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James Murray

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James Murray (1721-94), a career officer in the British Army, served in North America from 1757 to 1766. He was military governor of Quebec, 1760-64, and civil governor, 1764-66. In 1772 he was promoted lieutenant general and in 1774 was named governor of Minorca.

The James Murray papers, accumulated from various sources over a long period, form seven series. With the exception of the transcripts described in Series 2, the complete collection is available on microfilm (reel C-2225).

Series 1: Transcripts, 1759-89, 7½ inches.

Copies of selections from the official and private correspondence of James Murray, made in 1911 and 1912 from the originals in the possession of Mrs. Murray of Bath, England. The researcher is referred to the calendar of these papers, published in the Report of the Public Archives for 1912, Appendix I. Volume 6 contains a list of the items copied. The series consists of letter-books, 1759-60, 1763-65 (volumes 1-2) and correspondence, 1759-89 (volumes 3-5).

Series 2: Typescripts, 1734-36, 1760-80, 56 pages; Transcripts, 1763-72, 24 pages.

Selected letters and accounts of James Murray, copied in 1908 and 1928 from originals in the possession of Arthur C. Murray of London, U.K.

a. Typescripts (1908).

<u>Page.</u>	<u>Authors.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>
1-3	William Dyce schoolmaster of Selkirk, Scotland.	Feb. 1734- Aug. 1736	Receipted account, for the board and education of James Murray.
4-5			List of letters copied.
609	George Johnstone to General Murray	19 Feb. 1760	Concerning naval, military and political affairs (copy.)
10-16	Anne (Murray) Ferguson to James Murray	9 Aug 1760	Concerning Family affairs and patronage (copy).
17-20	Anne (Murray) Ferguson to James Murray	6 Nov 1764	Concerning Family affairs and patronage (copy).
21-25	Anne (Murray) Ferguson to James Murray	12 Mar 1766	Concerning Family affairs and patronage (copy).
26-27	James Murray to Geo. Murray	10 Sept. 1763	Concerning Patrick Murray (copy).
28	James Murray to Maj Alexander Johnstone	10 Sept 1763	Concerning promotions (copy).

29-31	James Murray to Geo. Moss	16 Sept 1763	Concerning private affairs (copy).
32-33	James Murray to Geo. Gray	10 Sept 1763	Concerning a lease of the King's Posts for his cousin Richard Murray and trade matters in Quebec.
34	James Murray to James Oswald	15 Sept 1763	Concerning the business affairs of Richard Murray and John Gray, and Indian Affairs (copy).
35-36	James Murray to Lord Elibank	15 Sept. 1763	Concerning his future as governor and their cousin Richard Murray (copy).
37-46		15 July 1765	Transcript of the Minutes of the Council Quebec, concerning the seigniorship of Chambly, with the letters and petitions entered into the minutes.
47-50	[James Murray] to Lord Hillsborough	15 July 1765	concerning Benjamin Price and the commercial state of Quebec; military affairs; the seigniorship of Chambly; and his Future as governor (copy)
51-52	James Murray to Lord Elibank	20 July 1771	Concerning family affairs and the cultivation of maize (copy).
53-56	David Erskine to Ross & Gray	16 Mar 1780	Concerning the estate of the late Patrick, Lord Elibank, enclosed in a letter of Ross & Gray to James Murray, 23 March 1780.

b. Typescripts (1928).

3-6	James Murray to Geo. Murray	9 June 1763	Concerning family affairs and the administration of his estate (incomplete).
7-10	Anne (Murray) Ferguson to James Murray	29 Sept 1763	Concerning his wife's passage to Quebec.
11-18	Anne (Murray) Ferguson to James Murray	19 Feb 1765	Concerning family affairs and the administration of his estate.
19-21	Lord Eglintoune to James Murray	13 Mar 1766	Concerning political affairs.
22-24	Lord Elibank to James Murray	2 Jan 1772	Concerning personal and business affairs.

Series 3: Originals, 1757-78, 149 pages; photostats, 1765, 12 pages; transcripts, 1759-67, 37 pages.

Correspondence and related papers of James Murray, 1757-78, acquired from various sources and arranged in chronological order. The series was based on lots 130, 131 and 133 of the Sir Thomas Phillipps collection, acquired in 1913. Provenance is indicated in the margin.

<u>Pages.</u>	<u>Dates.</u>	<u>Authors.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Provenance.</u>
1	n.d.	James Murray to ?	Order for the issuance of a passport to the bearer, to go to Detroit.	Miss. Documents 27/3
1	n.d.	? to James Murray	Concerning Mr. Oswald and family affairs.	Phillipps 130
3	19 Oct 1757	Geo. Murray to James Murray	Concerning military affairs	Phillipps 133
3	Sept 1758	James Murray to James Wolfe	Military instructions, at Gaspé (contemporary copy)	...
4	1759?	Adm. Geo. Murray to James Murray	Concerning military and political affairs	Phillipps 130
2	9 Jan 1759	James Wolfe to James Murray.	Concerning promotion to rank of colonel (contemporary copy)	....
3	20 Mar 1759	James Wolfe to James Murray	Concerning military affairs (contemporary copy)	...
2	29 May 1759	Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Concerning military and personal affairs.	Phillipps 131 (transcript)
3	2 July 1759	James Wolfe to James Murray	Military instructions. (contemporary copy).	...
2	22 July 1759	James Wolfe to James Murray	Concerning the disposition (contemporary copy).	...
1	22 July 1759	(unsigned)	Orders to the sentries, Montmorenci.	...
3	5 Aug 1759	James Wolfe to James Murray	Military instructions (contemporary copy)	...
2	11 Aug 1795	James Wolfe to James Murray	Military instructions (contemporary copy)	...
3	15 Aug 1759	James Wolfe to James Murray	Military instructions (contemporary copy)	...
2	24 Aug 1759	Isaac Barré dep. adj. gen.	Return of the Army, or 'State of Troops' (contemporary copy).	...
2	29 Aug 1759	James Wolfe to James Murray, Brig. Townshend & Brig. Monckton.	Plans for the attack on Quebec (contemporary copy)	...

2	30 Aug 1759	Isaac Barré	Return of the ordnance at Montmorenci (contemporary copy)	...
2	n.d. (30 Aug 1759?)		Statement of three possible plans for the attack on Quebec (contemporary copy)	...
3	22 Oct 1759	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning family and political affairs.	Phillipps 130
3	[1760]	Geo. Townshend to James Murray	Concerning the promotion of his cause in London (contemporary copy)	...
3	22 Jan 1760	Lord Elibank to James Murray	Concerning Mr. Oswald and personal affairs.	Acquired in 1942
4	12 July 1760	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning his son Patrick, Mr. Oswald, and military affairs.	Phillipps 130
2	13 Aug 1760	Lord Elibank to James Murray	Recommending Captain [Davens?]	Acquired 1942
1	March 1760	Adm. Geo. Murray to James Murray	Recommending Mr. Glasford	Phillipps 130
3	9 Mar 1760	Adm. Geo. Murray to [Mr. Glasford]	Recommending the bearer	Phillipps 130
3	22 May 1761	Lord Lauderdale to James Murray	Concerning the death of George II; British politics; German and French affairs; personal matters.	Acquired 1942
3	5 July 1761	Rev. Gideon Murray to Mrs. Murray	Concerning family and business matters.	Phillipps 131 (transcript) *
4	7 Apr 1762	Lords of the Treasury to James Murray	Concerning Customs regulations and appointments in Quebec.	Misc. Docs. 27/4
		(Hollis Newcastle, James Oswald, and Barrington)		
3	[1763]	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning business affairs	Phillipps 130
5	9 Mar [1763]	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning his son Patrick and family affairs.	Phillipps 130

2 pp 14 July 1761 Lord Eglington to James Murray recommending Edward Forbes Phillipps Collection (Acquired in 1972) \*

10	10 Apr 1762 [sic]	Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Concerning his efforts to obtain preferment for him through negotiations with Lord Bute, Mr. Townshend, and the Duke of Newcastle; Mrs. Murray's passage to Quebec; the administration of his estate, and family affairs.	Phillipps 131 (transcript)
4	21 May 1763	Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Concerning his efforts to promote his career, the administration of his estate, and family affairs.	Phillipps 131 (transcript)
2	25 Aug 1763	Lord Elibank to James Murray	Recommending Lt. Pringle and concerning his appoint- ment as civil governor of Quebec.	Acquired 1942
6	17 Sept 1763	Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Concerning the administration of his estate and family affairs.	Phillipps 131 (transcript)
3	20 Sept 1763	Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Concerning the administration of his estate and family affairs.	Phillipps 131 (transcript)
8	8 Oct 1763	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning the administration of his business affairs; efforts to secure his re- appointment as governor; and family affairs.	Phillipps 130
4	3 Nov 1763	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning the administration of his estate.	Phillipps 130
4	14 Nov. 1763	Richard Murray to James Murray	Concerning political affairs and his own efforts to obtain preferment.	Acquired 1942
6	11 Jan 1764	Richard Murray to James Murray	Concerning political affairs his own efforts to obtain a lease of the King's Posts, and family affairs.	Acquired 1942
3	13 March 1764	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning his son Patrick and business affairs.	Phillipps 130
3	20 Mar 1764	Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Concerning the administration of his estate and his wife's passage to Quebec.	Phillipps 131 (transcript)

3	17 Apr 1764	Lord Elibank to James Murray	Concerning Capt. Holland; his regiment; appointments in Quebec; and the administration of his estate.	Acquired 1942
2	22 Apr. 1764	Lord Elibank to James Murray	Recommending Rev. Martel, a jesuit priest.	Acquired 1942
1	22 May 1764	Lord Elibank to James Murray	Recommending Mr. de Lery.	Acquired 1942
3	3 Jan 1965	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning family financial affairs.	Phillipps 130
2	13 Feb 1765 18 Mar 1765	MURRAY to Etienne Charest Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Bill of Exchange of 1775 Concerning his efforts to promote his career and to administer his business affairs.	Formerly MANOIR Richelieu Coll. Phillipps 131 (transcript)
4	24 March 1765	Lord Elibank to James Murray	Concerning his position as governor of Quebec and affairs of his regiment.	Pierpont Morgan Library 1931 (photostats)
4	7 May 1765	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning business affairs	Phillipps 130
4	1 July 1765	James Murray to Thomas Gage	Concerning his position as civil governor and military commandant of Quebec (copy)	Misc. Docs. 27/8
4	15 July 1765	James Murray to Lord Elibank	Concerning colonial intrigues and personal affairs; the marriage of Richard Murray (copy)	Misc. Doc. 27/9
4	19 July 1765	James Murray to Maj. James Abercrombie	Concerning colonial intrigues and a land grant of 5000 acres (copy)	Misc. Docs. 27/10
8	14 Dec 1765	Lord Adam Gordon to James Murray	Concerning his recall and the affairs of Quebec; efforts to promote his career; and Sir John Johnson.	Pierpont Morgan Library, 1931 (Photostats)
4	20 Aug 1766	James Murray to Lord Shelburne	Concerning the present state of Quebec (draft) [a transcript is to be found in the Haldimand papers, MG 21, volume B 8, pp. 1-8]	Acquired 1919

2	8 Oct 1766	Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Concerning family affairs	Phillipps 131 (transcript)
4	1 Jan 1767	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning the promotion of his career and family affairs.	Phillipps 130
2	31 May 1767	Rev. Gideon Murray to James Murray	Concerning the promotion of his career and family affairs	Phillipps 131 (transcript)
3	1 Nov 1772	Henry Caldwell to [James Murray]	Concerning an anecdote about ... the actions of Gen. Wolfe and Isaac Barré on the Plains of Abraham.	
4	5 Jan 1773	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning family affairs	Phillipps 130
2	12 April 1774	Lord Elibank to James Murray	Concerning the administration of his estate.	Acquired 1942
4	26 July 1778	Adm. G. Murray to James Murray	Concerning the illness of Lord Elibank and the disposition of his estate.	Phillipps 130
3	11 August 1778	George, Lord Elibank to James Murray	Concerning the death of Patrick Lord Elibank, and the disposition of his estate.	Phillipps 130

Series 4: Originals, 1759-60, 198 pages,

"Murray's Journals", covering the events of 1759-60, were apparently compiled and preserved by William Paxton of the 47th Regiment. The volume is comprised of 'A Short Account of the Expedition against Quebec', attributed to Captain Patrick Mackeller, chief engineer, and covering April-September 1759 (pp. 1-47); Murray's journals for September 1759-May 1760 (pp. 48-117) and May-September 1760 (pp. 118-170);

The articles of Capitulation, Montreal, 8 September 1760 (pp. 171-196); and An address said to have been delivered by James Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham (pp. 197-198).

Presented in 1966 by Mr. Robert Reford of Ottawa.

A photostat copy is also available. Murray's journal may be compared with the copy in the Northcliffe Collection (M.G. 18, M. series 2, no. 15).

Series 5: Photostats, 1793, 7 pages.

James Murray's will, 6 September 1793. Copied in 1944 from the original in Somerset House, London, U.K .

Series 6: Originals, 1764-68, 7 pages.

Insurance bond on the household goods of James Murray, shipped on the CANCEAUX from London to Quebec, endorsed by his agent George Ross, 1764 (2 pp); receipted bond for £316 loaned by Alexander Murray to James Murray in 1748, 1765 (3 pp); two receipts for money received by James Murray through George Ross, 1767, 1768 (2 pp) Acquired in 1934; formerly a part of the Sir Thomas Phillipps collection.

Series 7: Transcripts, 1759-72, 8 pages.

Extracts from the records of Hastings, England, consisting of notes on the 'Quebec Shield', hanging in the town hall; on the election of James Murray as jurat, 1757; and on James Murray's house 'Beauport'. Copied in 1906 by Rev. P. M. O'Leary.

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