

BR11 Papers of Henry Temple, second Viscount Palmerston

BR11/1	Copy of a letter [BR11/1/1] to the second Viscount Palmerston, docketed 'Mrs Howe, 1761' (or 1771), mentioning the Duke of Bedford's motion in the House of Lords for an address to the King to recall forces from Germany; the reply of Lord Bute and the division; the death of the Tsarina; the departure of the Brest fleet; Lord Albermale's departure for Portsmouth the following week; brevet lieutenant colonels; the drawing room at Leicester House; nominatio of Keppel as Albermale's second in command; Lord Howe to have a command shortly, currently at Plymouth; to be a 'gay winter' season in London: n.d.; [BR11/1/2] a leaf from another letter, probably from Lady C.Burgoyne, n.d. mid to late 18th century	1761 and mid to late 18th century
BR11/2	Eight letters to and from the second Viscount Palmerston: four from Lady C.Burgoyne; one from Mrs Howe; one from Madame Geoffrein; two drafts of outgoing letters from Lord Palmerston on his tour of Switzerland ('I am now settled in Voltaire's house and am regretting the time I wasted in the neighbourhood before I cam hither')	1763
BR11/3	Sixteen letters to and from the second Viscount Palmerston: extracts of drafts of four letters from Lord Palmerston, describing his tour of Italy, from Rome (23 Mar 1764), including his excursions to Naples; from Venice (22 Jun 1764); Milan (24 Aug 1764) and Paris (26 Nov 1764); four letters from Mrs C.Howe, at Albemarle Street and Althorpe; three from Mr W.Arden, describing a journey through Bavaria and the Tyrol, together with 'An explanation of the allegorical picture at Althorpe by Allori'; one from Mrs Greville; one (unidentified) describing the English royal court; one from E.L. (possibly Lady Longford); one from Sir William Hamilton, Naples, 19 Dec 1764, on the drawing of the mausoleum and triumphal arch of St Remis; and one from Lady C.Burgoyne	1764
BR11/4	Three letters to the second Viscount Palmerston: two from Lady C.Burgoyne, Chesterfield Street; and one from W.Arden, about a Bohemian acquaintance and hunting	1765
BR11/5	Letter to the second Viscount Palmerston from Lady Longford, Dublin, on social and family matters	3 Apr 1766
BR11/6	Letter from Charles Legay, Southampton, to the second Viscount Palmerton, about the ceremony attending the impending election of a new mayor of Southampton	1 Sep 1767
BR11/7	Two letters from Charles Legay to the second Viscount Palmerston about Palmerston's election and election expenses [?at Southampton]	15 May 1768 23 Jun 1768
BR11/8	Letters to the second Viscount Palmerston: [BR11/8/1] from Lord Huntingdon on Palmerston's advise for a proposed tour of Switzerland the German courts, reporting the celebrations at Versailles on the marriage of the Comte de Provence, 14 May 1771; [BR11/8/2] from Mrs Isabella Poyntz, 17 Oct 1771	1771
BR11/9	Letters to the second Viscount Palmerston: [BR11/9/1] from Monsieur Frenais, Paris, with Palmerston's draft reply, asking permission to dedicate to Palmerston his translation of <i>Tristram Shandy</i> ; [BR11/9/2-3] two letters from James Burrow, declining	1775

Palmerston's invitation for him to spend Christmas at Broadlands

- BR11/10 Five letters [BR11/10/1-5] from Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, Broadlands, to her husband, the second Viscount, *en route* for Ireland: [BR11/10/1] describing her return to Broadlands, Soathampton and the balls there, a trip to Hursley, 10 Aug 1784; [BR11/10/2] a social visit to Southampton, to Stoneham to Lady Cadogan and the Sloanes, furnishings at Broadlands, 12[?] Aug 1784; [BR11/10/3] Lord Palmerston's arrival in Dublin; a visit to Paltons with Lady Cadogan and a report of a proposed visit to the Isle of Wight; visits and visitors; gift of venison, 18 Aug 1784; [BR11/10/4] social news, Lady Cadogan and the trip to the Isle of Wight (partly to view the *Royal George*); visit ('a junket in the Forest'), 25 Aug 1784; [BR11/10/5] comments on Lord Palmerston's account of Ireland; recovery of her lost dog, Viper; news of Brighton and the Prince of Wales; 'Sir Harry Englefield will not leave town till after the balloon experiment', 31 Aug 1784
- Copy of a letter [BR11/10/6] from Sir John Day, Chinsura, to Sir William Jones, describing a tiger hunt on the banks of the Ganges near Chinsura, Apr 1784; two letters from Benjamin Mee to Lord Palmerston: [BR11/10/7] from Madras; Lord Macartney has resigned his appointment in Bengal and Mee has lost his chance of patronage; description of the settlement at Madras — 'the palanquans are very indifferent and I do not see the least appearance of Eastern magnificence. The settlement at Calcutta and here are much displeas'd with Mr Pitt's bill particularly the clauses respecting the courts of judicature and the obligation to discover property'; consider'd much worse the Mr Fox's bill; meeting at Calcutta framed strong resolutions, 11 Sep 1785; [BR11/10/8] from Calcutta; journey from Madras; lodging with Mr Wilkins, oriental scholar studying Sanscrit; supposed reasons for Lord Macartney declining the government; the French increasing their forces in India; Tippoo's quarrel with the Mahrattas; money made by Mr Hastings prior to his return to Europe; diet and indigestion, 29 Oct 1785
- BR11/11 Three letters from Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, to her husband, the second Viscount: [BR11/11/1] arrival of Stephen; visit to Mount Pleasant and Bevois Mount, with the Packingtons, the Masons, Lady Spencer and Lord and Lady Duncannon — the place much improved; visit of Lord Duncannon to Highcliffe, to Lady Bute; Lady Palmerston's children, 31 Jul 1786; [BR11/11/2] visits to Lee and to Southampton; the cook at Broadlands, 4 Aug 1786; [BR11/11/3] Harry and Fanny Temple (the children), a ball at Broadlands, 17 Dec 1786
- Seven letters from Benjamin Mee at Calcutta to the second Viscount Palmerston: [BR11/11/4] Mee's finances; obtaining patronage in India; prospects in the cloth trade; Mr Wilkins the elder and the printing of Persian and Bengali; delays in paying the army; 'two Jews have been taken up and sent to Luckow for committing some robbery in the cantonments. They prove, 'tis said, the two Jews who were concern'd in Mrs Hutchins' robbery at Chelsea and escap'd. The one nam'd Lyons or Isaacs, goes by both, the other Levi'; asks for some Broadlands ale; Mr Hodges' pictures of India, made ot look like [English] noblemen's seats, 9 Jan 1786; [BR11/11/5] little prospect of employment; purchase of bills of exchange; contracts for elephants and cloth; has set up a bank jointly with others; rumours of Tippoo's death, not believed by the French; said 'that 70 English officers are still confined and cruelly treated by Tippoo's order at Seringapatam and have been obliged to

turn Mussullmen', 2 and 4 Mar 1786; [BR11/11/6] financial speculation and the proposed banking house, 8 Mar 1786; [BR11/11/7] the establishment of his banking partnership with Messrs Rider, Hay, Henschman, Whelwell and Johnson; a rival scheme for a proprietary bank, to be established by a Frenchman, Monsieur Fortier; expedition to go to the Malays with two companies of sepoys and two guns at the invitation of the chief of Pulo Poolan 'in order that we may have a settlement to relieve the natives from the impositions of the Dutch'; French East India company allowed to establish a house in Calcutta at preferential rates; fate of French settlement on Madagascar, 22 Mar 1786; [BR11/11/8] 'the whole settlement is suffering from the want of spirited measures being carried on. Little mean jobs are in an underhand manner daily coming to light'; discounts on the East India Company's paper; the banking partnership; need for sound advice for Lord C[ornwallis] on the natives; preferential treatment given to the French East India company for imports from Bengal and elsewhere into Calcutta; arrival of more ships than there are goods to be loaded; the army at Cawnpore and other stations up the country are three or four months in arrears; Tipoo has taken Adoni from the Nizam of Hyderabad, 23 Aug 1786; [BR11/11/9] arrival of Lord C[ornwallis]; Mee's hopes of patronage; arrangements for paying the arrears of the Madras army; the history of French settlements on madagascar, 17 Sep 1786; [BR11/11/10] conduct of business by Lord C[ornwallis]; memorial against the privileges granted to the French East India company; poor financial advice given to Lord Cornwallis; possible problems in the Carnatic resulting from a serious illness of the Nabob of Arcot; reports of Tipoo surprising the Mahratta camp, 14 Nov 1786

- BR11/12 Copy of a letter [BR11/12/1] from Messrs Rider, Henschman, Mure and Mee to Lord Cornwallis, protesting at the disadvantages to them, as abank, of the order authorising the exclusive receipt of the notes of the General Bank at all public offices in Calcutta, 11 Jan 1787; [BR11/12/3] copy of the reply of Lord Cornwallis, 'the Bengal Bank', 12 Jan 1787; [BR11/12/3] letter from Benjamin Mee to the second Viscount Palmerston, thanking him for news of Palmerston's children; awaits a favorable account of their inoculation; the House of Commons and Warren Hastings; departure of Lord Cornwallis for Benares and the question of the restoration of Cheyt Singh; Mee invited every week to dine with Lord Cornwallis; expansion of Mee's banking business notwithstanding benefits rivals have of having their notes receivable by government; security of silver; Mee's share in Henschman's business furnishing officers and captains of returning Indiamen 'with goods for their homeward bound investment'; Lord Cornwallis's audience with the Prince at Benares; 'the market here [Calcutta] is overstocked with European articles and are selling very low. The captains of next season will find themselves much deciev'd in the expectation of their profits on their outward-bound investment'; peace between Scindia, the Nizam and the Mahrattas, 1787 1787
- BR11/13 Letters from Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, Broadlands to her husband, the second Viscount, in Dublin: [BR11/13/1] boat trip down the Solent to the Hamble and Netley Abbey; building work at Broadlands, 6 Aug 1788; [BR11/13/2] visit to Mr Temple; progress of building work at Broadlands, 11 Aug 1788; [BR11/13/3] a water party (i.e. a boat trip) with Lord and Lady Portchester, the Hammonds, Sloands and Packingtons, in the *Medina*, saling from Freemantle up and down the Solent; alterations to the south wing at 1788

Broadlands, 31 Aug 1788; [BR11/13/4] visiting Lady Stowell at Holt; Lord Stowell and hunting at Hackwood and near Andover; building work at Broadlands; the Queen's appointment of Lady Courtown, 'her particular friend', with salary of Lady of the Bedchamber, 6 Sep 1788; [BR11/13/5] Broadlands, social visits; death of a horse; building work at Broadlands, 11 Sep 1788; [BR11/13/6] hopes Lord Palmerston will have returned in time to engage Lord and Lady Roden on their way to Bath; Mr Sloane to stand for Southampton, 14 Sep 1788; [BR11/13/7] Lady Stowell and a visit to Southampton; the children and illnesses; pot put on the Book Room chimney at Broadlands, 18 Nov 1788; [BR11/13/8] Pittites expect the Foxites to be only 'a mince pie administration'; a letter from Lady Malmesbury at Lausanne; visit from Lady Shelley and Philly Sloane; Fleming not to stand for Southampton at the next election; plans for visits to an assembly and ball; the children, 4 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/9] the King's health, the regency and the government, 5 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/10] the regency; the children, 9 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/11] views on Pitt; visitors expected, 12 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/12] frozen river and snow; the children; the Duke of York's speech and politics; the Chancellor; music books; employment of workmen on the building work at Broadlands, 17 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/13] Pitt, the terms of the regency; the children; music books, 19 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/14] Lord Palmerston's health and lack of servants in London; walking in the New Forest; General Stibbert's house and grounds; Sir John Shelley staying; the Pelhams; the Pittites, 25 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/15] plans for building at Broadlands; Holland and the 'eating room', 26 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/16] Lady Palmerston's stay in London; visit to Clapham and to the play — 'This morning we went to see Mrs Siddons at Sir Joshua's and at Hamiltons'; business in Parliament, reduction in the army; the debts of the establishment of the Prince of Wales, £150,000 to discharge his debts and another £100,000 to live 'sans Mama sans Papa', n.d. Friday, Park Street, probably earlier than 1788

Letter [BR11/13/17] from John Dent, General Insurance Office, to 'Miss Temple', about a supposed application in her name by her gardener leading to the release of Thomas Pierson, a thief convicted at Quarter Sessions in Southwark, 21 Jan 1788; [BR11/13/18] letter from Viscountess Palmerston to Benjamin Mee: death of Mrs Godschall Johnson; the King's insanity and helath; the proposed regency and the Prince of Wales, 11 Dec 1788; [BR11/13/19] letter from Benjamin Mee to the second Viscount Palmerston on banking arrangements in Calcutta and public finance; payment of the army; loss by being paid in gold; Lord Cornwallis and Indian finance; embargo on the export of rice resulting from the distress in Dacca province caused by violent rains the preceding season; orders for cloth received; 'Mr Hastings writes in great spirits to his friends here and with confidence of acquittal', 8 Mar 1788

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Letters from Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, Bath, to her husband, the second Viscount: [BR11/14/1] visit from the Culverdens and the Viscountess' mother; 'we have for one week taken Mr Gibbon's house in the Circus to which we shall remove at four o'clock'; dullness of Bath; does not want the King to dissolve Parliament; the children, 7 Apr 1789; [BR11/14/2] departure of the Culverdens; Major Ross and a duel; both parties arrested before it could take place; one of the principals and his second lived at York House; visit of Harry Pelham; Lord P[elham ?] has not paid his debts or given him £3,000; brutishness of Lord Palmerston's cousin, Tom Hankey; recovery of Lady Palmerston's mother, 13 Apr 1789; [BR11/14/3] staying on in Bath to help her mother settle into

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Catharine Place; Lord Malmesbury and the renting of Grove Place; disposal of Lady Palmerston's ticket for the ball at Brooks's; Harry Pelham; 'Tom Pelham is gone down to Brightelmone to meet and pass some days with the Prince'; auction of a picture by Gainsborough — 'Shall I make you a present of it out of my winnings at cards?'; Bath corporation to petition Parliament to raise by a double toll sufficient funds for intended alterations in the lower town; opposition to the scheme, 15 Apr 1789; [BR11/14/4] will not attend the ball; 'Did I tell you Mrs Fitzherbert has sent Mother Mack a ticket for Brookes? And she has sent to know whether her white damask will do, and has desired Mrs Fitz to hire her feathers as she will not be at the expense of buying them'; Lady Palmerston is pleased that her husband did not like the Prince's answer; her children, 16 Apr 1789

Letters from the second Viscount Palmerston to Benjamin Mee in Calcutta: [BR11/14/6] the children; Lady Palmerston's lying in at Broadlands (birth of Mary); the King's insanity and recovery; Mr Pitt's handling of the arrangements for the regency, to the dislike of the Prince of Wales; question dropped on the King's recovery; good conduct of the Prince of Wales; the Irish have addressed the Prince, asking him to take the regency upon him, but Lord Buckingham, the Lord Lieutenant, has refused to transmit the address; dissolution of Parliament expected in 1789 — Mr Pitt will be glad to get a new one while his popularity lasts; not as popular as before, and probably some significant financial problems; King's speech (preview at the Cockpit): renewal of treaties with Prussia and of supplies, as usual, 9 Mar 1789; [BR11/14/7] at Broadlands; regrets Lord Cornwallis has not offered more in the way of patronage; Lord Palmerston expects a long period of tranquillity: 'fortunately your apprehensions of war are entirely groundless'; recovery of George III has re-established the ministry; Palmerston believes Pitt, with Treasury influence, will have a good majority at a new election, despite loss of popularity by his excise plan for tobacco, etc.; return of Prince William, Duke of Clarence, who is very well liked in general. 'He is very much of the sailor ...'; dreadful and astonishing situation in France; meeting of the estates; dismissal of Neckar; King's army of 25,000 deployed as if to make an assault, but not to be depended on; King submits and Neckar recalled; King's brother and his friends proscribed; proposal by Neckar for general amnesty rejected; Queen remains at Versailles; National Assembly is talking of a new constitution; Russia and Austria are finding the Turkish war harder than expected; the Austrian Low Countries are on the point of revolt; languid war between Russia and Sweden; Britain keeps Denmark from interfering on the Russian side — probably not founded in justice, but politic to keep the balance of power in the northern states; intended tour of Lord Palmerston and family to Italy in a month's time; a wet and bad summer, 9 Aug 1789

Letter [BR11/14/8] from Benjamin Mee, [Calcutta], to Lord Palmerston: regrets English mail to India cannot be conveyed by way of Suez, like the French; sending views of India by Mr Daniel and a translation, by William Jones, of a Sanskrit play; Indian finances; little private freight to fill up the tonnage of ships; Lord Cornwallis looking forward with pleasure to his departure in January 1791; delays of business by methods of the Governor in Council; a new coinage under consideration; one coin possibly to circulate throughout Bengal, 8 Dec [1789]; [BR11/14/9] copy of a letter from Lord Palmerston to [Mr Godschall?] upon Palmerston's return from a pleasant and interesting European tour; Palmerston was surprised at the lack of accounts of any decisive events in Brabant and Flanders as when he left Brussels on 27 October war

was in progress between the Emperor's troops and the insurgents; an issue was expected because the area concerned is small and it would not be in the Emperor's interests to leave the insurgents unmolested; 13,000 imperial troops would be sufficient if applied to the task immediately, but not if the business is not speedily finished; the Emperor's government unpopular; everything quiet in France, good order and the police well established, 10 Nov 1789

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Letters from Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, Broadlands, to her husband, the second Viscount: [BR11/15/1] the health of their son, Henry; Pitt's behaviour in the Hastings' business; 'I am glad you have got over the picture meeting so well. I wish Sir Joshua could paint in the middle something like the sketches of Miss Gordon's face'; guests at dinner; premature to fill the ice-house; social news, 2 Dec 1790; [BR11/15/2] continued improvement of Henry; departure of the St Johns for London; Mr Ellis's coaching accident at the new bridge in Romsey; a box at the opera, 3 Dec 1790; [BR11/15/3] the family; speeches of Fox and Pitt; social news; commissions for lavender water and Hoffman's drops, 17 Dec 1790; [BR11/15/4] visit to Grove Place to Lady Malmesbury; reading accounts of the debates in the *Star*, Pitt probably to vote against impeachment; requires a 'nice nutmeg grater, which is sometimes wanted by company after supper', 19 Dec 1790

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Letters from the second Viscount Palmerston to Benjamin Mee: [BR11/15/5] scheme for wintering in Italy changed to a short tour on the Continent; in some respects Palmerston was witness to the beginning of the revolution in the Austria Netherlands, having been at Brussels when the insurgents entered the country; Palmerston surprised at their success; whole business planned and paid for by the church; the progress of the French revolution; Burke's pamphlet and speech on the subject; Palmerston expects a general peace or war to ensue; King of Prussia stands as a kind of arbiter; health of George III good; since the affair of the proposed regency, the Queen has taken a greater part than before; Mr Pitt possesses her confidence, but the Chancellor more of the King's; discord between the two; the King wishes to go to Hanover, but will probably be dissuaded from it; dissolution of Parliament expected next Easter; expect a very large number of gentlemen from India to come in; has raised the market price to at least 4,000 guineas; Pitt and finance; Hastings' trial continues, 1790; [BR11/15/6] the state of India business; dispute with Spain over trade from England, India and China to the north west of America; establishment of a trading post at Nootka Sound, largely for furs; Spaniards have seized ships and cargoes and imprisoned crews; British have demanded restitution; Spaniards attempting now to prohibit British whale fishing in the south Atlantic; Spain is arming and may try to assert claims by force; Pitt accused by Opposition of being supine; 'A war about such objects is a great misfortune for us at a moment when a hope was held out that we were to begin to make some real progress in reducing our debt and yet if the Spaniards are obstinate and headstrong I do not know that it can be avoided'; as General Meadows is to succeed Lord Cornwallis, Palmerston has spoken to Mr Pierpont (i.e. Charles Meadows) who has promised a strong recommendation of Benjamin Mee to his brother, 12 May 1790; [BR11/15/7] at Broadlands; public affairs in India seem to be going on in a strange manner; nor is it thought that the destruction of Tippoo Sahib's power would be prudent while the Mahrattas retain their's; does not now anticipate a war with Spain; Spanish fleet in the mouth of the Channel, but has, probably deliberately (on both sides) not met the British fleet; another British fleet assembled in the Downs, supposedly to keep Russia in order, but the threat is

believed over; lamentable state of affairs in France; the decreasing value of *assignats* and the departure of Necker; National Assembly (probably bought by Spain) has voted to support Spain if she goes to war, but this is a totally impracticable measure; the new British Parliament has not yet met; the elections turned out much as expected, with the ministry gaining some seats but not many, 12 Sep 1790

Letters from Benjamin Mee, at Calcutta, to the second Viscount Palmerston: [BR11/15/8] a sudden large borrowing by the General Bank has had an effect on the East India Company's bonds; brokers of opium have Lord Cornwallis' consent to clear out their purchases using the Company's paper rather than cash (postponed for two months); minute of Mr Shore, prior to departure, 'his recantation', leaving the country in greater anarchy and confusion with respect to its revenues than when he took charge [of the Commercial Department]; uncomfortable for Lord Cornwallis; if Mr Grant, the successor in the Commercial Department, should leave a similar minute, Lord Cornwallis' government will not close to great satisfaction; the Company's ships lack cargoes; 300 pipes of Madeira refused for sale because no one will pay 300 ruples a pipe for it; mutual distrust between government and individuals is prevalent, 11 Jan 1790; [BR11/15/9] the war against Tippoo, but concern about its funding; difficult country and money must be supplied from Calcutta 'for the Carnatic cannot pay her peace establishment without the aid of Bengal'; the wealthy natives, not wooed by Cornwallis, have been keeping their money to themselves; money in circulation is diminished; 'The Nizam will assist us with his cavalry which, tho' not equal to the City Horse Association, may serve to harrass the enemy'; Mahrattas promise assistance; fall in the Company's revenue and it will need the assistance of Parliament; Lord Cornwallis in Council has removed Messrs E. Holland and Taylor from their seats at the Council Board of Madras for not showing obedience to orders to prepare for war; news that the Travancore Lines have been taken by Tippoo and he is sending his cavalry to ravage the Carnatic, 14 Apr 1790; [BR11/15/10] does not think that he will have an opportunity to present the letters to General Meadows as Lord Cornwallis has resolved to go to the coast and take charge of the army; the General may go home in dudgeon; Lord Cornwallis feels this will allow more effective prosecution of war or peace; effects of the war are severely felt by the Company; campaign against Tippoo not easy; more cavalry and oxen needed for the guns; all needs much money; latest statement of public debt; threats to the credit of the Company; Company is effectively checking trade rather than encouraging it; 'there is not any member of Council who will or I believe can take an active part to encourage commerce and the manufactures'; unless there is victory against Tippoo shortly, the Mahrattas will be lukewarm and hinder peace negotiations, 21 Nov 1790

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Letters from Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, Broadlands, to her husband, the second Viscount: [BR11/16/1] dismay at the trimming of the elms in the Dairy Walk; excellent state of the kitchen garden and New Forest plantation; haymaking and a boating accident; social visits, to Lord and Lady Malmesbury at Grove Place; 'the French families are there'; 'Harry Phipps is to be Secretary at War', 13 Jul 1791; [BR11/16/2] the children; an excursion to the New Forest; entertainment at Broadlands, assisted by Lord and Lady Malmesbury and their French party — 'they have been very fortunate in meeting with the Malmesburys who you may believe have done everything possible to soften the rigour of their fate'; visit by Lady Shelley and Lady Douglas, the latter having lost an eye, her

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hair and become lame as a consequence of her last lying in; casual visitors to Broadlands — 'Every day there are parties to see the house. Everybody is in admiration of it'; social gossip; Mr Wilkins, a tutor, to attend Harry two hours a morning — 'I really felt it was a sad thing so clever a boy should waste all his hours and without some obligation to attend it's impossible to expect children will prefer learning anything to playing about', 18 Jul 1791; [BR11/16/3] hopes Lord Palmerston will leave Paris prudently 'some time before there is a positive necessity'; the children; Lady Palmerston's visit to Brockwood [home of Lord Malmesbury]; thinks it an absurd choice for Lord Malmesbury, 'who loves magnificence and society' — he has now determined not to furnish it for another year and to stay that time at Grove Place; movements of the Prince Regent; Mr Holland and plans at the lodge; no one has applied for Palmerston's house in Park Street, although an East Indian has seen and liked it; further visit by Lord Malmesbury and Mr Holland, who then went together to Dibden to talk about building; although he liked the situation, nothing was fixed; the Winchester races; the Malmesburys to stay until the middle of August, but Lady Cornwall will not part with her daughter; the servants at Broadlands, 25 Jul 1791; [BR11/16/4] great meeting at the Pentons; visitors to Broadlands — 'Yesterday I did the right thing. I had all Brittainy to dine and sup — we were eighteen'; departure of French party on Monday; the projected visit of the Malmesburys to the Continent, not intending to go through France; the children; lights for the eating room chimney, 29 Jul 1791; [BR11/16/5] Lord Palmerston's purchases of pictures and companions on tour; French visitors are convinced that there is an army ready to attack Paris as soon as the decrees are finished; the Duke of York's marriage, the Duke of Portland not informed; Lord Malmesbury summoned by the Prince of Wales to Brighton 'which is a sure sign he is in some kind of distress'; the plans of the Malmesburys, leaving their children at Brockwood while they go to Italy; 'Lord Malmesbury is at this moment in a great quandary. Mr Dawkins is going to sell his place near Salisbury and Lord Malmesbury has the refusal. It is the very object of his wishes and when a boy he set his heart upon it tho' in those days as much beyond his expectations as Broadlands mine'; Lord Malmesbury is afraid Mr Hooper will not like him quitting Brockwood; Lady Palmerston hopes the Malmesbury's take it; social news; the children, 1 Aug 1791; [BR11/16/6] [letter incomplete, first bifolium only] hopes Lord Palmerston will not regret leaving Paris too soon 'as you are so well form'd to enjoy any curious and interesting occurrence'; Lady Palmerston hopes the bad news from Ireland will not oblige her husband to go there; Lord Malmesbury and Mr Dawkins' property; Lord Malmesbury has gone to Brighton with Anthony St Ledger; social news; the bells rung in Romsey when it is known that Lord Palmerston not a prisoner in France, 3 Aug 1791; [BR11/16/7] visit by Lady Loughbro' and other visitors to Broadlands; the Prince of Wales and the marriage of the Duke of York; Lord Malmesbury and his stay at Brighton Pavilion; 'and when the Prince went to bed at eleven, Lord Malmesbury went to supper with Lady Mexbro' and Mrs Hale, who he says are come down for the races like two professional ladies of the description of Lord Stowell's dear Charlotte who is arrived and he is expected there today'; Mr Mayler has taken Grove Place; the plans of the Malmesburys; Mr Holland has received many applications to rent Palmerston's house in Park Street, but not to purchase it; no way of stopping the Malmesburys going; 'Lord Malmesbury means to go to Spa and *entre nous* I believe with some design of negotiating a treaty between the Prince of Wales and Princess Louise, the King of Prussia's cousin'; the Empress of Russia's request for a bust of

Charles Fox; the children, 7 Aug 1791; [BR11/16/8] the postal service; social gatherings at Broadlands; a proposed visit to see the fleet; French royalist visitors; 'I am sure if you were a follower of the fashion you would hasten to England to see Broadlands for every day produces one and many three parties to view our beautiful domain', 15 Aug 1791; [BR11/16/9] events in Paris; a dinner party at Broadlands; visit by boat to see the fleet and Portsmouth dockyard; departure of the fleet for Plymouth and Chatham, 22 Aug 1791; [BR11/16/10] family party at dinner; Johnson's travels to Cheltenham, South Wales and Bath; Mrs Cut in France, a stormy voyage in the Channel; more ships to be commissioned for the navy; disposition to mutiny among midshipmen, twelve months imprisonment for one from the *Lion* as an example, 22 Aug 1791; [BR11/16/11] a visit to Lady Heathcote at Hursley, the house there; Lord Cornwallis' military intelligence in the war against Tippoo; social visits; difficulty letting the lodge at Broadlands; 50 pine trees ordered; the ponds at Sheen, 11 Sep 1791; [BR11/16/12] death of Davis; 'The Vernons came to me yesterday which is to them a great treat to leave the heat of Southampton for the cool shades of Broadlands; a visit to the Sloanes and match-making for Maria Sloane; death of the French ambassador at Southampton; a 'little war with the Romsonians on shutting up the gate'; Lord Blandford's proposed marriage, 15 Sep 1791; [BR11/16/13] Harry's health, correspondence and domestic matters, 12 Oct 1791

Letter [BR11/16/14] from Lord Palmerston to Benjamin Mee: children's health — 'we are on the point of inoculating the two middlemost ...'; Indian politics and the war with Tippoo; Indian bank funds; war with Russia 'to please the King of Prussia'; motion for a committee on the state of the nation; Mr Pitt's administration; the Duke of York to go to Berlin to serve with the King of Prussia; Baring, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors, will doubtless support Mee's interest; slave trade debated in the House of Commons; possible diplomatic solution to the war with Russia, 20 Apr 1791

Letters from Benjamin Mee to the second Viscount Palmerston: [BR11/16/15] Lord Cornwallis at Madras; considerable reinforcements sent to the coast; export of bullion and specie; silver is now the only coin current; Tippoo's tactics and the progress of the war, 9 Jan 1791 - 1 Feb 1791; [BR11/16/16] the progress of Lord Cornwallis' campaign against Tippoo; capture of the Pittach of Bangalore, 27 Apr 1791

[BR11/16/17] Letter from Sir Ralph Payne to Lord Palmerston, hoping to see Palmerston before he goes to Paris and describing a visit to Broadlands with Caroline de Thun (a visitor from Vienna), 26 Jun 1791; [BR11/16/18] letter from the dowager Comtesse de Boufflers to Lord and Lady Palmerston, with two boxes of tea for the Comtesse Dupon in Paris and asking Lord Palmerston to call at a family house for letters for her before he returns, 3 Jul 1791; [BR11/16/19] letter from — Pelham to Lord Palmerston: events in Paris, the National Guard, Noailles and Fox and the Assembly; expects further unrest after the harvest, 22 Jul 1791; [BR11/16/20] letter from M. Begouer [?] to his aunt, Mme Demeaux, recommending to her Lord Palmerston, a friend of M. de Noailles, when he visits Le Havre, 11 Aug 1791; [BR11/16/21] letter from M. de Flahaut, Louvre, to Lord Palmerston, inviting him to spend the evening with Mme de Flahaut and to the paintings in the salon the following day, 8 Sep 1791

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[BR11/17/1] Newspaper cutting, c.29 Nov 1780, relating to the Chevalier de Boufflers and a poem by him said to have offended; other events in France; [BR11/17/2] receipted list of books sold to

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Lord Palmerston by Le Gros, 16 Sep 1791; [BR11/17/3] letter from M. Gargaux [?] to G. and D.Thurninger and Co. at Le Havre, recommending Lord Palmerston, 20 Sep 1791; [BR11/17/4] lists of 'Artistes' and 'Amateurs' with Paris addresses, and instructions for access to the King's pictures and the Académie de Peinture, n.d., c.1791; [BR11/17/5] *laisser passer*, issued 30 Jul 1792 to the second Viscount Palmerston at Calais, for a journey to Switzerland via Paris, with endorsements through Aug 1792

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Letters from Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, to her husband, the second Viscount: [BR11/18/1] at Bath; the infantry; support for Mr Pitt; Johnson's children; visit to the play; Lady Palmerston's mother and the health of Sir Joshua; visitors, 2 Feb 1792; [BR11/18/2] at Reading; her trip from Bath and the illness of Frederick Aylmer, her companion, [5] Feb 1792; [BR11/18/3] at Bath; news from Harry and the infantry; Lady Malmesbury's tour of Europe; a portrait being painted of Mrs Boehm at Rome, 'almost entirely naked by her own avowal'; proposed visit to Stapleton to Mrs Elton; health of Lady Palmerston's mother, 10 May 1792; [BR11/18/4] at Bath; postponement of visit to Stapleton; her mother's health; the 'sans culotte' party and attempt at reform in the House of Commons; 'The accounts from France must be purposely withheld or in this time we must have had more particularly intelligence from the army from the National Assembly'; Lord Malmesbury expected to return that month; visit by Lady Shelley, 10 May 1792; [BR11/18/5] at Bath; letters from the children, Fanny and Harry; expect to leave Bath on Wednesday, sleep at Broadlands on Thursday, and dine at Spring Gardens, [London], on Friday; health of Lady Palmerston's mother; timing of visit to [the Continent]; proceedings in Parliament; Miss Caldwell; 'I have been reading the *Rights of Women* so you must in future expect me to be very tenacious of my rights and priviledges', 13 May [1792]

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Lady Palmerston's letters to her brother, Benjamin Mee: these were once all mounted in a book and some parts are clearly extracted from Lord Palmerston's travel journals: [BR11/18/6] Boulogne: journey across Channel to Calais; 'we breakfasted and drest and then set off for the Hotel de Ville where we were to appear in person to have our pictures taken, that is to have our persons so accurately described that we could not give our passports to anybody else that they might effect their escape'; Boulougne; Abbeville; Amiens; Breteuil; Chantilly and the house of the Prince of Condé; Paris, view of the royal family going to mass, the National Assembly; difficulties leaving Paris; Charenton; Fontainebleau and the palace; Nemours; Canal de Briare; La Charité; Moulins; Varennes and southwards; Astreste; Lyons and details of stay, impending fête — 'I think we are particularly fortunate to have finished with France for the present for they are not a nation to dwell with any security of life from day to day'; Cordon; Coulange; Geneva, English company and excursions into the mountains; valley of Chamonix, the guides and return to Geneva, 29 Jul 1792 - 6 Sep 1792; [BR11/18/7] Geneva to Lausanne; English company including the Duchess of Devonshire, Lady Duncannon, Charles Greville, Lady Spencer; excursion by boat to Vevay and back to Lausanne; does not believe the Duke of Devonshire will come; Princess Joseph of Monaco and Prince Careney visit the Duchess; 13 Sep, a fast day in Lausanne, but go walking rather than to church; 14 Sep, leave Lausanne; reports of Madame de Staël and events in Paris; visit to M. Saussure (the mountaineer and conqueror of Mont Blanc), meet Prince of Hesse; visit to Furney to see Voltaire's house; propose going on to Turin, 6 Sep 1792 - 20 Sep 1792; [BR11/18/8] alarm at Geneva because of

the proximity and size of French forces; Anneecy,; Aix-les-Bains; Chambéry, problems of disease, 600 priests from France, in a bad state; visit to look at nearby French camp; Palmerston family travelling to Piedmont; soldiers of Piedmont travelling back on the road to protect Savoy, 15 Sep 1792 - late Sep or early Oct 1792

- BR11/19 Letters of Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, to her brother, Benjamin Mee, parts extracted from her journal [these letters were once filed as a book]: [BR11/19/1] at Naples; with Lady Plymouth; Lady Douglas 'at home' to English and Neapolitan alike; French request for Neapolitan gunboats for an attack on Rome; dinner (for 53) at Sir William Hamilton's; his apartments; Lady Hamilton; two women taking the veil; two Chinese, one formerly engaged on Lord Macartney's embassy, 16 Jan 1793 - 29 Jan 1793; [BR11/19/2] at Naples; visit to museum with the discoveries from Herculaneum and Pompeii, and to Pompeii itself; an encounter with an armed peasant and attack on walking companion, 30 Jan 1793 - 19 Feb 1793; [BR11/19/3] at Naples; collections of the Studio Publici; tour of the courts of justice in Naples; the huntsmen of and the King of Naples; other excursions, 20 Feb 1793 - 26 Feb 1793; [BR11/19/4] at Naples; visit to Caserta; presented to the Queen of Naples by Sir William Hamilton; received by the King there the following day; the school established by the King; excursion to see Mr Clarke set off a balloon; other excursions, 27 Feb 1793 - 5 Mar 1793; [BR11/19/5] at Naples; a concert; Lord Berwick's ball; visit to the catacombs; viewing the eruption; standing on a lava flow; French aggression overrunning Europe, 6 Mar 1793 - 12 Mar 1793; [BR11/19/6] at Naples; excursion to Capo da Monte; Lady Hamilton; visit to Salerno and other excursions, 20 Mar 1793 - mid-Apr 1793 [dating unclear]; [BR11/19/7] Lady Hamilton; visit to the palace and the English Garden at Caserta with Mr and Mrs Holland; departure from Naples; Gaeta; towards Rome, mid-Apr 1793 [dating unclear] - 1 May 1793; [BR11/19/8] Rome, palaces and views; tours of the antiquities; the Hippisleys, 2 May 1793 - 11 May 1793; [BR11/19/9] at Rome; visits and excursions; the church of St Paul; the Vatican; the Pope, 12 May 1793 - 27 May 1793; [BR11/19/10] at Rome; visit to the marbles in the museum by torchlight; papal procession to Santa Croce; excursions; papal procession in St Peter's, 30 May 1793 - 8 Jun 1793; [BR11/19/11] departing from Rome; Loretto; Ancona: 'It is a commercial town and a free port that all noations resort to. It puts me extremely in mind of Ramsgate'; Fano; through Lombardy; Bologna, meeting with Prince Augustus, who is desired to return home by frigate from Leghorn; Milan, 8 Jun 1793 - 27 Jun 1793; [BR11/19/12] Milan; the general hospital; arrangements for unmarried women lying-in; Lake Como; Count Rumford; return to Milan, 28 Jun 1793 - 2 Jul 1793
[BR11/19/13] Letter from Benjamin Mee, [Ostend], to the second Viscount Palmerston: Mee remains at Ostend and is unwilling to return to England without positive assurances of security; no news from Calcutta, nor about the Bengal Bank and its creditors (who may have claims on Mee); '[Ostend] is allmost the only tranquil situation in Flanders. The magistracy has been elected by the people and publick business goes on as usual in some instances particularly in criminal justice being expedited. Improvements have taken place'; the French and disturbances in Antwerp and Brussels; the war against the French; French finances, 14 Jan 1793; [BR11/19/14] letter from Sir John Acton, Baronet, to the second Viscount Palmerston, about his request to the King of the Two Sicilies for further volumes of 'Herculean antiquities', 21 Mar 1793
- BR11/20 Letters of Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, to her brother, Benjamin

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Mee [at Ostend and Tournai, commissary with the British army], parts extracted from her journal: [BR11/20/1] Milan; visit to the Bibliotheca Ambrosiana; proposals to take a house; proposed return visit to Lakes Como and Maggiore, and over the Gotthard to Berne; the journey from Milan, through the Grisons; dress of the peasants, 3 Jul 1793 - 16 Jul 1793; [BR11/20/2] a boat trip on Lake Maggiore; into Switzerland; the Gotthard; Altdorf, Lake Lucerne and the town of Lucerne, 16 Jul 1793 - 30 Jul 1793; [BR11/20/3] Lucerne; Winterthur; Appenwal[?]; ascent of a mountain nearby by Lady Palmerston; Schafhausen; the French wars, 1 Aug 1793 - 10 Aug 1793; [BR11/20/4] Einsiedlin; the relics of the saints in the Abbey; Baden; Aarau; Berne; excursion to Thun; Lauterbrunnen; Grindelwald; return to Thun and Berne; arrival of the Duchess of Devonshire, 11 Aug 1793 - 20 Aug 1793; [BR11/20/5] departure from Berne; Balstal; French emigrants leaving Basle; French threatening Basle; Palmerstons going to Basle via Rheinfelden; Basle; the Austrian forces there; purchase of a drawing; visit to the Library to see works of Holbein and Erasmus; paintings held by private collectors; Wallenberg; the Duchess of Devonshire; Bienne; travelling closer to France; Neuchâtel; Fribourg; 9,000 French emigrants there; to Berne; French outrages - the Queen; departure from Berne, to Lausanne; many at Lausanne ruined by the French; excursions, to Vevay, Chillon; Martigny, 23 Aug 1793 - 20 Sep 1793; [BR11/20/6] journey from Martigny and St Pierre to Aosta, into Piedmont; Aosta; Milan; the opera and other entertainments; 'we went this morning to see where the archives are kept, which are infinitely well arranged'; paintings; the court; to Bergamo; Brescia; Salo; Scirmione; Harry's [later third Viscount Palmerston] ninth birthday, 21 Sep 1793 - 21 Oct 1793; [BR11/20/7] Verona; excursions into the country round about; a play in the arena; departure for Mantua; Bologna; Lempres Palace; other paintings, palaces and churches; the death of the French queen; Florence; the sights; three French painters; a Christening at the Baptistry; events in France, 25 Oct 1793 - 24 Nov 1793; [BR11/20/8] departure from Florence, for Naples; Rome and the Pope; Naples — 'I find half my Neopolitan acquaintances shut up, some for state offences but more for imprudences in love affairs. I never will marry an Italian till convents are out of fashion'; casino; Sir William and Lady Hamilton; the Queen of Naples, 10 Dec 1793 - 28 Dec 1793; [BR11/20/9] Naples; evacuation of Toulon in the face of overwhelming French forces; stabbings at Naples and Rome; arrival of frigates at Naples; magic lantern performance at Lady E. Monk's; Lady Hamilton performing 'her attitudes' and singing; gaming; a condolence visit to the Princess Belmonte — 'luckily few people care for their departed half or it must be the most wretched ceremony for the survivor possible', 29 Dec 1793 - 7 Jan 1794
 [BR11/20/10] Letter from Benjamin Mee to the second Viscount Palmerston: some creditors in Calcutta obtaining writs of sequestration against Mee's property; Lord Palmerston should send in his claims for the bonds and interest; Condé has surrendered and 4,008 prisoners of war are to be conducted to Antwerp; Valenciennes still holds out; carnage expected if the town is stormed; few casualties in the trenches; Lord Stowell has returned to England; arrival of 10,000 Hessian troops in British pay, additional regiments of heavy cavalry and further drafts from the Guards; Mee continues in his post, 12 Jul 1793

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Letters from Mary, Viscountess Palmerston, to her husband, the second Viscount: [BR11/22/1] [incomplete] from Broadlands; friends travelling abroad; Count Rumford's experiments with heat, roasting veal and in cooking pea soup in the kitchen of the poor

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house at Munich; redesign of Rumford's kitchens at Munich; Lady Plymouth at Naples, two drawings of the eruption of Vesuvius for Lady Palmerston; other English in Italy, 9 Dec 1794; [BR11/22/2] at Bath; social visits; Irish matters — 'ruin and desolation'; address of the Catholics to the King, 'mild and handsome', laid before the King by Mr Beresford; Lord Palmerston's mother; marriage of Sir Charles Beresford to Caroline Grote; the children's health, 6 Mar 1795; [BR11/22/3] at Bath; the health of Lady Palmerston's mother; a story about Cardinal de Bernis; the Prince of Wales and Mrs Fitzherbert, 10 Mar 1795; [BR11/22/4] at Bath; the health of Lady Palmerston's mother; snow in Bath; disappointment at the long absence of her brother (Benjamin Mee) abroad; Lady Malmesbury does not expect the Princess until the following week; news from Lady Elliot on Corsica; disagreement between General Stewart and the viceroy of the island over Stewart's claim to the rank of commander in chief; approval for Tom Pelham's appointment [to the Irish government ?] to Lord Camden; Lady Palmerston would have preferred Lord Gore to Lord Camden, 16 Mar 1795; [BR11/22/5] at Bath; the Princess and her forthcoming marriage; Lord Fitzwilliam's letters and his ill-usage by Pitt or the Duke of Portland; Lord Fitzwilliam's recall from Ireland the result of Mr Beresford's dismissal, not the Catholic bill; the poor health of Lady Palmerston's mother and of Lilly; the children, 7 Apr 1795; [BR11/22/6] at Clifton; moved there from Bath that day; Mr Godschall (Lady Palmerston's uncle) to take the waters at Bath, boarding arrangements and his illness and that of William; society at Clifton and Weston; letters from Lady Plymouth in Italy; the Princess and her disappointment; Lady Jersey's behaviour with the Prince — 'how silly not to be content with cajoling and duping Lord Carlisle. She might have gone out to the end of their days in a quiet respectable attachment'; household expenses; arrangements for Harry Temple [later third Viscount Palmerston] and his schooling; and for meeting Lord Palmerston in London when he returns from Weston, 13 May 1795; [BR11/22/7] domestic arrangements, Lady Palmerston's mother; Lord Palmerston's illness; the Malmesburys; a visit to Lee Down and to take the Somerville children to drink tea at Penfold Seat in Lord De Clifford's park, 23 May 1795 [BR11/22/8] Letter from Benjamin Mee, Utrecht, to the second Viscount Palmerston: Holland is to be abandoned by the British army; great difficulties in evacuation; lack of assistance from the Dutch; next excursion likely to be to Bremen or Hamburg; 'The cause of this disastrous business and the reasons of its effect will (if not somewhat from political or partial motives) be satisfactorily explained to the nation I suppose'; surveys the state of the troops and the problems to be expected in Westphalia, 13 Jan 1795; [BR11/22/9] letter from Fr. Hare Naylor to Lord Palmerston, requesting his attendance at the House of Commons when a bill is brought in for a canal from Wrexham to Chester, as it is projected to go through the garden of a house in which Naylor's son has an interest; with the defeat of the Austrians, the French threaten Italy; heavy artillery arrived at Genoa, as a prelude to the invasion of Lombardy, 1795