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REPORT (THIRD STAGE): LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Short Title of MSS† Parish or Borough† **Salisbury**
Name and Address **H. de S. Shortt, Esq., M.A., F.S.A., F.R.N.S., Curator,**
of Owner **Salisbury, South Wilts and Blackmore Museum, St. Ann Street,**
Salisbury
Name and Address **as owner** County† **Wiltshire**
of Custodian
Type of Accumulation§ **Private** Class§ **Correspondence**
How and where kept
Condition of Documents **Good**
Facilities for Students

Serial No.	Date	Description	Places named (in capitals)¶	
			NAME	COUNTY
		An accumulation of letters and a few	EDINBURGH	Scotland
		other papers and documents consisting of	SPOTTES	"
		four main groups: those written by	GUERNSEY	Channel Isles
		Vice-Admiral Francis Henry Shortt to	HONG KONG	Far East
		his parents, 1836-42; those received by		
		him chiefly before his marriage to Emily		
		de Saumarez in 1858; those written by him		
		to his wife when away from home from about		
		1860 to 1880; and those received by her		
		from other sources.		
		In the list which follows the two principal		
		names have been abbreviated to F.H.S. and E.S.		
		As social, personal or domestic affairs form the main		
		subject of most of the letters these topics have not		
		always been mentioned specifically. The bundles whose		
		serial numbers are given in square brackets were		
		assembled from letters found loose when the accumulation		
		was being examined.		

1	1836	20 letters: F.H.S. to his father,		
		Dr. Shortt.		

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2	1837	12 letters: F.H.S. to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harriett Shortt.			
3	1838	13 letters: F.H.S. to members of the Shortt family. Personal affairs.			
4	1841-2	8 letters: F.H.S. to Dr. Shortt and Capt. Sharpe. Personal matters.			
5	1815 - 1913	6 letters, 1856-7: Admiral Lord Lyons (Royal Albert) to F.H.S. (Spiteful). 11 letters, 1836-58: H. Luntton, Alexander Herries, Harriett Herries, Francis Shortt to F.H.S. Political and naval matters; news from Edinburgh. Small recipe book. Certificate of Thomas Shortt at White's Academy, Edinburgh, 1815. 5 cards of Francis Shortt at the Edinburgh Academy, 1831-6. Cutting from The Times, 1913,			

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NOTES

- * For explanation of the headings see the pamphlet *Notes on Reporting*
- † When the distinctive short title of the MSS differs from that of the present owner
- ‡ Where the MSS are *physically* located
- § For details of Classes see the relevant *List of Classes*
- ¶ Use one or more lines for each place-name adding any description such as *Hundr(ed)*, *P'sh*, *Rect(ory)*, *Vill*, *Manor*, etc., after the name and inserting a contracted form of the county in the right hand sub-column, thus:

MARHAM

MANOR NORF

Signature of Reporter

Maurice S. Pether

Date

14/10/54

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With Lady Pether

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		concerning Sicilian children born with tails.		
		4 handcards of 'Dr. Shortt'.		
		Account, c. 1858, of investments, ? for F.H.S.		
6	1819-39	16 letters: from various friends and members of the Shortt family to F.H.S., Dr. Shortt and Mrs. Harriett Shortt. Domestic affairs.		
		Scrap of paper.		
7	1834-9	15 letters: - Bennati (in Italian) and W. Herries to Dr. Shortt, James Scott, Thomas Shortt, Harriett Shortt, J.R.G.G.S., O. Borland and S.A. Young to F.H.S.; Amelia and W.Y. Herries to Mrs. H. Shortt. Generally domestic or naval affairs; J. Scott's letter contains a sketch of early 19th century steamship building; O. Borland's a note on travel in 1834 at 22 m.p.h. on the Liverpool and Manchester Railway.		

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8	1836-55	14 letters: Sophia Young, Harriett S., Thomas Shortt, - Herries, Sophia Shortt, Harriett Herries to F.H.S. Domestic affairs.		
9	1836-58	14 letters: Members of the Herries and Shortt families to F.H.S. Domestic affairs. Envelope. Concert programme, 1854.		
10	1841-3	14 letters: Chiefly from Thomas Shortt to F.H.S.; - Shortt to 'Alick'. Personal affairs; death of Dr. S.		
11	1856-7	13 letters: Frederick Cleene to F.H.S. Naval matters.		
12	[c.1870]	1 letter: Arthur T. Thrupp to F.H.S. Disaster at sea: leak in ship 1880 m. from Australia; St. Pauls; life on island.		
13	n.d.	1 circular letter: Thomas Kane, boatbuilder, Chicago, to F.H.S.		
14	[? 1860]	12 letters. F.H.S. to E.S. From London. Visits to Zoo, British Museum, the Opera, etc.		

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15	[1862-3]	10 letters, [1863]: F.H.S. to E.S. From Southampton and Guildford. Personal matters. 17 letters or parts of letters, [1862-3]: M.A. de Sausmarez to E.S. From London, Vichy, Berne, etc. 4 letters or parts of letters, [? 1862-3]: Harriett Robin, Mary Ross, Emma Dobree and another to E.S. at Guernsey. 2 envelopes.		
16	March [1864]	9 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From the Gladiator at Devonport. Ship and crew; social activities.		
17	April, 1864	13 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From the Gladiator. Personal matters. Plan of captain's cabin in Gladiator.		
18	May, 1864	19 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From the Gladiator. Personal matters.		
19	June, 1864	11 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. Collision at sea.		
20	June - Sept., 1864	10 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From Madeira, Sierra Leone, Cape		

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		Coast, Lagos, Devonport, (Gladiator). Personal matters.		
21	Oct. - Dec., 1864	18 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From Madeira, Sierra Leone, Cape Coast (Gladiator). Personal matters.		
22	Feb. - March, 1865	27 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From Devonport, Queenstown, Admiralty. Personal and naval matters.		
23	April - May, 1865	27 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From Queenstown and Kingstown. Personal and church matters.		
24	June, 1865	30 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From the Gladiator, and R.N. Hospital, Plymouth. Appointment [early ironclad warship] to the Favourite/injury to foot - leeches.		
25	July, 1865	31 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From R.N. Hospital, Plymouth. Personal matters; anglican doctrine; treatment of foot - galvanism; the Great Eastern and cable laying.		
26	Aug. 1865	15 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From London and Sheerness. Doctrinal matters; the Favourite at Sheerness; Capt. Hall's 'invention' removed from ship.		

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27	Sept. - Oct. 1865	8 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From Southampton and Sheerness. Naval matters; books.		
28	Nov. - Dec.	19 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From the Gladiator [?], London, Sheerness, Southampton. Fitting out of the Favourite; purchase of articles, books (Newman on Romanism "Before he ratted"); religious services; a court martial.		
[29]	[? 1865 or 1866]	11 letters or parts: F.H.S. to and children. E.S./ From Bermuda, Port Hood, Charlotte Town and at sea. Family affairs.		
30	Jan. 1866	9 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From London and Sheerness. Prayer; buys Tract 90; fitting out of Favourite - guns in particular.		
31	Feb. 1866	18 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From London. Fitting of guns to Favourite; commissioning of Favourite; religious and personal matters. Cutting from "Standard" noting commissioning of Favourite		

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		and chronicling F.H.S.'s naval career.		
32	March, 1866	16 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From the Favourite [at Sheerness]. Preliminary trials of Favourite; to go to Pacific station.		
33	April, 1866	11 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From Favourite, Southampton and Portsmouth and at sea. Leak in Favourite; to go to Halifax, N.S.		
[34]	May - Dec. 1866	26 letters or parts: F.H.S. to E.S. From Halifax (N.S.), Port Hood, Bermuda and at sea. The Favourite's tendency to roll in a swell; "the Fenians who were I fancy the cause of my coming here [Halifax] have all left ..."; retirement and possible promotion; family matters.		
[35]	Jan. - Nov., 1867	20 letters or parts: F.H.S. to E.S. From Bermuda, Halifax, Port Hood and at sea. The real meaning of Holy Communion; the Favourite's "wearisome rolling - It is the great defect of this ship ..."; family matters.		

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36	4 Sept. 10 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From - 8 Nov. Suez and from ships: Pornoch, [Post Deccan and Travancore. Personal 1867] matters.			
[37]	[period 20 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From 1870-3] Hong Kong and (1) at sea. Pay and expenses; climate at Hong Kong; social engagements.			
38	21 Nov. 22 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From - 28 May the Princess Charlotte. Life [? 1870] at Hong Kong.			
39	4 Aug. 14 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From - 31 Dec. Hong Kong, but also (1) from [? 1871 Georgetown. Personal matters. or 1872]			
40	4 Aug. - 25 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. 28 Jan. ? from Hong Kong. Personal (?1871 matters. or 1872]			
41	Feb. - 25 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From July, Hong Kong. Personal and [c.1872] domestic matters.			
[42]	[Feb. - 21 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From Sept. Hong Kong and (1) at sea. 1873]			

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		Family matters; social engagements in the colony; the pulling down of Old Court, Guernsey; returning home.			
[43]	[? period 24 letters: F.H.S. to E.S. From 1874-81]	London, Winchester and Spottes. Social engagements; taking 'Bo' (son Sausmarez Dobree) for school examinations.			
44	[? 1877 -80]	14 letters or parts: F.H.S. to E.S. From London. Social engagements and personal matters.			
45	[n.d. ?1857]	4 letters: Fanny Dillon to E.S. (when Emily de Sausmarez). From Clonbrock and Rangers Lodge. Personal matters.			
46	1858	18 letters: Friends and relatives to E.S. (when Emily de Sausmarez). Congratulations on engagement to F.H.S.			
47	[1858, 1870 and n.d.]	52 letters or parts. Mrs. M. A. de Sausmarez to E.S. and children. From London and Sausmarez Place, Old Court and St. George, Guernsey. Family affairs.			

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48	1859 - 1864	25 letters: From various people but chiefly Harriett Herries and Mary Ross, chiefly to E.S. Personal matters; one from Mary Ross from Cairo refers to a trip to Suez with M. de Lesseps.		
[49]	1866-83	30 letters. Sophia Victor, S. A. Young, Mary E. Ross, Adele Ross, F. L. Shortt, Louisa D. Spencer, M. A. Guppy, Lizzie de Sausmarez, Alexander Victor and others to E.S. including six from her children, Harriett, Francis de Sausmarez and Lilian Mary. Sympathy for the loss of Helen Mary in 1866; holiday in Switzerland (Mary E. and Adele Ross); daughter Harriett's engagement; social affairs.		
50	1883	8 letters: E. Hoskins, Emily de Sausmarez, and others to E.S. Daughter Harriett's engagement.		
51	1916	3 letters: Jane Potter to E.S. From Sutton, Surrey, and Torquay. Reminiscences.		

