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Correspondence, 1838-41, of William
Wilshere, M.P. for Gt. Yarmouth, co
Norfolk.

Deposited as a gift by Mrs. Hine,
widow of R.L. Hine of Hitchin,
in June 1951.

[Accession 349]

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Introduction.

The bulk of this collection consists of letters ^{to} William Wilshere of the Hermitage, Hitchin, as a result of his election as one of the members for the borough of Great Yarmouth, co. Norfolk. A petition alleging corruption and other malpractices on the part of the Liberals was presented by the unsuccessful opposition in an attempt to render the election void. [A copy of part of this petition, being the relevant pages from, probably, The Journal of the House of Commons for 4 Dec 1837, is catalogued under Herts C.R.O. reference 60207/1 (Wilshere Collection).] Eventually in April 1838, agreement was reached between the two parties that one sitting member should vacate his seat and a joint opinion given by Charles Greville and the Marquis of Tavistock confirmed that Wilshere ought to resign. Early in 1839 Thomas Baring, one of the Tory candidates, withdrew his demand that Wilshere should vacate his seat. The reason for this is not apparent, though it may perhaps be inferred that the election methods of neither party stood up to scrutiny with credit.

The major part of accession 346 has already been absorbed into the Dolme - Radcliffe correspondence, having been catalogued under Herts. C.R.O reference DE4563-5075.

CORRESPONDENCE

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| 1 | William Barth [Mayor of] Gt. Yarmouth to William Wilshere: a candidate for a clerkship in Customs office. | 5 Jan 1838 |
| 2 | T. Hammond, South Town, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: same subject as D/EX14/1 above | 30 Jan 1838 |
| 3 | John Clowes, South Town, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: subscription to Church Missionary Society and the petition against 1837 election | 9 Feb 1838 |
| 4 | George Penrice, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: 1837 election | 11 Feb 1838 |
| 5 | John L. Cufarde, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: asking Wilshere to present a memorial to Commissioners of Excise. | 23 Feb 1838 |
| 6 | William Wilshere to Commissioners of Excise: presenting memorial | 24 Feb 1838 |
| 7 | T. Hammond, South Town, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: Sabbath Bill and its effect upon fishing industry | 23 Mar 1838 |
| 8 | Henry Young to William Wilshere: concerning petition against 1837 election | 21 Apr 1838 |
| 9 | Henry Young to William Wilshere: proposed amicable arrangement concerning 1837 election | 29 Apr 1838 |
| 10 | Copy of resolution setting forth an amicable arrangement to end petition against 1837 election [another copy in D/EX14/41 below] | 29 Apr 1838 |
| 11 | George Steward, South Town, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere, and draft reply: Gt. Yarmouth politics | 8 June 1838 |
| 12 | George Steward to William Wilshere: Wilshere's proposed resignation of his seat | 1 July 1838 |
| 13 | James Palmer, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: warning him not to take Chiltern Hundreds | 4 July 1838 |
| 14 | C.J. Wall, Berkeley Square, to William Wilshere: Wilshere's proposed resignation | 11 July 1838 |
| 15 | William Wilshere, House of Commons, to [C.J. Wall]: Wilshere's proposed acceptance of Chiltern Hundreds (copy) | 12 July 1838 |

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| 16 | C.J. Wall to [William Wilshere]: possibility of Wilshere's standing again after resignation | 18 Aug 1838 |
| 17 | C.J. Wall to unnamed recipient: same subject as D/EX14/16 above (copy) | n.d. |
| 18 | Thomas Baring [Tory candidate at 1837 election], London, to William Wilshere: propriety of Wilshere's resigning his seat | 6 Sep 1838 |
| 19 | Francis Worship, Lincoln's Inn Fields, to William Wilshere: to accompany a report by the writer, [This report is presumably that under reference D/EX14/42 below, occupying the position it does probably because it had been sent to Lord Tavistock and returned with the other papers in that packet.] | 21 Sep 1838 |
| 20 | Francis Worship, Lincoln's Inn Fields, to William Wilshere: conduct of Thomas Baring | 24 Sep 1838 |
| 21 | Thomas Baring, London, to William Wilshere: Charles Greville to be referee with Lord Tavistock | 25 Sep 1838 |
| 22 | John Clowes, Caister [co. Norfolk], to William Wilshere: Gt. Yarmouth politics | 30 Sep 1838 |
| 23 | Francis Worship, Lincoln's Inn Fields, to William Wilshere: Greville's and Tavistock's inquiry | 2 Oct 1838 |
| 24 | T. Thompson to William Wilshere: Gt. Yarmouth politics | 2 Oct 1838 |
| 25 | C. Greville, Cromer Hall, to William Wilshere: explaining his position in the dispute | 5 Oct 1838 |
| 26 | Lord Tavistock to William Wilshere: factors in Tavistock's decision | 5 Oct 1838 |
| 27 | Draft reply to D/EX14/26 above | n.d. |
| 28 | Lord Tavistock, Oakley [co. Bedford], to William Wilshere: enclosing and commenting upon D/EX14/37 below | 7 Oct 1838 |
| 29 | Lord Tavistock to William Wilshere: signatures on copy of opinion sent to Wilshere | n.d. [cover dated 8 Oct 1838] |
| 30 | James Palmer, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: Tavistock's and Greville's opinion and Gt Yarmouth politics | 9 Oct 1838 |

- 31 William Worship, Gt Yarmouth, to William Wilshire:
Gt. Yarmouth politics 9 Oct 1838
- 32 James Coppeck to William Wilshire: subscription
to a fund [name indecipherable] 9 Oct 1838
- 33 John Clowes, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshire:
Gt. Yarmouth Liberals not having received confirmation
of Wilshire's intentions 9 Oct [1838-
dated 1834,
presumably in error]
- 34 2 draft letters from William Wilshire, one
probably a reply to D/EX14/33 above n.d.
- 35 C.B. Greville to [? William Wilshire]: clearing
up misunderstandings (copy in Wilshire's hand). 9 Oct 1838
- 36 Lord Tavistock, Oakley, to William Wilshire:
explanations and consequences of the opinion 10 Oct 1838
- 37 Original and copy of Lord Tavistock's and
C.B. Greville's opinion on what Wilshire's actions
should be consequent upon the 1837 election n.d. [cover dated
11 Oct 1838]
- 38 Lord Tavistock, Oakley, to William Wilshire:
carrying out the terms of the arrangement 12 Oct [1838]
- 39 Lord Tavistock, Oakley, to William Wilshire:
discussion of Baring's behaviour 14 Oct [1838]
- 40 Lord Tavistock to William Wilshire: continued
discussion of Wilshire's resignation 3 Nov 1838
- 41 R. Towler, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshire:
to accompany a petition by widows of fishermen
[petition not enclosed] 15 Nov 1838
- 42 Packet containing n.d.
- (a) copy of resolution setting forth amicable
arrangement to end petition against 1837
election, 29 Apr 1838;
 - (b) report by Francis Worship on events
subsequent to agreement [? presented as
evidence to Tavistock and Greville],
21 Sep 1838;

- (c) Letter from Thomas Baring to William Wilshere, 9 Feb 1839: "not my intention to persist in the call on you to vacate your seat"
- (d) Congratulatory letters from Lord Tavistock, Lord Dacres and 2 other signatories to William Wilshere, 10 Feb 1839
- 43 Robert Barker, secretary to the trustees of the Gt. Yarmouth Merchant Seamen's Fund, to R. Ingham, Esq., M.P: interest on fund's capital (copy) 16 June 1840
- 44 James Palmer, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: politics, proposed railway from Norwich to Bishop's Stortford, personal matters 25 Jan 1841
- 45 W.A. Burton, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: proposal to present linen to the Queen 26 Jan 1841
- 46 W.A. Burton, Gt Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: "superb piece of linen I shall be proud to present to her Majesty." 6 Feb 1841
- 47 C.E. Rumbold [other M.P. for Gt. Yarmouth] to William Wilshere: appointment of Capt. Harmer to a sloop 12 Feb 1841
- 48 T. Hammond, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: reduction in imports of oil from Neapolitan states 17 Feb 1841
- 49 Cuterde Davis, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: request to Wilshere to vote to defer second reading of a bill to amend medical laws 18 Feb 1841
- 50 Charles S.D. Steward, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: same request as in D/EX14/49 above 18 Feb 1841
- 51 Sir Henry Wheatley, St. James' Palace, to William Wilshere: submission of linen to Queen 20 Feb 1841
- 52 J. Bayly, Gt. Yarmouth, to [William Wilshere]: local political patronage 20 Feb 1841
- 53 W.A. Burton, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere: delivery of Queen's linen to Wilshere 25 Feb 1841

- 54 Sir Henry Wheatley to William Wilshere:
Burton's patent for use of Royal Arms 4 Mar [1841]
- 55 Edward H.L. Preston, Gt. Yarmouth, to William
Wilshere: to accompany a petition against Poor
Laws [petition not enclosed] 18 Mar 1841
- 56 Testimonial for Richard Baxter Suffling as
letter-carrier 20 Mar 1841
- 57 William Worship, Gt. Yarmouth, to William
Wilshere: character of letter-carrier at Gt. Yarmouth 25 Mar 1841
- 58 James Palmer, Gt. Yarmouth, to William
Wilshere: Liberal victory in election of Guardians
at Gt. Yarmouth, personal and other matters 29 Mar 1841
- 59 J. Bayly, Gt. Yarmouth, to [William Wilshere]:
Gt. Yarmouth politics 31 Mar 1841
- 60 William Worship, Gt. Yarmouth, to William Wilshere:
one Johnson who wishes to display Royal Arms on his
new shop 10 Apr 1841
- 61 William Worship to William Wilshere: same
subject as D/EX14/60 above 27 Apr 1841
- 62 J. Bayly, Gt. Yarmouth, to [William Wilshere]:
expenses of political management 28 Dec 1841
- 63 Charles Willis Wilshere: 10 stock receipts
for 3% Consols 1854-1861
- 64 Henry Preedy, The Elms, Everton, Sandy, Co.
Bedford, to Mr. Times: Gt. Yarmouth
election papers 17 Mar 1926