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Report on correspondence of  
WILLIAM POLE-TYLNEY-LONG-WELLESLEY (1788-1857),  
4th Earl of Mornington  
including correspondence of his father,  
WILLIAM WELLESLEY-POLE (1763-1845),  
3rd Earl of Mornington  
c 1800 - 30

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## INTRODUCTION

The correspondence, which is bound in four volumes, was purchased for the Library's local history collection in a sale of Phillipps MSS at Sotheby's, 29 June 1965 (lot 291 : Phillipps MSS 20126, 20127, 20130, 20135).

The correspondence comprises about 200 letters, c 1800-30, mainly to William Wellesley-Pole (later Pole-Tylney-Long-Wellesley), MP, Viscount Wellesley 1842 and 4th Earl of Mornington 1845, with a few to his first wife, Catherine Tylney-Long. The principal writer is his father, William Wellesley-Pole, 1st Baron Maryborough 1821 and 3rd Earl of Mornington 1842. Other writers are relatives, friends and political figures such as Edward Ellice, Joseph Hume, Neil Arnott, the 3rd Viscount Palmerston, Adam Neale, Sir Charles Bagot and Douglas Kinnaird. The correspondence includes a further 18 letters to and from the elder Wellesley-Pole for the years 1800-30 during which he held a number of Ministerial appointments, most notably as Chief Secretary for Ireland 1809-12, Chancellor of the Irish Exchequer 1811-12, and Master of the Mint 1814-23. However, none of the letters deals with official business.

No other group of the younger Wellesley-Pole's papers has been traced. For the elder Wellesley-Pole no other substantial group of papers is known.

The younger Wellesley-Pole acquired the Wanstead estate (now in the London Borough of Redbridge) through his marriage in 1812 to Catherine Tylney-Long, sister and coheir of Sir James Tylney-Long, 8th Bt. The estate was sold in 1823 to help pay off the younger Wellesley-Pole's debts.

The correspondence has not been bound in chronological order. Volume four has been divided into six parts, each part representing the contents of an original bundle. In several cases the last pages of letters are missing, making positive identification of writers difficult.

## SUMMARY LIST

In the following list William Wellesley-Pole, later 3rd Earl of Mornington, is referred to as Wellesley-Pole, and his son, the later 4th Earl, as Wellesley.

### Vol 1

Letters to Wellesley, c 1811-30 and nd, on family and political matters, including 4 letters from Wellesley-Pole written from Dublin, 1811 (2) and from Paris, 1814 (2). c 36 letters.

Letters (3) to Wellesley-Pole from M Shawe [? Colonel Merrick Shawe, secretary to Richard, Marquess Wellesley], 1811, 1818, 1821 mainly on political matters; also a letter to Wellesley-Pole from Spain, 1813 [signature missing].

Letters (2) from Wellesley-Pole to a Mr [?] Bealing, 1830, concerning a request for patronage, and to an unidentified correspondent, nd, concerning Wellesley [first page of letter missing].

### Vol 2

Letters to Wellesley, c 1811-24, on political and family matters, including 6 letters from Wellesley-Pole, 1811 and 1821-24. c 22 letters.  
Letters to Wellesley's wife, formerly Catherine Tylney-Long.

### Vol 3

Letters to Wellesley, 1807-30 and nd, on family and political matters.  
c 42 letters.  
Letters to his wife.

Letters (2) to Wellesley-Pole, 1808 [signature missing], 1811 [signature obscure]; letter to Wellesley-Pole from Portugal, nd [signature missing].

### Vol 4

- (i) Letters of congratulation to Wellesley and Catherine Tylney-Long on their engagement, 1811.
- (ii) Letters (5) from Wellesley-Pole to Wellesley, 1807 (3), 1821 and 1824.
- (iii) Letters (2) to Wellesley-Pole from Marquess Wellesley in Cadiz and Seville, 1809, relating to events in Spain.  
  
Letters (2) from Wellesley-Pole to Marquess Wellesley in India, 1800.
- (iv) Small group of letters to Wellesley; letter from him to Wellesley-Pole, 1821.
- (v) Letters (3) to Wellesley-Pole from Lord Kilworth, nd, on the subject of words used by Wellesley-Pole to a lady; letter to Wellesley-Pole on political matters, 1811 [signature missing].  
Letter from Wellesley-Pole to Catherine Tylney-Long, nd [c 1811].
- (vi) Letters to Catherine Tylney-Long on her coming of age.