Guide to the Holwell Walshe Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1650

CREATOR: Walshe, Holwell.

TITLE: Holwell Walshe papers

DATES: 1860–1949

BULK DATES: 1860–1871

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE(S): The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, and official government and military directives to and from Holwell Walshe, which document his career in the 1st and 2nd West India Regiments, particularly his years as commander of Sherbro Island, Sierra Leone. Walshe took possession of Sherbro in September 1862 and successfully defended the island and revitalized its economy. He remained as Civil Commandant until 1871, when he was transferred to Singapore as a police magistrate.

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Administrative Information

Provenance

Purchased by the African Collection Curator in 1993.
Description of the Collection

The Holwell Walshe Papers consist of correspondence and official government and military directives to and from Walshe which document his military career in the 1st and 2nd West India Regiments and, in particular, his years served as commander of the island of Sherbro, Sierra Leone.

Walshe and a detachment of forty-two men took possession of Sherbro in September, 1862. The island, a territory ceded to England, was subject to internal strife among numerous feuding chieftains, lack of trade and revenue, and the external threat of raids and subsequent enslavement of inhabitants.

Captain Walshe successfully defended Sherbro and revitalized its economy, retaining the position of Civil Commandant until 1871, when he was transferred to Singapore as a police magistrate.
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Access Terms

Sherbro Island (Sierra Leone)
Walshe, Holwell.
Great Britain. Army. West India Regiment, 1st
Great Britain. Army. West India Regiment, 2nd