



Catalogue of the St Omers Papers

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Introduction

Collection title: St Omers Papers

Reference code: GB-0298-UC/P43

Dates of creation: 1668-1755

Extent: 1 file

Repository: Ushaw College library

Creator: St Omers

Language of material: Latin, English and French

Contents

Papers including correspondence between John Darell and others on proposals for raising money for the Jesuit College and news of his family, and the Congregations of Rites on feast days, as well as legal documents relating to the deposit of a relic of St Thomas of Hereford at the College.

About the creator

The College of Saint Omers in Artois, France (then part of the Spanish Netherlands), was founded in 1593 by the English Jesuit priest, Father Robert Parsons. It was intended to complement those English Catholic seminaries on the continent, specifically Douai, Rome and Valladolid, with an institution aimed at laymen. Only 24 miles from Calais, the site was chosen primarily for its proximity to England but it was also close to the University of Douai, wherein the publishing and editing of the Douai-Rheims Bible was taking place. During the seventeenth century, the popularity of the college ebbed and flowed in line with the wider political and religious situation affecting Catholics, particularly evident during the English Civil War, in which the number of students at the college dropped to 24. In the eighteenth century and, with Artois now under French rule, the college enjoyed its greatest period of prosperity from 1720 to 1762. However, the expulsion of the Jesuits from France in 1762 resulted in many of its students forming separate colleges in Bruges and Liège. The declaration of war between France and England in 1793 effectively forced the closure of Saint Omers. A former student, Thomas Weld, donated a mansion and grounds at Stonyhurst, Lancashire, to help to establish Stonyhurst College in 1794.

Provenance

Papers collected by Professor de Vocht of the University of Louvain and donated to the Revd David Milburn.

Presented by the Revd David Milburn to Ushaw College.

Collection brought together by Revd Michael Sharratt as part of the Old Series of documents in Ushaw College Library

Previous custodial history

Previous reference number OS 1 C

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To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0298-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

Bibliography

Letter nos. 4-9 are printed in F.G. Roberts, "Some letters from Sedgley Park", *The Cottonian*, 41, 2, 89 (1953), p.47-52

UC/P43/1 [?late seventeenth century]

Memorandum on various queries about the burses at a college at Winckel and a feast to celebrate doctorates

Language: Latin

1f

UC/P43/2 14 March 1731 - 20 October 1741

Copy of a decree by the Congregation of Rites allowing the English Province to retain the feast of the Guardian Angels as a double of the second class

Copy authenticated by Percy Plowden S.J. (20 October 1741)

Language: Latin

1f

UC/P43/3 15 September - 25 October 1731

Copy of a decree by the Congregation of Rites allowing the English Province to retain the feast of Augustine of Canterbury as a double of the first class

Copy authenticated by Percy Plowden S.J. (25 October 1731)

Language: Latin

1f

UC/P43/4 [?1668]

Affidavit by John Poyntz S.J. testifying that he deposited a relic of St Thomas of Hereford with his sister Mary in Paris on 12 November 1651 to be kept for the English Province

Language: Latin

1f

UC/P43/5 1 October 1668

Affidavit by Richard Barton S.J. testifying that he has placed in the college's Sodality Chapel the relic of St Thomas of Hereford

Signed and sealed

Countersigned by the bishop of St Omers, giving permission to expose the relic

Language: Latin

2f

UC/P43/6 20 January - 10 July 1697

Approval by Pope Innocent XII of the [?establishment of the] Bona Mors Confraternity in England

Attestation by Lewis Sabran S.J. of this approval (10 July 1697)

Language: Latin

1f

UC/P43/7 10 April 1734 - 20 October 1741

Copy of a decree by the Congregation of Rites allowing the English Province to retain the feasts of SS George, Edward the Confessor and Ursula

Copy authenticated by Percy Plowden S.J. (20 October 1741)

Language: Latin

1f

UC/P43/8 10 April 1734

Copy of UC/P43/7 and other associated documents by Edmund Plowden S.J.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/P43/9 30 July 1753

Letter from Bernard Baker S.J. (London) to John Darell S.J.: comments and suggestions on proposals for an extensive rebuilding of the college and chapel

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/10 3 March 1754

Statement by Edward Galloway of the accounts of John Darell

Language: English

1f

UC/P43/11 8 August 1755

Letter from Edward Galloway to John Darell S.J.: lottery tickets; confirming that he will send accounts shortly; details of payments to individuals

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/12 [1755]

"Les prodigieuses qualitez et vertus du petit fruit qui s'appelle la fruttiglia di Catbalogan ou di S. Ignazio"

Language: French

2f

UC/P43/13 26 June 1755

Bill and receipt by M.O. Darell (sister of John Darell S.J.) for globes purchased for St Omers College

Language: English

1f

UC/P43/14 3 July 1755

Letter from Bernard Baker S.J. (London) to John Darell S.J.: suggestions on raising money for building as Poyntz is unlikely to help; Darell's family

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/15 20 July 1755

Letter from M.O. Darell (Bruges) to John Darell S.J.: confirming that he has forwarded a letter to the provincial; family news; payment for the globes

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/16 13 July 1755

Letter from Bernard Baker S.J. (London) to John Darell S.J.: letter of introduction for Elliott, Berry and Berington, who is taking his sons to Douai College; his proposal to borrow money for building

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/17 10 September 1755

Letter from Philip Darell (Calehill) to John Darell S.J.: hoping to visit him in the winter; his boys in college; the unsuitability of the architect for the building work

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/18 16 November 1755

Copy of a letter from John Darell S.J. to Lady Petre: asking for £3,500 towards the building of a new chapel

Language: English

1f

UC/P43/19 11 January 1756

Letter from Philip Darell to John Darell S.J.: payment of his bill for his boys and commenting on their progress

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/20 14 June 1756

Letter from Philip Darell to John Darell S.J.: commenting on his boys' failings and how they should be dealt with

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/21 [?1750]

Copies by John Darell S.J. of "two letters I wrote from Spa" describing the scenery where he is taking the waters and the general improvement of his health

Language: English

2f

UC/P43/22 [?1750]

Memorandum by [?Mr Croft] of the sale of his clothes

Language: English

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