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### George Redmond Hulbert (naval agent) 1774-1825

#### Biographical Note:

Hulbert acted as an admiral's secretary and prize agent early in the nineteenth century. He served on the North American Station in 1804 as secretary to Sir John Borlase Warren (1753-1852) and between 1808 and 1809 exchanged with the secretary of Admiral Rowley (1765-1842) on the Jamaica Station. He served again with Warren, 1810 to 1814, on the North American Station, 1813 to 1814, when a large number of prizes were taken.

The Hulbert papers were presented in 1956 to the National Maritime Museum by a descendant of Hulbert, Mrs. W.B. Jackson. They consist of his correspondence, 1807 to 1823, with the Navy Pay Office, Navy Prize Office, Treasury, Greenwich Hospital, Doctors' Commons and naval officers. There are also account and lists of prizes, including some printed papers, 1793 to 1798. The collection provides detailed information on the procedure followed in the collection and distribution of prize money. (5 ft; 152 cm).

Microfilm Reel Number	Description
A-2061	<b>HUL 25:</b> Cash Book No. 3 General Account current on spine, 1813-1824. <b>HUL 26:</b> Petty Agency Accounts 1810 (up to ca. 1823) <b>HUL 27:</b> Cash Accounts - Bermuda Papers, 1813-1814 <b>HUL 28:</b> Waste prize ledger, 1814
A-2062	<b>HUL 29:</b> Cash Book (of prizes) 1813-1814 <b>HUL 30:</b> Public Accounts, 1813-1818 <b>HUL 31:</b> Cash Accounts, 1813-1814 <b>HUL 32:</b> Flag Officers' Shares, 1812-1813 <b>HUL 33:</b> Flag Officers' Accounts, 1813-1822

A-2063	<p><b>HUL 34:</b> Cash Accounts, Ommaney &amp; Druce, 1807-1816</p> <p><b>HUL 35:</b> Cash Accounts, Ommaney &amp; Druce, 1813-1819</p> <p><b>HUL 36:</b> Cash Accounts, 1812-1815 (ca. 1804 -)</p> <p><b>HUL 37:</b> Cash Accounts, 1812-1820</p> <p><b>HUL 38:</b> Loose Accounts, 1819-1823</p> <p><b>HUL 39:</b> Cash Accounts and Calculations, n.d.</p> <p><b>HUL 40:</b> Book of blank prize money order form</p> <p><b>HUL 41:</b> Files left by Mr. Hulbert relating to specified subjects in connection with his prize agency.</p>
A-2064	<b>HUL 41:</b> continued
A-2065	<b>HUL 41:</b> continued
A-2066	<b>HUL 41:</b> continued
A-2067	<p><b>HUL 42:</b> Letters and other records from the Navy Pay Office; Navy Prize Office; Greenwich Royal Hospital and Doctors; Commons and Treasury Office relating to prize money payments. 1815-1822.</p> <p><b>HUL 43:</b> Miscellaneous letters, receipts, a sentence of the Court of Admiralty, Doctors Commons; other court records and other documents received by Hulbert including some from Admiral Warren, ca. 1808-1821.</p>
A-2068	<p><b>HUL 43:</b> continued from previous reel.</p> <p><b>HUL 44:</b> Correspondence about freight monies including letters from Admiral Warren, 1814-1815.</p>
A-2069	<p><b>HUL 44:</b> Continued from previous reel.</p> <p><b>HUL 45:</b> Letters from Messrs Ommaney and John Druce, 1812-1814.</p> <p><b>HUL 46:</b> Accounts and papers relating to the capture of the Felicity, 1810-1823. (The American Ship Felicity was seized by HMS Shamrock). Includes book by Henry Trengrouse, 1817, <i>Shipwreck Investigated, for the cause of the ...and a Remedy Provided...</i> Includes narratives of shipwrecks. Other printed matter: "To All Free-Masons". Report relative to the trade between British North America and the West Indies, the supply of the Navy and Troops there, with a comparative statement between the value of the fur trade and that of lumber, provisions, etc., and their relative advantage to the Parent state, 1809.</p> <p><b>HUL 47:</b> Private papers including contemporary acts of the British Parliament.</p> <p><i>Note: it is difficult to judge where HUL 46 ends and HUL 47 begins.</i></p>

A-2070	<p><b>HUL 10b:</b> Letters from William Tucker, Bermuda, 1816-1817, and earlier, as well as correspondence with others such as F. Griffiths Yates and James Cockburn, James and Michael Cavan. Includes return of seizures, returns of prizes, 1812-1813.</p> <p><b>HUL 14a:</b> Prize Act and related acts (printed).</p> <p><b>HUL 14b:</b> Index to Prize Acts, 1810. Acts of (British) Parliament relating to prize money and proclamation for distribution of prizes. Includes Prize Act, 18 July 1814, Proclamation for Distribution of Prizes, 15 June 1808, and other proclamations.</p> <p><b>HUL 15a.</b> Orders in council regarding capture of enemy ships.</p> <p><b>HUL 19:</b> Prize ledger no. 1, 1812-1813.</p>
A-2071	<p><b>HUL 2:</b> Orders relating to courts martial</p> <p><b>HUL 3:</b> Court martial proceedings, 1808-1810</p> <p><b>HUL 5a:</b> Letter book of G.R. Hulbert, Navy Agent, 1812-1814</p> <p><b>HUL 5b:</b> Letter book of G.R. Hulbert, Navy Agent, 1814-1819</p> <p><b>HUL 6:</b> Prize notification of payment, Bermuda, 1812-1819</p> <p><b>HUL 7:</b> Head money documents, 1812-1817</p> <p><b>HUL 8a:</b> Orders to retain Share no. 1, 1812-1813</p> <p><b>HUL 8b:</b> Orders to retain Share no. 2, 1813</p> <p><b>HUL 8c:</b> Orders to retain Share no. 3, 1813-1818</p> <p><b>HUL 9:</b> Index to Prize Orders, 1813</p> <p><b>HUL 10a:</b> Letters from William Tucker, Bermuda, 1814-1815</p> <p><b>HUL 10b:</b> Letters from William Tucker, Bermuda, 1816-1817</p> <p><b>HUL 11:</b> Letters from James Fraser and accounts, Halifax, 1816-1817.</p>
A-2072	<p><b>HUL 13:</b> Letters and accounts from John Dougan, Agent, 1813-1819.</p> <p><b>HUL 21:</b> Prize ledger no. 5, 1814-1819.</p> <p><b>HUL 22a:</b> Payment for men employed on prizes, 1813-1814.</p> <p><b>HUL 23:</b> Cash books, 1808-1812.</p>

A-2073	<p><b>HUL 1:</b> Order book of Admiral Sir J. Borlase Warren relating to disposal of his ships, 1812-1813.</p> <p><b>HUL 4:</b> Records in the Prize Court of Vice Admiralty Court, Bermuda, 1812-1813.</p> <p><b>HUL 16:</b> Prize list with alphabetical index abstracted for distribution to captors, 1812-1813.</p> <p><b>HUL 17:</b> Ships' lists of prizes.</p> <p><b>HUL 18:</b> Statement of prizes - list of ships on West Indies and American stations, 1812-1819.</p> <p><b>HUL 1,4,16,17 &amp;18 (Corrections)</b></p>
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## Journals and Diaries

A-2074	<p><b>JOD /9: <i>The War in America 1776, Original Manuscript Journal</i> by Admiral Sir George Collier.</b> The first three pages are very dark. Total of 42 pages. Bound and repaired with some parts missing. Collier was bringing reinforcements to Howe at New York, and the journal reflects this. The journal gives an account of day-to-day life on board the ship and the occurrences during the voyage. It includes descriptions of fish drying, Newfoundland fishing, taking soundings off Sable Island, sickness due to the “penetrating fogs” arrival at Halifax, the peevish Hessian General, the still which distilled salt water, Howe’s army, life in port and description of Halifax. Includes also, at the back of the journal (upside down) are French tales or fables with English translations. The tales include: “Le Coq et la pierre precieuse”, “Un Jardinier et le seigneur du lieu” and “Le Renard et Le Leopard”.</p>
A-2074	<p><b>JOD /85: <i>Journal 1779-1780</i> by Admiral Sir William Pasley on board HMS SIBYL cruising on Newfoundland and Lisbon stations.</b> About half of the journal contains Canadian material, the other dealing with Lisbon and surrounds. At back of the journal is a summary of the voyages giving details of the course taken, distances, latitudes, longitudes, etc. the Canadian material follows the <i>Sibyl’s</i> journey from Portsmouth to St. John’s, and the short trips taken out of St. John’s.</p>
A-2074	<p><b>JOD/133: <i>Log/journal, 1876, of whaling cruise in ERIK</i></b> of London from Dundee to Davis Straits kept by Thomas F. Miller, Gunner. Entitled, “The Cruise of the ERIK, 1876”. Approximately 100 pages plus biographical material on Thomas Miller. Includes 46 photographs. The journal charts the voyage, describing the various places passed. Discussion about sighting, catching and not catching fish and whales. There is also attention given to deer hunting.</p>
A-2074	<p><b>JOD /135: <i>Journal of the Swan during a voyage to Davis Straits in search of whales, 1836-1837.</i></b> The <i>Swan</i> was a ship from Hull, England. The first 16 pages are, for all purposes a ship’s log. This is then followed by a diary-type journal although most of the comments are weather related. There are some other remarks from time to time like sighting of land or the condition of the ice.</p>

A-2074	<b>JOD /136: Journal kept aboard the <i>Swan</i> during a voyage to the Northern whale fishery.</b> Journal of the <i>Swan</i> by surgeon, Thomas Phillips, 1836-1837. Includes newspaper clippings of the arrival of the ship in Southend. There are also some note on how much each man should get. The whole journal is set out in Log form although there are much more remarks than would normally appear in a log.
A-2075	<b>JOD /67: Journal and observations, 1852-1853 made by Surgeon William T. Domville of HMS <i>Resolute</i>.</b> 149 pages of writing plus 2 loose watercolours. There are also a number of other sketches throughout the journal including a hand-drawn map of Prince Albert's land and Melville Island. There are also 65 loose pages. The journal includes commentary on the voyage, the people on board ship, the day-to-day occurrences. Included is his Commission as assistant surgeon on board the Sloop <i>Blossom</i> and a letter on the health and sanitary conditions on board.
A-2075	<b>JOD /76: Journal, 1848-1850, William Simpson, RN, kept in HMS <i>Plover</i> on a Franklin search voyage.</b> Approximately 110 pages. It appears that there are pages missing from the front of the journal. There are many references to his attitudes to various people on board ship and his own life. On one occasion he was told by the 1st Lieutenant that he was making difficulties. There are references to ports of call and to the people met there. On one occasion an Indian chief came on board the ship.
A-2075	<b>JOD/102: Journal, Dec. 1849-March 1853 of Henry Piers, Assistant Surgeon in HMS <i>Investigator</i> on the Franklin Search Expedition,</b> 366 pages. Journal gives detail on the voyage to the Arctic and is a fairly complete record of a search expedition.

### **Sir Edward Codrington, Admiral, 1770-1851**

Codrington entered the Navy in 1783 and served in the *Leander*, *Ambuscade* and *Formidable* in North America and the Mediterranean until 1791. In 1794 he was Earl Howe's Flag Lieutenant in the *Queen Charlotte* and subsequently commanded the fireship *Comet* and the sloop *La Babet* in home waters. In 1796, he was appointed captain of the *Druid*, again in home waters, but was unemployed from 1797 until 1805. In this year he commissioned the *Orion* and was present at Trafalgar. From 1807 he commanded the *Blake* for six years in the Mediterranean, during the Walcheren expedition, 1809, and off the coast of Spain. He was then appointed to the *Tonnant*, going to the North American Station where he organized the supplies of the army at the capture of Washington. He was promoted to rear-admiral in 1814,

remaining on the station until 1815. It was not until 1826 that he again saw active service when he was appointed Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, flying his flag aboard the *Asia*, and during this command he undertook operations against the pirates in the Levant. He subsequently took a leading part in the interpretation of allied policy in the Greek War of Independence. He was recalled in 1828. He was appointed to command the Channel Squadron in 1831. He then became Member of Parliament for Devonport, 1832 to 1839, when he was appointed Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, a post he held until 1842.

The papers were presented by Colonel G. Codrington to the National Maritime Museum between 1946 and 1950. They include logs, 1786 to 1791, 1794 to 1797, 1808 to 1813 and 1827 to 1828; an admiral's journal, 1831; official letter and order books, 1809 to 1815 and 1828 to 1848; private letter books, 1828 to 1848; muster books, 1808 to 1813; despatches and reports, 1801 to 1815, 1827 to 1828, and loose papers.

The National Archives has copied selections of the Codrington papers. (The information above was taken from the following publication: *Guide to the Manuscripts in the National Maritime Museum*, volume 1, The Personal Collections, edited by R.J.B. Knight, Mansell, 1977.

<b>Microfilm Reel Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
A-2075	<p><b>COD 6/1:</b> Letter Book, 1814-1815. The contents are largely orders given by Codrington dealing with the transfer of men, movement of ships, supplies, 42 pages.</p> <p><b>COD 6/2:</b> Surveys, etc., HMS <i>Tonnant</i>, 1814-1815. Tabulated form: discharges, commission and warrant officers surveyed, surveys of seamen, on decayed stores, for passing annual accounts, on remains of medicines and on stores.</p> <p><b>COD 6/3:</b> Order book, HMS <i>Tonnant</i>, 1814-1815. 42 pages. Orders similar to those in 6/1, both Cochrane and Codrington signing orders (Codrington signing in Cochrane's absence).</p> <p><b>COD 6/4:</b> Memoranda book, HMS <i>Tonnant</i>, 1814-1815. Approximately 70 to 75 pages. Details similar to those in 6/3 although the orders are for much more routine or day-to-day items. Promotions of the lesser ranks, victualling, food, under discussion.</p>



A-2076	<p><b>COD/7/1:</b> Letters from Codrington, 21 May 1814 to 28 March 1815, 224 pages. Letters mostly written to Mrs. Edward Codrington in London and are in-depth discussions of Codrington's day-to-day life. In fact, the letters almost serve as a diary of Codrington's life in 1814-1815.</p>
A-2076	<p><b>COD/7/2:</b> Assortment of letters and plans 1814-1815, 32 pages. Includes the following, not necessarily in this order:  Moore to Codrington, 31 March 1814 enclosing plan and orders of attack on New Orleans; copy of letter to the Admiralty from Sir Alexander Cochrane, 17 September 1814, discussing a demonstration upon the City of Baltimore; Order for the attack on the enemy at New Orleans, 8 January 1915; Letter to the Lords of the Admiralty, 15 May 1817 re bounty of captured ships; plan of disposition of ships to land at unspecified point; letter to HRH the Prince Regent: the memorial of Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane and Major General Ross on behalf of the Navy and Army employed in the operation against Washington in the USA, 1814; Washington, 2 September 1814, copy of a letter to the Admiralty from Sir Alexander Cochrane on the fact that whole of one enemy flotilla has been captured or destroyed; order and plan, 12 November 1814 from Codrington; sketch of the attack on the lines in advance of New Orleans.</p>

## Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren (1753-1852)

Sir John Borlase Warren was born on 2 September 1753 in England and entered the Navy as an able seaman on the *Marlborough* in 1771. He served on the North American station during the American Revolutionary War and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1778 and then Captain in 1781. He served in the Mediterranean and between November 1807 and July 1810, he was Commander in Chief of the Halifax station. Appointed again to Halifax from 1812 to 1814, he served as Admiral of the *Blue*.

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A-2076	<b>LBK/2</b> Warren's correspondence with Lord Melville, 1812-1814 (Loose letters contained in hard covered box with <i>Admiral Warren's correspondence with Lord Melville, American War 1812-1814</i> , embossed on the bindings. Total of 60 letters, approximately 250 pages. Most of the letters are in good condition and are legible although there are some exceptions. The content of the letters deal with the security necessary during a war. Various modes of warfare are proposed by Melville. Warren also writes offering suggestions to Melville. There are a number of letters wondering what to do with the 102 Regiment under Colonel Napier who were not sent to Canada. Highlight the discussions between British officers behind the Naval conflicts of 1812-1814.

A-2076	<p><b>Detailed description of documents in LBK/2</b></p> <p>Letters from Warren to Melville as follows:</p> <p>C</p> <p>8 August 1812, Warren to Melville Autograph letter signed;</p> <p>C</p> <p>9 August 1812, Warren to Melville ALS, 2 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>12 August 1812, Warren to Melville ALS, 2 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>7 October 1812, Warren to Melville ALS, 4 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>6 October 1812, Mitchell to Warren, 2 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>Clipping, Boston, Sept. 1812, 2 pages. Letter from Commodore Rodgers to the Secretary of the Navy.</p> <p>C</p> <p>7 October 1812, Warren to Melville ALS, 3 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>5 November 1812, Warren to Melville ALS, 3 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>11 November 1812, Halifax, Warren to Melville, letter signed, 2 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>Extract of a letter from Major General Brock to Sir George Prevost, York, U.C., 28 Sept. 1812 (copy to Warren)</p> <p>C</p> <p>5 Oct. 1812, George Prevost to Warren (copy), 2 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>18 Nov. 1812, Halifax, Warren to Melville, letter signed, 2 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>18 Nov. 1812, Halifax, Warren to Melville, letter signed, 7 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>5 Jan. 1813, at sea, Warren to Melville, letter signed, enclosing letter from Mr. Allen “with very useful facts”.</p> <p>C</p> <p>7 Dec. 1812, Andrew Allen to Warren, 7 pages.</p> <p>C</p> <p>19 Nov. 1813, part of letter from Warren, 1 page.</p> <p>C</p> <p>31 Dec. 1812, George Prevost to Warren, 7 pages.</p>
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A-2076	<p><b>Detailed description of documents in LBK/2</b> (continued from previous page)</p> <p>C Norfolk Gazette and Publick Ledger 19 May 181[2], 4 pages.</p> <p>C Copy of “Intercepted Letter from Baltimore, dated Good Friday”, 4 pages.</p> <p>C April 1813, 2 pages.</p> <p>C 24 Feb. 1813, Boston, copy, 6 pages. Enclosed in letter from Warren of 5 June 1813.</p> <p>C 27 June 1813, Warren to Melville, enclosing above letter, 1 page.</p> <p>C 23 May 1813 (enclosure) Letter to Major Stapleton Crutchfield, Norfolk.</p> <p>C 11 June 1813, Warren to Melville, ALS, 5 pages.</p> <p>C 23 June 1813, “Sketch from memory of Craney Island”, 1 page.</p> <p>C 28 June 1813, Warren to Melville, ALS, 2 pages.</p> <p>C 6 July 1813, Warren to Melville, ALS, 3 pages.</p> <p>C 22 July 1813, Warren to Melville, ALS, 8 pages.</p> <p>C 22 July 1813, Warren to Melville, ALS, 4 pages plus a clipping entitled <i>American Navy List June 1813</i>; clipping from the Baltimore Patriot entitled <i>To: Admiral Sir J.B. Warren</i>, and sketch entitled <i>Sketch of the Peninsula at Old Point Comfort</i>, 7 July 1813.</p> <p>C 22 July 1813, Warren to Melville, ALS, 1 page, enclosing the survey of Old Point Comfort.</p> <p>C 23 July 1813, Extract of a private letter from Col. Sir S. Beckwith to H. Goulburn dated on board H.M. Ship San Domingo on the Potomack.</p> <p>C 24 Aug. 1813, copy of letter from Warren to Melville, letter signed.</p> <p>C 24 Aug. 1813, Warren to Melville, ALS, 4 pages and clippings.</p>
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## Samuel Pepys (1633-1703)

Samuel Pepys was a clerk of the King's ships and member of the navy board constituted by Henry VIII; an assistant of the 'corporation of the royal fishing' and surveyor general of the victualling office. In 1673, he was appointed secretary for the affairs of the Navy. Pepys accompanied Lord Dartmouth to Tangier in 1683 and wrote a journal. In 1686, he was appointed secretary of the Admiralty.

<b>Microfilm Reel Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
A-2077	<b>LBK/8:</b> Pepys Letter Book, 1662-1665, military in nature and contains coded pages. Seventeenth-century letter book consisting of official correspondence of Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), 1662 to 1679, which also contains some shorthand in his own hand. Some of these letters are reproduced in Helen Truesdell Heath, ed., <i>The letters of Samuel Pepys and his family circle</i> (Oxford, 1955).