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Papers of Joseph Cortissos

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| 1 | Letter of recommendation of Joseph Cortissos, in Spanish, from Don Carlos, styled Charles III of Spain, to the Sultan of Morocco
Wrapper | 28 Jun 1704 |
| 2 | Account rendered by Joseph Cortissos for supplies furnished to the British army in Spain during 1706: the account is verified by the Earl of Peterborough in Paris | 10 Jan 1719 |
| 3 | Ratification, in Spanish, by Don Carlos, styled Charles III of Spain, of a contract between his generals and Joseph Cortissos
Copy of the ratification, in Spanish; translation into English | 11 Nov 1705 |
| 4 | Contract, in Spanish, between the Earl of Peterborough and Joseph Cortissos after the raising of the siege of Barcelona, verified, in English, by Peterborough | 15 May 1706 |
| 5 | Appointment by Don Carlos, styled Charles III of Spain, of Joseph Cortissos as contractor of the Spanish army during the war of Spanish succession
Copy of the appointment, in Spanish; translation into English; wrapper | 25 Jul 1705 |
| 5A | Correspondence, accounts relating to provisions to the British and Portuguese armies | c.1707-20 |
| 6 | Three bills of exchange, in Portuguese, with translations, drawn by Franco Vaaz Madera and accepted by De Lima, Chief Treasurer of Portugal; the bill for 29 December is endorsed by the Earl of Galway, one of the British generals
Bills of exchange, related papers, in Portuguese, which were not accepted | 31 Oct, 29 Dec 1708, 10 Mar 1709
1708-9 |
| 7 | Bill of exchange, in Portuguese, with translation, drawn by Franco Vaaz Madera to John Mead, Paymaster General of the English army, for goods received from Joseph Cortissos, who required payment | 11 Oct 1707 |
| 7A | Notarial protest, in Spanish, with translation, by Joseph Cortissos for the non acceptance and non payment of the bill of exchange AJ 144/7 | 10 Aug 1708 |
| 8 | Notarial protest, in Spanish, with translation, concerning the rates of exchange endured by Joseph Cortissos | 15 Apr, 2 Jul, 18 Nov 1707 |
| 9 | Two certificates, in Portuguese, one with translation, by Joao Bressano Leite, State Inspector of Portugal, confirming that orders were given that all monies owed to Joseph Cortissos should be paid | 7 Aug 1708 |
| 10 | Letter, in Portuguese, with translation, from the Marques de Minas to Joseph Cortissos assuring him that a bill will be sent to Holland with all the proper clauses to ensure that he will be paid | 17 Aug 1707 |
| 11 | Memorial, in Portuguese, with translations, from Joseph Cortissos to the King of Portugal sending extracts of the contract between the Marques de Minas and Cortissos for supplies to Portuguese, English and Dutch troops, the resolution of His Majesty in Council ordering accounts to be taken of the amount due to Joseph Cortissos and that | 5 Apr 1712 |

- this be satisfied by general exchequer.
A later addition is a detailed account of the monies owed to Joseph Cortissos 1710-20
- 12 Warrant issued by the Treasury, London, directing that the bill due for provisions provided by John Mead for the Portuguese army be paid out of the subsidy to the King of Portugal
Wrapper 31 Jul 1711
- 13 Copy of assignment, in Portuguese, from John Mead, Deputy Paymaster General, to Joseph Cortissos of the balance of the warrant of £27,392
Photocopy of the document, later typescript and ms. translation; wrapper 10 Jun 1714
- 14 Copy of the translation of the letter from the Secretary of State, Portugal, to the Superintendent and Auditor General suggesting that as the debt of the King of Portugal to Cortissos has grown considerable, as Cortissos now lives in another country, it is his opinion that "His Majesty...would order by His Royal Grandeur to satisfy him what he pretends, putting this affair to one side". 20 Mar 1717
- 15 Account of the King of Portugal's subsidy 1711-14 1717: copy 1792
- 16 Copies, by the Treasury, of the memorials of John Mead and Joseph Cortissos singularly and together seeking outstanding payments to be made to the Portuguese subsidy
Copies of Treasury letters 1717: copy 1792
- 17 Copies, in French, of a certificate from Jacinto Borges Pereira de Castro, Portuguese envoy at London confirming that the King of Portugal will pay the £90,000 debt outstanding to Joseph Cortissos and John Mead for provisioning that army
Translations of the letter, together with translations of AJ 144/18 20 Jul 1717:
copy 1792
- 18 Copy, in French, of a letter from Jacinto Borges Pereira de Castro, Portuguese envoy at London, to John Mead confirming his authority from the King of Portugal to meet the debt owed to Mead and Cortissos 24 Jul 1717:
copy 1792
- 19 Bond signed and sealed by Jacinto Borges Pereira de Castro, Portuguese envoy at London, agreeing on behalf of the King of Portugal to pay Joseph Cortissos twenty percent of all monies received in respect of the Portuguese subsidy for his claim
Copy of the bond
Translation of the bond 14 Jan 1718
14 Jan 1718:
copy 1792
- 20 Copies of the report of J.Craggs, Secretary at War to the Treasury on the case of John Mead and Joseph Cortissos
Translation of the report into Portuguese
Copies of the memorials of John Mead and Joseph Cortissos 28 Feb 1718:
copy 1792
- 21 Copies of the memorial of John Mead and Joseph Cortissos to the Treasury responding to the report of J.Craggs, Secretary of War, and asking that arrangements be made to grant them payment in priority to all other claims
It is noted on the outside of the memorial that whenever any payments are made to the King of Portugal "his pretensions will be reconsidered" 4 Apr 1718:
copy 1792

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- 21A Copy of a letter, in Portuguese, with translation, from D.de M[inorea] Corte Real, [Portuguese Secretary of State], to Joseph Cortissos concerning his claims 28 Jul 1720
- 22 Copies of the memorial of Joseph Cortissos to the Treasury discussing previous memorials and the report of J.Craggs, mentioning that Portugal had obtained payment of the subsidy with the exception of £37,500, and asks for this sum
The memorial is endorsed on the outside: "The Commissioners army's power relating to all foreign demands being determined by Parliament, the power given to the present commissioners is confined to the demands of the subjects of England on the Crown of England only so that my lords can give no directions in this case." 1721: copy 1792
- 23 Letters of denization, in Latin, of Moses Lopez Dias, Abraham Cortissos, Michael Pacheco da Sylva, Aaron Rodriguez Dias, Isaac Mendez Alvarez, Gabriel de Villa Nova and Jacob Dias de Cavalho Translation and transcription of this 28 Jun 1727
watermark: 1812
- 24 Three deeds between Joseph Cortissos and Thomas, Viscount Gage, in which Gage undertakes to endeavour to procure money owed to Cortissos for a commission of fifteen percent 24 May 1737 - 4 Apr 1738
- 25 Contract, in Portuguese, with translation, between Joseph Cortissos and Dr Jacob de Castro Sarmento 21 Sep 1738
- 26 Passport, in German, issued by George II as King of Hanover to Abraham Cortissos to travel for the purpose of providing supplies for the Hanoverian forces in the Austrian Netherlands 16 Sep 1741
- 27 Letter from Abraham Cortissos to General Huniswood and memorial to the Treasury setting out proposals for supplying Hanoverian or British forces in the Austrian Netherlands 2 Jun 1742
- 28 Translation of the will of Joseph Cortissos appointing Jacob Mendes da Costa as administrator and leaving everything to his grandchildren
It is endorsed: "Copy of the will written with his own hand."
There is a note on the outside: "This is the correct draft translation of the will of Joseph Cortissos, the copy of which draft was delivered to Mr. Gostling with its original or original copy for the purpose of being proved when proper."
Wrapper 2 Nov 1731
- 28A Will of Joseph Cortissos, not signed or witnessed but sealed, bequeathing everything to Abraham Cortissos, whom he also appoints as his executor
Copy, in Spanish, of the codicil of Joseph Cortissos which empowers his administrator to settle accounts for claims against the Portuguese and other governments and lists legacies to family members
Translations of the codicil which are not exactly the same
Memorandum by Jacob de Pinna, making observations on the codicil of Joseph Cortissos and explaining that neither the will nor the codicil were proved as the executor destroyed the will considering it of no value 28, 29 Apr 1742
- 29 Probate of the will of Joseph Cortissos the younger, giving elaborate directions for his burial in view of the theft of corpses from Jewish 8 Apr 1789

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burial ground

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| 30 | Probate of the will of Sarah Cortissos, widow of Joseph Cortissos the younger | 6 Jun 1816 |
| 31 | Draft and copies of the memorial of Samuel Cortissos, Joshua Cortissos, Sarah Cortissos, widow of Joseph Cortissos the younger and Abraham Sarfaty on behalf of his wife Sarah, formerly Sarah Cortissos, to the commissioners of Treasury concerning the case of Joseph Cortissos and asking for copies of relevant documents | 16 Mar 1792 |
| 32 | Memorial setting out the case of Joseph Cortissos's claim, with the opinion of William Adam to the specific points
Copy of the memorial setting out the case and questions | 1797 |
| 33 | Draft of and final memorial setting out the case of Joseph Cortissos' claim for the opinion of William Adam
Adam has noted on the outside of the memorial: "I have drawn a memorial with reference to the demands which must all accompany it to the lords of the Treasury and the parties should sign their names tot he fair copy of the memorial into the missary to the House of Commons must be transcribed to come in where I have placed it." | 16 May 1801 |
| 34 | Memorial of Samuel Cortissos, Sarah Cortissos and Abraham Sarfaty to the commissioners of the Treasury
Copies of the memorial | 22 May 1801 |
| 35 | Memorial to the Duchess of Devonshire enclosing a draft and two copies of an outline of the details of the case of Joseph Cortissos' claim | 15 Aug 1804 |
| 36 | Petition, in Portuguese, of Josiah Cortissos, Samuel Cortissos and Grace Sarfaty to the Crown of Portugal
Translation of the petition; various drafts of the outline of the details of the case
Wrapper | 31 May 1808 |
| 37 | Three copies of the memorial of Sarah Sarfaty, formerly Cortissos, Abraham Cortissos, Josiah Cortissos and Samuel Cortissos to the commissioners of the Treasury, supporting affidavit from Sarah Sarfaty | Aug 1809 |
| 38 | Draft and copies of a memorial of the case of Joseph Cortissos' claims for the opinion of William Adam
Abstract of documents accompanying the notarial certificate sent for the opinion of Joseph Reddall | 31 May 1808 |
| 39 | Draft memorials of Samuel Cortissos, Abraham Cortissos and Josiah Cortissos to the commissioners of the Treasury | Jul 1812 |
| 39A | Letter from Edward Drummond to Messrs Cortissos acknowledging their letter and declining to see them on behalf of George Canning due to pressure of public business and the fact their case has already been considered by the Treasury
Letter from B.T.Balfour to Messrs Cortissos declining, on behalf of Lord Goderich, to interfere in the case
Wrappers | 19 Jun 1827

23 Aug 1827 |
| 40 | Correspondence, preparatory documents relating to the various | early 19th c. |

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memorials to the Treasury, copies of agreements

41	Certificate from Thomas Mere, Pay Office, that Joseph Cortissos was paid the £11,490.9s.6d. for the supplies furnished to the English army in Spain in 1706	5 Mar 1721
42	Accounts, abstracts of documents relating to the claim of Joseph Cortissos	1706-21
43	Certification of births, marriages and deaths of members of the Cortissos family	19th c.
44	Lists of documents relating to the case of Joseph Cortissos, copies of papers	c.1792
45	Genealogy of the Cortissos family by Joseph Cortissos the younger, draft papers by Jacob de Pinna on the Cortissos family genealogy, correspondence between Edward Jones and Jacob de Pinna on these papers and their relevance to the case, notes on the Cortissos family	1824
45A	Copy of part of the genealogical chart of the Cortissos family, notes on the family	n.d. watermark 1824
46	Copies, in Portuguese, of the decree of the Queen of Portugal concerning the case of Joseph Cortissos	1788
47	Extract from memoirs of an English officer who served in the Portuguese army during the reign of Queen Anne, relating to Joseph Cortissos	n.d. watermark 1796
48	Account of an incident in Barcelona concerning the circumcision of a son of Joseph Cortissos who was born there and the request by the inquisition to baptise the child	n.d.
49	Correspondence of Jacob de Pinna, papers relating to the outstanding bills	c.1824
50	Arms of the Worshipful Company of Scriveners of London	n.d.