Guide to the Pelham Papers

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Administrative Information

Provenance

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Cite As

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Processing Notes

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HENRY PELHAM (1695?-1754)

Henry Pelham was elected to the House of Commons to represent Seaford in 1717. In 1720, he was appointed treasurer, and in 1721, one of the lords of the treasury. In 1722, he returned to the House of Commons to represent Sussex, a position that he held for the rest of his life. In 1724, he resigned from the treasury and was appointed secretary of war. In 1725, he was appointed a member of the privy council, and in 1730, paymaster of the forces. In 1743, he was appointed lord of the treasury and chancellor of the exchequer.

Description of the Papers

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### Correspondence

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| 1   | 1      | Batthyany, Comte de. 2 ALS (copies) to Thomas Hunter, [n.p.]  
In French, requesting £100 sterling from the English Treasury. | 1746 Jul 20, Jul 24 |
| 1   | 2      | Clayton, Jasper. ALS to Henry Pelham, Ghent | 1743 Jan 2 |
| 1   | 3      | Drummond, Robert Hay, Abp. of York, 1711-76. Letter (copy) to [?], Hanaw | 1743 Jun 28 |
| 1   | 4      | Hampden, Robert Hampden Trevor, 1st Viscount, 1706-1783.  
11 ALS to Henry Pelham, The Hague  
"Most Secret" letters concerning the whole range of activity associated with the war. Includes thoughts on the lamentable state of English military operations, much European royalty, commanders of armies, politics, finances, conventions, treaties. | 1744 May 12-1745 Sep 21 |
| 1   | 5      | Harrington, William Stanhope, 2nd earl of, 1719-1779. Receipt, signed  
For ammunition from Montagu. | 1749 Jun 27 |
| 1   | 6      | Honeywood, Sir Phillip, d. 1752. ALS to [Henry Pelham], Ghent  
Thanks Pelham for his kind words to the King regarding Honeywood's desire for "wearing a Ribband." Wonders when his promotion to General shall come. Claims that spirits have risen since the arrival of 20,000 Dutch troops. | 1743 Feb 12 |
| 1   | 7      | Hume, Abraham. Diary (extract), Bruxelles  
Contemporary manuscript copy. Concerning the managing of food stores and forage for the Hanoverian and Hessian troops. | 1742 Aug 22-Oct 29 |
| 1   | 8      | 3 ALS to Henry Pelham, Aix la Chappelle, Frankfort | 1743 Jul 26-Sep 17 |
| 1   | 9      | 6 ALS to Henry Pelham, Antwerp | 1745 Jun 9-Nov 1 |
| 1   | 10     | 11 ALS to Henry Pelham, Rotterdam | 1746 Apr 15-Jul 29 |
| 1   | 11     | 7 ALS to Henry Pelham, Rotterdam | 1746 Aug 16-Nov 22 |
| 1   | 12     | 10 ALS to Henry Pelham, Rotterdam | 1747 Feb 28-Jun 20 |

Hunter, Thomas Orby, ca. 1716-1769  
Concerning the day to day expenses and progresses of the War of the Austrian Succession. Remarks on the Jacobite rebellion.
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<td>Montagu, John Montagu, 2nd duke of, 1688?-1749. ALS to [Henry Pelham], Blackheath</td>
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<td>&quot;The book of the Establishment of the French army is not to be bought here, and it is forbid to be printed in France.&quot; He copied the number of French Land Forces from one of these books and sends it along (not included).</td>
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<td>Mordaunt, Sir John, 1697-1780. 3 ALS to [Henry Pelham], Bamberg, Egra, Pilsen</td>
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<td>Tells of dissatisfaction with the Russians as allies, especially on the march into Bohemia. Very cynical about the &quot;virtuous set of Patriots&quot; who shall bring on a new war.</td>
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<td>Concerning finances of the late campaigns of the War of Austrian Succession. Mentioning the &quot;Spirit of Riot and Confusion&quot; in Holland, he scoffs at this in the first letter; later he learns that the Prince of Orange has been detained by magistrates in Amsterdam.</td>
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<td>Requests the continuance of correspondence from Hunter. Informs him that Maj. General Huske is to take command of a certain group of troops in Holland. He is to receive credit from Hunter, as deputy paymaster.</td>
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<td>Warrants Countersigned at the Treasury out of Contingencies in Flanders, and included in Mr. Hunter's Memorial.</td>
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Access Terms

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Subjects

Hampden, Robert Hampden, Viscount, 1706-1783.
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Austrian Succession, War of, 1740-1748.

Authors

Pelham, Henry, 1695?-1754.