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Preface

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Introduction

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Contents

Volume I of the Ushaw Collection of Manuscripts covers a wide range of subjects relating to Catholic history, including English and papal attitudes to Jansenism in the early eighteenth century, various aspects of the history of the English College at Douai, opposition to the English Roman Catholic penal laws, and episcopal administration. The authors of these manuscripts include notable eighteenth century Catholic figures, including Edward Dicconson, Bishop James Smith, Richard Challoner, Edward Paston, Christopher Tootell and Andrew Giffard (amongst others).

Previous custodial history

Volume I was originally compiled by Ushaw's first president, Thomas Eyre (1748-1810), who collected material in the hope of continuing Dodd's *Church History of England*. The volume contains a number of letters, copies of letters, diary entries and other documents which were written or collected by Edward Dicconson (1670 - 1752), whose papers were in the possession of Ushaw College following its transfer from Crook Hall in 1808. Acquired at different times from many different sources.

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1. Bound printed catalogue of the first five volumes of the Ushaw College Manuscripts (excluding the more recent additions) compiled by Rev Michael Sharratt: "Ushaw College Catalogue of Archives: Ushaw Collection of Manuscripts" (Ushaw College: Durham, 1987).
2. Card indexes with both chronological and numerical arrangements.
3. Item descriptions by Fr. William Vincent Smith of Volume I-III (UC/P45/1/93/2)

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UC/M1/1 1 March 1847

Letter from J. Kantrowitz to M. Yarmolinsky.

Language: [?Kartuli]

1f

UC/M1/2 20 November 1711

Letter from Richard Martin to [?]: the visitation of Douai College by the Dean of Malines and the President of Malines Seminary which included an examination of the college's teaching following accusations of Jansenism.

2f

UC/M1/3 [?1754]

Bishop John Joseph Hornyold's opinion on the Pope's instructions on marriage before a Protestant minister.

1f

UC/M1/4 4 August 1809

Letter from B. Marsh of Ushaw College to James Crook: appointments at Ushaw College.

2f

UC/M1/5 15 September 1737

Letter from Richard Challoner to [Peter Brian] Tunstall: mixed marriages and sharing in a Protestant ceremony.

1f

UC/M1/6 3 January 1771

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to Bishop William Walton: prayers while vesting, kissing of the bishop's ring at Holy Communion, the proper investment of church money, and Lady Powis.

2f

UC/M1/7 31 July 1773

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to Bishop William Walton: confirmation, English at Benediction, adding saints' names to the litanies in private prayers, and a marriage case.

1f

UC/M1/8 21 October 1768

Letter from Alban Butler to [?]: the general disapproval of the custom of saying vespers in English with candles and calling for its condemnation.

1f

UC/M1/9 [<1755]

Prophecies for the years 1755, 1790, 1800, 1840, 1870, 1900 and 1999.

This document was alleged to have been written before 1755 and predicted the Lisbon earthquake of that year.

Language: Latin with French notes

1f

UC/M1/10 [?1799]

An account of the prophecies of Nixon of Vale Royal, Cheshire, in the time of Henry VII, concerning religion in England and the state of the nation.

1f

UC/M1/11 [10 March 1730]

Account by Gregory Markham of Douai College, transcribed from a copy made by Major O'Reilly, M.P. on 4 May 1876.

Language: Latin and English

1f

Location of originals: The original document is located in Burgundian Library, MS 17594.

UC/M1/12 [1612]

Deposition by Thomas Tunstall concerning his method of delivering the exercises and attempts to persuade him to become a religious.

The endorsement notes that this deposition was given at the visitation of Douai College.

1f

UC/M1/13 13 March 1627 - 1628

Confirmation of the Chapter by Bishop Richard Smith.

With additional notes by Thomas Eyre.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M1/14 [17 April 1631]

Copy of an affidavit by Anthony Smith concerning the role of the Jesuits in the Gunpowder Plot, witnessed by Richard Lane and Peter Curtis (copied by Alban Butler).

Language: Latin

1f

Location of originals: Butler notes that the original document is in the archives of Douai College.

UC/M1/15 [1631]

Affidavit (without the signatures) concerning John Gerard's involvement in the Gunpowder Plot.

Also includes copies of UC/M1/14 with variations on the dates.

This is a copy which belonged to Bishop Walton.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M1/16 1661

Resolutions passed by the Old Chapter concerning the independence of the English clergy from the pope and other procedural issues.

1f

UC/M1/17 [1650 x 59]

Declaration (copy) by Charles II to all his loving subjects of his Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales.

1f

UC/M1/18 18 July 1682

Indictment (draft) of Samuel Smith of Colkirk, Norfolk, for non-attendance at church.

1f

UC/M1/19 28 October 1682

Declaration by William Manning of Colkirk, Norfolk, swearing that Samuel Smith has attended church.

1f

UC/M1/20 [?1699]

Declaration by Sir Charles Ingleby answering questions on the effect of the act for promoting the growth of popery.

4f

UC/M1/21 23 January 1696

Letter from William Radcliffe to his brother, Thomas, with a list of the names of those who voted for and against the Attainder of Sir John Fenwick Act and Fenwick's impending execution.

1f

UC/M1/22 25 July 1689

Printed act to vest in the two universities the presentation of benefices belonging to papists.

4f

UC/M1/23 [?1702]

Draft amendment of the act for preventing the growth of popery, by which Catholics would be allowed to make certain settlements on their families.

1f

UC/M1/24 [?1722]

Letter (copy) to a minister begging him to influence Mr Walpole to introduce a clause favourable to Catholics in a bill under consideration.

1f

UC/M1/25 [?1699]

Comments on the effects of a clause in a bill on Catholic property.

1f

UC/M1/26 1699

Observations upon the bill now in the House of Lords for suppressing the growth of popery.

2f

UC/M1/27 24 December 1654

Letter from G[eorge] Blount to his son, Walter Blount, to be read after George's death, on Walter's inheritance and future conduct.

1f

UC/M1/28 30 January 1688

Copy of a papal brief by Pope Innocent XI appointing three Vicars Apostolic for England. Includes Thomas Eyre's part copy of the division of the districts and appointment of James Smith as Vicar Apostolic of the Northern District on 20 July 1688.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M1/29 12 August 1688

Letter from Bishop John Leyburn to [?Bishop James Smith], addressed to Mrs Marie Gregorie: imprisonment and prospects, complaints about three priests in Lancashire, and sending Wetherby [Thomas Brown/Roydon] to Winchester.

1f

UC/M1/30 22 June [1690 x 1699]

Section of a letter from Bishop John Leyburn to [?a student at Douai College].

1f

UC/M1/31 18 March 1693/94

Copy of a pastoral letter by Bishop John Leyburn on the jubilee granted by Pope Innocent XII.

1f

UC/M1/32 27 March 1694

Copy of a pastoral letter by Bishop John Leyburn on the jubilee granted by Pope Innocent XII.

Dorset: undated draft letter concerning money matters and family difficulties.

1f

UC/M1/33 3 December 1694

Letter from the Old Chapter (Deans and Capitulars of the London Consult) to Bishop James Smith: showing that capitular government is necessary to continue ordinary episcopal jurisdiction *sede vacante*.

2f

UC/M1/34 5 October 1696

Decree by the Congregation of Propaganda ordering the regular clergy to be subject to the Vicars Apostolic.

4f

UC/M1/35 3 March 1698

Agreement by the Lancashire clergy to leave property to the secular clergy.

1f

UC/M1/36 3 January 1700

Patent by Bishop James Smith for Thomas Roydon.

2f

UC/M1/37 1700

Patent for a rural dean for Northumberland and Durham, signed by Smith and counter-signed by his secretary, Edward Parkinson, but without the name of the priest appointed.

Dorset: note by Thomas Eyre on minor changes introduced into such patents by Bishop Francis Petre after 1753.

2f

UC/M1/38 25 May 1701

Replies by the Congregation of Propaganda on English Church affairs.

Extracts made by Edward Dicconson.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M1/39 25 May 1700

Replies by the Congregation of Propaganda to the Vicars Apostolic.

2f

UC/M1/40 22 April 1702

Pastoral letter by James Smith, signed by Smith, with an exhortation and instruction for a jubilee granted by Pope Clement XI.

1f

UC/M1/41 22 April 1702

Copy of a section of UC/M1/42.

1f

UC/M1/42 26 March 1703

Copy of a decree by the Congregation of Propaganda recommending Bonaventure Giffard to succeed to the London District and George Witham to the Midland District, and suggesting that if Giffard declines then Witham should go to London.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M1/43 2 August 1717

Edward Dicconson's transcripts of papers (1707 - 1717) dealing with the charge of Jansenism against Douai College and Bishop Stonor's Brief of Inspection of the London District, including:

- a. Letter from Bishop James Smith to Cardinal Capara, 23 February 1707/8 (in Latin).
- b. Letter from Cardinal Capara to Lord Caryll, 5 April 1710 (French from Italian).
- c. Letter from Cardinal Capara to Edward Paston, 3 May 1710 (in Latin).
- d. Defence of Bishop Giffard, signed by nearly 50 clergy, 27 April & 2 August 1717.

Language: English, Latin, French and Italian

3f

UC/M1/44 8 June 1716

Letter from Bishop John Talbot Stonor to Robert Witham at Douai College: his position on the Brief of Inspection and wanting to reach an agreement with the government on the matter of oaths.

2f

UC/M1/45 21 September 1730

Letter from Christopher Maire S.J., Liège, to John Maire, Durham: family news, Jesuit houses denied funds for Masses, and a dispute between the Salvin of Croxdale and Lady Lucy Herbert of the Austins at Bruges over Ralph Salvin's will.

1f

UC/M1/46 6 November 1739

Opinion by J[ohn] T[albot] S[tonor] on the administration of temporalities (especially pious gifts and legacies) by bishops, arguing that the law makes no distinction between regular and secular bishops.

1f

UC/M1/47 14 July 1740

Letter from P. Baker to [Peter Brian Tunstall]: enclosing detailed comments on a tract entitled *The Sacrifice of the Altar Asserted* (York, 1740).

4f

UC/M1/48 27 November 1800

Draft letter from Thomas Eyre to James Barnard: the King's name in the Canon, using prayers from the Sarum Rite, and the time of the indulgences.

2f

UC/M1/49 21 June 1794

Letter from James Horne to John Coates: listing capitulars and asking to send his vote for the new dean to replace the late Peter Brown.

1f

UC/M1/50 29 July 1800

Draft letter from Thomas Eyre to James Barnard: the King's name in the Canon, the *Directory's* use of prayers from the Sarum Rite, times of indulgences, and the faculties of French priests.

2f

UC/M1/51 21 March 1803

Letter from Bishop George Hay to Thomas Eyre: his failing memory, and enclosing a list, with annotations, of the Vicars Apostolic of Scotland.

2f

UC/M1/52 1799

Declaration proving that Christ founded a Church, and the marks of a true Church.

2f

UC/M1/53 1799

List sent by Mr Maire to Thomas Eyre of Catholic gentlemen.

2f

UC/M1/54 November 1689

Account by a Superior of Douai College of the rebellion.

2f

UC/M1/55 November 1689

Incomplete detailed account by a Superior of Douai College of the rebellion and its origins.

4f

UC/M1/56a 28 June 1694

Letter from Bishops Leyburn, Smith and Giffard, to Edward Paston, President of Douai College: no further reformation is required and no alterations should be made to the constitution without their approval.

1f

UC/M1/56b 28 June 1694

Letter from Bishops Leyburn, Smith and Giffard, to the students of Douai College: satisfied that the college is now settled, informing them that the president will make no innovations without their approval, and urging them to observe the present discipline in peace.

1f

UC/M1/57 12 July 1694

Extracts of letters of Edward Dicconson concerning discontents at Douai College, including:

Yaxley to Day, 4 June 1694

Royden to Day, [June 1694]

Bodwell to Day, [June 1694]

Parker to Day, 2 & 13 March, 6 April, 3 & 12 July 1694

2f

UC/M1/58 24 August 1694

Draft letter from [?] to B[onaventure G[iffard]: trouble at Douai College caused by malcontents which was made worse by a few Lisbonians.

1f

UC/M1/59 1702

Letter from [Anthony Meynell] to Brian Tunstall: the concursus for a university chair in which Edward Hawarden of Douai College took part.

2f

UC/M1/60 [15 July 1704] - October 1714

Section of a diary by Edward Dicconson kept while at Douai College, including a detailed account of the college's troubles over Jansenism.

Gap between 1707 and July 1714 partly filled by UC/M1/65.

11f

This diary has been published in *Ushaw Magazine* (1903), p.287-313; and *Catholic Record Society*, (63), p.72-111.

UC/M1/61 [?1693]

Letter from [?Bishop James Smith] to Edward Paston: reproving him for his unsatisfactory conduct of the presidency of Douai College.

2f

UC/M1/62 19 October 1707

Letter from Bishop George Witham to Bishop James Smith: accusations of Jansenism against Edward Hawarden, including a draft of a common letter in Latin to the Pope in defence of Douai College.

Language: English and Latin

1f

UC/M1/63 1710

Detailed account by [?] of the accusations of Jansenism against Hawarden and Douai College, principally by Augustine Poyntz, with the encouragement of certain religious, especially Jesuits.

16f

UC/M1/64 22 January 1713

Copy letter from Lewis Sabran, S.J. of St Omers, to [Edward Paston]: defending himself against the charges made against him and the Society, and attempting to obtain the legacy of a possible student left to his Alma Mater.

1f

UC/M1/65 [1710 -] 1715

Memoranda and extracts from letters by Edward Dicconson about the troubles at Douai College.

10f

UC/M1/66 22 [January] 1713

Copy letter from Lewis Sabran, S.J. of St Omers, to [Edward Paston]: defending himself against the charges made against him and the Society, and attempting to obtain the legacy of a possible student left to his Alma Mater.

1f

UC/M1/67 17 August 1709

Copy letter from Pope Clement XI to the Catholics of England, Scotland and Ireland, warning them against novel doctrines contained in *Vineam Domini* and urging them not to follow the bad example set by other countries.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M1/68 [1710]

Dossier of Andrew Giffard, including copies of letters on the accusations of Jansenism and Blacklowism made by the regulars against the Chapter, Dr Short, Hawarden, and the secular clergy generally.

3f

UC/M1/69 7 July 1710

(1) Letter from Andrew Giffard to Edward Dicconson: refutation of calumnies against the orthodoxy of the secular clergy.

(2) Letter from Andrew Giffard to Edward Paston: Sabran's denials of accusations.

2f

UC/M1/70 [1708]

Copies of letters from Thomas Harnage to Edward Dicconson: Jesuits and rumours of their designs against the seculars.

3f

UC/M1/71 8 March 1708/9

Letter from Andrew Giffard to Edward Dicconson: enclosing a copy of a letter from Francis Mannock, SJ, to Charles Kennet, SJ, concerning charges against the orthodoxy of the secular clergy.

1f

UC/M1/72 4 January 1704/5

Copy letter from Robert Witham to Laurence Mayes (copy made by Edward Dicconson): worrying about Mayes's part in a disputation and his concerns over college life, particularly the treatment of Lady Holmon's son.

Dorse: copy of a letter (ca. 19 November 1705) from "B.R." to "Mr Grad" about money.

1f

UC/M1/73 29 April 1707

Transcripts of letters by Edward Dicconson:

- a. Robert Samber to his cousin Samber, 29 April 1707: requesting money to return home from Douai College and to pay his doctor
- b. Robert Bamber to his father, 29 April 1707: as above and more details on his trouble
- c. Andrew Giffard to Ralph Postgate, SJ, 12 June 1708: expressing satisfaction with his denials of Jesuit involvement but explaining the grounds for suspicion
- d. Lady Fleetwood to Simon Berington, 19 July 1726: the marriage of his daughter

4f

UC/M1/74 30 June 1710

Letter from Andrew Giffard to Edward Dicconson: college accounts, and Jesuits' accusations against the secular clergy.

1f

UC/M1/75 [1710]

Notes by Andrew Giffard and copies of letters documenting the secular clergy's dealings with the Jesuits:

- a. Ralph Postgate to Andrew Giffard, 9 December 1708
- b. Andrew Giffard to Lewis Sabran, SJ, 10 June 1708
- c. Andrew Giffard's account of the accusations raised against the Vicars Apostolic (1686); Magdalen College (1688); Francis Mannock's accusations against Molins (1710), and Douai College troubles
- d. Charles Kennet, SJ, to Richard Gumbleton, 6 January 1710
- e. Francis Mannock, SJ, to Charles Kennett, SJ, 8 January 1710 & 11 March 1709/10

6f

UC/M1/76 1710

Copy of a document largely destroyed by fire, on the secular clergy's dealings with the Jesuits.

2f

UC/M1/77 [1704]

List by Edward Dicconson of books of Protestant controversialists which he requires, followed by a similar list for John Gother.

1f

UC/M1/78 [?1710]

List by Edward Dicconson of books to be bought about the Gunpowder Plot.

1f

UC/M1/79 7 July 1710

Comments by Edward Dicconson on the letter of Andrew Giffard to Edward Paston.

5f

UC/M1/80 7 July 1710

Note on Giffard's letter to Paston, rehearsing the Jesuits' trickery and acquisitiveness and giving his reasons for suggesting that Sabran in particular should not be trusted.

Endorsed in a later hand as being Mr Maurice (Plumerden) who lived at Paris and supplied Dodd with materials for his *Church History*.

4f

UC/M1/81a 3 April 1710

Note by Andrew Giffard [probably sent to Edward Dicconson] on the accusations against the Vicars Apostolic, Douai College and the secular clergy.

2f

UC/M1/81b 3 April 1710

Letter (enclosure of UC/M1/81a) from Andrew Giffard to [Edward Dicconson]: urging him to take more care with his letters as they may not be suitable for circulation, his meeting with the Jesuit Provincial and the London Rector, Ward's money, and the extraordinary expenses of moving from the college.

2f

UC/M1/82 12 February 1710/11

Letter from Andrew Giffard to Edward Dicconson enclosing answers to Sabran's complaints, and various commissions given to him by Dicconson.

This letter is described as above in the card and printed catalogues but cannot be found, 4 September 2012.

UC/M1/83 February 1710/11

Note by Andrew Giffard (sent to Edward Dicconson) answering complaints made by Lewis Sabran, SJ.

4f

UC/M1/84 10 January 1711

Copies of letters by Sylvester Jenks to Thomas Fairfax, SJ, (in answer to Fairfax's comments on Jenks's *Short Review of the Book of Jansenius* (1710)) 6, 11, 31 October, 2 December 1710 & 10 January 1711: on Jansenism.

10f

UC/M1/85 3 June 1725

Record by Christopher Tootell of injuries committed by Jesuits to the secular clergy, including a remark of Oliver Plunket, Brian's eviction from Holywell Chapel, the Lime Street Chapel affair (confirmed by Bishop Giffard).

1f

UC/M1/86 17 February 1711

Letter from Cardinal Francesco Paolucci to the Vicars Apostolic and Clergy of Great Britain, praising their letters to Cardinal Capra and declarations in confirming the pope's awareness of their loyal anti-Jansenism.

Language: Latin with English translation

1f

UC/M1/87 17 February 1711

Copy of UC/M1/86.

1f

UC/M1/88 14 December 1738

Letter from Bishop Dominic Williams to the papal nuncio at Brussels (written in Williams' name by Francis Mannock, SJ): Mannock's sending of 76 propositions to be forwarded to the Inquisition for censure, commending Mannock's work and asking the nuncio to send it to the Inquisition, as well as possible objections to Mannock's list.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M1/89 14 December 1738

Letter from Francis Mannock, SJ, to Bishop Dominic Williams: explaining the context of the letter to the nuncio written in Williams's name (UC/M1/88), and asking Williams to add a line vouching for his integrity.

1f

UC/M1/90 [1703]

Draft pamphlet or book by Richard Short accusing the Jesuits of calumny and forgery in the aftermath of Pascal's *Provincial Letters* and in Robert Persons' time.

9f

UC/M1/91 20 April 1705

Letter from Richard Short to Charles Towneley: the struggles of the clergy in Holland against Rome.

1f

UC/M1/92 7 February 1706/7

Letter from Richard Short to Charles Towneley: books on the Dutch clergy, a rare book on Wisbech stirs, a translation of Quesnel on Matthew and Mark, and news from Holland.

1f

UC/M1/93 4 February 1707/8

Letter (incomplete) from Richard Short to [?Clayton]: defence of his orthodoxy against accusations of Jansenism.

2f

UC/M1/94 1708

Letter from Richard Short to [?]: explaining that he has suspended the press [printing the translation] following the condemnation of Quesnel's *Réflexions morales*, suggesting that blind obedience is immoral, and a defence of his position.

1f

UC/M1/95 May 1708

Letter from Richard Short to Charles Towneley: dispute with Clayton, Edward Hawarden's loss to London, and the refutation of the bishop of Cambrai.

1f

UC/M1/96 16 March 1706/7

Letter from Richard Short to Charles Towneley: news from Holland, and sending money for Quesnel.

1f

UC/M1/97 14 September 1706

Letter from Richard Short to Charles Towneley: informing him that there has been no change in the position of the Dutch Church, an anti-Jansenist book called *Quenelliana*, his desire to see Dr Champney's letters, the reasons for the penal laws, and his duty to speak out even at the risk of condemnation.

2f

UC/M1/98 11 May 1706

Letter from Richard Short to [?] Cornwall: wishing to send his books to York to help the cause and Towneley's, and requiring books for Holland on the Jesuits' role in the Archpriest controversy.

1f

UC/M1/99 1 July 1708

Letter from Edward Blount to the Ambassador of Muscovy: thanks.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M1/100 1716

Petition by the Catholic lords and gentry seeking clarification, and delay in the enforcement, of the Act obliging papists to register their estates.

Signed by Norfolk, Montague, Arundell, Clifford, Waldegrave, Aston, William Gage, William Plowden, Edward Blount, Thomas Gage, Richard Arundell, and William Goring.

2f

UC/M1/101 15 March 1718

Copy letter from Henry Englefield to the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Berks: preamble to his registering of his estate and disavowing the mischievous principles of the Act.

1f

UC/M1/102 [1727]

Legal commentary on the seizure of Catholic property.

1f

UC/M1/103 27 September 1714

Draft letter from Edward Blount to Nathaniel Pigott: arguing that the present disputes are not about doctrine but about temporal policy, good government and obedience, he is comforted to find that the duke of Norfolk and others support his attempt to find an honourable settlement.

Includes a draft of part of his reply to the duke.

1f

UC/M1/104 8 July 1716

Letter from Edward Blount to the duke of Norfolk: the consequences of the Act against Catholics, the disunity of the Catholics, and his dislike of Abbot Strickland.

1f

UC/M1/105 1716

Declaration by Edward Blount offering reasons against the forcing of conscience and providing notes for a paper to show the unreasonableness of the laws against Catholics.

2f

UC/M1/106 1716

Observations by Edward Blount, partly on papal jurisdiction but mainly on the allegiance which is owed to a *de facto* rather than a *de jure* king.

5f

UC/M1/107 [?18th century]

Account of the life and death of Lady Aletheia Widdrington, addressed to a relative [by her confessor or chaplain].

3f

UC/M1/108 29 June 1715

Robert Witham to [the Nuncio Santini at Brussels]: seeking a secular bishop to replace Bishop James Smith, the clergy's dislike of Jansenism; believing that Cardinal Paolucci's letters have been a source of comfort, and a postscript explaining his delay in taking up the presidency of Douai College.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M1/109 17 June 1716

Copy letter from Robert Witham in Louvain to Edward Dicconson: warning him of Stonor's and Strickland's dangerous and dishonourable project to swear allegiance to George I, requiring Dicconson to warn his brother at the Stuart court, Strickland's intrigues over the appointment of Vicars Apostolic, suggesting that Stonor should be kept out of the London district, and his intention to see the Internuncio Santini about the matter.

1f

UC/M1/110 7 June 1716

Letter from John Ingleton in Paris to [William Dicconson]: Witham's mistaken opinion concerning Bishop Stonor's views on the Oath of Abjuration, his (Ingleton's) conversation with Strickland and belief that no oath could be taken to the usurper, the nuncio's favourable opinion of the oath, and Stonor's desire to settle in the Midland district and his dispute with Strickland.

1f

UC/M1/111 17 July 1716

Letter from Robert Witham in Louvain to Thomas Brockholes: donation of £1,000 from Mrs Yates to Douai College, a confessor for the Louvain nuns and his preference for Gilbert Haydock over Carnaby, the regulars' favourable attitude, and Bishop Giffard's rejection of the Oath of Allegiance, as well as instructions about new students.

1f

UC/M1/112 [July 1716]

Letter (incomplete) from [William Dicconson] to [Edward Dicconson]: the harsh attitude of the government towards the Catholics and his belief that a Stuart restoration is the only hope, his desire not to fall out with Stonor, and his opinion that Strickland will be abandoned by Stonor.

1f

UC/M1/113 17 June 1716

Same as UC/M1/109.

1f

UC/M1/114 19 July 1716

Letter from [Bishop Bonaventure Giffard] to Edward Dicconson: supplying a confessor for the house at Antwerp, and giving his reasons to oppose the Oath of Allegiance.

2f

UC/M1/115 14 July 1716

Draft letter from Edward Dicconson to William Dicconson: his suspicions of Stonor's loyalty, his break with Strickland and his desire for peace and unity.

2f

UC/M1/116 27 July 1716

Letter from Bishop John Talbot Stonor to Edward Dicconson: accusing him of gross misrepresentation and interception of letters, and asking him to retreat or he will appeal to Rome, St Germain and the Catholics of England.

2f

UC/M1/117 28 July 1716

Letter from John Ingleton to Edward Dicconson: Stonor's opposition to an oath of abjuration in favour of an oath of submission, Ingleton's view that Stonor is entitled to disagree with Witham's indiscretions but his relations with Strickland seem less straightforward, his (Ingleton's) desire to keep the peace and his belief that Stonor could be dangerous if provoked.

2f

UC/M1/118 [2 August 1716]

Letter (not sent) from Edward Dicconson to Bishop John Talbot Stonor: refusing to admit that he sent the information to the Stuart Court.

2f

UC/M1/119 15 November 1710

Letter from Thomas Hall in Paris to Robert Carnaby in Paris: explanation of his position in a dispute with Stonor on the infallibility of the Church.

3f

UC/M1/120 May 1711

Letter from Robert Witham to the Congregation of Propaganda: announcement of the death of Bishop James Smith with an account of his pastoral work as bishop.

Language: Latin

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UC/M1/121 1711

Extracts compiled by Christopher Tootell of eight letters of Bishop James Smith to Edward Barlow on clergy matters and brotherly unity (26 September 1694, 12 October 1695, March 1704, 22 October 1705, 8 September 1706, 27 July 1707, 5 February 1709, 8 August 1710).

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UC/M1/122 17 February 1711

Same as UC/M1/86.

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UC/M1/123 9 August 1712

Letter from Robert Witham to [James] Mitford [Gardiner]: apologising for his absence at the clergy meeting, enclosing UC/M1/122 clearing the clergy of the charge of Jansenism, reporting on the visitation of Douai College, and a successor to Bishop Smith.

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UC/M1/124 1713

Letter from Andrew Giffard to Edward Dicconson: the difficulties of Lord Rivers on succeeding to the title in 1712, his plan to hazard his estate rather than give up his faith, and realising the need to repair the scandal.

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UC/M1/125 11 March 1713

Two copies of an extract of a letter from Laurence Mayes to Bishop Bonaventure Giffard: Lord Rivers's (John Savage's) decision to take the oath and the lack of an attempt by the seculars to dissuade him, and the need to give the nuncio a true account of the matter to counteract reports from the regulars.

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UC/M1/126 [December 1716]

Appeal by the Catholics of England to the Catholic Princes for their mediation to relieve the English Catholics from unjust legislation.

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UC/M1/127 [December 1716]

French translation of UC/M1/126.

Language: French

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UC/M1/128 3 December 1716

Letter from the duke of Norfolk to [Edward Blount]: enclosing the appeal to the Catholic Princes and asking the nuncio to send one of the Catholic Electors, and his attempts to get the act for registering estates mitigated.

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UC/M1/129 [?1716]

Copy of a petition to the king from Catholic Noblemen, Gentlemen, Merchants, etc, declaring their willingness to take the Oath of Abjuration but seeking a mitigation of the penal laws.

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UC/M1/130 18 January 1717

Letter from the duke of Norfolk to [?Edward Blount]: government may be willing to give redress to Catholics, and the poor reception of Gay's *The Three Hours After Marriage*.

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UC/M1/131 28 May 1717

Letter from Sir Edward Blount (alias Strickland) to Edward Blount: the death of his uncle, Sir Walter Blount, and the need for Edward's protection.

Also includes a progress report by R. Witham on young Blount.

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UC/M1/132 24 March 1718

Draft letter from Edward Blount in Bruges to Lord Stanhope: thanking him for his protection of innocent Catholics, his belief that all good citizens should be free in their religion, and hoping that Stanhope can do more for Catholics.

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UC/M1/133 17 July 1719

Draft letter from Edward Blount to [Lord Stanhope]: his hopes of relief for Catholics, and his attempts to persuade Catholics to accept Stanhope's advice.

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UC/M1/134 18 August 1719

Letter from Edward Blount to the duke of Norfolk: Norfolk's rejection of government proposals, and his inability to apply to foreign princes for mediation.

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UC/M1/135 3 October 1719

Letter from Edward Blount to the duke of Norfolk: rejecting proposals made by [?Strickland].

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UC/M1/136 2 August 1716

Letter from John Ingleton to Edward Dicconson: expressing amazement at Stonor's letter to Dicconson (UC/M1/116), Stonor's inconsistent reports about Witham to the Nuncio Santini, and urging him not to worry about Stonor's threats.

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UC/M1/137 3 August 1716

Letter from Bishop John Talbot Stonor to Edward Dicconson: criticising Dicconson's unsatisfactory answer.

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UC/M1/138 23 September 1716

Copy by Edward Blount of a letter by Toneman [?Confessor to the Emperor [?]]: urging him not to come to Vienna and to send a memorial instead.

Includes French copies of an oath and declaration and a further copy of a memorial.

Language: English and French

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UC/M1/139 17 November 1717

Letter from [Vincenzo Santini, nuncio at Brussels to [?]]: wishing to read the book and to be guided by his correspondent's judgement.

Language: Italian

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UC/M1/140 9 September 1716

Letter from Robert Witham at Douai College to Edward Dicconson in St Germain: forwarding a letter for Charles Leyburn, his belief that Santini's letter will prevent divisions, Stonor's requirement for a civil letter from Dicconson, Berington's misrepresentation of Witham in London, his submission of a petition to be allowed to compete for university chairs, and Sir John Swinburne's visit to the Douai College.

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UC/M1/141 20 April 1716

Copy Brief of Inspection from Pope Clement XI to John Talbot Stonor: giving Stonor the faculties of Vicar Apostolic in the London District during the illness or absence of Bishop Giffard.

This document was authenticated by Robert Witham, Edward Dicconson and Richard Kendall, 18 August 1716, from an authenticated copy of 30 April 1716 in the Brussels Nunciature.

Language: Latin

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UC/M1/142 6 November 1716

Letter from J. Hoffman in London to Edward Blount in Bruges: his decision not to broach the affair before Parliament opens, the effect of the impossible alliance between France and Britain as an obstacle to what they seek.

Language: French

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UC/M1/143 7 April 1719

Letter from P. Southcote to the duke of Norfolk: proposing a petition or remonstrance to the king and council about the hardships of Catholics and hoping Norfolk would take the lead.

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UC/M1/144 1719

Draft letter by the vice-president, professors and other members of Douai College to [the nuncio at Brussels [?]] (written in Challoner's hand): defence of Robert Witham and the groundless accusations (of Breers) that they are intemperate.

Language: Latin

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UC/M1/145 18 March 1720

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to Bishop George Witham: ruling that Laurence Fenwick, Provincial of the English Benedictines, is incorrect in insisting on written confirmation of faculties for those members of his order who have been given faculties by a Vicar Apostolic.

Language: Latin

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UC/M1/146 1727

Account by Christopher Tootell, Vicar General of Lancashire, of a dispute between himself and the Society about granting leave to eat meat in Lent.

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UC/M1/147 1723

Diary of the passing of the act for raising £100,000 on papists' estates, with observations on its passing through the two Houses.

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