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Artificial collection of letters and other papers of and relating to Joseph Chamberlain (1836-1914), statesman

**Administrative history:** Joseph Chamberlain was born in 1836; he was educated at University College School, and at the age of sixteen moved from London to Birmingham to join his uncle's screw manufacturing business, Nettlefold and Chamberlain; he became a member of the Birmingham Education Society, the National Education League, and was chairman of the Birmingham School Board [1868-1873]; he was a member of Birmingham Town Council [1872-1880], being Councillor for St Paul's Ward and Mayor [1873-1876]; he was MP for West Birmingham [1876-1914]; President of the Board of Trade [1880-1885]; President of the Local Government Board [1886]; Secretary of State for the Colonies, 1895-1903]; Chancellor of the University of Birmingham [1901-1914]; and Lord Rector of Glasgow University; he died on 2 July 1914

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**Publication notes:** There are a considerable number of biographies of Joseph Chamberlain. These include the official biography, commissioned by the family, 'Life of Joseph Chamberlain', by James Louis Garvin and completed by Julian Amery (London: Macmillan

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and Co, 1932-1969, 6 vols); and most recently, 'Joseph Chamberlain. Entrepreneur in Politics' by Peter T. Marsh (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1994)

- JCLAdd/1 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir John [Henry] Puleston (1830-1908, Chairman of the City of London Conservative Association), 12 October 1899
- Written from Colonial Office [London]. He thanks Sir John for his letter with the enclosed copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the City of London Conservative Association, and he expresses his appreciation of 'such support' for the policy of Her Majesty's Government [Lord Salisbury's administration]
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- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/2 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mr Wallis, 7 January 1891
- He asks Mr Wallis to express his gratitude to his father for 'the little book on the instruction of the blind and deaf'
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- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/3 Typescript extract from a letter from Joseph Chamberlain to A[rthur] J[ames] Balfour (1848-1930, statesman), 30 March [1887]
- He writes to warn Balfour of the inadequacy of the provisions in the present draft of his Coercion Bill. 'Everything is guarded in the interests of the creditors', he maintains, and 'the qualifications are so numerous that no one will be able to read into them anything to the efficient protection of the tenants'. In short, the Bill will 'enormously strengthen the position of the landlords'. As the Gladstonians are 'preparing for a great campaign' on coercion, Balfour runs the risk of giving 'the game into their hands'
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JCLAdd/4 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 72 Prince's Gate [London], S. W. to Lady Roseberry, 20 April 1882

He apologises for having to decline an invitation due to his previous commitments, namely a party that is being held at his own house on the Saturday, and a dinner engagement on the Sunday

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JCLAdd/5 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens, S.W. [London] to Miss de Rothschild, 2 Jan[uary] 1885

He makes clear that the appointment made by Col. Lesard though 'nominally' in his gift, is 'really with the war office'. Col. Lesard has 'already been advised of this', and so will probably send his 'application and preliminaries' there

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/6 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to Sir F. Sandford, 1 March 1887

He returns the statements 'respecting the estates of Lady Mathison and Lady Gordon Cathcart'. He finds the case of Lady Gordon Cathcart 'a very curious one', and one which shows 'how difficult a settlement will be'

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JCLAdd/7-8 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to [Francis] Schnadhorst (1840-1900, Secretary of the National Liberal Federation), 8 March 1880, 1 April 1881 1880-1881

These comprise of two letters, one from the House of Commons Library, and one from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham.

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He writes that the dissolution of Parliament has been announced by the 'Chancellor of the Exchequer...for Easter writs will be issued on the 23 March' and 'the election must take place, in Boroughs, before 1st April' (8 March 1880). He also informs Schnadhorst of his experiences at recent Party meetings in Birmingham, and of the correspondence he has received from Mr [John] Bright [1811-1889, orator and statesman] (1 April 1881)

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JCLAdd/9 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lord 1905  
[Algernon Bertram] Redesdale (1837-1916,  
politician and civil servant), 12 June

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green Birmingham. He accepts 'with pleasure' the kind invitation for July 8, and looks forward to seeing the gardens of which he has 'heard so much' [Batsford Park, Gloucestershire]

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JCLAdd/10 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Board of Trade 1881  
[London], S. W. to Professor [John] Nichol (1833-  
94, Professor of English), 2 June

He writes on behalf of the Rev. Mr Holland relating to proposal by 'the Degree Committee' of Glasgow University to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Holland. Although Chamberlain admits he has not made Prof. Nichol's personal acquaintance, he wishes to testify to Mr Holland's 'character and abilities'. He goes on to describe him as 'a Liberal in the best sense of the word'. It is with 'great pleasure' that he considers the suitability of Holland for this 'distinction'

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JCLAdd/11 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's 1895  
Gardens [London], S. W. to Colonel Pilkington, 8

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He explains how due to being 'really overwhelmed with work just now' it is impossible for him to offer Pilkington an appointment. He is, however, 'already informed' on the point mentioned, and gives assurances that the matter will receive 'full consideration' when it comes before 'the Grand Committee'

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JCLAdd/12 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to [John] St. Loe Strachey (1860-1927, journalist), 21 March 1887

He endeavours to send a paper for the first number of 'the new publication' ['The Liberal Unionist', no. 1, 1887] although he admits that 'time is very short' and he is 'much engaged'. He complements Strachey on his choice of subject matter, but is unsure whether he can 'use it on the present occasion'

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JCLAdd/13-14 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Henry Thompson (1820-1904, surgeon), 18 July 1884, 11 July 1885. With envelope 1884-1885

These comprise of 2 letters from 40 Princes Gardens [London]

He writes to say that he has spoken to Sir ?E. J. Rud who has sent him the particulars of a steam yacht which might have been 'suitable'. He expresses disappointment at the fact that Thompson is 'unable to take the longer voyage to Norway'. For himself the cost of a steamer 'appears to be more than 'he had expected', hence his decision 'to fall back on the ordinary boats'. He thanks Thompson for the kind invitation to 'join his...trip', but he intends to give Norway 'a trial' as he has 'never seen that country' (18 July 1884). He also writes to accept an invitation to a ball hosted by Thompson, (11 July 1885)

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JCLAdd/15 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Alderman [William] White (Mayor of Birmingham, 1882-1883), 9 December. With envelope 1899

Letter sent from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston [Birmingham]. He encloses an introduction, as requested, and hopes it 'may be of assistance'

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JCLAdd/16 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to [Powell] Williams (1840-1904, politician), 28 Dec[ember] 1889

He informs Williams that he shall not be in town this week, but will be 'glad' to see Williams on Saturday

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JCLAdd/17 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Francis Schnadhorst (1840-1900, Secretary of the National Liberal Federation), 15 Feb[ruary] 1881

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], S. W. He writes to acknowledge receipt of a note from Schnadhorst and a copy of 'the resolution adopted by the Committee of 800'. He declares that the Government should be 'gratified' by assurances of his confidence in 'this time of serious anxiety', especially given the nature of the challenges it faces. He focuses his concern upon the 'Irish Question', an issue which represents 'to every Liberal the most distasteful of all possible tasks, that of limiting the constitutional liberties of a people'. Although he is critical of those who should guide the Irish people, he is 'sanguine enough to hope that when the present irritation has passed away and Mr Gladstone has been permitted to disclose the provisions of his Promised Land Bill...peace and confidence' will be restored

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JCLAdd/18 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to Mrs [Mary] Jeune [wife of Sir Francis Jeune, Lord Helier], 21 May 1883

He accepts the invitation extended to Beatrice [his daughter] and himself to dine with Mrs Jeune on 22 June, 'always supposing that the exigencies of the serious Parliamentary machine' can permit his absence 'without compromising the interests of the Nation'

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JCLAdd/19 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Horace [?Alfred Damer] Seymour (1843-1902, civil servant), 1 Nov[ember] 1883

Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He expresses his relief that Norwood 'has returned' as 'he is certainly the man to pull the chestnuts out of the fire'. He explains how he has persuaded Rivers Wilson that the mediation of [Sir Thomas Henry] Farrer [1819-99, civil servant] was 'understandable'. He has also replied to the proposals of Mr [Hugh Culling] Childer [1827-96, statesman], outlining his objections [with possible reference to the Egyptian crisis]

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JCLAdd/20 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S.W. to Mr Wren, 23 June [18]85 1885

He encloses a cheque for the tickets

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JCLAdd/21-25 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Willoughby Robert Dottin] Maycock (1849-1922, diplomat), 5, and 7 September, 13 and 22 1888

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October, and 1 November

5 letters from Highbury, Moor Green,  
Birmingham

He asks Maycock to book 'no. 31 State Room on the Aurania' for him, and encloses a cheque. He declares that he is 'much obliged' for the trouble undertaken by Maycock on his behalf, as he hopes 'to keep [his] intentions secret to the last moment' [with reference to his decision to marry Mary Endicott] (5 September); he also expresses his gratitude for the 'tickets for the berths' (7 September). He also thanks Maycock for the 'pretty souvenir', and describes the trip as 'most eventful...in more ways than one', though he doubts whether he will get to the West Indies due to a yellow fever epidemic. His engagement will be announced in America on November 7th, and so he assumes it will appear in the English papers on the 8th (13 October). Further to his earlier arrangements for travel on the Aurania, Chamberlain confirms that he plans 'to borrow' Maycock's name on the voyage in the hope of avoiding reporters, though he confesses that he is 'uncertain' where his bride and himself will go after the wedding (22 October). In his final letter he writes to confirm arrangements for the delivery of a parcel (November)

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JCLAdd/26

Typed transcript of letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Cairo to Major [Francis Reginald] Wingate (1861-1953), 25 November 1890

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He thanks Wingate for his enclosure and suggests that the real 'question' is 'whether the dissatisfied tribes can rise and hold their own for a time against the Mahdi' [in the Sudan]

The transcript is part of a typed letter from Richard Hill to Mr Butler, 11 April 1962

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Transcript of a letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [redacted] [20th

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Councillor [William E.] Lovesy, 19 May 1903. century]  
With envelope

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. He writes with reference to the financial situation of the working classes when compared with the experiences of their colonial counterparts. He insists that 'the prosperity of this country depends largely on...trade with the colonies', and he declares that such prosperity will 'increase by leaps and bounds under a 'system of mutual concession'. He claims to have 'the fullest confidence in the working-classes' and their power to realise the significance of these 'great issues'

Transcript provided by Gilbert A. Farr [of the 'Birmingham Post']

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JCLAdd/28-30 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Willoughby Robert Dottin] Maycock (1849-1922, diplomat), 14 October 1892, 17 November 1893, and 9 December 1896 1892-1896

These comprise 2 letters from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham; and a letter from the Colonial Office [London]

He writes to thank Maycock for 'the French Report', and informs him that he will be going to Florence [with his wife, Mary] (14 October 1892); he also writes on his return from a trip to the Bahamas and informs Maycock that he will not be in town until Monday due to the amount of correspondence he has to clear (17 November 1893). In the final letter he writes to express his criticisms of the American press which has misquoted the price he paid for an order of orchids (9 December 1896)

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JCLAdd/31-32 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Charles T. Mayo, 5 and 7 December 1883

2 letters from Highbury, Moor Green,

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Birmingham

He refutes the impression that it is 'a matter of indifference' to him whether or not 'two Liberal candidates are successful in the County Elections' (5 December); and he writes to deny that he has any 'intention or desire to press for manhood suffrage at the present time' (7 December). He maintains that he has 'been in favour of it' since entering public life, but has 'never been anxious to proceed more quickly than the general public opinion of the time'. He continues offering Mr Mayo 'information on the latter, by pointing out that 'the change from household to manhood suffrage would be a lateral and not a downward extension'. He concludes by recommending the August issue of the 'Fortnightly Review' [1863] where Mayo may read an article on 'the Radical Programme'

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JCLAdd/33 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Henrietta [Wymans], c/o Mrs Nettlefold [relative of Joseph Chamberlain], Hallfield, Birmingham, 6 April. [1899]  
With envelope

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He thanks Henrietta for 'her kind words of remembrance and sympathy'. Although he is 'grateful that Dick [his brother, Richard Chamberlain] has found his rest after his long trial', he 'still feels very deeply the separation which has broken up [the] family after a union of 50 years'. He expresses his 'gladness that Ted Nettlefold' joined them

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JCLAdd/34-35 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Augustus Hemming (1841-1907, Colonial Governor), Government House, Jamaica, and the Dean [of Westminster Abbey], 22 and 23 February. With envelope

2 letters from the Colonial Office [London]

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He writes to the Dean (22 February) enclosing a letter of introduction addressed to Sir Augustus Hemming [Governor of Jamaica, 1898-1904] for his daughter, Mrs Henry Woods who is undertaking a visit to the West Indies (23 February). In the letter of introduction he describes Mrs Woods as 'the daughter of the Dean of Westminster and the wife of the ex-President of Trinity College, Oxford'. He says he will be glad if Hemming 'can do anything to make her stay on the island a pleasant one'

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JCLAdd/36

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W[alter] S[towe] Bright McLaren (1853-1912, politician), Oaklands, Inverness [Inverness-shire], 25 Aug[ust]

1885

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He suggests the 19th as a suitable date for a meeting, in order to avoid a clash with the 'Northern Gathering'. He also requests an 'explanation...on some points in which [he] is in doubt' following the Report of the Crofter's Commission. Namely, the population levels in the Highlands as cited in the Report, statements made concerning the conditions of the crofters, and the claim that there is insufficient land in the crofter's districts 'to secure a livelihood' for the population there.

He criticises the 'drastic remedies' recommended by the Commission, and is anxious to receive responses to the proposed measures from the crofters themselves. He declares that he has 'the greatest sympathy with the crofters and very little for the so-called rights of property', but maintains that it is imperative that a 'reasonable' alternative 'scheme is put forward'

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JCLAdd/37

Autograph note by Joseph Chamberlain to 'admit bearer to the gallery [of the House of Commons] on the 18th April'

nd [late 19th century]

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JCLAdd/38 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to W[illiam] Allard, 21 Sept[ember] 1886

He writes that he should like to have 'a little conversation' with Allard 'before leaving town' concerning 'the affairs of the Birmingham Liberal Association', and proposes a time when Allard may call upon him

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JCLAdd/39 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir', 27 Dec[ember] 1886

He promises to write again 'in a day or two' on the subject of his correspondent's letter

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JCLAdd/40 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Francis] Schnadhorst (1840-1900, Secretary of the National Liberal Federation), 14 April 1886

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. He has 'much pleasure' in accepting an invitation from 'the Management Committee of the Liberal Association' to address a meeting of the 'Two Thousand' on matters relating to Ireland

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JCLAdd/41 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to unknown recipient addressed as 'Sir', 27 Dec[ember] 1886

In response to his correspondent's inquiry, he states that 'Railway companies are not required by law to provide any particular ?invention for securing the safety of travellers'

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JCLAdd/42 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to Arthur Arnold, 22 July 1887

He writes to inform Arnold that if he is in town on October 25th he will be 'happy' to attend his meeting, though his arrangements for the Autumn are 'uncertain'

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JCLAdd/43 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to unknown recipient addressed as 'Sir', 13 April 1893

As Chairman, he has the honour to enclose copies of the resolutions passed at a mass meeting of the inhabitants of Birmingham held in Bingley Hall, on Thursday 6th

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JCLAdd/44 Letter from John Bright (1811-1889, orator and statesman) to Charles Sturge (1800-88, businessman and politician), 1 January 1878

Written from Rochdale [Lancashire]. He thanks Sturge for his 'kind letter' and 'invitation', but he has made prior arrangements to stay with 'Mr [Joseph] Chamberlain' during his visit to Birmingham, and so is 'already provided for'. He goes on to discuss current affairs, most especially the Russo-Turkish war [1877-78]. He is of the opinion that the present Tory Government [under the leadership of Benjamin Disraeli] will not 'go into the war' as 'the country is against it and it would ruin them and their party for along time'. Nor does he consider peace between Russia and Turkey probable, as 'Russia must ask more than Turkey will give', and 'England is not in a position to have any great influence with either of the combatants'. Indeed, as a nation it is now 'isolated' having 'irritated both parties'. He closes by abandoning such foretelling, as 'it rarely turns out to the credit of

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JCLAdd/45-48 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Robert] Giffen (1837-1910, economist and statistician), 22 October and 30 December 1883, 12 February 1902, and 24 October 1903 1883-1903

3 letters from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham; 1 letter from the Colonial Office [London]; and 8 typescript copy letters

In his correspondence of 1883, Chamberlain responds to Giffen's telegram, and confirms that he should write 'as proposed', 22 October; and he congratulates him on his 'outstanding labour and exertion' throughout the year, and thanks him 'most heartily' for all the assistance he has rendered, 30 December. In his letter of 12 February 1902, he offers a response to 'an interesting letter' of Giffen's on the subject of 'navigation laws', whilst in his more extensive letter of 24 October 1903 he responds to a letter published by Giffen in 'The Times' relating to free trade and imperial unity. Although he admits that 'the importance of the question deserves all publicity' he would 'rather deal...with any further questions by private correspondence in the first instance'

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JCLAdd/49-50 Letters from [Sir] R[obert] Giffen (1817-1910, economist and statistician) to Joseph Chamberlain, 26 October and 2 November 1903

He writes with reference to correspondence from Chamberlain dated 24 October [see JCLAdd/45-48], and Chamberlain's 'Glasgow speech' of 7 October 1903 relating to free trade. He urges him as 'an old friend' to always give references when quoting figures, and suggests that statistics from the 'Blue Book' are not necessarily 'trustworthy' on the points cited by Chamberlain. He writes that it is with 'great regret' that he finds himself 'disapproving' of the line taken by

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Chamberlain, and warns him that his appeal to 'Protectionists' will 'array free traders against him', 26 October

In the letter of 2 November he sends 'a few more notes' on free trade, in which he disputes Chamberlain's protectionist theories

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JCLAdd/51-53 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Robert] Giffen (1817-1910, economist and statistician), 2 and 5 November, and 4 December 1903

2 letters from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham, and 4 typescript copy letters

He thanks Giffen for his letter of 26 October [see JCLAdd/49-50], which has confirmed his conviction that 'figures are most dangerous things in the hands of inexperienced people', though he maintains that imperialist concerns override fears of a short-term 'loss of material wealth', for any such loss 'would be amply compensated for by the union of the Empire', 2 November

In his letters of 5 November and 4 December he responds to Giffen's letter of 2 November [see JCLAdd/49-50]. He outlines his objections to the material offered by Giffen in support of his analysis of colonial/foreign trade returns, and maintains that if his 'ideal of a united Empire' is not realised Britain will have to accept a position 'as one of the inferior states of the world'

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JCLAdd/54 Letter from [Sir] R[obert] Giffen (1817-1910, economist and statistician) to Joseph Chamberlain, 8 Dec[ember] [1903]

Letter and typescript transcripts/copies, relating to calculation of statistical information in discussion of tariff reform, most especially export levels and South Africa

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JCLAdd/55 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [George Henry] Broughton (1834-1905, writer and illustrator), 27 Dec[ember] 1884

Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He writes having 'just received [Broughton's] most delightful book' [?Sketching Rambles in Holland] and thanks him 'sincerely' for the 'charming token...of kindness'. He says he 'had almost arranged' to visit Holland this year, and 'now is determined' to

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JCLAdd/56 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to an unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir', 28 March 1905

He is 'much obliged' for his correspondent's 'note and book' which he now returns, as he 'cannot make any practical use of the article' to which his attention has been drawn. In the remainder of the letter he offers his opinions regarding 'Protectionism' and navigation laws

Manuscript note on the reverse identifies the recipient as J. L. Garvin (1868-1947, journalist and political writer)

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JCLAdd/57 Pen sketch of Joseph Chamberlain, with inscription, 'drawn for an admirer of Joe, E. T. Reed, Hereford, April' 1904

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JCLAdd/58 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Southborne, Augustus Road, Birmingham to the Secretary of the Reform Club [London], 2 Oct[ober] 1878

He writes that he has 'misaid' his copy of the

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rules of the Club, and he requests another

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JCLAdd/59 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 30 Wilton Place 1879  
[London], S. W. to John Abbey, 13 June

He declines an invitation to attend 'the County Conference in Reading' on the grounds that he currently has a number of engagements more directly related to his 'political work'

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JCLAdd/60 Autograph, initialled note from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Robert] Giffen (1817-1910, economist and statistician), 29 August. With typescript copies [?1883]

Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He denies any personal knowledge of 'Porter', although he has corresponded with him on matters of municipal finance and statistics. 'Evidently', he concludes, 'he is not to be trusted'

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JCLAdd/61 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [?Lionel Raleigh] Holland (1865-1936, politician), 29 July 1895

Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He informs Holland that the question he raised has already been brought to his attention

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JCLAdd/62-63 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Roger Eykyn, 14 Dec[ember] and 22 July 1885-1890

2 letters, one from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham and one from 40 Prince's Gardens [London]. Sent to Eykyn at 13 Upper Grosvenor Street, Grosvenor Square, London.

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He writes to inform Eykyn that as he has to speak at a 'great banquet' at the town hall [the Birmingham Reform Club's banquet for the 'Seven Members', in Birmingham], so he will be unable to attend his party, 14 Dec[ember 18]85

In his letter of 22 July he requests 'trustworthy' information relating to Northampton and the Mid-Division for the forthcoming elections. He is pessimistic about the chances of success for the Liberal Unionist candidates in the Mid-Division due to the popularity of [John Poyntz] Spencer [fifth Earl Spencer, 1835-1910, statesman]. He considers their prospects in the Northampton borough as 'more hopeful', and says that he would much rather 'fight the borough than the county'

With envelopes

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JCLAdd/64

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [John Thackeray] Bunce (1828-99, editor of the 'Birmingham Daily Post'), 25 Nov[ember]

1890

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He thanks Bunce for his letter, and writes to say that 'in a few days [they] shall know how matters are likely to shape themselves'

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JCLAdd/65

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lionel [Raleigh] Holland (1865-1936, politician), 13 Feb[ruary]. With envelope

1893

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W., sent to Holland at 14 Buckingham Street, Adelphi, W. C. [London]. He writes to decline an invitation to speak in London, pointing out that during parliamentary terms he confines himself to undertaking platform engagements only in the Birmingham district

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JCLAdd/66 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Roger] Eykyn, 5 May. With envelope 1893

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W., sent to 1 Tokenhouse Buildings, Bank of England [London]. He writes to express his satisfaction at the 'striking success of the City demonstration' [the march by members of the Stock Exchange in London on May 3 to express dissatisfaction with William Gladstone's Second Home Rule Bill, during which a copy of the Bill was burnt in front of the Guildhall, and at which Chamberlain was principal speaker]. He declares that the Guildhall is 'a grant pulpit for preaching a national sermon' and thanks Eykyn for providing him with such an opportunity

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JCLAdd/67-69 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to [Lionel] Holland (1865-1936, politician), 12 July 1894, 28 and 23 March 1899 1894-1899

3 letters all from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W.

In his letter of 1894 Chamberlain writes to lend his aid to the municipal unionist cause in London. He accepts the position of vice president of Holland's 'new society', though with the proviso that nothing will be done to 'whittle away' the 'popular side' of Holland's 'programme'

In his correspondence of 1899 Chamberlain is concerned with the appointment of a 'Committee' [?the Select Committee of May 1899, established to inquire into old age pensions], and the necessity for Holland 'to draft a form of reference' for those who should be appointed to it, 23 March. He suggests the 'Committee's list' should include Holland and Sir J[ames] Rankin [1842-1915, politician] as representatives for the 'Cottage Homes Bill', 28 March

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- JCLAdd/70      Picture post-cards, with order card      [early 20th century]
- Twenty-two blank post-cards of scenes including Highbury House and Gardens [Chamberlain's Birmingham residence], Joseph Chamberlain's seventieth birthday celebrations in Birmingham on 7 July 1906, and of Birmingham Liberal Unionist MPs, Joseph and Austen Chamberlain, and commemorative portraits of Joseph Chamberlain
- 23 items
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/71      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to J. G. Bishop, 8 Jan[uary]. With enclosure of printed letter by W[illiam] T[hackeray] Marriott (1834-1903, politician)      1886
- Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He writes thanking Bishop for his letter and for the enclosed printed letter of Marriott's. He describes Marriott's letter and its criticisms of himself as 'untrue' in spirit
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/72      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Office [London] to Sir Henry [?James], 3 Jan[uary]      1899
- He writes to request a meeting with James to discuss a 'Bill to enable workmen and others to acquire the dwellings in which they reside' which he has introduced
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/73      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lord [Frederick Archibald] Cawdor (1847-1911, 3rd Earl of Cawdor, politician and Chairman of Great Western Railways), 6 Nov[ember]      1902
- Letter written from House of Commons [London]. He writes in response to the dissatisfaction of the Great Western and other railway companies with the system of education provided for their managers and engineers. As Chancellor of

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Birmingham University, Chamberlain maintains that such matters have already been under consideration, and he proposes discussions with Cawdor to establish whether it is possible, in association with his scheme 'for a modern university on the American model', to provide a specialised form of higher education for those who perform important posts on the railway system

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/74 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor (1899)  
Green, Birmingham to Richard Cadbury,  
Uffculme, 13 Jan[uary]. Photocopy

He writes to suggest that the West Indies might prove a suitable location for Cadbury's cocoa farming, particularly as at the present time Crown lands may be bought or leased out at 'reasonable prices'. Chamberlain maintains that the lack of success experienced by the West Indies has simply been due to insufficient 'energy' and 'capital'. He invites Cadbury to contact him for further information, and suggests a possible meeting to discuss the new university which he envisions is 'capable of doing enormous good in Birmingham and the district'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/75 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's 1886  
Gardens [London], S. W. to Sir Charles [?Butt], 5  
Feb[ruary]

He writes to confirm arrangements for a meeting

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/76 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor 1899  
Green, Birmingham to H. Hinks, 24 Jan[uary]

He writes to invite Mr Hinks to a 'private conference' to consider proposals for a new university.

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With letter from Dorothy M. Wheat [secretary, Birmingham University] to unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir' enclosing the above

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/77 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Office [London] to Lord Bishop [of Peterborough], 11 July 1896

He writes to acknowledge receipt of the bishop's letter and the enclosed resolution passed by the council in the Mashonaland Mission expressing the desire that 'due provision will be made for the provision of natives' in the settlement of Matabeleland and Mashonaland [South Africa]

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/78 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 30 Wilton Place [London], S. W. to W. George Fordham, 29 July 1879

He writes in response to Mr Fordham's request for assistance in opposing the forthcoming 'desecration of Westminster Abbey'. He shares Fordham's opposition and advises him as to his best course of action. He suggests that he should put a letter in the Daily Post inviting responses

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/79 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, House of Commons [London] to an unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear sir', 1 March 1877

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/80-81 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Francis Schnadhorst (1840-1900, Secretary of the National Liberal Federation), 18 June 1881, and 8 December 1885 1881-1885

1 letter from 72 Prince's Gate [London], S. W.

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and 1 letter from Highbury, Moor Green,  
Birmingham

In his letter of 1881 Chamberlain informs Schnadhorst of the anger of R. N. Phillips, MP for Bury, at the conduct of candidates who 'voted against' the government in Committee on the Irish Land Bill

His letter of 1885 relates to an enclosure

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/82 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [?William Edward] Forster (1818-86, politician), 9 Aug[ust] [1884]

Written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. He invites Forster to dine with him 'quietly' at Highbury

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/83 Initialled note from Joseph Chamberlain, House of Commons [London] to [Jesse] Collings (1831-1920, politician), 9 June [1901-1903]

Memorandum providing reference details for government Command papers relating to negotiations with [General Louis] Botha [1862-1919, Boer Commander]

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/84-85 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Charles [Norman] Watney (1868-1956), 28 and 30 November 1901

2 letters from Highbury, Moor Green,  
Birmingham

In his first letter Chamberlain offers a response to Watney's previous comments relating to a speech by G[erald] W[illiam] Balfour [1853-1945, politician] concerning government proposals for a cessation to the conflict in South Africa. He cites sections from a speech he gave at Cupar as

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representative of government policy

In his letter of 30 November he refutes the story that 'overtures have been, or are being, made by the British Government to Mr [Stephen J. Paul] Kruger' [1825-1904, President]. He also denies knowledge of a Mr Erasmus, or any associations he might claim to have with the government

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/86 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to an unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir', 1 June 1902

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. He apologises, but maintains that he is unable to 'say anything till the papers are published'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/87 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Viscount] Northcliffe (1865-1922, journalist and newspaper proprietor), 3 Feb[ruary] 1906

Written from Imperial Hotel, Torquay [Devon]. He writes in relation to a suggestion made by J. L. Garvin [1868-1947, journalist and political writer] in an issue of 'The Outlook' concerning the possibility that Walter Long might be proposed for leadership of the Liberal Unionist Party. Chamberlain declares that he cannot follow A. J. Balfour's 'path' of supporting the 'free fooders' rather than 'the tariff reformers', but he sees 'no reason' why he should 'hold aloof'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/88 Part of a letter from Joseph Chamberlain to the Reverend R. R. Suffield. With photograph of Joseph Chamberlain nd [late 19th century]

2 items

Access: Open

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- JCLAdd/89 Letter from 'Mr [Joseph] and Mrs [Mary] Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to an unknown recipient nd [Late 19th-early 20th century]
- They write to express their regret that due to their inability to be in town on the aforementioned date, they have to decline an invitation to 'the marriage of the daughter of Mr and Mrs Morton'
- [in the hand of Mary Chamberlain]
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/90 Part of a letter from Joseph Chamberlain to an unknown recipient [Late 19th century-early 20th century]
- The letter relates to a statement formulated by Chamberlain relating to 'Sir C D' [?Sir Charles Dilke], who, on the advice of his 'medical attendant' is to join 'his friend Mr Chamberlain in Highbury'
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/91 Letter from [Sir] E[dward] Grey (1862-1933, statesman) to an unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir', 30 Nov[ember] 1903
- Letter written from Hallodon, Chathill, Northumberland. He outlines his objections to Chamberlain's proposals to introduce a duty on imports of foreign grain. Namely, that farmers will only enjoy short-term gains from such measures
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/92 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to [?George William Erskine] Russell (1853-1919, politician) nd [late 19th-early 20th centuries]
- He apologises for the necessity of having 'to go out', as he 'should have liked a word to two about the Irish questions'. He also points out the difficulties of arranging any future meetings as he is 'pledged to a campaign in Scotland and the

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country'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/93 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, House of Commons [London] to [Henry] Peyton, 23 Feb[ruary] 1877

He replies to Peyton's inquiries regarding a quotation used by Chamberlain in a speech, at Peyton's suggestion, and he apologises for being unable to put to use his 'last happy thought'. He also informs Peyton that he is keeping 'very good company' in London. His engagements include dinner with the Prince of Wales, and he expects shortly 'to be presented at court'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/94 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir', 2 December 1891

Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He confirms proposed arrangements for a meeting

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/95 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Professor [Samuel Henry] Butcher (1850-1910, classical scholar and educationalist), 17 Dec[ember] 1900

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He writes in response to Butcher's inquiries regarding Chamberlain's plans to 'make any more political speeches'. Although he does not intend to 'until next Autumn at the earliest', he realises he is under a pledge to Edinburgh [?university] and will undertake to speak 'during the long recess'

1 item

Access: Open

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**Related material:** See also JCLAdd/97

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| JCLAdd/96    | <p>Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to G. L. Cole (Hon. Sec. of the Liberal Unionist Association, East and North of Scotland Branch), 5 January</p> <p>Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He thanks Cole for his previous correspondence, and for the invitation from the Joint Liberal Unionist Committees of the City of Edinburgh to address a political meeting. However, the demands of work during parliamentary sessions, compel him to decline</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 1891 |
| JCLAdd/97    | <p>Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to Prof. Butcher, 2 Aug[ust]</p> <p>He writes to confirm arrangements for a date to speak</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1901 |
| JCLAdd/98-99 | <p>Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to G. H. Branson, 26 Jan[uary], 13 April, 23 June</p> <p>3 letters from 14 Broad Street [Birmingham]</p> <p>In his correspondence of 26 January and 23 June he encloses rent payments to Mr Branson. In his letter of 13 April he writes enclosing correspondence from a sub-tenant of Branson, Mr Thompson, and requesting clarification of the terms of his tenancy</p> <p>3 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p>                                                               | 1866 |
| JCLAdd/101   | <p>Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir', 16 August</p> <p>Written from Southborne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston [Birmingham]. He encloses a cheque for a donation towards the Howard Street</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1875 |

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Institute.

With printed two portraits of Joseph Chamberlain

3 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/102 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir', 14 Jan[uary] 1876

Written from Southborne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston [Birmingham]. He writes in response to an article he has read which claims that the increase in the number of licensed houses in Hull, and subsequent increase in drunkenness, is due to the actions of the Justices [of the Peace]. He requests reliable information so as to substantiate his grounds for rejecting the opinions of those in favour of 'free trade' in drink

[18]76

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/103 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston [Birmingham] to F. H. Vertue, 13 May 1876

He encloses photograph with autograph, as requested

1 item

Access: Open

**Related material:** For photograph see JCLAdd/101

JCLAdd/104 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to Lady Blanche [?Dugdale], 23 April 1885

He accepts an invitation and arranges to call on Lady Blanche

1 item

Access: Open

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| JCLAdd/105 | Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Sir', 27 June                                                  | 1885 |
|            | He arranges a meeting                                                                                                                                                      |      |
|            | 1 item                                                                                                                                                                     |      |
|            | Access: Open                                                                                                                                                               |      |
| JCLAdd/106 | Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to [?George Webb] Medley, 9 Jan[uary]                                                                  | 1886 |
|            | He accepts an invitation to dine with Mr Medley, though he fears he will be in the country 'fighting for [his] life' [with reference to the 1886 elections]. With envelope |      |
|            | 1 item                                                                                                                                                                     |      |
|            | Access: Open                                                                                                                                                               |      |
| JCLAdd/107 | Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Stornoway, North Berwick [East Lothian] to Mr Hill, 21 April                                                                               | 1887 |
|            | He declines an invitation, explaining that he is staying in the outer Hebrides so as to study the crofters                                                                 |      |
|            | 1 item                                                                                                                                                                     |      |
|            | Access: Open                                                                                                                                                               |      |
| JCLAdd/108 | Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, House of Commons [London] to Sir Donald, 19 May                                                                                            | 1896 |
|            | He writes to return papers                                                                                                                                                 |      |
|            | 1 item                                                                                                                                                                     |      |
|            | Access: Open                                                                                                                                                               |      |
| JCLAdd/109 | Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [George Joachim] Goschen (1831-1907, statesman), 22 Nov[ember]                                                                           | 1902 |
|            | Written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. He expresses gratitude to Goschen to compliments paid                                                                     |      |
|            | 1 item                                                                                                                                                                     |      |

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/110 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S. W. to Mrs Broughton, 7 June nd [late 19th century]

He accepts an invitation for a meeting

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/111 Signed ticket of admission to the gallery of the House of Commons from Joseph Chamberlain, 30 June nd [late 19th-early 20th centuries]

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/112 Printed, signed letter of introduction from Joseph Chamberlain to Officer Adminstrating the Government of Hong Kong, 26 December 1898

Written from Downing Street [London]. Letter on behalf of Captain Hugh Fraser who intends to visit Hong Kong

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/113 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Captain William Henry] O'Shea (1840-1905, politician), 2 Nov[ember] 1883

Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham. He arranges a meeting with O'Shea at the Board of Trade

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/114 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to A. G. Symonds, 13 Jan[uary] 1885

He declines an invitation to attend Symonds' 'Committee' in Manchester on grounds of 'official and parliamentary duties'

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/115 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lawrence Irwell 1885

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 7 December. Chamberlain responds to Irwell's letter concerning 'canvassing by many Liberals'. He explains why he does not want to legislate, but hopes that those who are guilty of intimidation will be prosecuted.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/116 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to S. T. Mander [?] 1888

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 23 March. Chamberlain turns down a request from Mander, explaining that he has only a very small collection of pictures and thus does not lend them out of Birmingham.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/117 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to A. W. Hunt 1888

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 10 April. Chamberlain explains why he was unable to accept Hunt's invitation.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/118 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir] C[ecil] A[rthur] Spring-Rice 1888

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 16 August. Chamberlain writes to C. A. Spring-Rice [1858-1918, diplomatist] about arrangements for attending the Birmingham Festival.

1 item

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/119 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Addison Potter 1892

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 4 May. Chamberlain agrees to meet Addison Potter the following day to 'talk over the condition of affairs in Newcastle and the district'.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/120 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Charles Anthony?] Vince 1892

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 1 September. Chamberlain invites Mr Vince [possibly C. A. Vince, 1855-1929; Secretary of the Birmingham, Aston, and Handsworth Liberal Unionist Association, 1892-1919] to call on him as he has something of interest to tell him.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/121 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to White 1896

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 31 January. Chamberlain writes that money for the relief of the Armenians should go to a pre-existing private fund under the presidency of the Duke of Westminster, rather than come from national monies. He thanks White for the kind words about his work, 'which as you may imagine, still continues very heavy'. [Armenia was subject to a series of massacres under the Ottoman government, 1894-1896; Chamberlain was Secretary of State for the Colonies, 1895-1903].

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/122 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Buckley 1899

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 3 May. Chamberlain thanks Buckley for

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advising him of contributions by the Assay Office and Birmingham Tramways Company to the University of Birmingham Endowment Fund and, indeed, for personally influencing the decisions that led to these contributions.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/123 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lowther 1905

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 20 May. Chamberlain will arrange for Lowther to attend a private dinner at the House of Commons in connection with an unspecified matter. He discusses Lowther's securing of an amendment to a Resolution, which he says is perceived as 'a form of address to Mr Balfour' [Arthur James Balfour, 1848-1930; Prime Minister, 1902-1905].

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/124 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lowther 1905

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 11 July and marked private. Chamberlain replies to a telegram from Lowther. He comments on the prospect of Rigg [possibly Major Richard Rigg, 1877-1942; MP 1900-1905] being returned to his parliamentary seat and sympathizes with Lowther on his serious illness.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/125 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Henry Hartley] Fowler [1st Viscount Wolverhampton] 1887

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 4 January and marked confidential. Chamberlain writes to Fowler [1830-1911; created viscount 1908; MP Wolverhampton, 1880-1908] regarding the question of Irish Land Purchase.

1 item

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JCLAdd/126 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Henry Hartley] Fowler [1st Viscount Wolverhampton] 1887

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 6 January. Chamberlain writes to Fowler [1830-1911; created viscount 1908; MP Wolverhampton, 1880-1908] continuing their discussion over the question of Irish Land Purchase [see JCLAdd/125].

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/127 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Henry Hartley] Fowler [1st Viscount Wolverhampton] 1894

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 7 February and marked 'Secret Confidential'. Chamberlain writes to the Right Honorable H[enry] H[artley] Fowler [1830-1911; created viscount 1908, MP Wolverhampton, 1880-1908] about the P[arish] Council's Bill. He suggests that they cooperate, writing 'with good will on both sides, we might get round the dangerous corner'. Includes envelope, and Fowler's reply dated 9 February written on the same sheet of paper as Chamberlain's original letter.

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/128 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Henry Hartley] Fowler [1st Viscount Wolverhampton] 1894

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 10 July and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain corresponds with Fowler [1830-1911; created viscount 1908, MP Wolverhampton, 1880-1908] over a forthcoming vote in the House of Commons.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/129 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Henry Hartley] Fowler [1st Viscount Wolverhampton] 1896

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Hartley] Fowler [1st Viscount Wolverhampton]

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 13 January. Chamberlain thanks Fowler [1830-1911; created Viscount 1908; MP Wolverhampton, 1880-1908] for his kind note, commenting on his ability to 'distinguish between political differences and personal animosity'. He expresses his pleasure at receiving praise from 'unexpected quarters' seeing it as a good sign of the inherent patriotism amongst English politicians in times of crisis. [As Colonial Secretary, Chamberlain was involved in two major 'crises' in early 1896: the Venezuela-British Guiana border dispute and the Jameson Raid that had taken place just a few days earlier with Sir Leander Starr Jameson (1853-1917, Administrator of Southern Rhodesia, 1891-1895; Baronet 1911) leading the ill-fated raid into the Transvaal, 29 December 1895].

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/130 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Frederick Sleight Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts of Kandahar 1901

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 24 August. Chamberlain corresponds with Lord Roberts [1832-1914; Commander-in-Chief, 1901-1904] about the [Boer] war [1899-1902], in particular the passing of Lord K[itchener]'s Proclamation of banishment [The Proclamation meant that any Boer leaders who continued to bear arms after mid-September would be exiled]. He mentions his own efforts to persuade the Cape Government to extend martial law, and the appointment of 'Australia's Command'.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/131 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Russell [?] 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 27 February. Chamberlain arranges a meeting with the recipient the following week.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/132 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Russell [?] 1884 [?]

Letter written from Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens [London] dated 1 July. Chamberlain writes that he is unable to give any positive information about Lord Randolph [possibly Randolph Henry Spencer Churchill, 1849-1895]. He adds that he will be very happy to see the recipient on Thursday 'after questions'.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/133 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Edward L. Tyndall 1887

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 28 February and marked private. In answer to a letter from Tyndall, Chamberlain writes that when in office he prepared a Local Government Bill dealing with 'the temperance question' and regrets that this was not realised.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/134 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoyne-Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury 1899

Letter written from the Colonial Office [London] dated 2 March. Chamberlain writes to the Prime Minister as 'My dear Salisbury' [1830-1903; PM 1885-1886, 1886-1892, and 1895-1902], informing him that he has telegraphed Lady Herschell [Agnes Adela, née Kindersley] in Paris. He also gives the address of her son R[ichard] Farrer Herschell [2nd Baron Herschell, 1878-1929] in London.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/135 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to unnamed correspondent 1881

Letter written from the Board of Trade [London],

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dated 18 November and opening 'Dear Sir'. Chamberlain writes to arrange a meeting with his correspondent.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/136 Letter written on Joseph Chamberlain's behalf to A. J. Cooper 1895

Letter written from the Colonial Office, [London] dated 28 December. [Arthur Oliver Villiers Russell, 2nd Baron] Amphill [1869-1935] writes on Chamberlain's behalf to acknowledge receipt of Cooper's letter in recommendation of D. Robert Denman.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/137 Letter written on Joseph Chamberlain's behalf to Charles English 1901

Letter written from the Colonial Office [London] dated 1 November. Oliver Howard, writing on Chamberlain's behalf, replies to English of Poplar Road, Birmingham. He advises that Chamberlain 'cannot interfere' in an unspecified matter. With envelope.

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/138 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Dorothy Nevill 1883

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 4 January. Chamberlain thanks Lady Dorothy [Nevill, 1826-1913] for some homegrown oranges. He goes on to discuss political matters, writing 'the Country is in the best of humour for Radical [land] reforms'. He asks Lady Dorothy if she has read two recently published books on the subject, both of which come to the conclusion that 'L'ennemie c'est le Proprietaire' [the landowners are the enemy] and that confiscation of property is the answer. He adds that he would be uneasy if he were a large landowner and concludes that 'Peasant

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proprietorship [...] on a large scale, is the antidote to the doctrines of confiscation which are now making converts'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/139 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Dorothy Nevill [Late 19th-early 20th century]

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 23 November. Chamberlain arranges to call on Lady Dorothy [Nevill, 1826-1913] after the Salisbury election (which, he adds, he had fully anticipated).

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/140 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Partrick Manson 1904

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 9 December. Chamberlain agrees to preside at a banquet that Sir Patrick [1844-1922, physician and parasitologist] wishes to arrange to raise additional funds for the London School of Tropical Medicine.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/141 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to J. A. Langford 1875

Letter written from the Mayor's Office, Birmingham dated 22 July. Chamberlain replies to Langford of Sparkbrook, Birmingham, expressing his belief that if they discussed the question that Langford had written to him about, they would be in agreement. He notes that he would like to have Langford's active support and asks him to call. With envelope.

2 items

Access: Open

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JCLAdd/142 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to James Miller 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 22 November. Chamberlain writes to Miller, Secretary of the Kilbarchan Liberal Association, accepting a 'specimen of [...] handicraft' that he had been offered by the Association as a token of their approval and support. He sends congratulations 'on the probability of an early concession of the rights which have been so long withheld from you'. With envelope.

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/143 Financial statement and record of accounts for the Firm of Nettlefold and Chamberlain, signed by Joseph Chamberlain 1870

Statement, dated 18 August, in which Joseph Chamberlain of Nettlefold and Chamberlain, Birmingham, records a meeting he had with Mr Sanderson at Somerset House concerning a tax claim. Accompanied by financial statement for 1863-1869, with amendments added in pencil. [Chamberlain joined his uncle's screw manufacturing business, Nettlefold and Chamberlain, at the age of 16, and was principal of the company from 1854].

Typewritten note giving address of Kenneth William Humphreys B. Litt, MA, Librarian, University of Birmingham [1952-1975] attached to reverse.

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/144 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Charles Thomson, 1st Baron Ritchie 1895

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 4 March. Chamberlain thanks 'My dear Ritchie' [probably 1st Baron Ritchie, 1838-1906; MP Croydon, 1895-1905; President of Board of Trade, 1895-1900] for a report and telegram, noting that he has made the requested alteration.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/145 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Dr Grant 1890

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 14 January. Chamberlain encloses a cheque for Grant's account.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/146 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Dale 1895

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 3 January. Chamberlain gladly agrees to look through his correspondence with Mr Dale's father to see if he has 'anything of interest' to the recipient. He thinks this unlikely as at the time 'of the Education controversy 1869 to 1875' he saw Mr Dale's father frequently so letters were entirely personal.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/147 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Miss Maxse 1900

Letter of condolence written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 26 June. Chamberlain expresses his shock on hearing of the death of his friend of 30 years, Miss Maxse's father, Admiral Frederick Augustus Maxse [1833-1900]. He describes his great respect and affection for him. With envelope addressed to Miss Maxse, 2 South Place, Knightsbridge, [London].

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/148 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Robert Richard Torrens 1882

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], dated 12 June. Chamberlain expresses his displeasure at Sir Robert [1814-1884]'s failure to acknowledge his letter. He adds: 'I have come to the conclusion that your conduct in this matter is

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rather a subject for a Court of Law than a Court of Honour. Letter with handwritten annotation: 'A strange letter to an Australian Premier!' [Sir Robert had been 1st Premier of Southern Australia in 1857 before returning to England].

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/149 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mrs Mercier 1888

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham, dated 10 October. Chamberlain advises Mrs Mercier that he does not know of any grants that might be available for her Home and nor does he feel he can justify adding to his commitments by contributing personally.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/150 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Pease 1896

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 28 January. Chamberlain assures Mr Pease that the Government is giving serious consideration to slavery in Zanzibar.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/151 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Sophia 1898

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 12 July. Chamberlain writes that he sees no possible objection to the publication of the views of Lady Sophia's father on Sir [Henry] Bartle [Edward] Frere [1815-1884]'s policy. He makes reference to Lord Farrer's testimony [possibly Farrer Herschell, 1st Baron Herschell, 1837-1899] and the Bankruptcy Bill, adding that 'Lord Selborne was always to help with his advice and experience'.

The recipient is probably Lady Sophia Matilda Palmer, comtesse de Franqueville (1852-1915), daughter of the 1st Earl of Selborne (1812-1895). Lady Sophia edited Lord Selborne's autobiographical 'Memorials', which were

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published after his death.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/152 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr S. Timmins [20th century]

Photocopy of letter written from Southborne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston dated 4 April [18]75. Chamberlain thanks Timmins for his note of sympathy. [Chamberlain's second wife, Florence née Kenrick, and their newborn child, died in February of 1875].

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Access: Open

**Physical description:** Xerox copy

JCLAdd/153 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr S. Timmins [20th century]

Photocopy of letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 4 November 1884. Chamberlain thanks Timmins for his note, adding: 'I rely constantly on the continued support and confidence of friends in Birmingham'.

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Access: Open

**Physical description:** Xerox copy

JCLAdd/154 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr S. Timmins [20th century]

Photocopy of undated letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston. Chamberlain asks Timmins to keep a place for him [at a meeting].

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Access: Open

**Physical description:** Xerox copy

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- JCLAdd/155 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir E. Watkins [20th century]
- Photocopy of letter dated 8 March 1882. Chamberlain arranges to meet with Sir E. Watkins.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- Physical description:** Xerox copy
- JCLAdd/156 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Freeman Wills [20th century]
- Photocopy of letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 21 November 1890. Chamberlain declines an invitation explaining that due to the 'heavy pressure' of his political work he cannot accept invitations outside of Birmingham.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- Physical description:** Photocopy
- JCLAdd/157 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr E. J. Smith [20th century]
- Photocopy of letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 13 June 1892. Chamberlain corresponds over meeting arrangements.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- Physical description:** Xerox copy
- JCLAdd/158 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to the Editor of The New Review [20th century]
- Photocopy of letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 30 March 1894. Chamberlain returns a draft of an article by Mr Dolman on the Birmingham Municipality. He notes that it seems to be a 'fair and accurate account of the practical working of our

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corporation' but queries the questions that the Editor has endorsed on the paper. With certain conditions, he agrees to write a general article on Birmingham's Municipal Institutions.

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Access: Open

**Physical description:** Xerox copy

JCLAdd/159 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Alfred Charles William Harmsworth, Viscount Northcliffe 1903

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 3 December. Chamberlain writes to Mr Alfred Harmsworth [1856-1922; created Baronet, 1903; Baron, 1905] arranging a time to meet.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/160 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Alfred Charles William Harmsworth, Viscount Northcliffe 1904

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 30 September. Chamberlain, addressing the recipient as 'My dear Sir Alfred', hopes to arrange a meeting in order to devise a plan for carrying out a suggestion of Sir Alfred's [1856-1922; created Baronet, 1903; Baron, 1905].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/161 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Alfred Charles William Harmsworth, Viscount Northcliffe 1905

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 26 October. Chamberlain writes to Harmsworth [1856-1922; created Baronet, 1903; Baron, 1905] to introduce Sir C[harles] Clement Bowring [1844-1907], chairman of the Derby Unionist Association, and Mr J. H. Gascoyne, chairman of the Derby Conservative Newspaper Company, both of whom are interested in 'journalistic enterprise in

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Derby'.

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JCLAdd/162 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to 'Davey' 1886

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 13 April and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that at the moment the best thing he can do for the Liberal party is 'maintain silence at any Election that may take place'. He explains: 'On the main issue I am against you - on everything else I am heartily with you' and expresses his regret at the situation.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/163 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Frederick Mills 1903

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 29 December and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain expresses his willingness to support prospective candidate Mr Brailsford. He believes that the Tariff Reform League would add their support if they have the funds but suggests the Central Conservative Association or the Central Liberal Unionist Association should be applied to first.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/164 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Holt 1885

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 2 December. Chamberlain arranges a time to meet.

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JCLAdd/165 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to A. G. Symonds 1880

Letter written from 30 Wilton Place [London],

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dated 30 April. Chamberlain writes to stand down from his role as one of the vice-presidents of the National Reform Union. He explains that as he is no longer entirely independent, he feels his name should not be connected with agitation in which he is not actively engaged. [Chamberlain joined William Ewart Gladstone [1809-1898]'s cabinet as President of the Board of Trade, 27 April 1880]

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/166 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Dorothy Nevill 1882

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], dated 2 May. Chamberlain writes to Lady Dorothy [1826-1913] accepting an invitation to dinner. He comments: 'It is very brave of you to run the risk of inviting me to your house'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/167 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Dorothy Nevill 1883

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 21 October. Chamberlain writes to Lady Dorothy [1826-1913] to say that he will attend to Mr Hardy's application but there are many applicants and few posts available. He writes about his holidays in France and Scotland, his long conference with Clemenceau 'the coming man in France' [Georges Clemenceau, 1841-1929; Member of Chamber of Deputies, 1876-1893; Prime Minister and Minister for War, France, 1917-1920], and an article ('Radical Programme') in the Fortnightly [Review], in which he had had a hand. [This was in fact one of a series of articles that appeared in the Fortnightly between 1883 and 1885, all of which were 'encouraged' by Chamberlain].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/168 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Dorothy 1885

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Nevill

Letter written from the House of Commons [London], dated 11 March. Chamberlain explains to Lady Dorothy [1826-1913] that he cannot keep their appointment because he has received a Cabinet summons.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/169 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Dorothy 1886  
Nevill

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 9 September. Chamberlain writes to Lady Dorothy [1826-1913] declining to join another club. He writes 'not even my devotion to the Union will induce me to join [...] I hardly ever go to a Club as the bores who infest them spoil my temper.' He adds that he is soon to leave for the Continent for at least two months, during which time he intends to forget all about politics.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/170 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Dorothy 1889  
Nevill

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 14 August. Chamberlain writes to Lady Dorothy [1826-1913] about R[andolph] C[hurchill]'s trip to Birmingham [Lord Randolph Henry Spencer Churchill, 1849-1895; MP Birmingham, 1884-5; South Paddington, 1885-95; Secretary of State for India, 1885-1886; Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1886-1887]. Chamberlain reports: 'He offended everyone, including some of his warmest supporters truly succeeded in delighting the Gladstonians. If he were to stand now against [Bright?] he would get a well-deserved licking'. He closes by discussing the possibility of seeing Lady Dorothy before he leaves for Egypt in November.

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JCLAdd/171 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to unnamed recipient, with typescript cutting and slip 1881

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 2 October. Chamberlain, addressing his letter 'My dear Sir', writes about the arrangements for the recipient's forthcoming visit.

The cutting refers to Chamberlain's Birmingham life including a photograph of Highbury, the family home, and saying of Chamberlain, '...his home life was divided between his family, his work, his model dairy farm and his flowers'.

The typescript slip gives Chamberlain's name, title, dates and roles of MP and statesman.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/172 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Frederick George Milner, 7th Baronet 1914

Dictated letter [in M.E. Chamberlain's hand] written from Villa Victoria, Cannes [France], dated 13 April. Chamberlain replies to Milner [1849-1931; MP] expressing his satisfaction in knowing that [his son] Austen will follow him in West Birmingham [Sir Austen Chamberlain, 1863-1937; member for West Birmingham from 1914 until his death]. Chamberlain responds to Milner's comments on [Horatio Herbert] Kitchener's work in Egypt, saying 'I have always had a good opinion of him' [1st Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, 1850-1916; British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt, 1911-1914; British Secretary of State for War from 1914]. He makes reference to 'recent events in England', writing: 'on the whole I think in the end things will come right, though at the moment they do not look very promising. The Government has much to answer for'. There is some poignancy in Chamberlain wishing Milner better health and describing his hopes of being back [in England] in the next month after a good winter when he himself was to die less than three months later, on 3 July 1914.

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JCLAdd/173 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to R. Pierpoint 1897

Letter written from the Colonial Office [London] dated 21 July. Chamberlain informs Mr Pierpoint [MP] that he has already appointed Dr Manson as Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/174 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to R. Pierpoint 1897

Letter written from the Colonial Office [London] dated 18 October. Chamberlain returns Mr Nicopoulos's letter to Mr Pierpoint (MP). He writes that he cannot give a definite statement regarding the Cyprus Railway and Harbour Projects, adding that the petition for the extension of Sir W. Sendall's period of office has not yet been received from the Island.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/175 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to R. Pierpoint 1901

Letter written from the Colonial Office, dated 23 May. Chamberlain thanks Mr Pierpoint [MP] for some photographs of Famagusta and Nicosia, historic sites [in Cyprus].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/176 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W. F. Bailey 1886

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 22 July and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain thanks Bailey for a letter and article. Commenting on the situation in Ireland and proposals to make 'vast' reforms to the constitution, he suggests that other changes need to take place first: efforts to complete the reform of the Irish Land Laws and 'especially to ...deal with the case of the small tenants',

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establishment of a complete and satisfactory system of local municipal government, and then possibly the building of a Federal arrangement similar to the internal constitution of Canada.

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JCLAdd/177 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Dorothy Nevill 1892

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 19 August. Chamberlain writes to Lady Dorothy [1826-1913] about his busy work schedule and holiday plans. He comments on her concerns for the future, then goes on to discuss current events including the new [Liberal] government, Asquith becoming Home Secretary [Henry Herbert Asquith, 1852-1928; Barrister; Home Secretary 1892-1895; Prime Minister 1908-1916], and the prospective marriage of the Duke [probably referring here to the Duke of York, later King George V, 1865-1936; m Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, 1893].

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JCLAdd/178 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Wicklow 1896

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 17 July. Chamberlain writes to Lady Wicklow about finding her brother suitable employment in the Colonial Office.

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JCLAdd/179 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to John Glover 1883

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 17 January. Having heard from the Board of Trade that Glover wishes to see him, Chamberlain writes to arrange a meeting.

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JCLAdd/180 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr George Cooper 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 18 June. Chamberlain apologises for being unable to accept an invitation to speak in London.

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JCLAdd/181 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to General Phelps 1892

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 20 June. Chamberlain replies that he is a believer in the smallpox vaccination but feels that the law 'takes too little account of the conscientious objections of some parents'. As a result he agrees with the recommendations of the Royal Commission tempering the penalties for parents under the existing compulsory law.

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JCLAdd/182 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Boyd 1903

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 25 June and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes about arranging a meeting with the Duke of Westminster [Hugh Richard Arthur Grosvenor, 2nd Duke of Westminster, 1879-1953]. He comments on a letter in the Times, which he believes may have been written by [Leopold Charles Maurice Stennett] Amery [1873-1955; worked for The Times newspaper, 1899-1909]. He looks favourably on the idea of the publication of statistics and arguments relating to Fiscal Reform, 'At the present moment that is what we are standing for'.

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JCLAdd/183 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to unnamed Late 19th-early 20th century

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correspondent

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], regarding an application to the Midlands Union for a grant to pay Mr Houghton's salary. Chamberlain discusses financial arrangements for securing Houghton's 'full services'. In a postscript Chamberlain refers to the correspondent's letter of 1 June to Baron F. de Rothschild [possibly Ferdinand James de Rothschild, JP; MP; 1839-1898].

A pencil annotation at the top of the letter reads 'Gift'.

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Access: Open

**Physical description:** Part of a letter. Front page[s] missing.

- JCLAdd/184 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge [1900]
- Letter dated 9 April. Chamberlain writes to Professor Lodge about the new University of Birmingham, as Lodge considers whether to allow his name to be put forward for the Principalship. Chamberlain gives information about the structure of the University and the duties of Principal.
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- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/184-261 Letters relating to Sir Oliver Joseph Lodge's tenure as Principal of the University of Birmingham 1900-1913
- Correspondence concerning Chamberlain, Sir Oliver Lodge [1851-1940; physicist; Knighted 1902] and the University of Birmingham with Chamberlain writing from either 40, Prince's Gardens [London] or Highbury, Birmingham. Most are outgoing letters written by, or on behalf of, Chamberlain during his time as first Chancellor of the University (1900-1914), starting with his approaching Lodge about the possibility of taking up the position of Principal, a role Lodge was subsequently to hold for nearly two decades (1900 to 1919). Chamberlain discusses

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University activities, policies, fundraising, and plans for the development of departments and buildings. He also corresponds with Lodge about changes in educational policy. Chamberlain's passion and high expectations for the new University are evident throughout.

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JCLAdd/185 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Professor Sir Michael Foster 1900

Copy of letter dated 17 April. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] informs Sir Michael Foster [1836-1907; at the time Professor of Physiology at Cambridge, Secretary of the Royal Society and MP for London University] that Chamberlain supports the appointment of Professor Oliver Lodge as Principal as long as Lodge is willing to put the University ahead of his research 'for the next few years'. He writes: 'in the first instance at any rate we have got to make the University [...] in the long run he [Lodge] would have not a bad opportunity for research also'.

On the reverse is a copy of a letter from M. Foster to Lodge, written from Cambridge and dated 19 April. Foster encloses the above letter, adding that 'Joe has a way of keeping his word'.

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JCLAdd/186 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 6 June. Chamberlain responds to Lodge's concerns about premature announcements of his appointment in the Press. He adds that Lodge's letter will be submitted at the first Council meeting [of the new University of Birmingham] which is to take place next week.

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JCLAdd/187 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 10 July. Chamberlain congratulates Lodge on his appointment, addressing him in the manner that he was to use for all future correspondence: 'My dear Principal'. Chamberlain discusses financial matters relating to the establishment of the new University, mentioning the generous gift of land [in Edgbaston] from Lord Calthorpe [1829-1910, agriculturist] and outlining his plans to apply for grants and 'induce further liberality'.

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JCLAdd/188 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 17 July. Chamberlain discusses his attempts to get railway companies to contribute to the establishment of a school of Railway Engineering and Administration in connection with the University. He asks Lodge to draft a memorandum to the railway companies showing how such a department would benefit future enterprise.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/189 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 25 July. Chamberlain responds to Lodge about the need to arrange accommodation for female students but suggests that he put the matter aside until he is settled in Birmingham and able to set up a committee. Chamberlain comments on letters received from Mr Willis Bund of Worcestershire County Council and Lord Alverstone of the Goldsmiths Company. He writes that Sir Ernest Paget, Chairman of the Midland [Railway Company], may be willing to support the plans for a Railway Engineering School.

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JCLAdd/190 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 28 July. Chamberlain writes regarding plans for University buildings. He approves of Lodge's proposal (details of which are not given) but argues against the idea of employing more than one architect. Chamberlain hopes to persuade manufacturers to donate furniture and fittings. He plans to meet Willis Bund [of Worcestershire County Council] about an unspecified scheme in connection with the University.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/191 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 3 October. Chamberlain asks Lodge to contact the Poet Laureate [Alfred Austin, 1835-1913, Poet Laureate from 1896 until his death] regarding an offer he has made to the University (details of which are not given). He discusses the University Council, writing that his son 'will make a very useful member' but questioning the suitability of a Mr Dixon. He expresses his view that the University needs 'young men' on the council but must avoid becoming 'the corpus vile for experiments in high Art as practised by artists who have no public following'.

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JCLAdd/192 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 22 October. Chamberlain discusses the importance of securing financial assistance for the University. He advises Lodge not to 'cool the enthusiasm' of potential advocates of the University but to 'accept everything they propose', as individuals may be able to convince councils to pledge money. He discusses the establishment of a committee to include representatives from outside bodies that contribute to the University. He writes about the choice of architect (Aston Webb [1849-1930]) and plans for taking University building work

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forward. He comments: 'we shall have to build our University as our medieval ancestors did their cathedrals, although I hope we may complete it in less than two or three centuries'.

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JCLAdd/193 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 24 December. Chamberlain returns a draft to Lodge, suggesting two alterations.

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JCLAdd/194 Incomplete letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1900

Letter dated 26 December. Chamberlain responds to Lodge on various matters connected with the University. He is 'entirely in favour' of current building plans going ahead. He mentions the need for a Chair of Metallurgy and whether Staffordshire County Council might make a larger contribution. He describes current developments in the city's plans to build museums. He discusses salary arrangements, expressing his opinion that the University must offer good pay to attract 'the best men'. He also mentions: Lodge developing the Botanical Department; the cost of building a road to the University; plans for the University to invest in ground rents in Birmingham; and the location of departments at Edmund Street and Selly Oak. Further page(s) missing.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/195 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 5 January. Chamberlain discusses plans for setting up 'Workmen's Scholarships' at the University, which would cover fees and living costs. He envisages the scheme recruiting 'the very pick of the artisans' children'.

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JCLAdd/196 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 27 February and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain will support Lodge's resolutions but doubts that there will be time for an 'important Educational Bill'. He adds that it is 'a very bad time for applying for increased grants' from the Chancellor of the Exchequer 'but there is no harm in asking'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/197 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 13 March. Chamberlain reports on his meeting with architect Mr [Aston] Webb [1849-1930]. Chamberlain wants each Professor to describe the accommodation requirements of their department, including 'everything that he can possibly desire' regardless of cost, so that this information can be passed to the architect. He writes that expense and practicality will be considered later, and the requirements altered as necessary.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/198 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 15 March. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] writes that Chamberlain is happy for the Professors to see copies of the Block Plans of University buildings, but stresses that they should not allow these plans to influence them when drawing up the requirements of their department.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/199 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

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Letter dated 18 March. Chamberlain responds to Lodge's proposal that the University buildings at Edmund Street be extended to accommodate the increasing number of students. He would rather avoid the expense when they are planning new buildings in Edgbaston but admits that this may be 'impossible', and concludes by stating that the Council is responsible for the decision.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/200 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 17 April and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain outlines the proposed terms of tenure as discussed with the Vice-Chancellor; namely that tenure be for life but that Professors can be dismissed by the Council on grounds of 'immorality' or 'inefficiency' (in the second case dismissal is conditional on the recommendation of the Senate). He adds that he is not qualified to comment on the medical curriculum and is unable to discuss a 'third matter' raised by Lodge.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/201 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 27 April. Chamberlain expresses his disappointment regarding potential grants from Warwickshire and Staffordshire County Councils. Referring to a letter from a Mr Grosvenor, Chamberlain regrets that the amount offered by Warwickshire is to be 'earmarked for a new department' rather than being unrestricted. Referring to communications with Mr Kitchener, he is discouraged to find that 'Stafforshire County Council is determined to favour other institutions within its own borders'. He makes brief comments on building plans.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/202 Letter from Monk Bretton (on behalf of Joseph 1901

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Letter written from the Colonial Office, dated 30 April. The author [John Dodson, 2nd Baron Monk Bretton and Principal Private Secretary to Joseph Chamberlain 1900-1903] writes that Mr D'Arcy Thompson's services are not needed in connection with the Ceylon Pearl Fishery as Professor Herdman will deal with the matter.

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JCLAdd/203 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 14 May. Chamberlain plans to meet members of Staffordshire County Council at the University and hopes Lodge will attend. He thanks Lodge for memorandum on Agricultural Research. He writes about the Myers family who plan to fund a 'travelling scholarship to be held in a German University' in memory of their son [Dr Walter Myers, 1872-1901, pathologist and former student of Mason College]. Chamberlain hopes to convince the family to establish the scholarship at Birmingham instead, writing: 'our great object is to render recourse to them [overseas universities] unnecessary'. He also informs Lodge that he and Mrs Chamberlain plan to host a garden party at the University on 6 July.

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JCLAdd/204 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 16 May. Chamberlain confirms arrangements for a meeting with members of Staffordshire County Council. He advises Lodge to decline the Royal Commission, which he says would take up 'an immense deal of time' without yielding any benefits.

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JCLAdd/205 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 18 May. Chamberlain wishes to be

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'more fortunate' than Lodge in his meeting with the Myers family, still hoping to convince them to establish a scholarship at Birmingham [see JCLAdd/203]. He writes: 'I do not see why we should be the channel to a foreign university'.

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JCLAdd/206 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 30 May. Chamberlain asks Lodge to find out whether other city councils give funding to universities, as this might strengthen their own application to Birmingham Council.

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JCLAdd/207 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 31 May. Chamberlain writes to Lodge on the subject of Patent Laws, explaining the benefits of the current system and discouraging him from starting a 'crusade' for reform. He thanks Lodge for sending memoranda.

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JCLAdd/208 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 22 June. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] reports that Mr Grosvenor can obtain 'the £500 which would perhaps be increased as time went on'. He encloses a letter from Sir John Gorst [1835-1916, politician and lawyer] regarding Mr Aves and another from Mr Franklin T. Moore [1868-1915] of the Syrian Protestant College, Beirut, which he asks Lodge to answer [enclosures not included].

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JCLAdd/209 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 22 June. Chamberlain asks for information about the graduation ceremony taking place on Saturday. He asks if there are any 'special points' that he should mention in his speech. Chamberlain expresses his satisfaction with the arrangements for a 'function' at Highbury.

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JCLAdd/210 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 2 July. Chamberlain thinks it unlikely that the Goldsmiths will give their library 'to a new University in the provinces'. He will discuss the Myers scholarship with the Dean and Mr and Mrs Myers but notes: 'if it is to be a travelling and not a home scholarship I have no interest in the matter' [see JCLAdd/203 and JCLAdd/205]. However he closes by saying he will accept if Lodge thinks it advisable. In a postscript he declines Lodge's offer saying that he will manage the 'function' without a rehearsal (this text has been crossed out in pencil).

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JCLAdd/211 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 3 July. J. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] informs Lodge that Chamberlain has written to Sir Walter Prideaux on the subject of the Foxwell Library.

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JCLAdd/212 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 18 July. Chamberlain proposes that they renew attempts to create a training course in conjunction with rail companies. He wishes to approach rail companies with a proposal and goes on to outline the main objectives of the

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scheme and the financial commitment required from both parties. He suggests that Lodge develop a fuller proposal to present to the chairmen of leading railways.

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JCLAdd/213 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 4 October. Chamberlain writes that he is in agreement with Lodge about certain plans and has expressed his view to Professor Ashley [William James Ashley, 1860-1927, economic historian and first professor of commerce at University of Birmingham]. He adds that he is very pleased with the building plans, commenting: 'I believe the general effect will be stately & dignified and worthy of the new University'.

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JCLAdd/214 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

Letter dated 4 November and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain informs Lodge that he cannot attend the next Council meeting. He advises that it would be 'unwise' to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer [Michael Hicks Beach, 1837-1916] for more money for the university, especially whilst the country is at war [British forces were engaged in the Second Boer War]. Chamberlain will ask the Duke of Devonshire [Spencer Cavendish, 1833-1908] to allow Lodge an opportunity to express his views on the new Education Bill. [The bill, passed in 1902, changed the administration of schools by replacing school boards with Local Education Authorities. It also enabled Anglican and Catholic schools to receive funding from local rates, and encouraged the development of secondary education].

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JCLAdd/215 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1901

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Letter dated 24 November and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain comments on Lodge's 'educational proposals' [in the context of the Education Act (passed in 1902)]. Chamberlain discusses the make up and remit of the proposed Education Authority, the possibility of giving rate aid to denominational schools, and the question of who should have control over the selection of teaching staff. He warns Lodge that his proposals 'would provoke immense opposition', both from ratepayers and sectarian groups.

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JCLAdd/216      Copy of letter from Oliver Lodge to Joseph Chamberlain      1901

Letter dated 13 December. Lodge writes to Chamberlain about the Education Bill. He argues that the proposed changes will not cause the 'religious difficulty' that Chamberlain anticipates as there is 'general agreement' that voluntary (denominational) schools should be strengthened. He adds that denominational schools will have a right to receive rate-aid and to give specific religious instruction if they abide by the terms of the new system. He acknowledges that there may be difficulties with Roman Catholic schools but maintains that the proposal 'implicitly and sufficiently' deals with potential problems.

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JCLAdd/217      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge      1901

Letter dated 16 December. Chamberlain writes to Lodge about a memorandum, advising that he need not omit names until it is sent out to the railway companies. He hopes that the companies will be willing to 'deal on reasonable terms'. He thanks Lodge for sending Mr Webb's pamphlet but dismisses it by arguing that the 'difficulty to be apprehended does not come from men like him but from the sectarian leaders & organisations'. [This is probably referring to Chamberlain's ongoing discussion with Lodge

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about the Education Bill; see JCLAdd214-216].

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JCLAdd/218 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 2 January and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that fundraising for the improvement of conditions in Mason College is progressing well.

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JCLAdd/219 Letter from Arthur C. Laybourn to Joseph Chamberlain 1902

Letter written from The Clergy House, South Church Side, Hull, dated 6 January. Laybourn, a former student of Queen's College Birmingham, asks Chamberlain to support the affiliation of the college with the new university. He suggests that during the Coronation year 'some special privileges' could be offered to the clergy graduating at Birmingham University.

On the inside of the letter is a summary of its contents, presumably written for Chamberlain by an assistant.

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JCLAdd/220 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 6 January. Chamberlain, referring to allegations that students of the University organised a demonstration, writes that he has no objection to what Lodge intends to say about the matter.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/221 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1902

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Letter dated 7 January. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] encloses a letter and a copy of Chamberlain's reply.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/222 Copy of letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Arthur C. Laybourn 1902

Letter dated 7 January [in reply to JCLAdd/219]. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] writes that if Queen's College applies [for affiliation with the university] Chamberlain is personally in favour of an arrangement.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/223 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 7 January. Chamberlain reports that £6000 has been raised for the 'Special Fund' and goes on to discuss how it might be spent to improve and expand [Mason College] buildings.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/224 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 7 January and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain expresses concern over Lodge's plan to allude to disturbances allegedly organised by students of the University. He warns Lodge against 'making too much of it' and recommends that he stress the University's commitment to impartiality.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/225 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 9 January. Chamberlain comments on Lodge's proposed scheme of improvements to Mason College buildings. He suggests that the

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top priorities are to increase space, install electric lighting, and purchase new equipment. He stresses that they should only attend to urgent requirements as they anticipate moving into new buildings in Bournbrook, and expresses doubt over some of Lodge's suggestions, such as spending £1000 on library books and extending the brewing department.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/226 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 10 June, amended to Jan[uary] by another hand. Chamberlain discusses progress of the 'Special Fund', noting that the Council will have to take on the remainder of the fund-raising as he is called to Parliament. He thanks Lodge for offering to contribute but explains that it might not be appropriate.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/227 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 18 January. Chamberlain explains that he feels 'personally responsible' to donors for the proper use of the Special Fund and asks that he is kept informed about spending plans and is allowed 'Chancellor's Veto' on proposals. He stresses that increasing space is the most urgent need. He hopes that other members of the Council will help to raise more money towards the fund total.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/228 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 22 January. Chamberlain believes that there 'may be good reasons' to delay establishing a Law Faculty at the university and thinks it may be premature to join with the University of Wales in a Bill. He is disposed to

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consider the proposal from Queen's College favourably. In a postscript it is noted that Chamberlain would prefer not to remove the Liberal Unionist Association from its current accommodation.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/229 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 5 February. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] confirms that Chamberlain agrees with Lodge that evening classes 'are really inconsistent with the idea of a University'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/230 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 22 March. Chamberlain comments on Lodge's draft memorandum which (the letter suggests) deals with fund-raising and development of the university. He closes by stating: 'until we get to work with our new buildings we cannot expect to create another boom in the University of Birmingham'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/231 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 25 March. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] reports that Chamberlain will write to Mr Bolton King during the Easter holidays and 'prepare the way for the formal application'.

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JCLAdd/232 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

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Letter dated 25 April. Chamberlain criticises a Bill, pointing out that the dismissal of teachers will be fraught with difficulties.

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JCLAdd/233 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 2 May. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] arranges for Lodge and Dr Windle to meet Chamberlain at Highbury.

Brief annotations and instructions setting the date and time of the meeting have been added.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/234 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 12 May. Chamberlain writes that he is in agreement with Lodge on the Education Bill except that he would not make it compulsory to elect women, explaining: 'I do not see why a woman should be elected because of her sex without reference to qualifications'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/235 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 6 June. Chamberlain agrees that Mr Gebhand can keep the 'challenge cup' as he is happy to pay for a replacement, which is to be selected by the Sports Committee.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/236 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 7 July. Chamberlain writes that he is very busy and asks Lodge to send notes to help him write an address for the [degree]

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congregation.

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JCLAdd/237 Copy of letter from Oliver Lodge to Joseph Chamberlain 1902

Letter dated 9 July. In reply to Chamberlain's request [JCLAdd/236], Lodge sends information about recent 'College events' which Chamberlain can include in his degree congregation speech. Lodge adds that he has no wish to speak.

The list of events is on separate paper, not included in the collection.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/238 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 10 July. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] confirms that Chamberlain has received Lodge's letter [JCLAdd/237] and will attend to business when able.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/239 Letter from Ida Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 10 July. Ida Chamberlain informs Lodge that her father [Joseph Chamberlain] is taking 'absolute rest' on the advice of his doctor. She writes that he may not be able to attend the University meeting next week.

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JCLAdd/240 Letter from Mary Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 13 July. Mary Chamberlain reports that [her husband] Joseph Chamberlain is getting better but cannot attend the degree congregations as 'the doctors are very stern in

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forbidding any work'. He hopes to be able to preside over the conference of colonial premiers on the 18th. She writes that the Vice-Chancellor will be asked to speak at the degree ceremony in Chamberlain's place. She adds that they are cancelling the house party and will re-arrange dinner with the Lodges.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/241 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 8 October. Chamberlain notes that he has seen Lodge's article in the Nineteenth Century. He writes that he cannot see how the colonial premiers 'can possibly assist' with the university, especially as they have institutions of their own to consider.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/242 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Oliver Lodge 1902

Letter dated 8 November. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] informs Lodge that Chamberlain is to meet Lord Cawdor [Frederick Archibald Vaughan Campbell, 1847-1911], Chairman of the Great Western Railway, and wishes to have a copy of Lodge's paper on 'University Teaching applied to Railways'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/243 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1903

Letter dated 1 July. Chamberlain thanks Lodge for sending notes. He has decided to make his own more general remarks at the degree congregation and asks Lodge to speak on the topics in his notes. Chamberlain closes by saying that he does not have time to deal with Lord Rosebery's letter about the new London School at present.

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JCLAdd/244 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1903

Letter dated 4 December. Chamberlain writes that there is 'no harm' in asking the Chancellor for more money but he believes that 'the times are not favourable to increased expenditure'.

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JCLAdd/245 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1903

Letter dated 5 December. Chamberlain approves of Lodge's plan to give an account of new discoveries in regard to radium. Chamberlain adds that he could take the position of Chair on the 5 January.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/246 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1903

Letter dated 12 December. Chamberlain writes that he is happy to discuss the matters raised in Lodge's letter at the next Council meeting. He adds that he will allocate a gift of £50,000 from an anonymous donor to be spent on building.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/247 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1904

Letter dated 29 January. Chamberlain introduces Mr Fiennes, who is to run the new morning newspaper in Birmingham. Chamberlain writes that Fiennes has the power to 'assist & popularize' the university and encourages Lodge to develop good relations with him.

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JCLAdd/248 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1904

Letter dated 20 May. Chamberlain writes that he will not attend the degree congregation as 'there is nothing in particular to which it is necessary to call public attention'. He will attend when the new buildings are opened and honorary degrees are awarded.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/249 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1905

Letter dated 14 March and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes to Lodge about the Government Grant scheme and its future operation, discussing in detail ways that the money might be distributed amongst institutions. He expresses concern that London may be allotted extra funding for Mining and Metallurgy because they have secured a subscription from Wernher Beit and Co. He writes: 'it is absolutely necessary that we should consider the matter from the Birmingham point of view, without, however, ignoring the more general question of national interests'. He closes by asking who selected books as the subject of the additional grant that the university has applied for.

Some parts of the letter have been crossed out in pencil, but all the text is legible.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/250 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1905

Letter dated 17 March and headed 'Government Grant'. Chamberlain gives Lodge permission to use his letter in discussion with the Senate or Council. He confirms that the Treasury is sending a grant for books. He agrees that London should not receive additional funding for Mining and Metallurgy. Chamberlain closes by stating that the University will have an opportunity to comment on the Treasury's report [on the distribution of grants] before it is finalised.

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JCLAdd/251 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1905

Letter dated 11 May. Chamberlain writes that he is 'astounded at the cheek' of the undergraduate students in inviting the Lord Chancellor [Hardinge Stanley Giffard, 1823-1921, first earl of Halsbury] to be Warden of the University. He has, however, sought and secured the Lord Chancellor's acceptance with the hopes of promoting the university. He adds that the student who has been inviting the Prince of Wales is making a fool of the University and he hopes to make such embarrassments impossible in future.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/252 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1905

Letter dated 24 May and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that he hopes to receive a large donation (£50,000) from a friend for the construction of university buildings and 'to erect the Tower which will be the main architectural feature of the Buildings'. He goes on to say that he may be able to obtain an equal donation from another friend 'for some special object to be connected with the donor's name'. He asks Lodge to suggest areas in applied science or scientific research where the donation could be best used.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/253 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1905

Letter dated 2 December and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that his only objection to a Law Chair is his unwillingness to oppose the Vice Chancellor. He concludes that the matter must be discussed by the Council.

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JCLAdd/254 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1906

Letter dated 2 May. Chamberlain writes that he has been in communication with Lord Cobham and Mr Willis Bund about the money left to them by Dr Corbett for charitable purposes, and he is hopeful that they will make a donation to the University. He suggests that the money could be used to create an agricultural department and asks for Lodge's opinion on the idea.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/255 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1906

Letter dated 12 May. Chamberlain writes that he may not be able to meet Lord Cobham and Mr Bund [about a potential donation to the University] for several months, but thanks Lodge for sending information which will form 'the foundation of the representations which I shall have to make'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/256 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1909

Letter dated 19 June, and marked 'Dictated'. Chamberlain discusses the list of nominations for honorary degrees, identifying six names that he thinks should be removed and suggesting three alternatives. He argues that institutions in Oxford, Cambridge, Dublin and Wales give such awards sparingly and he feels that Birmingham should do the same: 'I should not like to see our University taking a second place'. He justifies his selection of A. J. Balfour [1848-1930, prime minister and philosopher] and Lord Strathcona [Donald Alexander Smith, 1820-1914, businessman and politician].

The initials 'J.W.' at the end of the letter suggest that it was written on Chamberlain's behalf by J. Wilson [his personal secretary].

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JCLAdd/257 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1909

Letter dated 19 June. Chamberlain accepts 'with much pleasure' the Honorary Degree offered by the Senate of the University. He notes that he is not able to attend the ceremony to accept it in person.

The initials 'J.W.' at the end of the letter suggest that it was written on Chamberlain's behalf by J. Wilson [his personal secretary].

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JCLAdd/258 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1909

Letter dated 26 June. Chamberlain discusses the nominations for honorary degrees. He agrees that those selected by the Senate are worthy of the honour but maintains that the University should keep the number of awards low. He explains that he 'thought it right' to accept the honour as Chancellor of the University but would not object if his name were removed on the grounds that he has received honorary degrees from other institutions. He argues in favour of nominating Sir Charles Holcroft ('at present he is the largest donor we have') and Arthur Balfour ('he is distinguished in many ways'). He questions the inclusion of the pro-Vice Chancellor and Lord Wolverhampton but insists: 'I leave this matter entirely to your discretion [...] I do not feel responsible for your list'.

The initials 'J.W.' at the end of the letter suggest that it was written on Chamberlain's behalf by J. Wilson [his personal secretary].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/259 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1909

Letter dated 10 July. Chamberlain congratulates Lodge on a success, writing: 'The King was

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much pleased'. He looks forward to the news spreading in Birmingham, believing it will reflect well on the University.

The initials 'J. W.' at the end of the letter suggest that it was written on Chamberlain's behalf by J. Wilson [his personal secretary].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/260 Letter from Mary Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1913

Letter dated 26 June. Mary Chamberlain writes that she has long wished to present the University with a portrait of Joseph Chamberlain and now has a picture, copied from an unfinished portrait by Charles Furse [1868-1904, painter], which 'will be worthy of the University, & will serve to hand down to posterity'. She asks how to arrange delivery of the portrait. She requests that it is hung 'in the new buildings on the dais of the Great Hall' and suggests that Lodge's portrait could be hung alongside it.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/261 Letter from Mary Chamberlain to Oliver Lodge 1913

Letter dated 30 June. Mary Chamberlain encloses a formal letter presenting a portrait of Joseph Chamberlain to the University [enclosure not included]. She arranges delivery and hanging of the portrait, commenting on the quality of the frame: 'a genuine Louis XIV one, with the original gilding'. She asks that no copies be made as this is what she has agreed with the owners of the original portrait. She hopes to see Lodge at the [degree] Congregation.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/262 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Walter Wren 1882

Letter written from Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner dated 20 November. Chamberlain explains why he does not usually take part in

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elections outside his own borough, but closes by writing: 'if you still want me to come and will let me know what reason you have for supposing that I can be useful I will consider the matter [...]'.  
The recipient may be Walter Wren (1834-1898, teacher), by-election candidate in Wigan in December 1882.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/263 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain [to Walter Wren] 1883

Letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 5 February. Chamberlain is glad that Wren liked his speech but adds that, being in office, he could not say all he wanted to. He regrets that he is unable to accept an invitation to dine with Wren.

[The old former paper catalogue listed Walter Wren as recipient].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/264 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Walter Wren 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 5 November. Chamberlain arranges to dine with Wren on the understanding that he 'will certainly come' unless parliamentary business makes it impossible.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/265 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Walter Wren 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 12 November. Chamberlain praises Wren's letter in the Daily News about a dispute within the Liberal Party. He agrees with Wren, writing that the man involved is making 'lying & offensive charges' against a party leader, 'without the least inquiry as to their truth'.

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JCLAdd/266 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain [to Walter Wren] 1885

Letter written from Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens [London] dated 23 March. Chamberlain writes that Wren is welcome to see him about the 'Seats Bill' but he knows little about it. He suggests that Wren should see [Sir Charles] Dilke [1843-1911, writer and politician].

[The old former paper catalogue listed Walter Wren as recipient].

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JCLAdd/267 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain [to Walter Wren] 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, dated 13 April and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that his brother-in-law Mr Alderman Kenrick could have 'an absolutely safe seat in Birmingham' but has decided not to stand. He discusses the possibility of Arch gaining financial support for his candidacy, mentioning other areas and candidates (Dr Foster, Gurden). He expresses his view that Mitchell, who has previously received 'considerable sums' from subscribers, has no claim on the party and concludes: 'If his Liberalism is dependent on his pecuniary interest we are much better without him'.

[The old former paper catalogue listed Walter Wren as recipient].

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JCLAdd/268 Letter from William Woodings (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to Walter Wren 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 8 May. Woodings writes that Chamberlain is able to contribute £50 towards Mr Arch's election expenses as Arch is standing against a Tory and 'there is no other Liberal in the field

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against him'.

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JCLAdd/269 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain [to Walter Wren] 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 2 June. Chamberlain arranges to meet Wren at the Board of Trade after his trip to Birmingham.

[The old former paper catalogue listed Walter Wren as recipient].

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JCLAdd/270 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Walter Wren 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, dated 11 June and marked 'Private'. In reply to Wren, Chamberlain writes that he will raise the question of a general fund with Mr Schnadhorst. He warns Wren not to criticise the existing organisation at Parliament Street, claiming that it will soon be under the control of Radical liberals and 'may hereafter prove very valuable in our hands'. He gives his opinion on what should be done if a Radical and Whig candidate stand against one another. Chamberlain expresses concern about the idea of giving top jobs to natives in India. He asserts that children from 'Board schools' are able to get into University and asks why Wren thinks change is necessary.

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JCLAdd/271 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Walter Wren 1885

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 1 December and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain sympathises with Wren's 'disappointment' and criticises Sir James Lawrence's behaviour in connection with the recent election. He predicts, however, that the current Parliament will not last long and adds that by the next election 'the Irish party may then have repented of their present

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policy' [Home Rule]. He advises Wren to persist in North Lambeth and stresses the need for organisational reform in London. He reassures Wren that he will not retract his comments about a policy and discusses the impact of the policy on the election result.

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JCLAdd/272 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Walter Wren 1887

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 18 January and marked 'Private'. In reply to Wren, Chamberlain expresses his opinion that the Pall Mall Gazette is 'a disgrace to journalism'. He passionately defends his position on the Irish question, dismissing appeals to his 'supposed political interests': 'I do not care a brass pin for my political interests, nor am I in the least anxious to lead the Liberal party except on my own lines'. He remains opposed to Gladstone's Home Rule Bill and concludes: 'I am not going to ruin my country in order to unite my party'.

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JCLAdd/273 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [? Walter Wren] [19th century]

Letter written from 10 Downing Street, Whitehall [London] dated 6 February. Chamberlain, addressing the recipient 'Dear Sir', writes that he is unable to meet until 'quieter times'.

The paper catalogue suggests that the recipient may be Walter Wren.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/274 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W[alter] Wren 1877

Letter written from the Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner [London] dated 11 July. Chamberlain thanks Wren for sending a copy of his speech, writing: 'I hope so good a liberal will not long remain outside Parliament'. He adds

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that he too is horrified by the cruelty to children within public schools but notes that this must be changed by public opinion rather than legislation.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/275 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Walter Wren 1878

Letter written from 30 Wilton Place [London] dated 11 April and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain hopes that Wren will soon be in Parliament. He discusses the current divisions within the Liberal party and his frustration with the situation. He writes that this can be remedied by the public, who will vote for 'men with sufficiently definite opinions & with earnestness enough to form a new party'. He notes that he is in agreement with a close circle including Dilke but beyond this 'there is nothing but confusion, weakness and indecision'.

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JCLAdd/276 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Walter Wren 1882

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 3 June. Chamberlain comments on a proposed National Club. Whilst he is not opposed to the idea he expresses doubts that such clubs are useful to the Liberal party, whose strength, he believes, lies in 'popular representative associations, the mass of whose members never go to clubs, and are never likely to'. He adds that he has not yet resigned his membership of a club as he plans to report (unnamed) individuals to the Club committee for circulating libels about his brothers.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/277 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Stuart] Rendel 1880

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 15 November. Chamberlain writes that he is unsatisfied with the reply received from/through

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his correspondent and plans to speak to Lord Hartington. He comments on specifications governing manufacturers and the materials they use, writing: 'your brother [...] is issuing specifications by which he does not intend to be bound'. He points out that this is unfair and argues that if specifications are not to be strictly observed they should not be printed.

[Stuart Rendel, Baron Rendel, 1834-1913, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist. Stuart's elder brother, Sir Alexander Meadows Rendel (1829-1918, civil engineer), was consulting engineer to the East Indian Railway Company].

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JCLAdd/278 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Stuart Rendel 1880

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 3 November. Chamberlain writes to Stuart Rendel [1834-1913, Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] in order to communicate with his brother [Sir Alexander Meadows Rendel, 1829-1918, civil engineer] about the specifications governing the quality of steel used in East Indian [Railway] contracts. Chamberlain understood from previous correspondence that the specifications were to be relaxed but has since discovered that they have not changed and asks for an explanation.

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JCLAdd/279 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Stuart] Rendel 1884

Letter written from Vienna dated 1 September. Chamberlain arranges to visit Wales in January, expressing his willingness to show 'sympathy with the sturdy liberalism of the principality'. He writes that in his present position he would be unable to discuss the issue 'in which the Welsh Nonconformists take most interest' but his opinions on Church establishments are well known.

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[Stuart Rendel (1834-1913) Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist]

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JCLAdd/280 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Stuart] Rendel 1884

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 26 September. Chamberlain writes to Rendel [1834-1913, Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] about his plans to visit Wales, where he will speak in two towns over two days in October.

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JCLAdd/281 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Stuart] Rendel 1884

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 5 October and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain explains to Rendel [1834-1913, Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] why he feels he cannot accept an invitation from Aberystwyth College.

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JCLAdd/282 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Stuart] Rendel 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 27 February. Chamberlain hopes that Rendel [1834-1913, Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] has recovered from his recent illness. He informs Rendel that he has declined the invitation from the Mayor.

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JCLAdd/283 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Stuart] Rendel 1885

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Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 28 July. A brief letter in which Chamberlain thanks Rendel [1834-1913, Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] for his kindness and writes: 'I am proud of my son & hope he will live to continue my work'.

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JCLAdd/284 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Stuart] Rendel 1886

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 14 January. Chamberlain praises Rendel [1834-1913, Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] for keeping an unspecified subject in the public eye, writing that in both Scotland Wales, 'further action cannot be long delayed'.

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JCLAdd/285 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Stuart Rendel 1886

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 12 April and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain asks Rendel [1834-1913, Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] to read over a document [possibly Chamberlain's testimonial in support of Jesse Collings, JCLAdd/287]. He informs Rendel that the petition at Ipswich has decided against Mr Collings and asks if Rendel can contribute money towards a collection for him.

[Jesse Collings served as MP for Ipswich from 1880-1886, when his agents were found guilty of bribery - although he was personally exonerated he was unseated by petition].

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JCLAdd/286 Letter from Stuart Rendel to Joseph Chamberlain 1886

Letter written from 4 Whitehall Gardens [London] dated 10 April. Rendel [1834-1913, Baron

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Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] sends fifty pounds towards Chamberlain's collection for Jesse Collings, explaining that the amount is small but represents 'a great deal of sympathy for Mr Collings and of respect for you'. Rendel writes that, despite reservations about Gladstone's actions, he will support the Irish bill because he supports the principle of Home Rule.

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JCLAdd/287 Copy of Joseph Chamberlain's testimonial for Jesse Collings [1886]

On notepaper of 40 Prince's Gardens [London], headed 'Collings Testimonial'. Written in support of Jesse Collings, who was soon to lose his parliamentary seat as a result of a petition. Chamberlain praises Collings' work in the Liberal Party and argues that he has been persecuted by the Tories, pointing out that the Carlton Club has funded the petition against him. Chamberlain writes that Collings disapproved of bribery and that his agents acted without his knowledge. He writes of the cost of the petition to Collings and his need of financial support.

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JCLAdd/288 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Stuart] Rendel 1886

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 13 April. Chamberlain thanks Rendel [1834-1913, Baron Rendel, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist] for responding to his appeal [for Jesse Collings]. He disagrees with Rendel's support for Gladstone's Home Rule bill, writing: 'I also am a Home Ruler but I am not a Separationist'.

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JCLAdd/289 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Jeans 1895

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Letter written from the Colonial Office dated 19 August. Chamberlain agrees to help [? Colonel McMues] who is seeking an appointment in the colonies, but points out that he has many applications. He declines an invitation.

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JCLAdd/290 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Joseph Savory 1900

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 1 October. Chamberlain wishes Savory [1843-1931, Lord Mayor of London and MP] success in North Westmoreland. He stresses the importance of getting strong electoral results, as he believes it will increase the chances of achieving 'the ultimate pacification & prosperity of South Africa' after the war.

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JCLAdd/291 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edwin] Arnold 1902

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 21 November. Chamberlain sympathises with Arnold's 'troubles' and admires his courage and active interest in the world, 'in spite of everything'.

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JCLAdd/292 Letter from Sir Charles Grant Robertson to [Isobel Nevill] 1936

Letter written from 67 Wellington Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham dated 17 May. Grant Robertson [1869-1948, historian and academic administrator] writes that he was surprised at being invited to give an address at the upcoming centenary celebration of Joseph Chamberlain's birth in Birmingham. He expects that there will be a large audience with a number of important attendees, and comments: 'Like Spooner I shall have to mind 'my keys and pews''. The letter also

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contains family news and details of his engagements over the next few months.

[The old former paper catalogue identifies Isobel Nevill, Grant Robertson's sister, as the recipient].

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JCLAdd/293      Copy of letter from Oliver Lodge to Joseph Chamberlain      1900

Letter written from University College, Liverpool dated 7 May. Oliver Lodge [1851-1940, physicist] writes to Chamberlain to accept nomination for the Principalship of the University of Birmingham. Referring to a previous discussion with Chamberlain, he outlines what he understands and expects the role to involve - that the Principal will be free of 'Office and College routine or administrative duties' in order 'to think and organise the lines of a new type of University on a broad modern basis'. He also understands that the Principal 'would be expected to retain and improve his position as a man of science', and to 'interest the Community in the higher knowledge, to feel and therefore to preach its importance in the industrial supremacy of a nation', all of which appeals to him greatly. He adds that certain material conditions are required to fulfil the role but if Chamberlain is in agreement with this and with Lodge's understanding of the position then he is happy to be nominated.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/294      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Martineau      1879

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Birmingham dated 26 October. Chamberlain writes that [? Bridert] has slandered him and discusses potential courses of action to take against him. Chamberlain argues: 'If I was a shareholder, the libel would be the same; as he imputed a corrupt use of my position to serve my personal and pecuniary interest'. He asks Martineau to advise on legal grounds.

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Accompanied by photocopy of the letter.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/295 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Dr Roose 1886

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 24 December. Chamberlain writes to Dr Roose about a future engagement, explaining that Randolph's resignation has made his future plans uncertain.

Lord Randolph Churchill (1849-1895, politician) resigned from his position as Chancellor of the Exchequer and Leader of the House of Commons on 20 December 1886.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/296 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Williamson 1893

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 2 December. Chamberlain replies to Mr Williamson's letter about government measures in connection with an accident on a ship. Chamberlain writes that whilst he supports the extension of the Employers' Liability Bill of 1880 to cover shipowners, neither this nor the Government Bill will prevent accidents such as Mr Williamson describes from occurring, as the accident was not caused by negligence.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/297 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Latham [Late 19th century]

Letter written on notepaper of the House of Commons Library, dated 23 July. Chamberlain cannot accept Lady Latham's invitation to dinner because '[t]he debate on the Parnell Bill may come at any moment'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/298 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Edwin Arnold 1895

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 24 June. Chamberlain thanks Arnold (1832-1904, poet and journalist) for his congratulations. He adds: 'We have had a hard fight, and I do not feel sure that it is entirely over yet'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/299 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Dr Collier 1880

Letter written from 76 Sloane Street [London], dated 30 April and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain thanks Collier for his congratulations. He believes that the recent appointments (including his own) 'mark a great advance in the political education of the country'. He adds: 'I should have been well content to wait longer - & even to have remained permanently an independent advisor'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/300 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Flower 1901

Letter written from the Colonial Office, dated 16 July. Chamberlain acknowledges receipt of Mr Flower's letter regarding Mr Charles W. Smith's 'claim against the government'. He writes that if Mr Smith writes to him the matter will be given due consideration.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/301 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mrs Gibson 1902

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 4 June. Chamberlain writes that the results of the negotiations are 'entirely satisfactory' and hopes that peace will be permanent. He acknowledges the support he has received from

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friends and family in Birmingham.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/302 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Reay 1881

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], dated 2 April. Chamberlain declines an invitation to a dinner party because he has a prior engagement.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/303 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Reay 1882

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], dated 10 January. Chamberlain declines an invitation because he has prior engagements in Birmingham.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/304 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Reay 1882

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], dated 10 February. Chamberlain accepts a lunch invitation.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/305 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Lord] Reay 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 14 February. Chamberlain informs Reay [Donald James Mackay, 1839-1921, eleventh Lord Reay and Baron Reay, administrator in India and educational administrator] that he has written to the Chairman of the Board of the School Board about an unspecified matter and will send on the result. He raises concerns about the expense, as he does not believe it can be paid for through the Rates.

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JCLAdd/306 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Reay 1883

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 14 July. Chamberlain writes that he has arranged to visit friends in the country tomorrow, but if poor weather interferes he will accept Lady Reay's invitation.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/307 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lord Reay 1886

Letter written from Constantinople, dated 2 November. Chamberlain writes to Reay [Donald James Mackay, 1839-1921, eleventh Lord Reay and Baron Reay, administrator in India and educational administrator] introducing Mr Maxse, son of Admiral Maxse, who wishes to visit Bombay as part of his 'grand tour'. Chamberlain makes a brief comment on the difficulties of the Eastern and Irish questions, writing: 'I fear that Mr Gladstone has a great deal to answer for in both cases'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/308 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Reay [Late 19th century]

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 13 April. Chamberlain writes that he will happily pull out of an engagement with 'the Fishmongers' in order to dine with Lady Reay.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/309 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Reay [Late 19th century]

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], dated 15 February. Chamberlain declines an invitation as he has to go to Birmingham, but suggests an alternative date to meet.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/310 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Reay [Late 19th century]  
Undated letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], headed 'Sunday morn[in]g'. Chamberlain cancels his lunch engagement with Lady Reay due to a bad cold.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/311 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir John 1900  
Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 14 March. Chamberlain refuses an invitation to speak at Easter, a time he has reserved for 'rest & holiday'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/312 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir James Carmichael 1895  
Letter written on notepaper of the House of Commons Library, dated 13 May. Chamberlain writes to Carmichael (1844-1902, civil servant and politician) about his claim to the dormant Earldom of Hyndford. Chamberlain advises him that a similar case (that of Lord Selborne) will be discussed in the House tomorrow.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/313 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Bousfield 1898  
Letter written on notepaper of the Colonial Office and dated 10 May. Chamberlain replies to Mr Bousfield about Mr J. A. Maxwell, late Chief Magistrate of the Gambia, informing him that Maxwell's pension has now been settled. He points out that Maxwell has 'not suffered any injury as he has been in receipt of a provisional pension' and has withdrawn the 'very unjustifiable statements' he made about the

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matter.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/314 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [George Joachim] Goschen 1902

Letter written on notepaper of the Colonial Office, dated March. Chamberlain informs Goschen [1831-1907, politician and financier] that he cannot accept Miss Vaughan's application for a medical appointment in one of the South African concentration camps as he is 'no longer appointing lady doctors'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/315 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Richard] Tangye 1881

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 30 September. Chamberlain thanks Tangye for the Wedgwood portrait and for his supportive comments. He remarks that public men, who are subjected to 'violent abuse' by their opponents, need the support of their friends.

[The old former paper catalogue listed the recipient as Sir Richard Tangye [1833-1906, machine tool manufacturer and engineer].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/316 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Willoughby] Maycock 1888

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 12 June. Chamberlain is glad that applications made on Maycock's behalf have resulted in the recognition of his services.

[In the old former paper catalogue the recipient is identified as Willoughby Maycock [1849-1922, civil servant].

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JCLAdd/317 Letter from J. Wilson (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to William Toynbee 1899

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 21 October. Wilson [Private secretary to Joseph Chamberlain] writes that Chamberlain has received Toynbee's sonnet and read it 'with much gratification'.

[In the old former paper handlist the author is identified as J. Wilson, but there is also a typed note stored alongside the letter which suggests that the author is Sir Robert Bromley Wilson (1874-1906)].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/318 Letter from Grant Uden to the Principal of University of Birmingham [Sir Raymond Priestley] 1941

Letter written from Oldways, Jordans, Near Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire dated 13 March. Uden offers two letters of Joseph Chamberlain to the University of Birmingham. He notes that the letters, dated 1899, refer the founding of the University.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/319 Letter from [Sir Raymond Priestley] to Grant Uden 1941

Carbon copy of letter dated 17 March. In response to Uden's letter [JCLAdd/318], Priestley writes that the University would be happy to add the letters offered to its archive collection.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/320 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Rowland Blennerhassett 1906

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Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 29 June and marked 'Private'.

Chamberlain makes clear that he is in agreement with Blennerhassett [1839-1909, journalist and politician] about the Lord Chancellor's recent speeches. He criticises the Lord Chancellor for trying to 'cultivate the Germans at the expense of allusions offensive to the French', and describes his speeches as 'ill-advised gush unlikely to secure any useful object but calculated to bring us more or less into contempt'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/321 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Williams 1899

Letter written from 40 Prince's Garden [London], dated 19 September. Chamberlain promises to write regarding the School of Art as soon as he returns to Birmingham.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/322 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to R. Carlisle Sprout 1892

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 15 June. Chamberlain supports Sir William Arrol [1839-1913, civil engineer] as a parliamentary candidate, expressing belief in Arrol's ability to represent the country's commercial interests.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/323 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Henry P. Cobb 1881

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], dated 19 July. Chamberlain assures Cobb that Lord Kensington will not oppose his candidature. He advises Cobb to concentrate on securing support from 'local people of influence'.

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JCLAdd/324 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mrs Smith 1904

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 24 September and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes to Mrs Smith with condolences on hearing of her husband's recent illness and sending a contribution towards the resulting expenses.

With envelope addressed to Miss Smith of 14 Comeragh Road, West Kensington, London. This envelope might not belong with the above letter.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/325 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to F. Keep 1880

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 27 September. Chamberlain writes that he has forwarded Keep's application to Mr [? Fawcett] for consideration.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/326 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Bergson 1894

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 1 April. Chamberlain returns a despatch about arms. He approves of the arrangement and thanks the recipient for their 'interventions'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/327 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [?] 1899

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 15 September and addressed 'Sir'. Chamberlain writes that he is not aware of any difficulty 'in defining drunkenness in a legal sense'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/328 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to the Lord 1901

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Mayor of London

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 11 July. Chamberlain thanks the Lord Mayor for a copy of a resolution supporting the government's policy in South Africa passed 'at the great meeting of the citizens of London held yesterday afternoon'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/329 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to the Editor of the Evening Times 1910

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 14 October and addressed 'Dear Sir'. Chamberlain congratulates the recipient on his decision to issue a new London evening paper to support the Unionist and Tariff Reform policy, writing that the prosperity of the country and its working people depends on the passing of the policy.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/330 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Charles] Watney 1905

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 2 December and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that he is generally in agreement with Lyttelton's despatch, however he remarks that Lyttelton has made a 'tactical mistake in being the first to suggest that the Conference should be postponed' as it allows the Radicals an easy way out of an 'embarrassing position'.

[The recipient is identified as Charles Watney in the old former paper handlist].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/331 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Massingham 1896

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated

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13 December and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain discusses legislation concerning employer's liability and worker's compensation. He agrees with Asquith that the primary aim is to 'prevent negligences' but argues that financial penalties will not guarantee care as employers can have insurance, and therefore breaches must result in imprisonment.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/332 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Massingham 1897

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 3 January. Chamberlain has read the Paper in which Massingham discusses employer's liability with interest. He remarks that accidents in Germany have increased 'since the new law'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/333 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Massingham 1897

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 4 January. Chamberlain comments on features of the 'German system' in connection with the issue of worker's compensation and expresses his view that 'the arrangements of the German Law are so minute and complicated that it would be hopeless to attempt to pass them under existing circumstances in the House of Commons'. He would welcome a meeting with Mr [? Nash].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/334 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Massingham 1897

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 20 January and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain would like to gauge 'the general feeling of workingmen' on matters relating to compensation and asks Massingham if he knows an 'influential workman' who can reliably

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represent their views.

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JCLAdd/335 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Massingham 1897

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 22 January. Chamberlain writes to Massingham about matters in connection with worker's compensation. He plans to meet Mr Stanley but remarks that he must 'move cautiously' as he cannot 'commit' the government and his personal actions may be misinterpreted as corporate ones. On these grounds he would rather not meet the German representative. He wonders if Mr Hartmann will convert trade unionists to the principles of German system. He has been calculating the cost of universal compensation which he believes has been exaggerated.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/336 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to H. W. Massingham 1897

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 29 March and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that the report in Massingham's paper, the Daily Chronicle, claiming that 'three high Imperial authorities were privy to the Jameson raid' is false and must be corrected. Chamberlain fears that the statement may 'have the worst results in affecting President Kruger and his advisors' and goes on to defend the individuals implicated.

[Henry William Massingham, 1860-1924, journalist, was editor of the Daily Chronicle 1895-1899].

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JCLAdd/337 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr 1898

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Massingham

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 8 April and marked 'Quite confidential'.

Chamberlain writes concerning naval matters in relation to conflict between America and Spain. He discusses the situation and comments: 'I am a warm advocate of the American alliance, and look forward to a combination of some sort of the Anglo-Saxon race as a security for the peace of the world' but argues that Britain should not get involved in the dispute.

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JCLAdd/338 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Massingham 1898

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 17 May. Chamberlain thanks Massingham for his 'courteous letter'. Chamberlain is happy at the reaction that his 'observations' have caused in the UK and USA.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/339 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Menpes 1901

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 31 December. Chamberlain thanks Menpes [Mortimer Luddington Menpes, 1855-1938, painter] for sending a copy of his 'beautiful volume of Japanese studies'. Chamberlain explains that he has had little time for exhibitions or adding to his collection recently but expresses admiration for Menpes' work.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/340 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Menpes 1903

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 22 September. Chamberlain thanks Menpes [Mortimer Luddington Menpes, 1855-1938, painter] for his letter of sympathy and support

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during 'a time of great anxiety'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/341 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Menpes 1902

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 24 July. Chamberlain offers Menpes [Mortimer Luddington Menpes, 1855-1938, painter] two tickets to view the Coronation Procession on 9th August.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/342 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Owens 1890

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 8 April. Chamberlain writes that he can visit Owens at any time on Saturday afternoon.

[The recipient is identified as Marshall Owens in the old former paper handlist.]

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/343 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to C. E. Macqueen 1871

Letter written on headed paper of Nettlefold and Chamberlain, Manufacturers of Patent Screws, Birmingham, dated 19 April. Chamberlain writes that he has no objection to his name being used as proposed. He goes on to say that the association should confine itself to financial reform and not enter into questions of foreign policy, as this alienates those who 'are not prepared for Peace at any price or even for absolute non-intervention'.

[The association referred to may be the Liverpool Financial Reform Association, of which a Mr Macqueen was secretary].

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JCLAdd/344 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to George Anderson 1879

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Birmingham dated 8 September. Chamberlain writes to Anderson [1819-1896, politician] about a misunderstanding over a conference and complains about Mr J. Guthrie Smith and Mr Jackson in connection with the error. Chamberlain writes that he suggested that a conference 'of delegates from Scotch boroughs' would be useful but never intended to organise or preside over such a meeting. He believes that if the West of Scotland Association wishes to organise a meeting along the same lines as the National Federation of Liberal Associations in England they can do so and should not require the presence of Lord Hartington or Mr Gladstone. He writes that he agreed to attend an evening meeting only because he was assured by Glasgow representatives that his presence was wanted, but he will happily be replaced as he has other pressing work.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/345 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mrs Gladstone 1881

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 1 November. Chamberlain believes that it will not be possible for Birmingham to make a subscription to the Rhyl Institution as Birmingham already supports three convalescent institutions. He sends a list of possible donors and sends a contribution himself.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/346 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to H. B. S. Thompson 1868

Letter written on headed notepaper of Nettlefold and Chamberlain, Manufacturers of Patent Screws, Birmingham, dated 9 October.

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Chamberlain asks for copies of the Liberal elections expenses subscription lists. He adds that he may be able to get a subscription from Mr W. J. Beale and Mr Thomas Gladstone.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/347 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W. H. Duignan 1873

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston, dated 28 June and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain thanks Duignan for his generous offer of support but explains that the newspaper reports of his candidature in East Staffordshire are 'unauthorised & premature' and outlines the reasons why he is unlikely to stand in the 'county contest'. He goes on to discuss the Liberal Party, which he believes is in a state of 'demoralised decrepitude' and in need of 'reconstruction [...] a new programme, with possibly new leaders'. He describes a plan he has made with other 'advanced' liberals to pool their subscriptions in order to 'fight each election as it occurs in the interest of advanced Liberal politics' and seeks Duignan's support for the idea.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/348 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W. H. Duignan 1873

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston, dated 3 July. Chamberlain writes that he is happy for his letter to be shown to Mr Gladstone as publicity will be useful for the scheme [see JCLAdd/347]. He is pleased that Duignan supports the scheme and hopes to arrange a meeting of those involved. With regards to his possible candidature in East Staffordshire, Chamberlain writes that he may be able to stand if his supporters will release him from his obligations. He writes that personally he cares very little about electoral success but each man must 'take his share of the fight'.

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JCLAdd/349 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W. H. Duignan 1873

Letter written from Broad Street, Birmingham dated 15 July. Chamberlain writes that he has heard of Mr McLean's death but will not 'make the first move'. He writes about Liberal Party in-fighting over the selection of candidates and jokes bitterly: 'two Tories will get in easily'.

[The letter appears to refer to the death of the MP for East Staffordshire, John Robinson McClean (1813-1873, civil engineer and Liberal Party politician), and the possibility of Joseph Chamberlain standing for election in that county.]

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/350 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [W. H. Duignan] 1873

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston, dated 16 July. Chamberlain writes that as a republican he is unlikely to be elected in East Staffordshire where the majority is 'timid'. He intends to stand in the general election.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/351 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W. H. Duignan 1873

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston, dated 22 November. Chamberlain thanks Duignan for his kind note. He confirms that he has decided to stand in the next parliamentary election and mentions possible constituencies. He invites Duignan to discuss the 'general state of parties & politics' with him over dinner.

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JCLAdd/352 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W. H. Duignan 1874

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston, dated 7 February. Chamberlain discusses his defeat in the Sheffield election, naming the brewing trade and the split nonconformist vote as reasons for his defeat. He notes that he could have had a safe seat in Leicester but felt committed to friends in Sheffield.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/353 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to W. H. Duignan 1874

Letter written on headed notepaper of the Borough of Birmingham Mayor's Office, dated 7 October and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain sends his sympathy on Duignan's loss and goes on to note the recent death of Lady Dilke. He does not understand the reaction to his statement in the 'so-called Liberal Press' and expresses his wish for a radical daily paper. Referring to Duignan's letter, he writes: 'I do not think there is the least chance of my being offered either a Knighthood or Baronetcy'. He goes on to say that in any case he would not accept: 'I have expressed myself frequently against hereditary honours & could not honourably belie my opinions. Besides, on private grounds [...] I should not like to leave a baronet behind me dependent on business for the wherewithal to support the title'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/354 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [?] 1876

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston, dated 30 June and addressed 'My dear Sir'. Chamberlain writes that he is better and jokes that gout is 'an eminently respectable disease & must endear me to the Tories!'

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JCLAdd/355 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to George Wilson 1877

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Birmingham, dated 22 December. Chamberlain informs Wilson that there is to be a town meeting, and meetings of the Town Council and Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, at which the need for the government's 'strict neutrality' will be discussed.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/356 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to G. Mitchell 1878

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Birmingham, dated 19 December. Chamberlain writes in response to Mitchell's circular. He disagrees with Mitchell's course of action and believes that it will divide the Liberal Party at a time when it should draw together to reverse the 'dangerous policy' of the current government. Chamberlain argues that instead of complaining that the Chelsea Committee is not representative and proposing to establish a sectional organisation, Mitchell and his friends should secure representation by attending the meetings and supporting candidates of their choice. Chamberlain explains the difficulties of selecting 'labour candidates' who need financial backing. He believes that Mr Firth would be a suitable candidate to represent the views of working men.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/357 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [?] [c 1880]

Undated letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston, addressed 'My dear Sir'. Chamberlain makes arrangements for the correspondent to come for dinner and 'a quiet chat'.

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JCLAdd/358 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Claude Hay 1890

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 12 June. Chamberlain encloses a letter of introduction to Mr J. S. Hopkins [enclosure not included].

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/359 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Henry] Peyton 1880

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 25 October. Chamberlain writes that he is sorry that Colonel Phelps is unwell. He goes on to comment on the war in Afghanistan, stating that England has a 'propensity to meddle where we have no business'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/360 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to J. S. Baily 1887

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 4 January. Chamberlain acknowledges receipt of a copy of the resolution passed by the Executive of the National Radical Union.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/361 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lady Jeune 1894

Letter written from 40 Princes Gardens, London dated 22 January. Chamberlain explains why he cannot send flowers to the East London Show and gives his apologies.

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JCLAdd/362 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lord 1896

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Lansdowne

Letter written from the Colonial Office, dated 7 July. Chamberlain writes to Lansdowne about the infantry.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/363 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Leopold James] Maxse 1879

Letter written from the House of Commons, dated 21 April. Chamberlain informs Maxse [1864-1932, journalist and political activist] that he was too late to see the Speaker's secretary but will try again tomorrow.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/364 Letter from Mary Chamberlain to Mr Agnew 1913

Letter written from Villa Victoria, Cannes dated 4 February. Mary Chamberlain returns Mr Menzie's preliminary sketches for a portrait of Joseph Chamberlain [for the University of Birmingham]. She decides to go ahead with a portrait of Chamberlain in robes and highlights various features of physique, pose, and dress to be incorporated into the painting. She thanks Agnew and Menzies for their work so far.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/365 Letter from Mary Chamberlain to Mr Agnew 1913

Letter written from Villa Victoria, Cannes dated 10 February. Mary Chamberlain sends a photograph of Joseph Chamberlain in robes to help Mr Menzies with the portrait. She writes that the gold lace should be 'as subdued in tone as possible' and discusses Chamberlain's pose in the painting.

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JCLAdd/366 Letter from Mary Chamberlain to Mr Menzies 1913

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 8 July. Chamberlain writes that Menzies' portrait is an 'excellent representation' of Joseph Chamberlain. She reports that it has been well-received at the University [of Birmingham] and thanks Menzies for his work.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/367 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to G. T. Rapps 1906

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 19 January. Chamberlain thanks Rapps and his colleagues for their help [with the election].

With envelope addressed to Britannia House, Wills Street, Lozells, Birmingham.

The recipient is identified as George T. Rapps in the paper handlist.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/368 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mrs Pike 1903

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 21 August. Chamberlain thanks Mrs Pike for a copy of the memoirs of her brother, William White [1820-1900, municipal politician and philanthropist]. Chamberlain describes White as an 'old friend' and writes briefly about the connection they established through political life in Birmingham.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/369 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to the Reverend C. M. Ridley 1894

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 18 August. Chamberlain replies to Ridley about the organisation of the Public House Reform

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JCLAdd/370 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [?] 1887

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 30 September and addressed 'Sir'. Chamberlain cannot give comment on the subject of the recipient's address, but advises him that public speaking requires careful preparation and 'constant & serious labour'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/371 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E. R. Russell 1879

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Birmingham dated 12 February. Chamberlain sends assurances of his support for Russell's election at the Reform Club.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/372 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to A. L. Crowe 1886

Letter written from H.H.M.S. [? Psarra] dated 28 November. Chamberlain sends thanks for the note and bouquet. He is sorry not to have seen Crowe but goes on to express his gratitude to Mr Forster and to Crowe's relatives (in Patras) for their hospitality during the Chamberlain's trip.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/373 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Ernest Bickham] Sweet-Escott 1901

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 30 December. Chamberlain writes to Sweet-Escott [1857-1941, colonial administrator and governor] sending good wishes and general comments about his work at the Colonial Office: 'the work of the last five years will influence our

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succeeding history'.

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JCLAdd/374 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Ernest Bickham] Sweet-Escott 1903

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 2 December. Chamberlain writes that he resigned his office 'with deep regret' but believes he 'took the right course to promote the great cause of Imperial Unity'. He thanks Sweet-Escott [1857-1941, colonial administrator and governor] for his support and congratulates him on his administration in the Seychelles.

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JCLAdd/375 Letter from Mary E. Chamberlain to Sir Bickham [Sweet-Escott] 1908

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 9 October. Chamberlain thanks Sweet-Escott [1857-1941, colonial administrator and governor] for sending news from the West Indies, writing that she and Mr [Joseph] Chamberlain take great interest in developments in the Colonies. She comments: '[...] it is satisfactory that the measures taken ten years ago have proved so fruitful'. She refers to Joseph Chamberlain's slow but continuous recovery following a period of ill health.

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JCLAdd/376 Photocopy of letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Anthony John] Mundella [1884]

Letter written from on board 'Galatea' dated 15 September. Chamberlain assures Mundella [1825-1897, manufacturer and politician] that Mr [? Leman's] application will be fully considered. He hopes that Mundella has enjoyed his holiday and will return to 'be the hope of the Whig Party to which you belong!'. He closes with a comment about disposing of Denominational School

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managers 'a la Carrier'.

The date is listed in the paper catalogue as 1884.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy. Some text is too faint to read

JCLAdd/377 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to J[ohn] A[lbert] Bright 1887

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 22 September and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain thanks Bright [1848-1924] for a copy of Mr Jay's pamphlet. He discusses home politics, which he believes is 'more hopeless than ever', commenting on the damage caused by the introduction of Gladstone's bills. He hopes Bright's father [John Bright, 1811-1889, politician] will remain member for Birmingham but suggests that if he should retire 'a son of his, holding his opinions on the Irish question would be very well received by the constituency'.

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JCLAdd/378 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lieutenant Erskine 1909

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 30 December. Chamberlain expresses his belief that Tariff Reform will gain support from voters and bring success at the next election. He writes that Tariff Reform will create economic improvement 'without increasing the price of the necessaries of the working man' and stresses that there is 'no intention of adopting protection'.

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JCLAdd/379 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr A. Walker 1891

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 10 July. Chamberlain replies to Walker about Sunday labour regulations. He goes on to

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explain that he supported the opening of Birmingham's museums and libraries on Sundays because it benefits the majority, but thinks that unless there are special circumstances Sunday should be 'a day of rest'.

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JCLAdd/380 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E. King Fordham 1882

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 31 October. Chamberlain writes that he does not intend to make any appointments in connection with the administration of the Electric Lighting Act but if extra staff are required Mr Blakesley can send a formal application.

Accompanied by envelope addressed to The Bury, Ashwell, Baldock, Herts.

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JCLAdd/381 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to John Leigh Taylor 1874

Letter written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston dated 11 March. Chamberlain writes that the report of his remarks in the School Board Chronicle are correct: he confirms that he considers Dr Riggs' statements about American education 'entirely misleading'. However he will not enter into further discussion on the matter without knowing the object of John Leigh Taylor's enquiry.

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JCLAdd/382 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to John Leigh Taylor 1874

Letter written from the Borough of Birmingham Mayor's Office, dated 13 March. Chamberlain agrees to send the information required when he has time.

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JCLAdd/383 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Whitworth Wallis 1899

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 28 June. Chamberlain congratulates Wallis [1855-1927, museum and art gallery curator] on his success with Sir Donald Currie [1825-1909, shipowner]. He hopes to see the exhibition when he returns to Birmingham.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/384 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Henry M. Bompas 1889

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, dated 13 April. Chamberlain advises Bompas [1836-1909, county court judge] that any discussion about local government in Ireland 'would be much more wisely conducted in print' than at the approaching conference.

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JCLAdd/385 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Henry M.] Bompas 1894

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 24 November. Chamberlain tells Bompas [1836-1909, county court judge] that he is unable to take on any more engagements. He notes: 'I have promised, as you know, one meeting to the Municipal Society', and adds that he has agreed to support Mr Stanley if a Cabinet Minister speaks in favour of his opponent.

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JCLAdd/386 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to H[enry] M. Bompas 1898

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London],

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dated 1 April and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain disagrees with Bompas [1836-1909, county court judge] about the University Bill, writing: '[...] the opposition on the ground you indicate is not a very strong one'. He goes on to criticise the government's indecision over the Bill.

With envelope addressed to Fairfield, Far Headingley, Leeds.

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JCLAdd/387 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to G[eorge] Pitt 1891  
Lewis

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 29 January. Chamberlain hopes to meet Pitt Lewis [1845-1906, judge and politician] in London the following Tuesday.

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JCLAdd/388 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr 1899  
Mapplebeck

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 28 February. Chamberlain acknowledges receipt of Mapplebeck's letter, in which it was stated that £1000 is to be donated from Mapplebeck's Board towards the establishment of the University of Birmingham. Chamberlain thanks Mapplebeck for his part in this decision.

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JCLAdd/389 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Robert B. 1885  
Gardiner

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 12 August. Chamberlain responds to Gardiner on the subject of education. He writes that free schools in country villages are not only for the benefit of the middle class, 'of whom there would only be one or two individuals living at any time'. He adds that all education in the middle ages was classical, and it is 'only recently that

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the classification of education has assumed its present form'.

With envelope addressed to 2 Gleddon Road, West Kensington.

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JCLAdd/390 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain G. Wilkinson 1883

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 29 January and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that his views on free education are well known but few others in government are in agreement with him. He claims that reform will rely on the public putting pressure on MPs. He stresses that he will take every opportunity to further his views but one man does not have the power to change government legislation.

With envelope addressed to Steward Street, Birmingham.

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JCLAdd/391 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to J. Cram 1860

Letter written from 14 Broad Street, dated 16 October. Chamberlain writes to Cram about the Birm[ingham] and Edg[baston] Debat[ing] Soc[iety] (of which he is secretary), enclosing information about the rates [not included] and giving details of the next meeting and the process for becoming a member.

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JCLAdd/392 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to P[atrick] Plunket 1881

Letter written from 72 Prince's Gate [London], dated 16 February. Chamberlain invites Patrick Plunket MP to dinner '[...] to meet a small Party - not too Radical'.

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JCLAdd/393 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Albert W. Bencke 1888

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, dated 30 March. Chamberlain writes to Bencke about the Unionist Party's approach to debt relief. He declines Bencke's invitation, writing that he will not be able to visit Liverpool due to prior engagements.

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JCLAdd/394 Letter from E[dward] R. R[ussell] to Joseph Chamberlain 1881

Carbon copy of letter written on headed paper of The Daily Post, dated 30 October. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] writes that Chamberlain's visit has done 'immense good' in Liverpool where it is difficult to get eminent speakers. He comments briefly on the effects of developments in Ireland and criticises 'the W. E. Forster methods'. He writes that Gladstone has asked if he is Catholic, and states: 'I am the broadest of broad Churchmen & have neither an Irish [?dash] of blood in my veins nor an Irish predilection in my mind. But I am the sort of Liberal to whom Dublin Castle & all of which it is the type reeks of offence'. He writes that Chamberlain's explanation of proposed 'counteractory obstruction' has removed his 'Radical doubts'.

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JCLAdd/395 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Edward R. Russell 1881

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 1 November and marked as 'Private'. Chamberlain praises Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] for his clear views and sound principles. He writes that whilst many politicians are guided by 'hand

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to mouth considerations' both he and Russell are committed to certain principles. He hopes that they can correspond 'freely and confidentially' and further their common goals. In a postscript he adds that he agrees with Russell about Ireland, writing: 'The government of Ireland by this country is impossible on existing terms. There must be a radical change sooner or later - and the sooner the better'.

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JCLAdd/396 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1882

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 14 December and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes to Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] about Mr Smith's political views. He had hoped that Mr Smith represented 'a new form of sturdy Radicalism' and is disappointed to hear that Smith's views include 'evangelicalism' and are therefore 'sectional rather than rational'. Chamberlain adds that Smith's speeches, though effective, are 'very vague' and 'hardly enough for a great Libreral departure'. He comments on the election result and Mr Gladstone's reaction. Chamberlain states that the Egyptian expedition is considered 'distasteful' by some supporters.

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JCLAdd/397 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1883

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 22 January and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes to Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] commenting on the reaction to his recent speech ('Socialism is in the air; there was such a ready response to the hint I gave') and writing passionately about his political views. He states: 'The politics of the future are social politics & the problem is still how to secure the greatest happiness of the greatest number'. Chamberlain

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cites poverty and crime as key problems and expresses his belief in providing general education to all children and in facilitating the more equal distribution of wealth. He emphasises the need for better housing and more responsible landowners, arguing that this calls for 'a bold attack on the so-called rights of property'. He believes that the Radicals need to decide 'what is the most to which we are entitled as well as what is the least that we may be willing to accept'.

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JCLAdd/398 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1883

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 4 April. Chamberlain writes to Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] to say that Gladstone [William Ewart Gladstone, 1809-1898, prime minister and author] may have been in contact with the Irish government about administration but it is not a subject that has been brought before Cabinet. He writes about the state of the Conservative party and the 'quarrelling' between its members over the leadership succession, mentioning Lord Salisbury [Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoyne-Cecil, 1830-1903], Sir Stafford Northcote [Stafford Henry Northcote, 1818-1887], 'The Fourth Party' [an informal grouping of Conservative back-benchers], Smith and Cross, and Stanhope [Edward Stanhope, 1840-1893].

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JCLAdd/399 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1883

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 18 April. Chamberlain writes to Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] about 'tactics' for securing the extension of the suffrage and redistribution, taking into account possible rejection of these plans by the House of Lords.

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He writes that he will not reply to the Duke of Argyll, but he remarks on 'the extreme sensitiveness of these great landlords & believers in the Divine rights of property to the first appearance of the social problem which, as you know, I believe will shortly assume increased prominence'.

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JCLAdd/400 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1883

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 23 April. Chamberlain writes to Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] to report on a conversation with Mr Mundella about the Birkenhead School Board. He explains that as the denominationalists supplied the extra places required, Mundella has no power to form a School Board without a resolution from the Town Council, and the Liberals are not unanimous in its favour.

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JCLAdd/401 Letter from E[dward] R. R[ussell] to Joseph Chamberlain 1883

Letter dated 14 June and marked 'Private'. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] praises Chamberlain's courageous speeches, adding: 'the tact of never affecting or even seeming to drag colleagues along but giving them all the kudos of being in the van is more remarkable than all'. He writes: 'I can't help thinking how much things c[oul]d have been pushed forward if Cobden had had & executed this idea of yours' and comments on Cobden's actions [Richard Cobden, 1804-1865, manufacturer and politician].

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JCLAdd/402 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1883

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 16 June and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain thanks Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] for sending assurances of 'support and appreciation in the country'.

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JCLAdd/403 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1883

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 20 October. Chamberlain agrees with Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] about 'minorities' and about the difficulties which an unspecified proposition will create. He writes that he expects that Tories and 'professing Liberals [...] with a constant fear of popular, or democratic, government' will support the measure. He thinks that the Federation should publish papers on the subject.

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JCLAdd/404 Letter from [Edward R. Russell] to Joseph Chamberlain 1883

Letter dated 23 October. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] informs Chamberlain that Gladstone [William Ewart Gladstone, 1809-1898, prime minister and author] is maintaining his position on 'the minorities matter'. Russell goes on to discuss the issue of parliamentary representation and the best way to oppose certain changes to the system. He points out that 'even if the nullification of majorities was avoided the system would still produce all the evils of [?vexation], intrigue, apathy and infirmity in party government'. He adds that he hopes the party will not support a single members system and

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outlines his objections to such a system.

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JCLAdd/405 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell 1884

Letter written from 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, dated 3 January and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain advises Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] that he does not think there will be a Commission but cannot send a definite answer until Dilke [Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, 1843-1911, second baronet, writer and politician] returns.

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JCLAdd/406 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 6 March. In answer to Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor], Chamberlain writes that he expects an (unspecified) Bill to pass in the Commons: 'I do not think there is any danger of a serious cave'. He goes on to say that he would value shipowners' advice on his Shipping Bill: 'They all accept the principle that a man ought not to make a profit by the loss of his ship. Will they tell me how this can be prevented by any provision other than, or better than, those which I have proposed?' He fears the parliamentary opposition to the Bill and hopes for an increase in public support.

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JCLAdd/407 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 10 March and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain thanks Russell [1834-1920, first

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Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] for the support shown in his newspaper. He discusses government supervision of shipping and writes that he has tried to address the problem of 'over-insurance' in his Bill. He argues that if shipowners will not support the Bill they must suggest alternative measures. He explains that a Select Committee would delay the legislation, which is long overdue.

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**Physical description:** The two pages of this letter have been separated; the second page is found after JCLAdd/408

JCLAdd/408 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] dated 17 March. Chamberlain approves of Russell's [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] articles and replies to Mr Forwood. He writes that opposition to the Shipping Bill has not slackened but expresses his belief that the public could be convinced of the 'importance of immediate legislation' if it weren't for the Franchise Bill and Egypt dominating public attention. In a postscript he criticises a Tory newspaper for claiming that his policy has been introduced in order to improve his brother's investment in a shipping company.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/409 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 20 May. Chamberlain writes to Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] about the Shipping Bill, stating that he is determined to get the subject of insurance and liability settled in the

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current year.

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JCLAdd/410 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Garden [London], dated 21 July and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain tells Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] that he thinks the proposed agitation in the House of Lords will have a strong following. He goes on to say that he opposes House of Lords reform, writing: 'If the time has not come for abolishing the second Chamber it would be much better for Radicals to confine themselves to limiting its power by some such plan as the suspensory veto recommended by Bright'.

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JCLAdd/411 Letter from [Edward R. Russell] to [Joseph] Chamberlain, [Sir Charles Wentworth] Dilke and [Francis] Schnadhorst 1884

Letter dated 7 August. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] writes to Chamberlain, Dilke [1843-1911, second baronet, writer and politician] and Schnadhorst [1840-1900, political organizer] about redistribution. He expresses his view that Mr Billson's proposals could be applied to other parts of the country as well as Lancashire and explains that Billson's method would 'secure much variety in the representation in a manner equitable to both parties'. He opposes division into single member constituencies, which he believes would result in the election of 'inferior & non political & "parochial" members', and argues in favour of a list system.

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JCLAdd/412 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. 1884

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Russell

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], dated 8 August. Chamberlain writes that the suggestions from Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] and Billson [see JCLAdd/411] will be given proper consideration. However he points out that maintaining the freehold vote might 'create a new anomaly where we want to take every opportunity of getting rid of old ones'.

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JCLAdd/413 Letter from [Edward R. Russell] to Joseph Chamberlain 1884

Nine page letter dated 1 October. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] writes to Chamberlain after hearing about plans to 'develop the Demonstrations and to accentuate them by publicly raising a fund'. He thinks this a 'grievous mistake' and more likely to decrease than increase support as it will give the impression that 'money & wirepulling have done it all'. He argues that support for the bill would be better communicated through speeches, which would show that 'our leaders are determined; that there is no compromise in the air'. He believes that this is Chamberlain's intention and sends his support. He writes that they need to reply to Sir Stafford Northcote and suggests that Gladstone could do this in Liverpool. He criticises local leaders who he accuses of 'apathy & bad management'. He adds that if the bill is thrown out he thinks Gladstone 'ought to resign rather than dissolve', but if he dissolves his colleagues who hold 'advanced opinions' should resign.

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JCLAdd/414 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1884

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 2 October and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain

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writes in response to a letter [JCLAdd/413] from Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor]. He agrees with Russell about the need for 'a more active propaganda by Ministers'. He notes that he has been involved in 'necessary agitation' and criticises the 'idleness' of others. He advises Russell to ask Gladstone directly about visiting Liverpool. Chamberlain agrees with Russell on actions to be taken if the bill fails [ministers should resign] but adds that there are still alternatives and all depends on factors that are still uncertain. He writes that Gladstone will not compromise on a cause which he has 'championed with such consummate courage & ability'. Chamberlain disagrees with Russell about fundraising, claiming that the money is needed, and concluding: 'My view always is to do boldly what is convenient and advantageous to ourselves, and to leave our opponents to say their worst about it'.

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JCLAdd/415 Letter from [Edward R. Russell] to Joseph Chamberlain 1884

Letter dated 25 November. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] asks Chamberlain for clarification on a number of points relating to the Redistribution scheme.

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JCLAdd/416 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell 1884

Letter written from 40 Princes Gardens, London dated 27 November and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain answers Russell's questions [about redistribution]. However he notes that the situation changes frequently and that any scheme must allow for modification 'to suit local peculiarities'.

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JCLAdd/417 Letter from William Woodings (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to E[dward] R. Russell 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 2 December. Chamberlain thanks Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] for the newscutting about the Bankruptcy Act in Liverpool and expresses his satisfaction with the article.

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JCLAdd/418 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R. Russell] 1885

Letter written from 40 Princes Gardens, [London] dated 6 February. Chamberlain thanks Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] for sending his article. He remarks that 'bad news from Egypt' will overshadow domestic issues. Chamberlain writes about tensions within the Liberal Party, claiming that 'Whigs of the Foljambe stamp' wish to exclude him and Dilke [Sir Charles Dilke, 1843-1911, writer and politician] from Government. He comments: 'Personally I should be obliged to them' and expresses his own desire to see more Radical electoral candidates. He writes that the landowner Lord Carrington will make an important speech in his favour and comments on [George] Goschen's speech about local authority powers.

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JCLAdd/419 Letter from E[dward] R. R[ussell] to Joseph Chamberlain 1885

Letter dated 8 February. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] encloses a letter from a Liverpool doctor for Chamberlain's interest [enclosure not included]. He discusses tensions within the

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Liberal Party, reassuring Chamberlain about the opposition from the 'Foljambe' Whigs: 'You and Sir Charles [Dilke] have nothing to fear because the certainty of immediate cleavage if you went is patent'. He praises Chamberlain for expressing his personal views rather than deferring to colleagues. He argues that the best way of securing change is by 'carrying the Whigs on our shoulders rather than shaking them off'. He fantasises about Dilke and Chamberlain 'standing before the world as the avowed personification of a Democracy strong & imperious in a military and diplomatic sense'. He comments on Goschen's [George Goschen, 1831-1907, politician and financier] speech and recent activities.

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JCLAdd/420 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Princes Gardens, dated 9 February. Chamberlain agrees with Russell [that change is best achieved with the Whigs rather than without them] but adds: 'the Whigs do occasionally vex my soul grievously'. He writes about tensions within the party and rumours of a split between him and [Sir Charles] Dilke.

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JCLAdd/421 Letter from [Edward R. Russell] to Joseph Chamberlain 1885

Letter dated 13 February and marked 'Copy'. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] tells Chamberlain what people are saying about him and Sir Charles Dilke and the relationship between them. He remarks on the 'religious aspect' to the discussion, and informs Chamberlain: 'you were not the favourite in this regard [...] It is alleged & you won't mind my giving you all the gossip frankly that you are brusque and cynically disrespectful about religion'. He explains that people think this is a

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disadvantage politically, whilst in contrast Dilke has reportedly become a 'believer'. Russell writes that he does not intend to make mischief but to amuse Chamberlain.

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JCLAdd/422 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 17 February. Chamberlain responds to Russell's letter [JCLAdd/421], thanking him for the information. He argues that the perception of his religious attitude is incorrect and states that he has never made disrespectful comments about religion or the views of religious bodies. He adds that his 'reverence for what lies at the bottom of all religion' means that he does not 'use its language as a mere instrument of political controversy'.

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JCLAdd/423 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 20 February. Chamberlain hopes to see Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] in London so that they can talk in person. He comments on Russell's article about Lord Sefton.

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JCLAdd/424 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell 1885

Letter written from the House of Commons, dated 26 February. Chamberlain arranges to meet Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] in London.

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JCLAdd/425 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 12 March. Chamberlain writes that he cannot commit to a public attendance in the autumn because the political situation is so uncertain.

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JCLAdd/426 Letter from Edward R. Russell to Joseph Chamberlain 1885

Letter dated 18 May. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] expresses his view that a spilt in the leadership of the Liberal Party should be avoided. However he acknowledges that Chamberlain and Sir Charles Dilke feel it their 'bounden duty' to insist upon the adoption of the [?Irish] policy, and that they must threaten to resign if it is not supported by the Party. Russell accepts Chamberlain's invitation to meet in London.

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JCLAdd/427 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 22 May. Chamberlain commends Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] on his article. He writes that he is under pressure not to break up the Government and leave Gladstone 'in the lurch' and at the same time does not want to stand against 'that section of our party which is opposed to the policy of coercion'. He gives his views on the creation of 'peasant proprietorships' and local government in Ireland.

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JCLAdd/428 Letter from Edward R. Russell to Joseph Chamberlain 1885

Letter dated 30 May. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] advises Chamberlain not to break up the government. He sends Chamberlain newscuttings and discusses Sinclair ('the new member for Antrim') in connection with Irish policies. He writes about the actions of the Ulster members and asks for Chamberlain's opinion. Russell asks about Lord Hartington's role in discussions. He expresses his support for Chamberlain and Sir Charles Dilke.

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JCLAdd/429 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 4 June. Chamberlain informs Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] that the 'questions at issue will be settled in the course of a day or two' and promises to write with the outcome. He criticises the actions of the Liberal Party in relation to Ireland and writes that he and [Sir Charles] Dilke will try to minimise the harm done.

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JCLAdd/430 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 9 June and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain understands that Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] wants to contest a constituency and agrees to send information about two wards in Sheffield. However he explains that Sheffield is a difficult area for Liberals to win support and offers to inquire about alternatives. He adds: 'The

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Division of last night of course makes the future uncertain' and comments on the current political situation. In a postscript he reports: 'The opinion in the House is that Lord Salisbury will form a Government.'

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JCLAdd/431 Letter from William Woodings (on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain) to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 26 June. Chamberlain sends Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] an advance copy of an article on local government and advises him on its use.

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JCLAdd/432 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 27 June. Chamberlain writes of the successful interview between Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] and Burt and comments: 'I hope all will go well & rejoice to think that there is a probability of your joining us'. He discusses the publication of Gordon's Diaries. He lists the actions of the new government and concludes: 'Such is the consistency of the Tory party.'

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JCLAdd/433 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 23 July. Chamberlain writes to Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] about a contest between Costelloe and Forsyth for Liberal Party support. He suggests that 'the leaders of the

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three sections' meet to discuss a way forward.

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JCLAdd/434

Letter from Edward R. Russell to Joseph Chamberlain

1885

Letter dated 12 August and marked 'Copy'. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] writes that the matter at Glasgow looks 'well' and that it would be 'frivolous nonsense' for Mr Costelloe to interfere. Russell reports that he has been adopted unanimously by the Executive. He describes the popularity and success of the Junior Reform Club in Liverpool, which has recently taken over the premises of the failed Tory club. He writes that they are eager for Chamberlain to attend their opening ceremony and urges Chamberlain to accept. He goes on to raise the 'delicate' matter of Sir Charles Dilke, writing: 'Supposing you were able to say "You (Russell) need not be afraid to adopt freely a bias in favour of Sir Charles Dilke in this affair for his case is sound and will so appear." I should have this assurance in my mind to go by [...]'. He writes such a 'hint' would make him 'better able to steer the D.P.' and to raise support for Dilke.

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JCLAdd/435

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell

1885

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 31 August. Chamberlain regrets that he cannot give Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] his support, having already agreed to support Cameron Corbett [1856-1933, politician and 1st Baron Rowallan and politician]. He writes about a forthcoming meeting in Glasgow and gives his opinion that the Radicals should not interfere in a divisional contest. Chamberlain discusses

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Hartington's speech, which he read 'with feelings almost of dismay' and which he intends to answer when speaking in Warrington on the 8th.

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JCLAdd/436 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 3 September. Chamberlain writes to assure Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] that 'there is no truth in the statement [...] that I should not have supported you if I had known that Mr Forsyth was standing'.

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JCLAdd/437 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 5 November and marked 'Private'. In answer to enquiries from Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor], Chamberlain explains how he knows Mr Baden-Powell and gives an opinion of his character, describing him as 'the most conceited young man I had ever met in the whole course of my life.'

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JCLAdd/438 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1885

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 13 November and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain asks Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] for information regarding Captain O'Shea's chance of success if he should stand as a Liberal candidate in the Central Exchange Ward in Liverpool.

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JCLAdd/439 Transcript of telegram from E[dward] R. R[ussell] 1885  
to Joseph Chamberlain

Dated 16 November. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] replies to Chamberlain about Captain [O'Shea's] chances of election [in Liverpool].

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JCLAdd/440 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] [1885]  
Russell

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 20 November and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that the Liverpool leaders have thrown away a 'remarkable opportunity' [probably a reference to the possible candidature of Captain O'Shea]. He wishes Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] well with his candidature and predicts that they will have a 'hard fight' in some divisions.

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JCLAdd/441 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. 1885  
Russell

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 14 December. Chamberlain informs Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] that he is unable to make an engagement. He writes that he is not prepared to make a 'pronouncement' at present. He expresses, in 'strict confidence', his concerns about negotiations between Gladstone [1809-1898, prime minister and author] and Parnell [1846-1891, politician and landowner]. He describes how he would handle relations with Parnell and the Irish members and asks Russell for his opinion.

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JCLAdd/442 Letter from Edward R. Russell to Joseph Chamberlain 1885

Letter written from the Liverpool Daily Post, dated 15 December. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] responds to Chamberlain's letter [JCLAdd/441]. He expresses his concern about the idea of 'a split' between Chamberlain and Gladstone. He discusses relations between the Liberal Party and Irish members, possible courses of action and their outcomes, and gives his opinion on Chamberlain's suggested approach. He notes that the Tories are more accepting of Home Rule and 'seem chiefly to consider it a question of what form Home Rule must take'. He assures Chamberlain of his respect and support. He writes that his main concerns are that Chamberlain and Gladstone must 'keep together' and that Radicals must not be called upon to vote against Irish legislative or administrative freedom.

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JCLAdd/443 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell [1885]

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 16 December. Chamberlain thanks Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] for his letter [JCLAdd/442], commenting: 'I speak tomorrow & you will see I have profited'.

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JCLAdd/444 Letter from E[dward] R. R[ussell] to Joseph Chamberlain 1888

Letter dated 26 May. Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] reflects on the change in his relationship with Chamberlain, writing: 'I sometimes wonder [...] whether you & I will ever

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again see things in the same light'. He sends an article in which he recalls 'a very happy period - as it seems to me in retrospect - in which you and I were growing up'. He writes about his respect for Chamberlain and his distress at Chamberlain's course of action in 1886 [his resignation from Cabinet].

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JCLAdd/445 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell 1888

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 30 May and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that he is 'gratified' by Russell's letter [JCLAdd/444]. He comments that Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] has managed to follow Gladstone and yet avoid the 'bitterness' and 'indignity' which other men of conviction have been drawn into. Chamberlain regrets the present state of the Liberal Party but hopes that in the future he will be able to work alongside Russell again, in pursuit of 'the old objects'.

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JCLAdd/446 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Edward R.] Russell] [1889]

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 14 February and marked 'Private'. In a letter addressed 'My dear Sir', Chamberlain thanks the recipient for an article, which he has passed on to a mutual friend.

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JCLAdd/447 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R.] Russell 1889

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 28 March. Chamberlain sends thanks for a newscutting and for Russell's appreciative comments about his local work. He agrees with

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Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] that politics has taken an 'unhappy turn', and regrets the separation between 'old friends and fellow workers'.

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JCLAdd/448 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to E[dward] R. Russell 1889

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London dated 14 August and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes that he is always interested to read Russell's articles in the Liverpool Post and 'ready to admit the fairness of your opposition'.

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JCLAdd/449 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Edward [R.] Russell 1894

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham dated 22 October. Chamberlain thanks Russell [1834-1920, first Baron Russell of Liverpool, newspaper editor and proprietor] for sending a document and for expressing 'kindly personal feeling' despite political differences.

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JCLAdd/450 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Edward [R.] Russell 1895

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 12 November and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain discusses his position on the Home Rule Bill, and compares the case of Ireland to that of the Colonies.

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JCLAdd/451 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Dawson W. 1877

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Turner M.D.

Letter written from the Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, London dated 16 March. Chamberlain writes that he would be interested to receive any information that Turner, of Westminster Hospital, can send. However he writes that he has now placed the matter before the House and will not engage in 'active agitation' of the topic.

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JCLAdd/452 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [L. P.] Jacks 1900

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 16 June. Chamberlain asks Jacks to conduct the wedding ceremony of his daughter Ethel and Mr Whitmore L. Richards at the Church of the Messiah in August.

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JCLAdd/453 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Charles] Dilke 1879

Letter written from 30 Wilton Place, London, dated 3 April. Chamberlain agrees to obtain a ticket for Dilke [1843-1911, writer and politician] for [?Bright's meeting] on the 16th.

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JCLAdd/454 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach 1887

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 10 March. Chamberlain sends Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] his sympathy and hopes for a speedy recovery. Chamberlain expresses his respect and gratitude for Hicks-Beach's devotion to the role of Chief Secretary for Ireland.

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JCLAdd/455 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1895

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 20 July and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes to Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] about school and educational policy, discussing the relationship between voluntary schools, board schools, and the rates.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/456 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1895

Letter dated 26 September and marked 'Confidential'. Chamberlain writes to Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] to clarify his proposals relating to Cyprus. He explains in detail his plans for creating equilibrium in the annual budget, arguing that he requires a subsidy of £40,000 per annum and asking that this amount be entered into the Treasury's estimates. He goes on to describe his plans 'for permanently improving the financial condition & developing the resources of the island' through railways or [irrigation?]. He wishes to commission a report on the financial viability of the latter before asking for a loan for the necessary work.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/457 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1897

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 31 December and headed 'West Indies'. Chamberlain hopes to come to an arrangement with Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first

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Earl St Aldwyn]. He writes about the sugar trade in the West Indies and discusses the best way of helping the sugar planters, considering matters such as tax, import duties, and grants in aid. He also refers to the administrative changes required in the British S[outh] A[frica] Company.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/458 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1898

Letter written from Birmingham dated 5 January and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes to Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] concerning the West Indies and West Africa. He argues that Hicks-Beach was too hasty in condemning the Colonial Office and Governor of the Gold Coast over the losses incurred during the 'Hinterland work'. He justifies the decisions made and costs involved, arguing that they were necessary to prevent the French and Germans 'from over-running the whole of our Hinterland'. He points out that it was difficult to communicate with the government and stresses the importance of further developing the telegraph system. He writes that he and Colonel Northcott have a hopeful outlook and expresses his belief that the Gold Coast will soon 'pay its way' due to its rich natural resources.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/459 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1899

Letter dated 19 April. Chamberlain writes to Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] about Mr Rhodes' proposal [Cecil John Rhodes, 1853-1902, imperialist, colonial politician, and mining entrepreneur]. Chamberlain states that they cannot deal with it without consulting the Cabinet as it raises questions of

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national policy. He writes that in his opinion the Bechuanaland railway should be extended to ensure the 'proper & economical administration of the country', for which the government will be responsible if the Chartered Company should fail. He also notes that Mr Rhodes, 'whatever his faults may be', is influential in South Africa and the government must be seen to treat him with fair consideration. However, Chamberlain agrees with Hicks-Beach that Rhodes' proposals cannot be adopted. He suggests that they put before Rhodes the scheme that Chamberlain devised in February: Chamberlain thinks it probable that Rhodes would reject this scheme, in which case he would be responsible for terminating negotiations and could have no complaint.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/460 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1899

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 17 September. Chamberlain writes to Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] about a negotiation, discussing what they should include in their demands. He writes that they must not make things impossible for the Government of the Transvaal, stating: 'It must be a Republic - or a self-governing Colony'. He wonders whether they will have to consider an ultimatum and whether the Boers will 'take the offensive'.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/461 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1899

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 7 October and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain thanks Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] for his concession 're

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Herbert'. Chamberlain expresses his anxiety about the recent actions of [Alfred] Milner [1854-1925, public servant and politician] and writes that in his view, Milner and the military authorities exaggerate the risks of the campaign. He believes that the Boers will not take the offensive at this stage and that the British should wait for reinforcements. He comments: 'I think C. Bannerman's speech was like him - a mean speech by a mean man', and states: 'The country [...] is clearly on our side'.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/462 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1900

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 12 January. Chamberlain reminds Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] of his promise to provide substantial grants and Loans in Aid to deal with the crisis in the West Indies. Chamberlain writes that he is now in a position to ask for money for one of his main proposals: to establish better steam communication. He gives details of his negotiations with A[lfred] L[ewis] Jones [1845-1909, shipping entrepreneur and colonial magnate] of Elder, Dempsters and Co., regarding a fruit shipping contract, and writes that Jones' offer now requires an immediate reply. He stresses that the fruit trade is the best hope of saving Jamaica from bankruptcy and states: 'The matter is one of life & death'. He writes that if he does not receive word he will authorise the contract on behalf of the Colonial Office. He adds that although he has experienced difficulties with his other main proposal - to establish central factories - it is still under consideration.

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JCLAdd/463 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1901

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 12 September and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain is pleased that he and Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] may be able to travel to the West Indies together. He believes that the Boer war will not have ended by November but feels they are making progress and hopes to bring back some men by the end of September. Chamberlain writes that Hicks-Beach's plans to reduce army and naval expenditure have alarmed him. He goes on to explain why, given the current political circumstances and potential outcomes of such cuts, he would advise Hicks-Beach to wait before taking any action. He adds that there is also public support to consider and warns that at present, 'no one will thank you or even understand your motives'. However he agrees to see Hicks-Beach's papers before making a final decision.

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JCLAdd/464 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1901

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 21 September. Chamberlain writes that he will readily agree with anything approved by Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] and the Lord Chancellor. He clarifies the meaning of an abbreviation. He remarks that the developments in South Africa will be bad for the economy.

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JCLAdd/465 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1901

Letter written from the Colonial Office, dated 30 September and marked 'Confidential'. Chamberlain, having considered the Treasury's memorandum and Hicks-Beach's observations, sends his views on financial policy. He expresses his respect for Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] and writes that there are many points on which he agrees with him. Chamberlain agrees that a time will come when the public no longer supports war taxation and wants reductions in army and naval expenditure, however he argues that that time has not come yet. Chamberlain justifies the need for continued expenditure even after the war is over; a view which is supported by naval and military advisors. He points out that credit will be received from the repayment of debts by the Transvaal. He writes that it is too soon to pursue a 'policy of economy' and warns that any government or minister who does so will endanger their position. In a postscript he adds that he saw Hardwick in London, and reports that he was 'terribly over-strained'.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/466 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1901

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 4 October. Chamberlain agrees that the present rate of expenditure cannot be maintained and that Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] was right to alert his colleagues to the seriousness of the financial situation. However he maintains his view that an increase in military expenditure cannot be avoided in the next budget. He comments on the reestablishment of the Sinking Fund. He discusses a proclamation, pointing out that it cannot be enforced without legislation and discussing its impact on prisoners of war. He comments on the alleged correspondence between Kitchener [1850-1916, Earl Kitchener of

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Khartoum and army officer] and Schalk Burger [1852-1918, South African military leader, lawyer, and statesman].

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/467 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-Beach 1902

Letter dated 12 April. Chamberlain informs Hicks-Beach [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] that he has been called to a meeting with the King. He sends a copy of a telegram which he writes he is prepared to send to [Alfred] Milner [1854-1925, public servant and politician] unless Hicks-Beach has any serious objections. In a postscript he comments: 'What I fear most of all are compromising telegrams from Kitchener or Milner before we have ourselves decided.'

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/468 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Michael] Hicks-]Beach 1902

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 13 April. Chamberlain writes that he has taken Hicks-Beach's [1837-1916, politician and first Earl St Aldwyn] comments into account but insists on taking full personal responsibility for the final result. He closes by stating that he has sent copies to the Cabinet.

This letter appears to refer to the sending of a telegram discussed in JCLAdd/467.

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JCLAdd/469 Minute by Joseph Chamberlain for circulation to 1902

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the Cabinet

Dated 13 April. Chamberlain circulates a copy of a telegram that he has sent to Lord Milner [Alfred Milner, 1854-1925, public servant and politician]. He writes that he felt it so important to 'give some sort of lead to Lord Milner at the earliest moment' that he has sent the telegram on his own 'personal responsibility'.

Two copies.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/470 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mrs Carter 1899

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 19 January. Chamberlain thanks Carter for a newscutting, commenting that many recent articles seem to be dictated by motives of local politics. He believes that there is no reason to fear that the interests of Canada 'will be given away' and hopes that the issue of 'French rights' will be resolved by negotiation.

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JCLAdd/471 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Councillor [Sir Edward Ebenezer] Parkes 1895

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 11 July and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain asks Parkes [1848-1919] to be the Unionist candidate for the Central Division.

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JCLAdd/472 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Edward Ebenezer] Parkes 1903

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 17 November. Chamberlain accepts Parkes' [1848-1919] invitation to dinner on 21 December.

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JCLAdd/473 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Edward Ebenezer] Parkes 1904

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 21 June. Chamberlain thanks Parkes [1848-1919] for sending a copy of his lecture.

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JCLAdd/474 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Edward Ebenezer] Parkes 1904

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 27 June and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain regrets Parkes' [1848-1919] decision not to stand for the Liberal Unionist Party, writing: 'if you feel the difficulties are too great I can only accept your decision'. With envelope addressed to Parkes at the House of Commons.

This letter appears to be a reply to JCLAdd/477.

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JCLAdd/475 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Edward Ebenezer] Parkes 1904

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 19 September. Chamberlain thanks Parkes [1848-1919] for his donation to the Special Fund for Liberal Unionist work. He comments on the current political situation and expresses his hope for change in the future.

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JCLAdd/476 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Edward Ebenezer] Parkes 1910

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 9 July. Chamberlain thanks Parkes [1848-

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1919] for his remarks about 'preference'. He comments on the progress of their policy.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/477 Copy of letter from E[dward Ebenezer] P[arkes] to Joseph Chamberlain 1904

Copy of letter written from the House of Commons, dated 24 June and addressed 'Dear Mr C.' Parkes [1848-1919] discusses his decision to resign at the end of the present parliament, describing his alienation from the government's policies and attitudes. He adds that he still believes in drawing the Empire closer together through fiscal policy and will remain Chamberlain's supporter on this issue.

JCLAdd/474 appears to be Chamberlain's reply to this letter.

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JCLAdd/478 Copy of letter from E[dward Ebenezer] Parkes to Joseph Chamberlain 1904

Copy of letter dated 28 June. Parkes [1848-1919] thanks Chamberlain for his kind note [JCLAdd/474]. He asks for an opportunity to speak with his own committee and with Chamberlain before the matter [Parkes' decision to resign] is brought before the Liberal Unionist Committee.

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JCLAdd/479 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr W. H. Blunt 1877

Letter written from the Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner [London], dated 18 May. Chamberlain promises to send Blunt the Bills that he requires after the House of Commons recess.

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**Physical description:** Photocopy

JCLAdd/480 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [?] 1891

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 27 February and addressed 'Dear Sir'. Chamberlain returns a draft and writes that he has no knowledge of a meeting of the committee on 20 April.

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JCLAdd/481 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [?] 1884

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 1 July and addressed 'My dear Sir'. Chamberlain confirms that he will come to meet a committee.

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JCLAdd/482 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Rennell] Rodd 1891

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 29 April. Chamberlain thanks Rodd for sending information about the German insurance scheme. He believes that a superannuation scheme would need to be adapted to gain public support.

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JCLAdd/483 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to J[ohn] H[atton] Balfour Browne 1903

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 17 September. Chamberlain thanks Browne for supporting tariff reforms and goes on to discuss their place within the political programme. He adds that he is in complete agreement with the Prime Minister, and notes: 'the policy he has adopted was in the first instance suggested by

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me.'

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JCLAdd/484 Telegram from Joseph Chamberlain to [John Hatton] Balfour Browne 1903

Sent from Kings Heath, dated 19 September. Chamberlain thanks Browne for his assurance of support.

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JCLAdd/485 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [John Hatton] Balfour Browne 1903

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 19 October. Chamberlain writes to Balfour Browne about his request that Chamberlain endorse his book.

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JCLAdd/486 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Rowland Hill 1905

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 24 November. Chamberlain thanks Hill for his invitation but regrets that he cannot see England play New Zealand on 2 December.

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JCLAdd/487 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Dawson W. Turner 1877

Letter written from the Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, dated 21 March. Chamberlain asks Dawson Turner of Westminster Hospital to send a pamphlet and 'any particulars which you think interesting'. However he notes that the matter cannot be raised again until the next Session.

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JCLAdd/488 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr W. Vale 1886

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 29 June. Chamberlain thanks Vale for his letter, writing that it is a great comfort to have the support of his constituents 'in the present difficult and anxious state of politics'. He comments on Blunt standing down as a candidate, concluding that there is no need for another meeting and going on to explain why he does not like open air meetings.

With envelope addressed to Vale at 12 Great Western Terrace, Ickniel Street, Birmingham.

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JCLAdd/489 Certificate of thanks from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr W. Vale 1892

Printed certificate made out to Mr W. Vale, dated 6 July, thanking Vale for his help with the Unionist cause at the 1892 general election. Election figures in the bottom left hand corner show Chamberlain's victory.

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JCLAdd/490-495 Letters from Mary E Chamberlain to Mr Austin 1899-1906

These comprise 5 letters; 4 are written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW and the other, dated Christmas Day 1902, from on board HMS Good Hope prior to the arrival of the Chamberlains in Durban, [South Africa] the following day.

All are letters of thanks and refer to presents of flowers and books and to the gift of a Japanese ball to exercise an injured hand. One letter, dated 10 July 1902, thanks Austen for the expressions of sympathy for Joseph Chamberlain [following his accident in a horse-drawn cab, 7 July]. The letter of 16 July 1906 relates to messages of

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congratulations on Joseph Chamberlain's [43rd] birthday and refers to the reception he received in Birmingham.

Letters dated 7 April [no year]; 23 November [18]99; 30 June 1902; 10 July 1902; [25 December] 1902; 16 July [19]06.

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JCLAdd/496      Transcripts of letters from Joseph Chamberlain      (1902-1904)  
to [Ernest Bruce] Iwan-Muller (1853-1910,  
journalist): 21 June 1902, 24 March 1903, 16  
July 1903, 17 September 1903, 11 December  
1903, 11 August 1904. Transcripts made by  
Lilian Iwan Muller [sister of the recipient].  
Photocopy. 7 pp

These are transcripts of 6 letters written to Iwan-Muller as leader-writer for the 'DailyTelegraph'.

The first two appear to relate to the political and economic situation in South Africa [which Iwan-Muller had recently visited]and include references to the recent peace [presumably that following the treaty of Vereeniging signed in May 1902], to [Alfred] Milner (1854-1925, statesman, as high commissioner for South Africa, 1897-1905), [John Xavier] Merriman (1841-1926, South African statesman), [J. W.] Sauer and others.

The next two letters of July and September relate to Iwan-Muller's journalistic work: one letter thanks him for permission to republish an article in the 'Daily Telegraph'; the other, in response to a letter sent to Chamberlain [following his resignation as      Secretary of State for the Colonies] refers to their close relationship and thanks Iwan-Muller for his help and acknowledges 'how generous has been the attitude of the Daily Telegraph during my term of office'

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JCLAdd/497      Printed notice of the performance of the play      [1993]

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'The Game of Politics', written by Joseph Chamberlain, on 14 February 1993. Produced by the Classical Theatre Lab, a project of the National Repertory Foundation. Photocopy

A manuscript of this play, a political comedy in four acts, and of other farces and charades also written by Joseph Chamberlain can be found in the papers of Austen Chamberlain: see AC1/6/1

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JCLAdd/498 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Belvoir Castle, 1904  
Grantham to Lady Granby [later Duchess of Rutland], 7 August

Relates to the selection of a biographer for Lord Beaconsfield [Disraeli]. He refers to John Morley 'who was approached and declined' and also mentions [Charles] Whibley 'as favourably spoken of. He also refers to Lord Rothschild as 'the principal Trustee' with whom he has no influence

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JCLAdd/499 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Southbourne, 1879  
Augustus Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham to W. Martin [? of Martin & Chamberlain of Birmingham, architects], 19 August

Complains about the delay to work on the boilers for the greenhouses [at Highbury Hall]: Hope [Henry Hope, heating engineers] 'says it is impossible for him to get on with the boilers until Barnsley has cleared away the centres in the apparatus cellars'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/500-502 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain, Southbourne, 1878  
Augustus Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham to Thomas Earp, MP, The White House, Newark on Trent: 9, 15 and 23 November

These 3 letters, with one envelope, written in

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November 1878, relate to both educational reform and to the forthcoming general election

The first, dated 9 November, offers Earp assistance with his 'Crusade' against Dame Schools and encloses one of his speeches which he made as Chairman of a School Board. He also refers to the recent municipal elections in which the Tories were given a 'tremendous licking' and the likelihood of an imminent general election having heard from a 'well informed source that Dizzy [Disraeli] contemplates a dissolution on the declaration of war with Afghanistan'. The letter of 15 November provides Earp with figures for accommodation for and attendance of children in Birmingham schools in 1871 and 1877. The letter of 23 November refers to his fears about the divisions within the party and that it will 'make an ass of itself as usual'

4 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/503      Signature of Joseph Chamberlain on note paper bearing the address 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW      1906

21 June [19]06.

With envelope addressed to Mr Tho[ma]s Wade Earp (1892-1958, art critic and writer), The White House, Newark on Trent

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/504      Letter from Cornelius Brown [antiquary], Holmwood, The Park, Newark to Master Thomas [Wade] Earp, 6 September      1904

Encloses a copy of his new 'History of Newark' as a gift in recognition of the work Earp's father had done for the town of Newark

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/505      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's      1904

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Gardens [London], SW to [Lord] Londonderry

Declines invitation to a birthday dinner

3 June [19]04

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/506 Letter from Austen Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mr Gordon 1902

Declines invitation to the Union this winter due to pressure of work

29 December [190]2

This item has been placed in the JCLAdd sequence in error: a cross reference to this letter appears in the handlist of the Austen Chamberlain Additional Letters sequence

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/507 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Arthur Symonds (d 1924, Secretary of the National Reform Union), 21 January 1884

Letter of support for the work of the National Reform Union

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/508 Signature of Joseph Chamberlain, cut from a letter nd [late 19th century]

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/509 Postcard depicting Joseph Chamberlain at work, with signature nd [early 20th century]

The above also bears a printed quote from Kipling's Song, the English reproduced in Chamberlain's writing, together with

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Chamberlain's signature dated 11 March 1905

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/510 Printed notice issued to the Treasurer of the Birmingham & District Crippled Children's Union 1899

Signed by Joseph Chamberlain as an annual subscriber to the funds of the Union, 1 July [18]99

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/511 Cheque made payable to Joseph Chamberlain for £50 signed by James T Knowles, 17 December 1890

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/512 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Southbourne, Augustus Road, Birmingham to the Clerk to the School Board, West Bromwich, 29 August 1879

This appears to be a circular letter, with a list of six questions attached, designed to obtain information about the collection of fees at elementary schools and the effect of charging fees on levels of children's attendance. The recipient of this letter has provided manuscript answers to these questions on the letter itself

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/513 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 72 Prince's Gate [London], SW to [Hugh Culling Eardley] Childers, (1827-1896, statesman) 1880

Refers to an enclosed letter to the Chairman of the Birmingham Small Arms Co

25 May [18]80

1 item

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/514 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 72 Prince's Gate [London], SW to Sir George [?Trevelyan], 11 July 1881

As he is unable to get away from the House of Commons in case of divisions in connection with the Land Bill, he accepts Sir George's offer to meet at the House

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/515 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green Birmingham to G[eorge] Barnett Smith (1841-1909, author and journalist), 29 October 1881

Thanks him for the copy of his published 'Life of Mr [John] Bright'. Refers to an offer made by Smith which Chamberlain is passing on to Mr Schnadhorst, as secretary of the National Federation, but suggests that the intention of the committee of this body was more to 'issue pamphlet literature in large quantities than to circulate important works such as yours'.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/516 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mrs Talbot, 1882

Concerns the character and opinions of Mr Hipps and Chamberlain's failure to convince him on 'this matter of coercion'

12 January [18]82

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/517 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London] SW to Mrs Howard, 16 June 1883

Declines a dinner invitation on 4 July

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/518 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Edward Pinches, 10 May 1883
- Agrees for his name to appear as a steward of the proposed complimentary banquet to Henry Irving
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/519 Autograph note from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Mrs Tennant, 8 May 1884
- Acceptance of invitation on 30 May
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/520 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Rev J. C. Cox, 1 November 1884
- In response to a note from Cox, supports badger baiting which 'is sometimes good fun, even for the badger'
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/521 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to W[illia]m R. Moss, Burnthwaite, Heaton, near Bolton, Lancashire, 28 September. With envelope 1885
- In response to Ross's enquiry, discusses the issue of free primary education and subsidies to denominational schools
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/521a Magazine cutting of illustration of Mr and Mrs nd [early 20th

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- [Joseph] Chamberlain century]
- This illustration is of Joseph with his third wife, Mary, whom he married in 1888
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/522 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Mrs ?Simeon 1886
- Returns album as requested
- 2 September [18]86
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/523 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Mrs Boughton, 1887
- Accepts invitation to dine on 6 March
- 18 February [18]87
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/524 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to F[rederick] A[ndrew] Inderwick, QC (1836-1904, lawyer and antiquary), 25 March 1887
- Thanks the Committee of the Reform Club for the invitation to dine on 27 April, but feels unable to accept the hospitality owing to the circumstances surrounding his previous membership of the club [a reference to a dispute with the club, arising from his nomination of two of his brothers to membership which resulted in a law suit]
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- JCLAdd/525 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Fred[eric]k Wrench (1849-1926, agriculturist and public servant), 31 1888

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July

Thanks Wrench for the papers about his 'automatic scheme of rent settlements' which he agrees to consider

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/526 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to [John Henry Gibbs] Bergne (1842-1908, diplomatist), 1888

3 September [18]88

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/527 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mr [George David] Boyle (1828-1901, dean of Salisbury) 1888

Declines Boyle's kind invitation to visit him in Salisbury

23 May [18]88

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/528 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Mr Sullivan [as Editor of the 'Birmingham Daily Mail'], 5 March 1895

Congratulates Sullivan on the success of the fund inaugurated under the auspices of his newspaper for the relief of Birmingham people at a time of cold weather; and thanks him, in his position as President of the West Birmingham Relief Association, for the contributions Sullivan has made to its funds

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/529-530 Letters from J. Wilson, written on behalf of [Joseph] Chamberlain to W. W. Ingall: 3 and 6 1896

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February

These comprise 2 letters, one from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham and the other from 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW The first reports that Chamberlain does not see any objection to giving power to local authorities for an unspecified purpose; the second that Chamberlain has no objection to the publication of the [previous] letter

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/531-532 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr and Mrs Macmillan: 27 and 29 April 1896

These comprise one letter written on Colonial Office notepaper; and one incomplete, unsigned letter which is not in Chamberlain's hand. Both letters relate to the Macmillan's appeal for help to Chamberlain [as secretary of state for the colonies] on behalf of a friend, Russell Oldnall, in his efforts to gain employment in the police force in South Africa

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/533 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Mrs Lowndes-Norton, 13 May 1896

Will be pleased to consider an official application by Captain Gordon to the Colonial Office for employment

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/534 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Sir John Kirk (1847-1922, philanthropist), 6 January 1897

Refers to the character of a decree of the Sultan [of Turkey]

1 item

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/535 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Mr Wilson, 1 March 1897

Concerns calculations of extra costs which would be incurred by Wilson, as an employer, under the proposed Workmen's Compensation Bill

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/536 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mr Wilson, 24 January 1894

Apologises for his failure to keep an appointment due to a sudden summons to London by Lord Salisbury, which had been arranged to discuss Wilson's candidature for unspecified position

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/537 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to [John] Henniker Heaton (1848-1914, postal reformer), 28 May 1900

Unable to nominate anyone for unspecified vacancy

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/538 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Office, to Miss Phipps, 1 January 1901

Agrees to make enquiries to see if he can help her niece, Mrs Sayer to return home to Germiston

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/539 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mr Chapman, 16 December 1901

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Thanks Chapman for his support of the Government and specifically to him 'as its mouthpiece in Colonial affairs'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/540 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Thomas Tree, 134 Camberwell Grove, London, SE, 26 March. With envelope 1903

Expresses regret at the death his old teacher, Miss Pace

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/541 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Thomas Tree, 134 Camberwell Grove, London, SE, 26 March. With envelope 1903

Regrets that Chamberlain will be unable to speak at Dumfries as he will only be spending a few days at Drumlarig, but that he hopes to see Balfour Browne at Glasgow

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/542 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Birmingham to Sir Robert Herbert (1831-1905, colonial official), 21 December 1903

Offers Herbert the position of Chairman of the Tariff Commission. Includes a postscript in Chamberlain's own hand about the appointment of a deputy chairman

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/543-544 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Sir Edward Reed (1830-1906, naval architect) 1904

These comprise 2 letters relating to a proposed

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meeting to discuss the questions of fiscal reform and of Reed standing again as MP for Cardiff at the next election

22 and 25 July [1]904

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/545 Autograph memorandum written on House of Commons note paper initialled by Joseph Chamberlain, and marked for the immediate attention of Mr Gray nd [late 19th century]

Relates to the Fishing Ports Bill and its application to Scotland

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/546 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Broad Street [Birmingham] to George W. Ingram, 7 November [1860]

A chatty letter of thanks for 'one of the jolliest letters I have seen' which Ingram appears to have sent in congratulation to Chamberlain following the announcement of his engagement to Harriet Kenrick

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/547 Part of letter from Joseph Chamberlain to H. Dunning, as temporary Hon Secretary of the Selly Oak Liberal Union Association nd [late 19th century]

The above is merely the last four lines of a letter, together with Chamberlain's signature and the name and address of the recipient

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/548-550 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Lee: 18, 22 and 23 October 1894

These comprise 1 letter written from Wynyard Park, Stockton on Tees and 2 letters from

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They relate to the introduction of Chamberlain to a Mr Dibble, a friend of Lee's. The first two letters relate to the arrangement of the introduction by Lee and the third reports on the successful meeting where Dibble gave Chamberlain 'much useful information' and was found to be 'favourably disposed towards the scheme in principle'

3 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/551 Autograph notes offering comments, largely of a legal or factual nature, to the unidentified author of several pages of a text (possibly of a speech or report) relating to land ownership and the position of tenant farmers, and to numbers of paupers in receipt of poor relief. 2 pp [late 1870s]

Although undated, the notes make reference to Chamberlain's recent purchase of land from two sets of trustees for a house near Birmingham [Highbury Hall, into which he moved in 1880]; and to the Agricultural Holdings Act 'passed by the present Government'

There is a manuscript note on this document, made by C. Duignan, identifying the handwriting as being that of Joseph Chamberlain

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/552 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to [Francis] Schnadhorst (1840-1900, Liberal politician), 9 August nd [1880s-1890s]

Letter of invitation to dine at Highbury [Moor Green, Birmingham]

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/553 Formal letter in the third person from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston to the Financial Reform Association 1871

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Requests a copy of 'Book Almanac' to be sent to Mr J. Chamberlain together with details of the price if this is not included in his subscription

19 December [18]71

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/554 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 72 Prince's Gate [London], SW to Lady Kay[-]Shuttleworth, 10 March nd [early 1880s]

Regrets that he is unable to dine that evening because his presence is required in the House of Commons 'to watch some Irish motion which touches my department'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/555 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to [Sir George Otto] Trevelyan (1838-1928, second baronet, historian and statesman), 20 July 1886

This letter relates to Trevelyan's prospective parliamentary candidature. Chamberlain encloses a letter from [William] Jacks (1841-1901, ironmaster, author and MP for Leith Burghs, 1885-86] and agrees that Trevelyan is right not to 'fight any but a safe seat' and 'hopes that the information from Leith may be such as to justify your candidature'

[18]86

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/556 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to [Sir Charles Edward] Howard Vincent (1849-1908, politician), 14 December 1904

Agrees that the deputation of a Defence Committee, on which Sir John Colomb also served, 'however well intentioned is likely to do more harm than good' and concludes by saying

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that 'it will not do to make a difference between Balfour and myself on the subject'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/557 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mr Pemberton, 7 January 1895

Sends his apologies for the next meeting of the Shakespeare Club

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/558 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Matthew Arnold (1822-1888, poet and critic), Pains Hill Cottage, Cobham, Surrey 1887

Has just returned from Scotland where he was too busy to read anything but the newspapers 'which chronicle the progressive deterioration of what calls itself the Liberal Party'. He says he will read everything Arnold has written on the subject of Irish policy and refers to the gulf between him and his leader, Gladstone [over the Irish Home Rule Bill of 1886] and the unlikelihood of the latter 'accepting my terms'

6 May [18]87

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/559 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Mr Lockwood [? subsequently Sir Francis Lockwood (1847-1897), MP] 3 March 1890

Letter of thanks for a sketch which he has presented to his wife. Makes reference to Bradlaugh [presumably Charles Bradlaugh (1833-1891), MP] who 'is thriving'

1 item

Access: Open

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- JCLAdd/560      Autograph note saying 'The Union must be preserved. "No surrender", November 1895  
1 item  
Access: Open
- JCLAdd/561      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], SW to Dr Turner, 9 August 1898  
At the suggestion of Dr Ferrier [subsequently Sir David Ferrier (1843-1928) physician], whom he saw on 25 July, he requests a medical appointment the following day, two weeks after beginning a prescription  
At the head of the letter, there is a note of presentation by the recipient to Miss Elsa Waterlow  
1 item  
Access: Open
- JCLAdd/562      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham (written and signed for him) to Ernest Collard, 17 November 1908  
Relates to the selection of Mr Lionel Rothschild [Sir Lionel Walter Rothschild (1868-1937)] as the Liberal Unionist candidate the [Aylesbury] division of Buckingham[shire]. He refers to Rothschild's support for tariff reform and is pleased that he has the support of his uncle, Lord Rothschild 'who has already done such good service to the Unionist cause'  
1 item  
Access: Open
- JCLAdd/563      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Sir Frederick Young (1817-1913), 22 September 1903  
Letter in response to Young's, which was written in his capacity as Vice-President of the Royal Colonial Institute, inviting him to dine with the Institute. Chamberlain declines the invitation but records his appreciation of the 'assurances of sympathy and good will

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[following his resignation from  
the Cabinet]

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/564 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham addressed to 'My dear Herbert'[?Sir Robert Herbert (1831-1905), colonial official], 14 December 1904

Encloses a reply from Minto [ 4th Earl (1847-1914), Governor-General of Canada, 1898-1904] and asks recipient to write direct to Minto 'giving him the invitation' [?position of Viceroy of India]. Refers to possible awkwardness if the Duke of Devonshire, as President of the Empire League, 'opened the proceedings with an anti-tariff reform speech'

A manuscript note at the top of the letter indicates that the recipient replied to Chamberlain reporting progress about Minto, 16 December

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/565 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain [as Secretary of State], Colonial Office to General Woodgate [Sir Edward Robert Prevost Woodgate (1845-1900, Major General)], 8 January. With envelope addressed to Major General E. R. P. Woodgate, C.B. C.M.G., Field Force, South Africa, stamped Secretary of State, Colonial Department and London Official paid, 8 January 1900

Expresses pleasure and offers congratulations at Woodgate's promotion 'in the Order of St Michael and St George in recognition of the valuable services...rendered in Sierra Leone' [where he organised the West African Regiment]. The reference to Woodgate going on to serve his country in another part of Africa is a reference to his transfer to South Africa. He had arrived in Durban in December 1899 and in January occupied Spion Kop with the Lancashire Brigade. He died from wounds received there on 23

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March

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/566      Unsigned letter written in the third person by a clerk from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London] SW to Henry A[rthur] Bright (1830-1884, merchant and author), 26 June      1885

Letter of thanks for sending a copy of his book, 'A year in a Lancashire garden' [published 1879] and                      makes reference to Chamberlain's genuine interest in horticulture: 'Mr Chamberlain is a grower of all kinds of flowers, & especially interested in what are known as perennials, including the common flowers of our cottage gardens'.

The date of the letter is a slight mystery: Bright died in the year before this letter was written

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/567      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to 'My dear Morrison' [Walter Morrison (1836-1921) Liberal MP], 19 Oct      1900

Letter of commiseration on his election defeat: 'We knew that the seat was a doubtful one, but counted, too confidently as it turns out, that your personal influence would be able to retain it'. He also offers his thanks for Morrison's support for the Government and Liberal Unionist Party. The letter then continues with comments about the conduct of the recent general election and expresses concerns about attacks on politicians in their private life - 'a new & dangerous feature in our public life'. The letter is in the hand of a secretary, but signed by Chamberlain

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/568      Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to R[eginald] F[rancis] Palgrave, 24 Sep      1889

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Letter to Palgrave, in his capacity as Clerk of the House of Commons, recommending one Kenneth Edward Milliken, an official in the Post Office, for a Clerkship in the House of Commons. The letter is headed 'Private' by Chamberlain and it has been annotated in a different hand - presumably Palgrave's - with the words 'no hope'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/569 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Office 1902  
to Mr Fielden, 3 Feb

Acknowledges letter of 31 Jan and 'I have a note made of what you say in Mr Radcliffes favour'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/570 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor 1896  
Green, Birmingham to Mr Anderson [Metropolitan Police Office], 11 Oct [18]96

This letter makes reference to the plot against the life of Joseph Chamberlain during his visit to America. As a result of seeing a letter from Anderson to Sir Robert Meade, Chamberlain thanks Anderson for his 'activity on my behalf while I was in the United States' and gives some information about the attempt on his life

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/571 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor 1887  
Green, Birmingham addressed to 'Dear Sir', 24 Aug [18]87

This letter is headed 'Royal Commission' and relates to Chamberlain's desire to have another meeting of the Commission so as to decide whether a separate minority report should be submitted. Other Commissioners - including Mr Warrack - are named, together with information about their positions

1 item

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/572 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London] SW to Mr R. Anderson, 3 Mar 1887

Letter of thanks in respect of Chamberlain's request 'to have bound copies of the Shipping Commission'. He refers to the objections of the Treasury as being 'extremely pedantic'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/573-574 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to D. T. [David Thomas] Young [(d circa 1930), JP and Birmingham Liberal Councillor] 1884

These letters relate to David Young's membership of and participation in the activities of the Cornwall Works Liberal Union. The Cornwall Works were the premises of the engineering firm, Tangyes

In the first of these letters, written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] SW dated 26 May, Chamberlain acknowledges receipt of the copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting of the Cornwall Works Liberal Union and thanks Young for the Union's support, especially for the proposed Merchant Shipping Bill. In the second letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham dated 30 Sep, Chamberlain reaffirms that he cannot undertake to deliver an address to 'your members' [of the Cornwall Works Liberal Union] but hopes to be able to attend a meeting where he could use the occasion 'to say a few words of sympathy with your object & organisation'. The envelope for this letter is addressed to Mr Young at the Cornwall Works, Smethwick

3 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/575 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mr Kinnersley, 9 Dec [18]81 1881

He reports that the Board of Trade are 'already working in the same direction as Mrs Ross and

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her friends' and he offers to receive a deputation, presumably on the same matter, at his offices in London.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/576 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to unknown recipient addressed as 'Dear Duke' 1887

He thanks his correspondent for 'the trouble' he is taking 'about the orchids', asking him to thank Mr Symons on his behalf, and promises that he will 'take care that they have the most careful treatment on arrival & I hope they will do well with me'

26 Sept[ember 18]87

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/577-580 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Professor [Sir Michael] Foster, (1836-1907, surgeon, FRS) 1883-1896

These letters are dated 4 Feb[ruary] 1883, and 29 May, 26 Nov[ember] and 29 Nov[ember] [18]96. Three letters are written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham; one letter, dated 29 Nov 1896, is from 40, Prince's Gardens, [London], S.W. The earliest letter is addressed 'Dear Professor Foster'; the others are addressed as 'My dear Foster'.

The letter of 4 February 1883, concerns an invitation to dine with him in Hall, which he accepts, since he has 'no one in particular to see, except Hammond, my boy's tutor, upon whom I will call, if convenient.'

The letter of 29 May 1896 asks Foster's advice on how best to settle a disagreement with a bulb grower at Naples called Dammann, who sent Chamberlain 'a lot of the worst bulbs' he had ever had.

The other two letters from 1896 concern a dinner engagement at the Royal Society [and are written to Foster as secretary of Royal Society].

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Foster had asked Chamberlain to give an after dinner speech. Chamberlain replies: 'I hate speaking, especially after dinner speaking - but if you want me to hold forth, I will do my best to bore you.' However, he later writes that he has 'received the Queen's command to drive to Windsor' so will be unable to keep his engagement.

4 items

Access: Open

**Related material:** ACLAdd/244 is addressed to the same recipient and was purchased at the same time as these

letters

JCLAdd/581 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S.W. to Mr Petersen, 24 Ap[ri]l 1894

Telling him that his 'question was put down at the request of a constituent, and as the Government have promised to obtain a report through the Foreign Office', he does not 'think it worth while to carry the matter further at present'. He expresses the opinion that he does not see 'how the evil, if it exists, is to be prevented, unless the German manufacturers themselves interfere and induce their Government to give up this kind of competition'.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/582 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40, Prince's Gardens [London] S.W. to Mr Wrench, 9 March [18]95 1895

He asks whether it would be convenient for him to call the following day to discuss the Land Bill

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/583 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Borough of Birmingham Mayor's Office, to Mr Hawkes, 5 1875

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April

Photocopy of brief letter: 'I will bear yr. note in mind and not spoil sport'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/584 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham to Mr Payton [of Payton, Pepper and Sons, 3-5 Vyse Street, Birmingham, jewellery manufacturers], 2 July 1898

Chamberlain was a supporter of the Birmingham Jewellers' and Silversmiths' Association, which was established in 1889. He was a guest at the seventh annual dinner of the Association, in 1895 and his speech included a strong message of support for the Association as a representative organisation of the trade. [Extracts of the speech are printed on the inside front cover of the Association's annual reports, 1895-97].

Chamberlain writes to [?Henry] Payton, a member of the Association, telling him that he was 'delighted to hear the name of the Jewellers' Assn in the list yesterday. You have made a good beginning & I am encouraged by your example to hope that other traders will follow'.

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/585 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston to John Score, Keynsham, Bristol, 4 Dec 1876

Chamberlain campaigned for public control of liquor traffic and changes to the licensing law. This letter is one of reply to proposals from Score about the question in which he says that he differs in opinion: 'I do not think that your suggestion would be more acceptable to the threatened interest than mine, and the sale of licences by auction has been found in other cases to be the indirect cause of increased drunkenness as the high price obtained renders enormous sales necessary to recoup the contractors'

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/586 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London] S.W. to unnamed correspondent addressed as 'Dear Sir', 10 Feb [18]95 1895

He returns the proofs of a speech with a few corrections and indicates that the report is accurate. He happily accepts an omission offered by Mr Whitmore: 'I particularly wish to correct the inference which he thinks might be drawn from the words to be left out'

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/587 Signed note of Joseph Chamberlain issued to Jesse Collings MP, 24 Nov[ember] 1902

This note of authority, written on House of Commons notepaper, was issued to fellow Birmingham MP, Jesse Collings, (1831-1920, MP for Bordesley), as an admission ticket to the platform [of Victoria Station, London]

**Administrative history:** Joseph Chamberlain left England for a tour of South Africa from Victoria station, London on 25 November 1902. Several members of the government were at the station to see him off, including Jesse Collings, who had been a close friend of Chamberlain's for many years.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/588 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston to S. W. Richards, G[rea]t Hampton St Works, Birmingham 3 Nov[ember]. With envelope 1876

Replies to Richards' letter regarding the Birmingham School of Design. He writes that he is not able to 'give the time and thought necessary to the organisation of the School of Design' because of other commitments. He believes that the present chairman of the School

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will 'do all that is possible to achieve its usefulness'. Richards has suggested that the committee is backward, but Chamberlain writes that if this is the case, the subscribers will be able to 'secure a fitting representation'.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/589 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], S.W to Roger Eykyn, 10 August 1883

Replies to Eykyn's letter, regretting that he has 'nothing to do with the appointment of Registrars', but promises Eykyn that his 'recommendation shall be fully considered' if he sends in an application for a Receivership under the Bankruptcy Bill 'accompanied by testimonial. There are a certain number of Receiverships to be created, 'but nothing will be done with respect to them until the Bill has passed'.

**Administrative history:** Chamberlain was responsible for the administration of the Bankruptcy bill through Parliament in the summer of 1883 as a member of Gladstone's government.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/590 Order of service of thanksgiving and commemoration for the life of Joseph Chamberlain 1986

Printed order of service held at Birmingham Cathedral on 8 July 1986 on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth; with printed biography of Joseph Chamberlain compiled by Mr J. H. Hunt, Administrator of the Midland Institute

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/591 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Sidney Medwin 1904

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Letter, dated 17 June and written under the letterhead of 40 Prince's Gardens [London] in which Chamberlain declines an invitation for 8 July as he is being given dinner on that day by colleagues at the House of Commons. He tells Medwin of a sitting he has with the portrait painter [Charles Wellington] Furse when he looks forward to Furse's report of a discussion with Medwin. This discussion appears to be about a suggestion to include likenesses of some of the principal members of 'the Company' [possibly of the family firm, Chamberlain & Nettlefold] in the picture 'as was done by the great Dutch painters'.

Chamberlain also asks whether they were at school together as he remembers a boy 'in a velvet jacket' of the same name at Miss Pace's in Camberwell Grove.

With autograph envelope addressed to Sidney Medwin, Esq., Cordwainers' Hall, London EC.

2 items

Access: Open

JCLAdd/592 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir William Gairdner 1899

Letter, dated 17 May and written from 40 Prince's Gardens, in which he states that he has nothing to do with the management of the Seaman's Hospital or the Tropical School of Medicine but will be very happy to pass on Gairdner's recommendation of Dr Rankin to Dr Manson.

Sir William Tennant Gairdner (1824-1907) was a physician

1 item

Access: Open

JCLAdd/593 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lord Reay 1884

Letter, dated 16 December and written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham in which he congratulates Reay on his appointment to the position of Governor of Bombay. He writes that 'Thus is a great work before you and real responsibility which makes the post very much more important than the one which some time

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ago you declined'. He asks how Lady Reay views the prospect: 'I fear the changes must cause her many regrets & some anxiety'.

He goes on to say the opportunities of service to the state are rare, especially for Peers, and likely to become rarer. He ends by writing that 'when you come back the Democracy will be in full swing - thanks to the admirable way in which Lord Salisbury has played the Radical hand in order once more to dish the Whigs. 'It will be a costly game for himself and his party'

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/594 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain addressed to 'My dear Hamilton' 1885

Letter, dated 20 January [18]85 and written from 40 Prince's Gardens [London] SW in which he tells Hamilton that he is getting better but is still weak and that his doctor has confined him to his house. This therefore prevents him from attending the cabinet and asks his correspondent to explain his absence to Mr Gladstone 'if he comes to Town...or if not to Lord Granville'. His correspondent is probably Mr E. W. Hamilton who was Private Secretary to William Gladstone in 1885]

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/595 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lucy Clifford 1886

Signed letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Lucy Clifford [novelist and dramatist, wife of William Kingdon Clifford], written from 40 Prince's Gardens, 18 April 1886: 'pressure of work has prevented me from earlier acknowledgement of your kind letter... I have read your interesting and ingenious suggestions, but I am sorry to say that they do not commend themselves to my mind. I could not reconcile myself to making a House of Lords - however reformed and glorified - the Key Stone of our Constitution and the arbiter of the destinies of the 3 Kingdoms...'

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JCLAdd/596 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Warr 1902

Signed letter to Mr Warr, 31 July 1902, telling him he is 'in receipt of your letter... transmitting a representation from the Liverpool Town Trade Association regarding the censorship of telegraphic messages from Natal. I am informed by the War Office that all restrictions were formally withdrawn, as regards South Africa, by the Berne Notification of ...1902. Many were withdrawn locally before that date, but Natal... stuck to the letter of the law... The War Office offer to make enquiries into any hindrance which may have occurred subsequently...'

1 letter

Access: Open

JCLAdd/597-598 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Rev J Bainton 1881

Signed letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Rev J Bainton, with a postcard photograph. He has 'fully considered your letter of the 13th instant as well as the previous application and regret to say that I do not see my way to lend pictures for exhibition at Acock's Green'. Written from 72, Prince's Gate, 16 Jul 1881.

2 items

Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered researchers

JCLAdd/599 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to an unnamed correspondent 1878

Signed letter from Joseph Chamberlain to an unnamed correspondent thanking him for 'the revised copy of yr Pamphlet which I have received... I can have no objection to your printing my note, if you think it will in any way serve the object you have in mind..' Written from 30, Wilton Place.

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**Access conditions:** Access to all registered researchers

JCLAdd/600 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Childers 1887

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to 'Dear Childers', probably Hugh Childers (1827-1896), Secretary for War, and earlier, first vice-chancellor of Melbourne University. He regrets that he cannot accept an invitation as he goes 'to Hawick to speak on Saturday & I do not know yet whether I shall be back on Monday, in any case I shall not be in London before Thursday... I have to address my Constituents on the 29th. I hope you are better in spite of the cold weather...' Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham, 20 Jan 1887.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered researchers

JCLAdd/601 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Ivens 1905

Photocopy of letter written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham and dated 5 December, signed by Chamberlain although the text of the letter is in his secretary's hand.

It appears to relate to two unconnected matters. The first concerns 'the action of Revd Mr Martin' which he professes not to understand: 'it appears that all that was wanted from him was to give the name of the person who was the owner of the stolen bags' and adds that in his opinion it was not a case 'in which privilege could be pleaded'. On the second matter, Chamberlain agrees with his correspondent about the decision on the uniforms of volunteer chaplains: 'There seems no reason for change and I am at least so far a conservative that I do not recognise the advantage of change for which no good cause can be shown.' He ends with a reference to a successful meeting including 'our Bishop's

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speech'.

From the subject matter, it seems likely that Mr Ivens was a local clergyman, possibly William Edmunds Ivens who was the incumbent of St James, Edgbaston at this date. Stephen Henry Martin was curate of Immanuel Church, Birmingham and is possibly the 'Revd Mr Martin' referred to in the letter

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Access: Open

**Custodial history:** The provenance of this letter is unknown.

JCLAdd/602 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr. Merivale c 1880

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr. Merivale, most likely John Herman Merivale (1851-1916), Professor of Mining at the College of Physical Science, Newcastle-upon- Tyne. He writes that 'it will give me great pleasure to make your acquaintance when you are next in town, & I shall be very glad to find that it is in my power to render you any service'. Written on Board of Trade headed paper, 16 November c 1880.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

JCLAdd/603 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr. Merivale 1882

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr. Merivale, most likely John Herman Merivale (1851-1916), Professor of Mining at the College of Physical Science, Newcastle-upon- Tyne. Chamberlain writes "I have recieved your amusing letter covering Captain Pitman's testimonials. According to promise I have given instructions that they are to be brought before me when any suitable vacancy occurs..." Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham, 9 December 1882.

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JCLAdd/604 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mrs. Jeune 1887

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mrs. Jeune saying that he had just been in Birmingham "...but shall be in town next Sunday & hope to have pleasure of calling on you then. The Gov.t has not begun well I think." Written from Princes Gardens, London, 25 January 1887.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

**Physical description:** 1 page

JCLAdd/605 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to unidentified recipient 1887

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to an unnamed correspondent (male) thanking him for his "kind offer of assistance. I hope you will be good enough to arrange that your correspondence is sent to me at my London address..."and asking about congested districts. Written from Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 15 April 1887.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

**Physical description:** 1 page

JCLAdd/606 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr. Merivale 1887

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr. Merivale, most likely John Herman Merivale (1851-1916), Professor of Mining at the College of Physical Science, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Chamberlain says that he is "only here in passing & for the Sunday & I have to keep appointments in London tomorrow. Otherwise I should have been

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delighted to attend the performance...both because you request it & also because I know of no greater intellectual treat than a good dramatic performance.." Written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham, 21 August 1887.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

JCLAdd/607 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Mr] James 1882

Letter written from Highbury, Birmingham, dated 28 December and addressed: 'My dear James'. Chamberlain writes that 'Mundella the Great' [Anthony John Mundella 1825-1897, politician], John Morley [1838-1923, politician and writer] and T. H. Escott [1844-1924, journalist and newspaper editor] are visiting him in January and invites James to join their party. He adds: 'I won't bore you with Orchids nor force you to drink dry Champagne & Port - although by these remedies judiciously applied I have got rid of my gout.'

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

**Custodial history:**

JCLAdd/608 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Tillett 1883

Letter written from the House of Commons, dated 19 April. Chamberlain returns Messrs Gurney's letter to Tillett [most likely Benjamin Tillett 1860-1943, trade unionist and politician]. He comments: 'I think the case they put forward has been met in the Bill - Clause 68 sub. sect. 4' and asks Mr Tillett to bring this to their attention. He closes by thanking Tillett for his support.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/609 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to [Sir Edward 1886

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Hamer] Carbutt

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 16 April. Chamberlain thanks Carbutt [1838-1905, politician] for making a 'prompt & liberal response' to his appeal. He adds: 'I hope now that reunion is possible. All depends on Mr. Gladstone. I have proffered the olive branch - will he meet me halfway?'

The subject matter refers to Chamberlain's resignation from the House of Commons the previous month over a dispute with Gladstone about the Irish question.

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JCLAdd/610

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to H[enry] W[illiam] Lucy

1886

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated June 9 and marked 'Private'. Chamberlain writes to clear up a problem with the distribution of his letter to newspapers. Chamberlain stresses that he has no complaints about Lucy's [1843-1924, journalist] behaviour, describing him as 'a powerful but fair minded opponent'. He writes that he suspects that Mr Labouchere [Henry Du Pré Labouchere 1831-1912, journalist and politician] did not pass a copy of the letter to the Daily News as Chamberlain had asked.

The subject matter refers to the Chamberlain's decision to vote against Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill for Ireland.

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Access: Open

JCLAdd/611

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Mr Kinsley

1887

Letter written from 40 Prince's Gardens, London, dated 8 January. Chamberlain writes briefly regarding voting. He claims that if the Pall Mall figures are anything like their facts then 'they are not to be relied on'. He estimates results and states: 'the proportion of failure is slightly less than that of the Gladstonians'.

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JCLAdd/612 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Jesse Collings 1903

Brief note from Joseph Chamberlain to Jesse Collings to confirm a dinner appointment at 8pm that night. Written from the House of Commons March 18th 1903.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

**Custodial history:**

JCLAdd/613 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to 'my dear Trevelyan' 1881

Brief note to say that Monday is a suitable day for Trevelyan to come and that he will send a carriage to meet him from the train station. Dated 4 December 1881.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

**Custodial history:**

JCLAdd/614 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to an unnamed correspondent 1883

Letter written from Prince's Gardens and dated 18 June 18 1883 . He writes 'Your County Court Judge seems to me to be deficient in the judicial mind. Otherwise he would at least have assured himself of the correctness of the report on which he commended before indulging in the statements to which you refer...the report is quite inaccurate...the remark actually made by me in the Bankruptcy Committee was that the reports of the Comptroller showed that many persons who had obtained the office of Trustee were little

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better than swindlers..'

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**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

### Custodial history:

JCLAdd/615 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Canon McColl 1887

Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to Canon McColl, most likely to be Malcolm MacColl (1831-1907), canon of Ripon. He writes that he will meet Canon McColl 'at the Devonshire Club. I wish the Press could be induced to confine their attentions to matters of public interest and to leave the private lives of statesmen altogether alone, but I suppose that is now past praying for.' Written from 40 Prince's Gardens, February 19 1887.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

JCLAdd/616 Letter from Joseph Chamberlain to the Lord Mayor of London 1902

Typed letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Lord Mayor of London, written from Downing Street on 14 May 1902. Chamberlain writes to inform the Mayor of the eruption of Mount Souffriere and subsequently makes an appeal for aid to assist the islanders. Also accompanied is the original telegram received from Sir R .B. Llewelyn, Governor of the Windward Islands informing Chamberlain of the disaster.

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**Custodial history:** The custodial history is unknown

JCLAdd/617      Satirical postcard featuring Joseph Chamberlain      1905

Coloured satirical postcard captioned as 'The Fiscal Fling' depicting Joseph Chamberlain dancing a jig with what appears to be a land owner in front of local onlookers. The postcard was sent to a Mr. and Miss Renwick of Newcastle upon Tyne from a Mrs. S. Moffitt to thank them for their flowers. Postmark dated June 12th.

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Access: Open

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

**Custodial history:** The custodial history is unknown

JCLAdd/618      Satirical postcard featuring Joseph Chamberlain      1905

Coloured unused satirical postcard depicting Joseph Chamberlain as a small monocled naughty school boy frightening off John Bull, the personification of Britain, with the threat of 'protection'. The caption reads 'Mr Bull: Confound that boy, he's up to mischief again'.

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**Access conditions:** Access to all registered readers

**Custodial history:** The custodial history is unknown

JCLAdd/619      Letter to Mr. Alderman [Reuben] Farley J.P. of West Bromwich      1899

Letter addressed to 'my dear sir' written from Highbury, Birmingham dated January 24th 1899. Joseph Chamberlain writes to invite the recipient to a conference to be held at his home on

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February 2nd 'to consider the proposal for a new University' [University of Birmingham]. He goes on to write that his wife would like the Mr. Farley to stay on for tea after the conference.

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JCLAdd/620 Letter to Alderman Reuben Farley of West Bromwich 1876

Letter addressed to 'My dear Sir' written from Southbourne, Augustus Road, Edgbaston dated November 4th 1876. Chamberlain writes to ask Farley to meet him before the scheduled committee of the council so that they can discuss certain matters prior to this important meeting. He proposes to meet at a certain time and requests Farley to respond by telegraph to the Gas Works, Old Square.

**Administrative history:** Alderman Reuben Farley (d. 1899) was a major benefactor to the borough of West Bromwich, distributing his wealth earned through local industry. He served on many of the town's Boards and Committees and gave Greets Green Park and the Oak House to the people of West Bromwich, he was Mayor of the town five times.

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JCLAdd/621 Typescript text entitled 'Chamberlain and Birmingham' [1936]

This is a text, possibly of an address, relating to Joseph Chamberlain's contribution to the municipal administration of Birmingham. Undated but produced 100 years after his birth, possibly to commemorate his centenary. 4pp

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JCLAdd/622 Letter from John Wilson, on behalf of Joseph Chamberlain, to Mr E. Bruce Low 1899

Letter from Chamberlain's Private Secretary, signed J. Wilson, written from Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham and addressed 'Sir' to E. Bruce Low of 23 York Place, Edinburgh, 7 April. With envelope and newscutting

Wilson acknowledges receipt of his letter of 5 April and is directed by Chamberlain to say that 'a Nemesis has overtaken those Liberals who were false to their principles in 1885. The present condition of the Party is the result of their cowardice in surrendering to the Home Rulers'. The newscutting from 'The Evening News' of 5 April 1899 and includes a short commentary on the Irish Unity Conference. One sentence in the report is underlined: 'The fact is, the Irish people are yet totally unfit for even local government on a much humbler scale than Home Rule'.

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JCLAdd/623 Script of radio documentary drama entitled 'Young Joey' by W. G. Stanton 1968

Script of radio documentary drama about Joseph Chamberlain produced by Anthony Cornish. It recorded 19 July 1968, Studio 2, 282 Broad Street, Birmingham.

The cast included Joseph Chamberlain, Rev Arthur Johnson, George Titterton, John Bright, MP, Rev R. W. Dale, and Florence Kenrick.

William Graham (Bill) Stanton (1917-1999) was a British author and radio playwright. He had a short story broadcast on BBC radio on the Morning Story and in 1968 his documentary drama 'Young Joey', about Joseph Chamberlain was broadcast. His first fictional drama, 'The Compost Heap,' was broadcast and this was followed by a number of other plays on social issues during the 1970s

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**Acquisition:** Transferred from Library Services (previously catalogued as a book: qop DA565.C4, book number 706723), June 2011

JCLAdd/624-627 Letters from Joseph Chamberlain to Sir George Kenrick with a cover letter donating them to the University 1898-1940

Three manuscript letters from J[oseph] Chamberlain to [Sir] George [Kenrick], dated 1898, with a signed, typescript letter, dated 1940, from one of the executors of the estate of the late Sir George Kenrick addressed to G. C. Burton, Secretary, University of Birmingham in which, with the agreement of his co-executor, the Prime Minister, he offers the three letters as a gift to the University 'as some record of the activities both of Mr. Chamberlain and Sir George Kenrick in the foundation of the University.'

/624 letter, dated 6 July, on Colonial Office paper, addressed 'Dear George': Chamberlain offers to do anything he can for the University by 'attending a committee or by canvassing any trade or individual' during a forthcoming visit to Birmingham;

/625 letter, dated 9 August, 40 Prince's Gardens [London], addressed 'My dear George': he has had the same reply from E. J. Smith 'to whom I have applied in reference to the Bedstead Trade'; before going on holiday he will take a rest at Highbury 'it is not my fault that I have not given it up to the University propaganda';

/626 letter, dated 20 October, Highbury, Moor Green, Birmingham, addressed 'My dear George', written the day after Chamberlain's return from holiday: 'I am now desirous of doing anything in my power to utilise my time at Highbury on behalf of the University'; he is hopeful of a good outcome to conversations he has had with Arthur Keen and Edward Nettlefold and Nettlefold has promised a subscription of £500; he would like to attend a committee concerning the University's constitution and the next meeting of the Canvassing Committee; Kenrick is likely to know more about what is happening than anyone else;

/627 cover letter, dated 9 April, from W[ilfrid]

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Martineau, Ryland, Martineau and Co., Solicitors,  
Church Street, Birmingham.

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**Custodial history:** Formerly held with the  
University Collection (Finding number  
UC1/i/3/1/51), and transferred to the Joseph  
Chamberlain Letters Additional collection in  
October 2012 as part of the ongoing appraisal of  
the University Heritage archive.