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Sir Edmond John Monson Collection
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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: Sir Edmond John Monson

Title: Sir Edmond John Monson Collection

Date: 1853-1903

Abstract: Diary and four letter books

Quantity: .6 cu.ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF Sir Edmond John Monson

Sir Edmond J. Monson, born October 6, 1834, was a very popular and successful political figure who served as a representative of the British people, both at home and abroad. His illustrious political career began in July 1856 when he was appointed attache in Paris. Throughout the course of his life, Monson served as private secretary to Lord Lyons, a member of Parliament, consul in the Azores, consul-general at Budapest, second secretary to the embassy at Vienna, representative of Britain at Cettigne, minister resident in Uruguay, envoy at Buenos Aires, ambassador at Vienna, and arbitrator between the United States and Denmark and between France and Great Britain. He received honorary degrees for his outstanding political service from Oxford University in 1898 and from Cambridge in 1905. He was granted an honorary position as one of the British commissioners for the Paris exhibition in 1900, was made GCVO in 1903, and was created baronet upon his retirement on February 23, 1905. The French bestowed upon him the honor of bearing the grant cross of the Legion of Honor. Sir Edmond J. Monson died October 28, 1909 from severe illness.
SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This collection contains a diary which gives details of trips dating from June 25 to July 13, 1853. Also, in this collection are four letter books, discussing political aspects of life, during the time frame of December 1891 to April 1903. All letter books contain an index of contents.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:

   Series I: Diary
   Series II: Letter books

Abbreviations with in content list:

   N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to cite the collection name, collection number, and the Ohio University Libraries, in all footnotes and bibliographical references.

Accession Number: UKN

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Processing: UKN

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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Series II: Letter books

Letter books. December 1891-April 1903
#1 December 10, 1891-February 27, 1895
288 pages. Written to Lord Salisbury, Lord Roseberry, King George, Queen Victoria, the King of Belgium

#2 January 15, 1897-March 15, 1898 261 pages. Written to Lord Salisbury, Sir Arthur Bigge, Sir Francis Knollys, H.M. the King of Greece, H.M. the Queen, Sir T. Sanderson, Joseph Chamberlin, Rt. Han.

#3 March 17, 1898-November 16, 1899 218 pages. Written to H.M. the Queen, Sir Edwards, Lord Salisbury, T.H. Sanderson

#4 November 17, 1899-April 9, 1903 215
pages. Written to Lord Salisbury, Mr. Eric Barrington, H.M. the Queen, Lord Landsdowne