



# **Catalogue of Lisbon College Foundation Papers**

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## Preface

### Creation of catalogue

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## Introduction

Lisbon College Foundation Papers

*Reference code:* GB-0298-LC/A8

1621-1633

*Extent:* 1 box

*Repository:* Ushaw College Library

*Creator:* Lisbon College

*Language of material:* Spanish, Portuguese, Latin and English

### Contents

The foundation papers of Lisbon College, including correspondence and legal papers, covering the negotiations to obtain the requisite approval of Pope Urban VIII and King Philip IV of Spain.

### 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 in 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

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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

An English translation of the narrative has been published by A.H. Norris in "From Douai to Lisbon", *The British Historical Society of Portugal*, 6, (1979), p. 22

LC/A8/1 1 September 1621

Petitions from W. Newman to King Philip IV of Spain giving reasons why the king should grant permission to found an English seminary in Lisbon suggesting that it should be modelled on Douai and not be run by the Jesuits

Copy annotated by Newman

With transcript

*Language:* Spanish

3f

LC/A8/2 [?1 September 1621]

Petition from W. Newman to King Philip IV of Spain for the college to be governed by seculars

Written to accompany LC/A8/1

With transcript

*Language:* Spanish

1f

LC/A8/3 20 November 1631

Paper, partly in Countinho's hand, stating that the Jesuits are to have no part in his proposed seminary and that the Inquisitor's visitors must be secular or Dominican

With transcript

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/4 1819

*Alvara* authorising the founder to establish and endow a new college

Taken from the printed College constitution of 1819

With transcript

*Language:* Latin

2p

LC/A8/5-6 1778

Two authentic manuscript copies of the original *alvara* of foundation

*Language:* Portuguese

10f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 1(b), 87

LC/A8/7-9 [18th century]

Three further copies of the original *alvara* of foundation

*Language:* Latin

7f

LC/A8/10 1 June 1610 - 1621

Letter from J. Cresswell to W. Newman (copy/translation): asking Newman to look after the English Residency until another can be found

Note by Newman in 1621 commenting that he was not under the jurisdiction of the Jesuits and so could not be moved by them from the Residency

Possibly prepared as part of a petition

*Language:* Spanish

3f

LC/A8/11 [?1622]

Petition to the Nuncio against ruling in favour of Francis Forcer S.J. which Forcer was using to evict Newman

With transcript

*Language:* Spanish

1f

LC/A8/12 23 April [1622]

Appointment with the president of the Mesa da Consciencia

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/13 9 May 1622

Manuscript copies of papers presented to Nuño de Mendoza, president of the Mesa (with transcript):

*Language:* Portuguese

10f

LC/A8/13a 8 April 1621

F. Rebello's information to the Disembargo do Paco

LC/A8/13b September 1621

W. Newman's case presented to the Disembargo

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 335

LC/A8/13c 1 September 1621

W. Newman's case sent from Madrid to the Inquisition in Lisbon

LC/A8/13d 9 October 1621

Letter of the English clergy

*Language:* Latin

LC/A8/13e 9 May 1622

W. Newman's case to the Mesa

LC/A8/13f 3 December 1621

*Alvara* authorising the founder to establish and endow a new college

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 237

LC/A8/14 [9 May 1622]

Letter from W. Newman to Disembargo do Paco: further copy of Newman's case for founding a seminary in Lisbon

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 4

LC/A8/15 May 1622

Letter from Sebastião da Cunha (secretary of the Mesa da Consciencia) to W. Newman: asking for a copy of the provisão (royal *alvara*) about the new college

2f

LC/A8/16 9 May 1622

Draft copy of LC/A8/12, followed by a draft (with annotations in Newman's hand) of Newman's additional argument presented to the Mesad da Consciencia

With transcript

*Language:* Portuguese

6f

LC/A8/17 20 June - 8 July 1622

Manuscript copy of various documents [in Edward Daniel's hand]:

*Language:* Latin

2f

LC/A8/17a 20 June 1622

Decretum in Sacra Congregatione de Propaganda Fide

LC/A8/17b [20 June 1622]

Remonstrance of J. Bennett (clergy agent)

LC/A8/17c 8 July 1622

Revised decree [to part of which Bennett objected]

LC/A8/18 24 August 1622

Translation, by John Colleton and assistants, of the procuration for Newman and Thomas More (copy)

This was forwarded from Douai by Kellison

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/19 22 June 1622

Official copy of the foundation brief of the college

Includes a separate translation into Portuguese

*Language:* Latin and Portuguese

4f



- The original is framed and hangs on the west wall of the Lisbon Room at Ushaw College
- LC/A8/20 1622  
Form of power of attorney by the archpriest of the English clergy making Newman procurator for the English clergy  
*Language:* Portuguese  
2f
- LC/A8/21 [?1622]  
Letter from W. Newman to Pedro Castillo, inquisitor general: reasons for founding an English seminary in Lisbon, to be under the protection of the Inquisitor  
With transcript  
*Language:* Spanish  
10f
- LC/A8/22 2 January 1623  
Report by W. Newman for the nuncio (Albergati) of the foundation of the college of Coutinho's resolution for it to be governed by seculars  
Account confirmed by Coutinho  
With transcript  
*Language:* Spanish  
8f
- LC/A8/23 17 January 1623  
Authentication of Nicholas Ashton's gift of houses (6 April 1610) to the English Residency  
With transcript  
*Language:* Portuguese  
10f
- LC/A8/24 [?1623]  
Letter from English secular clergy to Pope Urban VIII: complaint on the unsatisfactory running of the seminaries by the Jesuits  
With transcript of the first 2 folios  
Third folio missing  
*Language:* Latin  
8f  
*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 162
- LC/A8/25 [?1623]  
Petition from English clergy to [?]: not to interfere with arrangements for founding the college by giving the nuncio in Lisbon special power over it, including an attack on the Jesuits and a defence of Douai College as the model for the new seminary  
*Language:* Latin  
2f
- LC/A8/26 April 1624  
Criticism by W. Newman of Jesuit administration of English seminaries questioning how many priests are produced (draft)  
With transcript  
*Language:* Spanish  
1f
- LC/A8/27 [?March] 1626  
Petition from P. Coutinho to Philip IV (king of Spain): subjects to be taught in the college

*Language:* Portuguese

1f

LC/A8/28 20 August 1626

Original *alvara* licensing the college to teach divinity, philosophy, languages etc, and ruling that the protector's power of visitation shall be delegated to none but a secular priest of the Mesa Grande

Includes two copies

Fair copy of a Latin translation

*Language:* Portuguese

8f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 88

LC/A8/29 15 March 1627

Declaration by J. Haynes and W. Newman giving various undertakings to the founder in case the college is not established

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/30 15 April 1627

Paper by W. Newman prepared for Reverendo Cabido (Lisbon Chapter) on the exchange of *foros*

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/31 14 October 1627 & 18 August 1632

Authenticated copy of the bull of privileges granted to the Venerable English College in 1579, taken from Cherubino

Authentication is dated 18 August 1632, and is signed by Mark Harrington

*Language:* Portuguese and Latin

8f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 25(a)

LC/A8/32 14 October 1627 & 2 April 1661

Further copy of the bull of privileges granted to the Venerable English College in 1579

Authentication is in Portuguese and is dated 2 April 1661

*Language:* Portuguese and Latin

11f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 166

LC/A8/33 14 October 1627

Brief confirming the college's privileges (copy)

*Language:* Latin

2f

LC/A8/34 14 October 1627

Two further copies of the brief with *facultates concedendae*

8f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 240

LC/A8/35 [14 October 1627]

Various extracts from the papal briefs of Gregory XV and Urban VIII

*Language:* Latin

5f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 23

LC/A8/36 [1627]

List of doctors from the English College at Douai, followed by a list of famous religious who were alumni

*Language:* Latin

2f

LC/A8/37 23 August 1628

Power of attorney from P. Coutinho to W. Newman

*Language:* Portuguese

4f

LC/A8/38 [1620 x 1629]

Note by W. Newman presenting arguments in favour of the English seminaries (copy)  
Probably part of Newman's case prepared for the court in Madrid

*Language:* Spanish

8f

LC/A8/39 [1620 x 1629]

Letter from W. Newman to Manoel Perera (inquisitor general of Portugal): asking for protection

*Language:* Portuguese

1f

LC/A8/40 [1620 x 1629]

Petition from P. Coutinho to Philip IV (king of Spain): to enforce the compulsory purchase of houses on the site of the proposed college

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/41 26 August 1630

*Auto da posse* giving W. Newman possession of the houses left by Nicholas Ashton in the Rua de Valverde next to S Catherina

Signed: Newman, Edward and Humphrey Ellis

*Language:* Portuguese

4f

LC/A8/42 14 October 1630

Note by P. Coutinho concerning a deposit of 25 milreis

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/43 5 August 1631

Letter from W. Newman (Madrid) to the inquisitor general: recounting a Jesuit attack on the bishop of Chalcedon, giving a brief account of the foundation of the college, and asking the inquisitor to accept the office of protector of the college

With transcript

*Language:* Portuguese

6f

LC/A8/44 [?1632]

Petition from P. Coutinho to Philip IV (king of Spain): to order the inquisitor general to accept the protectorship of the college (copy)

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/45 23 February 1632

Original deed of the acceptance by Francisco de Castro (inquisitor general) of the protectorship of the college

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 82

LC/A8/46 27 March 1632

Extracts by John Preston from the will of Pedro Coutinho

*Language:* English

2f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 407

LC/A8/47 1632 - 1633

Account (preceded by a sermon) describing how the first students of the college travelled from Douai to Lisbon

Includes a rough diary in English for June-September 1633

With transcript

*Language:* Portuguese and English

32f

LC/A8/48 December 1975 - December 1976

Offprints of Michael Sharratt's articles on LC/A8/46 in the *Ushaw Magazine* (December 1975), p.7-24; June 1976, p.30-41; and December 1976, p.22-35

42p

LC/A8/49 27 March 1632

Extracts from the will of P. Coutinho

*Language:* Portuguese

10f

*Ownership history:* Old Catalogue Number 333

LC/A8/50 [?1778]

J. Barnard's re-writing of J. Preston's extracts from the terms of the foundation, with explanations of some of the Portuguese words

*Language:* English

2f

LC/A8/51 17 April 1638

Inventory by Edward Daniel, William Newman and Francisco de Castro (inquisitor general)

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/52 [?1630]

Poem by P. Coutinho dedicated to D. Francisco de Castro (inquisitor general)

*Language:* Latin

2f

LC/A8/53 19 February 1660

Paper by Padre Antonio Soares de Albergaria of the genealogy of P. Coutinho and his part in founding the college

With transcript

*Language:* Portuguese

2f

LC/A8/54 [?1800]

References to Old Catalogue numbers of documents with the foundation of the college

*Language:* English

2f