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Note: The Australian Joint Copying Project also filmed selections from the Petworth House Archives (reel M823) which at the time were at Petworth House but are now held in the West Sussex Record Office.
Richard Cobden (1804-1865) was born in Heyshott, Sussex and entered business at the age of 15. He settled in Manchester in 1832. He always had a strong interest in economic theories and from 1835 onwards he was an outspoken advocate of free trade, retrenchment and a peaceful foreign policy. In 1838 he founded the Anti-Corn Law League, which achieved a famous victory when the Corn Laws were repealed in 1846. Cobden was a member of the House of Commons (1841-57, 1859-65). In his later years he played a leading role in drafting a commercial treaty with France. Jane Cobden, the daughter of Richard and Catherine Cobden, married Thomas Fisher Unwin (1948-1936), the founder of the publishing house T. Fisher Unwin.

Select:

Sir George Bowen (Brisbane) to Richard Cobden, 19 Jan. 1864: his position and life as a colonial governor; Queensland labour and products; encloses supplement to *Queensland Government Gazette*.

Henry Brown (Taranaki) to Richard Cobden, 5 Oct. 1864: appropriation of Maori land; other causes of the Maori Wars.

Select:

Archibald Michie (Melbourne) to Richard Cobden, 22 Feb. 1865: the Confederate ship *Shenandoah* in Australian waters; believes there will be an attempt to embroil Australian colonies with the northern states in America.

Select:

Stanley Larkin (Sydney) to Emma Cobden, 1 June 1926: enjoyment of her father’s books; free trade in Australia destroyed by a protectionist policy.
Edward Pulsford (Melbourne) to T. Fisher Unwin, 30 Sept. 1903: does not know of any Cobden correspondence but will make enquiries.

Sir Josiah Symon (Adelaide) to T. Fisher Unwin, 6 Oct. 1903: has no correspondence of Richard Cobden.

Cobden Mss 482 Letters relating to Sir James Brooke and Sarawak, 1863
Select:

Cobden Mss 484 Notes and extracts on China, India and the Far East
Select:
Copy of a statement made on board a schooner on the Brunei River regarding a grant of land in Sarawak made by the Sultan of Brunei, 5 Aug. 1851.

Cobden Mss 485
**Sir Stamford Raffles and the Spice Islands**, n.d. (Chambers Miscellany of Useful and Entertaining Tracts, no. 53).

Cobden Mss 971 Letters to and from Emma Jane Cobden, 1877-88
Select:
Dorothy Richmond (Nelson) to Emma Cobden, 23 March 1883: wishes Emma Cobden would visit New Zealand; domestic news.

Cobden Mss 972 Letters to and from Emma Jane Cobden, 1889-97
Select:
D.K. Richmond (Nelson) to Emma Cobden-Unwin, 15 Dec. 1892: domestic news and mutual friends; Emma’s marriage.
Cobden Mss 979  Correspondence with Richmond Family of Nelson, New Zealand, 1879-91

Select:

Dorothy Richmond (Naples, Nelson) to Margaret Cobden, 1880-91: voyage to New Zealand; domestic news; her father’s electioneering; deaths of friends. (16 letters)

Cobden Mss 981  General correspondence of Thomas F. Unwin, 1878-1935

Select:

Henry Norman (Singapore) to T. Fisher Unwin, 5 Sept. 1889: friends and colleagues.

Henry Norman (Singapore) to T. Fisher Unwin, 10 March 1890: imminent departure on expedition to Malaya; financial affairs.

Cobden Mss 988  Miscellaneous letters, 1835-1933

4  Jane W. Longmuir (Sydney) to T.B. Potter, 28 Feb. 1878: response to an article seeking papers of Richard Cobden.

Cowdray Archives

Cowdray House, near Midhurst in Sussex, was rebuilt in the 1520s and in 1548 was inherited by Sir Anthony Browne, who became the 1st Viscount Montague in 1554. ‘Capability’ Brown designed the gardens in the 1770s. The Montague title became extinct in 1797 and the house was left to ruin. In 1843 the estate was sold to the 6th Earl of Egmont. In 1908 the estate and ruins were purchased by Sir Weetman Pearson, later 1st Viscount Cowdray.

6.  Family papers

Cowdray Mss 5080

Order of the Supreme Court of New Zealand for the sale of the estate and effects of Spencer Arthur Perceval of Liethfield in the province of Canterbury, 1 Oct. 1867. (copy)

Cowdray Mss 5089

First case and opinion of C. Chapman Barber upon the will of George James Perceval, 6th Earl of Egmont, referring to a legacy of £40,000 to the children of his brother Rev. Arthur Perceval, three of whom were several years ago in New Zealand, 3 Dec. 1874.

Cowdray Mss 5090-102

Documents concerning the will and estate of 6th Earl of Egmont, comprising letters, affidavits, notices and a petition, referring inter alia to legacies to his nephews Spencer Arthur Perceval,
formerly living in New Zealand, and Augustus George Perceval and Charles John Perceval, believed to be resident in Australia, 1874-75.

**Goodwood Archives**

Goodwood House at Westhampnett, West Sussex, was built in about 1600. It was acquired by Charles Lennox, 1st Duke of Richmond, in 1697. Charles Lennox (1791-1860), 5th Duke of Richmond, was a member of the House of Commons from 1812 to 1819, when he entered to House of Lords. Although he was a Tory for most of his career, he joined the Whig Government led by Lord Grey in 1830. He was Postmaster General from 1830 to 1834. His sister Lady Mary Lennox married Sir Charles FitzRoy, who was Governor of New South Wales in 1846-55.

2. Family papers

9. Charles Lennox, 5th Duke of Richmond

Goodwood MSS 638. Papers relating to plans for relieving the labouring poor by way of emigration, 1831-32

Select:

Notes on the opinion of the House of Lords Poor Law Committee on the possibility of emigration, 20 July 1831. (7pp)

Notes on the report of Lord Kenyon on labourers in husbandry with reference to relieving poverty, n.d. (20pp)

Goodwood Mss 641 Papers relating to emigration to Western Australia and North America, 1831-32

Select:

Colonial Office. *Information for the use of those who may propose to embark as settlers for the new settlement of Western Australia*, 1 March 1831.

*Draft of a Bill to facilitate voluntary emigration to His Majesty’s possessions abroad*, n.d.

*A Bill as amended by the Committee to facilitate voluntary emigration to His Majesty’s possessions abroad*, 13 April 1831.

Notes on emigration, 9 June 1831.

T. Frederick Elliot. Printed circular on funds for emigration purposes, 8 July 1831.

T. Frederick Elliot. Printed circular on funds for emigration purposes, 18 July 1831.

Colonial Office. *Information respecting the Australian colonies*, 18 July 1831 and printed letters of 10 Oct. and 8 Nov. 1831.
Royal instructions and despatches to the Governors of New South Wales, Van Diemen’s Land, and Western Australia as to the mode to be adopted in disposing of Crown lands and the means by which emigration may be facilitated, 16 Dec. 1831. (35pp)

Return of the number of persons who have emigrated from the United Kingdom to North America, the Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales &c. since the passing of the Act 9 Geo IV c.21, 20 Jan. 1832. (5pp)

Goodwood Mss 647-50 Parliamentary letters and papers, 1832

Goodwood Mss 647

Select:

J.W. Birch (Colonial Office) to Duke of Richmond, Jan. 1832: emigration of Mrs Morgan to New South Wales. With notes.

Lord Howick to Duke of Richmond, 4 Jan. 1832: increasing number of women and mechanics going to Australia.

Goodwood Mss 648

Select:

Joseph Sparrow (London) to Duke of Richmond, 3 April 1832: emigration to Canada or Australia.

T. Frederick Elliot (Colonial Office) to Duke of Richmond, 3 April 1832: ships about to leave for Van Diemen’s Land and New South Wales.

T. Frederick Elliot to [Gilbert], 26 April 1832: unable to send women to New South Wales free of charge. (copy)

T. Frederick Elliot to Duke of Richmond, 28 April 1832; unable to finance additional female emigrants.

Goodwood Mss 650

Select:

T. Frederick Elliot (Colonial Office) to Duke of Richmond, 14 July 1832: sends article by Edward Forster, Treasurer of the Refuge for the Destitute, Hackney Road, London, entitled Emigration of females to New South Wales and Van Diemen’s Land.

Goodwood Mss 659 Parliamentary letters and papers, 1833

Duke of Richmond. Mode for reducing the Army in the colonies, n.d. (9pp), copy of the statement sent to Mr Stanley on 20 Nov. 1833.
Goodwood Mss 1077  Miscellaneous letters, 1733-1928

Select:

J. Montgomery (Point Puer, Van Diemen’s Land) to Thomas Bannister, 21 Dec. 1834: report on school for young convicts at Point Puer; manner of employment; daily routine. (7pp)

Goodwood Mss 1460  Letters to the Duke of Richmond, 1832

Select:

T.J. Maslen to Duke of Richmond, nd: proposes an expedition to survey the north-west coast of Australia in 1832. Written on the verso of a printed map of Australia delineated by Maslen and published by Smith, Elder & Co., 1827.

Additional Manuscripts

Add Mss 2216-32  Deeds and documents of a property in Chichester, 1810-1938

Select:

Add Mss 2223

Conveyance for £420 from Mary Barker (Chichester) and Alfred Barker (Burra, South Australia) to Rev. George Gruggen (Chichester) of property at 51 Tower Street, Chichester, 13 Oct. 1871.

Add Mss 2790  Manuscript atlas compiled by Edward Fuller of Chichester, 1812-13

Select:

Map of the world in two hemispheres.

Asia, including the East Indies.

Add Mss 6013  Letters to Richard Cobden, 1825-65

Select:

Robert W. Nutt (Melbourne) to R. Cobden, 12 May 1860: condolences on death of Cobden’s son; influence of Cobden’s economic theories in Australia; commercial treaty with France.

Reel M1549

Goodwood Archives

2  Family papers
Charles Lennox, 5th Duke of Richmond

8/5 General correspondence, 1835-60

Goodwood Mss 1581

Select:

63 Sir George Arthur to Duke of Richmond, 18 May 1837: sends statistical returns of Van Diemen’s Land; transportation has proved the foundation of a flourishing colony.

66 Sir George Arthur to Duke of Richmond, 30 May 1837: sends copy of a letter to the Archbishop of Dublin in defence of transportation.

Goodwood Mss 1583

Select:

401 C.H. Bracebridge to Duke of Richmond, 15 May 1837: sends cutting on prosperity of ex-convicts in Sydney; sentences of transportation seem to have little effect on criminals.

Goodwood Mss 1584

Select:


544 Saxe Bannister to Duke of Richmond, 3 April 1838: suggests House of Lords Committee on New Zealand examine Rev. F. Wilkinson, formerly chaplain at New South Wales.

596-97 Saxe Bannister to Duke of Richmond, 12 July 1838: suggests a clause for protection of Aborigines in the South Australia Bill.


Goodwood Mss 1592

Select:

45 T. Coates to Duke of Richmond, 2 April 1838: sends pamphlets on New Zealand.

48 Lord Chichester to Duke of Richmond, 5 April 1838: acknowledges letter on New Zealand question.

58 Lord Chichester to Duke of Richmond, 24 April 1838: suggests New Zealand Committee examine a representative of the Church Missionary Society.

60 Lord Chichester to Duke of Richmond, 26 April 1838: attendance at New Zealand Committee.

194 Lord Devon to Duke of Richmond, 27 April 1838: witnesses for New Zealand Committee.
Goodwood Mss 1593
Select:

278  T.F. Elliot (Colonial Office) to Duke of Richmond, 8 Feb. 1838: request by L. Byass for a passage to Van Diemen’s Land.

281-82  G.S. Evans to Duke of Richmond, 9 April 1838; examination of Maori chief Naiti by New Zealand Committee.

284  G.S. Evans to Duke of Richmond, 28 April 1838: meetings of New Zealand Committee.

362  Capt. Robert Fitzroy to Duke of Richmond, 14 May 1838: offers to give evidence to New Zealand Committee.

439  Rev. W. Ellis to W.B. Gurney, 9 April 1838: examination of Rev. Williams by New Zealand Committee; Ellis willing to speak about Pacific missions.

440  W.B. Gurney to Duke of Richmond, 9 April 1838: evidence of New Zealand missionaries.

Goodwood Mss 1595
Select:

820  P. Mathew to Lord Breadalbane, 28 April 1838: offers to give evidence to New Zealand Committee.

Goodwood Mss 1598
Select:

1488  R. Torrens to Duke of Richmond, 21 April 1838: dinner for Governor George Gawler.

Goodwood Mss 1599
Select:


102  Sir William Burnett to Duke of Richmond, 22 Jan. 1839: gift of seeds brought from New Zealand by Buffalo.


162  Sir William Burnett to Duke of Richmond, 19 April 1839: gift of New Zealand pine cones.

Goodwood Mss 1619
Select:
Sir George Arthur to Duke of Richmond, 12 Nov. 1841: Arthur’s career in colonies; seeks governorship of Madras.

Goodwood Mss 1635

Select:

76  Saxe Bannister to Duke of Richmond, 3 Jan. 1841 [ie 1842]: submission to Lord Stanley on protection of Aborigines in the colonies.

80  Saxe Bannister to Duke of Richmond, 10 Jan. 1842: protection of Aborigines in the colonies.

133-34  Saxe Bannister to Duke of Richmond, 7 March 1842: encloses petition to Lord Stanley.

Goodwood Mss 1653

Select:

573  Lady Mary FitzRoy (Antigua) to her brother Duke of Richmond, 20 May 1843: FitzRoy’s wish to be transferred from West Indies, preferably to New South Wales.

584  Sir Charles FitzRoy (Antigua) to Duke of Richmond, 19 June 1843: financial position; wishes to be transferred to New South Wales.

611  Lady Mary FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 19 Sept. 1843: hopes Richmond has seen Lord Stanley about a transfer for FitzRoy.

Goodwood Mss 1685

Select:

774  Lady Mary FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 1 Jan. 1846: plans to visit Goodwood.

783  Lady Mary FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 19 Jan. 1846: preparations for voyage.

786  Lady Mary FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 29 Jan. 1846; preparations for voyage.

803  Lady Mary FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, March 1846: departure from England.

804  Lady Mary FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, n.d.: delay in sailing.

808  Lady Mary FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, n.d.: delay in sailing.

815  Lady Mary FitzRoy (Madeira) to Duke of Richmond, 11 April 1846: voyage.

831  Lady Mary FitzRoy (Cape Town) to Duke of Richmond, 14 June 1846: South Africa.

845  Lady Mary FitzRoy (Sydney) to Duke of Richmond, 18 Aug. 1846: Government House; visit to Parramatta Factory.

852  Sir Charles FitzRoy (Sydney) to Duke of Richmond, 20 Oct. 1846: good state of gaols in Sydney; cessation of transportation to New South Wales; similarities between Sir George Gipps and Lord Durham.
Goodwood Mss 1706
Select:
434 J. Dobie (Sydney) to Sir William Burnett, 10 Jan. 1848: death of Lady Mary FitzRoy.
506 W. Dawson (Sydney) to Duke of Richmond, 10 Dec. 1847: death of Lady Mary FitzRoy.
542 Sir Charles FitzRoy (Sydney) to Duke of Richmond, 8 Jan. 1848: death of Lady Mary FitzRoy.
567 Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 6 March 1848: decision to remain in New South Wales; bereavement; parrots sent to Duchess of Richmond; Lord Grey’s hostility to Lord Stanley’s governors; progress of New South Wales.
595 Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 6 Nov. 1848: promotion sought by Dr Dawson; health of George FitzRoy.
596 W. Dawson (Hobart) to Sir Charles FitzRoy, 10 Oct. 1848: seeks promotion.

Goodwood Mss 1721
Select:
725-26 A.B. Frazer to Duke of Richmond, 21 May 1849: invites Richmond to preside at a meeting of Brighton and Sussex Society for Promoting Colonization.
751 Sir Charles FitzRoy (Sydney) to Duke of Richmond, 22 Aug. 1849: sends claim for War medal.

Goodwood Mss 1757
Select:
654 Sir Charles FitzRoy (Sydney) to Duke of Richmond, 14 June 1852: seeks Richmond’s support for extension of his term as governor; FitzRoy’s achievements in New South Wales; change in ministry; hopes of a New Zealand appointment.
660 Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 12 July 1852: extension of term.
671 Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 12 July 1852: appointment of Twyford to clerkship; extension of term; vacillation of C.J. la Trobe.

Goodwood Mss 1771
Select:
Sir Charles FitzRoy (Sydney) to Duke of Richmond, 16 Feb. 1853: sends proceedings of Legislative Council to be forwarded to Lord Derby; his daughter returning to England.

Sir Charles FitzRoy (Sydney) to Duke of Richmond, 25 Jan. 1854: introduces E. Deas Thomson; family news.

Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 9 March 1854: introduces W.C. Wentworth.

Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 15 June 1855: seeks a private secretaryship for his son.

Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 18 Sept. 1855: letter from his son Augustus in Crimea.


Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 20 May 1856: possibility of appointment to Victoria; his achievements in New South Wales; unpopularity of Sir William Denison.

Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 4 June 1856: requests return of papers.

Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 27 June 1856: financial matters.

Capt. Robert Fitzroy to Duke of Richmond, 12 Nov. 1856: Richmond’s assistance in procuring HMS Beagle for Fitzroy in 1831; supports A. Mellersh, formerly of the Beagle, for Sussex Chief Constableship.

Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 12 Nov. 1856: Sussex Chief Constableship.

Sir Charles FitzRoy to Duke of Richmond, 28 April 1857: military matter.

Extracts from despatches and reports of Sir William Denison on the condition of female convicts on the Anson, Dec. 1847-May 1848. (1p., printed)

E.L.P. Bowden (Hobart) to Sir William Denison, Oct. 1846: account of probationary institution for female convicts on hulk Anson. (35pp)

Philippa Bowden. Report of voyage to Van Diemen’s Land with female convicts; Anson probationary institution and other female convict establishments, Dec. 1848. (8pp)

Additional Manuscripts

Add Mss 19027-71  Papers of the Turing Family of Scotland and Chichester, 1761-1954

Sir Robert Turing (1827-1913), 8th Bart., married Catherine Davidson, the daughter of the Scottish landowner and merchant Walter S. Davidson (1785-1869).

Add Mss 19029

Ledger of Walter S. Davidson, 1815-19, including entries for New South Wales property and transactions with Alexander Riley, Riley and Jones, and John Macarthur. (38ff)

Add Mss 22243-643  Papers of John Abel Smith

John Abel Smith (1801-1871) represented Chichester in the House of Commons from 1831 to 1859 and from 1863 to 1868. He was a founding partner in the Hong Kong trading company Jardine, Mathieson & Co.

Add Mss 22403

William Hardy (Port Phillip) to ?, 14 March 1841: comparative merits of Australian colonies; advice to settlers.

Add Mss 22412

Lord Spencer to Lord Howick, 11 July 1845: declines chairmanship of New Zealand Company.

Add Mss 22475

Memorandum on the future of the Australian colonies. [1845]

Add Mss 22476

Address to Lord John Russell from merchants, bankers, shipowners and traders of London on colonial administration and the blight of the Colonial Office and urging self-government for the Canadian and Australasian colonies, [1846]. (printed)
Add Mss 22636
Anonymous Latin poem on New Zealand.

REEL M1550

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

MP 1372
Incomplete typescript of a book by L. Darton on John B. Hack, Stephen Hack and Henry Watson and South Australia, 1836-44. (pp 179-312)

MP 1646
Typescript copy of a letter to the New South Wales Governor from the Colonial Land and Emigration Office concerning purchase of land at Port Phillip by Henry Dendy in 1840 and a newspaper cutting from the *Brighton Southern Cross* (1900) about John Booker who emigrated to Port Phillip under Dendy’s sponsorship.