



# **Catalogue of the Ushaw Collection of Manuscripts: Volume II**

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## Preface

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## Introduction

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## Contents

Volume II of the Ushaw Collection of Manuscripts covers a wide range of subjects relating to Catholic history, including Pope Clement XIV's suppression of the Jesuits in 1773 and their removal from St Omers and the English College in Rome, as well as: the fate of the Jesuits in England; the Marriage Act and its implications for Catholics marrying in Protestant churches; the administration of Douai College, the English College in Rome, and the English College in Lisbon; the appointment of Vicars Apostolic and coadjutors; other internal Catholic matters.

## Previous custodial history

Volume II was originally compiled as a continuation of Volume I by Ushaw's first president, Thomas Eyre (1748 - 1810), who collected material in the hope of continuing Dodd's *Church History of England*. Acquired at different times from many different sources.

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## Ushaw Collection of Manuscripts Volume II

UC/M2/1 17 July 1723

Letter from Edward Blount to Sir Joseph J[?]: thanks him for speaking on behalf of Catholics, hopes that they will now submit

1f

UC/M2/2 2 July 1723

Letter from H. Andrews to Edward Blount: thanks him on behalf of a Lady for his efforts, his inspection of the accounts at Wrights, believes that people should not expect to be defended in future if they refuse to pay

2f

UC/M2/3 23 July 1723

Letter from Edward Blount to Mr Pulteney: believes that liberty to practise their religion will make Catholics loyal subjects whereas pressure might send them into exile

2f

UC/M2/4 21 August 1723

Letter from Edward Blount to Mrs Blount: Blako was found guilty at Exeter of treasonable words but his sentence is not known, her travel arrangements

1f

UC/M2/5 20 September 1723

Letter from the duke of Norfolk to Edward Blount: thanks him for his assiduous work in the Catholic cause, hopes that the imposed tax will not last long and suggests they raise a fund, wishes to see Blount in London next month to discuss the issue

Includes the beginning of a draft reply

2f

UC/M2/6 30 November 1723

Letter from the duke of Norfolk to Edward Blount: asks him to come to London so that they can plan to avoid paying the heavy tax in future years

2f

UC/M2/7 [1722 x 1723]

Letter from Edward Blount to [?]: the ingratitude of Catholics and the obedience owed to a *de facto* king

1f

UC/M2/8 18 February 1723

Letter from Edward Blount to [?]: believes that [?] will answer the noble earl's letter

1f

UC/M2/9 [1723]

Letter from Edward Blount to Mrs Blount: Bishop Petre consoled him on his absence from his wife and children in the Catholic cause, parliament, and episcopal power

1f

UC/M2/10 [?1723]

Letter from Edward Blount to Lord [?]: his view that the estate at Bucknall (Devon, belonging to the Southcotes) should not pay new tax as it is in Protestant hands

2f

UC/M2/11 [?1723]

Letter from Edward Blount to Mrs Blount: mostly family news

1f

UC/M2/12 [?1723]

Letter from Edward Blount to Mrs Blount: asks her to urge Mulciber not to send his son to London, wishes to bring Mrs Blount to London, his promise to Gay

UC/M2/13 16 July 1703

Letter from Henry Eyre to Vincent Eyre: trivial matters

1f

UC/M2/14 26 November 1719

Letter from the duke of Norfolk to Edward Blount (Bruges): sending a copy of a letter from Lord Stanhope arranging a meeting for next Sunday, hopes that Blount will be able to join them soon

1f

UC/M2/15 8 December 1719

Letter from Lords Shrewsbury, Powis and Stonor to Bishop John Talbot Stonor (copy): government's conditions for the toleration of Catholics to be conveyed to the pope, the emperor will mediate, Stonor to conduct the affair at his own discretion

2f

UC/M2/16 8 December 1719

Copy of UC/M2/15 and asking Strickland to act for them in Vienna

2f

UC/M2/17

Number not in use

UC/M2/18 2 December 1719

Letter from Robert Witham to the nuncio at Brussels (copy by Witham): clears himself of accusations, Strickland's project for accommodating the government over the toleration of Catholics

*Language:* Latin

2f

UC/M2/19 10 December 1719

Letter from Robert Witham to [?]: sends a copy of UC/M2/18 with additional comments

2f

UC/M2/20 4 January 1720

Letter from Edward Blount (Bruges) to the duke of Norfolk: the duke's efforts over the Oath of Allegiance and Catholic relief

2f

UC/M2/21 20 June 1720

Letter from Edward Blount (London) to [?]: his correspondent's marriage settlement and family dispute

2f



UC/M2/22 4 January 1720

Letter from Robert Witham to Edward Blount (Bruges): hopes Blount will use his influence, Lord Strickland's inability to see that Strickland and Stonor are motivated only by self-interest, argues that there is a huge difference between swearing submission and swearing allegiance

2f

UC/M2/23 [January 1720]

Letter from Lord Powis to Edward Blount (Bruges): hopes that Blount will come soon as he is badly needed

2f

UC/M2/24 2 November 1722

Letter from Edward Blount to J. Hoffman (Imperial Ambassador): asks him to intercede for Catholics who are threatened with the loss of two-thirds of their estates

*Language:* French

2f

UC/M2/25 [8 November 1722]

Letter from Count J. Gazola to Edward Blount: his efforts to help Catholics, his unsuccessful meetings with Townshend and the duchess of Kendal, the imposition of a tax of £100,000, his desire to continue his efforts in spite of his success

*Language:* French

2f

UC/M2/26 20 December 1722

Letter from Edward Blount to Mrs Blount: dining with the pope at Lady Scudamore's, his meeting with Lord Peterborough at Count Gazola's and with Lord Oxford

1f

UC/M2/27 8 January 1723

Letter from Edward Blount to Mrs Blount: the well-disposed members must attend or the cause is lost because the sponsors will press for the bill resolutely, dining with Lord Stafford at Count Gazola's

1f

UC/M2/28 17 January 1723

Letter from Edward Blount to Mrs Blount: his attendance at a minister's levee, dining at Lady Scudamore's with the pope and the Digbys, the need for the full attendance of well-disposed members to vote on the bill, Bishop Giffard to reply to her

1f

UC/M2/29 10 December 1730

Letter from Thomas Roydon to Thomas Brockholes (copy by Edward Dicconson with a brief note): Bishop Williams's financial position and Roydon wishing to arrange for a collection or a contribution to set up his (Williams's) house)

Dicconson notes that the clergy gave £20-£30

1f

UC/M2/30 20 January 1731

Letter from Thomas Roydon to Bishop Dominic Williams: informing him that money is short but that they should send what little they can, hopes that Propaganda can give a pension

1f

UC/M2/31 25 March 1731

Letter from Laurence Rigby to Bishop Dominic Williams: approves of Williams setting up his own house and suggests how he might have £100 p.a.; believes there are too many holy days and recommends that St Anne's should be dropped, the death of the pope

1f

UC/M2/32 31 May 1741

Papers relating to an investigation ordered by Pope Benedict XIV into Douai College, including a questionnaire with full answers (copy), with a copy of the letter sent by the nuncio at Brussels to the president of Douai College (5 May 1741) and an acknowledgement of the receipt of the answers (7 June 1741)

*Language:* Latin

13f

UC/M2/33 4 November 1741

Declaration by Pope Benedict XIV to the bishops and clergy of Belgium on mixed marriages in Holland and Belgium

Includes a brief note in English on the practice of France, Hungary and Holland

*Language:* Latin and English

2f

UC/M2/34 [1741]

Bishop Benjamin Petre, *Monita quaedam pro sacerdotibus missionariis*

8p

UC/M2/35 25 April 1753

Letter from [Alban Butler] to Bishop John Talbot Stonor: opinions on Catholic moralists on whether Catholics may present themselves before a person in order to comply with the civil legislation on marriage

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/36 12 December 1743

Copy of the will of Alexander Pope

2f

UC/M2/37 [early 18th century]

Copy of a translation by Alexander Pope of St Francis Xavier's *O Deus, ego amo te*, made by Thomas Eyre.

1f

UC/M2/38 11 October 1740

Epitaph of William Holman of Warkworth (copy)

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/39 19 May 1698

Epitaph of George Holman of Warkworth (copy)

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/40a 21 May 1725

Epitaph of Anne, countess of Stafford (1695-1725) (copy)

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/40b 4 October 1726

Epitaph of Maria Alexandrina Holman (copy)

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/41 12 November 1747

Declaration by Peter Maire settling a dispute in the Bar Convent, York, by accepting the resignation of the superiors and appointing a new person. Ruling confirmed by Bishop Edward Dicconson

1f

UC/M2/42 21 September 1736

Letter from Robert Carnaby to [Thomas Gibson]: suggests that Maire returns when the situation is quieter, his disagreement with Challoner in his belief that it is not sinful to appear before a parson after a Catholic marriage as Bishop Giffard has allowed it; and asking when Bishop Williams will be at Newcastle. Includes a note on the practice in Scotland

1f

UC/M2/43 [1737]

English translation of letter from the nuncio at Brussels to the Vicars Apostolic: announcing indulgences granted by Pope Clement XII (15 November 1736) to those teaching and learning the catechism

1f

UC/M2/44 1738

Copy of pastoral letter by Bishop Dominic Williams on catechising (probably Williams's text of a common letter of the Vicars Apostolic).

1f

UC/M2/45 17 March 1737

Letter from Laurence Robinson (O.F.M.) to Robert Carnaby: his faculties from his superior with approbation from the bishop, his disagreement with Carnaby on whether or not his superior's faculties are sufficient

1f

UC/M2/46 27 August 1737

Letter from Charles Umfreville to Bishop Dominic Williams: receiving propositions for censure of [Francis Mannock] and commending the gentleman's zeal, the faculties of regulars

1f

UC/M2/47 22 January 1738

Letter from Bishop Dominic Williams to the nuncio at Brussels (incomplete draft): Laurence Robinson of the Recollects and his groundless claim about who has given faculties

*Language:* Latin

2f

UC/M2/48 22 January 1738

Letter from Bishop Dominic Williams to the nuncio at Brussels (another draft of UC/M2/47 and possibly a reply): asks for the facts of the Robinson case, the claims of the Recollects on faculties

2f

UC/M2/49 [1738]

Letter from Bishop Dominic Williams to [?the Congregation of Propaganda] (copy): Laurence Mayes and Edward Dicconson informing them of the dispute with the Recollects, he hopes for a favourable decision

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/50 18 April 1738

Letter from the nuncio at Brussels to Bishop Dominic Williams: the deterioration in relations with the regulars, urges Williams to forward the matter to Rome for a decision

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/51 9 May 1738

Letter from Bishop John Talbot Stonor to Robert Carnaby: Dicconson (agent in Rome) requires more money, Challoner to be appointed president of Douai College, his support for Bishop Williams who should get Mayes or Dicconson to act for him in Rome

2f

UC/M2/52 13 November 1748

Letter from Christopher Stonor (Rome) to Bishop Edward Dicconson: writing for Laurence Mayes (who has been ill) concerning the letters of the Vicars Apostolic on the Brief, his view that Propaganda will sustain the decree, the secular bishops are acting together, believes that an auxiliary will not be imposed on Dicconson

1f

UC/M2/53 25 March 1739

Letter from the nuncio at Brussels to Bishop Dominic Williams: seeks information on whether Easter is celebrated according to the Gregorian calendar in Britain, whether all parts of the British Isles have the same practice, and whether the vernacular is commonly used in solemn baptisms or extreme unction

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/54 1624

Account of abuses in the government of the English College in Rome compiled in 1624 and collected from the various accounts of students to be laid before the Apostolic visitor, with a list of students from 1616 to 1624, showing who joined the Jesuits and who went as secular priests to England

Endorsed by Edward Dicconson stating "copies of m.scripts had from Douay in 1741"

*Language:* Italian and Latin

10f

UC/M2/55 10 January 1740/41

Letter from Bishop John Talbot Stonor to Edward Dicconson (Paris): commenting on the chapter and Bishop Petre; obtaining control of the English College in Rome, the question of meat in Lent

1f

UC/M2/56 16 March 1763

Letter from James Parkinson to Bishop Francis Petre: refutation of a Jesuit calumny against Thomas Talbot at St Omers, believes that Talbot had no intention of deceiving the Jesuit Mannock

2f

UC/M2/57 30 September 1762

Printed broadsheet of a protest of the English Jesuits, at St Omers, upon being deprived of the college.

Signed: Thomas Lawson, William Blakiston, Nathaniel Elliot, and William Aston

1 sheet

UC/M2/58 5 October 1762

Extrait des registres du Parlement

In the absence of Thomas Talbot, Henry Titchbourne Blount is to act as president of St Omers

*Language:* French

2f

UC/M2/59 1 December 1762

Letter from Roussel de la Tour to Thomas Talbot (copy): the expulsion of the Jesuits, with a copy of Maria Theresa's conditions for allowing the English Jesuits to reside in Bruges

*Language:* French

4f

UC/M2/60a 14 December 1762

Letter from Roussel de la Tour (Paris) to [William] Green, president of Douai College (copy): his letter to the magistrates at St Omers and his view that the seculars should defend themselves vigorously against Jesuit calumnies and that the English Jesuits should not have any of the effects of the college restored to them

*Language:* French

2f

UC/M2/60b 12 December 1762

Letter from Roussel de la Tour to the magistrates at St Omers (copy): informs them that the English Jesuits could not be an exception to the well-deserved disgrace of the Society, suggests that giving the college to the seculars would be restitution, Talbot's absence and his contact with the college.

Also includes a testimony on the character of Roussel de la Tour (25 October 1762) from the bishop of St Omers

*Language:* French

2f

UC/M2/61a 14 December 1762

Copy of UC/M2/60a

1f

UC/M2/61b 12 December 1762

Copy of UC/M2/60b

3f

UC/M2/62 14 February 1763

Letter from William Wilkinson to [?James Parkinson]: copying a letter from Father Joseph Wilkinson, Carthusian of Newport, to Henry Titchbourne Blount (9 February 1762), denying that any Carthusian wrote anything about secular intrigue to obtain possession of St Omers College

Includes an extract from letters patent of the King of France (2 February 1763) on Jesuit property, and an explanatory note in another hand

2f

UC/M2/63 14 March 1764

Letters patent from King Louis XV (copy): confirmation of the English College, St Omers, and its rules

*Language:* French

4f

UC/M2/64 1 December 1762

Copy of Empress Maria Theresa's conditions for allowing the English Jesuits to reside in Bruges (see UC/M2/59)

2f

UC/M2/65 1 December 1762

Copy of UC/M2/59

1f

UC/M2/66 4 February 1763

Letter from W[illiam] W[ilkinson] to [?]: the seculars believe that their decision not to take over St Omers was approved by the Jesuits, enclosing a copy of UC/M2/60b which he hopes will clear the seculars of intrigues, and explaining their motives and current position

2f

UC/M2/67 1763

Letter from [?] to William Wilkinson: expressing the point of view of the secular clergy over the acceptance of St Omers College, with questions attached

2f

UC/M2/68 1743

Abstract of a new bull from Pope Benedict XIV *Emanavit nuper* confirming a new decree of Propaganda of 16 August 1745 subjecting regulars in England to the Vicars Apostolic for faculties

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/69 4 December 1748

Letter from Christopher Stonor (Rome) to Bishop Edward Dicconson: his promise to get Dicconson a coadjutor, recommends Francis Petre, believes that the decree on the regulars is not likely to be reversed

2f

UC/M2/70 12 August 1749

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to Bishop Edward Dicconson: informs him that he had no intention of stealing Mr Dunn from the North, suggests that Mason would be quite unsuitable, the common letter on the regulars, Petre's hunting should not be made an objection

1f

UC/M2/71 [18 November 1748 -] 9 March 1748/49

Memorandum of faculties given by William Maire, by order of Dicconson, to:

Thomas Greenwell of Stella  
 John Coates of Netherwitton  
 James Mitford of Thropton  
 William Chantrell of Hexham  
 Thomas Johnson of Staindrop  
 James Warham and John Hankin of Sunderland Bridge  
 Luke Wilson of Stockton  
 John Bamber of Gilligate  
 Ferdinand Ashmall of Newhouse  
 Bede Hutton, O.S.B. of Hesleyside  
 Anthony Leander Raffa, O.S.B. of Birtley  
 John Rigby, O.S.B. of Capheaton  
 John Berry at Swinburne Castle  
 Edward Gregory Selby at Beauxfront  
 Robert Pius Bruce at Felling

1f

UC/M2/72 22 December 1750

Letter from Christopher Stonor (Rome) to Bishop Edward Dicconson (Wycliffe): appointment of Bishop Francis Petre and William Green (president of Douai), Franciscans handing in their case against the Brief and Stonor planning to object to it, complaints against George Kendal in the Northern District

2f

UC/M2/73 26 April 1780

Fragmentary notes by Thomas Eyre on marriage legislation

1f

UC/M2/74 25 September 1752

Letter from L'Abbé de Grosseoire to [?the duchess of Norfolk]: a commission which the duchess had given him

*Language:* French

2f

UC/M2/75 21 March 1753

Letter from Frederigo Marcello Lante (Cardinal Protector of the English College in Rome) to the Vicars Apostolic: asking for students for the college to increase numbers

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/76 21 March 1753

Copy of UC/M2/75

1f

UC/M2/77 14 July 1753

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to Bishop Francis Petre: covering letter for a printed copy of the pope's rules for the relation of regulars to the Vicars Apostolic  
Signed by Cardinal Valenti

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/78 10 October 1753

Letter from Bishop Francis Petre to the Congregation of Propaganda (draft in the hand of Bishop Challoner): apologises for the delay in replying to his letter and thanks him for the rules and decrees

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/79 17 July 1753

Letter from Christopher Stonor (Rome) to Bishop Francis Petre: sending the decree (about the regulars) and his impressions of it, asks him to pay expenses to his agent, Cardinal Lante's request for students

2f

UC/M2/80 23 December 1753

Letter from Francis Blyth O.D.C. to Bishop Francis Petre: accepting the Pope's Brief on the faculties of regulars with fulsome expressions of loyalty

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/81 4 April 1754

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to Thomas Gibson (Newcastle upon Tyne): answer of the Holy See on marriage in a Protestant church and Catholic participation in a ceremony before the parson, suggests that clandestine marriages are out of the question, priests should be cautious but transportation is little compared with martyrdom

2f

UC/M2/82 14 April 1754

Letter from Bishop Francis Petre to Thomas Gibson: giving the Holy See's ruling on marriage before a parson and Challoner's opinion on what should be allowed

With a note by J[ames] D[ixon] giving his opinion

2f

UC/M2/83 15 May 1754

Letter from J[ohn] C[oates] to Thomas Gibson: comments on Challoner's opinion on the Holy See's ruling on marriage before a parson

1f

UC/M2/84 7 May 1754

Letter from Bishop Alexander Smith to Thomas Gibson: surprised that Catholics did not join with other dissenters to obtain a clause in their favour in the Marriage Act, describes practice in Scotland and the possible extension of the Act there

1f

UC/M2/85 1755

Extracts from letters between Anthony Witham and Bishop John Joseph Hornyold on the Marriage Act

1f



UC/M2/86 1754

Letter from Bishop John Talbot Stonor to Bishop John Joseph Hornyold (extract): asking what is permissible for Catholics in having their marriage legalised by a parson  
1f

UC/M2/87a 13 May 1755

Letter from Charles Umfreville (London) to Anthony Witham (Cadeby, Lincolnshire): his opinion on Catholic practice after the Marriage Act of 1753  
1f

UC/M2/87b 22 May 1755

Letter from [?Anthony Witham] to Charles Umfreville (extract): his opinion on Catholic practice should be in regard to the ceremony before the parson  
1f

UC/M2/88 5 July 1755

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to Bishop Francis Petre: the rule concerning regulars returning to their monasteries is extended to a further six years, faculties are required from the Vicars Apostolic in the second sexennium

*Language:* Latin

2f

UC/M2/89 3 November 1755

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to Bishop Francis Petre: the Vicars Apostolic must have a Vicar Capitular to act *sede vacante* as is laid down in the enclosed printed encyclical

Signed by Cardinal Valenti

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/90 22 December 1755

Letter from Christopher Stonor (Rome) to Bishop Francis Petre: regulars applying for modifications in the decrees when the pope dies, the marriage case of Fell and Nixon is to go before the Holy Office, Charles Walmesley's likely appointment as Bishop York's coadjutor, an Irish Dominican wishing to work in the Isle of Man requires Stonor's permission

2f

UC/M2/91 9 February 1756

Letter from Edward Anthony Hatton (O.P.) to John Cotterel (O.P.) (copy): the miraculous bleeding of a picture of the crucifixion at Middleton in December 1755

1f

UC/M2/92 18 January 1760

Letter from William Maire to Thomas Gibson: instruction on marriage and the difficulty of the bishops having to answer for allowing a practice which is not reconcilable to the Catholic faith

1f

UC/M2/93 7 February 1760

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to [William Maire]: condemns the loose practice but it is impossible to prevent irregularities when people go to the Protestant church first, Rome has not given a categorical answer on the matter so the bishops cannot oppose the civil law and the majority of Catholics

1f

UC/M2/94 10 February 1760

Letter from William Maire to Thomas Gibson: Copy of UC/M2/93

1f

UC/M2/95 3 April 1760

Letter from William Walton to Thomas Gibson: the large print breviary, remittances are made annually, objects against Challoner's views on the practice of going before the parson

2f

UC/M2/96 5 June 1762

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to Bishop Francis Petre: abuse by regulars in missionary countries leading to disputes with bishops

*Language:* Latin

2f

UC/M2/97 14 June 1736

Letter from Bishop John Talbot Stonor to Edward Dicconson: agrees with Stonor's writings, Sheldon's death

1f

UC/M2/98 14 January 1765

Letter from Cardinal Federigo Marcello Lante (Cardinal Protector) to Bishop Francis Petre: appeals for money for the Irish College at Douai

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/99 26 January 1762

Printed obituary notice of Francis Petre [alias Squibb]

*Language:* Latin

1 sheet

UC/M2/100 11 July 1763

Letter from Francis Blyth (O.D.C., London) to [?Bishop Francis Petre]: the expulsion of the Jesuits from Portugal and sending books to show how they deserved their expulsion

4f

UC/M2/101 7 July 1764

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to [Bishop Francis Petre]: extending the sexennium laid down by Pope Benedict XIV's *Apostolicum ministerium* for another six years on the condition that all regulars must make an annual retreat

*Language:* Latin

2f

UC/M2/102-103 7 January 1765

Printed constitution by Pope Clement XIII of *Apostolicum pascendi* approving again of the Jesuits

*Language:* Latin with English translation

11p/23p

UC/M2/104 18 May 1765

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to Bishop Richard Challoner: Petre is abiding by his decision to make him Vicar General and sending the diploma of appointment in spite of Challoner's reluctance

*Language:* Latin

2f

UC/M2/105 December 1767

Letter from Bishop Francis Petre to the Congregation of Propaganda (draft): asking for a coadjutor naming Christopher Stonor, William Maire and Henry Titchbourne

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/106 December 1769

Letter from Bishop Francis Petre to the Congregation of Propaganda (draft): the death of William Maire, and asking for a new coadjutor naming William Walton, Charles Howard and John Lodge

*Language:* Latin

1f

UC/M2/107 3 December 1770 - 15 January 1775

Letter from Henry Titchbourne Blount (Douai) to [Bishop John Joseph Hornyold]: announces the death of William Green, president of Douai College

On reverse: presentation to orders of William Neville by Hornyold by the bishop of Ghent, 15 January 1775

1f

UC/M2/108 1 December 1770

Printed obituary notice for William Green (president of Douai College)

*Language:* Latin

1 sheet

UC/M2/109 28 November 1772

Letter from Bishop William Walton to Matthew Gibson: theological matters including tithes, office for the dead on All Souls, privileged altars, private Masses with exposition, Holy Communion at requiems; a house for Mrs Mairs near Houghton; Weld's offer to him of a residence at Stonyhurst, the decision to sell the Hornby estate

2f

UC/M2/110 23 February 1773

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to Bishop William Walton: sending a Latin petition for approval to the Holy See for Masses and offices of English saints, taken from the common

2f

UC/M2/111 13 May 1771

Letter from R. Steare (O.S.B.) to Bishop William Walton: sending a copy of the grant of Pope Clement XIV extending the time in which the regulars are to return to their monasteries, a list of Benedictines working in the Northern District

2f

UC/M2/112 [1770]

Extracts from a French work arguing against the proposal to suppress the Jesuits

4f

UC/M2/113 [1770]

Extracts from a French pamphlet *Réflexions pacifiques sur le projet d'abolition totale de la Société* on the Jesuits

2f

UC/M2/114 [1782]

Letter from Bishop James Talbot to Pope Pius VI: complains about the government of the English College in Rome by Italian seculars, Cardinal Corsini refusing to have English superiors, suggests that half the income should go to Valladolid or Douai

2f

UC/M2/115 11 August 1773

Letter from Christopher Stonor (Rome) to Bishop William Walton: the Jesuits leaving the English College, recommends an English priest (William Wilkinson) to work there, Corsini's desire for St Omers's bursaries for Rome, preparations being made for the suppression of the Jesuits

2f

UC/M2/116 11 September 1773

Letter from Thomas Chadwick to John Chadwick: enclosing extracts from a letter by Mr Hodson in Rome to Mr Doran describing the announcement to the General and the Jesuits at the Gesù of the suppression of the Society

2f

UC/M2/117 4 September 1773

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to [Bishop William Walton]: consulting about Stonor's queries on the English College in Rome and Cardinal Corsini's plans

1f

UC/M2/118 13 October 1773

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to Bishop William Walton: the Jesuits in missionary territory may continue as secular priests under the bishops, the difficulty of publishing the Brief in England, giving his formulary for accepting the Brief and the status of seculars

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UC/M2/119 25 October 1773

Bishop William Walton requiring submission to the Brief of Suppression  
Signed by eleven ex-Jesuits

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UC/M2/120 25 October 1773

Copy of UC/M2/120 with further signatures

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UC/M2/121 25 October 1773

Copy of UC/M2/120 with further signatures

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UC/M2/122 6 April 1773

Will of Alban Butler (copy), with a note on the payment of debts

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UC/M2/123 14 December 1773

Letter from the nuncio at Brussels to Bishop Francis Petre: Cardinal Corsini sending six students from the English College in Rome to Douai and requiring another six for Rome (the nuncio suggests that the Vicars Apostolic should decide on the students)

*Language:* Latin

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UC/M2/124 [December 1775]

Letter from [Bishop William Walton] to [?]: employment of ex-Jesuits, the proper superintendence and employment of property and money that belonged to the Society

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UC/M2/125 January 1781

Printed obituary notice of Bishop Richard Challoner, including notice of Solemn Dirges at the Embassy chapels

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UC/M2/126 17 January 1780

Letter from John Chadwick to Bishop William Walton: Lawrenson to be ordained by Bishop Talbot, Butler leaving Hornby, there are 35 secular priests, twelve or thirteen monks and four friars in Cumberland, Westmorland and Lancashire, details of ex-Jesuits in the area (with notes by Thomas Eyre concerning the 1740s).

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UC/M2/127 1790

Copy of documents relating to the Northern District, including a list of faculties, dispensations, formularies, and documents from the Vicariate in the time of Bishops Walton and Matthew Gibson in the 1780s and 1790s

Documents copied by Thomas Eyre

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UC/M2/128 14 April 1782

Letter from Christopher Stonor (Rome) to Bishop Matthew Gibson: the bearer is Bishop Hay, Gibson's trouble with ex-Jesuits and the need for a long-term solution to the problem of their property, the lack of hope of English superiors for the college although Corsini is handling it well, his desire to legalise marriage in church

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UC/M2/129 3 February 1783

Letter from John Chadwick to Bishop Matthew Gibson: giving statistics of clergy and people in Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmorland

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UC/M2/130a 12 April 1783

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to the Vicars Apostolic (copy by James Barnard): the need for an English priest for the English College in Rome so that the students do not forget their own language, the possibility of an appointment of an English rector

*Language:* Latin

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UC/M2/130b 10 May 1783

Letter from Bishop James Talbot to Bishop Matthew Gibson: enclosing UC/M2/130a and requiring a reply in Ciceronian Latin, his promise to send students, suggests John Kendal as a good priest to send

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UC/M2/131 [?1783]

Letter from the Vicars Apostolic to Pope Pius VI (draft): appealing to the pope to place the English College in Rome under the control of English superiors

*Language:* Latin

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UC/M2/132 1 October 1783

Letter from Bishop James Talbot to Bishop Matthew Gibson: sending a copy of a Latin letter (in James Barnard's hand) from the Vicars Apostolic to the Congregation of Propaganda, his dismay at the petition achieving nothing, his inability to send students owing to financial difficulties, the need to find a way of making the college useful to the mission

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UC/M2/133 16 December 1786

Letter from William Strickland [S.J.] (London) to Bishop Matthew Gibson: enclosing Pope Pius VI's brief for establishing the Academy at Liege, asks whether Gibson will give dimissorials to those who have sworn to serve the mission; desires to remove old prejudices and hostility

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UC/M2/134 17 March 1788

Formal testimony of William Poynter, Prefect of Studies at Douai College, on the satisfactory state of studies and students

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UC/M2/135a 24 February 1790

Letter from Christopher Stonor to James Barnard (extract by Barnard): Propaganda's surprise that the Vicars Apostolic have said nothing about the oath

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UC/M2/135b 25 February 1790

Letter from James Barnard to Bishop Matthew Gibson: the recommendation by the London District clergy of Charles Berington, John Douglass or Petre Browne succeeding James Talbot, and Talbot himself recommending Southworth

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UC/M2/136 30 March 1790

Letter from Christopher Stonor (Rome) to Bishop Matthew Gibson: Propaganda wanting the recommendations of the bishops for Talbot's successor though the London clergy may send a petition (not a vote); Gibson's disapproval of the choice of Berington  
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UC/M2/137 8 April 1790

Letter from Robert Smelt (Rome) to Bishop Matthew Gibson: changes in the Brussels Nunciature and in the Roman Curia, Cardinal Antonelli's expectation that Propaganda should be better informed, Talbot's successor and objections to Berington, Corsini's management of the English College in Rome  
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UC/M2/138 20 April 1790

Letter from James Barnard to Bishop Matthew Gibson: election of Talbot's successor, peers and gentry (i.e. the Catholic Committee) canvassing for Berington, the lack of secrecy in the election debates  
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UC/M2/139 20 April 1790

Letter from William Strickland [S.J.] (London) to Bishop Matthew Gibson: thanks him for Tristram's dimissorials, Liège declining to use an oath to serve a particular district rather than the mission, recommends Tristram for the Midland District, notes Gibson's strong expression of impartiality  
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UC/M2/140 26 April 1790

Letter from Bishop Matthew Gibson to William Strickland [S.J.] (copy): dimissorials can be granted only for a specific district, Gibson's desire not to object to the Liège Academy so long as funds are placed in England for the benefit of their aged and infirm members  
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UC/M2/141 10 May 1790

Letter from Bishop Thomas Talbot to Bishop Matthew Gibson: the election of Talbot's successor  
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UC/M2/142 23 June 1790

Letter from Robert Smelt to Thomas Eyre: Gibson's death, suggesting that the Vicar General must announce himself to Propaganda so that he can be made Pro-Vicar-Apostolic; Antonielli's opinion on Douglass's successor, Walmesley recommending William Gibson, Banister or Southworth, Corsini's wish for three boys for the Northern District  
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UC/M2/143 24 February 1790

Letter from J[ames] Johnson to [Thomas Eyre]: transcribes (from the Douai Diary) the Oath of Loyalty approved by seculars and regulars in 1716, with the Nuncio's approval  
*Language:* Latin and French  
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UC/M2/144 1 June 1790

Letter from Robert Smelt (Rome) to Bishop Matthew Gibson: Corsini's dismissal of students from the college so a further three students are required, Talbot's successor, Berington's position on the oath is a stumbling block to his appointment  
2f

UC/M2/145 10 February 1790

Letter from Robert Smelt (Rome) to Bishop Matthew Gibson: thanks him for money for his travel expenses, Corsini and the property of the English College with Strickland's claim upon it, his belief that the seculars will get the college back in the future, the state of the college, the Catholic Committee, Talbot's successor  
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UC/M2/146 18 September 1794

Letter from Bishop Charles Walmesley (Bath) to Bishop William Gibson (copy): enclosing his pastoral letter to a community of Dominican nuns, his wish to give similar regulations to any other community of nuns forced to return to England  
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UC/M2/147 26 April 1792

Letter from J. Mirehouse (Ryton) to Thomas Eyre: asks for information on Catholics in his parish so that he can fill in a questionnaire on papists from the bishop of Durham  
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Printed in *The Catholic Magazine*, June 1831, p.305-306

UC/M2/148 31 May 1803

Thomas Eyre's minutes of the meeting of the Vicars Apostolic and others at the Winchester Synod  
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UC/M2/149 21 September 1808

Letter from Robert Smelt to Bishop John Douglass: faculties have been sent, the Brief for the consecration of Bishop Smith  
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UC/M2/150 12 December 1796

Printed broadsheet from Robert Plowden [S.J.] to the gentlemen of the late English Province of Jesuits: disagreeing with the policy of William Strickland about Stoneyhurst and the ex-Jesuits

UC/M2/151 17 October 1694

Letter from the Vicars Apostolic to Matthias Watkinson, president of Lisbon College and other superiors (copy): defining their authority over the college and making a few recommendations

Includes the *forma missionis* of the college [in the hand of John Shepperd]

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UC/M2/152 17 June 1724

Letter from Edward Jones and the superiors of Lisbon College to Ferdinand Ashmall: giving him an excellent character, describing a letter as a great calumny

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UC/M2/153 27 February 1756

Copy of an appeal by Gerard Bernard (president of Lisbon College), and other superiors appealing for help after the earthquake

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UC/M2/154-155 16 October 1775

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to Bishop William Walton: enclosing his "Case of the English College Lisbon" appealing for money to save it from ruin

Signed by Challoner and Bishop James Talbot

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UC/M2/156 2 November 1775

Letter from Bishop Richard Challoner to Bishop William Walton: thanks him for money for Lisbon College, difficulty in finding a new president, the need for the college to reform, it is not customary to petition for the jubilee

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UC/M2/157 [1778]

Letter from Bishops Richard Challoner, James Talbot and George Hay to Bishop William Walton: a letter to the Catholic Committee suggesting that they should ask for toleration in private

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UC/M2/158 4 June 1778

Bishop Challoner [and Bishop James Talbot]: printed poster to the Catholic clergy, secular and regular, in the Southern District ordering prayers for the king and queen

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UC/M2/159 13 September 1699

Remarks by Christopher Tootell from Veron's *Rule of the Catholic Faith*

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UC/M2/160a 16 June 1794

Declaration by the Congregation of Propaganda on the sexennial obligation of the regulars and the reduction of the annual retreat from fifteen to ten days in every two years

*Language:* Latin

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UC/M2/160b 29 September 1794

Letter from Bishop Charles Walmesley to Bishop William Gibson: enclosing UC/M2/146

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