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Creator: Malet Family

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Language of Material: English.

Information for Users

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Provenance

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Processing Information

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When Duke University acquired the Malet family papers, dates had been penciled on some of the letters and documents. Researchers should be aware that some of these dates may not be accurate. No attempt has been made in the processing of the collection to change or verify them.

The name of Lady Marian Dora (Spalding) Malet is sometimes given as "Mary Anne" or "Marianne." In processing, the name "Marian" is used after the form used in the OCLC Name Authority File.

The papers of Alexander and Edward Malet were housed in acidic folders upon their arrival at Duke University. The notes on these folders have been photocopied and can be found in the Inventory Drawer in the Research Room, and may provide additional information about the material in the Alexander and

Edward Malet section of the Malet Family Papers.

Succession of the Malet Baronetage

Sir Charles Warre Malet, 1st Baronet

1752, Dec. 30	Baptised
1791, Feb. 24	Was created a baronet
1799, Sept. 23	Married Susanna Wales
1815, Dec. 15	Died and was succeeded by son Alexander Malet

Sir Alexander Malet, 2nd Baronet

1800, July 23	Born
1834, Dec. 22	Married Marian Dora Spalding (d. 1891, Jan. 2)
1886, Nov. 28	Died and was succeeded by son Henry Charles Eden Malet

Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet, 3rd Baronet

1835, Sept. 25	Born
1873, Feb. 19	Married Laura Jane Hamilton (d. 1922, May 9)
1904, Jan 12	Died and was succeeded by brother Edward Baldwin Malet

Sir Edward Baldwin Malet, 4th Baronet

1837, Oct. 10	Born
1885, Mar. 19	Married Lady Ermyntrude Sackville Russell (d. 1927, Mar. 22)
1908, June 29	Died and was succeeded by cousin Edward St. Lo Malet

Biographical Notes

Sir Charles Warre Malet, 1st Baronet

1753?	Born
1785-1791	Resident minister at Poona, India
1791	Was created a baronet for his services at Poona, India
1791-1798	Acting Governor of Bombay
1798	Retired and returned to England
1815	Died

Sir Alexander Malet, 2nd Baronet

1800, June	Born at Hartham Park, Wiltshire
1815	Succeeded to baronetcy
1822	BA, Christ Church, Oxford
1824	Entered diplomatic service as attaché at St. Petersburg
1832-1834	Secretary of Legation at Lisbon under Lord Howden
1834	Married Marian Dora Spalding
1836-1843	Secretary of the Embassy at the Hague
1849	Became Minister Plenipotentiary to the Germanic confederation at Frankfurt
1860	Author of <i>The Conquest of England</i>
1866	Retired
1870	Author of <i>The Overthrow of the German Confederation by Prussia in 1866</i>
1886, Nov. 28	Died in London

Marian Dora Spalding, Lady Malet

Unknown	Born to Thomas Spalding and Mary Anne Eden
1834, Dec. 22	Married Sir Alexander Malet
1835	Gave birth to Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet, 3rd Baronet
1836	Anonymously published <i>Violet, or The Danseuse: A Portraiture of Human Passions and Character</i> , a satirical novel
ca. 1836	Became friends with Queen Sophia of Holland, with whom she corresponded until the Queen's death in 1877
1837, Oct. 10	Gave birth to Sir Edward Baldwin Malet, 4th Baronet
1891, Jan. 2	Died

Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet, 3rd Baronet

1835	Born to Sir Alexander Malet and Marian Dora (Spalding) Malet
1854	Commissioned in the Grenadier Guards
1854-1856	Served in the Crimean War
1862	Was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel
1870	Retired
1904	Died

Sir Edward Malet

1837, Oct. 10	Born to Marian and Alexander Malet
1854	Appointed attaché at Frankfurt at age seventeen
1860	Appointed to the British Legation at Parana in the Argentine
1861	Transferred to Brazil
1862	Changed positions with William Brodie, attaché at Washington, D.C.
1864	Returned to England as Head of Chancery
1865	Transferred to Constantinople
1867	Transferred to Paris
1871	Promoted to Secretary of Legation at Peking
1873	Accepted appointment as Secretary of the Athens Legation and transferred to Greece
1875	Accepted appointment as Secretary of the Rome Legation and moved to Italy
1876	Promoted to Secretary of Embassy
1878	Appointed to Constantinople
1879	Appointed Agent and Consul General in Egypt and transferred to Alexandria
1883	Promoted to Minister at Brussels and transferred to Belgium
1884	Appointed to Berlin as ambassador
1885	Married Ermyntrude Hastings
1895	Retired and returned to England
1901	Published <i>Shifting Scenes</i>
1908, June	Died at the Chorleywood home of his sister-in-law, Lady Ella Russell

Collection Overview

The papers of the Malet family span the dates 1808-1937, with most of the papers being dated between 1824 and 1908. The papers consist chiefly of correspondence among members of the Malet family, particularly Sir Charles Warre Malet, Sir Alexander Malet and his wife Lady Marian Dora Malet, Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet, and Sir Edward Baldwin Malet, and their friends and diplomatic associates. Notable correspondents include Queen Sophia of the Netherlands, Sidney Herbert, Lord Clarendon, Lord Napier, Lord Stuart de Rochesay, Lord Brougham, Sir Rennell Rodd, Lord Lyons, Lord Granville and Lord Dufferin. The papers also include printed material, writings, financial papers, clippings, photographs, Lady Marian Dora Malet's diary (1831-1833), Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet's album of illustrations of his service in the Crimean War, and miscellaneous papers. The collection is particularly rich in material concerning 19th-century British diplomacy. The letters of Sir Alexander and Sir Edward Malet thoroughly document British relations with Russia, Portugal, Holland, Austria, Germany, the

United States, France, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Belgium, China, and Egypt. The letters and album of Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet in the Malet Family Correspondence Series provide detailed information about the Crimean War, particularly the siege of Sevastopol.

The Queen Sophia Series contains around 900 letters (1842-1877) from Queen Sophia of the Netherlands to Lady Malet relating to political and diplomatic matters with references to Emperor Napoleon III, Empress Eugénie, and Prince Napoleon, of France; King William II, King William III, and Queen Anna, of the Netherlands; King William I and Queen Olga of Württemberg; Francis Napier, Baron Napier; Edward Henry Stanley, Earl of Derby; George William Frederick Villiers, Earl of Clarendon; Henry Richard Charles Wellesley, Earl Cowley; and to other members of the royal families of England, France, the Netherlands, and Württemberg.

In the Alexander and Edward Malet Correspondence Series, Sir Alexander Malet's letters to his mother chronicle his duty in Russia (1824-1827), Portugal (1833-1835), Holland (1836-1843), and Austria and Germany (1844-1845). Three letterbooks contain copies of dispatches that he wrote to the Foreign Office while acting as envoy to the Germanic Confederation at Frankfurt from 1852-1866. Bismarck, a friend of the family, was at Frankfurt between 1851 and 1858, and conversations with him were reported in the correspondence.

The letters of Sir Edward Malet in the Alexander and Edward Malet Correspondence Series cover his entire diplomatic career. He was in Washington, D.C. during the American Civil War, in Paris during the Franco-Prussian War and Commune, in Constantinople at the end of the Russo-Turkish War, and in Egypt as agent and consul-general from 1879-1883. Peking (1873), Athens (1874), Rome (1875-1876), Brussels (1884), and Berlin (1884-1895) were also on his tour of duty. One volume contains copies of Malet's dispatches from Egypt from 1881-1883. Around 4,000 letters span his career, documenting political events of the period.

The Malet Family Printed Material Series includes material concerning the marriage of Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein in 1891 and for the visit on that occasion of the Emperor and Empress of Germany. The Alexander and Edward Malet Writings Series includes Sir Edward's *Shifting Scenes* (1901) in both print and manuscript format and proofs and manuscripts of Sir Alexander's *The Overthrow of the Germanic Federations by Prussia in 1866* (1870)

Subject Headings

These are searchable subject entries for this collection. Performing a search on these subjects in the Duke University Libraries online catalog will bring up other related research materials.

Crimean War, 1853-1856.

Derby, Edward Henry Stanley, Earl of, 1826-1893.

Diplomats--Great Britain--Correspondence.

England--Kings and rulers.

Europe--Politics and government 18th century.

France--Kings and rulers.

Germany--Kings and rulers.

Great Britain.--Army.--Grenadier Guards.

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Great Britain--Politics and government 1837-1901.

India--History--British occupation, 1767-1945.

Netherlands--Kings and rulers.

Eden, Frances, dd 1801-1849.

Malet, Alexander, Sir, 1800-1886.

Malet, Edwin, Sir, 1837-1908.

Malet, Henry Charles Eden, Sir.

Malet, Mary Ann Dora Spalding--Lady, d. 1891.

Sophie, Queen Consort of William III, King of the Netherlands, 1818-1877.

List of Series

Malet Family Subgroup

Alexander and Edward Malet Subgroup

Oversize Material

Detailed Description of Collection

Malet Family Subgroup

Malet Family Correspondence Series, 1808- and 1908 and undated

Chiefly letters to members of the Malet family. Includes letters (1850-1867) from Lord Edward Henry Stanley to Lady Marian Dora Malet concerning politics and literature; letters from Frances Eden to Lady Malet concerning her life in India from 1835-1841; letters to Sir Charles Warre Malet, Indian administrator and diplomat; and letters from Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet, 3rd Baronet, to his parents describing his life as a young officer during the Crimean War. Other correspondents include Sidney Herbert, Lord Clarendon, Lord Napier, Lord and Lady Palmerston, Sharif Pasha, and Nubar Pasha.

Note: For more detailed description of the material in this series, see the cards in the Main Entry drawer of the card catalog. The inventory file also contains a folder of biographical and genealogical material regarding the Malet family.

Box 1

1808-1859 (9 folders)

Box 2

1860-1908 and undated (4 folders)

Malet Family Printed Material Series, 1861-1867, 1891

Includes *Sketch of the Life of the Duke of Devonshire* (1861), printed political papers and programs, invitations, and other items from the ceremonies for the marriage of Princess Louise in 1891 and for the visit on that occasion of the Emperor and Empress of Germany. Also includes a warrant from Queen Victoria granting Sir Alexander Malet's diplomatic pension, Feb. 22, 1867 (oversize folder).

Box 2

1861-1864 (1 folder)

1891 (1 folder)

Malet Family Photographs Series, 1866-1883 and undated

Card photographs of Sir Edward Malet, Lady Ermyntrude Malet, Ahmed Araby, and Izzet Bey.

Box 2

1866-1883 and undated (1 folder)

Lady Marian Dora Malet Diary, 1831 Nov. 14-1833 Aug. 29 and 1857

Photocopy of a typescript of a two-volume diary (1831 Nov. 14 - 1833 Aug. 29) of Lady Malet written in the years before her marriage. Entries chiefly contain information about her social activities and conversations with friends, many of whom were notable political figures. Includes a sequel written by her in 1857 in which she reflects on her earlier entries and her relationships with those mentioned in the diary. This sequel concludes with an epilogue by her son, Sir Edward Malet. Some pages appear to be missing from the typescript.

Box 2

Diary, 1831-1833 (2 folders)

Box 3

Diary sequel, 1857 (1 folder)

Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet Album, 1834 and 1855-1856

Album of watercolors, drawings, and maps, most created by Sir Henry Charles Eden, 3rd Baronet, during his service as a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards during the Crimean War. Most of the 44 sketches, battle plans, and watercolors illustrate the siege of Sevastopol, the countryside, and army life. Views include Balaklava, the Inkerman Valley, and the Mackenzie Heights. The album also contains views and maps of the Redan, Mamelon, and Malakoff. Two watercolors of Cintra dated 1834 are not by Malet, if the penciled dates are correct, as he was born in 1835.

Box 131

Album, 1834, 1855-1856 (1 vol.)

Queen Sophia Series, 1842-1877 and undated

Letters, clippings, and pictures representing Lady Marian (sometimes spelled Mary Anne and Marianne) Dora Malet's close friendship with Queen Sophia Frederica Mathilda of the Netherlands. Most letters are from Queen Sophia, and include references to her personal life with her husband King William III; her friendships with Lord Clarendon, Lord Cowley, Lord Napier, and their wives. Other English friends mentioned were Charles Villiers, Lady Ely, Lady Westmoreland, and Lady Russell. Letters document her anglophilia and her antipathy towards the Russians. Correspondence includes analyses of Napoleon III and his wife Empress Eugénie. Letters contain not only the Queen's information and judgments about European affairs, but also her comments and opinions about rulers, nobles, diplomats, politicians, and military men of England, France, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, and Russia. Letters are arranged chronologically. Includes clippings regarding Queen Sophia's death in 1877 and a cabinet card photograph of the Queen at the end of the series.

Note: Many of the letters in this series are undated. At some point, dates were penciled on letters, but many appear to be inaccurate. For more detailed description of the material in this series, see the cards in the Main Entry drawer of the card catalog. The inventory file also contains a folder of biographical and genealogical material regarding Queen Sophia.

Box 3

Correspondence, 1842-1848 (4 folders)

Box 4

Correspondence, 1849-1863 (10 folders)

Box 5

Correspondence, 1864-1877 and undated (9 folders)

Clippings, 1877 (1 folder)

Photograph, 1877 (1 item)

Alexander and Edward Malet Subgroup

Correspondence Series, 1824-1908

Correspondence among Sir Alexander Malet and Sir Edward Malet and their family members, friends, and political associates. Many of Sir Alexander's letters concern family matters, his accommodations and events at court at his various posts in Europe, and his appointments and transfers. Some letters contain information about political events in Russia, Portugal, Great Britain, and Afghanistan. Sir Edward's letters to his parents (1854-1890) include comments on British politics as well as political events and figures in other places where he traveled (Washington, D.C. during the American Civil War; Paris in 1870; and Berlin in 1884). Also included is Sir Edward's diplomatic correspondence. Correspondents include Lord Clarendon, Lord Stuart de Rochesay, Lord Brougham, Lord Loftus, Lord Powlett, Sir J. R. Milbanke, Sir Rennell Rodd, Lord Lyons, Lord Granville, the Duke of York (later King George V), Lord Salisbury, Wilfred Scawen Blunt, Lord Dufferin, Esme Howard, and Lord Palmerston. One letterbook (1855-1858) contains dispatches of Sir Alexander Malet from Frankfurt while he served as British Minister to the Germanic Federation to Foreign Secretaries, Lords Malmesbury, John Russell and Clarendon, while five others contain printed correspondence from numerous diplomats regarding the political situation in Egypt 1882-1884 and 1904.

Box 6

Correspondence, 1824-1836 (8 folders)

Box 7

Correspondence, 1837-1854 (7 folders)

Box 8

Correspondence, 1855-1866 (9 folders)

Box 9

Correspondence, 1867-1871 Apr. 19 (6 folders)

Box 10

Correspondence, 1871 Apr. 20-1871 Dec. and undated (5 folders)

Box 11

Correspondence, 1872 Jan.-1874 (5 folders)

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Box 12

Correspondence, 1875-1878 (6 folders)

Box 13

Correspondence, 1879-1880 Apr. (4 folders)

Box 14

Correspondence, 1880 May-1882 July (6 folders)

Box 15

Correspondence, 1882 Aug.-Dec.1883 (5 folders)

Box 16

Correspondence, 1884-1886 (6 folders)

Box 17

Correspondence, 1887-1891 (6 folders)

Box 18

Correspondence, 1892-1899 (7 folders)

Box 19

Correspondence, 1900-1908 May and undated (5 folders)

Box 20

Letterbooks of Sir Alexander Malet's Dispatches to the Foreign Office, 1852-1858(2 vols.)

Box 21

Letterbooks of Sir Alexander Malet's Dispatches to the Foreign Office, 1859-1864(2 vols.)

Box 22

Correspondence concerning Egypt, 1878-1884 (1 folder)

Despatch to Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Cairo Respecting the Affairs of Egypt, 1882 (1 vol.)

Box 23

Correspondence Respecting the Affairs of Egypt, 1882 (1 vol.)

Further Correspondence Respecting the Affairs of Egypt, 1883 (1 vol.)

Further Correspondence Respecting the Reorganization of Egypt, 1884 (1 vol.)

Reports by His Majesty's Agent and Consul-General on the Finances, Administration, and Condition of Egypt and the Soudan in 1904, 1905 (1 vol.)

Writings Series, 1863-1901 and undated

Writings include manuscripts and proofs of Sir Alexander Malet's book *The Overthrow of the Germanic Confederation by Prussia in 1866*(1870) and manuscripts and a copy of Sir Edward

Malet's *Shifting Scenes* (1901). Fragments of poetry, songs, and playbills written by the Malets are also contained within this series, as well as a small illustrated manuscript pamphlet entitled *The Countess and the Tomahawk*.

Box 24

The Overthrow of the Germanic Federations by Prussia in 1866, by Sir Alexander Malet, 1870 (manuscript, 2 folders)

The Overthrow of the Germanic Federations by Prussia in 1866, by Sir Alexander Malet, 1870 (proof, 4 folders)

Box 25

The Overthrow of the Germanic Federations by Prussia in 1866, by Sir Alexander Malet, 1870 (proof, 1 folder)

Miscellaneous Writings, 1863-1883 and undated (1 folder)

Shifting Scenes, by Sir Edward Malet, 1901 (manuscript, 2 folders)

Box 26

Shifting Scenes, by Sir Edward Malet, 1901 (1 vol.)

Printed Material Series, 1849-1907 and undated

Volumes, printed reports, playbills, advertisements, menus, calling cards, membership lists of organizations, and guest lists documenting the social and diplomatic activities of Sir Alexander and Sir Edward Malet. Includes a program with seating arrangements for the wedding of Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, a 1905 biographical pamphlet on Sir Edward Malet, and 2 copies of a 1907 pamphlet entitled *The Episode of the Egyptian Rebellion of*

Box 26

The Secret History of the English Occupation of Egypt, by Wilfred Scawen Blunt, 1895 (1 vol.)

Printed Material, 1849-1907 (3 folders)

Box 27

Les notes sommaire et générale sur les charges relevées par l'accusation contre Ahmed Araby, 1882 (1 vol.)

Les actes et protocoles concernant le litige entre L'Allemagne, La France, et La Grande Bretagne d'une part et Le Japon d'autre part, 1905 (1 vol.)

Financial Papers Series, 1824-1907

Receipts, hotel bills, ledger pages, inventories, household accounts, lists of servants' wages, and accounts showing profits and costs of the publication of Sir Edward Malet's *Shifting Scenes*.

Box 27

Financial papers, 1824-1907 (1 folder)

Clippings Series, 1871-1937

Clippings regarding Malet family members and their political associates and friends. Includes a few German and Egyptian newspaper clippings.

Box 27

Clippings, 1871-1937 and undated

Miscellaneous Papers Series, 1824-1895 and n.d

Includes drawings, guest list for parties, lists of friends and associates who paid calls, a document granting power of attorney for Sir Alexander Malet to his mother Dame Susanna Malet, and a small sketch of a house plan.

Box 27

Miscellaneous papers, 1824-1895 and undated

Oversize Material

Box 131

Malet Family Subgroup: Sir Henry Charles Eden Malet Album, 1834, 1855-1856 (1 vol.)

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Queen's Warrant granting Sir Alexander Malet a diplomatic pension, 1867

Journal officiel de la République française, 1870 Oct. 18

Le Bosphore Egyptien, 1883 Aug. 31

Program and seating scheme for musical event, 1885

The Pall Mall Gazette, 1887 Feb. 8

Printed list of visitors to Windsor Castle, 1891 July 4-8

Table arrangement chart for reception of German Emperor at Guildhall, 1891 July 10

Berliner Intelligenz Blatt, 1894 June 25

Unidentified seating chart, undated

Alexander and Edward Malet Subgroup: Writings Series

Prologue to theatrical event, by Sir Edward Malet, 1873

Alexander and Edward Malet Subgroup: Financial Papers Series

Bill and receipt from Hampton's for furnishings for the Berlin Embassy, 1887

Alexander and Edward Malet Subgroup: Miscellaneous Papers Series

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Pen and ink drawing by Julian Story, 1876