



Catalogue of the Lisbon College House and Grounds

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Introduction

Lisbon College House and Grounds

Reference code: GB-0298-LC/A10

1614-1820

Extent: 3 files

Repository: Ushaw College Library

Creator: Lisbon College

Language of material: Portuguese

Contents

Legal papers about the various properties on the site owned by the college.

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.

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Open for consultation.

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Calendared card catalogue

Form of citation

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LC/A10/1 1852

Printed copy of an *alvara* by the King of Spain (Phillip III) concerning Misericordiae Hospital
This copy is taken from the original *alvara* of 15 March 1614

Language: Portuguese

4p

LC/A10/2 1778

Authenticated copies of 3 *alvaras* by the King of Spain (Philip IV) to Lisbon College:

(1) Teaching (20 August 1626)

(2) Shutting up the Rua Boaventura (15 April 1627)

(3) Enabling persons to sell Coutinho their houses and land to allow the college to be built (28 May 1627)

These copies were made in 1778

Language: Portuguese

8f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 238

LC/A10/3 2 November 1626

Title deeds of houses and land (on which the college was built) purchased from Donna Violante Coronel

Language: Portuguese

32f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 38

LC/A10/4 8 January 1627

Letter from Cofraria das Chabas to the King of Spain (Philip IV): petition for leave to sell to Coutinho houses in the Rua de S. Boaventura, the said houses being the foundation of a Capella

Language: Portuguese

5f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 245

LC/A10/5 29 March 1627 - 14 June 1631

Title deeds of houses and grounds on which the college was built, including deed of sale of the houses built from Donna Violente Coronel

Language: Portuguese

44f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 38

LC/A10/6 [?1628]

Letter from [William Newman] to the Lisbon Chapter (copy): information on the church which Coutinho intends to build for the college

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A10/7 7 March 1630

Title deed of houses bought from Maria de Araujo for the erection of college buildings

Two separate copies

Language: Portuguese

6f/13f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 37

LC/A10/8 17 July 1634

Letter from J. Colleton to W. Hart: procuration for the new president concerning the possible disposal of certain houses belonging to the college (St Catharine's)

Language: Latin

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 304

LC/A10/9 5 July 1638

Contract between the Protector (Don Francisco de Castro) and Alvaro Fernandes concerning the building of the college

Language: Portuguese

14f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 2(a)

LC/A10/10 1 April 1640

Bill for the building of the college

Language: Portuguese

4f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 2(b)

LC/A10/11 23 August 1640

Title deed of houses purchased from Francisco Ferreira de Andrade

Includes copy of the king (Philip IV's) *alavara* ordering him to sell the houses

Language: Portuguese

37f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 41

LC/A10/12 2 [?] 1640

Paper relating to part of the college's site bought from the Cofraria das Chagas

Language: Portuguese

4f

LC/A10/13 8 January 1641

[?Lawsuit] between F[rancisco] Ferreira de Andrade and F. Clarence (president) concerning the compulsory purchase of houses from de Andrade

Language: Portuguese

15f

LC/A10/14 22 April 1641

Original *alvara* of 15 April 1627 signed by King Philip IV and Coutinho, as well as documents relating to the closing of the Rua de S. Boaventura

Language: Portuguese

25f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 243

LC/A10/15 22 October 1713

Lisbon College and Misericordiae *padroado*

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 53

LC/A10/16 14 September 1719

Certificate of the state and prospect of the college buildings in 1715

Language: Portuguese

6f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 283

LC/A10/17 20 October 1743

Account by John Shepperd of the farms belonging to Mr Peter House in Lisbon

Language: English

6f

LC/A10/18 25 October 1796

Letter from Joao Pedro da Matta Pera to the Lisbon College Superiors: acknowledging the return of a capstan, and carts etc. borrowed from the arsenal for building

Language: Portuguese

1f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 303

LC/A10/19 12 April 1820

Contract between E. Winstanley and Manoel Luiz de Mascimento to build in the college garden

Language: Portuguese

4f