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Note: Selections from the papers of Walter Long, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Long, held at the Wiltshire Record Office, were listed separately and microfilmed by the Australian Joint Copying Project on reels M1114-19.

### **Wiltshire Record Office**

The Wiltshire Record Office, established in 1947, became the Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office in 1997. In 2007 its name was changed to Wiltshire and Swindon Archives. Its current (2018) address is Cocklebury Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3QN.

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#### QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS

##### A1 Wiltshire Court of Quarter Sessions

###### A1/320/ 2

Bonds and contracts for the transportation of felons, 1761-89.

Select:

Contract for three convicts, Joseph Longstreet, John Feltham and Robert Jefferies, to be sent to New South Wales, 12 Jan. 1787.

Bond for the above three convicts to go on the transport *Alexander*, 13 Jan. 1787.

Contract for Robert Timbrell to be sent to New South Wales, 30 Jan. 1787.

Bond for Robert Timbrell to go to the transport *Friendship*, 5 Feb. 1787.

Contact for 19 convicts to be sent to New South Wales, 23 Oct. 1787.

Bond for the transportation of 19 convicts, 23 Oct. 1787.

Contract for a group of convicts to be sent to New South Wales, 20 June 1788.

Bond for the transportation of a group of convicts, 20 June 1788.

Contract for Sarah Varriner to be sent to New South Wales, 15 May 1789.

Bond for the transportation of Sarah Varriner, 15 May 1789.

Bond for the transportation of Sarah Varriner, 20 May 1789.

Bond for the transportation of 21 convicts, 24 Dec. 1789.

#### BOARDS OF GUARDIANS RECORDS

##### H Poor Law Unions

##### H11 Melksham Union

H11/1 Minute books, 1848-58

Volume 8 1848-49

Select folios:

119-20 Emigration of young females to Australia, 8 Dec. 1848.

Volume 9 1849-52

Select folios:

100 Assistance to George Usher and family to emigrate to Australia, 28 Feb. 1851.

102 Emigration expenses of George Usher, 14 March 1851.

118-21 Assistance to John Pitman to emigrate to Port Adelaide, 9 May 1851.

124-25 Emigration of John Pitman and his family, 6 June 1851.

128-29 Emigration of John Pitman and his family, 20 June 1851.

139-40 Emigration of William Cox and Frederick Pickwick to Australia, 15 Aug. 1851.

155-56 Emigration of Charles Mattocks and his family to Port Phillip, 10 Oct. 1851.

159 Emigration of Thomas Bascombe and his family to Port Phillip, 24 Oct. 1851.

163 Costs of emigration of Charles mattocks and Thomas Bascombe to Australia, 7 Nov. 1851.

170-71 List of emigrants, 7 Jan. 1852.

208 Emigration of John Moore and his family to Australia, 2 July 1852.

212 Interest of several people of Melksham in emigration to Australia, 30 July 1852.

215 Emigration of John and William Holly and their families, 13 Aug. 1852.

Volume 10 1852-55

Select folios:

15 Emigration expenses of John Pitman, 8 Oct. 1852.

19 Emigration of John Pitman to Australia, 5 Nov. 1852.

33-34 Emigration of John Pitman to Australia, 14 Jan. 1853.

Volume 11 1855-58

Select folios:

2 Emigration of Eliza Box to Australia, 5 April 1855.

145 Interest of several people of Melksham in emigration to South Australia, 23 Jan. 1857.

148-49 Emigration of Stephen Hutton and his family to Australia, 6 Feb. 1857.

- 151 Emigration of Stephen Hutton and his family, 20 Feb. 1857.
- 217 Expenses of several persons wishing to emigrate to Sydney, 5 Feb. 1858.
- 220-22 Emigration of Richard Gale and his family to Australia, 19 Feb. 1858.

## PRIVATE RECORDS

### 9 Savernake Estate

Tottenham House and the Savernake Estate in Wiltshire was acquired by Thomas Bruce, later 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Ailesbury, in 1676. It remained in the Brudenell-Bruce Family until 1929-32.

9/35 Personal and family

Select:

389-93

#### Wiltshire Emigration Society

The Wiltshire Emigration Society was set up in 1849 on the initiative of Lord Bruce, later 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquis of Ailesbury. Most of the 258 sponsored emigrants came from the Savernake Estate and villages south-east of Marlborough. They were sent on six ships, four to Adelaide and two to Port Phillip, between March and June 1851.

- 390 Register, Jan. – March 1851, arranged by date of application, listing the name of applicants, date of application, residence, marital state, date of birth or baptism, occupation and how long employed, recommended by, and remarks.
- 393 Cash account, 29 Nov. 1850 – 27 May 1851.
- 389 Minute book, Oct. 1849 – Dec. 1851. (16pp)
- 390 Register, Dec. 1850 – May 1851, arranged by date of application, listing the names of candidates, residence, marital state, age, date of birth or baptism, where born, destination, occupation and how long employed, remarks, approved or refused, place and date of embarkation, name of ship, and place and date of arrival.
- 392 Correspondence between the Wiltshire Emigration Society and the Colonial Land and Emigration Office (London), with the names of emigrants, arrangements for travel and berths on ships, Feb. – June 1851.
- 391 Copies of printed forms, consisting of reminder for subscription, form of recommendation, prices of , and abstracts from Government regulations.

### 34 Sir Charles Hobhouse

Sir Charles Hobhouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet, was the son of Henry Hobhouse (1791-1868) and his wife Mary Anne. Mary Anne Hobhouse was the daughter of the Calcutta merchant John Palmer (1767-1836).

Select:

John Palmer to J. Deans, 27 Feb. 1825: refers to the Netherlands loan and possibility of sending bullion to Java. (copy)

Jacqueline de Capellen de Frijl (Batavia) to [John Palmer?], 28 May 1825: congratulations on the marriage of Miss Palmer. (In French)

John Findall to John Palmer, n.d.: administration of Malacca and Penang.

John Palmer to John Findall, 17 June 1825: administration of Malacca and Penang; position of the Governor-General; bullion to pay the troops.

J.S. Brownrigg (London) to Henry Hobhouse, 13 Aug. 1825: bad conduct of Charles Palmer who is still in business; Javanese coffee in payment of Palmer's bills of £60,000.

John Palmer (Calcutta) to Claud Queiros (Singapore), 25 May 1826: concern about his silence; expects a large remittance. (copy)

Thomas Courtenay (London) to Robert Scott, 15 Jan. 1827: has decided to appropriate £40,000 for property owners in Bencoolen who have suffered from the transfer to the Netherlands Government. (copy)

Memorial of the proprietors of spice plantations and other property at Bencoolen in Sumatra to the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India, n.d. (copy)

Robert Scott (London) to India Board, 20 Jan. 1827: £40,000 seems inadequate compensation for the ruin which has resulted from the transfer. (copy)

Memorial from the proprietors of spice plantations and other property at Bencoolen to the Court of Directors of the East India Company, 28 Feb. 1827. (copy)

J.S. Brownrigg (London) to John Palmer, 28 March 1827: refers to some progress with the difficulties of the Bencoolen settlers. (copy)

John Palmer (Calcutta) to J.S. Brownrigg, 8 April 1827: difficulty with the bills of Dutch companies and the Java Government. (copy)

John Palmer to Henry Hobhouse, 1 Sept. 1827: personal and business news.

John Palmer (Penang) to his son Samuel Palmer, 9 Nov. 1827: ill health; trouble with his eyes.

John Palmer (Malacca) to Samuel Palmer, 19 Nov. 1827: improvement in his health.

John Palmer (Singapore) to Samuel Palmer, 25 Nov. 1827: his health; trouble with eyes; news of friends.

John Palmer (Singapore) to Samuel Palmer, 10 Dec. 1827: improvement of his health; on his way to Java.

John Palmer (Singapore) to J.S. Brownrigg, 15 Dec. 1827: poor health; business. (copy)

Business correspondence, mostly sent from Antwerp to J. Barnaby (Samarang) on trade in various commodities, including coffee and spices, 1825-27. (In Dutch and English)

Lt. Col. Nahus (Maastricht). The causes of the Java War, Feb. 1826 (29pp), with an addendum (13pp) written at Surakarta (Java), 4 Jan. 1828.

John Palmer (Batavia) to Samuel Palmer, 24 Jan. 1828: family news; plans to visit Solo (Surakarta); restoration of health.

J.S. Brownrigg (London) to John Palmer, 30 Jan. 1828: Bencoolen planters; Java Government bills and other matters.

John Palmer (Solo) to Samuel Palmer, 14 Feb. 1828: family matters; the rebels; when rains subside will move in small detachments between the insurgents and the Hollanders.

R.C. Jenkins (Calcutta) to John Palmer (Penang), 30 March 1828: family news.

M.O. Hunt (Surabaya) to John Palmer (Batavia), 19 April 1828: commission business has dwindled away to nothing; a business proposition.

John Palmer (Nagulan) to Samuel Palmer, 30 April 1828: plans for return to India.

Charles Cockerell (London) to John Palmer, 23 May 1828: refers to Dutch bills.

J.S. Brownrigg (London) to John Palmer, 13 June 1828: affairs.

John Palmer (Batavia) to Samuel Palmer, 13 June 1828: expects to return at the end of the month.

John Palmer (Singapore) to Samuel Palmer, 27 July 1828: on his way home.

J.S. Brownrigg (London) to John Palmer, 15 Dec. 1828: Java Trust Account distribution to the Bencoolen planters.

John Palmer (Calcutta) to Samuel Palmer, 16 Feb. 1829: domestic and other news.

J.S. Brownrigg (London) to John Palmer, 8 May 1829: refers to Javanese matters. (copy)

John Palmer (Calcutta) to J.S. Brownrigg, 22 May 1829: plans to discharge himself of all substantive acts of the House except for transactions on Java; history of the failure of the House. (copy)

J.S. Brownrigg to John Palmer, 13 June 1829: remuneration for the Bencoolen planters.

### **130                    Miscellaneous Wiltshire deeds and other records collected by Cecil Simpson**

#### **130/74                    Letters from Thomas Bate, 1871-72**

Thomas Bate was a clerk on HMS *Iron Duke* (Capt. William Arthur), the flagship of Admiral Charles Shadwell, the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

Bate (Plymouth) to his aunt, n.d.

Bate (Malta) to his aunt, 8 Sept. (Oct.?) 1871.

Bate (Bay of Biscay) to his aunt, 18 Sept. 1871.

Bate (between Aden and Trincomalee) to his aunt, 16 Nov. 1871.

Bate (towards Singapore) to his aunt, 8 Dec. 1871, with a brief addendum at Singapore, 17 Dec. 1871.

Bate (Selangor) to his mother, 27 Dec. 1871: impending departure for Penang; has been in action; Selangor a nest of pirates; account of fighting; family news; his engagement; stay at Singapore; its excessive heat.

Bate (Singapore) to his aunt, 13 Jan. 1872: pleasant stay at Penang; first flagship to visit Penang in 16 years; social activities; painting of *Iron Duke* destroying a fort at Selangor; fears of a general rising of Malays in Sumatra and the Straits Settlements; visit to Sessions House in Singapore.

Bate (at sea) to his aunt, 28 Jan. 1872: English news; improvement in weather; monsoons; fears of a long stay in Hong Kong, a 'fever hole'; visit to Manila. Addendum of 20 Feb. 1872 refers to sighting of Victoria Peak, Hong Kong.

Bate (Hong Kong) to his mother, 3 March 1872: Hong Kong preferable to any other place on the Station; succession of entertainments; foreign ships in the harbour; domestic economy of the Chinese; impressions of Hong Kong.

Bate (Woosung) to his mother, 12 May 1872.

Bate (Woosung) to his aunt, 17 May 1872.

Bate (Nagasaki) to his aunt, 28 May 1872.

Bate (Yokohama) to his mother, 15 July 1872.

Bate (Chefoo) to his aunt, 20 Sept. 1872.

Bate (Woosung) to his aunt, 15 Nov. 1872.

### **533 North Bradley Parish records**

50 Miscellaneous letters and papers, mainly concerning poor relief, c. 1737-1836

Select:

Committee for Promoting the Emigration of Females to the Australian Colonies. Notice of free passages to single women and widows to go to the Australian colonies in the *Canton*, signed by Edward Forster, London, 31 Jan. 1835. (printed, 3pp) Inscribed to the Overseers of St Peter's, Marlborough.

### **865 Papers of Chafyn Grove Family of Zeals, Wiltshire**

570 Diaries of William Chafyn Grove, 1819-65

William Chafyn Grove (1840-1865), the son of William Chafin Grove of Zeals House, was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. He was an ensign and lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards. He died at Poona, India, on the return journey from Australia.

Select:



Diary (no. 9) kept by William Grove on the voyage to Australia on the *Vimiera* and while travelling in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, 2 October 1864 – 11 November 1865. (201pp)

The first part of the diary describes the voyage of the *Vimiera* from Plymouth to with references the weather, winds and seas, fellow-passengers, sightings of other ships, Crossing the Line ceremonies, sightings of dolphins, albatrosses and other birds and fish, theatrical performances, views of the New South Wales coast and his arrival at Sydney (13 Jan. 1865)

The following entries record Grove's impressions of Sydney, harbour cruises, visits to the Botanic Gardens, meetings with local residents including Frederick Darley and his family, a dinner party at Government House, a Melbourne-Sydney cricket match, and a visit to Parramatta. On 11 February Grove left Sydney and sailed to Melbourne and Launceston, spent a few days in Tasmania, and then made short visits to Melbourne and Ballarat before returning to Sydney on 3 March. In March and April he travelled with his friend H.W. Hoffman into the interior of the colony, visiting Wollongong, Kiama, Gerringong, the Blue Mountains, Bathurst, Sofala and Mudgee. On 10 April they reached Llangollen Station, near Cassilis, where they stayed for nearly four months. There are references to the work of the station, shearing, stock movements, regular visits to the home of William Busby and to Collaroy Station, the home of Rowland Traill, reading, visitors, news from England, the New South Wales Land Bill, the deaths of the bushrangers Ben Hall and John Gilbert, and news of the American Civil War. Grove left Llangollen on 30 April and journeyed to Singleton, Muswellbrook and Newcastle, finally arriving in Sydney on 3 August. In his final month in the colony he made a short visit to Newcastle, attended a ball at Government House, inspected the University of Sydney, and met notable colonial figures such as Sir William Manning, William Macleay and Edward Merewether.

Grove left Sydney on 22 September 1865 and sailed on the SS *Northam* to Point de Galle, Colombo, Kandy and Bombay. The last entry was written on 11 November, four days before his death.