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**Lord High Commissioners to the General Assembly
of the Church of Scotland**

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Papers, 1925-85, of the Lord High Commissioners who are the sovereign's representative to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The papers also include a large number of photocopies of documents dating back to the 17th century. The duties of the Lord High Commissioners are now purely ceremonial and social.

General arrangement:

1-4	VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS
5-35	DUKE OF HAMILTON
36-37	WALTER ELLIOT MP
38-64	EARL OF WEMYSS
65-7	EARL OF MANSFIELD
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84-6	LATER COMMISSIONERS
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111-116	PAPERS OF THE COUNCIL OF LORD HIGH COMMISSIONERS

Various Commissioners

1. Copies of speeches and papers, 1925-7, and 1931-2, with later historical notes.
2. Copies of speeches made by George Mathers during his terms of office, 1946-8 and 1951.
3. Itineraries and orders of service for the Duke of Gloucester, 1949.
4. Itineraries and orders of service for the Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope, 1952.

Duke of Hamilton papers, 1953-5

5. Letters of congratulations to his Grace, 1953.
6. Garden party and other functions, guest lists, 1953.

7. Acceptances and refusals, 1953.
8. Itineraries and orders of service, 1953.
9. Letters relating to His Grace's term of office.
10. Speeches, 1953.
11. Her Grace's file, 1953.
12. Working lists for invitations, 1953.
13. His Grace's engagements, 1953.
14. House party invitations and replies, 1954.
15. Guest lists, 1954.
16. Engagement lists, 1954.
17. Letter file, 1954.
18. Letters concerning The Queen's instructions, 1954.
19. Copies of some speeches from The Assembly and a few other papers, 1954.
20. Table plans and menus, 1954.
21. Memorandum regarding proposal for His Grace to visit The Assembly of the Scottish Episcopal Church, 1955.
22. Letters concerning presentation to Pursebearer, 1955.
23. House party invitations, 1955.
24. Letters from guests, 1955.
25. General correspondence, 1955.
26. General correspondence, 27th May – 1st June 1955, including a few 1958 letters.
27. Invitation lists, 1955.

28. Engagement list, 1955.
29. Correspondence concerning Queen's instructions, 1955.
30. Table plans and menus, 1955.
31. Copy of 'The Gist', June 1955 supplement to 'Life and Work'.
32. Correspondence, 1958.
33. Catering, 1958.
34. House party invitations, 1958.
35. Queen's instructions, 1953, and His Grace's addresses, 1955 and 1958.

Walter Elliot MP, 1956-7

36. Papers of Walter Elliot MP for his term of office, 1956.
37. Papers of Walter Elliot MP for his term of office, 1957.

Earl of Wemyss, 1959-60

38. Papers of Earl of Wemyss, 1958.
39. Notes on guests, 1958.
40. Order of proceeding, 1958.
41. Engagements, 1958.
42. Garden party lists, 1959, 25th May.
43. Speeches, 1959.
44. Hospitality lists, 1959.
45. Programme, 1959.
46. Press cuttings, 1959.
47. Progress and Holy Communion reports, 1959.

48. Important letters from St Andrews House file, 1960.
49. Index of guests, 1959.
50. Procedure file, 1960.
51. Finance and catering, 1960.
52. Banquet file, 1960.
53. Reception file, 1960.
54. Luncheons, 1960.
55. Uniform, 1960.
56. Programme, 1960.
57. Dress, 1959 and 60.
58. Acceptances and refusals for Peers' Banquet, 1960.
59. Visits, 1960.
60. Speeches, 1960.
61. Wemyss press cuttings, 1960.
62. Miscellaneous papers of Earl of Wemyss and The Earl of Mansfield, 1959-61.
63. Royal visit to mark quartercentenary of Reformation, press cuttings, 1960.
64. Royal quartercentenary visit file, 1960.

Earl of Mansfield, 1961-2

65. Pursebearer's programme, 1961.
66. Army file, 1961.
67. Instructions for Lord High Commissioner's suite, 1961.

Duke of Gloucester, 1963

- 68. Expenses for the Duke's term in office, 1963.
- 69. Entertainment programmes and invitations from the Duke's stay at Holyrood.

General Sir Richard Nugent O'Connor, 1964

- 70. Expenses for General O'Connor's term in office.
- 71. Visit of Duke of Edinburgh, 1964.

Lord Birsay, 1965-6

- 72. Receipts, 1965-6.
- 73. Expenses of Lord Birsay, 1966.
- 74. Programmes, guest lists and other papers, 1966.
- 75. Press cuttings, 1966.

Lord Reith, 1967-8

- 76. Expenses, 1967-8.
- 77. House guests, 1967.
- 78. Programmes, guest lists, orders, 1968.
- 79. Speeches and letters, 1968.
- 80. Finance, 1967-8.
- 81. Catering, 1967-8.

Her Majesty The Queen, 1969

- 82. Banquet menu cards, 1969.

Pursebearer

83. Pursebearers' papers, 1967-71.

The Hon Margaret Herbison, 1970

84. File concerning her term in office, 1970.
85. Press cuttings and related papers, 1970.

The Right Hon William Ross, 1978-9

86. File concerning his term in office, 1978.

Papers of M M Stuart, recorder

87. Photocopies of newspaper items, 1817-1949, for history of the office of Lord High Commissioners.
- 87a. Miscellaneous related historical material including group photographs and copies of 17th century documents, 1933-78.
88. Photocopies of papers concerning Lord High Commissioners, 1582-1651.
89. Photocopies concerning Earl of Lothian, 1692.
90. Photocopies concerning Lord High Commissioners, 1702-17.
91. Photocopies concerning Lord Rothes and The Duke of Atholl, 1713.
92. Photocopies from Lord Glasgow's papers, 1706, 1765.
93. Photocopies concerning Lord Loudon, 1731.
94. Photocopies concerning Lord Hopetoun, 1754.
95. Photocopies concerning Lord Cathcart, Bute and Leven, 1762-4.
96. Photocopies concerning the Earl of Dalhousie, 1777-83.
97. Photocopies concerning Lord Napier, 1803-16.
98. Photocopies concerning Lord Bute, 1840-3.

99. Photocopies and some originals concerning Lord Belhaven, 1831-1883.
100. Photocopies concerning Lord Rosslyn, 1874 and 1880.
101. Photocopies concerning Lord Galloway, 1876.
102. Photocopies concerning Lord Aberdeen, 1881-3.
103. Miscellaneous papers, 1924-68.
104. Letters of M M Stuart, concerning his research, 1972.
105. Extract of Rev Dr Stuart Mechie's book The Office of the Lord High Commissioner.
107. Another draft of M M Stuart's work.
108. Later drafts of M M Stuart's work.
109. Finished copy of M M Stuart's work.
110. Press cuttings collected by M M Stuart, 1983-4.

Council of Lord High Commissioners

111. Minute book, 1968-75.

Letters and papers of the Council

112. January 1965 – July 1969.
113. August 1969 – March 1971.
114. April 1971 – December 1973.
115. January 1974 – December 1977.
116. June 1981 – December 1985.