



Catalogue of Lisbon College Legal Papers

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Introduction

Lisbon College Legal Papers

Reference code: GB-0298-LC/A11

1713-1891

Extent: 3 files

Repository: Ushaw College Library

Creator: Lisbon College

Language of material: Portuguese

Contents

A small miscellany of stray legal papers relating to the college and its status as a British establishment.

About the creator

The English College of SS. Peter and Paul at Lisbon (or, as it is more commonly known, Lisbon College) was founded by Pedro Coutinho in 1624 as a college for English students training for the priesthood and mission work in England. As a pontifical college it was awarded the same privileges and rights as other colleges centrally controlled by Rome, such as the English College in Rome, whose aim was the maintenance of the Catholic faith in England, Scotland and Ireland. The driving force behind the college in its early years was William Newman. Although he was never to become president, Newman founded the college from property entrusted by the estate of the late Nicholas Ashton, a Catholic chaplain in Lisbon. Initial progress was slow until the arrival of a group of English students and teachers from the English College at Douai in 1628. The first president, albeit briefly, was Archdeacon Joseph Haynes who died the following year. The reputation of the college as a centre of academic excellence and its relevance as an English institution in Lisbon attracted patronage from varied sources during the seventeenth century, including Pedro da Costa and Maria de Oliveira Leitoa who transferred important funds to the college in exchange for daily masses for their special intention. In 1679, Pope Innocent XI granted the college the privilege of being considered as a High Altar of Christ on the Cross. In spite of its wealthy benefactors and papal patronage, the college faced a number of challenges in the following centuries. In 1755, Lisbon was shaken by a terrible earthquake in which 20,000 people died and 60,000 houses and 60 palaces and convents were destroyed. The college suffered badly both in terms of the physical devastation of its buildings and the mental well-being of many of its students and superiors who, like most of the population of Lisbon, chose to live under tents in the gardens of the college rather than risk being inside in fear of another quake. The college suffered another setback when it was occupied by French forces during Napoleon's invasion of Portugal in 1807 and, just days before the second French invasion, the president decided to close the college down, with all students being sent to an Anglo-Portuguese school in England until the war ended in 1814. The college was finally closed in 1973. Since the passing of the Roman Catholic Relief Act in Britain in 1829, the college's *raison d'être* had ceased to exist although its high reputation as a teaching and training establishment enabled it to survive for another 144 years.

Accession details

Lisbon College closed in 1973 and this collection, along with the rest of the Lisbon Archive and Library, was transferred to Ushaw College by Mgr James Sullivan the following year.

Arrangement

The papers follow the original arrangement of the collection which is broadly chronological.

Conditions of access

Open for consultation.

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Finding aids

Calendared card catalogue

Form of citation

The form of citation should use the code GB-0298-LC/A11, or the collection name Legal Papers, followed by the *reference number*

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.

LC/A11/1 20 July 1713

Letter from the dean and chapter (London) to E. Jones: power of attorney for Jones to act for the dean and chapter as patrons or co-patrons in restoring the college

Signed: J. Perrot, T. Yaxley, G. Saltmarsh, J. Herbert, and W. Martin

Language: Portuguese

1f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 331

LC/A11/2 23 January 1732

Rent agreement between Joao Bautista and Lisbon College

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A11/3 4 September - 23 October 1747

Declaration by Juiz Conservador confirming that the college holds the privileges of British subjects

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A11/4 4 September 1747

Authenticated copy by Juiz Conservador of orders to respect the college's privileges as British subjects

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A11/5 14 October 1749

General procuration (and authentication) given by J. Manley to J. Preston

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A11/6 8 May 1753

Certificate by J. Manley concerning W. Morice's pension

(W. Morice was the former paymaster of English troops in the war with France and Spain)

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A11/7 13 September 1762

Letter from G. Bernard to J. Preston: giving Preston general procuracy to act for him

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A11/8 1 May - 11 August 1770

Notarised power of attorney for J. Preston to act for T. Taylor (of Durham) when his mother dies

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A11/9 12 June 1773 - 1778

Letter from the Queen of Portugal to Lisbon College: exemption from paying tithes on its revenues

Confirmations in 1777 and 1778

Language: Portuguese

9f

LC/A11/10 29 October 1779

Section of an appeal by Lisbon College claiming 270,180 reis as the creditor of Antonio Simoes

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A11/11 [1779]

Account of the places and books where the *alvaras* and *padroes* of the college are registered*Language:* English

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 339

LC/A11/12 1795

Papers relating to J. Barnard's defence of himself and his executor (J. Williams), including a detailed account of Williams's suspension in 1749 and the controversy surrounding who was appointed as a trustee of the clergy's fund in South Wales

Language: Latin and English

1 file

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 375

LC/A11/13 31 March 1804

Receipt from Damazo Xavier de Cabo to T. Hurst for titles of houses in the Rua Boa Morte, delivered to Damazo Xavier de Cabo

Language: Portuguese

1f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 104

LC/A11/14 6 November 1816

Renewed *aformanto* or *reconhecimento* made by Joanna Camilla de Piedade Pinto of the *camal* of Pera

Language: Portuguese

1f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 109

LC/A11/15 12 December 1832

Certificate confirming Daniel Farrell's payment of £5 to leave the army at Gibraltar after fourteen years service

Language: English

1f

LC/A11/16 4 September 1833

Letter from Juiz Conservador to E. Winstanley: an order to respect college's privileges as British subjects

Includes a certificate of Jeremias Meagher, British vice-consul

Language: Portuguese

4f

LC/A11/17 28 July 1854

Copy of a document recognising Anna de Paiva Martins as *direeita senhora* of the college's house at Boa Morte

Language: Portuguese

4f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 440

LC/A11/18 28 April 1856

Letter from the Office of Patents to J. Ilsley: confirming the cessation of his patent unless £50 is paid

1f

LC/A11/19 24 November 1856

Agreement by Joseph Ilsley of Lisbon College to pay Mary Burke of Greenwich an annuity of £30 in consideration of £911 left by the Revd Edward Norris with the reversion of the capital to the college

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 448

LC/A11/20 17 September - 5 October 1891

Letters from the Administração (of the Bairro Alto) to Lisbon College: requesting information on the constitution and purpose of the college

2 letters