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D.1141:1 The Reverend William Bond and Lord Eldon's Correspondence

The Reverend William Bond (1757-1852) became Rector of Steeple with Tyneham in 1795, and was Rector of Corfe Castle 1800-1818. He became a canon of Bristol Cathedral in 1818.

John Scott, first Earl of Eldon (1751-1838) became Lord Chancellor in 1801. He bought Encombe House in April 1807 and spent a considerable amount of time there, especially after his retirement from public life in 1827. He married Elizabeth Surtees (d. 1831) and had four children.

For more details see the Dictionary of National Biography and Hutchins' History and Antiquities of the County of Dorset 3rd edition vol I, pp 602-3 and 515-20.

- 1 Letter from
[John Scott 1st Earl of Eldon] to
Revd William Bond

Thanks for reading the sermon which would be 'extremely interesting to all who wish well to our excellent establishments in Church and State'; may rely on his co-operation with his recommendations; daughter is not at home but has written to her of his 'kind attention'
(1 doc, 1 env)

15 Dec 1815

- 2 Letter from
Eldon to
Revd William Bond

Offering him a vacant stall [as canon, Dorset was part of the Diocese of Bristol] at Bristol, details of the Chancellor's prebends, stalls are worth £300-£400 a year; advising him to look to Lord Sidmouth for Minster's preferments; accepts with difficulty Mr Addington's [Henry Addington, Viscount Sidmouth] removal of his brother-in-law to Canterbury which was done to accommodate a friend of his who preferred Gloucester
(1 doc, 1 env)

n.d.
env 24 Mar 1818

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- 3 Rough letter from
Revd William Bond to
Eldon, London

Accepting his offer of a stall at Bristol;
assuring him of his desire to fulfil the
duties of the post to the best of his ability;
apologies for not having replied sooner
(1 doc)

n.d.
[c.25 Mar 1818]

- 4 Rough letter from
Revd William Bond to
Mr Bankes

Informing him of Lord Eldon's offer of a
Prebendal stall at Bristol; thanks to him
for placing him at Corfe, to which position
he owes his preferment (1 doc)

n.d.
[c.Mar 1818]

- 5 Letter from
Eldon, London to
Revd William Bond, Corfe Castle

Pleasure at his acceptance of the Bristol
stall; will prepare the instruments for
placing him in the post (1 doc, 1 env)

n.d.
env 30 Mar 1818

- 6 Letter from
Eldon to
Revd William Bond, Tyneham

Regretting that he has not called on them
during his stay in Purbeck, but the
'weather, attorneys and the impatience to
improve an occasional fair morning ...
for the purposes of a would-be sportsman'
have prevented him (1 doc)

n.d.
watermark 1823

- 7 Letter from
Eldon to
[William] Bond, [eldest son of the Revd William Bond]

Offering him a place as a Commissioner of
Bankrupts as intimated to his father; The
Chancery Commission may make a Recommendation
to alter the administration of justice in
Bankruptcy to reduce the number of
Commissions or end them altogether; if so
no compensation will be given if he accepts
the Commission (1 doc, 1 env)

n.d.
watermark 1824

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8 Letter from
 Eldon to
 Revd William Bond

Details of a living in Weston near Bath which he believes he will be able to procure for him if he can hold it; might be an agreeable residence for the family; will be doing a great service to the neighbourhood if he can secure his services there (1 doc, 1 env)

11 Jan 1826

9 Letter from
 Eldon, London to
 Revd William Bond, Tyneham

Offering the living at Weston to his son John Bond, the curate of Corfe Castle; anxiety to help him [W Bond] because he is so deserving of it; accepts his declining of the post for himself; if his son takes the post it will be a comfort to his family travelling to and from Bristol; the living has strict conditions about residence and duties which may affect its value; asking for assurance that J Bond's doctrines are sound and that he [W Bond] will sometimes officiate in services; recovering after a fit of gout; Lady Eldon's health is getting better; postscript that Fanny [?Frances Jane, his daughter] 'is doing well' (1 doc, 1 env)

n.d.

env 8 Feb 1826

10 Letter from
 Lord and Lady Eldon, Encombe to
 Revd William and Mrs Bond, Tyneham

Send their compliments and some Encombe grapes; Lady Eldon is confined to her bedroom (1 doc, 1 env)

n.d.

env watermark 1827

11 Letter from
 Eldon to
 Revd William Bond, Tyneham

Waiting for his grandson to arrive before visiting them; Lady Eldon's health is not improved; sends a haunch of venison and three bunches of grapes, the first from the grapery (1 doc, 1 env)

n.d.

[c.?1827]

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12 Letter from
Eldon to
Revd William Bond, Tyneham

Sends some cheese from 'the Protestants of Cheshire'; Lady Eldon is recovering; expect to hear of 'alarming proceedings' relating to the Church in Parliament (1 doc, 1 env)

n.d.
[c.?1827]

13 Letter from
Eldon to
Revd William Bond

Regrets that he has been unable to visit them this year or any of his Purbeck neighbours; hopes to see them next year; Lady Eldon's health is on the whole better; would have been a loss if the Bishop of Bristol left; congratulations on his remaining as Bishop (1 doc)

25 Dec
watermark 1829

14 Letter from
Eldon to
Revd William Bond, Tyneham

Lady Eldon has had no return of the attack which nearly killed her; still very weak; hoping that a kind providence will continue to him his companion of the last 57 years; postscript that his 'foot sends its compliments to his leg' [W Bond was suffering from lameness and Eldon from gout] (1 doc)

n.d.
[c.1829]

15 Letter from
Eldon to
Revd William Bond

Sends him an ancient but valuable classic for him to study at his leisure (1 doc)

n.d.
[post Jun 1831]
watermark 1831

16 Letter from
Eldon to
William Bond, Temple [eldest son of the Revd William Bond]

Asking him to buy a good edition of Juvenal and bring it over to him to inscribe and take on to Tyneham for his father; postscript that he would not ask him 'if I could move about' (1 doc, 1 env)

n.d.
post mark 23 Jan 1835

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17 Letter from
Eldon, Hamilton Place to
William Bond, Temple [eldest son of the
Revd William Bond]

Has received the volumes of Juvenal; hopes
he has time to call and take them to Dorset;
copy of an inscription for the volume
(1 doc. 1 env) po

n.d.

post mark 7 Feb 1835

18 Letter from
Eldon, London to
Revd William Bond, 14 York Crescent,
Bristol [readdressed from Tyneham]

Informing him of a separation between his daughter [Frances Jane] and her husband [Revd Edward Bankes, rector of Corfe Castle]; her conduct during the business has entitled her 'to my unqualified esteem'; separation unavoidable but deeply deplores it; does not want friends to make any hostile observations (1 doc, 1 env)

3 Apr 1837

19 Envelopes from Eldon to the
 Revd William Bond (2 env)

20 Oct 1823

n.d.

watermark ?1824

D.1141:2 William Bond Correspondence

- 1 Letter from
[Anthony, Lord Ashley later 7th Earl of Shaftesbury]
St Giles House, Wimborne St Giles to
William Bond

Will be happy to do anything in his power to
enable him to obtain the appointment [of Police
Magistrate]
(1 doc)

27 Oct 1842

- 2 Letter from
George Bankes, Studland to
William Bond

Has written to Sir James Graham [the Home
Secretary] to recommend that W Bond should
receive the office of Metropolitan Police
Magistrate; has pointed out his merits and
abilities; the fact that he has been Recorder
of Poole and has given 'unqualified
satisfaction' in the post is greatly in his
favour; advises him to write to Lord Ashley and
Lord Shaftesbury as Lord Ashley can discuss his
application with the Secretary of State; ought
to inform Mr Yeatman, second chairman, of his
witness, will remain in the country for some
weeks unless Sir Charles Nugent's accident
causes more concern; Mrs George Bankes
returned from London yesterday.
(1 doc, 2 pieces)

28 Oct 1842

- 3 Part of a letter marked 'Important' from
William Bond to
[?his mother, Jane Bond]

Has just returned from Bow Street to see
Jardine; [David Jardine, Metropolitan Police
Magistrate and Recorder of Bath] Mr Hall
the Chief Magistrate who gets his information
from Philips the Under Secretary of State has
informed Jardine that the appointment is
between him [W Bond] and another and will be
settled today or tomorrow; there is a great
amount of interest in him; Lord Shaftesbury
has written a letter 'as is quite a command',
very much in his favour that he is Recorder
of Poole; Lucas Square is the best office and
if appointed Jardine will use his influence
with Hall to get him there; Hall said
Henderson is a candidate but has no chance
(1 doc)

n.d.
c.Oct 1842

D.1141:2 William Bond Correspondence

- 4 Letter (marked private) from
Sir James Graham, Whitehall [Home Secretary] to
R Williams Esq [Robert Williams, Bridehead]
- Has appointed Mr Bond to the office of
Police Magistrate as he wished and 'expressed
so strongly'; Mr Bond's character in the
profession justified the appointment
(1 doc) 1 Nov 1842
- 5 Letter (marked private) from
Sir James Graham, Whitehall, [Home Secretary] to
William Bond
- Has nominated him to become a Police Magistrate
in London after satisfying himself that he is
well qualified to discharge the duties;
relying on his zealous exertions in the post
(1 doc) 1 Nov 1842
- 6 Envelope (marked private) addressed to
George Bankes from Sir James Graham
(1 doc) 1 Nov [?1842]
- 7 Letter from
[Henry Charles] Sturt, Cutehill, Woodyates to
William Bond
- Has been informed by Sir James Graham
of his appointment as Police Magistrate;
hopes it is the office he wanted and rejoices
if so (1 doc) 2 Nov 1842
- 8 Letter from
Robert Williams, Bridehead, Littlebredy to
William Bond
- Covering letter for an enclosed item
[unspecified] which he hopes will be of use
(1 doc) 3 Nov 1842

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9

Letter from
William Bond, Temple to
his mother, Jane Bond

Received a note from Sir James Graham, at
Whitehall [there follows a copy of D.1141/5
above]

Has not sent the original; wants to keep the
letter in case his appointment to Lucas Square
is disputed as it is a popular office, encloses
a letter from Lord Shaftesbury, [possibly 1
above]; called to see Sir James and left him a
letter of thanks, saw Mr Philips the Under
Secretary of State and told him he was ready
to assume his duties; everybody assures him
that he will not be allowed to retain the
Recordership of Poole; will not give it up
without a strong remonstrance; Mr ?Buncle
'is a queer old man who was in Grey's Inn
and is a Bencher but good tempered and a
gentleman'; has been with Jardine twice this
morning at Bar Street and has been introduced
to Mr Hall the Chief Magistrate; thanks to
Mary and Jane [his sisters] for their letter,
letters to write to all the family as well
as those who helped, shall not be in the
country so long as before but hopes to visit
frequently; salary is £1,000 a year; £50 is
deducted for superannuation and £80 for
income tax; paid quarterly
(1 doc)

4 Nov 1842

D.1141:2 William Bond Correspondence

10

Letter from
William Bond, Temple to
his mother, [Jane Bond]

Encloses his appointment [as a Police Magistrate]; took the necessary oaths before Mr Justice Patteson [Sir John Patteson, judge in the court of King's Bench]; takes his seat at Lucas Square tomorrow under the auspices of Mr ?Buncle; sent for by Mr Phillips the Under Secretary who gave him the formal letter and told him of the rule at the Home Office that no Police Magistrate should hold a Recordship; replied he hoped would be allowed to retain Poole and explained the reasons why; Phillips' answer made it clear he was expected to resign; ended by saying he would appeal to Sir James Graham; told Sir James' private secretary that he would write to him on the matter, feels has no chance of retaining the recordship; expects an answer today or tomorrow and supposes he will resign immediately after [There follows a copy letter to Sir James] Explaining why he wishes to retain the Recordship of Poole; members of his family have held the post; does not believe office of Recorder is inconsistent with that of a Police Magistrate
(1 doc; end section missing)

17 Nov 1842

D.1141:2 William Bond Correspondence

11

Letter from
William Bond, Temple to
his mother [Jane Bond]

Thanks for her letter, her view of Sir James Graham's letter was his own; but dissatisfied that he would not express a positive opinion one way or the other and left the decision to him; considers the two offices [Police Magistrate and Recorder of Poole] 'perfectly compatible'; strongly against resigning; took his letters to consult Jardine; very difficult to know what Sir James Graham really wished; he [W Bond] and Jardine constructed a letter and sent it to the Home Office [a copy of the letter follows addressed to 'Sir' [James Graham] Previous letter placed him in a difficult position; resigned the Recordship of Poole because believed that he [Sir James] considered it incompatible with the post of Police Magistrate; now unsure if he was of that opinion; obliged if he could have an interview; most readily acquiesce with his opinion if it is given [copy letter ends]

At the interview will either resign or Sir James will agree with his wishes; dined at Mr ?Buncle's Chambers yesterday; meeting of the Magistrates a farce; sat around Mr Hall's table with four candles before him; discussed a fee of 10/6 for each magistrate to be paid to the inferior officers of the Home Office; dining with Jardine tomorrow; thanks to Jane and Mary for the note; will write a full account and intends to do the same for Henry; hopes she is none the worse for her 'imprudence in going to Lulworth'; no idea if George Bankes would accept the office of Recorder of Poole; no additional honour for him and would not like the trouble; would be the very man if he took it

(1 doc; 2 pieces)

25 Nov 1842

D.1141:2 William Bond Correspondence

12

Letter from
William Bond, Temple to
his mother [Jane Bond]

Thanks for her letter; yesterday paid some visits and wrote an account to John [his brother]; Sir James Graham at his interview said he wanted to leave the matter to him to do as he thought best; did not want him to resign the recordership if the duties did not interfere with those of a police magistrate; Lord John Russell allowed two Recorders to hold their offices; Mr Phillips and Mr Hall had said he ought to resign; WB explained that he wanted to retain the office because his health was not good and uncertain how long he would be a Police Magistrate; had arranged with colleagues so that the two offices would not interfere; Sir James felt WB's conduct had been honourable throughout the matter; WB felt pleased to have beat Phillips and Hall; not heard of anyone applying for Poole; will write to John; if buys a house it will be in Spring in London; will be going to Poole with Jardine; must write to decline an invitation to the Petty Sessions on the 29th; dined with Rogers and saw a letter to him from Mr Phillips asking about the 'character of the Bond who was a candidate'; Rogers told Phillips his report would be very favourable as Mr Bond was a personal friend
(1 doc; 2 pieces; end section missing)

2 Dec 1842