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Introduction

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Contents

Volume IV of the Ushaw Collection of Manuscripts covers a wide range of subjects relating to Catholic history, including the legal rights of Catholics over legacies, the government of the Catholic Church in England, conflict between the English Vicars Apostolic and the clergy, and some Catholic estate records.

Arrangement

The origins of volume IV are unknown but the continuation of the number sequence suggests it is likely to have been compiled shortly after the completion of the third volume in 1936. Contents acquired at different times from many different sources. The sequence retains the original volume-number arrangement.

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UC/M4/280 22 October 1790

Receipt from John Barrow to James Heatley for £100 for the chapel at Garstang with an obligation to say ten Masses yearly for forty years.

1f

UC/M4/281 9 March 1790

Letter from Bishop Matthew Gibson to Congregation of Propaganda [draft]: announcing death of James Talbot (bishop of the London District) with coadjutor, and recommending J. Douglass to replace him in view of the disputes among Catholics.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M4/282 22 April 1790

Letter from Bishop Charles Walmesley to Bishop Matthew Gibson: transcription of a Latin letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to the Vicars Apostolic concerning Smelt being welcomed as Stonor's successor, hoping for better relations between Catholics and the government, condemning a proposed oath and commends the Vicars Apostolic, the complaints made against the London clergy and the need to correct abuses, and the nominations for the London District.

2f

UC/M4/283 3 April 1790

Letter from James Barnard to Bishop Matthew Gibson: Barnard he has sent three names from the London clergy and Southworth, copy of Stonor's answer, Antonelli's condemnation of a novel election and his desire for names from the Vicars Apostolic, Barnard's plans to send a copy to Talbot but agrees to await Gibson's response before he writes to Walmesley.

1f

UC/M4/284 29 April 1790

Letter from Bishop Matthew Gibson to the Congregation of Propaganda [draft]: he has seen Walmesley's letter and urges deliberation for the important matter of a bishop for the London District.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M4/285 24 April 1790

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to Bishop Matthew Gibson: Talbot's successor, the recommendation of some London notables for Charles Berington, and the lack of information from the Vicars Apostolic.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M4/285b 30 April 1790

Letter from R. Lacon (O.S.B.) to Bishop Matthew Gibson: the impending expiration of the sexennium and asking for a renewal in Rome, sending a list of O.S.B.s who have made the 15-day retreat, and asking for a renewal of faculties.

1f

UC/M4/286 12 April 1790

Letter from John Chadwick to John Lodge: the process of electing a successor to a bishop with no coadjutor, clergy sending three names, urging Lodge to organise a consultation to ensure that nobody over fifty is nominated, and designating John Rigby as the favourite candidate.

1f

UC/M4/287 27 November 1790

Lease by John Wharton of Skelton Castle, Yorkshire, to John Harrison of Woodside, Lanchester, to let Wharton's farm of 120 acres at Woodside for £57.

Copy by John Parrington.

2f

UC/M4/288 12 June 1791

C. Leslie to Bishop Thomas Talbot: his poor treatment by Mr Curson at Waterferry, a description of Curson as a deist and non-communicant who misbehaves at Mass, hoping Talbot will disregard Curson's complaints, sending a deed of foundation, and declaring that he will not give up the right to his cottage at Waterferry though he has been compelled to live in Oxford.

2f

UC/M4/289 30 August 1791

Printed address from the annual assembly of the Lancashire clergy at Preston, congratulating the Vicars Apostolic on their success with Parliament, preventing a schism, and securing an innocuous oath.

Language: English and Latin

1p

UC/M4/290 30 August 1791

Letter from G. Walker (President General of the English Benedictines) to Bishop C. Walmesley [typescript copy]: Mr Weld's desire to possess St Cuthbert's body in spite of St Cuthbert being preserved for public veneration, and the likely opposition from the northern Catholics towards this.

1f

UC/M4/291 30 September 1791

Newspaper cutting of a letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to James Barnard thanking him for the loyal letter of the London clergy which is a welcome contrast to the schism in France.

1p

UC/M4/292 10 March 1793

Letter from John Daniel (Douai) to [?Bishop William Gibson]: payment and the London fund, Montgomery's fondness for poetry, and planning to send an account of the funds.

1f

UC/M4/293 5 April 1793

Printed letter from Bishop William Gibson to the clergy and laity recommending prayers for king and country and fixing a day of humiliation and prayer, and asking for a collection for the French émigré clergy.

1p

UC/M4/294 20 June 1794

Printed circular from the Vicars Apostolic (Walmesley, Gibson and Douglass) appealing for funds for a new college at Tudhoe to replace Douai College.

2p

UC/M4/295 14 August 1794

Letter from the Benedictine nuns (Bodney) to Bishop [?John Douglass]: the loss of one of the community through cancer, the increase in numbers in their school, and the expected arrival in this district of the Austin nuns from Bruges.

1f

UC/M4/296 24 November 1794

Letter from Robert Banister (Mowbreck) to Vincent Eyre: Robert Johnson (farmer at Medlar) and his plan to leave, and being replaced with Thomas Newsham.

2f

UC/M4/297 13 December 1794

Letter from Robert Banister to Vincent Eyre: providing a history of the Medlar estate from 1774, informing Eyre that he is the only surviving executor of George Wilmot, and explaining why the proposed rent is appropriate.

1f

UC/M4/298 15 December 1794

Dimissorial letters from Bishop A.F. de Talaru de Chalmazel (bishop of Coutances) for ordination to the priesthood for Jacques de Quilleberg subject to the approval of Revd Martin (governor of the Royal House at Winchester).

1f

UC/M4/299 29 January 1795

Articles of agreement between Robert Banister and Thomas Newsham to let the farm of Medlar cum Wesham in Kirkham, Lancashire; signed, sealed and witnessed.

1f

UC/M4/300 7 February 1795

Printed letter [3 copies] by the Congregation of Propaganda to Vicars Apostolic concerning modern rationalistic tendencies, urging bishops to rally their subjects to follow Roman teaching on true liberty, ordering the Vicars Apostolic to obey George III owing to the greater freedom allowed to Catholics and the treatment of the French émigré clergy in England.

Includes a copy of a paragraph of a letter from Cardinal Gerdil (Prefect of the Congregation of Propaganda) to Mr Erskine in London.

Language: Latin

2p

UC/M4/301 13 November 1795

Letter from Robert Banister to Vincent Eyre: sending an account for Medlar and Thistleton, enclosing a copy of articles and conditions for Medlar farm and wishing he could set the small estate at Thistleton on good terms, and John Milner and Charles Plowden's answers to the Cisalpine Club.

1f

UC/M4/302 23 February 1797

Letter from Robert Banister to Vincent Eyre: questioning how the profits and rents of Medlar and Thistleton are to be disposed of according to Robert Westby's intentions, history of Wilmot's administration, his visit to Mobreck, his funds, and enclosing an account.

1f

UC/M4/303 22 March 1797

Letter from Robert Banister to Vincent Eyre: sending an account of his losses, asking for money, and his fears that he may be cast out on the expiry of his lease in February 1800.

2f

UC/M4/304 23 March 1797

Letter from Vincent Eyre to Robert Banister: informing him that the Medlar and Thistleton estates were intended for the maintenance of a chapel and priest at Mowbreck but continuance depends on the life of J. Swarbreck, and explaining how much will be available after his death.

1f

UC/M4/305 10 May 1797

Letter from Robert Banister to Vincent Eyre: stating that he cannot agree with Eyre's view of the destination intended for the rents of Thistleton and Medlar, and recalling Westby's intentions.

2f

UC/M4/306 27 November 1797

Letter from Bishop George Hay to Thomas Eyre: agreeing to send fifty copies of the New Testament now and fifty later, with twelve each of *Sincere Christian* and *Pious Christian*, welcoming subscriptions to *Lives of Saints*, informing him that his new college will open shortly, his opposition to Vespers in English without Roman dispensation, Challoner's disapproval of Cordel's methods at Newcastle, and seeking a coadjutor.

2f

UC/M4/307 13 August 1798

Resolutions of the clergy at Preston and of Bishop Gibson and Thomas Eyre at Minsteracres (August 13) for the setting up of a successor to Douai College in the north. Two copies, one contemporary and one written later.

4f

UC/M4/308 4 May 1798

Printed copy of a letter from Charles Erskine to Mr Coghlin enclosing one from Dr Hussey, bishop of Waterford, denying that he had approved of an erroneous proposition on p.46 of the Third Blue Book limiting the spiritual powers of the Church.

1p

UC/M4/309 1799

List by Thomas Eyre of popes from Leo X, kings of England from Henry VIII, and presidents of Douai College.

1f

UC/M4/310 1799

List by Thomas Eyre of English Benedictine Superiors.

1f

UC/M4/311 1807

Esh Chapel subscriptions and expense book.

5f

UC/M4/312 4 March 1799

Letter from Robert Banister to Vincent Eyre: sending accounts for Medlar and Thistleton, and asking how he should declare his income to conform with the Act of Parliament.

2f

UC/M4/313 1 September 1799

Letter from George Bruning (Isleworth) to Thomas Eyre: sending the *Dissertation historique*, his opinion on Pope Pius VI's *Auctorem Fidei* and its reception in 1794 by Irish and English bishops, Joseph Wilks, French Gallican ideas, the attitude of the French bishops, and his nephew's progress.

2f

UC/M4/314 2 September 1799

Will of George Ferguson of Rothbury, Northumberland, giving money to Thomas Stout of Thropton and Thomas Eyre, including a note of 28 May 1806 by Stout about the foundation of the Thropton mission.

2f

UC/M4/315a [13 June 1782]

Letter from the Catholic Committee to the marquis of Rockingham (copy): memorial complaining of anti-Catholic feeling fomented by Lord George Gordon.

2f

UC/M4/315b 13 June 1782

Letter from the Catholic Committee to Lord Shelburne (copy): memorial protesting about Shelburne's implication that the penal laws against Catholics are not consigned to oblivion.

2f

UC/M4/316a 30 November 1800

Copy of the will of William Seymour of Arundel.

2f

UC/M4/316b 30 November 1800

Private instructions by William Seymour of Arundel to Thomas Eyre (draft) to whom he leaves £4,000 for: a Catholic college in the north, Chorley Chapel and the support of the London Vicar Apostolic.

2f

UC/M4/317 3 March 1800

Letter from Robert Banister to Vincent Eyre: accounts of Medlar and Thistleton, news of Salwick chapel, Brewer, O.S.B., and Joseph Wilks.

2f

UC/M4/318 23 May 1800

Roman Curia at Venice by Thomas Eyre (copy): decree of nullity of marriage between Bernard Edward Howard and Lady Elizabeth Belayse on grounds of defect of consent.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M4/319

Number not used

UC/M4/320 1801

Blank certificate for the reception of a convert from Calvinist heresy.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M4/321 16 March 1801

Letter from Robert Banister to Vincent Eyre: accounts of Medlar and Thistleton.

1f

UC/M4/322

Number not used

UC/M4/323 6 February 1802

Note by William Seymour about money for Masses for Mr and Mrs Seymour.

1f

UC/M4/324 28 January 1803

Accounts of St Omers English College (copy), signed by Francis Tuite and Thomas Cleghorn.

2f

UC/M4/325 31 October 1803

Letter from R. Lacon (O.S.B.) to James Orrell: acknowledging £110 and asking him to specify the obligations annexed to the £105 for Warrington and the £5 for Woolton.

2f

UC/M4/326 1804

An Abstract of the Douai Catechism

49p

UC/M4/327 13 February 1804

Printed list of faculties from Thomas Eyre to John Yates.

Language: Latin

16p

UC/M4/328

Number not in use

UC/M4/329 9 March 1804

Printed list of faculties from John Gillow to [?].

Language: Latin

16p

UC/M4/330

Number not in use

UC/M4/331 23 July 1804

Letter from Thomas Eyre to John Barrow and John Rigby (draft): seeking the building of a college in the north in accordance with the Fernyhalgh resolutions.

1f

UC/M4/332

Number not in use

UC/M4/333 5 October 1805

Letter from John Shaw (Bedford, near Leigh) to James Orrell: Mr Richardson of Low Green's legacy to finish the chapel, and seeking a copy of Richardson's will.

2f

UC/M4/334 1805

List of the books of W. Irving (Mowbreck).

1f

UC/M4/335 21 July 1805

Will of Arthur Story of Tudhoe leaving everything to Thomas Eyre and Thomas Smith.

2f

UC/M4/336 10 September 1805

Letter from Thomas Smith to [Thomas Eyre]: the ending of the controversy involving Lingard as Bishop Douglass has consented to leave him, and sending the letter to Ushaw because Eyre's people will be there for the day.

1f

UC/M4/337

Number not in use

UC/M4/338 11 October 1809

Letter from J[ohn] M[ilner] to a York paper explaining the purpose of a silver bowl lately added to the treasury of York Minster.

1f

UC/M4/339 1810

Printed list of English Benedictine monks.

1 sheet

UC/M4/340a 13 January 1810

Letter from Thomas Clifford to [?]: the attacks made upon him, the publication of Sir R. Sadler's letter by his brother Arthur, Walter Scott's engagement to write a life and notes without attacking Catholics, and wondering whether a letter to a magazine would help.

2f

UC/M4/340b 9 December 1811

Letter from Francis Witham (Gray's Inn) to Bishop Thomas Smith: the chance of recovering £15 p.a. which may belong to the Northern District and dates back to Dame Barbara Webb in 1738, the Master of Chancery requiring information, and asking him to send any documents.

2f

UC/M4/341

Number not used

UC/M4/342 7 December 1814

Printed address by Peter Gandolphy to a community of nuns informing them that the bishop has no power to tell them what to wear.

With a manuscript note from John Lingard to John Rigby.

2p

UC/M4/343 2 April 1815

Letter from [James Yorke] Bramston (Florence) to [?] (extract): travelling to Genoa to meet the pope, the opposition to the rescript, speaking strongly to the Cardinal Prefect at Viterbo, believing that if the pope had remained three weeks longer in Rome the matter would have been settled, his hopes that Rome can influence the emancipation question, and praising the pope.

1f

UC/M4/344 5 October 1816

Printed address by Peter Gandolphy to the public on Bishop Poynter's opposition to his view, his defence of nuns, his prayer book and sermons, the attitude of Rome, and the hostility of the Jesuits.

With a manuscript note from [?] to Lingard.

3p

UC/M4/345 16 August 1817

Letter from Bishop William Poynter to Bishop Peter Collingridge (copy): recounting John Lingard's objections to accepting coadjutorship of the Western District including causing offence to the religious orders and Lingard's belief that the publication of his *History of England* would be impeded, and setting up a separate seminary at Old Hall.

2f

UC/M4/346

Number not used

UC/M4/347 23 December 1818

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to Bishop John Milner (copy): enclosing a decree confirming the privileges of Stonyhurst (including the granting of dimissorials and confirming the privileges of 1796), advising that the document should be given secretly to the president of the college, and confirming that the pope has given his approval.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M4/348 27 January 1818

Printed memorial by Bishop William Poynter, on behalf of the claim of John Daniel, president of Douai College, to the High Commissioners at Paris appointed to liquidate the claims of British subjects on the French government.

7p

UC/M4/349 8 July 1818

Letter from Bishop William Gibson to Richard Thompson, for communication to C. Plowden [S.J.] of Stonyhurst: informing him that the Society [?of Jesus] has not been restored and that the gentlemen of Stonyhurst are seculars, and Gibson's permission to build a new chapel (with a reference to the controversy at Wigan).

1f

UC/M4/350-351

Numbers not used

UC/M4/352a 28 October 1819

Letter from Charles Plowden [S.J.] to [Bishop Peter Collingridge] (copy): the secretive Decree of Propaganda and sending a copy to the other bishops with a memorial on the status of Stonyhurst, awaiting a hearing from Bishop Gibson, and seeking Collingridge's opinion on the desire of George Lucy to be ordained *titulo patrimonii*.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M4/352b [1840 x 1849]

Letter from T. Danson to [?]: historical discussion of regulations for missionaries, secular and regular.

2f

UC/M4/353 27 January 1809

Receipt by Francis Crathorne and John Orrell of £103 left by Edward Richardson to Burscough for the chapel.

1f

UC/M4/354 5 March 1821

Memorandum by Bishop William Poynter on the clause "No foreign Prelate . . . ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, preeminence or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within these realms".

Authenticated by Francis Tuite, Secretary.

2f

UC/M4/355 31 July - 22 December [1825]

Letter from Bishop Thomas Smith to James Wheeler: receipt of a crozier and his plans to go to Ampleforth to ordain two young men, as well as catching the High Flyer at Thirsk. Letter from J. Smith to [?]: plans for sowing land.

1f

UC/M4/356 18 October 1824

Certificate by Thomas A. Slater that he has taken the oath and declaration prescribed by Parliament.

1 sheet

UC/M4/357 28 August 1825

Valuation of property at Ebchester, including the mill and West Wood Farm, with a sketch map.

1f

UC/M4/358 2 July 1832

Declaration by William Edwards of Tryddon, Flintshire, farmer, concerning poltergeists in his house which can only be settled by the sprinkling of holy water.

4f

UC/M4/359 2 May 1835

Broadsheet from the *Newcastle Journal* concerning the controversy with George Dunn on the *Garden of the Soul* and auricular confession.

1 sheet

UC/M4/360 [1836 - 1851]

Notebook of Thomas Sherburne, with diary and accounts, concerning Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Ushaw College.

15f

UC/M4/361 1836

Benevolent Society of Roman Catholic Secular Clergy Priests, *Rules and regulations for the Benevolent Society of Roman Catholic Secular Clergy Priests, established for their mutual relief and assistance in sickness, infirmity, old age, &c.* (York, 1836)

18p

UC/M4/362 1836

Printed petition of certain English Catholics to Pope Gregory XVI for the clergy's right to elect bishops, an increase in the number of districts, and a dean and chapter for each vicariate.

3 copies. The third copy is addressed to Robert Tate (Hazelwood) and has annotated underlining in places.

1 sheet

UC/M4/363 1838

Letter from the Congregation of Propaganda to the Vicars Apostolic: seeking their opinion on an increase in the vicariates, the method of choosing bishops, regulations for governing vicariates, and the prospects for missions in the colonies.

Language: Latin

2f

Printed copy UC/M4/376

UC/M4/364 3 December 1838

Printed appeal from the Vicars Apostolic to the clergy and laity on the need for donations to improve the facilities (libraries, chapels etc) at episcopal seminaries.

3p

UC/M4/365 [1840 x 1849]

Petition to the Congregation of Propaganda (draft) on Lancashire removing part of the revenues of his priests without their consent and explaining the source of these revenues.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M4/366 29 September 1838

Decree of the Congregation of Propaganda (copy), firstly, on Pope Gregory XVI's concession that English Catholics should share in all the indulgences and privileges attached to various confraternities and that the Vicars Apostolic should propagate the confraternities; and secondly, notwithstanding *Apostolicum ministerium*, religious orders in England can re-erect or retain public churches.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M4/367-369 1 May 1839

Printed and manuscript copies of a petition of the clergy meeting at York asking for the restoration of the Hierarchy.

3 manuscript copies including signatures.

1 sheet, 2f & 2f

UC/M4/370 1839

Petition (draft) of the Yorkshire clergy to Pope Gregory XVI complaining that Propaganda's decree (UC/M4/366) permitting regulars to build their own chapels is causing division, detracting from the authority of the Vicars Apostolic, and giving undue power to the laity.

Language: Latin

2f

UC/M4/371 1839

Printed circular by Canonicus complaining that the clergy cannot choose their own bishops and that the two recent appointments have been unsatisfactory.

1 sheet

UC/M4/372 1839

Printed petition from Nicholas Wiseman to Pope Gregory XVI on the possibility of the rapid spread of the faith in England and recommending the founding of a body of missionaries to tour the country and speak to Catholics and non-Catholics, to preach during Lent and Advent, and to give retreats, as well as the purchase of a house for this purpose.

Language: Latin

2p

UC/M4/373 3 January 1839

Letter from Charles Acton to Robert Tate: confidential enquiry on behalf of Propaganda on the needs of the Church of England and the colonies, enclosing a paper with questions.

2f

UC/M4/374 1 March 1839

Printed letter by Archaeus on the prosecution by the vicar of Carisbrooke of Mrs Woolfrey for putting "Pray for the soul of Joseph Woolfrey" on a tombstone.

3p

UC/M4/375 8 March 1839

Letter from Robert Tate to Mgr Charles Acton (draft): answer to UC/M4/373 on the proposed increase in vicariates, the method of electing bishops, the government by vicars, and the colonies.

2f

UC/M4/376 18 March 1839

Printed letter from the Congregation of Propaganda seeking opinions on an increase in the vicariates, the method of choosing bishops, regulations for governing vicariates, and the prospects for missions in the colonies. Circulated by Bishop Briggs for clergy to give their opinion on the proposed arrangements for the English mission (Robert Tate's copy).

3p

Manuscript copy available at UC/M4/363

UC/M4/377 15 September 1839

Letter from T. Danson to Thomas Crowe: his dispute with Bishop Briggs and William Hogarth, account of a clerical meeting, Trappes at Hexham, Tate, Brooms, the pope's dislike of Wiseman, and education at Ushaw.

2f

UC/M4/378 28 September 1839

Letter from Cardinal Fransoni to Bishop John Briggs: extract from a letter accompanying UC/M4/363 informing Briggs that it is not yet advisable to erect a hierarchy, the unfeasibility of a chapter, and allowing bishops to elect certain priests as consultors.

Language: Latin

1f

UC/M4/379 9 October 1839

Letter from James Standon (Valladolid) to Thomas Sherburne: the increased difficulties at Valladolid College, cruel criticism, the superiors have been kept well informed, asking him to send accounts of John Ward and Matthew Kavanagh.

2f

UC/M4/380

Number not in use

UC/M4/381 25 November 1839

Letter from William Palmer (Magdalen College, Oxford) to George Spencer (Oscott): inviting Spencer to visit him during the Christmas vacation for a talk, and discussing theological issues arising out of Spencer's letter.

4f

UC/M4/382 10 March 1840

Letter from George Gillow to [?Robert Tate]: a manuscript from the bishop with extracts from various authors on the *jus patronatus*, the gaiety and bustle of the Assizes with many Catholics on the grand jury, and Michael Trappes's trial.

2f

UC/M4/383 12 March 1840

Letter from George Gillow to [?Robert Tate]: the *jus patronatus*, a letter from M. Tempest who has consulted canonists in Rome, the bishop's ill health, and Gillow's plans to visit Ushaw in Holy Week.

2f

UC/M4/384 28 April 1840

Printed draft letter from the London clergy to Pope Gregory XVI complaining that they are not consulted in their own affairs, that the Hierarchy is not to be established, and that regulars are to be made bishops, that no regulars should be made members of chapters; sent by W. Wilds.

Language: Latin

4p

UC/M4/385 28 April 1840

Manuscript English translation of UC/M4/384.

2f

UC/M4/386 5 August 1840

Letter from [William Hogarth] to [an unnamed bishop at Rome] (draft): thanking him for news that the letters had arrived, clergy's objections to Weedall and complaining of Wiseman's letter in which he refers to Weedell being unwilling in spite of Propaganda's insistence, and his resentment of Wiseman's lectures.

Language: Latin

3f

UC/M4/387 12 August 1840

Letter from T.M. McDonnell to Robert Tate: rumours of Wiseman being appointed to the Northern District and Weedell to the Central District, enclosing a circular with a motion for a meeting of the Midland clergy to control the bishop's financial freedom and the laity's opinions.

2f

UC/M4/388 1841

Extracts from a letter by Mgr Fornari (legate at Brussels) seeking legal advice on a dispute between a Vicar Apostolic and a lay patron.

4f

UC/M4/392 25 October 1842

Status of the London District, written as a report for the Congregation of Propaganda, giving its present condition and progress from 1837 until 1842.

Language: Latin

2p

UC/M4/393

Number not in use

UC/M4/394 24 February 1842

Proposed order of retreat (printed) to be given by Nicholas Wiseman in St Peter's chapel, Birmingham, during the fourth week of Lent.

1 sheet

UC/M4/395 1 March 1843

Printed circular by the Northern District clergy asking for a subscription of name and money in pursuance of a resolution of a meeting at Stockton calling for the restoration of the Hierarchy.

2 copies. The first contains a manuscript note by Rev T.A. Slater stating that Bishop Mostyn blocked this initiative.

2p

UC/M4/396 September 1841

Printed list of faculties from Bishop Francis Mostyn to Edward Consitt.

Language: Latin

16p

UC/M4/397 6 September 1847

Printed petition from the Northern District clergy to the Congregation of Propaganda protesting against the power exercised by the Vicar Apostolic of removing *ad nutum* priests in charge of missions, and describing the evil consequences.

Language: Latin

2p

UC/M4/398 4 December 1847

Printed petition from the Northern District clergy to Pope Pius IX concerning the choosing of bishops, chapters and a code of Canon Law for England.

2 copies sent out by Thomas Witham in preparation for a meeting on 12 December.

2p

UC/M4/399 12 February 1841

Declaration by Mariano Gil de Tejada (Hammersmith) concerning a case of conscience over a disputed legacy of property left to the Catholic Church.

2f