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## Introduction

These papers contain letters from Sir Francis Burton to Thomas Joseph Pettigrew (1791-1865), who was admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1812. In 1819 he became surgeon to the Duke of Kent and in that capacity was very close to the Royal family. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1827 and was quite involved in 1830 with the election of the Duke of Sussex to the office of president. After his resignation in 1835 from the Charing Cross Hospital where he was a surgeon, he took up private practice, living in Savile Row. Finding aid no. 146 contains a list of the papers, described in chronological order.

Accession Notice

MG 24 BURTON, Sir Francis Nathaniel (1766-1832). Colonial  
A 64 administrator. Originals, n.d., 1819-1830. 76 pages.

Sir Francis Nathaniel Burton (1766-1832) was Lieutenant-governor of Lower Canada from 1808 to 1832. He held this office until his death at Bath in 1832. In 1825, he was administrator of the government during the absence of Lord Dalhousie.

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Letters to Thomas Joseph Pettigrew, surgeon and antiquary, concerning chiefly Sir Francis Burton's private life but containing many observations on the Canadian situation, the Canadian people and climate and on general questions such as the Irish problem and the Catholic issue.

Description of the Papers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
n.d., London Hotel	Thomas Joseph Pettigrew, Savile Row	Writes from bed; will be glad to see him	1-2
n.d., London Hotel	"	Mrs. Pettigrew is unwell; going to Sevenoaks;	3-6
n.d.	"	Lord Goderich	7-8
n.d.	"	Thanks for his books, a good testimony of friendship; dining in Hamilton Place; will call on him	9-10
n.d.	"	Item concerning the Mountain of Gabal in Algeria	11-12
20 April 1819, Liverpool	"	His brother will sail the next day; will always think of him and [Mrs. Pettigrew] gratefully	13-16
18 August 1823, Quebec	"	His brother; Lady C...; his niece's intended marriage; MacDonald's poor health; respects to the Duke of Sussex; his duties are light when the Governor is in residence; conditions for his stay in Canada; seasons in Canada; little news from Europe	17-20
26 October 1824, Quebec	"	Comments on his life; Mrs. Pettigrew accepts two barrels of apples; he is on the best terms with the Canadians and the English; his duties during the absence of Lord Dalhousie; would like to be near Pettigrew	21-24

<u>Date</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Pages</u>
16 December 1824, Quebec	"	Requesting some "bougies" as many of those he brought back with him from England are spoiled; Directions to Captain Douglas' ship; The people are difficult to manage; opposition of the Council and the Assembly; violence of the parties; Sir William Knighton, the Duke of Kent	25-28
2 May 1825	"	Warrant to John Hale from Sir Francis Burton ordering him to pay Michel Landry his salary as Usher to the Court of Appeals Signed by Burton and receipted by Michel Landry	29-30
3 January 1827, Bath	"	Death of the Duke of York; public grief; Lady C...; McGillory's letter, a bitter pill	31-34
1828, Vine Lodge	"	His health; asks Pettigrew to correct what he writes to Lord Goderich;	35-37
(1828), Vine Lodge	"	His health; Lord Goderich	38-41
1828	"	Enclosing a document from Lord Goderich	42-43
1830, 23 Pulteney Street	"	His health; Mr. Hay;	44-46
9 February 1830, Conyngham Hill	"	Mrs. P's verses, the author of Sydenham; he is happy that Croker was forced out of the Admiralty	47-50

<u>Date</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Pages</u>
15 February (1830), Conyngham Hill	T.J. Pettigrew	Croker and his successor; Lord Hertford; Lord [Pives]; his son; could go to India: Lady Conyngham's illness.	51-54
21 February (1830) Conyngham Hill	"	Pettigrew's son; a position in India, none in Madras; the Duke of C... .	55-58
14 August (1830), Conyngham Hill	"	Disappointment at the King's medical appointment; the King's health; the French political atmosphere; Ireland and France; London.	59-62
13 November (1830), Conyngham Hill	"	Mrs. Pettigrew's confinement; Lady Burton has lost her sister; the Catholic question; Pettigrew's son in India	63-66
(4 December 1830), Conyngham Hill	"	He has sent a brace of pheasants;	67
(1830), Conyngham Hill	"	Storms and lightning; the king; the Duke of Sussex; no change in the Admiralty; Brougham was hard against his brother; has been to Windsor; anxious moments; Pettigrew's friends; Lady Burton has found the leeches useful;	68-73
(1830), Conyngham Hill	"	Pettigrew's son; his health; wishes to call Pettigrew, "Sir Thomas"	74-76