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Much of the historical material in the Laing collection - the largest single  
manuscript collection in the University of Edinburgh Library - has been  
calendared by the Historical Manuscripts Commission. Where an item relevant  
to the present survey is mentioned in their published report, the appropriate  
page reference in H.M.C. Laing (2 vols., 1914, 1925) has been given, but  
entries in the present report are derived from examination of the actual  
documents, rather than from the published calendar. All entries, from Laing  
and all other collections, have been arranged in a single chronological list.

noted in H.M.C. Laing I, 369)

Proposals from Sir Thomas Lynch regarding trial of original maritime cases  
in volume, with particular reference to Jamaica, 16th century.

noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 2)

Diary of Gov. Francis Snelson, regarding accounts of residence in Surinam,  
1661-66; voyage to Guyana, 1670-1 (pp. 12-13); of voyage of Galeon  
[Spain], 1674-1701; and its connection to Jamaica, 1700; with brief comments  
on locations, conditions, personalities, etc.

noted in H.M.C. Laing I, 381)

Part of an account of a voyage to Darien, 1698, including impressions on  
arrival and events following.

noted in H.M.C. Laing I, 400)

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1. Proclamation of 1618 repudiating English Crown's responsibility for any invasion of Spanish territory by Sir Walter Raleigh and his associates.

(MS. La. I. 273 - noted in H.M.C. Laing I, 149)

2. Obligation of Sir William Davidson and partners to pay Earl of Lauderdale fifth part of proceeds on "the holle Breissillia wood and peper" imported from Jamaica, and sixth part of net proceeds of gold obtained there, 1662.

(MS. La. I. 133 - noted in H.M.C. Laing I, 329)

3. Letter from Earl of Tweeddale to Earl of Lauderdale, 1668, mentioning possibility of transporting a prisoner to Barbados.

(MS. La. I. 147 - printed in H.M.C. Laing I, 369)

4. Proposals from Sir Thomas Lynch regarding trial of criminal maritime cases in colonies, with particular reference to Jamaica, late 17th century.

(MS. La. I. 338/7 - noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 2)

5. Diary of Rev. Francis Borland, including accounts of residence in Surinam, 1685-90; visits to Barbados, 1690-1 (pp. 12-16); of colony of Caledonia [Darien], 1699-1700; and its evacuation to Jamaica, 1700; with brief comments on locations, conditions, personalities, &c.

(MS. La. III. 262 - noted in H.M.C. Laing I, 331)

6. Part of an account of a voyage to Darien, 1698, including impressions on arrival and events following.

(MS. La. II. 669 - noted in H.M.C. Laing I, 488)

7. 'Caledonia's Complaint' and 'Answer to Caledonia's Complaint': verses on Darien question, 1699.

(MS. La. II. 89/162-3, ff. 258-9 [Lauder of Fountainhall Collection])

8. Lists of queries about Darien addressed to P. Smith and R. Gray by Robert Wodrow, 1699, 1700.

(MS. La. III. 355, pp. 13-18, 100-03 - printed in L. W. Sharp (ed.), Early Letters of Robert Wodrow, 1698-1709 (Publications of the Scottish History Society, Third Series, vol. XXIV (Edinburgh, 1937) pp. 12-15, 78-80)

9. List of items suitable for trade with Spaniards and natives in Chile and Peru, c. 1700.

(MS. La. I. 338/4 - noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 2)

10. Manuscript, 12 ff., of printed pamphlet A Speech in Parliament on the 10th day of January 1701 by the Lord Belhaven on the affairs of the Indian and African Company and its colonies of Caledonia (Edinburgh, 1701).

(MS. La. III. 320), &c.

11. Will of George Somervill, Jamaica, 1754, including disposal of property, manumission of slaves, &c.

(MS. La. II. 92)

12. Translation of edict of King of Denmark regulating trade to his sugar islands in the West Indies, 1755.

(MS. De. 1. 67, pp. 197-200)

13. Letter from Admiral Rodney, Paris, 1775, regarding papers relating to his command in Leeward Islands.

(MS. La. II. 73/3 - printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 437)

13. About 20 letters regarding affairs of William and Lewis Gordon, 1759-61, concerning residence in and dealings with Jamaica, including comments on commercial, social and economic matters.

(MS. La. II. 498 - extracts from two letters printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 419-20, 428-9)

14. Copy of letter of 1761 from J. Stewart, merchant in Monte Cristi, Hispaniola, to Messrs. Fairholme and partners, Scotland, discussing commercial conditions and British policy towards the Monte Cristi trade; with a list of English goods suitable for that trade.

(MS. La. II. 92 - cf. note in H.M.C. Laing II, 210-1) Log-book of W. Robertson, 1771-1781, but mainly 1781-2, including discussions of naval actions in West Indies.

15. Letter to Earl Dundonald, 1763, referring to reversion of Receiver-Generalship in Jamaica, worth £700 to £800 per year.

(MS. La. II. 98/3 - extract printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 437)

16. Letters and papers, 17 items, relating to public affairs in Jamaica, 1781-1783, particularly tenure of offices of Secretary and Agent-General by Thomas [?].

16. Tabulation, single sheet in French and English, of state of St. Vincent, 1763, including population - French, slave and Carib - and its distribution, land use, defences, &c.

(MS. Dc. 1. 67, p. 763)

17. Military commissions of George III, including 17 relating to West Indies, 1783-1811.

17. 3 letters from John Dalziel, Grenada, 1773, 1774, discussing social and economic conditions on Bellmont and Mount Riche estates, and from Tobago, 1778, mentioning political views and effects of American war; and 2 letters from Archibald Dalziel, 1771, 1778, mentioning visits to Jamaica.

18. Meteorological journals kept in Jamaica, 1785-1792, by John Lindsay,

(MS. Dk. 7, 52/19, /34, /53, /60, /61)

(MS. Dc. 6. 96)

18. Letter from Admiral Rodney, Paris, 1775, regarding papers relating to his command in Leeward Islands.

19. Civil commission of George III nominating J. Jackson as member of Council

(MS. La. II. 73/3 - printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 437)

(MS. La. 641/2, no. 33 - noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 525)

19. Letter from J. Cross, Glasgow, 1779, discussing consequences of French capture of Grenada.

(MS. Dk. 1. 30, f. 169)

20. Descriptive notes relating to island of Trindade (or Trinidad) off Brazil, c. 1780, in naval papers of Commodore George Johnstone.

(MS. La. II. 78 - noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 509)

21. Notes, including passages from journal and naval log-book of W. Robertson, 1773-1801, but mainly 1781-2, including discussions of naval actions in West Indies.

(MS. La. II. 379 - cf. note in H.M.C. Laing II, 509)

22. Letters and papers, 17 items, relating to public affairs in Jamaica, 1781-1818, particularly tenure of offices of Secretary and Agent-General by Thomas Mure.

(MS. La. II. 481 - noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 512)

23. Military commissions of George III, including 17 relating to West Indies, 1783-1811.

(MS. La. II. 641/3 - details printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 471-7)

24. Meteorological journals kept in Jamaica, 1785-1792, by John Lindsay, surgeon, 1 vol., 89 ff.

(MS. Dc. 6. 96)

25. Civil commission of George III nominating J. Jackson as member of Council of Jamaica in place of T. Davison, deceased, 1787.

(MS. La. 641/2, no. 33 - noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 525)

26. Requisition, Jamaica, 1796, for supplies for invalid troops from St Domingo.

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(MS. La. II. 643/37)

27. Letter from Thomas Dundas to Lord Advocate Dundas, H.M.S. Merlin, Belize, 1797, describing military and social situation.

(MS. La. II. 501 - extract printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 606-7)

28. Letter in Spanish from Simón Bolívar, Caracas, 1814, to Admiral Buxton, Barbados, recommending Venezuelan commissioners and their mission to seek

28. Letter from Jaques, Laing and Ewing, Jamaica, 1797, regarding the selling of books there.

(MS. La. II. 150 - noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 758)

(MS. La. III. 353/1)

29. Letter from Admiral Cochrane, Barbados, to Admiral Buxton, Leeward Islands, 1798, regarding conduct of Captain Wallace and others at St Domingo.

(MS. La. II. 179 - printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 758-9)

(MS. La. II. 501 - printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 644-5)

30. About 50 letters to Admiral Buxton, 1814-5, from various correspondents in

30. Letter from Lord Balcarres, Governor of Jamaica, 1798, to Henry Dundas, commenting on political activities of Mr Atkinson.

(MS. Dk. 7. 63/5)

(MS. La. II. 79/29-36 and loose papers - cf. note in H.M.C. Laing II, 715)

31. Letter from P. Lindsay, Demerara, 1798, giving account of productions, opportunities for investment, and reception of French royalists from Cayenne.

(MS. Dc. 4. 41/146)

(Mackinnon Collection MS. 11)

32. Letter from A. Thomson, Grenada, 1798, regarding purchase of an estate and military affairs.

(MS. La. II. 509) statistics for West Indies, 1817-1836.

(MS. Gen. 983)

33. Copy of will of John Drummond, Westmorland, Jamaica, 1802, and letter  
(MS. Da.)

34. Manumission of John Pierre, slave of Wm. Phillip, Grenada, 1811.

(MS. La. II. 79/5)

35. Letter in Spanish from Simón Bolívar, Caracas, 1814, to Admiral Durham, Barbados, recommending Venezuelan commissioners and their mission to seek British assistance.

(MS. La. II. 160 - noted in H.M.C. Laing II, 758)

36. Letter from Admiral Cochrane, Bermuda, to Admiral Durham, Leeward Islands, 1814, requesting ammunition to be sent from West Indies.

(MS. La. II. 159 - printed in H.M.C. Laing II, 758-9)

37. About 50 letters to Admiral Durham, 1814-5, from various correspondents in the West Indies and the Guianas, but mainly Barbados, with some communications from Admiralty, discussing naval matters and giving news, including some of situation in Spanish colonies.

(MS. La. II. 79/29-36 and loose papers - cf. note in H.M.C. Laing II, 715)

38. Legal document relating to property in Grenada, c. 1817, including detailed list of slaves.

(Mackinnon Collection MS. 11)

39. Prize Essay on 'Dysentery, particularly as it occurs among Troops serving in the East and West Indies' by George Mackay, M.D., 1841, including some military medical statistics for West Indies, 1817-1836.

(MS. Gen. 588)



40. Letter from C. Mackenzie, 1832, regarding mineralogy in Cuba, and letter from J. Vetch, 1829, regarding geology of Mexico.

(MS. Gen. 129)

41. Copy of printed book, Account of a voyage to Manilla in a Series of Letters from ... M. Adolphe Barrot to her uncle, Captain George W. Manby (Yarmouth, 1842), with corrected proofs and MS. of work, and 6 additional letters from or concerning the author, 1840-1.

(MS. Dh. 6. 37 - this volume formed part of a collection of some 200 printed books relating to the Philippines presented to Edinburgh University Library by D. M. Forbes in 1917)

42. Journal of Sir William Jardine, naturalist, of visit to Bermuda, Barbados, Trinidad and Jamaica, 1860-1, including descriptions of places, people, sugar manufacture, pitch lake, &c.

(MS. Dk. 6. 20)

43. Letter from C. F. Hartt to Sir Charles Lyell, Brazil, 1870, regarding geological investigations of Amazon basin.

(MS. Lyell. 1, f. 1975)