady Dover; p. 31 Grevilles; p. 37 Lady Hulland; p. 39 Lady Hunlocke; p. 43 Countess Jersey; p. 46 Mr Edwin Landseer, Mr Mark Lemon; p. 49 Duchess of Norfolk, Marchioness of Normanby; p. 60 Lady Paxton; p. 68 Baron Rothschild, Duke of Rutland; p. 79 Duchess of Sutherland; p. 83 William Thackeray.

1 volume

DF4/1/14/5 Scrapbook of Letters received by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire in Paris and Nice 1847

A scrapbook of letters received in Paris and Nice in 1847.

There is an index at the front of the volume.

The volume can be read from both ends and includes:
Section A: pp. 3-10 Addresses of the 6th Duke's acquaintances in Paris, including letters from Lady Holland, Caroline Norton and Elizabeth Elgin.
Section B: pp. 4-10 Addresses of acquaintances in Nice, including letters from Raffael Monti

1 volume

DF4/1/14/6 Scrapbook of Letters received by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire in London and Chiswick 1847

A scrapbook containing a collection of letters and invitations by various authors.

Includes correspondence from or concerning:

p.1 Invitation to a gathering held by the 6th Duke on 8th June 1847, guest of honour was the Grand Duke Constantine of Russia; p.6 Duchess of Bedford; p.8 Duchess of Beaufort; p12 "Extract from Statue of Evidence relating to George Agar-Ellis's claim to the title of Baron of Dover; p.18 Georgiana Fullerton; p.20 Leigh Hunt, Lady Jersey; p.22 Lord Lansdowne; p.36 Lady Shrewsbury, invitation to Alton Towers
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

1 volume

DF4/1/14/7 Letterbook containing letters received by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire concerning social engagements 1848 Item

Letters addressed to the 6th Duke of Devonshire relating to social engagements that the Duke was hosting or was invited to during the London Season in 1848. Inserted inside the cover of the volume is a list made by Francis Thompson detailing letters from Charles Dickens held in the Devonshire Collection.

1 volume

DF4/1/14/8 Brightonium. A scrapbook of correspondence sent to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire whilst staying in Brighton. 1849 Item

Scrapbook of correspondence received in Brighton between 1846 and 1849.

Includes correspondence from:

p. 28 1848. Edwin Lee, on abuses occurring at St. George's Hospital;

p. 30 Caroline Norton;

p. 32 Marie St. Phillips on Caroline Norton's nervous ill-health.

1 volume

DF4/1/14/9 Scrapbook of Letters received by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire in Brighton 1849 Item

A scrapbook containing a collection of letters and newspaper cuttings.

Includes correspondence from: p. 34 J. M. Anderson, on where 6th Duke's servants should sit in church; p. 38 Capt. Beauclere on a bust of Napoleon; p. 40 6th Duke elected vice-president of Brighton Savings Bank; p. 44 Lord Carlisle (6th Duke's nephew); p. 52 Georgiana Fullerton (novelist and 6th Duke's niece); p. 56 6th Duke made president of Sussex County Hospital; p. 60 Rebecca Isaacs, actress, requesting 6th Duke's patronage of her benefit; p. 64 St. James Theatre requesting 6th Duke's patronage of a performance of "Opera Armiqui [?]; p. 76 Baron de Rothschild; p. 78 C. Webster on doilies made by impoverished Irish peasant girls

1 volume

DF4/1/14/10 Scrapbook of Letters received by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire concerning a Memorial to Mrs Arkwright 1849 - 1850 Item
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

A scrapbook containing a collection of letters received by the 6th Duke in acknowledgement of 120 lithographs he sent out to Frances Arkwright's friends and admirers after her death. The lithographs were by Sir George Hayter.

The volume includes: pp. 2-3 loose, a) "Extracts from the words of six of Mrs Arkwright's songs; b) Lithograph of Mrs Arkwright; c) Letter from J. Paxton to 6th Duke expressing his dismay at the proposed visit of Queen Victoria to Chatsworth in 1843 due to its unfinished state; p. 7 John Adamson; pp. 7-9 Arkwright's family; pp. 15-17 Cavendish family; p. 27 Lady Dover and Georgina Carlisle; pp. 31-33 Charles and Henry Greville; p. 55 Duchess of Kent; p. 63 Sarah Lyttelton on behalf of Queen Victoria; p. 69 Receipts for lithographs; p. 77 Duke of Rutland; p. 85 Lady Sitwell.

1 volume

DF4/1/14/11 An Index to an Unidentified Volume of Correspondence, compiled by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 19th century Item

A contemporary index to an unidentified volume of correspondence. Written by the 6th Duke of Devonshire.

A pencil annotation on the title page reads:
"p.3 "Mem. In this book the numbers of the pages should be added as was a leaf of the larger book in full."

1 volume

DF4/2 Diaries, Journals and Address Books of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1811 - 1858 Section

This series contains diaries kept by the 6th Duke of Devonshire between 1821-1852, 1854 and 1856 (DF4/2/1). In addition to the diaries there are date books kept by the Duke showing his whereabouts on different dates during each year (DF4/2/4). Alongside these there are journals that were kept by the Duke, mostly covering the topic of travel (DF4/2/2), and address books kept by the Duke noting friends and acquaintances in London, Brighton and Russia (DF4/2/3). The address book subseries also contains examples of the Duke's personal calling card.

47 items, 49 volumes and 1 bundle

DF4/2/1 Diaries of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1821 - 1852; 1854; 1856 Section

34 volumes

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1 volume entitled 'Pocket Almanack, 1854'. This is a diary for 1854 but the format is different to those of previous years. This diary is briefer than other volumes, mainly the Duke has noted various events that have taken place, such as deaths of well-known figures or notes about events taking place, there are also newspaper cuttings relating to events and lists of people's names associated with different events. He has also marked in the birthdays of family members, including Frederick Cavendish and [Spencer Compton] Cavendish.

The Duke has also marked in the diary the date of his paralytic seizure. The entry on 2 June 1854, in the Duke's own hand, reads 'Paralytic Stroke Rail to London [6 to 10 pm]'

Inserted within the diary are prayers and meditations marked 'Burn this Burlington' and a copy of a letter from Lady Dover to Fanny [Cavendish] about new building at Chatsworth dated 17 October 1843

1 volume


1 volume
Alongside the main run of daily diaries, the 6th Duke of Devonshire also kept other journals, mainly those giving a more thorough account of his travels abroad.

This section contains notes from Russia and Europe, including an account of a health-giving tour the Duke took with his cousin, Richard Cavendish. In other journals the Duke recounts events in his life. There is also one volume which is thought to be a copy of a journal written by the Duke's mother when Lady Georgiana Spencer.

9 volumes

DF4/2/2/1 Thought Book: Journal authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1817 1845 Item

A volume authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire.

The volume begins in 1817 with an account of the Duke's journey home from Russia. Up to page 77 is an account of his travels and friendship with Nicholas I and entries include 1845 alterations. Page 79, written in 1845, continues the account of 1817 from memory and old letters. Page 209, account of 6th Duke's trip to Russia as England's ambassador to Nicholas I coronation, 1826. Pages 223-253 contain transcriptions of letters from 6th Duke to D. Lieven on Nicholas I visit to England and the Chiswick breakfast.

Includes entries concerning:


1 volume

DF4/2/2/2 Travelling notes (Russia): Journal authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1817 Item
Volume authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire.

A book of notes and botanical samples taken by the 6th Duke of Devonshire on his trip across Europe to Russia for Tsar Nicholas's wedding.

Can be read from both sides and includes entries concerning:


1 volume

DF4/2/2/3 Travelling Notes: Journal authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1818 - 1819 Item

Book of notes and botanical samples taken by the 6th Duke of Devonshire. Volume is marked '1818'.

1 volume

DF4/2/2/4 Journey to Sicily: Journal authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire, George Cavendish and William Couper 22 November 1833 - 21 March 1834 Item

Travel journal with water colour 'snapshots' by Carelli, authored by the 6th Duke, George Cavendish and William Couper [sometimes Cooper].

1 volume

DF4/2/2/5 Travel Notebook, Journal and Address Book compiled by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1838 - 1852 Item

Notebook with various authors, including the 6th Duke of Devonshire. The volume began as a list of friends and their addresses in various European cities, it also contains miscellaneous letters and notes. The journal was begun on 17th August 1838 and continues to include short entries from later trips.

Includes entries concerning: Inside cover: Mr Digby Wyatt to Joseph Paxton ideas for a medal to be presented to Florence Nightingale by the 6th Duke; p. 1: addresses listed in order of town and date, includes Lismore and Dublin, 1839-1852; p. 44: "Chatsworth library". 1841. Authors in medallions.

1 volume
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

**DF4/2/6**  
Travel Accounts: Journal authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire on health-giving tour taken with Richard Cavendish  
1841 - 1842 Item

An account kept during a health-giving tour taken with Richard Cavendish between August 1841 and May 1842.

The account book includes entries concerning: Each day's destination; Name of hotels and costs; Distance travelled; Extraordinary expenditure; Number of horses.

The volume also includes inserts, loose in the inside front cover: 8 hotel receipts; 1 order for foreign papers (*Augsburg Gazette*); 6 pleas for votes for needy individuals to be elected to receive benevolence from various charities of which the Duke was on the election panel.

1 volume

**DF4/2/7**  
'Six Months of an Old Man's Life': Journal authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
1850 - 1851; 1855 Item

Journal written by the 6th Duke of Devonshire for 'the amusement and [& ] instruction' of his nephew, Frederick Leveson Gower. The main part of the journal covers the period from 24th October 1850-6th May [1851]. Later pages contain pages pasted into the volume from a 'journalet for Lady G' and date from 5th September 1855-18th October [1855].

The first part of the journal, and the later pasted pages, refer to trips to Lismore Castle.

1 volume

**DF4/2/8**  
Notebook authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  
1820 - 1840 Item

Miscellaneous notes authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire.

The notebook can be read from both ends (part 1 is 107 pages and part 2 is 59 pages) and is marked '1820, 1822, 1825' and '1820'.

Entries include:


Copy of the Journal of Lady Georgiana Spencer [later Georgiana Cavendish, Duchess of Devonshire], in the 6th Duke's Hand. The journal covers the dates October 1772-December 1772 and concerns travels in France. There is also an entry in the journal concerning inns in which the author had stayed in and a copy of a letter from Mrs Delaney (Mary Granville) to her sister Mrs [Stanley] (Ann Granville) with an account of the marriage of Mr Spencer (afterwards Earl Spencer) to Miss Poyntz, at Althorp in 1756. Begun 14th ended 17th January 1756.

In the back of the journal there are a serious of entries, again in the hand of the 6th Duke, that are not related to the copy of Lady Spencer's journal. the first entry is titled 'Three Days in Italy' and is dated 23 October 1846. The second entry is a copy of a letter dated 5 November 1846 addressed to 'Granville', signed 'uncle Devonshire'. The third entry is an account of a visit to Wymyard for [Mr] Arkwright on the occasion of the wedding of Lord Portarlington and Lady Vane, September 1847. The final entry dated 2 November 1851, and written at Lismore is a letter and subsequent diary entries written by the Duke. He explains that after he wrote the journal 'Six Months of an Old Man's Life' [see DF4/2/2/7] for his nephew, he wrote further entries in this journal concerning his time in Lismore in November 1851.
An address book authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire, c.1840 to c.1846. There are later additions in the 6th Duke's post paralysis hand-writing.

1 volume


The 6th Duke of Devonshire's London Address Book which includes later, post-1854 additions.

1 volume

DF4/2/3/4 Russian Cards: Volume authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1846 Item

A volume authored by the 6th Duke. The volume can be read from both ends and includes entries concerning:

Part 1: List of names grouped into sixes and sevens under the title: "Russian Cards 1st Column".

Part 2: Dates and places visited in 1846.

1 volume

DF4/2/3/5 Brighton, Company and Direction Book: An Address Book kept by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1826 - 1847 Item

Address book of friends in Brighton, written by the 6th Duke and an unknown hand.

The address book includes: examples of the 6th Duke's handwriting after his paralytic seizure in 1854.

1 volume

DF4/2/3/6 Set of Calling Cards belonging to William George Spencer Cavendish 19th Century Item

Packet of calling cards 'Le Duc de Devonshire Ambassadeur Extraordinaire de S M Bque pres S M L'Empereur de toutes les Russies'.

1 bundle

DF4/2/3/7 Volume of names compiled by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire for an unidentified purpose [c.1855] Item

A list of names compiled by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire for an unspecified purpose, thought to perhaps be a list of names of people the Duke was sending prints to.

1 volume
Alongside journals and diaries, the 6th Duke of Devonshire also kept datebooks. These comprise of yearly calendars compiled by the Duke detailing the places he visited during each year. The section contains datebooks from 1811 - 1858 and a separate volume containing the details of the Duke's foreign travels, 1790-1847.

47 items and 1 volume

**DF4/2/4/1** Datebooks compiled by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

Yearly calendars compiled by the 6th Duke of Devonshire detailing the places that he visited during each year.

47 items

**DF4/2/4/2** Foreign Datebook compiled by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

A volume authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire. Contains a record of all the destinations he travelled to, with dates, between 1790 and 1847. Possibly compiled in 1847.

1 volume

**DF4/2/5** Surveys of Chatsworth estate villages, with 6th Duke's notes on tenants

2 items

**DF4/2/5/1** Survey of Pilsley Village

January 1838

**DF4/2/5/2** Survey of Beeley village

January 1838

1 page only, the rest missing.

This series includes guestbooks kept for the 6th Duke of Devonshire’s properties at Chatsworth, Lismore, Chiswick and Kemp Town (DF4/3/1); scrapbooks of material collated by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and others, concerning people, places and events (DF4/3/2); and a collection of ephemera, consisting of items such as lists and diagrams kept by the 6th Duke of Devonshire (DF4/3/3).

19 volumes, 1 small box and 14 items
The Devonshire Collection
DF4/3/1/2/3 Lismore Guestbook 1851 - 1852 Item
Includes an insert titled 'Comparative expenses during his Grace's visit to Lismore as between years 1849 and 1850'
1 volume

DF4/3/1/2/4 Lismore Guestbook 1855 Item
1 volume

DF4/3/1/2/5 Lismore Guestbook 1856 Item
1 volume

DF4/3/1/2/6 Souvenir of the 'Farewell Soiree' at Lismore Castle 30 October 1849 Item
Signatures of the guests who attended.
2 items

DF4/3/1/2/7 Notes on events at Lismore Castle 25 September 1855 - 14 October 1855 Item
Illegible notes written in an unknown hand. The notes include listings on the reverse of music played at events at Lismore Castle between 25 September 1855-14 October 1855.
6 items

DF4/3/1/3 Chiswick House and Kemp Town Guestbook 1812 - 1855 Sub-Series
Guestbooks containing lists of visitors to Chiswick House and Kemp Town.
2 volumes

DF4/3/1/3/1 Guest Lists for Chiswick House and Kemp Town 1812 - 1855 Item
1 volume

DF4/3/1/3/2 List of Company at Chiswick beginning 19 June 1841 June 1841 - July 1850 Item
1 volume

DF4/3/2 Scrapbooks collated by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire and Others c.1800 - 1852 Series
Scrapbooks collated by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and others containing memorabilia including poems, invitations, illustrations, water colours, lithographs, newspaper articles and letters.
11 volumes
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DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

Authored by Lady Morley. The first part of the volume is entitled ‘Royal Intellectual Bazaar’ and includes a printed statement, pp.7-22, of a ‘Prospectus of a plan for the improvement of the fashionable circles’. The remainder of the volume is a scrapbook, given to the 6th Duke of Devonshire by Lady Morley (see p.3) who collected the material in the scrapbook section.


1 volume

DF4/3/2/4 Scrapbook 1826 - 1851 Item

A scrapbook containing material by various authors. The collection consists of memorabilia including poems, invitations, illustrations, water colours, lithographs, newspaper articles, letters, etc., compiled between 1826 and 1851, collated together c.1851.


1 volume

DF4/3/2/5 Scrap and Memorandum Book c.1841 Item
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

Scrapbook containing notes and botanical samples authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire.

Entries within the volume can be read from both sides and include: p. 8: Verses on Chatsworth; p.10: "Sir Robert Fitzwyram sent me the following which he said cured his deafness; p.12: "1841. Directions for the Gardener at Chatsworth regarding ticket entry; p. 16: Itinerary from Geneva to Paris; p. 22-3: Origins of Chess; p. 28-9: "Prints of Lucas's picture were sent by me to the following"; p. 32: 1822-40 record of 6th Duke's health; pp. 7-33: plant samples.

1 volume

DF4/3/2/6 Scrapbook on Queen Victoria's Visit to Chatsworth 1843 Item

A scrapbook of letters, newspaper cuttings and other memorabilia relating to Queen Victoria's visit to Chatsworth in 1843.

The volume includes:
p. 9 Letters from Queen Victoria's secretary informing the 6th Duke of her intention to visit; p.15: George Ridgway to the 6th Duke on preparations; p. 19: Office of Ordnance to provide guns reassuring for security; p. 35: Mayor of Chesterfield and Duke of Rutland on the county address; p. 39: Chair of Northern Midland Company requesting exact details of Queen's itinerary; p. 45: 6th Duke to Queen's secretary, Lady Louisa Cavendish to be Lady of the House; p. 53: Official itinerary of the Queen's visit; pp. 68-71: List of those invited to the Ball on 1st December; p. 75: F. Arkwright; p. 93: Mr and Mrs Alfred Curzon; p. 127: Queen's secretary, she would prefer to attend the Duke's Chapel at Chatsworth on Sunday; p. 133: Letters accompanying addresses from Chesterfield, Sheffield and the Corporation of Cutlers; p. 149: Thanks from the Queen through her secretary; p. 153: Lady Palmerston interesting observation on Lord Melbourne's feelings to the Queen; p. 155: Vicar of Baslow in gratitude to the 6th Duke for visiting himself and his parishioners to the Great Conservatory on Saturday evening; p. 161: Notice of brown crystal stolen during the entertainments of Saturday evening.

1 volume

DF4/3/2/7 Nicholas I Album [1855] Item
A collection of items of correspondence, memorabilia and newspaper cuttings relating to the breakfast thrown for Nicholas I by the 6th Duke at Chiswick, on the 8th June 1844. Also includes guest lists from 1826, and letters inserted into the volume from 1854-55. Just before his death, Nicholas I wrote to the Duke in an attempt to ensure that Russian PoWs were fairly treated.

Entries include: p.1 Copy of the 6th Duke's invitations to the breakfast; p.2 Letter from Rev. Beamish; p.7 Letter from H. Brougham and D. Lieven; pp.8 and 9 Letter from Emperor's secretary at Windsor; p.17 Letter from Queen's secretary; p.33 D. Lieven; pp.35-39 6th Duke to D. Lieven (French); pp.41-44 D. Lieven; p.49 Caroline Norton; p.51 Joseph Paxton; p.63 Duchess of Sutherland; p.59 loose: Lists of guests at functions in Moscow 1826; p.89 List of guests at the breakfast; p.115 loose: Letters from Nicholas, 1854-55; poem from Caroline Norton; p.171 loose: Telegraph from George 2nd Earl Granville telling of Nicholas I's death.

1 volume

DF4/3/2/8 Scrapbook Rome and Naples 1846 - 1847 Item

The first few pages of the scrapbook are filled with German script in the 6th Duke of Devonshire's and another hand. The later pages are a scrapbook of a stay in Rome and Naples, 1847, made up of letters, prints, water colours, tickets and invitations. The volume also includes a list of friends and their addresses.

Entries include: pp.3-6 Portraits of Pop Pio LX; pp.8-17 Names and addresses; pp. 20-32 Includes letters from: Giovacchino Barben; Frannecso Bienamie, M. Borsani (Sale of antiquities), Joseph Leonardi, Rinaldo Rinaldi; pp. 32-36 Naples 1847, names and addresses; p.38 Letter from Raffael Carelli; pp. 42-52 Water colours and sketches by Carelli; p. 54 Letter from clerics criticising 6th Duke for travelling on a Sunday

1 volume

DF4/3/2/9 Scrapbook of Miscellanea c.1790 Item

Scrapbook, author unknown, of miscellanea with cuttings, letters, scraps of poetry and current affairs pieces.

1 volume

DF4/3/2/10 The Food Book 1832 - 1852 Item
Written by the 6th Duke and various other contributors, the book starts off with a list of Aberlin's (French chef) best dishes (soups, poissons, entrees, etc). There are menu plans stuck into it from dinners given by various families, eg. Rothschild, Beaufort. Some of the menus came from France, Rome, Naples, others are English (Bournemouth and Derby).

The volume can be read from both ends and includes entries on: Brillat Savarin Oct 1846; Sentences in French, eg. Dis mo ice qui tu manges, je te dirai ce que tu es & La langue se sature; après le troisieme verre le meilleur vin n'evolle plus qu'un sensation obtuse; Colle Mezzano Leghorn to Rome by the Maremme; By Mr Bosanquet. 5 pages.

At the front of the book: Little trifles and trinkets and cut outs of butterflies, birds and people; bill of fayre from dinner of Robert Arkwright, Esq., High Sheriff, Royal Hotel, Derby, 27 July 1850. Printed in gold on royal blue fabric.

Inside back cover: Bill of Fowl, with delicacies such as Consomme de Cadavres, Owls en Surprise, Nez de Vieillard a la Dowager!!

1 volume

The volume begins as an autograph collection with the signature of Nicholas I in 1844. Completed later, see page 1: "For many years the Emperor Nicholas reigned alone. All other autographs were collected from separate documents and added to this volume some years later". Towards the end of the volume, miscellaneous letters received by the 6th Duke are also included.

The volume includes: p.6 Nicholas I's autograph; p.7 Fragment of Nicholas' itinerary from 1817 trip with 6th Duke en-route to collect his bride-to-be Charlotte of Prussia in Berlin; p.8 Letter from Nicholas signed: "Nicholas, the Scotch [?] -man 16th June 1817 on 6th Duke's arrival in St. Petersburg; pp.9-10 Other letters from Nicholas; p.20 Letter from Florence Nightingale; p.22 Queen Victoria's autograph on her visit to Chatsworth in 1843; p.50 Mary Russell Mitford, two letters written just before her death in 1855; p.52 5th Duke of Devonshire, notice of a lost dog; p.68 Letter from E. Garrick; p.74 Letter from V. Bellini; p.102 Letter from Caroline Norton.

1 volume

The Devonshire Collection
Correspondence relating to the visit of Queen Victoria to Chatsworth, 1843:

1) Copy of a letter from the Duke of Devonshire to Sir James Graham, regarding preparations for the Queen's visit to Chesterfield, 22 November 1843
2-4) Three letters from Duke of Devonshire to 'George', regarding preparation for the visit of Queen Victoria, - one letter is incomplete and unsigned, but bears the same endorsement on the reverse, November 1843
5) List of company invited to Chatsworth, 1 December 1843
6) Signature of Palmerston, cut out from a letter
7) Envelope addressed to the Duke of Devonshire, Chiswick, 1853

1 volume

DF4/3/3 Ephemera 18th century - 19th century Series
7 items

DF4/3/3/1 Pedigree of the Hutton family c.1826 Item
Family tree of W.A. Hutton
1 item

DF4/3/3/2 [Costumes Russes] to be copied for room at Chiswick 1820 Item
A handwritten list
1 item

DF4/3/3/3 List of silver toys presented to Lady Burlington, 21 May 1838 by William George Spencer Cavendish 6th Duke of Devonshire 1838 Item
1 item

DF4/3/3/4 'Plan von Munchen' 19th century Item
Plan showing the city of Munich and buildings of note within the city.
1 item

DF4/3/3/5 Pedestal diagram 19th century Item
Diagram drawn by an unknown hand showing designs for an unidentified pedestal.
1 item

DF4/3/3/6 Loadstone calculations 18th century - 19th century Item
Notebook in an unknown hand. Title page reads 'the explanation of this calculation; or method of ascertaining, what a loadstone would take up and sustain; were the same cut into pieces, of different sizes, and weights'. The volume is undated.

1 volume

Translation over the Latin Inscription of the fireplace in the Painted Hall at Chatsworth

1 item

**Accounts of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1810 - 1858 Section**

A series of personal account books and papers kept by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and his solicitors. The format of these account records ranges from single summary sheets to volumes recording the Duke's private accounts.

18 volumes and 18 items

Summary of household expenses during William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire's stay at Lismore Castle, 1855-1856

5 items

Rough note showing money spent in Italy by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

1 item

No item at this reference number

Item

Personal account book and horticultural lists of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

Account book authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire, marked 'Amusements'. The volume is the 6th Duke of Devonshire's personal record of his private expenditure throughout his years as Duke. The volume can be read from both sides and the chronological coverage is erratic. With horticultural lists.

Horticultural lists include:

p.2: 'list of desirable Indian plants &c 1833';

p.7: 'plants wanted 1833. Have those underlined. 1836'.

1 volume

Account of the Income and Outgoings of William George Spencer Cavendish, with an estimate of future expenditure. Originally compiled on 29th July 1814

1814 - 1816 Item

Includes:
- p.1: income from estate;
- p.5: money from interest;
- p.7: outgoings on estates;
- p.9: outgoings on interest;

1 volume

**General statement of William George Spencer Cavendish's accounts 1817 - 1837 Item**

General statement of accounts yearly 1827-1837. Overview of accounts 1817-1829.

Gives yearly: payments of interest; excess of expenditure, expenditure of households at Chatsworth, Devonshire House and Chiswick; salary as Lord Chamberlain.

Entries show that the 6th Duke of Devonshire has an average yearly excess of expenditure of £16400.

1 volume

**Chatsworth House furnishing account 1820 - 1834 Item**

A record of expenditure on furniture at Chatsworth. The volume is marked 'Chatsworth House Furnishing Account from 1820 to 
&'. 4 pages have been used.

Entries include:
- p.2: 'Chantry Marble';
- p.3: 'Tuner Marble from Capt. Clifford';
- p.4: 'P. Danve [?] Empress of Russia Portrait'.

1 volume

**Russian Embassy accounts of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 9 May - 9 November 1826 Item**

Accounts from the 6th Duke of Devonshire's embassy to Russia on behalf of King George IV on the occasion of the Coronation of Nicholas I. The account book is marked 'Copy, Russian Embassy 1816' and is authored by George Ridgway and amended by Benjamin Curry.

Entries include:
- pp.4-5: expenditure on mourning clothes to be worn in honour of the death of Alexander I;
- p.7: rent for villa at Ochta and expenditure on replacing damage to china and furniture. Rent of Moscow house of General Schesseloff [?];
- p.16: 'To Davidson & Co (brewers) for Beer and Porter 5320 bottles & 2870.80Rs'.

1 volume
Accounts of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire's private financial affairs 1829-1836, authored by George Ridgway and contains references to Eliza Warwick

Entries include:
p. 8: May 26 1830 "To Thomas Gurney ½ years assessed taxes for Mrs Warwick's servants carriage and horses to Saturday trot & £11.14.0.

p. 9: Receipts - much money from sale of pianos and opera boxes

1 volume

Mr Ridgway's version of the 6th Duke of Devonshire's accounts, 1836-1841, including much evidence of renovation to 22 Dorset Square after Eliza Warwick vacated it.

Entries include:
p. 3: Charitable donations: "John Saunders, blind man, £1"
p. 5: Patronage of theatre: "Mrs Fitzwilliam benefit, £5"
p. 7: Entertainments: "Charles Coate for a singer by order of his Grace, £10"
p. 7: "To the girls that was hurt by his Grace's cob, £1.1"
p. 9: "To a share of the expenses for Harrow School dinner, £1.18"

1 volume

Account book, possibly written by the 6th Duke of Devonshire's secretary and the 6th Duke. The Duke's entries become very erratic after his paralytic seizure in 1854 up until his death in 1858. The volume contains examples of his post-paralysis handwriting. Accounts are brief, the entries only give surnames and account of expenditure.
Summary of the Accounts of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1837 Item

Details the 6th Duke's expenditure on an average of 7 years from 1828 to 1835. Also details the Duke's income. Includes remarks by B[enjamin] Currey detailing how the Duke could reduce his expenditure to match his income.

11 items

A record of the Benefices in the gift of William Cavendish, 5th Duke of Devonshire 1810 Item

Overview of the benefices in the gift of the 5th Duke of Devonshire, a copy of which was provided to the 6th Duke on his succession in August 1811.

1 volume

Income Books of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1812 - 1815 Series

Volumes showing the income and expenditure of the 6th Duke of Devonshire for the years 1812-1815.

5 volumes

Income Book of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1812 Item

1 volume

Income Book of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1813 Item

1 volume

Income Book of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1814 Item

Includes an enclosure titled: account of Income and Outgoings with an estimate of future expenditure 29th July 1814.

2 volumes

Income Book of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1815 Item

1 volume

Summary Accounts book: Volume concerning the Accounts of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire in the years 1817 - 1837 1837 Item
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

The volume includes:
Summary of general expenditure 1817-1826
General statements of income and expenditure 1827-1837
Statements of Receipts 1817-1829
Statement of Payments 1817-1829

1 volume

DF4/4/17 Account Book of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire for the years 1820 - 1842 1842 Item

1 volume


1 volume

DF4/4/19 Plant Accounts of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1840 - 1841 Item

Includes receipts for removal of palms and plants from Lord Tankerville's, Walton-on-Thames; receipts for trees and plants purchased for Chiswick House and Chatsworth House; receipt for expenses of five packages of botanical specimens from Baron Von Ludwig; and an abstract of the accounts for plants.

5 items

DF4/4/20 Estimate given to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire for the Turret Clock at Chatsworth House Stables 25 January 1840 Item

1 item

DF4/4/21 Churchdale, property valuation given to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 16 March 1841 Item

1 item

DF4/4/22 A List of Payments and Purchases made by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire to people living within the vicinity of the Chatsworth Estate c.1840 Item

Lists payments and purchases made to people in living in the vicinity of the Chatsworth estate, possibly written by Mr Smithers, Chatsworth Agent. The item is undated.

1 item

DF4/4/23 A Bill for Plants Purchased by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire from Malta and Paris 1840 Item

1 item
Voucher for jewellery bought by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire. July 1852

Bought from Joseph Silani, dealer in all kinds of foreign and English jewellery.

**DF4/5 Official Papers of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1838 - 1842 Section**

This series includes a passport belonging to the 6th Duke of Devonshire, a diploma awarded to the Duke and official proceedings from the University of London.

3 items

**DF4/5/1 Passport of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1841 - 1842 Item**

The 6th Duke of Devonshire's passport issued by the UK Government.

1 item

**DF4/5/2 German Diploma awarded to [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire] 1838 - 1839 Item**

A diploma awarded to [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire] and an accompanying letter.

2 items

**DF4/5/3 Proposed Official duties of The Registrar of the University of London 1838 Item**

The proposed Official duties of the Registrar of the University of London, endorsed "His Grace, the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.and a list of the Senate of the University of London in which the Earl of Burlington is listed as Chancellor, March 1838".

1 item

**DF4/6 Manuscripts, Publications and Creative Works Authored by or in the Collection of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire Mid 18th century - 19th century Section**

This series contains plays by the playwright George Colman (DF4/6/1); poems, short stories and other creative works such as a joke book, music book and historical notes, authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and others (DF4/6/2), material relating to the 6th Duke of Devonshire's *Handbook of Chatsworth* (DF4/6/3) and facsimiles of Inigo Jones', Italian (Roman) Sketchbook commissioned by the 6th Duke of Devonshire.

49 volumes, 6 items and 1 small box
Mainly comprising manuscript versions of plays by the playwright George Colman. Also includes other printed works that are not authored by Colman, but were found collated with the George Colman material.

Where dates have been listed in brackets, material has been undated and the first known performance date has been taken from the listing on the University of Wisconsin's George Colman website: [https://www.uwec.edu/mwood/colman/plays.html](https://www.uwec.edu/mwood/colman/plays.html)

28 volumes

**DF4/6/1/1**
Printed copy of 'Betsy Baker, or Too Attentive by Half! A Farce in One Act', by John Maddison Morton
Printed copy.
1 volume

**DF4/6/1/2**
Manuscript Copy of 'Sketch for the Clandestine Marriage', by [George Colman]
Manuscript copy.
1 volume

**DF4/6/1/3**
Manuscript copy of 'Inkle and Yarico, an Opera in Three Acts', by George Colman
Manuscript copy. Includes Acts One and Two only
2 volumes

**DF4/6/1/4**
Manuscript copy of 'The Suicide, a Comedy in Four Acts', by [George Colman]
Manuscript copy. Includes two manuscript copies of Acts Two and Four and three manuscript copies of Act Three.
9 volumes

**DF4/6/1/5**
Manuscript copy of 'Poor Old Haymarket, or Two Sides of the Gutter. A Piece in One Act', by George Colman
Manuscript copy
1 volume

**DF4/6/1/6**
Manuscript copy of 'XYZ, a Farce in Two Acts', by George Colman
1810
Item
Manuscript copy.

2 volumes

DF4/6/1/7 Manuscript copy of 'We Fly by Night, in Two Acts', by George Colman 1810 Item

Manuscript copy.

2 volumes

DF4/6/1/8 Manuscript copy of 'The Spanish Barber, a Comick Piece in Three Acts', by [George Colman] 19th century Item

Manuscript copy. Act One only.

1 volume

DF4/6/1/9 Manuscript copy of 'Separate Maintenance, a Comedy', by [George Colman] 19th century Item

Manuscript copy. Acts Two and Four only.

2 volumes

DF4/6/1/10 Manuscript copy of an Extract from an untitled play by [George Colman]: Act One, Scene One: An American Forest 19th century Item

Manuscript copy.

1 volume

DF4/6/1/11 Manuscript copy of 'The Battle of Hexham, or Days of Old', by George Colman c.1789 Item

Manuscript copy. Act Three only.

1 volume

DF4/6/1/12 Manuscript copy of an untitled play by [George Colman]: St [Valori] and La [Gloire] 19th century Item

Manuscript copy.

1 item

DF4/6/1/13 Manuscript copy of 'The Quadrupeds of Quedlinburgh, or the Rovers of Weimar', by George Colman 1811 Item

Manuscript copy.

1 volume
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

DF4/6/1/14 Manuscript copy of 'The Ravens', by George Colman 1817 Item
Manuscript copy.
1 volume

DF4/6/1/15 Manuscript copy of 'Place Hunters, a farce in Two Acts', by [George Colman] 1819 Item
Manuscript copy.
1 volume

DF4/6/1/16 Manuscript copy of 'A Figure of Fun or An Evening in Richmond, a farce in Two Acts', by [George Colman] 1824 Item
Manuscript copy.
1 volume

DF4/6/1/17 Manuscript copy of 'Five Minutes too Late', by [George Colman] 1825 Item
Manuscript copy.
1 volume

DF4/6/1/18 Manuscript copy of 'More Ways than Means', by [George Colman] c.1780 Item
Manuscript copy. Includes 2 manuscript copies of Act One and three manuscript copies of Act Two
7 volumes

DF4/6/1/19 Manuscript copy of 'The Gnome-King, or The Giant-Mountains', by George Colman c.1819 Item
Manuscript copy.
4 volumes

DF4/6/1/20 Manuscript copy of 'Two to One', by George Colman c.1784 Item
Manuscript copy. Acts One and Three only.
2 volumes

DF4/6/1/21 Manuscript copy of 'Doctor Hocus Pocus, or Harlequin Washed White', by George Colman c.1814 Item
Manuscript copy.
Printed copy of 'Mr Nightingale's Diary: A Farce in One Act' 1851 Item

Printed copy of the script. Includes a loose playbill.

Printed copy of 'Didier L'honnete Homme', by E. Scribe and Michel Masson 1847 Item

Printed copy.

Printed copy of 'La Fille Obeissante', by Dartois Freres 1847 Item

Printed copy.

Printed copy of 'L'Auberge des adrets, drame en trois actes, a spectacle', by Benjamin, Saint-Amant and Paulyanthe 1823 Item

Printed copy.

Manuscript copy of 'The Africans, or War, Love and Duty, a Play in Three Acts', by George Colman c.1808 Item

2 manuscript copies.

Manuscript copy of 'The Actor of all Work, or First and Second Floor', by George Colman c.1817 Item

Manuscript copy.

Manuscript copy of 'John Bull, or an Englishman's Fireside', by George Colman c.1803 Item

Manuscript copy.

Poems, Stories and Other Works Authored by William George Spencer Cavendish and Others 19th century Series

The Devonshire Collection 76
Poems, short stories and other creative works such as a joke book, music book and historical notes, authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire and others.

19 volumes, 6 items and 1 small box

DF4/6/2/1 Poem to Lady Blanche Howard on her 15th Birthday, written by [William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire.] 11 January 1826 Item 1 item

DF4/6/2/2 Manuscript of an Untitled Poem [19th century] Item First line reads 'Be not thy tears too harshly [chid]'
1 item

1 volume

DF4/6/2/4 Manuscript Copies of 'Character of our dear Father', by [Mrs Ay&] 15 January 1812 Item 3 manuscript copies.
3 volumes

DF4/6/2/5 Manuscript titled 'Brief Summary of a late interesting Report' [19th century] Item 1 volume

DF4/6/2/6 Manuscript of an Untitled Poem [19th century] Item First line reads 'Oh, went thou in the cauld blast'
1 item

DF4/6/2/7 Manuscript of an Untitled Poem [19th century] Item First line reads 'When time, who steals our years away'
1 item

DF4/6/2/8 Manuscript of a Parody titled 'Sad and Fearful is the story of the Roncevalles fight'. [19th century] Item 1 item
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

DF4/6/2/9  The Vale of Avonmore, by John McMahone: A poem dedicated to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  1822  Item


1 volume

DF4/6/2/10  Reputation: Volume of cartoons presented to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire by the Sheridan Sisters  1828  Item

A collection of cartoons on the subject of reputation and its importance in the early nineteenth century, authored and presented to the 6th Duke of Devonshire by the Sheridan Sisters, H.S.B. Lady Dufferin (Helen Selina Blackwood), C.E.N Caroline Watson and [JGS], 1828.

1 volume

DF4/6/2/11  'Zelma, a tale of the Caucasus', by Dr J. W. Groves: A Volume Presented to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  1834  Item

Authored by Dr J. W. Groves, a poetic fictional work on the people of Caucasus

The volume includes:
pp. 2-3: Loose, three letters from Dr. J. W. Groves. "Zelma is a present to the 6th Duke to thank him for his help in his attempt to find employment in a noble household". Dr. Groves petitioned the Duke in 1826 in Moscow;
p.75: Groves' observations on the dress of the Caucasians and on his scheme for "exhibiting a Caucasian family.

1 volume

DF4/6/2/12  Verses on Visiting Chatsworth, by John Ryall: A Volume Presented to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire  1837  Item

Notebook of verses written by John Ryall, after visiting parties to Chatsworth in 1837. Ryall wrote to the 6th Duke of Devonshire in 1852 asking him to keep it safe while he goes abroad.

1 volume


Collection of jokes, absurdities, comical sayings and newspaper cuttings authored by the 6th Duke of Devonshire.

1 volume
Canova's Tool Box: Verses of a poem written 7th October 1840 by L. H. Sigorney as a tribute to Rudolf Schadow's "The Spinning Girl"

Verses of a poem written 7th October 1840 by L. H. Sigorney as a tribute to Rudolf Schadow's "The Spinning Girl" which is housed in Chatsworth's Sculpture Gallery, presented in Canova's tool box

Includes:
Title of verses: "On Seeing the Statue of the Spinning Girl at the Seat of the Duke of Devonshire". Also in the box is a woman's white kid glove

1 box

A notebook containing extracts from a manuscript journal.
Contents include:
pp. 1-12 Anecdote at USA/Canada border;
pp. 13-18 Dialogue between English frigate and US forces at New Orleans during the American War of Independence;
p. 31 Account of a US general's conduct in English victory at Fort Eric during the War of Independence.

1 volume

A notebook containing Italian poetry.

1 volume

A volume containing a collection of songs sung and written by Fanny Arkwright.

1 volume

Hartington album: A Volume Containing Poetry and Letters authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire and Others

1809 - 1843
Volume marked 'Hartington' containing poems, 1809-1814 and letters, 1842-1843. Various authors including the 6th Duke of Devonshire.


1 volume

Music book belonging to William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire

Volume marked 'Hartington' containing a collection of pieces of music copied down over a period of 2 years.

1 volume

Printed copy of 'The Funds and More Companies, with Technical Phrases on Stock, or, Flippances of the Times. In Rhyme', by Mary Ann Lloyd

Published work, enclosed within Envelope addressed to the author

1 volume

Two pages of jokes, author unidentified.

2 items

Narrative written in an unknown hand.

1 volume

Notebook with pages of notes concerning historical events inserted into it. Written in an unidentified hand.

1 volume
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire (1780-1858)

DF4/6/2/24 Collection of Poetry, [authored by William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire's secretary?] c.1828 Item

Miscellaneous collection of verses, [authored by the secretary of the 6th Duke?], c.1828

1 volume

DF4/6/3 Handbook of Chatsworth 1844 Series

Contains manuscript and proofs and an annotated copy of the Handbook of Chatsworth by the 6th Duke.

2 volumes

DF4/6/3/1 Handbook of Chatsworth, Hardwick and Kemp Town. Manuscript and Proofs July 1844 Item

A collection of documents relating to the Handbook of Chatsworth. They include printer's proofs and correspondence. Also contains a copy of the original volume. Authored by the 6th Duke and John Payne Collier.

John Payne Collier's summary of the volume reads:

1. proof sheets, corrected by the Duke or me under his direction.
2. communications from the Duke while the work was in the press.
3. my transcript of the Duke's original manuscript regarding Chatsworth with corrections and additions by the Duke in his own hand.
4. my transcript to the Duke's manuscript relating to Hardwick.
5. postscript regarding Kemp Town, in the Duke's handwriting.
6. notes, additions and corrections copied by Mr Cottingham, the Duke's agent at Hardwick from my manuscript which was copied from the Duke's rough notes.

1 volume

DF4/6/3/2 Annotated copy of the 6th Duke's Handbook 1844 Item

Includes inserts with annotations made by the 6th Duke and annotations on the main text block by an unknown hand [likely John Payne Collier].

DF4/6/4 Facsimiles of Inigo Jones, Italian (Roman) Sketchbook, 1614 1831 Item

Two lithographic facsimiles of Inigo Jones, Italian Sketchbook, 1614. In 1831 the 6th Duke commissioned this facsimile of the original notebook, at the instance of his librarian, John Payne Collier.

One of the two facsimiles is endorsed "Very imperfect - (many pages missing or only printed on one side)".

2 volumes
DF4: Papers of William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire
(1780-1858)

DF4/7 Papers of Individuals associated with William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1831 - 1857 Section

This series includes papers of individuals associated with the 6th Duke of Devonshire that were found together with the papers of the 6th Duke of Devonshire. Include a journal of Mrs (Robert) Arkwright and two journals thought to have been authored by W H Frederick Cavendish.

3 volumes

DF4/7/1 Travel Journal of Mrs Robert Arkwright 1844 Item

A record of a European Tour. Mrs Arkwright travelled without her husband, her companions were Mr John Strutt and his daughter and her daughter, Fanny. Travelled from April 1844 to August 1844.

1 volume

DF4/7/2 Journals of William Henry Frederick Cavendish (1817 - 1881) 1831; 1857 Series

2 volumes

DF4/7/2/1 Tour of Scotland and the Lakes: Travel Journal of Frederick Cavendish June 1831 - August 1831 Item

Travel journal from a tour of Scotland and the Lake District taken June 1831 - August 1831. The volume includes a record of expenditure incurred during the trip.

The journal has been attributed to William Henry Frederick Cavendish as the cover is inscribed 'W H F C, Journal 1831'. Rough pencil annotations on the title page and pencil amendments throughout the journal suggest that this may be a fair copy.

1 volume

DF4/7/2/2 Days at the English Lakes with the Prince of Wales: Journal written by [William Henry Frederick Cavendish] 1857 Item

Journal thought to have been written by William Henry Frederick Cavendish, as a member of a party accompanying HRH The Prince of Wales on a trip to the English lakes.

There are no amendments or cancellations within the volume which could signify that this is a fair copy. If that is the case, it may have been sent to the head of the family, William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire, given the time the royal party spent on the Bolton Abbey Estate during the trip.

1 volume

DF4/8 Papers of the executors of the estate of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire 1834-1888 Section
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<td>Including, among others: two copies of codicil to the duke's will; duke's notes on Crace's valuations of his properties and chattels (all largely overvalued in the duke's opinion); summaries of incumbrances and securities on the duke's estates; notes of legacies to be paid to servants at Chatsworth, Chiswick and Devonshire House; Devonshire household staff list, 1858.</td>
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1 bundle

DF4/8/2/4 Correspondence and accounts relating to estate duties payable on the Irish estates 1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/2/5 Accounts of the 6th Duke with Sir Joseph Paxton, relating to the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway 1848 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/3 Material relating to legacies and annuities 1858-1860 Series

DF4/8/3/1 Receipts for duties paid on the legacy paid to Countess Granville 1860-1864 Item

1 file

DF4/8/3/2 Papers concerning the management of legacies left to family members, close friends, and senior servants 1858-1859 Item

Receipts for duties paid on the legacies and also certified copies of death certificates for beneficiaries named in the 6th duke's will

1 bundle

DF4/8/3/3 List of wages, board wages and allowances for mourning paid 31 March 1858 on Devonshire House Accounts, also bills received since the time of the 6th Duke's death; similar for Chatsworth. 1858 Item

All household servants of the Duke received a year's wages. Some senior staff received a little more, most estate and garden workers did not receive the legacy.

1 bundle

DF4/8/3/4 Receipts for duty paid on legacies left to servants 1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/3/5 Vouchers for servants' legacy wages 1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/4 Vouchers and receipts for bills unpaid at the time of the 6th Duke of Devonshire's death 1856-1858 Series

17 bundles and 2 files

DF4/8/4/1 Bundle of bills unpaid at time of 6th duke's death, and some vouchers for bills incurred by his executors 1856-1858 Item
Includes Crace's bill for clothes and other materials provided for the 6th Duke's funeral.

1 bundle

DF4/8/4/2 Vouchers for decorative work carried out by Crace at Devonshire House and Chiswick 1857 and 1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/4/3 Vouchers for household and garden expenditure at Chiswick House 1857-1858 Item

4 bundles

DF4/8/4/4 Vouchers for Chatsworth household and estate 1857-1858 Item

2 files

DF4/8/4/5 Vouchers for Hardwick, Chesterfield, and Staveley household and estate 1857-1858 Item

5 bundles

DF4/8/4/6 Bolton Abbey estate vouchers 1857-1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/4/7 Staveley Estate vouchers 1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/4/8 Vouchers for the Chesterfield Estate 1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/4/9 Mr Barber's vouchers (various smaller Church Broughton /Derby area) 1857-1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/4/10 Barrowby estate vouchers 1857-1858 Item

1 bundle

DF4/8/4/11 Kennington and Kensington Estate Vouchers 1858 Item

1 bundle