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Correspondence and papers, literary MSS and journals, ca. 1660-1823, of Sylvester Douglas, Baron Glenbervie (1744-1823) and of earlier members of the Douglas family, chiefly his great-grandfather, Robert Douglas (1625-1716), Bishop of Brechin, 1682-4, and the last Bishop of Dunblane (1684-9) in the pre-Revolution episcopal establishment of the Church of Scotland; and his father, John Douglas of Fechil in the parish of Ellon, Aberdeenshire (1714-62). For other papers of Gordon and Douglas of Fechil see Acc.7079; other papers of Lord Glenbervie are Acc.8059, MSS.16493-4, MS.21193, ff.11-104, and Adv.MS.23.7.18-19.

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BISHOP DOUGLAS

1. Miscellaneous letters and papers, 1681-1700.
2. 'Register of the Bibliothek within the Citie of Dunblane, founded by the Most Reverend Father in God, Doctor Robert Leightone, sometime Bishop of Dunblane, thereafter Archbishop of Glasgow': copies, late 18th cent, of letters, mostly to Bishop Robert Douglas, 1679-88, concerning Robert Leighton and his bequest of the Leighton Library to Dunblane.
- 3-9. Notes, etc, n.d., on church government and politics:
 3. 'Dr Burnet on the 39 Articles'.
 4. 'Apology and vindication' of episcopal government in the Kirk.
 5. 'Proofs for Episcopie, Pars Prima'.
 6. 'Of Penal Statutes'.
 7. 'Notes out of Dr Sherlockes caise of allegence due to soveran princes'.
 8. 'Of Church government'.
 9. 'On Church Government: Arguments for Episcopie', etc.

- 10-17. Notes on theology and philosophy, n.d.
10. 'Observations on the ii Booke of Josephus'.
 11. 'On several theological heads'.
 12. 'The Nature and properties of grace and faith'.
 13. 'Predestinatione'.
 14. 'Of faith and justificatione'.
 15. 'Chronologica varia'.
 16. 'De peccato originale'.
 17. 'Of the four causes of things'.
18. A notebook in its original covers, Latin text complete and lacking only the index prior to 'F', containing a course of lectures on theology.
19. Commentaries and/or sermons on the Old Testament from: Leviticus 26:2 and 26:10; Deuteronomy 12: 13-14; and Isaiah [incomplete].
- 20-28. Commentaries and/or sermons on the Gospels:
20. Mathhew [various].
 21. Luke 2: 8; sewn together with a letter to Douglas, 25 May 1692.
 22. John Ch.3
 23. John 4.
 24. John 6.
 25. John 7: 37; 13: 34.
 26. John 14.
 27. John 15.
 28. John 16.
- 29-38. Commentaries and/or sermons on the Epistles:
29. Romans.
 30. I and II Corinthians.
 31. Galatians.
 32. Ephesians.
 33. Philippians.
 34. Colossians.
 35. I Thessalonians.
 36. I Timothy.
 37. Hebrews.
 38. I Peter.

- 39. Revelation.
- 40. Miscellaneous notes.

FECHIL PAPERS

- 41. General correspondence and papers, 1706-57, mostly addressed to John Douglas of Fechil, but including some to his kinsman, George Keith, Advocate in Aberdeen, a connexion of the Keiths, Earls Marischal.
- 42. Legal and financial papers, 1597-1750, mostly concerning the estate of Fechil, including some papers of the Gordons of Fechil.
- 43. Fechil papers of John Douglas, 1751-63.
- 44. Fechil papers of Sylvester Douglas, 1763-5, with some personal accounts, 1766-88. [The estate was sold to Urquhart of Craigston in 1768].

LORD GLENBERVIE: PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS

Family and personal correspondence of Sylvester Douglas, Lord Glenbervie, 1767-ca. 1823.

- 45-6. Correspondence, 1767-1804, with Glenbervie's sister, Katherine or Kate (d. 1802), and with his brother-in-law, Major James Mercer, poet (1734-1804). Glenbervie first edited Mercer's Lyric Poems for publication in 1797. A second edition was published in 1804 and the fuller Lyric Poems by the Late James Mercer with an Account of the Life of the Author by Lord Glenbervie appeared in 1806. The letters report in some detail on Glenbervie's earlier legal career and his later political activities, discuss Mercer's poetry and other literary matters, and make some reference to old Aberdeen friends, notably James Beattie.
 - 45. 1767-95.
 - 46. 1796-1804, n.d.
- 47. A volume of love letters, 1767-8, of an Austrian Countess, von Rosemberg, n^èc Wynne, to Sylvester Douglas.
- 48. (i) Journal letters [incomplete] of Douglas, in Lausanne September 1788, to Lady Katherine Anne North (later Lady Glenbervie).
 (ii) Letter October ?1793, of Lady Katherine Douglas, n^èc North, to her husband.

49. Journal letters of Sylvester to Lady Katherine Douglas, 12 September – 25 October 1791, during a visit to France, principally to Paris. The letters contain much discussion of the current state of politics in France.
50. Letters to Lady Katherine Douglas from Belgium, October-November 1793, following the outbreak of war with France. Douglas accompanied his friend Sir Gilbert Elliot, later Lord Minto, on the first stage of his journey to Toulon, where the latter was to act as British Commissioner. For the diary of this visit see Walter Sichel, The Glenbervie Journals, London 1910.
51. Miscellaneous letters and papers, 1778-1821, n.d.
52. A fragment of autobiographical memoir by Glenbervie, n.d. [*cf.* Francis Bickley (ed), The Diaries of Sylvester Douglas, Lord Glenbervie, Vol.2, pp.340-81, London, 1928].

POLITICAL PAPERS

53. Correspondence, October 1793, with government ministers on the appointment (not promulgated) of Douglas as Secretary of the Elliot Mission to Toulon.
54. A manuscript copy, signed by the author, of a letter of Charles Jenkinson, later 1st Earl of Liverpool, to Lord North, on the coinage of the realm.
55. Memorandum [?1801] on the expediency of a commercial treaty with France.

LITERARY MSS AND PAPERS

- 56-70. An edited edition, with extensive notes, of the 'Works' of the Scots poet and bishop, Gavin Douglas (d. 1522), prepared for publication by Glenbervie, but never published: a complete series in uniform manuscript notebooks, numbered I-XV.
71. Miscellaneous notes from Tyrwhitt's edition of Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales'; and notes on the orthography of Gavin Douglas's Virgil, etc.
72. Drafts, ca. 1816, of Glenbervie's introductory essay to his edition of Gavin Douglas.
73. Miscellaneous papers and notes, 1817, n.d., relating to Gavin Douglas and to the family of Douglas.

74. 'Essay on the Poetry of the Moderns', probably by Glenbervie.
75. Notebook containing quotations from Greek authors, etc, collected by Glenbervie.
- 76-87. A series of literary essays, many in the hand of a copyist, by various Oxford graduates.
76. 'Ars Musica' by Jer[imiah] Milles AB, Queen's College, 7 July 1773.
77. Untitled essay on pleasure and virtue by H Morgan, Worcester College, 1774.
78. 'The right improvement of an academical education' by W Barrow, Queen's College, Oxford, 1778.
79. 'On the Use of History', by the Rev Charles Thomas Barker, Student of Christ Church, 1783.
80. 'On the Use of Medals', by Charles Henry Hall,, AB, Student of Christ Church, 1784.
81. 'On Refinement', by William Roberts AB, Corpus Christi College, June 1788.
82. 'An Essay on the Characteristic Differences between Ancient and Modern Poetry and the several Causes from which they result', by George Richards AB, Scholar of Trinity College, June 1789.
83. 'On General Knowledge; It's Real Nature; and the Advantages which are to be derived from it', by John Willing Warren AB, St John's College, 1790.
84. 'On National Prejudices their Good and Bad Effects', by John Burrows AB, Christ Church, 1791.
85. 'On Dramatic Composition', by Henry Blackstone BA, Fellow of New College.
86. 'An Essay on the Art of Printing', by S Street, BA, Queen's College, n.d.
87. 'On Sculpture' by JG, N[ew] College, n.d.
- 88-96. A similar Latin series, mostly verse, by various persons:
88. 'Globus Aerostaticus', by Charles Abbott, Scholar of Corpus Christi, 1784.
89. Ode to Czar Peter the Great [begins: 'Dum Tibi, Russiacum primus qui attollere nomen'] by Charles Abbott.
90. Ode entitled 'Howardus, Humanitatis causa Peregrinans', by T Penrose, New College, 1790.

91. 'Hortus Anglicus', by Edward Cooper, King's College, 8 July 1791.
92. 'Iter ad Meccam, Religionis causa susceptum', by George Canning, Corpus Christi, n.d but 1789, when the future Prime Minister won the Chancellor's prize for Latin verse.
93. 'Strages Indica Occidentalis', by Charles Hall, alumnus of Corpus Christie, n.d.
94. 'Ars Chemiae' by P Vaughan, Merton College, June 1778.
95. 'Alfredus', an ode by John Wharton, Trinity College, n.d.
96. 'Vis Electrica', n.a., n.d.

97-100. Miscellaneous literary notebooks, as under:

97. Notes on philology: no.18 of a series.
98. 'The Rape of the Bucket', a mock-heroic poem, ca. 1773.
99. 'Ane schort Memoriale of the Scott[ish] Chronikles': copied from a quarto MS in the Auchinleck collection by John Nelson.
100. An alphabetical catalogue, ca. 1813, possibly of the Glenberrie library; with a 'List of Prints sent to London from Florence' and of 'Books to be taken to Rome'.

TRAVEL JOURNALS AND PAPERS

- 101-105. Notes, n.d., but probably recorded during the tour of Douglas in the Hapsburg Empire (particularly in Hungary) and Italy, 1767/8, in company with Lord Stavordale (later Ilchester) and Charles Digby.
- 101-104. 'Notes on Hungary'
 - 105-106. 'Anecdotes Historical and Political' I and III, on Moravia, Austria and Hungary.
 107. Notes on Moravia.
 - 108-112. Notes on Italy from the same tour; in pocket-books numbered I, III, IV, VII, VIII.
 113. Miscellaneous notes [Italy].
 114. Notes from the Annali d'Italia da Muratori, Milano, 1753, [1767].
 115. Notes on 'Auctores Classici' from the same period.
 116. 'Discorso del Generale del regno di Corsica ... il 22 Maggio del anno corrente 1768'.
117. Miscellaneous papers relating mostly to the tour of the Hapsburg Empire, 1767, including a letter (1757) in Magyar, possibly acquired for its linguistic interest.

118. Journal by an unidentified writer, commencing July 1823, of a voyage from Leith to London and a subsequent tour from Dieppe to Paris.

LEGAL PAPERS

119. A printed document, Edinburgh 1815, entitled 'Abstract of the Evidence taken or to be Produced in the Service of the Right Honourable Sylvester (Douglas) Lord Glenbervie, as Heir-Male in General of the Rev James Douglas, Parson of Glenbervie, Next Brother of William IX Earl of Angus'; with a genealogical table of Glenbervie's descent from the Earls of Angus.
120. A brief note on 'Le Droit public De l'Europe par M L'Abbe Mabley Edit. Amsterd[am] 61, Vol.1'.
121. Notes on the law of evidence.
122. Miscellaneous legal notes originally Vol.V of a series: paginated 113-129.
123. Documents, mostly copies of wills, 1767-1814, relating to the family of North, Earls of Guilford.
124. Papers, 1736-46, relating to the will of the Earl of Rockingham; copy of an indenture of fine, 1777, John Drake DCL, and John Dobbins and others.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

125. Manuscript, 1792, of the funeral sermon for Frederick, Lord North and 2nd Earl of Guilford, by the Rev Thomas Weatherhead.
126. Letter, 1821, of the Rev T W Lancaster, Banbury, to Glenbervie, enclosing extracts from his funeral sermon, 31 October 1819, for the Hon Frederick Douglas MP.
127. Report of the Committee of the Banbury National School Society, Banbury, 1820: refers *inter alia*, to the death of the Hon Frederick Douglas.
128. 'A Catalogue of Books to be Sold by Auction or Private Sale' [?Aberdeen] 1763: possibly books from the library of John Douglas of Fechil.
129. A manuscript index, probably to the journals of Glenbervie.

130. Burgess tickets of Inverurie, 1737, and of Tain, 1756, in favour of John Douglas of Fechil.
131. Copies of monumental inscriptions, mostly in memory of Katherine Anne, Lady Glenbervie (d. 6 February 1817), but including one [incomplete] for Sylvester, Lord Glenbervie.
132. Printer's pulls with engraved portraits of Lady and Lord Glenbervie: their son Hon Frederic Sylvester Douglas (d. 1819); and Frederick (Lord) North, 5th Earl of Guilford.