



Catalogue of the Richard Russell Papers

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Introduction

Richard Russell Papers

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1649-1673

Extent: 2 files

Repository: Ushaw College

Creator: Richard Russell (1630-1693)

Language of material: Portugese and English

Contents

Papers of Richard Russell mostly concerning diplomatic relations between England and Portugal during the 1660s and early 1670s. The papers are particularly valuable for shedding light on the negotiations surrounding the marriage of King Charles II and Catherine of Braganza and the resultant alliance between England and Portugal, which included the provision of English troops and supplies for Portugal's war against Spain, as well as England's acquisition of Tangier and Bombay with the use of money provided from Catherine's dowry. Other papers include negotiations over the proposed marriage of Madame de Memours and Afonso VI, as well as day-to-day diplomatic affairs. There are also some brief references to Lisbon College.

About the creator

Richard Russell was born in Berkshire in 1630. When he was just 12 years old, he became servant to Dr Edward Daniel, the newly appointed president of Lisbon College. Five years later he was admitted as an alumnus to the college but was ordained in Douai College in 1653. Following a brief spell as procurator at Lisbon College, he was summoned back to England by the Chapter in 1657, where he spent three years as a chaplain to the Portuguese ambassador. On his return to Portugal he received the title of Secretary to the Queen, and a pension, in consideration of his services to the crown of Portugal. He played a leading role in negotiating the marriage treaty of Charles II and Catherine of Braganza and was elected a canon of the English Chapter in 1661. In 1671, he was appointed as Bishop of Portalegre and, 11 years later, was transferred to the diocese of Vizéu. He died in 1693.

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.

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Dating Conventions

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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

M. Sharratt, "Bishop Russell and John Sergeant", *Ushaw Magazine*, 255 (1979), p.22-37

LC/P6/1 20 August 1649

Deed of ownership by Humphrey Aldrington (merchant) of goods and merchandise in Lisbon previously belonging to his three children (Humphrey, Alice and Matthias)

Authentication of Aldrington's accounts by John Emans (notary)

Old Style: 1 August 1649

2f

LC/P6/2 22 April 1656

[?Declaration] by Araujo that he is a canon of Oporto

Language: Portuguese

4f

LC/P6/3 15 June 1660

Copy of a letter from King Afonso VI to King Charles II: congratulations on Charles's restoration, hopes that good relations between the two countries will continue, Francisco de Mello as the extraordinary ambassador

The original was signed by the Queen [Luisa]

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/4 [?6 May 1661]

Letter from King Charles II to the Queen Regent [Luisa of Medina-Sidonia]: asking for Catherine of Braganza's hand in marriage, wanting the proposal to be kept secret, requiring a speedy and categorical reply, and praising Francisco de Mello (later the marques de Sande) in his role as extraordinary ambassador

At this stage only de Mello and Russell (de Mello's secretary) are privy to the marriage proposal

Copy or draft in Russell's hand

Language: Spanish

2f

Prestage, Edgar, *The diplomatic relations of Portugal with France, England, and Holland from 1640 to 1668*, p.146

Lisbonian, July 1934, p.16

LC/P6/5 5 September 1661

Letter from [Queen Luisa of Medina-Sidonia] to Richard Russell: instructions to Russell about ratification of treaty signed by the queen

Addressed to the bishop-elect of Cabo Verde

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/6 14 May 1661

Letter from King Charles II to [Catherine of Braganza] of Portugal (copy): confirming that he has announced his forthcoming marriage to the Council who are very pleased and the whole world will know in a few days

Language: Spanish

2f

LC/P6/7 29 September 1661

Letter from [Catherine of Braganza] to Richard Russell: [?Lord Sandwich] reaching the Tagus and his reception there, and giving Russell instructions

Signed by the queen

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/8 [?November 1661]

Letter from [Irish Lords] to the queen [Catherine]: the duke of Ormonde's appointment in Ireland

Ormonde was appointed Lord Lieutenant in November 1661

2f

LC/P6/9 [April/May 1662]

List (in Catherine's hand) of the queen's household as they were to be quartered at Portsmouth

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/10 24 July 1662

Letter from William Russell to Jorge Nevil: arrangements for paying 150 milreis to him

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/11 29 September 1662

Letter from Francisco de Merlo e Torres, conde da Ponte (marques de Sande) to King Charles II: complaining about the breach of article 11 of a 1654 treaty concerning four English ships which had taken Brazil wood direct to England

Draft in Russell's hand and endorsed by him as a memorial given to the king by the ambassador

Old Style: 19 September 1662

4f

LC/P6/12 8 October 1662

Letter from King Afonso VI to King Charles II (copy): military aid from Charles for Portugal including suggesting the invasion of Spain, financial aid (to pay English soldiers), sending more ships to threaten Spanish ports, recommending a declaration of offensive and defensive war

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/13 12 October 1662

Letter from the Queen Mother [Luisa] to Richard Russell: replying to a previous letter from Russell (concerning the good state of Portuguese affairs at the English court) referring to her liberation from the yoke of the regency and thanking Russell for his advice on the subject

Signed by the queen

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/14 17 January 1663

Letter from the marques de Sande (extraordinary ambassador) to King Charles II: the dispute over the English ships and questioning Agostino Coronel's right to interpret the 1654 treaty

Signed by de Sande

Old Style: 7 January 1663

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/15 [?May 1663]

Letter from Duarte de Silva to [?Sande or Richard Russell]

A Duarte de Sylva is listed by Catherine of Braganza as the son of "o Thezoureiro del Rey de Portugal" [see LC/P6/9]

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/16 10 July 1663

Articles of high treason against the earl of Clarendon by the earl of Bristol

4f

LC/P6/17 28 July 1663

Letter from the chapter of canons of [?] to Richard Russell: seeking money for church repairs

Signed by four canons

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/18 3 November 1663

Letter from King Afonso VI to the marques de Sande, extraordinary ambassador in England: the case of William Fines, captain of a ship in the English fleet, who is seeking reimbursement because of the action of the Portuguese Grand Admiral [?the duke of Hore]

Signed by the king and ambassador

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/19 11 April 1664

Authenticated copy of an indenture by William Legg Lewton (general of ordnance) of arms sent via Russell to Portugal for the use of Charles's forces employed in the service of the Portuguese king

Old Style: 1 April 1664

1f

LC/P6/20 11 [?June] 1664

Letter from King Afonso VI to Richard Russell: thanking him for obtaining the military aid sent by Charles II

Signed by the king and Castelmelhor

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/21 July 1664

Letter from King Afonso VI to [?his embassy in London]: opinion on naval prizes and reprisals

Language: Portuguese

3f

LC/P6/22 12 July 1664

Letter from King Afonso VI to Richard Russell: Francisco Ferreira Rebello has informed the king of the state of negotiations about Bombay and the king is very pleased with what Russell has achieved, he has ordered Ferreira Rebello to make use of Russell's help (the king has every confidence in him)

Signed by the king and Castelmelhor

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/23 12 July 1664

Letter from King Afonso VI to Richard Russell: a prize taken by Portuguese warships explaining Portuguese policy in these matters

Signed by the king and Castelmelhor

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/24 16 July 1664

Letter from King Afonso VI to King Charles II: Russell planning to explain the ship dispute, his intention is to observe the Anglo-Portuguese treaty religiously

This letter is damaged

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/P6/25 2 August 1664

Letter from the conde de Castelmelhor to the conde de Schomberg (copy): the relation of the foreign troops to the Portuguese army and the Portuguese supreme command

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/26 7 September 1664

Letter from Antonio de Sousa de Macedo to Richard Russell: enclosing news of Portuguese successes, and mentioning a complaint of Colonel Bellasis that he has not been well received

Signed by de Macedo

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/27 29 September 1664

Letter from the conde de Castelmelhor to the conde de Schomberg: [?arrangements about military command]

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/28 2 October 1664

Letter from the conde de Castelmelhor to conde de Schomberg: arrangements about military command

Language: Portuguese

4f

LC/P6/29 8 October 1664

Letter from Antonio de Sousa de Macedo to Richard Russell: dealings with Schomberg about military command

Language: Portuguese

4f

LC/P6/30 16 October 1664

Letter from the conde de Castelmelhor to Richard Russell: English troops in Portugal

Language: Portuguese

3f

LC/P6/31 9 October 1665

Letter from King Afonso VI to the marques de Sande (copy): complaining about the character and attitude of the English consul in Lisbon (Thomas Maynard), a reference to the secretary (Henry Bennett) whom he expects to be well-disposed to Portugal, his wish for the replacement of the consul

Signed by the king and Castelmelhor

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/P6/32 9 October 1665

Letter from King Afonso VI to Richard Russell: content the same as (LC/P6/31)

Signed by the king and Castelmelhor

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/33 [?9 October 1665]

Letter from King Afonso VI to King Charles II (copy): complaining about the action of Consul Maynard and asking for him to be replaced

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/P6/34 10 October 1665

Letter from King Afonso VI to Richard Russell: advice for Sande to go straight to France to arrange the king's marriage owing to the plague in England, the appointment of Dom Francisco de Mello (Mancel de Camara) to treat with Charles, and ordering Russell to go to France with Sande

Signed by the king and Castelmelhor

Language: Portuguese

6f

LC/P6/35 [?1665]

Letter from King Afonso VI to the marques de Sande (copy): possible alliances open to Portugal, the restoration of Conhin and Cananor, marriage of infants, disputes about ships, Catherine's dowry, Spanish prisoners, English merchants, English troops, Bombay, the plague

This letter is described as above but cannot be located, 10 December 2012

Language: Portuguese

LC/P6/36 22 October 1665

Letter from the marques de Sande (at Paris) to King Charles II: negotiations connected with the proposed marriage of Madame de Memours and King Afonso VI, and asking the king's advice on whether he (de Sande) should return to England or await further instructions
Russell's copy/translation

2f

LC/P6/37 11 December 1665

[Coded letter] from King Afonso VI to Richard Russell: negotiations about Bombay

Signed by the king and Castelmelhor

The card catalogue states that there is a decoded message inside although this cannot be located

2f

LC/P6/38 1665

Letter from John Sergeant to Richard Russell: reassuring Clarendon (via Russell) that Sergeant's *Sure-footing in Christianity* is not subversive of the State

2f

Printed in *Ushaw Magazine*, June 1979, pp. 25-27

LC/P6/39 20 January 1666

King Louis XIV providing a safe-conduct for Richard Russell

Signed by the king

Language: French

2f

LC/P6/40 3 March 1666

Letter from the marques de Sande (at Paris) to Richard Russell (at London): complaining of Russell's lack of contact since leaving Paris, query of F. de Mello about Bombay, wondering whether the queen still dislikes him, treaty to be signed on 24 February, his plan to go to La Rochelle (for the king's marriage), and a list of Russell's expenses

Signed by Sande

Language: Portugal

2f

LC/P6/41 12 May 1666

Letter from the marques de Sande to [?]: explaining Portuguese policy in the recent changes of alignment among European nations

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/42 8 July 1666

Letter from the conde de Castelmelhom to Richard Russell: the victory of Great Britain over the Dutch, Portuguese preparations to meet the threat of a Spanish fleet

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/43 20 August 1666

Letter from Jeronimo Nunez da Costa (Amsterdam) to Richard Russell: passports needed for ships at Hamburg

2f

LC/P6/44 22 September 1667

Letter from King Afonso VI to Richard Russell: his relations with the Infante, his brother, and Castelmelhor's dismissal

Signed by the king

Includes a further copy

Language: Portuguese

2f/1f

LC/P6/45 1 October 1667

Letter from King Afonso VI to Richard Russell: thanking him for his letter and his account of his work

Signed by the Infante

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/46 5 December 1667

Letter from King Affonso VI/Infante to Richard Russell: announcing the succession of Infante, and Dom Pedro

Signed by the Infante

2f

LC/P6/47 10 December 1667

Letter from the Infante to Richard Russell: recounting the assassination of the marques de Sande on 7 December 1667

Signed by the Infante

2f

LC/P6/48 7 August 1668

Letter from the Principe to Richard Russell: thanking him for his letters offering congratulations on his marriage and his taking over the government of the kingdom

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/P6/49 11 May 1670

Letter from King Charles II to Edward Blackwell: the extraordinary embassy of Robert Southwell to Dom Pedro concerning the rest of Catherine de Braganza's dowry and making Blackwell his procurator

Copy of authenticated translation. The oath authenticating the translation was taken in the college

Original was signed by Charles and Arlington

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/P6/50 22 September 1670

Edward Blackwell making Edmund Corbett his delegate in Portugal

Authenticated copy and draft

Samuel John Wright, notary in London, records Blackwell's delegation of proxy in matters relating to dowry to Corbett

Confirmation by the Portuguese agent in London

Confirmation of the notary's position by English merchants

Old Style: 12 September 1670

Language: Portuguese

3f

LC/P6/51 8 June 1671

Letter from Richard Russell to the nuncio (Francisco Ravizza): a report on Lisbon College to be sent to Rome

2 signed copies and typed transcript

Language: Latin

8f/8p

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 329

LC/P6/52 18 October 1673

Letter from Richard Russell to Archbishop [?]: appeal for support in his conflict with João de Almeijda

This letter is damaged

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/P6/53 [?1660]

Letter from the president of Lisbon College to King Afonso VI: petition about Theatines who wanted to build near the college

Copy or draft

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/P6/54 [1660 x 1669]

Motives for peace and commerce with Portugal

8f

LC/P6/55 [1660 x 1669]

Account of fighting between the Portuguese and Spanish

Language: Portuguese

2f