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Introduction

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Contents

The Lawson Papers contain: a variety of correspondence concerning Jack Lawson's public and personal life; diaries, scrapbooks and journals, including several detailed accounts of travels abroad on official missions; his political journalism; literary works, including continuations of the autobiography *A man's life*; drafts of publications, speeches, and broadcasts; and sermon notes. The collection also contains newspaper cuttings and photographs. However, little of significance is present from Lawson's periods of ministerial office.

John James (Jack) Lawson, Baron Lawson (1881-1965)
Jack Lawson was born in Whitehaven on 16 October 1881, but moved to Co. Durham at the age of nine. He left school aged 12 to work in the pits, beginning as a trapper at Boldon Colliery. After a short period at Ruskin College, Oxford, in his twenties, he returned to the pits and came increasingly to prominence as a miners' leader. In 1919 he was elected to Parliament. He was Labour MP for Chester-le-Street 1919-1949, was in the first Labour government, 1924, as Financial Secretary to the War Office, again held junior ministerial office from 1929-1931 as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour, Margaret Bondfield, and was Secretary of State for War between August 1945 and October 1946, and lord lieutenant of Co. Durham 1949-1958. His died on 3 August 1965. He published several books, including *A man's life* (London, 1932), an autobiography of his early life, and numerous articles, partly supporting himself during his parliamentary career and afterwards by his journalism. He was created Baron Lawson in 1950.

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Papers concerning public life and official duties
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Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, King's College, London
Papers of Sir Arthur Wynne Morgan Bryant (1899-1985), D/4: letters from J JL to Bryant, early 1940s.
Papers concerning public life and official duties

Correspondence  
1914-1965  
2 boxes

LAW 1/1/1  10 February 1914  
Letter from J. Turnbull, solicitor, Market Place, Durham, to JJL, 6 Twizell Lane, West Pelton, Co Durham: encloses the umpire Turnbull's award concerning Twizell Colliery, [not present].  
Note: for another award concerning Twizell Colliery, dated 5 March 1897, see LAW 1/2/4.  
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/2  13 February 1914  
Letter from J. Turnbull, solicitor, to JJL: clarifying detail of Twizell award; copy letter sent to Mr F.O. Kirkup.  
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/3  17 February 1914  
Letter from Thomas Trotter, [Joint Committee], Miners' Association, 16 North Road, Durham, to JJL: concerning a clause in [an unidentified award], and the unlikelihood of securing payment of “winning price in cases where the wall has gone beyond the ordinary pillar distance”.  
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/4  25 January 1915  
Letter, with enclosure, from R. Donald Bain, [Aykley-heads], Durham, to JJL: umpire in the Harton arbitration case; encloses award (see LAW 1/2/6).  
Paper  1f; 3f

LAW 1/1/5  24 January 1916  
Letter, with enclosure, from Norman Nisbet, Harperley Hall, Tantobie S.O., Co Durham, to JJL, 21 Sion Hill, Clifton, Bristol: making a correction to the enclosed Ouston Winning award, and submitting the same for JJL's signature, (see LAW 1/2/8).  
Paper  1f; 3f

LAW 1/1/6  [?1917]  
Letter from C. Howe: provides prices agreed upon for mechanical coal cutting (flitters, coal cutters, drillers, coal fillers), with advice on negotiations. Endorsed with pencil sketch of a mechanical cutter/conveyor.  
[Note: a date of 1917 is suggested by LAW 1/1/7].  
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/7  4 August 1917  
Letter from Thomas Carr, Miners’ secretary, Chopwell Lodge, to JJL: concerning conveyor agreement; encloses book, [not present].  
Note: for another agreement concerning mechanical coal cutting, see LAW 1/1/6.  
Paper  1f
Letter from Robert Smillie, 29 Miller Street, Larkhall, to JJL, c/o Jack Gilliland, 16 Fife Avenue, Chester-le-Street: illness prevents personal role at Chester-le-Street election campaign; outline of an election address, to the workers, the electors, and to the mothers, supporting JJL's candidacy. See also, LAW 1/2/23A.

Paper 4f

LAW 1/1/9-59 26 November - 27 December 1919

Congratulatory letters and messages upon JJL's election as MP for Chester-le-Street. Items are listed chronologically, and then alphabetically; noting the correspondent's name and address, and the extent of each item; other noteworthy content is also described.
Paper 62f

LAW 1/1/9 26 November 1919
Bart, [Ruskin College], Oxford.
1f

LAW 1/1/10 26 November 1919
1f

LAW 1/1/11 26 November 1919
Diamond, Royal Automobile Club.
1f

LAW 1/1/12 26 November 1919
Gray, East Boldon: JJL's old school.
1f

LAW 1/1/13 26 November 1919
1f

LAW 1/1/14 26 November 1919
1f

LAW 1/1/15 26 November 1919
Peter Lee, chairman, and vice-chairman Durham County Council, Southampton Row, [London].
1f

LAW 1/1/16 26 November 1919
Lindsay, Labour party, House of Commons: coal debate.
1f

LAW 1/1/17 26 November 1919
Alf Lowerson, Fence Houses.
1f

LAW 1/1/18 26 November 1919
1f
LAW 1/1/19  26 November 1919  
Weir, Northumberland Miners' Council, Newcastle upon Tyne.  
1f

LAW 1/1/20  27 November 1919  
J. Addison, Greenside.  
1f

LAW 1/1/21  27 November 1919  
Gomm, Oxford.  
1f

LAW 1/1/22  27 November 1919  
Kelly family, Stanley, Durham.  
1f

LAW 1/1/23  27 November 1919  
R. Lawson, Dawdon, Seaham Harbour.  
1f

LAW 1/1/24  27 November 1919  
Alice Lee, Wheatley Hill.  
1f

LAW 1/1/25  27 November 1919  
Steward, Tynedock.  
1f

LAW 1/1/26  27 November 1919  
Chairman of Woodford Labour party, Liverpool Street.  
1f

LAW 1/1/27  27 November 1919  
Dawdon Lodge, Seaham Harbour.  
1f

LAW 1/1/28  26 November 1919  
John Armstrong, checkweighman, Cambois Colliery, 3 Bridge Street West, Cambois, Blyth, Northumberland: a 1909 alumnus of Ruskin College.  
2f

LAW 1/1/29  26 November 1919  
William Bainbridge, 68 Croft Avenue, South Shields.  
2f

LAW 1/1/30  26 November 1919  
Mr and Mrs T. W. Bell, 8 Struan Terrace, East Boldon: “Joe & Mrs Armstrong join with me in a wireless of congratulation around the tea table at 3.50 pm”.  
2f

LAW 1/1/31  26 November 1919  
Saul Cullum, treasurer, Mainsforth Lodge, Durham Mining Association, Ferryhill.  
1f

LAW 1/1/32  26 November 1919  
George Davison, 170 Hornsey Lane, London.  
1f
LAW 1/1/33  26 November 1919
W. How, Pelton Fell Workmen's Club Society Ltd, Glenside Terrace, Pelton Fell.

LAW 1/1/34  26 November 1919

LAW 1/1/35  26 November 1919
Robert Richardson, House of Commons.

LAW 1/1/36  26 November 1919
J. W. Taylor, Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, Central Office, 3 Tenter Terrace, Durham.

LAW 1/1/37  27 November 1919
G.J.S. Bott, 22 High Street, Ripley, Derbyshire: war veteran, served with J JL; old colonel, Henry Bentinck; "the attitude of the employer is going back to the old pre-war standard, if anything it is more aggressive".

LAW 1/1/38  27 November 1919

LAW 1/1/39  27 November 1919
J. Errington, Friendly Society, Northumberland & Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, 5 Queen's Square, Newcastle on Tyne: recalls stoppages at Boldon Colliery.

LAW 1/1/40  27 November 1919
B.A. Gilmore, 4 Ardenvohr Street, Belfast.

LAW 1/1/41  27 November 1919
George Green, Miners' secretary, Philadelphia Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, Newbottle Fence Houses.

LAW 1/1/42  27 November 1919
Ben Jackson, Council School Mixed, Dunston-on-Tyne: J JL's dispatch runner and typist during the Easington contest.

LAW 1/1/43  27 November 1919
Lina [Laird], 7 Moore Avenue, Dunston on Tyne: quoting Burns' [ "Earnest cry and prayer " to the Scotch Representatives], "In gath'ring votes...".
LAW 1/1/44 27 November 1919
J.A. Mills, Durham County Asylum, Winterton, Ferryhill.
1f

LAW 1/1/45 27 November 1919
The National Union of General Workers, Northern District, Unity Chambers, Atheneum Street, Sunderland.
1f

LAW 1/1/46 27 November 1919
J.A.L. Robson, 6 Victoria Terrace, Durham.
2f

LAW 1/1/47 27 November 1919
Henry Soones, honorary secretary, Wallsend and District Labour Party, 13 Burn Avenue, Wallsend-on-Tyne.
1f

LAW 1/1/48 27 November 1919
John Storey, insurance agent, Insurance Department, Northumberland & Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, 6 Queen's Square, Newcastle on Tyne.
1f

LAW 1/1/49 27 November 1919
John Sutherland, Boldon Colliery.
2f

LAW 1/1/50 28 November 1919
J.G. Dunkerton, Hawthorn Bank, 4 St James' Road, Carlisle.
2f

LAW 1/1/51 28 November 1919
Dick Lawson, Dawdon Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, Dawdon, Seaham Harbour.
1f

LAW 1/1/52 28 November 1919
Ralph Smith, secretary, Sailors and Soldiers Club, Middle Chare, Chester-le-Street: on behalf of local members of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers.
2f

LAW 1/1/53 29 November 1919
J. Hinde, 3 Gladstone Terrace, Boldon Fell.
1f

LAW 1/1/54 29 November 1919
W.P. Richardson, Durham Miners' Association, Red Hill, Durham.
1f

LAW 1/1/55 29 November 1919
M.F. Walsh, No. 254992, Chapel[?]town Barracks, R.F.A., Leeds: encloses cuttings from *Daily Mirror* and *Yorkshire Evening Post*, [not present]; JJL taken his seat in the Commons; awaiting transit to India; Irish Home Rule.
1f
LAW 1/1/56 6 December 1919
Rev Walter H. Armstrong, Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London.
1f

LAW 1/1/57 18 December 1919
John Barker, financial secretary, Cumberland Miners' Association, Miners' Offices, John Street, Workington: on behalf of Old St Helens and Siddick Lodges.
1f

LAW 1/1/58 15 December 1919
J. Gibson, secretary, Hanley House, Chester-le-Street: Chester-le-Street Methodist Circuit; also congratulating JJL on becoming an alderman of Durham County Council.
2f

LAW 1/1/59 27 December 1919
M.R. Roberts, 196 Charles Street, Boldon Colliery.
2f

LAW 1/1/60 26 January 1923
Letter from William Hogg, Burt Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL: offers thanks on behalf of governors of Aged Miners Homes Association for JJL's waiving of his lecture fee.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/61 1 July 1923
Postcard from J.D. Robinson, 10 Oxborne Road, Chester-le-Street, to JJL, House of Commons: commends JJL's speech on pensions, reported in the Chester-le-Street Chronicle.
Paper 1 postcard

LAW 1/1/62 10 August 1923
Letter from W. Gavazzi King, Entertainment Tax Committee, Broadmead House, Panton Street, Haymarket, London, to JJL, House of Commons: offers thanks for JJL having joined the, defeated, vote to abolish Entertainment Duty, fulfilling an election pledge.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/1/63 14 August 1923
Lieutenant-Colonel A. Pownall, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Postmaster General, General Post Office, London, to JJL: opening hours of Birtley Sub Post Office.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/64 12 September 1923
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/65  21 July 1924
Letter from Joseph William Walker, honorary secretary, Coundon Grange, Eldon and St Andrews Branch of the Bishop Auckland Labour Party, 19 Paddy's Row, Eldon Lane, Bishop Auckland, to J JL, House of Commons: requests J JL convey the branch's thanks to John Dawson MP for a “fighting” speech made at Eldon Lane Club Hall.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/66  21 November 1924
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/67  18 March 1925
Letter from D.B. Lawley, organizer, The National League of the Blind of Great Britain and Ireland, 5 Infirmary Road, Blackburn, to J JL: offers thanks for J JL's attendance at a Shrewsbury meeting; requests J JL relinquish his adoption of Lowestoft Division, and adopt Shrewsbury in its place.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/68  17 April 1925
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/69  20 June 1925
Paper  3f

LAW 1/1/70  25 June 1925
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/71  28 June 1925
Letter from M. Ellen Wilson, secretary, Banbury Local Labour Party Women's Section, Tracey House, Bath Road, Banbury, to J JL: offers thanks to J JL for a tour of the House of Commons; Miss E. Wilkinson.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/72  7 July 1925
Letter from Mrs Elizabeth Flack, 3 Falshaw Street, Washington Station, Co Durham, to J JL: offers thanks re London race-week visit.
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/73  8 August 1925
Letter from Harold Jevons, clerk, Durham County Council, Shire Hall, Durham, to JJL, Twizell Lane, West Pelton, Beamish, Co Durham: Ministry of Agriculture's land drainage schemes for the relief of unemployment to be continued this year, as previous four years; conditions to be circulated.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/74  9 December 1925
Letter from J. Robertshaw, president, and W. Adamson, secretary, Langley Park Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, Langley Park Colliery, near Durham, to JJL: offers thanks to JJL for his support; Association to test the Lodge's evidence concerning an appeal that had formerly been turned down by the Court of Referees.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/75  3 January 1926
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/76  4 January 1926
Typescript circular from W. P. Smith, 24 ½ Durham Road, Birtley, to JJL: solicits JJL's assistance in establishing a court of enquiry concerning the inadequate qualifications of marine wireless operators, citing the Board of Trade relaxation of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1919 and incidents concerning the ships "Coronado" and "Aguila".
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/77  8 January 1926
Letter from L. G. Scorgie, deputy controller, H.M. Stationary Office, Princes Street, Westminster, to JJL: Land settlement in England and Wales, 1919-1924, and Report of the Chief Registrar (Part IV) on Trade Unions, dispatched; refers JJL to Oversea Settlement Department concerning emigration under a scheme for reduced fares.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/78  11 January 1926
Letter from A. Errington, secretary, Federation of Women's Sections, Chester-le-Street Divisional Labour Party, 100 Pitfield Street, Sacriston, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL's assistance.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/79-82  4 February - 25 March 1926
Petition of Birtley Unemployed Organisation concerning a refused grant application for street improvements [as an unemployed worker scheme], with subsequent correspondence from T.S. Chegwidden on behalf of Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland [Minister of Labour], Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, and Birtley Unemployed Organisation. The petition bears the receipt stamp of the Ministry of Works. See also LAW 2/7/2/37.
Paper  4f
LAW 1/1/83-84  11 and 26 February 1926
Letters from Joseph Currey, 6 Alexandra Terrace, Sunniside, Co. Durham, to J.J.L: requests the men and boys of suspended Marley Hill coal mine might not be compelled to visit Dunston on Tyne Labour Exchange three times per week, complaining of the distance; with reference to a Ministry of Labour circular making certain concessions.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 1/1/85  3 March 1926
Letter from Norman Riddell, 15 Clifford Street, Chester-le-Street, to J.J.L: offers thanks for copy of Hansard.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/86  13 April 1926
Letter from A. Saunders, chairman of the Meeting and president of the National Conference of Friendly Societies, to J.J.L, House of Commons: offering the thanks of a list of Associations of Approved Societies for J.J.L's support concerning the Economy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/87  9 June 1926
Letter from Robert Hudson, clerk, Birtley Parish Council, to J.J.L, House of Commons: offers thanks to J.J.L for his action concerning the batoning of pickets in Birtley township.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/88  10 June 1926
Letter from Syd Lavers, Miners' secretary, Black Horse Lodge Birtley, Durham Miners' Association, to J.J.L: reporting progress concerning the purchase of four acres of land for Birtley Miners' Welfare Scheme; interview with Mr Endicott.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/89  18 July 1926
Letter from Norman Riddell, 15 Clifford Street, Chester-le-Street, to J.J.L: commending J.J.L's unparliamentary behaviour in his defence of the workers' standard of life and also his refusal, at Ramsay MacDonald's request, to apologise to the Speaker, as reported in the Sunday Worker.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/90  22 July 1926
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/91  4 August 1926
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/92  9 August 1926
Letter from Robert Hobson, clerk, Birtley Parish Council, 6 Gladstone Terrace, Birtley, Co. Durham, to JJJL: [alternative] access road to cemetery; thanking JJJL for his interest.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/93  29 August 1926
Letter from George A. Bate, secretary, Waldridge Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, 2 Byron Cottages, Edmondsley, Co. Durham, to JJJL: thanking JJJL for his successful representation of their cases.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/94  31 August 1926
Letter from R.V. Dickinson, clerk, Chester-le-Street Union, Union Offices, Chester-le-Street, to JJJL: acknowledging receipt of the Board of Guardians (Default) Act, 1926.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/95-97  15 September 1926
Letter from Robert Hobson, clerk, Birtley Parish Council, 6 Gladstone Terrace, Birtley, Co. Durham, to JJJL, House of Commons: requesting JJJL's aid in establishing a speed limit through Birtley, enclosing:
Paper  2f; 1f; 1f; stamped envelope
  LAW 1/1/96  15 September 1926
  Copy letter from Durham County Council to Hobson declining to move on the matter.

  LAW 1/1/97  15 September 1926
  Durham County Constabulary statistical report of road deaths and injuries at Birtley 1924-1926.

LAW 1/1/98  7 October 1926
Letter from Harold Jevons, clerk, Durham County Council, Shire Hall, Durham, to JJJL: JJJL's letter concerning speed limits to be submitted to the County Works Committee; reiterating and providing grounds for past decisions not to impose such limits in the county.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/99-103  26 November - 20 December 1926
Correspondence from William A. Horn, fuel officer, [Coal Control Committee], Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, Union Offices, Chester-le-Street, to JJJL, House of Commons and Woodside, Beamish: concerning proceedings instituted by the District Council under the Coal (Emergency) Directions, and the Home Office's remission of certain fines; noting JJJL's remarks in the House of Commons on the subject; and requesting the Home Office reconsider the decision; includes copy correspondence to Horn from the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Home Office.
Note: see also LAW 1/3.
Paper  5f
LAW 1/1/104 30 November 1926
Letter from Ernest J. G. Lockyear, Carlingford Villas, Radstock, to JJL, House of Commons: thanking JJL for his visit and complimenting his “discourses on Sunday”.

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/105 1 December 1926
Letter from J. Jackson Bell, St Matthews Vicarage, Salmon Lane, Stepney, to JJL: offers thanks for a tour of the House of Commons, and commenting upon the House's welcome [upon the return] of [Joseph] Kenworth of [Central] Hull.

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/106 8 December 1926
Letter from Charles Robinson, Miners' Secretary, Vale Pit Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, Springwell, via Gateshead, to JJL, House of Commons: listing “severity, indeed savagery” of management policies of John Bowes & Partners Ltd, owners of Vale Pit, [in the aftermath of the strike]: no priority for former employees over outsiders; Local Agreements and unemployed lodge officials not recognised; “the colliery agent brutally told a Lodge deputation that their side “had won”, & that the miners were “up against a brick wall””; “[w]e are beaten to the dust, & they mean to plant their feet on our necks”.

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/107 12 December 1926
Letter from William Kay, secretary, Harraton Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, Fatfield, Washington, Co. Durham, to JJL, House of Commons: offers thanks to JJL for his prompt action concerning [Harraton Colliery] management policy not to employ ex-service men, the policy now withdrawn; Silksworth Colliery, pursuing a similar policy, being addressed by R. Richardson, MP.

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/108 28 January 1927
Letter from P.J. Blundun, Ministry of Labour, Montagu House, Whitehall, to JJL: reporting action of the Ministries of Health and Labour, the [Labour] Exchange and the Poor Law Authorities to correct a benefit payments deficiency brought to the writer's attention via JJL; the problem having arisen “with the provision for the repayment to Poor Law Authorities out of unemployment benefit of excess relief”.

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/109 31 January 1927
Letter from William Johnson, Trench Hall, Ravensworth, Gateshead, to JJL: reporting Lord Ravensworth will now lease a site at Kibblesworth; valuation and report of whole Ravensworth Estate an immediate priority; Ravensworth to travel abroad. [See also LAW 1/1/111].

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/110 1 February 1927
Letter from John H. Mole, Sanitary Surveyor etc., Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, to JJL, Beamish: revision of building byelaws, and JJL's efforts on the council's behalf.

Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/111 2 February 1927
Letter from Dave, The Green, Kibblesworth, to JJL: returns Ravensworth's letter [?LAW 1/1/109]; offers thanks for JJL's support in obtaining land for Lodge.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/112 14 March 1927
Letter from R.V. Dickinson, clerk, Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, to JJL, House of Commons: revision of Byelaws, Streets & Buildings; thanking JJL for his aid in the retention of certain clauses.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/113 4 April 1927
Letter from Joseph Cape, corresponding secretary, Craghead Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, 1 Pemberton Terrace South, Craghead, Co. Durham, to JJL: offers thanks re unemployment pay.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/114 5 April 1927
Letter from Miles Hardy, 26 Manor View, New Washington, Co. Durham, to JJL: requesting tour of House of Commons for Mrs and Miss Brandon, wife and daughter of a master blacksmith at Washington [Glebe] colliery; thanking JJL “for the fight you put up for the Guardians”.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/115 16 May 1927
Letter from Joseph P. Corm, secretary, Chester-le-Street and District Licensed Victuallers Association, Butchers Arms, Chester-le-Street, to JJL: lobbying for licence tax reform, and removal of restricted hours for the sale of tobacco products.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/116 postmarked 23 June 1927
Postcard from [?James Ramsay MacDonald], The Hillocks, Lossiemouth, to JJL: thanking JJL for his news; returning [to London] on pressing business; “you did right with the letter”.
Paper 1 postcard

LAW 1/1/117 11 July 1927
Letter from Syd Lavers, secretary, Pelaw Main and Ravensworth Collieries Local Federation Board, Durham Miners' Association, 1 New South Terrace, Birtley, to JJL, House of Commons: offers thanks to JJL for his efforts at the Ministry of Labour for the Lodge's members.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/118 25 July 1927
Letter from Horace Plunkett, The Horace Plunkett Foundation, 10 Doughty Street, London, to JJL, House of Commons: visit to Kibblesworth Colliery; political aspect of management; Mr Strong; “I have never known the position more difficult than it has been since the disastrous conflict of last year”.
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/119  30 September 1927
Letter from Syd Lavers, secretary, Pelaw Main and Ravensworth Collieries Local
Federation Board, Durham Miners' Association, 16 Pine Street, Birtley, to JJL,
Beamish: offers thanks to JJL for his efforts for the Lodge's friends at Bewick Main
in their claim for unemployment benefit.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/120  19 January 1928
Letter, with additional note, from R. Richardson, general secretary, Birtley British
Legion, Assembly Rooms, Birtley, Co. Durham, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: offers
thanks for JJL’s assistance for ex-servicemen; additional note reporting on the
success of the Legion’s annual meeting; trainees question.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 1/1/121  7 July 1928
Letter from Alex MacKenzie, deputy chief constable of Argyll, Lochgilphead, to JJL,
House of Commons: offers thanks for a tour of the House of Commons.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/122  27 November 1928
Letter from M. Jordan, The Anchorage, Washington Station, Co. Durham, to JJL,
House of Commons: offers thanks for JJL’s support concerning Geedan Automatic
Safety Stop patent.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/123  1 February 1929
Letter from H.M. Office of Works, Storey's Gate, Westminster, to JJL, House of
Commons: acknowledging receipt of correspondence between Chester-le-Street
Rural District Council and JJL.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/124-125  13 February 1929
Letter, with enclosure, from John M. Mole, Highways and Sanitary Surveyor,
Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, to JJL, House of Commons: making up of
a street at Birtley housing estate, property of H.M. Office of Works; returns letter
from Office of Works.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/125  7 February 1929
Letter from [Charles Vane-Tempest-Stewart, 7th marquess of] Londonderry,
H.M. Office of Works, to JJL, House of Commons: delay to works caused by a
change of plan concerning sewerage.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/126  [May 1929]
Letter from a "Labourite to the End", Ouston, Co. Durham, to JJL: lyrics of an election
song in support of JJL, “March along Jack Lawson, march along”.
[Note: “another four years of misery”, the 1924-1929 Conservative Government
inferred.]
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/127  Friday [1930s]
Letter from [Viscountess] Dorothy Downe, Hillington Hall, King's Lynn, to JJL: four sets of girls' clothing, made by Girl Guides at the instruction of cousin Miss [Honor] Elwes for the unemployed, directed by the writer to Northern miners.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/128  16 January 1931
Letter from Thomas Shaw, [chairman], Imperial War Graves Commission, 3 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, to JJL: invitation to JJL to become an "unofficial" member of the Imperial War Graves Commission, following the death of Harry Gosling; with a tribute to Gosling's unifying role on the Commission.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/129-130  17 January 1931
Copy letter, with duplicate, from E.A. Hitchman, to the private secretary to the Secretary of State for War: acknowledging receipt of LAW 1/1/128.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 1/1/131  20 January 1931
Letter from Sir Fabian Ware, [vice-chairman], Imperial War Graves Commission, 82 Baker Street, London, to JJL, Ministry of Labour: hopes JJL will accept appointment; encouraging involvement of Mr Charleton and Mr Ammon in arrangements for another parliamentary group's visit [to the continent], which JJL might accompany; departure to India; prospect of an interesting year ahead in France and Belgium.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/132  21 January 1931
Copy letter from JJL to Thomas Shaw, Secretary of State [for War], [chairman], Imperial War Graves Commission, 3 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London: acceptance of appointment to the I.W.G.C..
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/133-134  21 January 1931
Copy letter, with duplicate, from JJL to Sir Fabian Ware, [vice-chairman], Imperial War Graves Commission, 82 Baker Street, London: notifying Ware of his acceptance, and of his intention to join the parliamentary group on its visit in the Spring or Summer.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 1/1/135  22 January 1931
Letter from H.J.B. Clough, private secretary [of the Secretary of State for War], War Office, to JJL: acknowledging receipt of LAW 1/1/132.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/136  23 January 1931
Letter from Captain E.J. King, personal assistant to the vice-chairman, Imperial War Graves Commission, 3 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, to JJL, Ministry of Labour: notification that a royal warrant has been applied for.
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/137 9 March 1931
Letter from Captain E.J. King, personal assistant to the vice-chairman, Imperial War Graves Commission, 3 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, to JJJL, Ministry of Labour: notification of receipt of a royal warrant for JJJL’s appointment, and invitation to attend a meeting of the Commission on 15 April.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/138 10 March 1931
Copy letter from JJJL to Captain E.J. King, [personal assistant to the vice-chairman], Imperial War Graves Commission, 3 Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London: looking forward to meeting on 15 April and future work for the Commission.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/139-141 21 May 1931
Letter from Margaret Bondfield, [Minister of Labour], Ministry of Labour, Montagu House, Whitehall, to JJJL, Montagu House: conveying the Prime Minister’s strong disagreement with comments of the director of the International Labour Office, published in a report to the International Labour Conference, concerning UK ratification of the Washington Hours Convention; requesting JJJL to convey this personally to the director. To this letter are attached:
Paper 1f; 1f; 1f

LAW 1/1/140 21 May 1931
Letter from Walter M. Citrine, general secretary, Trades Union Congress General Council, Transport House, Smith Square, London, to Margaret Bondfield, [Minister of Labour]: pressing for a date for the second reading of the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill, citing the Director’s Report of the International Labour Office and an earlier indication by the minister and the attorney general to expedite the matter; Geneva conference.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/141 21 May 1931
Letter from Margaret Bondfield, [Minister of Labour], to Walter M. Citrine: re-emphasises commitment of the government to passing the Hours of Industrial Employment Bill as soon as possible, the parliamentary programme providing no opportunities, however, in this session.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/142A-B 4-5 June 1931
One page from a scrapbook [not present in the collection], to which are pasted a letter and a newspaper cutting relating to a speech made by JJJL at the 15th session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva, defending the social reform programme of the British government and their intention to implement the Washington Eight-Hours Convention.
Paper 2f
LAW 1/1/142A  Friday [5 June 1931]
Letter from JJL, Les Bergues, Genève, to Bella Lawson: account of JJL's speech to the conference on Wednesday 3 June, noting reactions of Shinwell, Bondfield, the British delegation, and the press; interminable conference; climbs Mont Blanc on Sunday.
[Note: for The Times' account of this speech, see Thursday, 4 June 1931, p.14; Issue 45840; col A.]
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/142B  [4 June 1931]
Daily News cutting: “Geneva plain speaking. British Ministers' protests”.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/143  8 June 1931
Letter from G.H. Ince, Ministry of Labour, to JJL, Hotel des Bergues, Geneva: relays Prime Minister's commendation of JJL's conference speech and its positive reception in the UK.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/144  24 August 1931
Letter from J. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall: statement of regret at the resignation of the government, explaining the reasons for having taken this course of action.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/145  3 September 1931
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/146  6 June 1934
Letter from John Turnbull, British Legion, Chester-le-Street Branch, Station Road, Chester-le-Street, to JJL, House of Commons: reaction to JJL's [declining] his appointment as vice-president of the branch.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/147  1 September 1934
Letter from T.J. Hogarth, Instructional Centre, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Training Department, Kielder, Northumberland, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: arrangements for JJL's visit, suggesting itinerary includes Kielder, Whickhope Summer Camp, Redesdale Camp, Carter Bar and Kershopefoot, and a farewell camp concert for a group of men concluding a 3-month course. Endorsed with pencil notes by JJL.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/148  22 October 1934
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/149  2 March 1935
Letter from Charles Splevins, secretary, Bewicke Main Miners' Lodge, 13 Elder Gardens, Eighton Banks, Wrekenton, Gateshead-on-Tyne, to JJL, House of Commons: offering thanks for JJL's spirited resistance to the Unemployment Act 1935; all unemployed.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/150  17 November 1935
Letter from Charlton Curry, Weetwood, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL: congratulates JJL on his re-election; Curry unseated [?from Bishop Auckland]; thanks JJL for his past help.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/151  10 July 1936
Letter from Geoffrey Fry, [private secretary to the Prime Minister], 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, to JJL, House of Commons: enclosing, at Prime Minister's request, copy of Ashridge Journal, [not present].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/152  postmarked 15 July 1936
Postcard from A Weston-super-Mare Admirer, to JJL, House of Commons: supports JJL's "leadership against the means test"; urges local council membership or Labour Party affiliation to disqualify a person from chairing an appeals tribunal.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 1/1/153  21 July 1936
Letter from J.W. Sunderland, secretary, Great Harwood and District Weavers, Winders, and Beamers' Association, 8 Town Hall Street, Great Harwood, Blackburn, to Rhys Davi[e]s MP [for Westhoughton], House of Commons: makes case that Unemployment Assistance Board regulations exacerbate the conditions of cotton weavers, being ordinarily [of late] under-employed. See also, LAW 1/2/84.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/154  8 October 1936
Letter from F. Tynell, Imperial War Graves Commission, 32 Grosvenor Gardens, London, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: encloses itinerary of JJL's joint inspection, with G.W. Klerck, of British war cemeteries in France and Belgium, 2-5 October 1936 (see LAW 1/2/113).
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/155  3 December 1936
Letter from H.F. Chettle, Anglo-German-French Mixed Committee, Imperial War Graves Commission, 32 Grosvenor Gardens, London, to JJL, House of Commons: encloses draft minutes of the committee's first meeting, requesting any amendments (see LAW 1/2/112).
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/156-158  1 March 1937
Letter, with enclosures, from John C.W. Reith, [director-general], BBC, Broadcasting
Council, decision to reappoint with additional members; invitation that JJJ join the
council; encloses list of current members, and extract from a memorandum approved
at the last council meeting, outlining its functions.
Paper  1f; 1f; 2f

LAW 1/1/157  [March 1937]
List of 26 members of the General Advisory Council.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/158  [1937]
Council”.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/159  5 August 1937
Letter from Miss M.J. Scupham, secretary, on behalf of Mr Mason, Foreign Office,
to D.C. Biggs: encloses laissez passers [travel documents] for JJJ for Greece, Syria
and Egypt; Turkish Embassy rarely issue such documents, but have notified the
governor of Canakkale [of JJJ’s visit].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/160  22 November 1937
Letter from W. James, chairman, British Legion Club, Ypres Branch, 67 Chaussée
de Bruges, Ypres, Belgium, to JJJ, House of Commons: congratulates JJJ on his
promotion to the Opposition front bench; appeal for funds.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/161  26 January 1938
Letter from Leslie Hore-Belisha, [Secretary of State for War], War Office, to JJJ:
anticipating Army Annual Bill; invitation to JJJ to serve on a committee to enquire
into a Court of Appeal on decisions of courts-martial, providing terms of reference,
and listing the intended members of the committee.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/162  28 January 1938
Letter from C.W. Allan Hodgson, clerk, County Council of Cumberland, The Courts,
Carlisle, to W. Whiteley MP, House of Commons: encloses Cumberland County
Council memorandum for the Royal Commission on the Geographical Distribution
of the Industrial Population, for distribution among the Northern Group of Members
of Parliament, (see LAW 1/2/135).
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/163  2 March 1938
Circular from T.H. Howard, secretary, North-East Development Board,
Northumberland House, Northumberland Street, Newcastle upon Tyne: enclosing
Statement of Evidence submitted by the Board to the Royal Commission on the
Geographical Distribution of the Industrial Population, (see LAW 1/2/136).
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/164  18 March 1938
Note: Endorsed by JJL with pencil notes for an eulogy for an unidentified person.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/165  15 March 1938
Letter from Leslie Hore-Belisha, [Secretary of State for War], War Office, to JJL: commends JJL's speech on Army Estimates, noting requirement “to catch up the very serious arrears of material and man-power”; provides answers to points in JJL's speech concerning officer shortage, improvements in conditions of service, standards of accommodation, accounting for increases in expenditure on Territorial Army and Army Reserves, clothing costs, national security redactions in the bill concerning warlike stores, House oversight of Defence Services spending.
Paper  7f

LAW 1/1/166  19 May 1938
Letter from Imperial War Graves Commission, 32 Grosvenor Gardens, London, to JJL, House of Commons: notification that JJL's report of his tour in the East was circulated on 25 October 1937, and enclosing a copy (see LAW 1/2/117).
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/167  21 July 1938
Letter from Oliver Holt, Imperial War Graves Commission, 32 Grosvenor Gardens, London, to JJL, House of Commons: enclosing photographs of a parliamentary group's visit to Etaples, a presentation ceremony, and Notre Dame de Lorette, (see LAW 3/1); notes wide press coverage of the visit.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/168  27 July 1938
Letter from Major W.R.F. Osmond, secretary, War Office, to JJL, House of Commons: encloses draft report for the next day's meeting of the Army and Air Force Courts-Marshal Committee, (see LAW 1/2/144).
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/169  27 March 1939
Letter from [Sir] John Anderson, Home Office, to JJL: encloses memorandum on Civil Defence Regional Organisation; seeks approval to nominate JJL as Deputy Regional Commissioner for the Northern Region, under Sir Arthur Lambert, in the event of an emergency, (see LAW 1/2/153).
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/170  31 August 1939
Copy letter from JJL to Sir John [Anderson]: accepting appointment as Deputy Regional Commissioner, once a bill is passed sanctioning a sitting MP to do so; JJL declines a salary.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/171  30 September 1939
Letter from [?], Home Office, to JJL: confirming £150 allowance for the salary of JJL's secretary, and payment of expenses not in excess of £500.
Paper  2f
LAW 1/1/172  14 November 1939
Letter from J. Adams, King George's Jubilee Trust, St James's Palace, to JJL, House of Commons: forwarding JJL's (unidentified) enclosure to the National Playing Fields Association; looks forward to meeting JJL “when this racket is over”.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/173-177  23 December 1939 - 22 January 1940
Correspondence from army servicemen, offering their thanks to Bella Lawson as secretary of the West Pelton Women's Labour Section for Christmas parcels.
Paper  6f; 4 stamped envelopes

LAW 1/1/173  23 December 1939
Lance-Corporal William Martin, C Company, 5th Battalion RTR [Royal Tank Regiment], Harpenden.
Paper  1f, with stamped envelope

LAW 1/1/174  postmarked 23 December 1939
Paper  1f, with stamped envelope

LAW 1/1/175  [December 1939 x January 1940]
Private Henry Sharp, 7258435, RAMC [Royal Army Medical Corps].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/176  postmarked 3 January 1940
Private W. Little, 4453225, B Company, 8th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, Chadlington, Oxford.
Paper  2f, with stamped envelope

LAW 1/1/177  22 January 1940
Paper  1f, with stamped envelope

LAW 1/1/178  [January 1940]
Notice of the annual meeting of Pelton Local Labour Party, from H. Theobald, secretary, 7 Mole Terrace, Perkinsville, [Pelton, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham], with agenda.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/179  19 November 1940
Letter from Thomas S. Blythe, director, Blythe & Sons (Birtley) Ltd, Brick Manufacturers, Birtley Station, Co. Durham, to JJL, House of Commons: offers thanks for JJL's support in the matter of releasing the firm's workmen from the army.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/180  28 November 1940
Letter from Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, to JJL: invitation to JJL to serve on committee to oversee a scheme to supply woollen comforts for Civil Defence Services; committee membership; funding, in collaboration with the WVS; encloses circular to local authorities [not present].
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/181  March 1941
Letter from Ernest Bevin, [Minister of Labour], Ministry of Labour and National Service, Montagu House, to JJL, House of Commons: acceptance of JJL’s resignation from the King's Roll National Council; JJL’s interest dating from his membership of the 1922 Select Committee [on Government training of disabled ex-servicemen].

LAW 1/1/182  2 July 1941
Letter from Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, to JJL: acknowledges receipt of JJL’s impressions of public speeches made by Admiral Sir Edward Evans.

LAW 1/1/183  10 July 1941
Letter from B.B. [Brendan Bracken], 10 Downing Street, to JJL, House of Commons: in agreement with Attlee in advising against JJL’s acceptance of an invitation to visit Canada as a representative of the British Labour Movement.

LAW 1/1/184  31 October 1941
Letter from Teddy Evans [Admiral E.R.G.R. Evans], [London Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence], HQ London Civil Defence Region, PO Box 501, London, to JJL, Deputy Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence, Regional Headquarters, Newcastle: bombing in the North; JJL meeting with Attlee; Alfred Bossom; “cheer-up” parties for London Civil Defence folk, and other worthy Londoners”.

LAW 1/1/185  25 November 1941
Letter from Anthony Eden, [Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs], Foreign Office, to JJL: invitation to JJL to attend a lunch at the Foreign Office for five visiting American Congressmen on 28 November.

LAW 1/1/186  26 November 1941
Telegram from Anthony Eden, [Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs], Whitehall, to JJL, Grammar School, Newcastle on Tyne: repeats invitation to JJL to attend a lunch at the Foreign Office for five visiting American Congressmen on 28 November. Note: endorsed with acceptance.

LAW 1/1/187  4 February 1942
Letter from George Walden, secretary, Pelton Labour Party Men's Section, 2 Elm Street, Pelton, Co. Durham, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: acknowledges receipt of JJL’s annual membership fee; welcomes a visit by JJL to the Men's Section, suggesting their next meeting on 4 March at the Miners Institute at Ouston.

LAW 1/1/188  13 August 1942
Letter from [Charles Vane-Tempest-Stewart, 7th marquess of] Londonderry, Mount Stewart, Newtownards, County Down, to JJL: as chancellor of Durham University, invites JJL to join the Council of the Durham Colleges, the death of Alderman Smith making a vacancy.
LAW 1/1/189 17 August 1942
Letter from Herbert Morrison, Ministry of Home Security, to JJL: following consultation
with [Sir Arthur] Lambert, [Northern Region Commissioner for Civil Defence],
permission for three-month leave of absence granted, for JJL's visit to China.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/190 18 September 1942
Vaccination certificate for JJL, issued by Dr W. Bruce Allan, Newfield, Pelton Fell,
Chester-le-Street: typhoid, paratyphoid A and B, cholera, smallpox; JJL “vaccinated
on several previous occasions”.
[Note: these vaccinations were probably made in preparation for JJL’s visit to China.]
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/191 14 November 1942
Letter from James Hilton, War Department, Services of Supply, Office of the Chief
of Special Service, at 2225 Maravilla, Hollywood, California, USA, to JJL, House of
Commons: envy at JJL's presence at the city of Chongqing, reported by the China
News Service; making in Hollywood an instructional film for the US Army on China
and it's war effort; recalls JJL's week-end with Hilton in London in 1935; admiration
for Chinese people.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/192 18 January 1943
Letter from G.W. Clay, Main HQ 50 (M) Division, MEF, to JJL: at request of 10 Corps,
informs JJL of the composition of 152 Brigade.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/193 15 February 1943
Letter from [Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, Viscount] Cranborne, Lord Privy Seal, Gwydyr
House, Whitehall, to JJL, House of Commons: acknowledges receipt of JJL’s letter
and enclosure; congratulates JJL on success of mission to China.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/194 8 April 1943
Letter from Mary E. Sutherland, Chief Woman Officer, The Labour Party, Transport
House, (South Block), Smith Square, London, to JJL, House of Commons: solicits
an article for The Labour Woman, June issue, on JJL’s visit to China; enquires about
JJL’s delivery to Madame Chiang Kai Shek of a message from the Standing Joint
Committee of Working Women's Organisations; encloses draft paragraph reporting
JJL’s delivery of the same, for publication in a report to the National Conference of
Labour Women. Cover slip, initialled D.C.B. and dated 10 August 1943, enquires
“Has anything been done about this?”
Paper 1f; 1f; 1f; stamped envelope

LAW 1/1/195 17 April 1943
Letter from A[lan] Lascelles, [private secretary to the king], Windsor Castle, to JJL:
JJL absence from the north during visit of the king and queen; shipyards; mining
agreement; shortage of willing miners.
Paper 2f
LAW 1/1/196 5 July 1943

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/197 16 July [1943]
Letter from M.A. Oxford, 7 Cornwall Mews, London, to JJL: recently returned from China; wife the former secretary to the commercial counsellor at the British Embassy; the writer solicits a secretarial position of some kind; closure of American base at Hengyang.

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/198 4 August 1943
Letter, with enclosure, from E.L. Hall, Directorate of Camouflage, Ministry of Home Security, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, to JJL: solicits JJL's assistance concerning an application for a direct commission in the RAFVR Administrative and Special Duties Branch; appointment to the Directorate of Camouflage terminated; encloses copy correspondence between the writer and the Air Ministry, and a résumé of the writer's technical qualifications and experience.

Paper 2f

LAW 1/1/199 17 September 1943

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/200 15 October 1943
Letter from [Harold B. Rattenbury], Methodist Missionary Society, 25 Marylebone Road, London, to JJL, Northern Regional Headquarters, Eskdale Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne: provides a précis of the Chinese poem “Cheng Ch'i Ko” [Zhengqige] by Wen Tien Chiang [Wen Tianxiang], and on an inscription by General Feng [Yuxiang] to JJL, dated at the Military Headquarters, 31st year of the Republic, 6 December [1942], (see LAW 1/2/175/9); compliments Feng’s calligraphy and scholarship, when considered against his lack of formal training; writes to Dr Edwards at the School of Oriental Studies concerning any existing translations.

Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/201 17 November 1943
Letter from H.H. Kung, The Executive Yuan, Chungking, China, to JJL: impending visit of the Chinese People's Mission to Great Britain, reciprocating the British parliamentary mission's visit to China; emphasises Chinese government's democratic intentions, hitherto delayed by the war; stresses common struggle against “Fascist Japan” as well as Nazi Germany.

Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/202  19 November 1943
Letter from Major Alex H. Spalding, 5 Indian Infantry Brigade W/S Company, I.E.M.E., M.E.F., to JJL: recalls [?early 1943] meeting JJL visiting an Indian Division in the Benghazi area, enclosing three negatives of photographs taken on that occasion (see LAW 3/1); greets friends in the north east.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/203  22 February 1944
Letter from Sir John Maxwell, [Northern Regional Transport Commissioner], Ministry of War Transport, 41-45 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL, Northern Civil Defence Region, Northern Regional Headquarters, Eskdale Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne: workmen's bus service from the Ship Inn to Birtley; congratulates JJL on Sunday Postscript BBC broadcast.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/204  10 August 1944
Letter from Evert Barger, 8 Priory Avenue, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, to JJL: disappointment at not meeting prior to Barger's departure on the U.N.R.R.A. (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) Balkan Mission; notes the severance of the writer's connection with China; critical of British policy towards China; account of British Council activity in China, enclosing May 1944 memorandum, “Suggestions for the promotion of Sino-British cultural relations”, (see LAW 1/2/196); prospects for future council activity in China; Professor [Percy M.] Roxby of Liverpool University; poor relations between academia and the council, and the Foreign Office; work in China by Professors Hughes, Dodds, Needham; urges use by the council of academics with first-hand experience of China, namely, Hughes, Tawney, Margery Fry, A. D. Lindsay.
Paper  4f; 4f

LAW 1/1/205  22 August 1944
Letter from George Cruddas, The Dunes, Coast Road, Redcar, Yorkshire, to JJL: encloses photographs of the opening of a “Wings of Victory” campaign Industry and Trades Day, at Redcar, (see LAW 3/1).
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/206  31 August 1944
Letter from H.W.A. Bleach, Ministry of War Transport, Regional Transport Commander, 41-45 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL, Northern Civil Defence Region, Northern Regional Headquarters, Eskdale Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne: approval of provision of a bus service to convey a Salvation Army Band between Newfield and Langley Moor.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/207  18 September 1944
Letter from Clement Attlee, Privy Council Office, Great George Street, London, to JJL: invitation to JJL to be appointed to the Court of Durham University.
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/208  12 October 1944
Letter from Herbert W. Wadge, 99 Parsonage Lane, Enfield, Middlesex, to JJL:
congratulates JJL on his appointment as vice-president of the British Council;
headmaster of Enfield Technical School; invitation to address the school on British
Council work; Chester-le-Street family roots.
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/209  26 October 1944
Airmail letter from L.A.C. (Leading Aircraftman) R. Bone, 1122497, 159 Maintenance
Unit, RAF, C.M.F., to JJL, House of Commons, redirected c/o Mr Colegrove, Nab
End, Cumnor: following “a properly organised discussion on the proposed
Demobilisation”, lobbies that a similar allowance be made for overseas service as
has been proposed for length of service; Chester-le-Street resident.
Note: endorsed with censor’s approval for dispatch.
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/210  14 November 1944
Letter from J.K. Hope, clerk, Durham County Council, Shire Hall, Durham, to JJL,
Woodside, Beamish: record of votes cast in 1919 election, 17838 for JJL, 5313 for
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/211  29 December 1944
Letter from F.H. Rushford, Durham County Advertiser & General Printing Co. Ltd,
Newspaper House, Durham, to JJL: SW Durham flooding threatening eastern
coalfield; 70 million tons of coal submerged; pumping operations by Dorman Long
and Co. Ltd; solicits a question in parliament to the Minister [of Fuel and Power];
“if ever there was a case for nationalisation, this is it”.
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/212  23 February 1945
Letter from R. Sallon, Daily Herald, Editorial Office, 2-12 Endell Street, London, to
JJL: encloses, at Ernest Jay’s suggestion, original artwork of a caricature of JJL;
suggests a personal sitting.
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/213  22 March 1945
Letter from J. Smailes, Head Master, The Secondary School, Chester-le-Street, to
JJL: commends JJL’s address to pupils and parents at yesterday’s Speech Day.
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/214  16 May 1945
Letter from unidentified person, House of Commons, to JJL: providing address of
“our pilot”, Warrant Officer J.A. Colegate, Middle East Command.
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/215  4 June 1945
Letter from Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, to JJL: notification
of JJL’s appointment to the Privy Council, upon the dissolution of parliament.
Paper   1f
LAW 1/1/216  4 July 1945
Letter from Moelwyn Hughes, The Hospital, Sully, Glamorgan, to JJL: congratulates JJL on his elevation [to the Privy Council].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/217  31 July [1945]
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/218-338  27 July - 27 August 1945
Correspondence to JJL in reaction to his re-election in the 5 July 1945 general election, and to his appointment as Secretary of State for War. In the following list, (in alphabetical order), correspondents’ names and addresses are noted, with the extent of each letter; other noteworthy content is also described.
Paper  150f

LAW 1/1/218  5 August 1945
[?], 12 Evelyn Mansions, Carlisle Place, London.
1f

LAW 1/1/219  3 August 1945
[?], House of Lords.
1f

LAW 1/1/220  5 August 1945
Hester Alington, The Deanery, Durham.
1f

LAW 1/1/221  3 August 1945
1f

LAW 1/1/222  3 August 1945
John Atkinson, clerk, City and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, Town Clerk’s Office, Town Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne.
1f

LAW 1/1/223  5 August 1945
W.H. Bartholomew, Garden House, Upper Woodford, Near Salisbury.
2f

LAW 1/1/224  4 August 1945
Pat Bartley, 79 Ings Road, Redcar, Yorkshire: written on 1945 Chester-le-Street stationery, Bartley being JJL’s election agent, located at Central Labour Committee Rooms, 6-7 Ashfield Terrace, Chester-le-Street; Fr O'Hea, Oxford; comments on Labour appointments - Pethick-Lawrence peerage, Bevan, Shinwell; coal nationalisation; 18 August conference, proposes JJL address re “The Labour Government's Immediate Plans”.
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LAW 1/1/225  11 August 1945
R. Bell, clerk, Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, Union Offices, Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/1/226  6 August 1945
Will Bell, 10 Selborne Grove, Bradford: former resident of Boldon; family news.
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LAW 1/1/227  8 August 1945
Tom Benson, Apple Tree Cottage, Toddington, Littlehampton, and 9 Rutland Court, New Church Road, Hove.
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LAW 1/1/228  5 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/229  4 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/230  5 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/231  [July x August] 1945
Guy Burgess, Reform Club, Pall Mall, London: in Foreign Office for the past year; recalls the Week in Westminster BBC programme; suggests meeting; welcomes appointment of Hector MacNeile.
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LAW 1/1/232  7 August 1945
C. Harold [?Carter], Fenny Bridges, Honiton.
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LAW 1/1/233  5 August 1945
Sir Felix Cassel, Putteridge Bury, Luton: fellow member of the Oliver Committee [Courts-Martial].
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LAW 1/1/234  15 August [1945]
George Catlin, 2 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea: Arthur Greenwood; election speaking tour.
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LAW 1/1/235  14 August 1945
Chiang Kai-shek, Chungking: with triplicate reply.
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LAW 1/1/236  6 August 1945
Hugh P. [?Chider], USA: urges American visit by Labour leaders; assistant vice-president of the City Bank Farmers Trust Company.
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LAW 1/1/237  14 August 1945
Warrant Officer J.A. Colegate, 1334354, 56 P.T.C., RAF, C.M.F.: recalling a flight with J JL in Southern Italy; Sir Archibald James.
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LAW 1/1/238  8 August 1945

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LAW 1/1/239  3 August 1945
Rev. J.S. Corlett, 64 Kingsway, Pendlebury, Manchester.

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LAW 1/1/240  7 August 1945

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LAW 1/1/241  7 August 1945
J.R. Coxon, Chief Warden, Durham County Civil Defence, Wardens' Service, Chief Warden's Office, Birtley District Co-op Society, Spout Lane, Washington.

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LAW 1/1/242  28 July 1945

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LAW 1/1/243  4 August 1945
Sir William Crosthwaite, Exchange Place, Middlesbrough.

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LAW 1/1/244  5 August 1945
Lionel Curtis, All Souls College, Oxford.

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LAW 1/1/245  3 August 1945
S.T. Divers, 4 Davies Avenue, Leeds: former Brigadier HQ 8th Army, recalls JJJL's "cheering" visit.

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LAW 1/1/246  7 August 1945
Major F. Downie, 33 Stafford Court, Kensington, London.

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LAW 1/1/247  5 August 1945
J.F. Duff, Warden, Durham Colleges in the University of Durham, 38 North Bailey, Durham: Durham University to use Lumley Castle.

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LAW 1/1/248  5 August 1945

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LAW 1/1/249  3 August 1945
Arthur Evans, Carlton Club, St James's Street, London.

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LAW 1/1/250 27 July 1945
G.S. Fillingham, United Service Club, Pall Mall, London.
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LAW 1/1/251 14 August 1945
James T. Fletcher, mayor, Borough of Redcar, Municipal Buildings, Redcar: invitation to speak at opening of Thanksgiving Week.
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LAW 1/1/252 3 August 1945
J.J. Gascoigne, Lyndhurst, Underhill Road, Cleadon, Sunderland.
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LAW 1/1/253 before 8 August 1945
W.S. Goodall, Dunelm, Carlton Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.
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LAW 1/1/254 13 August 1945
R. Gordon-Finlayson, Pentlow Hall, Cavendish, Suffolk: fellow member of the Imperial War Graves Commission.
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LAW 1/1/255 8 August 1945
Edgar Granville, House of Commons: requesting a visit to the troops in France and Germany be arranged.
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LAW 1/1/256 8 August 1945
Mrs H. Grasset, 3 St John's Road, London: recalls JYL's meeting with Captain A. Grasset in Italy.
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LAW 1/1/257 30 July 1945
Ernest Green, general secretary, The Workers' Educational Association, 38a St George's Drive, Victoria, London, to JYL: 60 WEA students or tutors in the new House.
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LAW 1/1/258 3 August 1945
Tom Greenwell, Maycroft, Glentrammon Road, Green Street Green, Farnborough, Kent.
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LAW 1/1/259 4 August 1945
Gordon Grimsdale, 13 Gerald Road, London: ex-Army, recalls meeting in Chungking.
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LAW 1/1/260 7 August 1945
Han Lih-wu, Chungking.
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LAW 1/1/261 3 August 1945
J.W. Haswell, The Laurels, Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/1/262  4 August 1945
J. Henderson-Stewart, House of Commons.
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LAW 1/1/263  4 August 1945
F. Higginson, Imperial War Graves Commission.
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LAW 1/1/264  6 August 1945
Major K.R. Hill, 110067, Medical Research Team, 37 General Hospital, Accra,
Gold Coast, WAF [West Africa Force]: present at a J JL open air election meeting
in Washington; West Africa a “pathologist’s “paradise””; family news; recalls
camping at Seaham.
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LAW 1/1/265  3 August 1945
James [Hilton], 1218 N. la Cienega, Hollywood, California: soothing Americans'
reaction to the election result.
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LAW 1/1/266  8 August 1945
R. Percy Hodder-Williams, Hodder and Stoughton Ltd, Weald Place, Sevenoaks,
Kent.
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LAW 1/1/267  29 July 1945
[?Reg Holmston], 132 Woodcote Valley Road, Purley, Surrey, and Ministry of
Labour and National Service, 24 Sardinia Street, Kingsway, London, to J JL:
offers assistance re Further Education and Training Scheme.
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LAW 1/1/268  6 August 1945
Daniel [?Hopkins], North London Magistrates Court, 82 Stoke Newington Road,
London.
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LAW 1/1/269  9 August 1945
Leslie Hore-Belisha, 16 Stafford Place, London.
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LAW 1/1/270  4 August 1945
Thomas Hornsby, Ministry of Fuel and Power, Regional Controller, Northern B
Region, Milburn House, Newcastle upon Tyne: war with Japan.
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LAW 1/1/271  4 August 1945
Arthur James, Brackley Grange, Brackley, Northamptonshire.
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LAW 1/1/272  14 August 1945
A.H. Johnston, Co-operative Wholesale Society Limited, 1 Balloon Street,
Manchester: Robert Taylor.
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LAW 1/1/273  3 August 1945
G.H. Jones, secretary, Midland Miners' Federation, Lady Bank, Tamworth, Staffordshire.
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LAW 1/1/274  4 August 1945
Corporal Alan Kennaugh, 84 Group Provost and Security Unit, RAF, B.L.A.: German reaction to election result, and to Potsdam communique; journalist.
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LAW 1/1/275  5 August 1945
Jacqueline Killearn, British Embassy, Alexandria.
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LAW 1/1/276  9 August 1945
Harold King, (clerk of Somerset County Council), 2 The Drive, Batts Park, Taunton: former deputy clerk of Durham County Council, 1921-1927; Jack Gilliland.
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LAW 1/1/277  3 August 1945
V.K. Wellington Koo, [Ambassador], Chinese Embassy, 49 Portland Place, London.
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LAW 1/1/278  11 August 1945
V.K. Wellington Koo, [Ambassador], Chinese Embassy, 49 Portland Place, London: conveying a message from Dr T.V. Soong, president of the Executive Yuan, currently in Moscow; with duplicate copy reply to Dr Soong.
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LAW 1/1/279  6 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/280  3 August 1945
Mackenzie Livingstone, London.
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LAW 1/1/281  5 August 1945
Canon H.K. Luce, headmaster, Durham School, School House, Durham: JJL speech day; urges visit by Ellen Wilkinson, Secretary of State for Education.
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LAW 1/1/282  3 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/283  4 August 1945
Hamed and Mildred Mahmud, Toukh, [?Egypt].
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LAW 1/1/284  4 August 1945
[Sir] Adam Maitland, Beechland, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.: former MP.
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LAW 1/1/285    6 August 1945
A. Mansbridge, Windways, Dartmouth Road, Paignton, S. Devon: Ruskin College.  
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LAW 1/1/286    7 August 1945
A. Marsh-Roberts, c/o Salem Mansions, Salem Road, Bayswater, London.  
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LAW 1/1/287    7 August 1945
Lieutenant-Colonel P.H.M. May, 1st Battalion The Durham Light Infantry, C.M.F.,  
DO/1.  
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LAW 1/1/288    23 August 1945
Count Guido Memmo, and Lieutenant-Colonel McDougall, Rome: Imperial War  
Graves Commission.  
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LAW 1/1/289    7 August 1945
H. Mensforth, The Red House, St John's Road, Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire:  
former colleague at the War Office.  
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LAW 1/1/290    5 August 1945
Michael Merry, 14 Kings Road, Wallsend on Tyne: enclosing copy letter, dated  
22 April 1945, to Field Marshal Montgomery appealing for son's promotion.  
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LAW 1/1/291    6 August 1945
E.C. Morris, Headquarters, Northern Command, York.  
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LAW 1/1/292    9 August 1945
George Muff, Redlands, Woodhall Land, Stanningley: invitation to visit No.2 War  
Office Selection Board, Jaffa Lines, Catterick Camp, Colonel Waller, president;  
with triplicate copy reply, declining.  
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LAW 1/1/293    3 August 1945
[M. Dunbar] Nasmith, Flag Officer in Charge, P.L.A. Building, Trinity Square,  
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LAW 1/1/294    7 August 1945
Tom O'Brien, North London.  
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LAW 1/1/295    7 August 1945
Charles P[ickering], Fawley Lodge, Henley-on-Thames.  
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LAW 1/1/296    4 August 1945
Frank Pakenham, 8 Chadlington Road, Oxford: enclosing a letter detailing a  
case for J JL's attention.  
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LAW 1/1/297  6 August 1945
H.E. Pitt, Waren House, Belford, Northumberland.
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LAW 1/1/298  7 August 1945
H.B. Porter, Dominion House, 110 Fenchurch Street, London.
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LAW 1/1/299  7 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/300  4 August 1945
[?Randall], [vice-chairman], [British Council], 3 Hanover Street, London.
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LAW 1/1/301  4 August 1945
John Derby [Alfred Edward John Rawlinson], bishop of Derby, Beadsall Mount, Near Derby: renews acquaintance; conveys a serving chaplain's observation of a degeneration of officers' and serving men's sexual morals, following the abandonment of “non-fraternisation” orders, urging speedier demobilisation and grants of leave.
2f

LAW 1/1/302  4 August 1945
William Redfern, The Institute of Journalists, 29 Brandling Place South, Newcastle upon Tyne: critical of press “mingling of news with comment” during the election; amalgamation of the Institute of Journalists and the National Union of Journalists; newspaper monopolies - “[w]e want freedom, not licence to abuse it”; demobilisation of son in India.
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LAW 1/1/303  6 August 1945
J. Stewart Reid, 4 Eslington Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/1/304  17 August 1945
David Robertson, House of Commons.
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LAW 1/1/305  3 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/306  4 August 1945
J.D. Rose, pharmacist, 18 Ormonde Street and 1 Bede Burn Road, Jarrow-on-Tyne.
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LAW 1/1/307  4 August 1945
D. & J. Russell, Crannoch, Carberry Park, Leven, Fife: resident at Sheffield.
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LAW 1/1/308  9 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/309  [July x August] 1945
Mrs M. Sanders, secretary, Birtley Labour Women's Section, 9 Neville Crescent,  
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LAW 1/1/310  5 August 1945
Averil Sanderson, North Cottage, Cromer.  
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LAW 1/1/311  7 August 1945
A.D. Saward, secretary, The British Air Line Pilots Association, 7 Park Lane,  
London.  
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LAW 1/1/312  4 August 1945
Captain Sir G. Leighton Seager, Assistant Welfare Officer, Monmouthshire  
Territorial Army Association, Monmouthshire County Military Welfare Committee,  
St Mellons and District, Bryn Ivor Hall, Castleton, near Cardiff: acquainted with  
Sydney Walton and Lord Teviot.  
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LAW 1/1/313  12 August 1945
Catherine Sellsirk, Score Farm, Ilfracombe.  
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LAW 1/1/314  20 August 1945
T. Shaw, 4 Cleveland Crescent, North Shields: unacquainted since 1929.  
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LAW 1/1/315  27 July 1945
William Shaw, secretary, Musselburgh Labour Party, Labour Club Rooms, 2  
Bridge Street, Musselburgh: thanks J JL for addressing the electors in  
Musselburgh.  
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LAW 1/1/316  4 August 1945
Henry Slack, Glasgow.  
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LAW 1/1/317  7 August 1945
Ferdie Smith, Ruskin College, Oxford: eleven ex-students re-elected or elected  
as Members of Parliament, and two ex-members of staff, and a member of the  
governing council, enclosing list [fragment remains].  
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LAW 1/1/318  5 August 1945
Sir Archibald Southby, House of Commons.  
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LAW 1/1/319  4 August 1945
Speed, Greek Mil.  
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LAW 1/1/320  9 August 1945
James R. Spencer, General Manager, The Liverpool Daily Post and Echo Ltd, Victoria Street, Liverpool.
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LAW 1/1/321  5 August 1945
William P. Spens, Chief Justice of India, 19 Akbar Road, New Delhi: war with Japan.
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LAW 1/1/322  5 August 1945
Joseph Staines, Wesley Manor, Ferndale, Glamorgan: formerly a messenger at JLL's first Council election.
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LAW 1/1/323  10 August 1945
T.S. Stephenson, St John's Chapel, Weardale.
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LAW 1/1/324  14 August 1945
Jack R. Sterling, Oakdene, Shipley Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.
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LAW 1/1/325  27 August 1945
Edward [Turnour, 6th earl] Winterton, Stable Flat; Shillinglee Park, Chiddingfold.
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LAW 1/1/326  6 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/327  4 August 1945
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LAW 1/1/328  3 August 1945
Robin [Vane-Tempest-Stewart, Viscount] Castlereagh, The Mill House, Highcliffe, Hampshire: welcomes fair election result; critical of father's attitude to miners and the Londonderry Collieries ("a sort of bank to finance his social and political activities elsewhere"), disclaiming any involvement for more than ten years.
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LAW 1/1/329  6 August 1945
Captain S. Keell Walenn, 10 Kingswear Road, London.
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LAW 1/1/330  13 August 1945
Corporal R.L. Walker, 111 Supply Depot, Liverpool, New South Wales, Australia: cottages for Old Age Pensioners in NSW.
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LAW 1/1/331  6 August 1945
Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Grayswood Place, Haslemere, Surrey.
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LAW 1/1/332 10 August 1945
Sam Watson, Durham Miners' Association, Red Hill, Durham.
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LAW 1/1/333 5 August 1945
Leading Aircraftman William Watson, 1037908, 612 Squadron Orderly Room, RAF Station Langham, Near Holt, Norfolk: resident of Chester-le-Street, and former election campaign helper alongside Jack Gilliland and Mrs Bruce; Grigg “the enemy of the forces”; appointment of Fred J. Bellenger [as Financial Secretary to the War Office] approved of; surprise at Viscount Lambton's votes tally; Alma [Lawson], nursing at Relton Hospital, then ATS; Alan Kennaugh; dissatisfaction at speed of demobilisation.
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LAW 1/1/334 4 August 1945
Myers Wayman, 41 Thames Street, Windsor, Berks: Sunderland resident.
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LAW 1/1/335 4 August 1945
William Westwood, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/1/336 6 August 1945
B.C. Wheston, Soudan, Beach Road, Jersey: 1929 Salisbury [general] election; underwent German occupation with wife and two daughters.
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LAW 1/1/337 5 August 1945
R. Whigham, Bradbury Private Hotel, North Berwick, East Lothian.
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LAW 1/1/338 27 July 1945
J.S. Wilson, Chester-le-Street Urban District Council.
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LAW 1/1/339 1 August 1945
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/340 3 August 1945
Letter from Charles D [?], Bourne House, Bath Road, Chippenham, to J JL, House of Commons: J JL deserving of a good post in the new Government.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/341 6 August 1945
Letter from Mary Williamson, 44 Southbrook Road, Lee, London, to J JL: argues for earlier demobilisation for her son, now posted to the Far East; service record.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/342 14 August 1945
Letter from Tom Hopkinson, Editor, Lilliput and Picture Post, 43-44 Shoe Lane, London, to J JL, Secretary of State for War, War Office: encloses pictures, one of which is featured in the current issue of the Picture Post.
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/343 20 August 1945
Letter from Barnett Janner, House of Commons, to JJL, War Office: offers thanks for JJL's note about the New Park housing estate in Leicester; and his, [Herbert] Bowden, and [Terence] Donovan's thanks for JJL's time.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/344 19 October 1945
Letter from Lieutenant Commander Len Jackson RNVR, Editor, SEAC, Daily Newspaper of South East Asia Command, Statesman House, Calcutta, to JJL, War Office: encloses photographs of JJL's tour; meeting at Dum Dum airfield [Kolkata], after a fifteen-year lapse in their acquaintance.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/345 26 November 1945
Draft letter from JJL, War Office, to the Prime Minister [Clement Attlee]: referencing a second cabinet decision to release a number of doctors from the armed forces, “violating ... the principal of Age & Service”, tenders his resignation as Secretary of State for War; affirms support for all other Government policies, and reaffirms personal friendship.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/346 [1946]
Letter from T.W. Hardy, 73 Gordey Lane, Warrington, Lancashire, to JJL: recounts demobilisation experience, commending speed and quality of suit of clothes.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/1/347 1 January 1946
Letter from G.H. Jones, secretary, Midland Miners' Federation, Lady Bank, Tamworth, Staffordshire, and W.E. Jones, secretary of the Yorkshire Mineworkers' Association, to JJL, War Office: delegates of the National Union of Mineworkers tasked to contact in Italy representatives of the recently formed Mineworkers Union of Italy; letters of credit declined by Italian banks; commend assistance of Major Dow, Army Paymaster, and Private Harrison at the Commercial Bank, Naples.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/348 26 January [1946]
Letter from [General Sir] R.F. Adam, Viceroy's House, Delhi, to JJL: report of first part of tour of troops in India, Burma, Malaya and Java; repatriation and release less egregious issues; “younger army”, the inexperience of NCOs a concern to their commanders “if faced with an emergency”; JJL's visit “saved what might have been a difficult and unpleasant situation”; Army education, resistance to the establishment of a Formation College in India; irregular mails; departs for Middle East tomorrow.
Paper 3f

LAW 1/1/349 1 February 1946
Letter from [Field Marshal] B.L. Montgomery, [1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Commander-in-Chief], Tactical Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine, to JJL: encloses unidentified document [not present] on a “highly important subject” requiring robust handling else “we shall do no good in Germany”; recovering from influenza in Switzerland; offers thanks for his appointment as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/350  3 July 1946
Letter from [Field Marshal] B.L. Montgomery, [1st Viscount] Montgomery of Alamein, CIGS, War Office, to JJL: encloses unidentified pamphlet [not present], intending to initiate training in the army on the same subject.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/351  8 August 1946
Paper  1f; envelope

LAW 1/1/352  9 August 1946
Letter from E.B.B. Speed, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for War, Fort Cottage, Solva, Pembrokeshire, to JJL: reaction to news of JJL's move to a nursing home; reassurance that War Office business will be sustained, the writer returning on 19 August.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/353  17 August 1946
Letter from William Whiteley, Hamburg, to JJL: hopes for JJL's quick return; regrets JJL's absence from the writer's "interesting although distressing" tour of the troops; accompanied by [Frederick J.] Bellenger [Financial Secretary to the War Office] and [A.C.W.] Drew [principal private secretary to the Secretary of State for War]; inspection of Hamburg, then Ruhr and Berlin.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/354  18 August 1946
Letter from James Callaghan, 13 Ashford Road, Maidstone, to JJL: hopes for JJL's speedy recovery; prospect of tough October parliamentary session; case correspondence passed to Bellenger; dissatisfaction among troops at speed of demobilisation.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/355  21 August 1946
Letter from E.B.B. Speed, War Office, to JJL: wishes for JJL's full recovery, JJL having been discharged from the nursing home; acceptance of Lord Justice Lawrence's invitation to attend the judgement of the Nuremberg Court in September.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/356  22 August 1946
Letter, on House of Commons stationary, from Owen Rattenbury, 68 Grosvenor Road, Muswell Hill, London, to JJL: wishes for JJL's recovery; reports on the financial position of the Workers' Temperance League, listing major donors, and requesting further donation; suggesting greater role for the League in Chester-le-Street, noting existing work of the Sons of Temperance, Rechabites etc., but emphasising JJL's constituency's particular amenability to the League, stressing its requirement for members to also be Labour Party, Trades Union or Co-operative Society members.
Paper  2f
LAW 1/1/357  10 September 1946
Letter from M.D. Methven, Close House Farm, Coach Road, Ravensworth, Co. Durham, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: outlines industrial development within JJL’s parliamentary division, including at Team Valley Trading Estate, Chester-le-Street and Birtley.
Paper  4f

LAW 1/1/358  2 October 1946
Letter from Clement Attlee, 10 Downing Street, to JJL, War Office, redirected to 84 Claverton Street, London: recalls JJL's request “last summer” to retire from the government; a new organisation for defence having been made, JJL can now be released; commends JJL’s handling of demobilisation at the War Office; recalls close working relationship since 1924.
Paper  1f; envelope

LAW 1/1/359  2 October 1946
Draft letter from JJL to Clement Attlee, Prime Minister: acknowledges Attlee’s letter (LAW 1/1/358); pride of his membership in the government and in its achievements, and in the conduct of the army under his charge; looks forward to working on the back benches; personal friendship.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/360  5 October 1946
Letter from Charles Pickering, Fawley Lodge, Henley-on-Thames, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: response to newspaper report [of JJL's retirement from the government]; JJL to visit Norfolk; visits troops at Brancepeth and Morpeth.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/361  5 October 1946
Letter from Henry MacGreagh, Judge Advocate General, to JJL: regret at JJL’s resignation.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/362  5 October 1946
Letter from William [Jowitt], Lord Chancellor, House of Lords, to JJL: hoping JJL might soon return to [parliament].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/363  10 October 1946
Letter from Ernest Bevin, United Kingdom Delegation, Paris, c/o Foreign Office, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL’s handling of the demobilisation scheme, “with which I was so closely associated”; pressure of work.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/364  31 October 1946
Letter from Fred Bellenger, Secretary of State for War, War Office, to JJL: urges careful management for JJL’s complete recovery; visit to Chequers.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/365  3 December 1946
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/366  3 January 1947
Letter from Oliver [Baldwin, parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State for War], War Office, to JJL: invitation to attend, and, at Attlee's request make the only speech, at a House of Commons lunch to celebrate the Attlees' silver wedding anniversary, given by those Labour Members of Parliament who were re-elected in the 1931 election.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/367  3 January 1947
Letter from Carol Johnson, Parliamentary Labour Party, House of Commons, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: arrangements for the Attlee silver wedding anniversary dinner.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/368  6 January 1947
Letter from R. Hurst Mather, Alderman Smith Grammar School, Washington, Co. Durham, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: arrangements for a visit to the Houses of Parliament, and the senior prefects' attendance at Question Time or an evening session.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/369  10 January 1947
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/370  29 January 1947
Letter from Hugh Gaitskell, Ministry of Fuel and Power, 7 Millbank, London, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: replies at the Minister's request; for stated policy reasons, the Ministry declines to support new types of stretcher designed by Councillor Cullinan and Dr McLaren, demonstrated at Usworth Colliery in 1945.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/371  28 February 1947
Letter from Fred [Bellenger], Secretary of State for War, War Office, to JJL: concern for JJL's health; cites cases of ill-health of Herbert [Morrison] and Ellen Wilkinson as examples not to follow.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/372  7 March 1947
Letter from James Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, Whitehall, London, to JJL: in response to JJL highlighting the award of the British Empire Medal to two employees at Ravensworth Colliery, cites war arrears as causing delays in issuing of medals.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/373  25 August 1947
Letter from Councillor E. Farbridge, chairman, Stanley Urban District Council, 4 North Thorn, Stanley, Co. Durham, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL's intention to mention the Morrison Colliery Disaster Distress Fund, chaired by the writer, in an appeal to be broadcast by JJL on Wednesday afternoon. [Note: the Louisa Colliery (including Morrison Old Colliery) disaster occurred on 22 August 1947.]
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/374  30 October 1947
Letter from [?], Privy Council Office, to JJL, House of Commons: encloses order re-appointing JJL to the Court of the University of Durham, (see LAW 1/2/229).
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/375  19 December 1947
Letter from Aveline Renwick, County of Durham Education Committee, Clarence Terrace School, Nursery Department, to JJL: offers thanks for a visit by JJL to the school.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/376-380  24 December 1947
Letter (a-b) and duplicate copy letter (A-B etc.), with enclosures, from F. Anderson, W.T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company Limited, 51 & 53 Hatton Garden, London, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: factory at Newtown, Birtley; enclosing copy letters setting out the technical and general aspects of the business; export potential; offers thanks for JJL's practical support.
Paper 2f; 6f; 2f; 6f

LAW 1/1/377  23 December 1947
Copy and duplicate copy letter from S.E. Goodall, chief engineer, [W.T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company Limited], to The Regional Controller, Ministry of Supply, Northern Area, Clarendon House, Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne: detailed representation why a Civil Building Licence should not be withdrawn, as proposed, and why work on the new factory at Newtown, Birtley, might not be suspended without incurring expensive, time-consuming and damaging losses.
Paper 2f; 2f

LAW 1/1/378  23 December 1947
Copy and duplicate copy letter from S.E. Goodall, chief engineer, [W.T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company Limited], to Mr Wake, The Regional Controller, Ministry of Supply, Northern Area, Clarendon House, Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne: providing reasons why work on the new factory at Newtown, Birtley, might not be suspended as proposed by the Ministry's Engineering Industries Division; war damage limiting output of North Woolwich Works; new factory to replace existing smaller factory at Birtley; Newcastle Zinc Oxide Company; output and employment projections; export market; technical improvements.
Paper 2f; 2f

LAW 1/1/379-380  16 December 1947
Copy and duplicate copy letters from C.J. Newbery, Ministry of Supply, Engineer Industries Division, Shell Mex House, Strand, London, to W.T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company Limited, Newtown, Birtley, Co. Durham: notifications that the company's building licence application for a new factory [at Birtley] has been selected for indefinite suspension, citing a policy decision to prioritise capital investment in 1948, announced 23 October 1947, and noting steel erection stage proviso.
Paper 2f; 2f
LAW 1/1/381 29 December 1947
Letter from S.E. Goodall, Chief Engineer, W.T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company Limited, 51 & 53 Hatton Garden, London, to JJL, 84 Claverton Street, Westminster: JJL to meet with the Minister [of Supply], and Mr Wake, Regional Controller for the Northern Area; supplies contract completion percentages in preparation for JJL's meeting; classifies JJL's representations as being made for his constituents, rather than for the firm.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/1/382 12 April 1948
Letter from Anthony Bevin, 10 Downing Street, to JJL: invites JJL to contribute a book to the Cabinet Room Library, started in 1931 by Ramsay MacDonald.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/383 27 May 1948
Letter from John Freeman, House of Commons, to JJL: having conferred with his brother, provides history of a flag presented to JJL at Insein [Myanmar], formerly property of a Company that fought at Kohima [India], and one of a number used to mark the position of the Company's Headquarters, but probably not at that battle.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/384 3 June 1948
Letter from Ida J. Tinkler, House of Commons, to JJL, House of Commons: encloses typescript copies of extracts from an unidentified official report; typescripts of JJL's questions to follow.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/385 17 February 1949
Letter from Mrs Margaret Gibb, Woman Organiser, The Labour Party, Northern Region, 5-8 Percy Chambers, 33 Percy Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL: invitation to walk with the women of Chester-le-Street Division at Durham Women's Annual Gala; Aneurin Bevan and Jennie Lee, chief guest speakers. See LAW 1/2/232.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/386 23 March 1949
Letter from Clement Attlee, 10 Downing Street, to JJL: JJL's lord-lieutenancy proposed.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/387 31 March 1949
Letter from A. Lascelles, Buckingham Palace, to JJL: offers congratulations on JJL's appointment as lord-lieutenant of Co. Durham.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/388 1 April 1949
Letter from Anthony Bevin, 10 Downing Street, to JJL: notification of JJL's appointment as lord-lieutenant.
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/389  11 May 1949
Letter from Herbert Morrison, Privy Council Office, Great George Street, London, to JJL: reassuring JJL that a lord-lieutenant may remain a member of the Court of the University of Durham, indeed many lord-lieutenants are ex-officio members of such courts.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/390  11 May 1949
Letter from Oliver Whitfield, honorary general secretary, The Durham County Association of Teachers, Dunbritton, Washington, Co. Durham, to JJL, House of Commons: invitation to attend an inaugural tea and meeting of the Durham County Refresher Course at Durham, to be addressed by David Hardman, MP; encloses 1948 inaugural programme, [not present]; congratulates JJL on lord-lieutenancy.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/391  19 July 1949
Letter from Austin Kirkup, Morton House, Fence Houses, Co. Durham, to JJL, House of Commons: notes JJL’s reference to pit heaps in a report of a speech at Jarrow; urges a crusade against such pit heaps; heaps attributed to use of mechanical conveyors; German custom of storing waste material in the pit itself, as used to be the practice in Co. Durham, deemed too expensive; disqualifying “active, growing, burning heaps”, others might be planted with gorse, broom and “other humble but green and flowering shrubs”; South West Durham Improvement Association active in such work until 1939; County “so used to ugliness that we don't feel or recognise it”.
Paper  3f; stamped envelope

LAW 1/1/392  25 July 1949
Letter from Sam Watson, National Union of Mineworkers, Durham Area, Red Hill, Durham, to JJL, House of Commons: arrangements for miners' service at Gateshead.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/393  28 July 1949
Letter from Austin Kirkup, Morton House, Fence Houses, Co. Durham, to JJL, [Woodside, Beamish]: welcomes JJL’s intention to address active as well as inactive pit heaps, anticipating powerful resistance; presents detailed analysis for the growth of pit heaps and the growing cost of the practice, using statistics from Lambton and Hetton pits between 1938 and 1949 and the Reid Report [1945]; argues for storage of such waste in pit workings [underground]; the writer a former Collieries Agent.
Paper  3f

LAW 1/1/394  29 July 1949
Letter from Austin Kirkup, Morton House, Fence Houses, Co. Durham, to JJL: proposing meeting.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/395  5 August 1949
Letter from G.S. McIntire, honorary secretary, The County Borough of Sunderland Savings Committee, Town Hall, Sunderland, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: acknowledging JJL’s acceptance of an invitation to launch the National Savings Week.
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/396 18 October 1949
Letter from Robert Chapman, Undercliff, Cleadon, near Sunderland, to J JL, Woodside, Beamish: invitation to present awards to the Tyne Dock Ambulance Class, to provide a needed boost in public interest in their work; enclosing letter of James Burrows, honorary secretary of the class, providing a history of the class’s achievements, [letter returned by J JL to Chapman].
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/397 24 October 1949
Letter from Robert Chapman, Undercliff, Cleadon, near Sunderland, to J JL, Woodside, Beamish: notes J JL acceptance of invitation (LAW 1/1/396); Advisory Committee.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/398-568 26 February-20 May 1950
Congratulatory correspondence upon J JL’s appointment to the peerage as Baron Lawson of Beamish. Items are listed chronologically, and then alphabetically; noting the correspondent’s name and address, and the extent of each item; other noteworthy content is also described.
Paper 197f

LAW 1/1/398 26 February 1950
Sarah Wilson, 5 Bethany Terrace, Catchgate, Annfield Plain: sister Mrs Gibbon.
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LAW 1/1/399 27 February 1950
W. [?], Tees Conservancy Commission, Chairman’s Room, Middlesbrough.
2f

LAW 1/1/400 27 February 1950
Hester Alington, The Deanery, Durham.
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LAW 1/1/401 27 February 1950
W. Appleby, 86 Fenham Hall Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne: former representative of the British Legion on the King’s Roll Council, with J JL.
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LAW 1/1/402 27 February 1950
Joe and Andrew Armstrong, Boldon Colliery.
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LAW 1/1/403 27 February 1950
William Armstrong, 8 Dilston Terrace, South Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.
1f

LAW 1/1/404 27 February 1950
John Atkinson, clerk, City and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, Town Clerk’s Office, Town Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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Colonel Richard Atkinson, 80 Moorside, Newcastle upon Tyne: writes as chairman of the Durham Army Cadet Committee, Chairman of the Pre-Services Committee of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association for the County of Durham, and as Commandant of Army Cadets in the County of Durham; JJL the Honorary Colonel of the 9th Battalion during his tenure at the War Office.

Avie, Torquay.


Will Bell, 10 Selborne Grove, Bradford: recalls Boldon Colliery and Oxford, 1900-1914.

Denis G. Berry, Director, Newcastle Chronicle & Journal Ltd, Kemsley House, G.P.O. Box 101, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Arthur Bryant, 18 Rutland Gate, London: Authors' Society.

John W. Cassels, School of Agriculture, Houghall, Durham.

[William Cecil, 5th marquess of] Exeter, Burghley House, Stamford, to JJL: with stamped envelope; encloses resolution concerning Lord Mayor of London's [proposed Mechlenberg Square appeal]; objection against lords-lieutenant appearing as “licensed beggars”.

C. W. Clarke, Clovelly, Owton Manor Lane, West Hartlepool: former Engineer and Surveyor of Easington, and “the creator of the new town of Peterlee”; the new town’s name “decided upon by me after I had read your delightful book “Peter Lee”".
LAW 1/1/415 27 February 1950
Jack Cohen, Mayor, Mayor's Chamber, Town Hall, Sunderland.
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LAW 1/1/416 27 February 1950
Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Treasury Chambers, Great George Street, London.
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LAW 1/1/417 27 February 1950
Cumbers, Etworth Press, London.
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LAW 1/1/418 27 February 1950
Tom Dixon, Kopriva, 25 Park Terrace, Dunston.
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LAW 1/1/419 27 February 1950
James Duff, Elvet Garth, Durham: invitation to the installation of G. M. Trevelyan as Chancellor of the university.
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LAW 1/1/420 27 February 1950
A. E. Edwards, Chief Constable, County Borough of Middlesbrough.
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LAW 1/1/421 27 February 1950
David Gammans MP, 19 Buckingham Palace Mansions, London.
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LAW 1/1/422 27 February 1950
Garment, Falkirk.
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LAW 1/1/423 27 February 1950
Jack Gilliland, Winterton Hospital, Sedgefield, Stockton-on-Tees: quickening evolution of Socialism.
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LAW 1/1/424 27 February 1950
Jack Gordon, Thornley, York Avenue, Jarrow.
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LAW 1/1/425 27 February 1950
Mary and Albert Gowland, Blanchland, Via Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham.
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LAW 1/1/426 27 February 1950
Alan J. Gray, 3 Manor Place, Sunderland: formerly a returning officer at Seaham in 1918; recollects hearing speak Hardie, Crooks, Blatchford, Snowden, and “the perspiring orator” Grayson; involvement with Friendly Societies, presiding over a recent international conference in Sweden; accountant for British Transport Commission, now agreeing terms of compensation for road hauliers.
1f
LAW 1/1/427  27 February 1950
A. E. Grundy, 21 Far West Street, East Stanley, Co. Durham: a miner's wife; disappointment at election result, and hopes the Government will fight on.
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LAW 1/1/428  27 February 1950
Fred and Lizzie Haram, 172 Harton Lane, Tyne Dock, South Shields.
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LAW 1/1/429  27 February 1950
Tom Harker, County Council of Durham, Head Master, The Modern School, Bullion Lane, Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/1/430  27 February 1950
Tom and Annie Hepple, Bythorne, Lyndhurst Crescent, Low Fell.
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LAW 1/1/431  27 February 1950
John G. Herron, 54 Esplanade, Whitley Bay.
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LAW 1/1/432  27 February 1950
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LAW 1/1/433  27 February 1950
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LAW 1/1/434  27 February 1950
R. Paul Hodder-Williams, Weald Place, Sevenoaks, Kent.
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LAW 1/1/435  27 February 1950
Ralph Hodder-Williams, Chairman, Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, St Paul's House, Warwick Square, London: recommends parts of Exmoor, JYL having been appointed [vice-chairman] to the National Parks Commission.
2f

LAW 1/1/436  27 February 1950
T. J. Hogarth, 10 Town Bank Road, Ulverston, Lancashire: retired from Ministry of Labour; recalls JYL visit to Kielder Camp and Whickhope.
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LAW 1/1/437  27 February 1950
Bill Hoines, 5 Willow Cott, Great Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex: JYL's support for Sunderland A.F.C..
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LAW 1/1/438  27 February 1950
Sir Montague Hughman, Milton Court, Dorking, Surrey.
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LAW 1/1/439  27 February 1950
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LAW 1/1/440  27 February 1950
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LAW 1/1/441  27 February 1950
Alan Kerr, 21 Falcourt Close, Sutton, Surrey: reviews miners' struggle for Socialist goals in Co. Durham during 20th century, contrasting with more Conservative south; requests information to support a public debate on coal.
4f

LAW 1/1/442  27 February 1950
Stanley Leyland, 4 Pages Hill, London.
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LAW 1/1/443  27 February 1950
[Major] George M. Long, Secretary, Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association of the County of Durham, 53 Old Elvet, Durham.
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LAW 1/1/444  27 February 1950
S. Riley Lord, Newbus Grange, Neasham, Near Darlington: appearance of “a reprieve from the consequences of the proposed wild and unreasonable schemes of the present Government”.
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LAW 1/1/445  27 February 1950
A. C. Lothian, Royal Northern Club, Aberdeen.
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LAW 1/1/446  27 February 1950
Colonel G. G. Mallinson, 24/32 Stowell Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/1/447  27 February 1950
Colonel G. G. Mallinson, 24/32 Stowell Street, Newcastle upon Tyne: recalls chats in 13 Group RAF mess, and on journeys from London.
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LAW 1/1/448  27 February 1950
Albert Mansbridge, 296 Dartmouth Road, Paignton, Devon: quoting (freely) from letter from J JL, “work work ... is in ... [my] system”; met at Ruskin College.
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LAW 1/1/449  27 February 1950
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LAW 1/1/450  27 February 1950
M. D. Methven, North Eastern Trading Estates Ltd, Team Valley, Gateshead-on-Tyne.
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LAW 1/1/451  27 February 1950
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LAW 1/1/452  27 February 1950
Frank Nicholson, Southill Hall, Near Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/1/453  27 February 1950
W. P[?], County of Durham Education Committee, North Western Division, Divisional Education Office, Derwent Street, Blackhill, Consett, Co. Durham: writing on behalf of the Governors of Consett Grammar School.
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LAW 1/1/454  27 February 1950
Fred Porter, 313 Preston Old Road, Blackburn: regret at death of Joseph Henderson; curriculum vitae enclosed, suggesting personal qualification and suitability for a seat in the House of Lords.
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LAW 1/1/455  27 February 1950
Fred Porter, 313 Preston Old Road, Blackburn.
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LAW 1/1/456  27 February 1950
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Philip Richardson, Aldenholme, Ellesmere Road, Weybridge: former MP [for Chertsey], 1922-1931, and Chairman of the National Rifle Association; recalls J JL presenting prizes at Bisley in 1946; repeats call that the “unpaid patriotic service” of N.R.A. members might by publicly recognised, noting no member had been honoured for such service since 1860.
2f

LAW 1/1/457  27 February 1950
Denys Kilham Roberts, Secretary-General, The Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, London: two dramatic sketches by J JL presently being considered by Gilliam, B.B.C. Features Department.
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LAW 1/1/458  27 February 1950
E. J. Robinson, Vicarage Cottage, Kingsdown, Deal.
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LAW 1/1/459  27 February 1950
Jack Robinson, Lyncroft, Leadgate, Co. Durham.
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LAW 1/1/460 27 February 1950
Elsie M. Royston, Feltham, Low Row, Near Richmond, Yorkshire: formerly of Spennymoor; observations on conservatism of local area, inviting good speakers. 1f

LAW 1/1/461 27 February 1950
E. Shinwell, Secretary of State for War, War Office. 1f

LAW 1/1/462 27 February 1950
Waldron Smithers MP, Shelleys, Knockholt, Kent. 1f

LAW 1/1/463 27 February 1950
James R. Spencer, General Manager, The Liverpool Daily Post and Echo Ltd, Victoria Street, Liverpool. 1f

LAW 1/1/464 27 February 1950
Edith M. Steel, Willis Vean, Mullion, Helston, Cornwall: recalls JJJ's kindness to Sinclair Steel when in hospital. 1f

LAW 1/1/465 27 February 1950
Jack Stirling, Oakdene, Shipley Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. 1f

LAW 1/1/466 27 February 1950
Eric St Johnston, County Constabulary Headquarters, Aycliffe, Darlington, Co. Durham: invitation to a dinner on Friday. 1f

LAW 1/1/467 27 February 1950
John Swinney, 2 Osbaldeston Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne. 1f

LAW 1/1/468 27 February 1950
T. B. Tate, Sea View, Alnmouth, Northumberland: former colleague in the Regional Commission for Civil Defence. 1f

LAW 1/1/469 27 February 1950
Tom and Connie Temple and Andrew [?Temple], 16 East Walk, East Barnet, Hertfordshire: Tom Bell; Pat Bartley; death of Ralph Barrass; Henry Bainbridge; election support for the defeated Dr Taylor at Barnet. 1f

LAW 1/1/470 27 February 1950
Tom Thompson, 4 Hedworth Lane, Boldon Colliery, Co. Durham. 2f

LAW 1/1/471 27 February 1950
Harold Tuff, The Vicarage, Sacriston, Co. Durham. 1f
LAW 1/1/472  27 February 1950
H. Hampton Vick, 2 Queen's Square, Saville Row, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/1/473  27 February 1950
Spencer Wade, The Rectory, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/1/474  27 February 1950
Sydney Walton, 3 St James's Square, London.
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LAW 1/1/475  27 February 1950
Sir Angus Watson, Whitewell, Adderstone Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne.
1f

LAW 1/1/476  27 February 1950
Sir Myers Wayman, Chairman and Managing Director, The Mayfair-Dunn Group,
Mayfair Building, Sunderland: colleague in the National Savings Movement.
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LAW 1/1/477  27 February 1950
Rev. Dr Robert F. Wearmouth, Featherstone Bungalow, Balcombe Road, Horley,
Surrey.
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LAW 1/1/478  27 February 1950
A. P. Willey, Holly Mount, Highbury Avenue, Springwell, Gateshead: fellow local
preacher.
1f

LAW 1/1/479  27 February 1950
James R. Wilson, 11 Jamaica Street, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire: recalls J JL's
donation to the Methodist Church at Peterhead; family history, recalling visit of
William Booth to Peterhead.
2f

LAW 1/1/480  27 February 1950
Nellie Wilson, Lindisfarne Hotel, Holy Island.
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LAW 1/1/481  28 February 1950
invitation for 10 March event to Bella Lawson.
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LAW 1/1/482  28 February 1950
D. H. Brown, Cob Cottage, Warwick: former Deputy County Surveyor of Co.
Durham, prior to appointment as County Surveyor for Warwickshire in 1920.
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LAW 1/1/483  28 February 1950
R. P. [?Care], Judicial Office, House of Lords: Secretary of the Lords-lieutenant
Association.
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LAW 1/1/484  28 February 1950
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LAW 1/1/485  28 February 1950
Isobel Cripps, 11 Downing Street.
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LAW 1/1/486  28 February 1950
Sir John Smedley Crooke, Hopwood, Alvechurch, Worcestershire: grateful for J JL's words upon a presentation made to Crooke by the House of Commons Branch of the British Legion; former MP for Birmingham Deritend, 1922-1929, 1931-1945]; admiration for J JL since 1922, “for the way in which you stood up to your Party!”.  
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LAW 1/1/487  28 February 1950
A. A. Denholm, Long Garth, Whitesmocks, Durham.  
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LAW 1/1/488  28 February 1950
Marie Duberley, Plawsworth Cottage, Chester-le-Street: stamped envelope; born 1877; seeks protection from the Coal Board stealing her water, citing 99-year lease made in 1903, and annual sums for several collieries.  
2f

LAW 1/1/489  28 February 1950
W. Errington, Clyde Vale, Smailes Lane, Rowlands Gill, Co. Durham.  
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LAW 1/1/490  28 February 1950
B. Ifor Evans, Principal, Queen Mary College, University of London, Mile End Road, London: notes J JL's friends in America.  
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LAW 1/1/491  28 February 1950
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LAW 1/1/492  28 February 1950
Cuthbert Headlam, Holywell, Durham.  
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LAW 1/1/493  28 February 1950
J. M. Herring, Mayor of Durham, 26 Silver Street, Durham.  
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LAW 1/1/494  28 February 1950
Austin Kirkup, Morton House, Fence Houses: bee keeper, to send honey for the grandchildren.  
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LAW 1/1/495  28 February 1950
Jack Lawson, Travellers Rest Hotel, 91 Regent Street, Blyth.  
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George E. Meachim, 5 Heather Road, Welford Road, Leicester: with J JL at Woolwich.

Alderman J. R. S. Middlewood, 2 Dent Street, Tindale Crescent, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.


W. D. Parry, Cartref, Northumberland Avenue, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham: recalls voting from overseas in 1918 election, and later by-election victory.

Charles S. Perkins, clerk, Gosforth Urban District Council, Council Chambers, Gosforth, Northumberland.

J. Metcalf Philipson, The Church of the Divine Unity, Durant Hall & Minor Hall, Ellison Place, Newcastle upon Tyne: renews invitation to preach at Newcastle, enclosing letter from Rev. Herbert Barnes, [not present].


John Derby [Alfred Edward John Rawlinson], bishop of Derby, Beadsall Mount, Near Derby.

J. Arthur Rodwell, Highfield House, Durham.

Dr J. Main Russell, Wemyss, 1 Stockarth Lane, Oughtibridge, Sheffield.


Hugh L. Swinburne, Staward Hall, Langley-on-Tyne, Northumberland.
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<td>Robin [Vane-Tempest-Stewart, 8th marquess of Londonderry], Wynyard Park, Billingham on Tees, Co. Durham: received commission as deputy-lieutenant of Co. Durham.</td>
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<td>George Catlin, 2 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, London: speaking tour; working in consultation with William Whiteley.</td>
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Hardie M. B. Henderson, 40 Oxford Road, Peterborough, Northamptonshire: in the 1945 election spoke for [Stanley] Tiffany [MP for Peterborough], losing by 144 votes; recalls encounters with Tom Summerbell, Peter Curran, Cunninghame Graham.

LAW 1/1/522  1 March 1950
R. C. McLean, University of Wales, University College, Newport Road, Cardiff.

LAW 1/1/523  1 March 1950
T. T. J. Sheffield, 87 Cambridge Road, Middlesbrough: deputy-lieutenant for Co. Durham.

LAW 1/1/524  1 March 1950
Mrs M. E. Trewhitt and A. J. L. Findley, 36 Eleanor Street, Cullercoats.

LAW 1/1/525  1 March 1950

LAW 1/1/526  2 March 1950
J. Bowman, [Chairman] National Coal Board Northern Division, Chairman's Office, Fourth Floor, Collingwood Buildings, Newcastle upon Tyne.

LAW 1/1/527  2 March 1950

LAW 1/1/528  2 March 1950
H. F. Chettle, Fonthill Gifford, Tisbury, Wiltshire.

LAW 1/1/529  2 March 1950
Sir John Dodd, 230 Royal Exchange, Manchester, as from The Rock Hotel, Gibraltar.

LAW 1/1/530  2 March 1950
Eric Hall, City of Leicester Education Committee, Leicester College of Art, School of Drawing and Painting.

LAW 1/1/531  2 March 1950
Mark Hodgson, Chairman, Northern Regional Board for Industry, Claredon House, Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne.
LAW 1/1/532  2 March 1950
Right Honourable Leslie Hore-Belisha, 16 Stafford Place, London.
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LAW 1/1/533  2 March 1950
Charles and Eileen Pickering, Gosport.
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LAW 1/1/534  2 March 1950
Charles Pickering, 10 The Crescent, Alverstoke, Hampshire: JYL's son-in-law
a candidate in an East Riding constituency in the 1950 election.
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LAW 1/1/535  2 March 1950
W. J. Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office.
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LAW 1/1/536  2 March 1950
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LAW 1/1/537  2 March 1950
T. Augustus Toote, Chambers, Nassau, Bahamas: recalls a tour led by JYL of
the House of Commons in August 1949.
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LAW 1/1/538  2 March 1950
Mrs Ruby Watson, Secretary, Council of the Order of St John for Co. Durham,
2 Osborne Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne: on behalf of Lord Gort,
chairman, and Council members.
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LAW 1/1/539  2 March 1950
J. Willis, Honorary Secretary, Chester-le-Street Labour Party, 15 The Green,
Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/1/540  3 March 1950
Tom Brown, Secretary, Sunderland & District Trades Council, 37 Dene Lane,
Fulwell, Sunderland: recalls JYL's actions for the Council at the last May Day
celebrations.
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LAW 1/1/541  3 March 1950
G. F. McDougal, Durham County Bowling Association, 20 Eastwood Gardens,
Low Fell, Gateshead.
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LAW 1/1/542  3 March 1950
Professor A. Victor Murray, President, Cheshunt College, Cambridge: George
Borrow, John Clare; Will Lawther.
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LAW 1/1/543  3 March 1950
Adolf Schmidt, 176 Carmel Road, Darlington: Alligator Leather goods, Bishop Auckland.
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LAW 1/1/544  4 March 1950
Lady Laetitia N. Hutchison, Thurle Grange, Streatley-on-Thames: daughter of the Dean of Worcester; Ernest Bird; sees Chuter Ede at Epsom College meetings.
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LAW 1/1/545  4 March 1950
James Hilton, 1218 N. La Cienega, Hollywood, California: sends latest novel in a few months; successful radio show.
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LAW 1/1/546  4 March 1950
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LAW 1/1/547  4 March 1950
[Leon] Usher, 6 Ivanhoe Terrace, Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/1/548  5 March 1950
2f

LAW 1/1/549  5 March 1950
Mark Hodgson, Bellfield, 31 Kenton Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne: invitation to attend Men's Anniversary Service at Woodbine Road Methodist Church, Rev. Clipson of Whitechapel preaching.
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LAW 1/1/550  5 March 1950
Albert and Isabel Sayes, and Graham, 96 Princes Road, Middlesbrough: Perkinsville.
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LAW 1/1/551  5 March 1950
Win and Ralph, 373 Hurcott Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.
2f

LAW 1/1/552  6 March 1950
W. M. and S. A. Clark, 2 East View, Fishburn, Stockton-on-Tees.
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LAW 1/1/553 4 March 1950
Rosalind Stopford, President, The Durham County Branch of the National
Gardens Guild, Hallgarth House, Hallgarth Street, Durham.
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LAW 1/1/554 8 March 1950
T. W. Bell, clerk, Consett Urban District Council, Medomsley Road, Consett,
Co. Durham.
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LAW 1/1/555 8 March 1950
R. M. Percival, Secretary, North Eastern Trading Estates Ltd, Team Valley,
Gateshead-on-Tyne.
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LAW 1/1/556 8 March 1950
John Polwarth, Canadian Representative, B.B.C., 354 Jarvis Street, Toronto,
Ontario, Canada: R. S. Lambert, and JJJL's past association with the Film Institute.
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LAW 1/1/557 8 March 1950
J. J. Shipston, clerk, Urban District of Stanley, Council Offices, Stanley, Co.
Durham.
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LAW 1/1/558 13 March 1950
George Minto, Circuit Secretary, 6 Cookson Terrace, Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/1/559 17 March 1950
M. Dunbar Nasmith, Imperial War Graves Commission, 32 Grosvenor Gardens,
London: JJJL a member for seventeen years.
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LAW 1/1/560 22 March 1950
Bill Cully, Little House, Cavesham, Norwich.
1f

LAW 1/1/561 22 March 1950
Harold Neal, House of Commons: on behalf of the Miners' Parliamentary Group.
1f

LAW 1/1/562 24 March 1950
S. Holgate, Secretary, The Durham Colleges, 38 North Bailey, Durham.
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LAW 1/1/563 27 March 1950
Mrs Parr, 24 Leckford Road, Oxford: formerly of Medomsley.
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LAW 1/1/564 5 April 1950
Bob [Coxon], 5 Westfield Crescent, Springwell, Gateshead: with invitation to
Women's Section Victory Social.
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LAW 1/1/565  [February x April 1950]
Alice [Colegrove], Nab-End, 115 Cumnor Hill, Oxford.
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LAW 1/1/566  [February x April 1950]
S. A. Gibbons, Honorary Secretary, Federation of Labour Women, Jarrow Division, 7 Shelley Avenue, Boldon Colliery, Co. Durham.
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LAW 1/1/567  [February x April 1950]
Lance Grindle, Society Steward West Pelton Methodist Church, 21 Plantation View, West Pelton, Beamish, Co. Durham.
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LAW 1/1/568  [February x April 1950]
Catherine Trotter, The Lodge, 57 The Avenue, Cheam, Surrey.
2f

LAW 1/1/569  2 March 1950
Letter from Clement Attlee, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, to J JL: election, and children's part in it; feelings concerning appointments and rejects.
Paper 1f; envelope

LAW 1/1/570  25 March 1950
Letter from G. L. Tossell, District Organiser and Honorary Secretary, Darlington and District Branch B.P. Guild of Old Scouts, 28 Langholm Crescent, Darlington: as J JL unable to attend personally, requests personal message to all Durham County Scouts for the Darlington Gang Show Souvenir Programme.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/571  29 March 1950
Letter from W. Barne, Secretary-General, The Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, Chancery, St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, to J JL: notification of J JL's appointment by the King, on 3 March 1950, as a knight in the Order of St John; encloses memorandum of instructions, and latest annual report of the Chapter-General [not present]; envelope addressed to the Accountant of the Order, for remittance of £3 fee for insignia; 2" black grosgrain silk swatch of the riband of the Order, and note.
Paper 3f; envelope; textile swatch

LAW 1/1/572-573  6 April 1950
Letter from R. B. Thorogood, National Parks Commission, Devonshire House, Mayfair Place, London, to J JL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: funding Norfolk and Suffolk Broads restoration, an estimate requiring more detailed phasing, and enclosing letter from H. Oswald Brown; Mr Mobbs.
Paper 1f; 1f

LAW 1/1/573  31 March 1950
Copy letter from H. Oswald Brown, Norfolk County Council, County Offices, Thorpe Road, Norwich, to R. B. Thorogood, National Parks Commission, Devonshire House, Marfair Place, London: V. I. Gaster, Mr Mobbs, Sir Patrick Duff, R. I. Maxwell, and delay in provision of more detailed Mobbs report, [with phasing].
Paper 1f
22 September 1950
Letter from Miss K. E. Gilbert, Private Secretary, W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works
Company Limited, Milton Court, Dorking, Surrey, to JJL, 16 Forthbridge Road,
Clapham Common, London: encloses notes of Sir Montague Hughman, chairman,
made for a speech at the opening of the company's Birtley Works, and requesting
a copy of JJL's notes for his reply.
Paper 1f; 3f

[March 1950]
Copy notes of Sir Montague Hughman, Chairman, made for a speech at the
opening of the company's Birtley Works on 16 October 1950.
Paper 3f

[Christmas-tide], [February 1950 x 1965]
Letter from [Lieutenant-Colonel] Mark Leather, 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry,
Barnard Castle: offers thanks for JJL’s visit and talk to the battalion.
Paper 1f

28 April 1951
Letter from A. Lascelles, Buckingham Palace, to JJL, House of Lords: notification
of the King's permission for JJL to travel abroad on 15 May, part of a parliamentary
delegation to Yugoslavia.
Paper 1f; envelope

20 January 1951
Letter from Arthur Street, National Coal Board, Hobart House, Grosvenor Place,
London, to JJL: recalls, when Permanent Secretary to John Hynd, Chancellor of the
Duchy of Lancaster in charge of German and Austrian affairs, attending a meeting
with JJL at the War Office, and his “agreeable” and “understanding” attitude; encloses
for distribution copies of the writer's Rhoose address, and which quotes from A
man's life.
Paper 1f

7 January 1952
Letter from Martin Charteris, Private Secretary to the Princess Elizabeth, Clarence
House, St James's, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: Colonel Greenwell; declines
request that Princess Elizabeth open the new dry dock at Sunderland on 4 September
1952.
Paper 1f; envelope

22 January 1952
Letter from E. Russell-Jones, Honorary Area Secretary, British Legion Northern
Area, 34a Coney Street, York, as from 14 Alexandra Road, Harrogate, to JJL, 7
Woodside, Beamish: invitation to attend the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert
Hall on 8 November.
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/580 24 January 1952
Paper 2f

LAW 1/1/581 21 August 1952
Letter from Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, to J JL: acknowledges J JL's recommendation concerning Colonel Sir Leonard Ropner, for his services to the County Territorial Association, noting, however, that Ropner's baronetcy was conferred only last January.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/582 29 October 1952
Letter from W. G. Agnew, Privy Council Office, Whitehall, to J JL, Beamish: encloses Order in Council, dated 21 October, reappointing J JL to the Court of the University of Durham, (see LAW 1/2/244).
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/583 23 January 1953
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/584 22 October 1953
Letter from Anthony [Eden], Foreign Office, to J JL: acknowledges J JL's note; back at work, and “beginning to feel really fit again”.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/585 27 November 1953
Letter from A. Lascelles, Buckingham Palace, to J JL: offers thanks for J JL's letter [upon Lascelles' retirement]; recalls with gratitude J JL's support in 1943; A man's life frequently loaned, “a masterpiece”.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/586-609 22 February - 29 October 1954
Correspondence, papers and ephemera received by J JL concerning a visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Tyneside, South Shields and Sunderland, 29 October 1954. Items are listed in chronological order, with the extent; any other noteworthy content is also recorded.
Paper 43f

LAW 1/1/586 22 February 1954
Edward Ford, [Assistant Private Secretary to the Queen], Buckingham Palace: reading A man's life. 2f
LAW 1/1/587  11 March 1954
Edward Ford, Buckingham Palace.
1f

LAW 1/1/588  16 March 1954
Edward Ford, Buckingham Palace.
1f

LAW 1/1/589  16 March 1954
Edward Ford, Buckingham Palace.
1f

LAW 1/1/590  19 March 1954
Alec Muir, [Chief Constable], County Constabulary Headquarters, Aycliffe, Darlington, Co. Durham.
1f; 1f

LAW 1/1/591  22 March 1954
Edward Ford, Buckingham Palace.
1f

LAW 1/1/592  30 March 1954
Edward Ford, Buckingham Palace.
1f

LAW 1/1/593  8 April 1954
Edward Ford, Buckingham Palace: presentation of Mr Luxmoore, clerk to the lieutenancy.
1f

LAW 1/1/594  23 April 1954
Edward Ford, Buckingham Palace.
2f, with envelope

LAW 1/1/595  27 April 1954
Alec Muir, [Chief Constable], County Constabulary Headquarters, Aycliffe, Darlington, Co. Durham: invitation to JJL to inspect County Parade of the Special Constabulary on 23 May in Durham.
1f; 1f; 1f

LAW 1/1/596  1 May 1954
Alec Muir, [Chief Constable], County Constabulary Headquarters, Aycliffe, Darlington, Co. Durham.
1f

LAW 1/1/597  15 June 1954
Edward Ford, Windsor Castle: Queen to be attended by Sir Michael Adeane.
1f

LAW 1/1/598  18 June 1954
Edward French, Chairman, Hebburn Urban District Council, Chairman's Parlour, Council Offices, Argyle Street, Hebburn.
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LAW 1/1/599  30 June 1954
Alec Muir, [Chief Constable], County Constabulary Headquarters, Aycliffe, Darlington, Co. Durham.
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LAW 1/1/600  2 July 1954
M. R. Adeane, [Assistant Private Secretary to the Queen], Buckingham Palace.
1f, 1f, with envelope

LAW 1/1/601  6 July 1954
M. R. Adeane, Buckingham Palace.
1f

LAW 1/1/602  7 July 1954
Alec Muir, [Chief Constable], County Constabulary Headquarters, Aycliffe, Darlington, Co. Durham.
1f

LAW 1/1/603  30 August 1954
M. R. Adeane, Balmoral Castle.
1f

LAW 1/1/604  postmarked 16 September 1954
Envelope from the office of the Private Secretary to the Queen, Balmoral Castle.
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LAW 1/1/605  18 September 1954
M. R. Adeane, Balmoral Castle: enclosing lists of personal recommendations for presentations at Jarrow, South Shields and Sunderland; also found enclosed, tickets and invitations to the reserved enclosure and platform on Tyne Bridge, and the programme for events at Gateshead Town Hall, 29 October 1954.
1f, 2f, 5f; with envelope

LAW 1/1/606  25 October 1954
M. R. Adeane, Buckingham Palace.
1f

LAW 1/1/607  25 October 1954
M. R. Adeane, Buckingham Palace.
1f

LAW 1/1/608  [October 1954]
Route and timetable for the royal visit, in triplicate.
2f (x3)

LAW 1/1/609  29 October 1954
M. R. Adeane, Buckingham Palace: enclosing second letter to JRL officially conveying the Queen's thanks, marked up for public release in pencil.
1f, 1f; with stamped envelope
LAW 1/1/610-613  29 March - 6 April 1954
Correspondence concerning a teacher's failure or inability to satisfy the terms of his
professional probation, petitioning J JL for assistance, on the strength of an old
acquaintance.
Paper   2f, 2f, 1f; 1f

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of the UK Data Protection Act 1998.

LAW 1/1/610  3 April 1954
Letter seeking assistance from J JL, and enclosing LAW 1/1/611-612.
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LAW 1/1/611 [April 1954]
Curriculum vitae.
2f

LAW 1/1/612  29 March 1954
Letter from Florence Horsbrugh, Minister of Education, Curzon Street, London,
to David Llewellyn MP, House of Commons.
1f

LAW 1/1/613  6 April 1954
Reply from J JL, undertaking to speak with persons involved.
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LAW 1/1/614/1-2  3 April 1954
Letter, with enclosure, from Alderman Harry Hodgson, 2 Stevenson Street,
Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, to J JL: recommending Francis Craggs for a public
honour, to mark fifty-two years working for the Country's Transport, with North
Eastern Railway, Sunderland District Omnibus Company and (formerly) Sunderland
District Electric Tramway; a Boer War veteran; cutting enclosed.
Paper   2f; 1f;

LAW 1/1/614/2  2 April 1954
Newspaper cutting, Durham Chronicle and Chester-le-Street Chronicle: article
by Francis Craggs on tramways in the Houghton-le-Street area.
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/615  6 April 1954
Letter from J JL to Alderman Harry Hodgson, 2 Stevenson Street, Houghton-le-Spring,
Co. Durham: to consider Hodgson's recommendation of Francis Craggs, (see LAW
1/1/614).
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/616  30 March 1954
Letter from G. J. Malpass, Personnel Manager, Birtley Company Limited, Birtley,
Co. Durham, to J JL, Beamish: invitation, at the National Savings Committee
Commissioner for Northern Region D. A. Worgan's suggestion, to address the
Company's workers on 7 April, on the subject of National Savings.
Paper   1f

LAW 1/1/617  7 April 1954
Letter from J JL to G. J. Malpass, Personnel Manager, Birtley Company Limited,
Birtley, Co. Durham: apologises for inability to attend a meeting, (see LAW 1/1/616).
Paper   1f
LAW 1/1/618  30 July 1954
Letter from W. C. V. Addiscott, National Parks Commission, 3 Chester Gate, Regent's Park, London, to JJJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: encloses, for approval, draft of address by JJJL to the National Conference of the National Housing and Town Planning Council at Scarborough on 27 October.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/619  15 November 1954
Letter from [Giles S. H. Fox-Strangways, 6th earl of] Ilchester, 14 Montagu Square, London, to JJJL: case of Bowes Museum, raised by JJJL, not within remit of the Standing Commission on Museums, but supported there by Professor A. E. Richardson, and the writer; offer of a meeting.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/620  1 February 1955
Letter from Clement Attlee, House of Commons, to JJJL: congratulates JJJL on his re-appointment to the vice-chairmanship of the National Parks Commission.
Paper  1f; envelope

LAW 1/1/621-661  2 February - 29 November 1955
Correspondence and other papers concerning a visit by the Duke of Edinburgh to Gateshead and Darlington, 15 November 1955; opening of the Technical Institute at Gateshead and the Girls High School at Darlington. Includes correspondence from: Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick A. M. Browning, [Treasurer, Office of the Duke of Edinburgh]; [Lieutenant-Commander] Michael Parker, [Private Secretary to the Duke of Edinburgh]; H. Hopkins, Darlington Town Clerk; C. D. Jackson, Gateshead Town Clerk; Alan Muir, Chief Constable, Durham County Constabulary; Brigadier R. G. W. Melsome; Major-General J. M. K. Spurling; Diana Lyttelton; J. H. Miller; Alderman J. R. S. Middlewood; S. Riley Lord. Noteworthy items:
Paper  55f

LAW 1/1/623  19 February 1955
1f; 2f

LAW 1/1/633  8 September 1955
1f

LAW 1/1/661  29 November 1955
Michael Parker, Buckingham Palace: JJJL the only lord-lieutenant to have flown in the [Queen's Flight] helicopter to date.
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LAW 1/1/662  23 February 1955
Letter from J. T. Roberts, Assistant Secretary of Commissions, Lord Chancellor's Office, House of Lords, to JJL: notification of the Lord Chancellor's approval of the appointment of 24 persons to the County of Durham Commission of the Peace, also appointing ex-officio Justices C. F. C. Lawson, and John Brown.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/663  24 February 1955
Letter from J. K. Hope, County Clerk, County of Durham, Shire Hall, Durham, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: political neutrality of the Advisory Committee to the lord-lieutenant, enclosing extracts from the 1948 Report of the Royal Commission on Justices of the Peace; resignation of Matthew Tate from the Commission.
Paper  1f, 1f;

LAW 1/1/664  18 March 1955
Letter from Clement Attlee, House of Commons, to JJL: unspecified meeting dissatisfactory, only Percy Collick speech worthy of the occasion; commends JJL's speech in the Defence Debate.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/665  10 April 1955
Letter from Anthony Eden, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL's letter.
Paper  1f; envelope

LAW 1/1/666  13 June 1955
Letter from Dr R. Rutherford, The Firs, Langley Park, Durham, to JJL: encloses photograph of JJL taking the salute and inspecting the parade of the South Durham Area St John Ambulance Brigade, 8 May 1955, (see LAW 3/1).
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/667  14 June 1955
Letter from Miss M. E. Fawcett, Matron, Shotley Bridge General Hospital, Shotley Bridge, Consett, Co. Durham, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: encloses photographs of the Nurses' Prize giving; Nurse Wilson, gold medallist.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/668  1 October 1955
Letter from Nancy Astor, Rest Harrow, Sandwich, Kent, to JJL: apologises for having missed the opening of Washington Old Hall, noting a family connection to the Washington family in Virginia.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/669  3 October 1955
Letter from Winthrop W. Aldrich, [Ambassador], Embassy of the United States of America, London, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: offers thanks for hospitality at Durham Castle and Washington Old Hall; visit to Durham Cathedral.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/670  27 February 1956
Letter from J. R. Kayll, Waldridge Lane House, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, to JJL, Beamish: offers thanks for appointment as deputy-lieutenant for the County of Durham.
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/671-684  10 May - 1 October 1956
Correspondence and other papers concerning a visit by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to the Bowes Museum and St Mary's College, University of Durham, 1 November 1956. Includes correspondence from: M. J. Gilliat, Private Secretary to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother; Thomas Wake, Curator, The Bowes Museum and Park; Hugh Dalton; W. Watson; E. T. Close; Alan Webster; H. J. Boyden; H. E. Birkbeck; [Christopher Vane, 10th baron] Barnard; J. Allison; J. Smith; A. A. Luxmoore; [Standish Vereker, 7th Viscount] Gort. Noteworthy items:

Paper  15f

LAW 1/1/683  24 September 1956
A. A. Luxmoore, Wilson & Co., 5 North Bailey, Durham: Brigadier Melsome; presentations, and deputy-lieutenants in Barnard Castle region; Durham Assizes and absence of the High Sheriff prevent the writer, as Under-Sheriff, from attending at Bowes.
2f

LAW 1/1/684  1 October 1956
[Standish Vereker, 7th Viscount] Gort, Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg: accepting Bowes invitation; Mr S. Bird, Boston.
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LAW 1/1/685  21 September 1956
Letter from Michael Adeane, [Private Secretary to the Queen], Balmoral Castle, to JJJ, 7 Woodside, Beamish: notification of the extension of JJJ's appointment [as lord-lieutenant of Co. Durham] for two years.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/686  [September x December 1956]
Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel S. W. Warwick, 2 Holmlands Park, Chester-le-Street to JJJ: welcomes the extension of JJJ's term of duty as lord-lieutenant.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/1/687  3 December 1956
Letter from G. A. Lawson, Headmaster, Ford Modern School, Hylton, Sunderland, to JJJ: offers thanks for JJJ's attendance and inspirational speech at an unspecified evening event.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/688  11 February 1957
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/689  20 March 1957
Letter from Michael Adeane, [Private Secretary to the Queen], Buckingham Palace, to JJJ, Woodside, Beamish: JJJ's letter, concerning plans for "a great youth demonstration" in Co. Durham during the summer of 1958, forwarded to the Duke of Edinburgh's Treasurer.
Paper  1f
LAW 1/1/690  8 June 1957
Letter from S. Bloomfield, 23 Valley View, Longshanks Lane, Birtley, Co. Durham, to JJL: royal recognition of the diamond wedding anniversary of the writer's wife's parents, Mr and Mrs Frank Allison.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/1/691  15 June 1957
Letter from S. Bloomfield, 23 Valley View, Longshanks Lane, Birtley, Co. Durham, to JJL: enclosing marriage certificate [of Mr and Mrs Frank Allison].
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/692  16 September 1957
Letter from Major-General J. H. N. Poett, Colonel, The Durham Light Infantry, Commandant's Office, Staff College, Camberley, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: offers thanks for JJL's attendance and speech at [D.L.I.] re-union the previous day.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/693-696  26 September - 4 October 1957
Correspondence and other papers concerning a visit by the Duke of Edinburgh to shipbuilding and engineering yards on the River Tyne, 20 December 1957: Hawthorn Leslie, Swan Hunter, Wigham Richardson, Wallsend Slipway & Engineering Company, Palmtrada. Includes correspondence from: [Hugh Percy, 10th duke of] Northumberland [and lord-lieutenant of Northumberland]; James Orr, [Private Secretary to the Duke of Edinburgh]. Noteworthy item:
Paper 5f

LAW 1/1/696  26 September 1957
[Hugh Percy, 10th duke of] Northumberland [and lord-lieutenant of Northumberland], Alnwick Castle, Northumberland: inclusion of Hawthorn Leslie in Hebburn, Co. Durham, brings the visit also within JJL's remit; encloses timetable of visit.
2f

LAW 1/1/697  2 October 1957
Letter from Quintin Hogg [2nd Viscount Hailsham], [Lord President of the Council], Privy Council Office, Whitehall, to JJL: “I will respect your wishes, since, with your deep sense of public duty, you are the best judge in such matters”.
Paper 1f; envelope

LAW 1/1/698  7 October 1957
Letter from Major-General J. H. N. Poett, Colonel, The Durham Light Infantry, Commandant's Office, Staff College, Camberley, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: JJL, already the president of the Durham Light Infantry Old Comrades Association; invitation to be the Association's Patron.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/699  10 October 1957
Letter from Major-General J. H. N. Poett, Colonel, The Durham Light Infantry, Commandant's Office, Staff College, Camberley, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: acknowledges JJL's acceptance of the office of Patron.
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/700  5 September 1958
Letter from [Christopher Vane, 10th baron] Barnard, Raby Castle, Staindrop, Darlington, Co. Durham, to J.J.L., 7 Woodside, Beamish: anticipating taking up the duties of the lord-lieutenancy from J.J.L.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/701  6 September 1958
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/702  20 September 1958
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/703  15 October 1958
Letter from Paul Williams, House of Commons, to J.J.L., 7 Woodside, Beamish: regret at J.J.L.'s retirement [lord-lieutenancy].
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/704  16 October 1958
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/705  16 October 1958
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/706  17 October 1958
Letter from Harold [M. Abrahams], National Parks Commission, 3 Chester Gate, Regent's Park, London, to J.J.L., 7 Woodside, Beamish: reaction to biographical article about J.J.L. published in the Manchester Guardian the previous day; conveys Commission's best wishes on J.J.L.'s retirement.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/707  22 October 1958
Letter from J. H. S. Wild, Dean of Durham, The Deanery, Durham, to J.J.L.: commends J.J.L.'s lord-lieutenancy; need for “breaking down of the barriers which isolate different groups from one another, geographically and socially ... I think you have done more than any other in recent years to bring the ideal of a real community nearer”.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/708  5 December 1958
Letter from Charles Pannell, Honorary Secretary, Trade Union Group, Parliamentary Labour Party, House of Commons, to J.J.L., House of Lords: invitation to attend a dinner in the Harcourt Room, House of Commons, to honour veterans of the Parliamentary Labour Party.
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/709 19 December 1958
Letter from C. Winston Pownall, Headmaster, Barbara Priestman Special School for the Deaf, Sea View Road, Sunderland, to J JL, Woodside, Beamish: recalling Founders' Day visit of J JL to the school, encloses copy of a poem [not present] by Mrs Louie Smith inspired by that occasion, requesting permission to dedicate the same to J JL.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/710 19 January 1960
Letter from Clement Attlee, Cherry Cottage, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, to J JL: lawsuit; USA lecture tour next month, his agents promoting Anglo-American friendship; suggests J JL undertake lecture tour.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/711 8 March 1960
Letter from William Strang, House of Lords, to J JL: commends J JL's speech on mines made the previous day; motion about electrification and the landscape.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/712 18 October 1960
Letter from Hugh [Gaitskell], House of Commons, to J JL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: "outlook is a bit troublesome but, like you, I feel convinced that if we can only stand firm together we will get through this and emerge stronger at the end of it".
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/713 8 August 1962
Letter from Clement Attlee, Westcott Martin's End Lane, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, to J JL: "great volume of opposition to the C.M. [European Common Market] policy", cross-party; completed Sunday Express article elaborating speech.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/714 8 August 1962
Letter from Albert [Alexander], Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Hillsborough, Well House Farm, West Mersea, Essex, to J JL: health and pressures of work; citing Shakespeare's The life and death of King John, anticipates divisive "big fight" on the European Common Market; the country's liberties stem from the priority of "the authority of God's Word".
Paper 2f

LAW 1/1/715 17 August 1962
Letter from Pat [Bingham, 6th earl Lucan], 11 Hanover House, London, to J JL: strong feelings behind speech; illness of Alderman George Elmer, and gift of A man's life.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/1/716 25 September 1962
Letter from Hugh [Gaitskell], House of Commons, to J JL: acknowledges J JL's kind letter.
Paper 1f
LAW 1/1/717  11 July 1963
Typescript letter (incomplete) from House of Commons Library, to JJL: data on
“Accidents and mechanization in British coal-mining” 1927-1961, under headings,
(1) All deep-mined coal production in Great Britain; (2) National Coal Board mines
only.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/718  29 September 1964
Letter from Anthony Harris, Manager, Ministry of Labour Employment Exchange,
Bridge End, Chester-le-Street, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: appeal re disallowment
of a person's unemployment benefit claim on grounds of absence from Great Britain.
Paper  1f
Access restrictions: Access to item LAW 1/1/718 will be limited under the terms of the

LAW 1/1/719  5 November 1964
Letter from Harold [Macmillan], Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, to JJL: offers
thanks for JJL's letter; “[i]t was a bit noisy, but I think the point will tell in the long
run”.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/720  4 January 1965
Letter from Harold [Macmillan], Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, to JJL:
Paper  1f

LAW 1/1/721  11 July 1965
Letter from Clement Attlee, 1 King's Bench Walk, Temple, London, to JJL: notes
JJL's absence from House of Lords, the writer and Chuter Ede the last of their
generation still attending; critical of House of Commons; West Indies voyage in
August; written review of the life of Lord Halifax [Earl of Halifax: The Life of Lord
Halifax, (1965)], “curious bird ... very interesting as he was [to] our generation. He
had a curious conscience which could justify anything”; good reports from the army
of the Government's service ministers; “[w]hat a long time since you and I functioned
there at the W.O.”.
Paper  1f

Papers and reports (including mining papers)
[1897]-1965
5 boxes

Minning

LAW 1/2/1  Undated, [1897 x 1919]
Agenda for fixing price in five quarter, with consideration prices. Annotated in JJL's
hand, Chophill [Beamish].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/2  Undated, [1897 x 1919]
Bewicks Drift: weekly tabulation of shift wages between 8 January and 4 March,
comparing old and new modes of working; with list of men's claims.
Paper  1f
LAW 1/2/3  Undated, [1897 x 1919]
Alma, Low Main Seam, Bewick Drift: list of various metrics [to be determined],
including “average previous to working Longwall”; with list of men’s claims.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/4  5 March 1897
Agreement (annotated) between the owners of Twizell Colliery and their workmen.
Clauses: the whole price, narrow work, band prices, kirving and nicking, set out, laid
out, wet work, putting, hewers when putting, helping up. Signed: John Humble and
William Severs, owners; Robert Wilson, James [?Shivels] and Robert Scott, workmen.
Subscribed with shorthand note.
Paper  1f (in 3 pieces)

LAW 1/2/5  [1910s]
“We, the Mine Workers’ International bring fraternal greetings to our comrades of
the International Federation of Trades Unions.” Typescript speech, author unknown,
annotated and corrected by hand.
  3f

LAW 1/2/6  25 January 1915
Award of Richard Donald Bain of Aykley-heads, mining engineer, and umpire, to fix
the prices and conditions for cutters, cleaners out and drillers working in connection
with the heading machines in Bensham and Hutton Seams at Harton Colliery. For
related correspondence, see LAW 1/1/4.
Paper  3f

LAW 1/2/7  21 August 1915
Award of Charles William Newlands of South Shields, solicitor, and umpire, to
arbitrate in a pay dispute between the workmen of the owners of [Washington
Colliery]; Austin Kirkup, mining engineer, for the owners, and JJL, for the workmen,
having failed to agree an award.
Paper  3f

LAW 1/2/8  22 January 1916
Arbitration award concerning hewing prices at Ouston Winning Pit. Norman Nisbet,
mining engineer, arbitrator for the owners; JJL, checkweighman, arbitrator for the
workmen. Four copies of the superseded incorrect award; one copy of the revised
award: all signed by both arbitrators. For related correspondence, see LAW 1/1/5.
Paper  5f

LAW 1/2/9  2 August - 4 October 1916
Certificate of exemption from military service for JJL, checkweighman, living at 6
Twizell Road, West Pelton, Beamish. Stamped 2 August and 4 October 1916.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/10  14 November 1916
Award of William Wilkinson of Bishop Auckland, solicitor, and umpire, to arbitrate in
a pay and conditions dispute between the workmen of the owners of Tanfield Lea
Colliery (Margaret and Wind Pits); Frederick Kirkup, mining engineer, for the owners,
and William House, miners’ agent, for the workmen, having failed to agree an award.
See also, LAW 1/2/9.
Paper  5f
LAW 1/2/11 [November 1916]
Tanfield Lea Colliery: statement showing prices paid for pulling up jigger conveyors and the workmen's averages. See also, LAW 1/2/8.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/12 30 October 1917
Award of John Adair of 10 The Avenue, Durham, umpire, to arbitrate in a pay and conditions dispute between the workmen of the owners of Mainsforth Colliery (Longwall, Busty Seam); Matthew Henry Kellett, mining engineer, for the owners, and J.J.L, for the workmen, having failed to agree an award.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/13 8 June 1918
Agreement between the workmen and owners of West Pelton Alma Colliery, concerning pay rates on Shield Row and Main Coal Seams. Signatories: G. Holden, owners; John Willins and John Dodd, workmen.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/14 19 October 1918
Agreement between the workmen and owners of Alma Pit West Pelton Colliery, concerning pay rates on Inbye Low Main seam. Signatories: G. Holden, owners; Anthony Smith, John Willins, John Dodd, William Forster.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/15 13 August 1919
H. M. Imrie, Chopwell Colliery, Ebchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, to J.J.L, Twizell Lane, Beamish, and T. Carr, Chopwell: minutes of a meeting at Coal Trade Hall, Newcastle, 12 August 1919, between a deputation from [Chopwell] Miners' Lodge (J.J.L, T. Carr, Joseph Cook) and the owners of Chopwell Colliery (H. M. Imrie and W. Armstrong).
Paper 4f

Military
LAW 1/2/282-283 [1918]
Certificate of appreciation issued by the General Commanding no. 5 Demobilization Area to J.J.L, Driver, (no. 255071) Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, upon demobilization, for his services rendered during the First World War. Stamped on the reverse, 56(R) Battery R.F.A. With envelope.

Political and public
LAW 1/2/16-17 29 February 1908
Paper 1f (x2)
LAW 1/2/18 [1913]
[Note: the booklet reprints material first published in the Daily Mail in March 1913.]
Paper 24p

LAW 1/2/19 19 July 1913
Durham Miners’ Association annual gala ephemera: race course platform ticket; tea ticket, Royal County Hotel; Queen ... & Albert Rooms, County Hotel [ticket]; envelope addressed to JJL.
Paper 4 items

LAW 1/2/20 December 1918
Election address by JJL to the electors of Seaham Division. Pasted on paper backing.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/21 [1919 x 1920s]
Manuscript research notes on the 1919 Report of the Royal Commission on the coal industry.
Paper 8f

LAW 1/2/22 [1919 x 1949]
Manuscript research notes on late eighteenth-century British laws to ameliorate the conditions of miners, notes taken from Encyclopaedia Britannia.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/23-26 October-November 1919
File of public addresses, posters and other canvassing material relating to JJL’s Labour candidacy for Chester Division in the November 1919 by-election.
Paper 1 file

LAW 1/2/23A 5 November 1919
Election address by Robert Smillie in support of JJL, (see LAW 1/1/8). Pasted on paper backing.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/23B [November] 1919
“Early recollections of Mr John Lawson, C.C.” Reprinted from the Chester-le-Street Chronicle (2 copies). First copy pasted on paper backing. Second copy with one correction, in ink.
Paper 1f (x2)

LAW 1/2/24-26 [November 1919]
Election poster, with portrait photograph of JJL (3 copies).
Paper 1f (x3)

LAW 1/2/27 [1920s x 1949]
“It has been well said that there are two Branches of Labour which more than any other lend themselves to pen and tongue for dramatic and arresting statement.”. Manuscript notes for a speech on mines and miners; (Norwegian link).
Paper 6f

LAW 1/2/28 [1922 x 1945]
Paper 2f
LAW 1/2/29-30  [1922 x 1951]
“Jack Lawson, MP - the man”. Election song or ballad, by J. Clark of Addycombe, Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street. Two manuscript versions.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 1/2/31  21 July 1922
Invitation, personal cards, and covering note to J JL and Bella Lawson for a garden party at Buckingham Palace.
Paper  4f

LAW 1/2/32  October 1924
Election address by J JL to the electors of Chester-le-Street Division, for the general election of 29 October 1924. Pasted on paper backing.
Paper  3f

LAW 1/2/33  December 1924
General Staff, War Office Christmas card (blank), illustrated with a photograph of the main staircase at the War Office.
Paper; textile tie  4f

LAW 1/2/34  2 September 1925
Programme of a visit by the imperial parliamentary delegation to Bell Island, Newfoundland, including inspections of surface and underground works. See also, LAW 2/1/42.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/35  21 May 1926
Bulletin no. 83, issued by the Press Bureau of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, London. Includes items on foreign trade, grain production, Ukrainian economy, unemployment, floating rest homes, metric measures, educational institutions in rural areas.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/36  [July 1926]
Election poster for Margaret Bondfield, Labour candidate. Printed and published by the Co-operative Wholesale Society Limited, Pelaw-on-Tyne. [?Wallsend by-election, July 1926.]
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/37  [after 21 August 1926]
Written answer of Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, to a question from J JL concerning prosecutions under the ordinary law in connection with the industrial dispute since 1 May [1926]; answer provides figures to 21 August 1926. [Note: there is related material, concerning prosecutions under emergency powers, in the constituency case files series (LAW 1/3), however access to this series will be limited by provisions of the UK Data Protection Act 1998.]
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/38-39  31 August 1926
Two questions from J JL to the president of the Board of Trade and the Secretary of Mines concerning coal imports and prices, respectively; with the answers of Colonel Lane Fox, [Secretary for Mines].
Paper  2f
LAW 1/2/40  [1927 x 1930]
Manuscript research notes on the Poor Law, with particular regard to conditions in Chester-le-Street and Bedweltry.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/41  1930
Paper  1 volume

[LAW 1/2/42 not used]

LAW 1/2/43  2 July 1931
Durham Miners' Association balance sheet for General Fund, half-year to 2 July 1931.
Paper  6f

LAW 1/2/44  4 December 1931
Durham County Mining Federation Board. Statement on wages, and accountants' report (dated 30 November 1931).
Paper  16p

LAW 1/2/45-47  13 November-15 December 1931
Durham Miners' Association circular to Lodge officials concerning scholarships for adult students at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and containing a notice of the same from the Trades Union Congress General Council, and enclosing a circular from each university's board of extra-mural studies describing the scholarship/bursary schemes.
Paper  2f; 1f; 1f

   LAW 1/2/46  13 November 1931
   Circular issued by the University of Cambridge Board of Extra-Mural Studies concerning its scheme of bursaries for adult students.
   Paper  1f

   LAW 1/2/47  [1931]
   Circular issued by the University of Oxford Delegacy for Extra-Mural Studies concerning its scheme of University scholarships for adult students.
   Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/48  30 June 1933
Menu with list of speakers, and guest list, for a luncheon in honour of Henry W. Nevinson, chaired by General Sir Ian Hamilton, at the Criterion Restaurant, [London].
Paper  1f; 2f

LAW 1/2/49-98  1934-1936
Papers relating to the Unemployment Assistance Act and its regulations. Filed within a file originally created for the Hours of Employment Bill, 1929. Newspaper cuttings from this file now filed at: LAW 3/2/17/13; LAW 3/2/18/1-4.
Paper  1 file

   LAW 1/2/49-50  [1934-1936]
   Manuscript notes by JJL on the Unemployment Assistance Act Regulations.
   3f; 1f
LAW 1/2/51-73  12 December 1934-20 July 1936
Copies of questions put by J JL, (and Major Milner, George Hall), to Ministers on the following subjects: Coal Mines (Regulation Act, 1911 (ponies); Government subsidies and guarantees; administration of the Miners' Welfare Acts; wheat quota; home water vessels oil duty concession; “Queen Mary” loan; industry subsidies; Unemployment Insurance Fund; Jubilee national holiday and casual workers under the Unemployment Insurance Acts and regulations; transitional payments; unemployed juvenile education; charitable assistance and Unemployment Assistance Board assessments; state grants for public works, and the Unemployment Grants Committee; Unemployment Assistance accounts; report of Unemployment Assistance Board investigation into breakdown of regulations in January 1935; unemployment benefits; Unemployment Assistance Board advisory committees; administration costs [of the Unemployment Assistance Board]; claimants and their dependants.

23f

LAW 1/2/74  11 December 1934
Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934: Draft Unemployment Assistance (Determination of need and assessment of needs) Regulations, 11 December 1934.
Annotated in pencil by J JL.

8p

LAW 1/2/75  29 January 1935
Questions to Ministers: Coroners' inquests (Committee of Inquiry); Land Settlement Association;
Supply. Considered in Committee. Civil Service, Supplementary estimates, 1934: Unemployment Assistance Board; Grants to local authorities in distressed areas (England and Wales; Scotland); Special areas fund.
Annotated in pencil by J JL.

1 volume

LAW 1/2/76  8 February 1935

6f

LAW 1/2/77-83  18-28 February 1935
Annotated extracts from Parliamentary debates, House of Commons: 18 February 1935, columns 13-20, 37-40; 21 February 1935, columns 545-548, 501-512; 26 February 1935, columns 929-932, 945-948; 28 February 1935, columns 1269-1272. Exchanges on Unemployment, and the Coal Industry: work-sharing schemes; assistance regulations; statistics; hours of work; miners; Insurance Fund (debt); school-leaving age; juveniles; juvenile instruction centres (J JL); unemployment assistance; Goole; Public Assistance Committees; medical treatment; Unemployment Act, 1934; colliery companies (merger); shot-firing; [mining] accidents; glove industry; Birmingham Court of Referees; hosiery trade; agricultural workers.
Paper  10f
LAW 1/2/84  23 December 1935
Statement submitted to the Rt. Hon. E. A. Brown, M.C., MP Minister of Labour, 
Friday, 13th December, 1935, on the position of underemployed weaving 
 operatives under the Unemployment Acts and the Regulations. Pamphlet issued 
 by the Amalgamated Weavers' Association. See, LAW 1/1/153.
  12p

LAW 1/2/85  21 February 1936
Statutory Committee ... on the financial condition of the Unemployment Fund 
on 31st December, 1935. Annotated in pencil by JJL.
  40f

LAW 1/2/86  April 1936
  1 volume

LAW 1/2/87  [April 1936]
Notes by JJL on the Ministry of Labour Report for the year 1935.
  1f

LAW 1/2/88-89  10-11 June 1936
Annotated extracts from Parliamentary debates, House of Commons: 10-11 
June 1936, columns 213-216, 363-366. Exchanges on Unemployment: 
transitional payments and public assistance; national health insurance; 
transitional payments and allowances (J JL); statistics.
Paper    2f

LAW 1/2/90  8 July 1936
Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934: Draft Unemployment Assistance 
(Determination of need and assessment of needs) Regulations, 8 July 1936. 
Annotated by JJL.
  8p

LAW 1/2/91  13 July 1936
Issued by the Trades Union Congress General Council, Social Insurance 
Department. Typescript. Annotated in pencil.
  3f

LAW 1/2/92-96  [July 1936]
Parliamentary speech notes by JJL relating to the first report (June, 1936) of 
the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934, to an investigation into the breakdown 
of the 1934 Regulations, and to the passing of the 1936 Regulations, [July 1936]. 
  6f; 6f; 6f; 3f; 9f
LAW 1/2/97  20-21 July 1936


20 July 1936

Supply. Considered in Committee: Navy, Army, and Air supplementary estimates, 1936;
Navy, Army, and Air supplementary expenditure, 1934.

21 July 1936

Questions to Ministers: British Army: Territorial Force (National Defence Companies); France, Belgium and United Kingdom (Meeting, London); Unemployment Assistance Act, 1934: Motion for approval of regulations - [Mr E. Brown]; Amendment - [Mr Greenwood]; Debate adjourned;
Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

Adjournment: Southern Rhodesia (Natives Registration Act).

Annotated in pencil.

1 volume

LAW 1/2/98  1929

File cover for documents [not present] relating to the Hours of Employment Bill, 1929. The former content of the file is indicated by an index (98A) pasted to the front inside cover. The front cover is marked “Lawson” in J JL's handwriting. File re-used by J JL to file LAW 1/2/49-97.

1 file

LAW 1/2/99-101  9 May 1935

Programme, with compliment slip, for the presentation of Addresses by the Houses of Parliament to King George V in Westminster Hall on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession; with Hansard text of the House of Commons' Address and the King's reply (Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 9 May 1935, columns 1107-1111)

Paper  1 volume; 1f; 2f

LAW 1/2/102-104  4 July 1935

Items relating to a welcoming luncheon given by the Empire Parliamentary Association (UK) to delegates from the Overseas Legislatures of the Empire, at Westminster Hall, 4 July 1935.

Paper  3 items

LAW 1/2/102  4 July 1935

Menu and toast list.

Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/103  4 July 1935

Table and seating plans, with guest list.

Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/104  4 July 1935

Speech of welcome at the Empire Parliamentary Association, made by Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, and annotated and corrected in Baldwin's hand. Superscribed by J JL with note of the gift of the pages by Baldwin to J JL, the “B.B.C. alone had verbatim report”.

Paper  3f
LAW 1/2/105-118  1917-1942
File of papers, artificially grouped here, relating to J JL's role (appointed 1931) as a
member of the Imperial War Graves Commission, [from 1960 named the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission].
Paper  1 file

LAW 1/2/105-106  10 May 1917
Two copies of an Order in Council approving the charter of incorporation of The
Imperial War Graves Commission, with draft charter annexed. In the second
copy of the draft charter a clause relating to the appointment of members to the
Commission is highlighted in pencil.
Paper  10p; 10p

LAW 1/2/107  3 March 1931
Royal warrant to J JL, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour,
appointing him a member of the Imperial War Graves Commission.
Paper  1f (in 2 pieces)

LAW 1/2/108-111  September 1935
Imperial War Graves Commission inspection of British war cemeteries in Northern
Italy, 8-13 September: papers, journal, draft report, typescript report. For
newspaper cutting, see LAW 3/2/17/5; for postcards, depicting cemeteries at
Cesuna, Asiago, and the war damaged Asiago in 1919, see LAW 3/3/3.
Paper  4 items

LAW 1/2/112  8-9 June 1936
Draft minutes of the first meeting of the Imperial War Graves Commission
Paper  23p

LAW 1/2/113  8 October 1936
Imperial War Graves Commission inspection of British war cemeteries in France
and Belgium, 2-5 October 1936: itinerary of inspection made by J JL with G. W.
Klerck. See LAW 1/1/154.
Paper  4f

LAW 1/2/114  29-30 April 1937
Third draft programme of the Imperial War Graves Commission
Anglo-German-French Mixed Committee meeting at Berlin.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/115-117  [August-September 1937]
Journal and report of an Imperial War Graves Commission inspection by J JL of
British war cemeteries in the Near East (Gibraltar, Port Said, Suez, Cairo, Lydda,
Beersheba, Gaza, Deir-el-Belah, Damascus, Beirut, Gallipoli, Therapia, Haidar
Pasha, Thessaloniki, Athens, Piraeus, Alexandria).
Paper  73f; 52f; 8f

LAW 1/2/115  [August-September 1937]
“A journey through the Near East.” Manuscript journal and travelogue by
J JL. [Perhaps a fair copy of a contemporaneous journal, see pp. 56-56a].
74f
LAW 1/2/116  [September 1937]
Typescript version of “A journey through the Near East”, with introduction, and manuscript corrections.  
53f

LAW 1/2/117  [September 1937]
Typescript report by JYL “on his recent tour in Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Turkey and Macedonia”, 10 August-11 September 1937, with introductory letter from JYL to [Sir Fabian] Ware, [Vice-Chairman, Imperial War Graves Commission]; see also LAW 1/1/166.  
8f

LAW 1/2/118  [January 1942]
“General report from May 1940 until my arrival in London January 1942.” Report of W. J. Hogan, a gardener employed by the Imperial War Graves Commission at Merville cemetery, France, describing life through the fall of France and occupation, and his and his family's subsequent clandestine journey to Free France, and thence to UK via Spain and Portugal.  
Paper  4f

LAW 1/2/119  November 1935
Election address by JYL to the electors of Chester-le-Street Division for the general election of 14 November 1935.  
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/120  November 1935
Rhyming election address by Joe Curtis to the electors of Chester-le-Street Division in support of the Labour Party, and criticising Tory policies on spending, Unemployment Assistance and the means test.  
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/121  13 December 1935
Appointment of JYL and Miss Edith H. Major to the Selection Committee, by the trustees under the Miners' Welfare National Scholarship Scheme, A. E. Faulkner, Under Secretary for Mines, C. Eaton, Principal Assistant Secretary Board of Education, and W. W. McKechnie, Secretary Scottish Education Department.  
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/122-123  23 January 1936
Items relating to the obsequies for Rudyard Kipling.  
Paper  2f; 4f

LAW 1/2/122  23 January 1936
Form of Service, at Westminster Hall.  
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/123  23 January 1936
Order of Service at the burial, at Westminster Abbey.  
Paper  4f
LAW 1/2/124  [June 1936]


[Note: dated from Foreword.]

Paper  24p

LAW 1/2/125  10 December 1936

Text of a message from King Edward VIII to the Houses of Parliament, and containing the text of his Declaration of Abdication, signed the same day. Typescript, annotated in pencil by J JL noting that the text was issued by the Vote Office “immediately after [the] Speaker had read [the] Declaration of Abdication. Before there was time to Print”.

Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/126  5 March 1937


Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/127-128  20 May 1937

Items relating to a Review of the Fleet at Spithead by King George VI on 20 May 1937.

Paper  2 items

LAW 1/2/127  20 May 1937

Invitation to J JL and Bella Lawson to attend the Review of the Fleet by King George VI at Spithead on 20 May 1937.

Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/128  20 May 1937

Review of the Fleet by King George VI. Booklet, listing flag officers, ships present at the review, with notes on ships and Admiralty chart plan of the ships' moorings at Spithead and route of the royal yacht.

Paper  1 volume

LAW 1/2/129-136  October 1937-February 1938

Papers relating to the Royal Commission on the Geographical Distribution of the Industrial Population.

Paper  1 file

LAW 1/2/129-134  5 October-2 December 1937

Minutes of evidence taken on days 1-2, 5-8. Evidence from the Ministries of Health (England and Wales; Scotland), Electricity Commission, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Transport. Annotated by J JL.

Paper  6 items

LAW 1/2/135  January 1938

Memorandum prepared by Cumberland County Council. See, LAW 1/1/162.

Paper  1 volume

LAW 1/2/136  February 1938

Evidence submitted by the North-East Development Board. See LAW 1/1/163.

Paper  1 volume

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LAW 1/2/137-146  1919, 1938-1945
Material relating to the reform of the administration of justice within the Army and Air Force, principally concerning the activity of the Army and Air Force Courts Martial Committee, constituted in March 1938 “to consider whether it is desirable and practicable that a person convicted by Court-Martial should have the right of appeal to a civil judicial tribunal against its conviction and to make recommendations”.
Paper  1 file

LAW 1/2/137  1919
Report of the Committee constituted by the Army Council to enquire into the law and rules of procedure regulating military courts-martial. Front cover only.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/138  1938
List of suggestions made for the consideration of the Army and Air Force Courts Martial Committee. Annotated by J JL.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/139  [?1938]
Notes by J JL relating to appeals from Army and Air Force courts-martial.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/140  4 July 1938
Paper  4f

LAW 1/2/141-143  [1938]
Paper  30f; 7f; 3f

LAW 1/2/144-145  1938
Draft Report of the Army and Air Force Courts Martial Committee (see also LAW 1/1/168), with two copies of an unsigned statement of disassociation [by J JL] from part of the Committee’s reported findings.
Paper  42f; 2f

LAW 1/2/146  15 March 1945
Paper  6f

LAW 1/2/147  [1938]
Planning or chaos?, by Fred Henderson. Penny pointers to Socialism series, no. 1. Published by the Labour Party.
Paper  1 volume

LAW 1/2/148  [1938]
Notes for a speech on the subject of unemployment, comparing County averages.
Paper  2f
LAW 1/2/149  31 May 1938
Paper  16p

LAW 1/2/150  1939
Assurance of victory. Ministry of Information publication.
Paper  32p

LAW 1/2/151  [February 1939]
Main recommendations of Royal Commission on safety in coal mines. Published by the Mineworkers' Federation of Great Britain.
Paper  36p

LAW 1/2/152  23 February 1939
Form issued by the Air Raid Precautions Office, Chester-le-Street R.D.C., detailing J JL's enrolment and posting to Emergency Communications, [Beamish].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/153  20 March 1939
Civil Defence regional organisation. Memorandum issued from the Office of the Lord Privy Seal, Home Office. For related correspondence, see LAW 1/1/169.
Paper  3f

LAW 1/2/154  August 1939
Cover only of, Labour fights for workmen's compensation, by J JL. Labour Party pamphlet.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/155  [?1939 x 1945]
Home and Camp Hospital addresses for Private Joseph Jackson in Pelton, Co. Durham, and Killingham, Yorkshire, respectively.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/156  [1940]
Manuscript notes for a speech on pay rates [armed services and industrial sectors].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/157  [March 1940]
Paper  48p

LAW 1/2/158  June 1940
Palace of Westminster air raid precautions (Centre Curtain) refuge ticket, for J JL.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/159  1941
J JL's 1941 Labour Party Pelton Men's Section membership card, recording payment of annual subscription of 5s.
Paper  2f
LAW 1/2/160  March 1941
The S.J. Frame monthly. March 1941 issue. Published by S. J. Frame, trustee. Secretary and manager of Trade Associations, 21 King Street East, Toronto. Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/161  [May 1941]
“Report on Spain.” Briefing paper issued by the Empire Parliamentary Association. Annotated on dorse in pencil by J JL with notes for a speech on industrial employment, the war effort, and release of servicemen to industry. [For perhaps related speech notes, see LAW 1/2/175/11]. Paper 3f

LAW 1/2/162  6 August 1941
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 6 August 1941, columns 2033-2036: Appropriation Bill - War Situation. Speech by J JL, with (part) reply of Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/163  [October] 1941
Emergency powers (defence) act, 1939. Report by the Secretary of State as to the action taken under regulation 18B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, during the period 1st September, 1941, to 30th September, 1941. Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/164-167  22 September 1941-29 March 1945
Home Security Intelligence Summaries (all regions). Incomplete series of twelve-hourly reports of enemy activity and damage, covering the United Kingdom, received by J JL as Deputy Commissioner for Civil Defence of the Northern Region. The reports cover the following periods, although within any particular month not all the reports are present. Paper 1 box

- LAW 1/2/164  September-December, 1941
  42f
- LAW 1/2/165  January-April, June-September, 1942
  97f
- LAW 1/2/166  February-March, June-December, 1944
  180f
- LAW 1/2/167  February-March, 1945
  18f

LAW 1/2/168-169  3 October 1941
Home Security Intelligence Summaries (Northern region, Newcastle). Series of damage report, special reports, and situation report relating to enemy action in the Northern region, 2-3 October 1941; with former binder (stained). Paper 4f; 1 binder

- LAW 1/2/169  [1941]
  1 binder
LAW 1/2/170  December 1941
*Man-power. Memorandum on the principal new measures to be introduced by His Majesty’s Government in pursuance of their man-power policy.*
Paper 4p

LAW 1/2/171  4-5 December 1941
Programme of a tour by J JL, as Deputy Regional Commissioner, of Emergency Rest Centres in the East Riding of Yorkshire, 4-5 December 1941, issued by the County Council: lists 21 centres, and capacities.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/172  10 December 1941
Japanese attack in Malaya: British Naval losses.
Questions to Ministers.
National Service [Money].
National Service Bill.
Royal assent to Bill passed.
Paper 74p

LAW 1/2/173  19-20 January 1942
Programme for a visit by the Duke of Kent to Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham, Hartlepool, and Middlesbrough, 19-20 January, listing presentees.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/174  May 1942
Paper 16p

LAW 1/2/175/1-27  15 October 1942-January 1943
Papers and journal relating to a parliamentary mission to China, and of a subsequent tour of British forces in the East, Middle-East and Africa by J JL. The journal exists in manuscript, and in various typescript drafts for an unpublished account of the journey entitled variously “China”, “Over the hump to China”, or “Flight over China”.
Paper 1 box

LAW 1/2/175/1 [1940s]
Map of China: physical (1:36,000,000); topographical (1:7,500,000; Shanghai region, 1:2,500,000; Paracel [Xisha] Islands, 1:12,000,000). Annotated in ink, marking the cities of Kunming, Chengdu, Chongqing, Xi'an, Gungkwan [?Tongguan], and Tibet.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/175/2 [October 1942]
Notes on the geographical size of China, in comparison to Britain and France.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/175/3  15 October-30 December 1942
J JL’s manuscript China journal. Written in a notepad (broken into two parts) in pencil, marked up in ink with chapter sections; pages 67-86 and 154-157 blank.
Paper 1 volume (157f)
LAW 1/2/175/4-5  1 November 1942
Outline of irrigation constructions and brief description concerning existing
managements and future prospects of the irrigation engineering in Szechwan
Province. (Typescript).
Notes on the Tukiangyien irrigation system. (Carbon copy).
Reports issued by the Bureau of Hydraulic Engineering, Kwanhsien, Szechwan,
China. For related photographs, see LAW 3/1.
Paper  24f; 11f

LAW 1/2/175/6  [1942]
Unknown printed item in Chinese script.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/175/7  10 November [1942]
Invitation to JYL to attend a dinner at the British Embassy.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/175/8  1 December, 31st year of the Republic of China [1942]
Souvenir signature book, commemorating a tea party in the Administration
Building of West China Union University, Chengdu, to welcome the British
parliamentary mission, and presented to the mission by the Chengdu branch of
the Sino-British Cultural Association (C. Chang; Y. S. Kuo; Eva D. Spicer; S. T.
Wang; G. M. Hickson).
Paper  1 volume

LAW 1/2/175/9  6 December, 31st year of the Republic of China [1942]
“Cheng Ch’i Ko”, poem by Wen Tien Chiang [Wen Tianxiang], copied and
inscribed by General Feng [Yuxiang] to JYL. Dated at the Military Headquarters.
See LAW 1/1/200.
Paper  1 volume

LAW 1/2/175/10  [1943]
Notebook, containing in manuscript, draft of chapter 2 of an unpublished account
of the visit to China.
The notebook also contains various other short literary, autobiographical and
religious works or fragments by JYL, including: an autobiographical fragment
explicitly continuing on from A man’s life (see LAW 2/4/1/3); an autobiographical
fragment written on JYL reaching seventy years of age; a short essay, beginning,
“There is a beauty about Age, in great numbers of women, which is beyond that
of youth”; “Dawn” (see LAW 2/4/2/14).
Paper  1 volume (42f)

LAW 1/2/175/11  [December 1942]
“The political framework of Turkey.” Briefing paper issued by the Empire
Parliamentary Association. Annotated on dorse in pencil by JYL with names and
addresses of servicemen, and with notes for a speech on maximising industrial
employment for the war effort.
[Note: JYL visited Turkey between 28 December 1942 and 1 January 1943 as
part of his tour of the Middle East on his return from China. An additional Empire
Parliamentary Association briefing paper, on Spain, published in 1941, is also
endorsed with penciled speech notes by JYL, and which may be a continuation
of the same address outlined here, see LAW 1/2/161.]
Paper  2f
LAW 1/2/175/12  1938
Colour topographical map of the Republic of Turkey, with administrative provinces shown, and population table (Yeni Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Haritasi). Scale: 1:2,000,000. Printed in Turkish.
[Note: J JL visited Turkey between 28 December 1942 and 1 January 1943 as part of his tour of the Middle East on his return from China.]
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/175/13  2 February 1943
Laissez-passer authorising J JL to travel from Portugal to the UK, issued by the British Embassy, Lisbon.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/175/14  [1943]
“China”. Chapters 1-3 in manuscript, typescript and carbon copy.
Paper  1 file

LAW 1/2/175/15  [1943]
“Flight over China”. Chapters 2, B and K in typescript; chapter 2 with corrections in ink.
Paper  1 file

LAW 1/2/175/16  [1943]
[Work on China.] Single typescript page, corrected in pencil, from an otherwise missing draft.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/175/17/1-2  [1943]
“Over the hump to China”. Typescript, corrected in ink, and (incomplete) carbon copy.
Paper  138p; 118p

LAW 1/2/175/18/1-2  [1943]
Notes for two speeches on the China and the parliamentary delegation’s visit there.
Paper  9f; 2f

LAW 1/2/175/19-28  18 August-18 November 1943
China newswEEK. Issues 50, 53-58, [?61], 62-63. Published by the Chinese Ministry of Information, London.
Paper  10 items

LAW 1/2/176  July 1943
After an air raid. What everyone should know. Emergency Rest & Feeding Centres, billeting, etc. Pamphlet issued by the City & County of Newcastle upon Tyne.
Paper  12p

LAW 1/2/177-179  July-December 1943
Material, artificially collected here, relating to the Education Act, 1944.
Paper  1 file

LAW 1/2/177  July 1943
Educational Reconstruction. White paper. Annotated by J J L.
Paper  1 volume

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LAW 1/2/178 December 1943
Education Bill, 1943. Explanatory memorandum by the president of the Board of Education.
Paper 14p

LAW 1/2/179 [December 1943]
Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/180 1944
Paper 69p

LAW 1/2/181 1944
A national health service. Ministry of Health, Department of Health for Scotland.
White paper.
Paper 86p

LAW 1/2/182 1944
A national health service. The white paper proposals in brief. Ministry of Health, Department of Health for Scotland.
Paper 32p

LAW 1/2/183 [1944]
Paper 1 volume

LAW 1/2/184 [1944]
Education, by Barbara Drake. Post war discussion pamphlets series, no. 2.
Paper 1 volume

LAW 1/2/185 January 1944
A talk on India, by H. B. T. [Henry Bernard Turle].
Paper 12p

LAW 1/2/186 January 1944
Minimum Wages. Minutes of the proceedings of The National Reference Tribunal under the Conciliation Scheme in the coalmining industry, at a meeting on Minimum Wages, at the Ministry of Labour and National Service, 5-6 January 1944. Issued by the Mineworkers' Federation of Great Britain.
Paper 48p

LAW 1/2/187-189 January, March, May 1944
Paper 6f; 6f; 6f

LAW 1/2/190-191 January-February 1944
Material relating to Service pay and allowances, a White Paper on which subject was issued in April 1944.
[Note: Frederick Bellenger, the Financial Secretary to the War Office between 1945 and 1946, succeeded J JL as Secretary of State for War in 1946.]
Paper 1 file
LAW 1/2/190  January 1944
Service Pay and allowances. Memorandum by F. J. Bellenger, [MP]. Annotated in pencil by J JL.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/191  16 March 1944
Service Pay and allowances. Memorandum by F. J. Bellenger MP
Paper  5f

LAW 1/2/192  9 February 1944
Parliamentary debates, House of Lords, 9 February 1944, vol. 130, no. 20, columns 737-756:
Motion: Bombing policy.
Question: Magistrates in Juvenile Courts.
Paper  12p

LAW 1/2/193  15 February 1944
Parliamentary debates, House of Lords, 15 February 1944, vol. 130, no. 21, columns 757-802:
Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill.
Disabled Persons (Employment) Bill.
Landlord and Tenant (Requisitioned land) Bill.
Motion: Post-war work.
Question: Juvenile Delinquents in Scotland.
Paper  26p

LAW 1/2/194  16 February 1944
Parliamentary debates, House of Lords, 16 February 1944, vol. 130, no. 22, columns 803-862:
India (Attachment of states) Bill.
Motion: Preservation of historical and art treasures.
Paper  32p

LAW 1/2/195  20 April 1944
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 20 April 1944, vol. 399, no. 63, columns 343-486:
Questions to Ministers: India (News, censorship); Domestic workers (Priority);
Business of the House.
Supply: Considered in Committee; Civil estimates, 1944.
Empire and Commonwealth unity.
Paper  72p

LAW 1/2/196  May 1944
Suggestions for the promotion of Sino-British cultural relations, by Evert Barger. For related correspondence, see LAW 1/1/204.
Paper
LAW 1/2/197  24 May 1944
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 24 May 1944, vol. 400, no. 82, columns 715-898:
Questions to Ministers: British prisoners of war, Far East: Inquiry Centre; Tangier (German officials); RAF pay and allowances (White paper proposals).
Supply: Considered in Committee; Civil estimates, 1944; Foreign affairs; Prime Minister's statement.
Royal assent to Bills passed.
House of Commons (Hours of sitting).
Paper  94p

LAW 1/2/198-199  [after May 1944]
Two National Savings Campaign [May] 1944 certificates of honour, presented to The Shepherds Beamish and Station Road No. 1 Beamish savings groups.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 1/2/200  [1944]
The international post-war settlement. Report by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party to be presented to the London annual conference, 29 May-2 June 1944.
Paper  8p

LAW 1/2/201  [1944]
Full employment and financial policy. Report by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party to be presented to the London annual conference, 29 May-2 June 1944.
Paper  8p

LAW 1/2/202  [1944]
Post-war organisation of British transport. Report by the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party to be presented to the London annual conference, 29 May-2 June 1944.
Paper  24p

LAW 1/2/203  22 June 1944
Grenville House, Dolphin Square, [London], [air raid] shelter ticket issued to J JL, living at 84 Claverton Street, [Pimlico].
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/204  23 June 1944
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 23 June 1944, vol. 401, no. 96, columns 477-580:
Questions to Ministers.
Officer prisoners of war, Germany (Shooting).
Air raids (Flying bombs).
Supply: Considered in Committee; Civil estimates.
Employment policy.
Paper  54p
LAW 1/2/205  29 June 1944
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 29 June 1944, vol. 401, no. 99, columns 769-938:
Questions to Ministers: Discharged service personnel (Re-settlement); Emergency hospitals (Military patients, service rations); Air raids (Flying bombs); Polish Government (Military supplies, Agreement); Armed forces, overseas (Home transfers); Business of the House.
Supply: Considered in Committee; Civil estimates, 1944; Ministry of Information. Coal mines (Directed youths).
Paper 88p

LAW 1/2/206-207  [August] 1944
Roads and road transport. Reconstruction of roads and development of road transport. Report issued by the British Road Federation, with introductory circular dated August 1944.
Paper 1f; 1 volume

LAW 1/2/208  2 August 1944
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 2 August 1944, vol. 402, no. 118, columns 1355-1568:
Questions to Ministers: Equal pay (Royal Commission); Czechoslovakia (Liberation Agreements).
Adjournment (Summer recess).
Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.
Paper 110p

LAW 1/2/209  28 September 1944
Privy Council appointment of JJJL to the Court of the University of Durham.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/210  [1945 x 1949]
List of unidentified [public office] holders, 1919-1945, beginning with the name Gilmour and terminating with Lambton; with other names, addresses and jottings. Manuscript in JJJL’s hand.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/211  January 1945
JJJL’s personal bound copy of a programme for a visit by Members of Parliament to Eighth Army, 11-14 January 1945: San Benedetto, Mezzano, Ravenna, Caledon Camp, Faenza area of operations, Ancona.
Paper 6f

LAW 1/2/212  15 February 1945
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 15 February 1945, vol. 408, no. 33, columns 363-524:
Questions to Ministers: Ex-service personnel (Business grants scheme); Electoral registration (Business premises vote); Evacuated children, Wallasey (Treatment); General Franco (Prime Minister's letter); Business of the House. Forestry policy (Departmental responsibility). Local Government white paper (Reconstruction). Royal assent to Bills passed. Air accidents.
Paper 84p
LAW 1/2/213  March 1945
Paper  150p

LAW 1/2/214  17 April 1945
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 17 April 1945, vol. 410, no. 62, columns 1-168:
List of Government and principal officers of the House.
Questions to Ministers: Prisoners of war, Germany; Anglo-Swedish Monetary Agreement; Business of the House.
New Member (Sponsors).
President Roosevelt.
Supply: Considered in Committee; Civil estimates, 1945.
World Security Conference, San Francisco.
Paper  92p

LAW 1/2/215  17 April 1945
Parliamentary debates, House of Lords, 17 April 1945, vol. 135, no. 44, columns 1105-1164:
Motions: The late president Roosevelt; World Organization for Peace.
Paper  32p

LAW 1/2/216  17-18 April 1945
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 17-18 April 1945, vol. 410, no. 63, columns 169-340:
17 April 1945 (continuation)
Supply: Considered in Committee; Civil estimates, 1945.
World Security Conference, San Francisco.
18 April
Questions to Ministers: Austria (Inter-Allied Commission); Railways (Summer services); Members' salaries; Repatriated prisoners of war (Rations).
Service personnel, Far East (Welfare arrangements).
Requisitioned land and war works Bill.
Ministry of Fuel and Power: Consideration of Lords amendments.
Ministry of Civil Aviation [Money].
Ministry of Civil Aviation Bill.
Paper  88p

LAW 1/2/217  May 1945
Unemployment Fund investment account. Account showing the nature and amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1945 as investments for moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of Labour and National Service under sections 58 (3) and 114 (9) of The Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935. (Presented pursuant to Act 25 Geo. V., c. 8. s. 58 (4).)
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/218  May 1945
Campaign stars and the Defence medal. Committee on the grant of honours decorations and medals in time of war.
Paper  16p
LAW 1/2/219  May 1945
Paper  58p

LAW 1/2/220  17-18 May 1945
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 17-18 May 1945, vol. 410, no. 81, columns 2751-2898:
17 May 1945 (continuation)
Family Allowances Bill.
Welsh Church (Burial grounds) Bill.
Agriculture (Artificial insemination) Bill.
Agriculture (Artificial insemination) [Money].
Coastal areas (Rehabilitation grants).
18 May 1945
Campaign stars and Defence medal.
Questions to Ministers.
Adjournment (Whitsuntide): Foreign broadcasting services; Members and Ministers (Franked mail); Severn barrage and hydro-electric scheme; Ministry of Works (Transferred Army officers).
Paper  74p

LAW 1/2/221  [July 1945]
Election address, in manuscript.
Paper  8f

LAW 1/2/222  3 August 1945
Notice of the administration of oaths of office to principal secretaries of state, before the lord president of the [Privy] Council [Herbert Morrison]: James Chuter Ede, Christopher Viscount Addison, George Henry Hall, JKL, Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence, William Wedgwood, Viscount Stansgate, Joseph Westwood.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/223  3 August 1945
Notice of delivery of seals of office by the King to the Principal Secretaries of State, as LAW 1/2/222.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/224  16 September 1945
Programme for a visit by JKL, Secretary of State for War, to the Royal Artillery Depot (India): lists staff; functions; welfare organisations; entertainments; complement since July 1945.
Paper  4f

LAW 1/2/225  October 1945
Paper  36p; map
LAW 1/2/226  18 December 1945
Resolution of the Borough of Clitheroe conveying appreciation of and gratitude towards No. 1 Training Battalion Royal Engineers, stationed at Clitheroe, 1939-1945.
Seal: common seal of the borough affixed.
Seal: paper seal
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/227  [1946]
Agenda for the 45th annual conference with nominations for the election of the National Executive Committee and other national officers. Labour Party annual conference, Bournemouth, 10-14 June 1946.
Paper  56p

LAW 1/2/228  26 July 1947
Order of Service for the 38th Miners’ Festival Service at Durham Cathedral, 26 July 1947. Annotated in pencil by JJL with the livery colours of the bands of Brancepeth, Dean and Chapter, and Thornley Collieries.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/229  28 October 1947
Notice of Privy Council reappointment to the Court of the University of Durham of Sir Cecil Algernon Cochrane, Countess Grey, JJL, Sam Watson. For related correspondence, see LAW 1/1/374.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/230  1948
Labour Party 47th annual conference postcard (blank), depicting the conference hall at Scarborough, and portrait photographs of Clement Attlee and Emanuel Shinwell.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 1/2/231  [March 1949 x 1958]
Manuscript research notes on the qualifications of a d[eputy]-l[ieutenant], as defined by the Militia Act 1882 and the Deputy Lieutenants Act 1918.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/281  13 April 1949
Letters patent appointing JJL Keeper of the Rolls in County Durham until 17 October 1956, the day after he reaches the age of seventy-five.

LAW 1/2/232  2 July 1949
Paper  2f
LAW 1/2/233  23 November 1949
Parliamentary debates, House of Commons, 23 November 1949, vol. 470, no. 191, columns 331-636:
Oral answers to questions: British Guiana (Franchise inquiry); Enugu colliery, Nigeria (Disturbances); Export trade, dollar markets; Air accident inquiry report (Minister's comments).
Festival of Britain (Supplementary provisions) Bill.
Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill.
Adjournment debate: Income tax arrears (Ex-service men).
Written answers to questions: Malaya (Financial assistance).
Paper

LAW 1/2/234  [1950s x 1965]
Speech on the theme of education, perhaps for an address to a school.
Paper  9f

LAW 1/2/235  [1950 x 1965]
Manuscript fragment of a draft speech on the theme of Youth Services in a changing world.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/236  [1950 x 1965]
Fragment of a speech, describing population changes in Co. Durham caused by the nineteenth-century growth of the coal industry.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/237  1950
Labour Party jubilee certificate, recording JJJL’s membership of the party.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/238  [February 1950 x 1951]
Red notebook containing manuscript notes for a speech on the subject of Dictators and the British Labour Movement (political and industrial).
[Note: date inferred from JJJL reference to “the Complete Devastation of the Russianists at the recent General Election”, and other contextual evidence.]
Paper  1 volume

LAW 1/2/239  [June 1950]
Burnhope, Peartree and Holmside roll of honour, 1939-1945. Burnhope and United Services Welcome Home Committee, 1939-1945. Copy inscribed and presented to JJJL, 10 June 1950, by members of Burnhope War Memorial Committee to commemorate an unveiling ceremony.
Paper; textile tie  8f

LAW 1/2/240  12 May 1951
Invitation to JJJL and Bella Lawson to attend a visit by Princess Margaret to the Durham County Girl Guides’ Association, with inspection and march past, 12 May 1951 at Palace Green, Durham City. Endorsed with further invitation to a service at the Cathedral.
Paper  1f
LAW 1/2/241  May-June 1951
Parliamentary delegation visit to Yugoslavia.
File of preparatory papers, subsequent report, and JJL journal and writings
concerning the visit by a parliamentary delegation to Yugoslavia, 15-26 May 1951.
Paper  1 file

LAW 1/2/241/1  [May 1951]
List of members of the parliamentary delegation to Yugoslavia, led by JJL.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/241/2  [May 1951]
Memorandum concerning UK trade with Yugoslavia, under the headings: Trade
Agreement; Present Economic Situation; Present Yugoslav Trade with the United
Kingdom.
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/241/3  [May 1951]
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/241/4  [May 1951]
Report of the chairman (JJL) of the parliamentary delegation to Yugoslavia.
(14th-25th May, 1951).
Paper  2f

LAW 1/2/241/5  14 May-29 June 1951
Journal, with associated loose papers, of JJL's visit to Yugoslavia, chairing a
parliamentary delegation. The journal continues through June, recording the
Easington Colliery disaster - “[o]ne of the saddest days of my life” - and JJL's
visit to Australia, 5-19 June 1951 (Shannon, New York, Chicago, San Francisco,
Honolulu, Sydney, Canberra, Fiji, Honolulu, San Francisco, Chicago, New York,
Goose Bay in Labrador, UK).
Paper  1 volume

LAW 1/2/241/6  [May 1951]
“How I came to go to Yugoslavia.” Speech notes, endorsed “Luncheon”.
Paper  13f

LAW 1/2/242  1952
The British worker, by Ferdynand Zweig. Annotated in pencil by JJL.
Paper  1 volume

LAW 1/2/243  25 January 1952
“Lieutenancy of the County of Durham.” Notes (corrected typescript), by A. A.
Luxmoore: naming the lord-lieutenant, vice-lieutenant, and fifty deputy-lieutenants;
and with historical note on the history of the lieutenancy, with short biographies of
the sixteen lords-lieutenant for Co. Durham since 1536.
Paper  9f

LAW 1/2/244  21 October 1952
Privy Council [re-j]appointment of Countess Grey, JJL, Sam Watson, E. F.
Collingwood to the Court of the University of Durham; see LAW 1/1/582.
Paper  1f
Material relating to a visit by the Princess Royal to Darlington, 26 October 1952.

Programme booklet for the opening of Darlington Y.M.C.A., Park Street, by the Princess Royal.

Platform admission ticket in the name of Bella Lawson, with platform seating plan, for the opening of Darlington Y.M.C.A., Park Street, by the Princess Royal.

Admission ticket to the unveiling and dedication by the Princess Royal of the 50th (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Signal Regiment (Territorial Army) war memorial at St Cuthbert's Church, Darlington.

Road map of Hordaland fylke, Norway: 2 sections (North and South). The towns Mundheim, Fosse, Viköy and Norheimsund circled in ink.

An account of the proceedings in Westminster Hall on Wednesday, 27th May, 1953 on the occasion of the coronation luncheon given by all branches of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, with an historical note on coronation feasts in Westminster Hall.

“I deem it a great Honour to have been invited by the Town Council of Jarrow to declare Open this Memorial Hall.” Manuscript. Speech notes.

Menu, toast list, and programme of music, for a luncheon at the Mansion House, following the presentation of the honorary freedom of the City of London to Clement Attlee. Music performed by the Aylmer Orchestra, under Harold Williams.

Menu and toast list for a luncheon at Wearhead Filter House, upon the inauguration of Sunderland and South Shields Water Company's Burnhope pipe-line scheme; with description of the Wearhead filtration plant.

Material relating to a dinner at Lancaster House on 15 July 1954, at which the lieutenants of Counties presented to Queen Elizabeth II a picture of her coronation by T. C. Cuneo.
LAW 1/2/253/1  June 1954
Circular from Richard Cave, Secretary of the Association of Lieutenants of Counties, enclosing invitation to the dinner.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/253/2  15 July 1954
Dinner invitation card.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/253/3  15 July 1954
Menu, music programme, and list of lieutenants of Counties. Music performed by the orchestra of the Royal Horse Guards (The Blues), under Captain J. E. Thirtle.
Paper; textile tile  4f

LAW 1/2/253/4  [15 Jul 1954]
Dinner seating plan. J JL’s personalised copy.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/254-259  29 October 1954
Material relating to a visit to Gateshead, South Shields and then Sunderland by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh.
Paper  6 items

LAW 1/2/254-255  29 October 1954
Programme for a visit to Gateshead by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, with list of presentees, and route of the royal party (2 copies).
Paper  2f (x2)

LAW 1/2/256-257  29 October 1954
Programme for a visit to South Shields by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, with list of presentees, and route of the royal party (2 copies).
Paper  2f (x2)

LAW 1/2/258-259  29 October 1954
Programme for a visit to Sunderland by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, with list of presentees, and route of the royal party (2 copies). Copy LAW 1/2/258: list of presentees supplemented in J JL’s hand.
Paper  2f (x2)

LAW 1/2/260  [1955 x 1964]
Draft manuscript fragment of an election speech, arguing against an incumbent [Conservative] Government.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/261  1955
Durham County Boy Scouts Association programme for 1955.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/262  1 January 1955
Durham County Boy Scouts Association directory of Commissioners, Local Association Secretaries, Districts and Local Associations.
Paper  5f
LAW 1/2/263 February 1955
Paper 22p

LAW 1/2/264 5 April 1955
Order of proceedings for the official opening of Grindon Close branch library, museum and grounds, (see LAW 2/4/2/7).
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/265 28 September 1955
Invitation to J JL and Bella Lawson to a luncheon at Durham Castle, 28 September 1955, and to an opening ceremony of Washington Old Hall. The invitation, issued by the Committee for the Preservation of Washington Old Hall, is made by J JL, lord-lieutenant, and Charles Sumner Bird, chairman of the American-British Commonwealth Association. See LAW 1/2/273.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/266 15 November 1955
Invitation (as admission ticket) from F. Pattison, mayor of Gateshead, and Mrs M. Gunn, chairman of the Education Committee, to J JL and Bella Lawson to attend the opening of Gateshead Technical College by the Duke of Edinburgh.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/267 4 May 1956
Menu for a lieutenancy dinner, held in the Royal County Hotel, Durham, 4 May 1956: with list of officers of the lieutenancy. Annotations: front cover date amended in manuscript to 10 May 1957; list of officers also marked off.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/268 4 June 1956
Material relating to a visit by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh to Stockton-on-Tees.
Paper 2 items

LAW 1/2/268/1 4 June 1956
Invitation to J JL and Bella Lawson to attend the royal party at the High Street, Stockton-on-Tees, and afterwards at a buffet luncheon in the Maison de Danse, Yarm Lane.
Paper 1f

LAW 1/2/268/2 4 June 1956
Programme of the royal visit, with list of presentees, and the route of the royal party.
Paper 2f

LAW 1/2/269 1 November 1956
Programme of a visit by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to the Bowes Museum: with list of the museum's Sub-Committee, and officials of the Education Department of Durham County Council. Programme of events corrected in J JL's hand. [?Back cover missing].
Paper 5f
LAW 1/2/270  January 1957
Paper  16p

LAW 1/2/271  [November 1957]
Notes for a speech made upon the publication of a report into an accident at Windscale.
[Note: probably relates to the fire at Windscale, 10 October 1957, and the Penney Report.]
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/272  19 July 1958
Paper  32p

LAW 1/2/273  1959
Paper  20p

LAW 1/2/274  1 November 1960
Paper  Admittance ticket of the Honourable Mrs C. F. C. Lawson to the opening of Parliament, standing in the Royal Gallery.

LAW 1/2/275  27 July 1963
Material relating to the Presentation of Colours to the 8th Battalion the Durham Light Infantry (Territorial Army) by Princess Alexandra, Colonel in Chief, at Palace Green, Durham City, 27 July 1963.
Paper  2 items

LAW 1/2/275/1  27 July 1963
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/275/2  27 July 1963
Programme: lists officers of the 8th Battalion the Durham Light Infantry, and those on parade; order of parade and music; illustrations of the Queen's Colour and the Regimental Colour; Form of the Consecration Service; history of the battalion.
Paper  8f
LAW 1/2/276  12 February 1964
Parliamentary debates, House of Lords, 12 February 1964, vol. 255, no. 36, columns 553-636:
Questions: Advisory Committee on grants for overseas sports; Hyde Park; Kensington Gardens; Training of Commonwealth law students.
Motion: Staggered holidays;
Statement: Overseas Volunteer Service.
Paper  44p

LAW 1/2/277  [January x August 1965]
Invitation from Harold Wilson and his wife to J JL and Bella Lawson for 8 July [1965] at Downing Street.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/278  6 May 1965
Houses of Parliament lists of adjournments and all-party notices, issued 6 May 1965.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/279  7 May 1965
House of Lords programme of parliamentary business, 11-13 May 1965.
Paper  1f

LAW 1/2/280  13 September 1965
Material relating to the memorial service for J JL at Durham Cathedral, 13 September 1965.
Paper  2 items
  LAW 1/2/280/1  13 September 1965
  Order of Service.
  Paper  2f
  LAW 1/2/280/2  13 September 1965
  Address delivered by Maurice [Harland, the Bishop of] Durham at the memorial service for J JL, upon the text of Daniel Chapter 10, verse 19: “O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea be strong”. Signed by the bishop. Text amended and annotated.
  Paper  9f

Constituency cases
1919-1945
1 box

LAW 1/3  24 November 1919 - 5 April 1949
Correspondence and papers relating to constituency cases on the following subjects: employment; professional qualifications; health care; pensions; benefits (unemployment, dependents', maternity, widows'); Miners' Homes; rates of pay; war-service medals; probate; appeals against criminal convictions; immigration; release from armed services; imprisonments under the Emergency Powers Act; health insurance; Canadian Harvesters' Scheme; fines; allowances (family, marriage); repatriation; visits to troops; housing and tenancies; war graves; demobilisation; military postings; rationing (food, fuel, quotas); tax; licensing; National Insurance.
Paper  1 box

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Scrapbooks and diary
[1928], 1949
1 volume

[See LAW 3/2/13/3-8, 10-16] [January 1928]
[Some newspaper cuttings are pasted to pages from a now disassembled scrapbook
created from JJJL’s 1928 appointment diary, some entries in which, between 1-25
January, are not obscured.]

LAW 1/4 pp. 2-30 May 1949
Appointments diary for 1949 transformed into a scrapbook for letters and newspaper
cuttings relating to JJJL’s appointment as lord-lieutenant of Co. Durham, and
occasionally on other subjects. Entries in the diary are largely obscured until 7 April
1949. Items are pasted to pages of the diary (numbered below), and folded. The
correspondents’ names and addresses are noted, with the date and extent of each
item; noteworthy content is described.
Paper 1 volume

LAW 1/4 page 2A [May 1949]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “Mr J. Lawson, MP, Durham’s new
Lord Lieutenant”.
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LAW 1/4 page 2B [May 1949]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “Jack Lawson makes history”.
1f

LAW 1/4 page 2C-D [May 1949]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “May Day speeches”. May Day
speeches and procession.
1f

LAW 1/4 page 2E [May 1949]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “Lord Lieutenant”.
1f

LAW 1/4 page 3A [1949]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “Durham honours Dr. Cyril Alington”.
Award of the Freedom of the City of Durham to Dean Alington; JJJL’s first official
duty as lord-lieutenant.
1f

LAW 1/4 page 3B [May 1949]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “Mr Lawson made Lord Lieutenant
of Co. Durham”.
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LAW 1/4 page 3C [May 1949]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “More years ago than I care to
remember”.
1f

LAW 1/4 page 4A 5 May 1949
Paddy Scullion, Mayor, Mayor’s Parlour, Town Hall, Jarrow.
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LAW 1/4page 4B  9 May 1949
F. Watson, Witton-le-Wear, Bishop Auckland.
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LAW 1/4page 4C  10 May 1949
George Walden, clerk, Pelton Parish Council, Council Offices, Newfield, Pelton Fell, Chester-le-Street.
1f

LAW 1/4page 5A  1 May 1949
Councillor Matt Allon, 4 Wear Terrace, Washington Station, Co. Durham.
1f

LAW 1/4page 5B  10 May 1949
Fred Fish, Secretary, Pelton Local Labour Party, 18 Pelton Gardens, Pelton, Co. Durham.
1f

LAW 1/4page 5C  5 May 1949
Ferdie Smith, Ruskin College, Oxford.
1f

LAW 1/4page 5D  1 May 1949
Cyril Alington, Dean, The Deanery, Durham.
1f

LAW 1/4page 6A  3 April [recte May] 1949
Leon Usher, 6 Ivanhoe Terrace, Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/4page 6B  30 April 1949
Robert Chapman, Undercliff, Cleadon, Near Sunderland.
1f

LAW 1/4page 6C  [May 1949]
Sheldon.
2f

LAW 1/4page 7A  2 May 1949
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LAW 1/4page 7B  30 April 1949
Dr Robert F. Wearmouth, Raby House, Sadberge, Darlington.
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LAW 1/4page 7C  6 May 1949
T. Palmer and Dorothy Palmer, 3 Cecil Street, East Stanley, Co. Durham.
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LAW 1/4page 7D  30 April 1949
Austin Kirkup, Morton House, Fence Houses, Co. Durham: meeting.
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LAW 1/4page 8A  11 May 1949
J. V. Witherspoon, Honorary Secretary, Northumberland and Durham Association
1f

LAW 1/4page 8B  30 April 1949
Councillor J. Willis, Honorary Secretary, Chester-le-Street Local Labour Party,
15 The Green, Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/4page 8C  3 May 1949
J. H. Scott, President, and J. A. E. Smith, Secretary, Chester-le-Street
Co-operative and Industrial Society Limited.
1f

LAW 1/4page 9A  29 April 1949
Charles S. Perkins, Town Clerk, Town Hall, Jarrow: Ministry of Works and the
Monastery of St Paul’s Jarrow; development of Jarrow Slake and improvement
of the River Don; trading estate.
3f

LAW 1/4page 9B  30 April 1949
William H. Dinsley, Chairman, Houghton-le-Spring Urban District Council,
Braemar, 27 Sancroft Drive, Houghton-le-Spring.
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LAW 1/4page 9C  30 April 1949
Dudley F. M. Appleby, George Armstrong, Rose & Appleby, 12 Grey Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/4page 10A  6 May 1949
Rev. John Crawford, Secretary of the Synod, The Methodist Church, Sunderland
and Durham District, Bourne House, Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham: on behalf
of members of the Representative Session of the Annual Synod.
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LAW 1/4page 10B  30 April 1949
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LAW 1/4page 10C  3 May 1949
A. A. Luxmoore, Wilson & Co., 5 North Bailey, Durham: invitation to a reception
at Durham Castle to meet magistrates and deputy-lieutenants.
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LAW 1/4page 11A  6 May 1949
Reginald Gray, The Northern Echo, Priestgate, Darlington: encloses six copies
of the newspaper.
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LAW 1/4page 11B  6 May 1949
J. Arthur Rodwell, Highfield House, Durham.
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LAW 1/4 page 11C 6 May 1949  
C. J. Pickering, 10 The Crescent, Alverstoke, Hampshire.  
1f

LAW 1/4 page 12A 14 May 1949  
H. J. Wilson, Honorary Secretary, National Union of Journalists, Evening Chronicle Office, Market Place, Durham.  
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LAW 1/4 page 12B 3 May 1949  
Harold King, clerk, County of Somerset, 2 The Drive, Batts Park, Taunton, Somerset: corresponds with Jack Gilliland.  
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LAW 1/4 page 12C 3 May 1949  
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LAW 1/4 page 12D 14 September 1948  
Lance Best, Secretary, Glebe Methodist Guild, Hail West, 83 Marsden Road, Harton, South Shields: invitation to preach at the evening service of the Guild's anniversary on 5 February 1949.  
1f

LAW 1/4 page 13A 30 April 1949  
J. A. Charlton Deas, 20 Humbledon View, Sunderland: written on Central Office of Information (Northern Region) stationary; regrets likely delay in J JL's production of a further instalment in his autobiography; recalls speech made at the opening of Boldon Library in 1904; co-ordinating authority required for London museums and galleries, citing Sunday Sun article by the writer.  
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LAW 1/4 page 13B  Sunday  
Marie Duberley, Plawsworth Cottage, Chester-le-Street.  
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LAW 1/4 page 13C 2 May 1949  
Ian B. Munro, Earl Grey Hotel, Morpeth, Northumberland: Marxism compared to Socialism.  
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LAW 1/4 page 13D 14 May 1949  
Colonel G. G. Mallinson, 24/32 Stowell Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.  
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LAW 1/4 page 14A [May 1949]  
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LAW 1/4 page 14B 10 May 1949  
R. Porter, 32 Park Road North, Chester-le-Street.  
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LAW 1/4page 14C  2 May 1949
John Clarke, B.B.C., Broadcasting House, 54 New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.
1f

LAW 1/4page 15A  2 May 1949
Theophilus Dixon, The Homestead, Cockfield, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham: need to diversify local employment opportunities; recalls adult education Saturday course in Sunderland, led by W. Tate.
2f

LAW 1/4page 15B  2 May 1949
Edith Kipling, Post Office, Masham, Ripon, Yorkshire: Conservative College at Swinton Castle.
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LAW 1/4page 15C  10 May 1949
Colonel Stafford, Trench Hall, Ravensworth, Gateshead-on-Tyne.
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LAW 1/4page 16A  3 May 1949
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LAW 1/4page 16B  15 May 1949
George Johnson, 48 Cholmley Street, Hull.
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LAW 1/4page 16C  12 May 1949
R. S. McLaren, Cleadon Grange, Cleadon, Near Sunderland.
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LAW 1/4page 17A  30 April 1949
Sir Myers Wayman, Chairman and Managing Director, The Mayfair-Dunn Group, Mayfair Building, Sunderland.
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LAW 1/4page 17B  21 May 1949
A. J. Artiss, 224 Beeches Road, West Bromwich: JJL's appointment announced in the *British Weekly* in a “Corner Piece” article by Sidney Walton.
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LAW 1/4page 17C  9 May 1949
A. Macdonald, Co-operative Wholesale Society Limited, Board Room, West Blandford Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/4page 18A  19 May 1949
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LAW 1/4page 18B 19 May 1949
Len Elliott, Birtley Unity Bowling Club, 6 Ravensworth Road Estate, Birtley, Co. Durham: J JL vice-president for 1949 of the Club; progress of scheme to clear pit heaps [at Birtley].
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LAW 1/4page 18C 9 May 1949
J. K. Hope, clerk, County of Durham, Shire Hall, Durham: accepting appointment as Honorary Secretary to the Lord-lieutenant's Advisory Committee on the appointment of magistrates.
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LAW 1/4page 18D 13 May 1949
Hugh L. Swinburne, Swinburne & Jackson, 12 West Street, Gateshead: encloses specially bound copy of a history of a Tyneside Scottish unit, commanded by the writer in 1940, [not present].
1f

LAW 1/4page 19A 19 May 1949
J. W. [?Fletcher], National Assistance Board, Regional Office, Andrews House, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/4page 19B 1 May 1949
John Swinney, Department of Urology, Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.
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LAW 1/4page 19C 30 April 1949
Frank Nicholson, Southill Hall, Near Chester-le-Street.
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LAW 1/4page 19D 9 May 1949
E. Shinwell, Secretary of State for War, War Office.
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LAW 1/4page 19E 16 May 1949
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LAW 1/4page 20A 11 May 1949
Robert Chapman, Chairman, Durham County Orthopaedic Association, Finchale Abbey Training Centre for the Disabled, Durham: invitation to act as president of the Association, following Lord Londonderry; Training Centre opened 17 July 1943 by George Tomlinson; employment statistics of those men trained at the Centre.
1f

LAW 1/4page 20B 2 May 1949
T. E. St Johnston, County Constabulary Headquarters, Aycliffe, Darlington, Co. Durham.
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LAW 1/4 page 20C  26 May 1949
Hugh L. Swinburne, Swinburne & Jackson, 12 West Street, Gateshead.  
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LAW 1/4 page 20D  3 May 1949
Sir Angus Watson, Whitewell, Adderstone Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne.  
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LAW 1/4 page 21A  3 May 1949
J. K. Hope, clerk, County of Durham, Shire Hall, Durham: favours renouncing  
the Honorary Secretaryship of the Lord-lieutenant's Advisory Committee,  
suggesting the duties devolve to the clerk to the lieutenancy.  
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LAW 1/4 page 21B  4 May 1949
W. Welsh, National Coal Board (Northern Division), Springfield House, Shotley  
Bridge, Co. Durham.  
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LAW 1/4 page 21C  3 May 1949
George Greenwell, South Dock, Sunderland.  
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LAW 1/4 page 21D  2 May 1949
George R. Bull, Town Clerk, City of Durham, 32 Claypath, Durham: ceremony  
at Town Hall on 10 May.  
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LAW 1/4 page 22A  23 May 1949
Alderman J. R. S. Middlewood, 2 Dent Street, Tindale Crescent, Bishop  
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LAW 1/4 page 22B  4 May 1949
John Hunt, Crown Office, House of Lords: encloses key, and box forwarded by  
registered post containing Letters Patent appointing JJL Custos Rotulorum and  
lord-lieutenant in Co. Durham.  
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LAW 1/4 page 22C  9 May 1949
Gladys & Will, 29 Bedale Avenue, Billingham, Co. Durham: refresher course at  
County Police School; Alderman Middlewood and brother.  
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LAW 1/4 page 22D  2 May 1949
J. Kelly, National Union of Mineworkers, Durham Area, Red Hill, Durham.  
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LAW 1/4 page 23A  3 May 1949
Thomas Wake, Curator and Secretary, The Bowes Museum and Park, Barnard  
Castle, Co. Durham: advises lord-lieutenant is ex-officio a trustee of the museum,  
with the nomination of one other trustee, and suggesting re-nomination of Lord  
Gort of Hamsterley Hall; encloses handbook on the museum, [not present].  
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LAW 1/4page 23B  30 April 1949
Tom Benfold, Chairman's Room, Shire Hall, Durham, and 2 John Street, Ferryhill:
Peter Lee, suggests reprint of J JL's biography.
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LAW 1/4page 23C  2 May 1949
Sidney J. Patten, 87 Pilton Street, Barnstable, N. Devon: personal history; Owen
Rattenbury; Lord Allendale.
2f

LAW 1/4page 23D  19 May 1949
Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. Pelton, 9th Cadet Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry,
The Drill Hall, Chester-le-Street: J JL the battalion's Honorary Colonel.
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LAW 1/4page 24A  26 May 1949
A. A. Luxmoore, Wilson & Co., 5 North Bailey, Durham: reception for 1,000
guests hosted by High Sheriff on 9 July.
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LAW 1/4page 24B  [before 21 March 1950]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication: predicts J JL's peerage; notes
probable appointment of J JL to the National Coal Board, salaried at £3,000 p.a.,
to compensate his loss of his parliamentary salary.
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LAW 1/4page 24C  21 May 1949
James Duff, Snowdon, Simla, India: six months as only British member of the
Indian Government's Universities Commission, returning end of June.
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LAW 1/4page 24D  23 May 1949
Will Lawther, Kingsley, 31 Manor Drive, Wembley Park, Middlesex: hopes for
meeting at Blackpool.
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LAW 1/4page 25A  3 May 1949
Pat Bartley, Barwood, 15 Oxford Avenue, Washington, Co. Durham: increased
coal allowance for Corby Hall; Karl Pottmann, Oxford and Germany; Hughie
Lavery.
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LAW 1/4page 26A  26 May 1949
[Thomas Corbett, 2nd baron] Rowallan, Chief Scout, The Boy Scouts Association,
25 Buckingham Palace Road, London: invites J JL to be president of the Durham
County Scout Council; scouting "the only common ground on which the youth
of all the far countries of the world can meet without distinction of colour,
language or creed as I have seen over and over again in my trips through the
Empire and in foreign lands"; ethos.
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LAW 1/4page 26B  20 May 1949
Ethel J. Eddon, Craghead.
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27 May 1949
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication: article by Sidney Walton.

12 July 1949
Albert Mansbridge, Windways, 296 Dartmouth Road, Paignton, South Devon: Ruskin College; portrait.

31 May 1949
W. Wallace, Windrush, Strensall, York: offers thanks for JJL's hospital visit.

10 July 1949
Newspaper cutting, Sunday Sun: report of reception for JJL at Durham Castle.

11 July 1949

16 June 1949
Douglas Clifton Brown, Speaker's House, London.

29 June [1949]
Cyril Alington, Dean, The Deanery, Durham: notification of JJL's unanimous election as president of the Friends of Durham Cathedral.
Papers concerning private life and personal affairs

Correspondence
1908-1965
Correspondence and enclosures concerning his unofficial activities and personal life.
2 boxes

LAW 2/1/1  4 March 1908
Letter from Albert Mansbridge, The Workers' Educational Association, to JJL: Jack Lawson (JJL) to speak at the Union Society; reform of Oxford [University]; advocates a better informed understanding of [the university] among “Labour people”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/2  2 June 1908
Letter from W Mitroff, 35 Elgin Avenue, [London], to JJL: expecting group photograph of the students [of Ruskin College]; plans for Mitroff’s further technical education, his English studies continue; greets Mr Parks and Mr Whitehead; [Franco-British] London exhibition; invitation to visit; requests “an account of questions agitating the English workmen at the present time”.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/3  10 August 1908
Letter from Arnold, The Barn, Hadleigh Road, Frinton, Sussex, to JJL, 34 Wells Row, Boldon Colliery, Co. Durham: sorrow at JJL’s absence from Oxford; unprecedented friendship “between a ‘Varsity man & a Ruskin man”. “We will agitate day & night until we revolutionise England. Let us be ashamed of ourselves until we see every man well clothed, well fed & well housed & all the Lords in the lethal chamber.”
Paper  2f; stamped envelope

LAW 2/1/4  [1908]
Reference from John Johnson, J. H. Cann, S. Guthaist and John Wilson, Durham Miners’ Association, of the “more than ordinary ability ... upright character and keen desire to do his duty” of JJL, “a most suitable person to look after the interests of any body of workmen whom he may be called upon to represent”.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/5  26 August 1908
Reference from Dennis Hird, principal of Ruskin College, of JJJL’s qualities and character. Envelope later endorsed: “Re-applying for a job as check-wayman, 1909” [sic].
Paper  2f; stamped envelope

LAW 2/1/6  13 January 1909
Letter to JJJL and reference from William Moore Ede, The Deanery, Worcester Cathedral: prospects for effective work as checkweighman; meanwhile, holding his seat on the [Durham] County Council for JJL to run as the Union candidate; [J. J.] Prest an awkward manager at Horden colliery.
Paper  4f
LAW 2/1/7  1 April 1909
Letter from C. S. Buxton, Ruskin College, to JJL, 5 East View, Boldon Colliery: resignation of Dennis Hird, [principal of the College]; deprecates the conduct of the students.
Paper  2f; 1 stamped envelope

LAW 2/1/8  5 May 1909
Letter from C. S. Buxton, Ruskin College, to JJL: their shared opinion on the action of the students; misconceptions of the Executive Committee's intentions; impossibility of reinstating Dennis Hird, or of reopening the inquiry; desirability of "more systematic" representation of trades unions on the Council. Pointes.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/9  8 July 1911
Letter from C. S. Buxton, Wye, Kent, to JJL: suggests JJL's Canadian travel plan might be funded by harvesting there; proposes seasonal working holidays for city dwellers; shared support for the [National] Insurance Bill, anticipating its positive impact upon the rural economy and the likely quick loss of the inefficient larger farms.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/10  3 September 1911
Letter from Lady Phyllis Sydney Buxton, Newtimber Place, Hassocks, Sussex, to JJL: anticipates event on Monday.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/11  16 September 1911
Letter (mourning stationary) from Phyllis S. Buxton to JJL, subsequent to the death of C. S. Buxton, [31 August 1911]: queries arrangements in hand for the funding of a man recommended by JJL to attend Ruskin College, to supplement £10 per annum already promised by Mr George Trevelyan.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/12  18 September 1911
Paper  2f
LAW 2/1/13 21 August 1912
Letter from C. Pattinson, Nanaimo, Box 798, British Columbia, Canada, to J JL: account of labour conditions in eastern and western Canada, comparative to Britain, and Pattinson's journey west in search of work (clay pit, quarry, mining camp); attempts to start a union ("three camps out of four [on Vancouver Island] are organized"); appointed International Organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, involving much travel; recalls a shared Oxford [University] acquaintance named Vrooman; Chinese labourers [on Vancouver Island] organizing within the union - "[a]s far as his own class is concerned he is a good union man". Account of the state of the socialist movement: "[w]e are living in a new country and therefore our movement is highly theor[et]ical. We are Revolutionists because we have not the conditions such as you have in the old Country. We have not the questions to face such as feeding of school children or the unemployed tho that question is rapidly forcing itself upon us. The evils are coming here and bye and bye we will have to face them but at present we are Revolutionists and can afford to ignore these mere practical questions that obscure the issue. We belong to the Rev[olutionary] class conscious proletarian element of the socialist party; none of your laborism for us". Describes encouraging political representation of socialists in the [legislative assembly of British Columbia]; "[f]reethought is very aggressive here". Notes with approval J JL's support for "the forward policy of the Durham miners"; requests a copy of this [policy pamphlet], and of one issued by the Welsh miners.
Paper 6f

LAW 2/1/14 21 October 1912-23 February 1916
Letters, and enclosures, from William Lawson (d. 1916). Into this file have been collected all the extant letters of William Lawson, addressed both to his brother J JL and Bella his wife, and also to others of his family and friends.
Paper 45f

LAW 2/1/14/1 21 October 1912
Letter, from Ruskin College, to Jack and Bella Lawson: academic studies; Durham Forward Movement; Furniss family.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/14/2 9 November 1912
Paper delivered by William Lawson to a "mixed" audience: Recent legislation for miners; with covering note.
Paper 10f

LAW 2/1/14/3 [December 1914 x March 1916]
Part of a letter, without an address: conscription and militarism; effect of military service upon his character; quality of (territorial) officers.
Note: Second lieutenant William Lawson joined the 17th battalion of the Durham Light Infantry, which was formed in October 1914. He was attached to the 8th battalion on 25 August 1915. He was killed by a sniper on 27 March 1916. He is buried at Chester Farm cemetery.
Paper 1f
19 March 1915
Letter, to J.J.L: advice to J.J.L, following his decision to join up; 17th D.L.I.; contrasts camps of 17th and 20th D.L.I. at Cannock Chase and Barnard Castle respectively; warns against recruiting sergeants steering him into the 2nd Durhams - “you must join the New Armies”; positive impressions of the British Army; necessity of discipline; personal confidence; quality of battalion and the officers; hard last three months; warns J.J.L. joining as a private, to “be careful with your privileged prejudices. All men are prejudiced - but all man are not active in brain like you”. Endorsed in another hand with the address of the Director of Graves, Registration and Enquiries, General Headquarters, B.E.F., France.

5 August 1915
Letter, from Deerbolt Park Camp, Barnard Castle, to J.J.L: camp life; bugle calls; asks after J.J.L’s Oxford trip; Richardson; visit of Sir Henry and Lady Jones; encloses a poem by David MacGill, given with “some prints of war poetry” to William Lawson by the wife of Principal [Edward] Caird, via Sir Henry Jones.

[1914]
The great war. The recruit. A poem by David MacGill, annotated. Endorsed in the hand of Jack Lawson: “Mrs Caird. The wife of dear old Principal Caird sent him this so he asked me to preserve it. Will was very friendly with her”.

28 August 1915 x March 1916
Letter, from 50th Northumbrian Division, Base Depot, No. 18 Camp, [Le] Havre, to Jack and Bella Lawson: now attached to 8th D.L.I.; training; depart by train tonight for headquarters.

16 September 1915
Letter, from 8th D.L.I., 151st Brigade, 50th Division, British Expeditionary Force, to Mr [H. Sanderson] Furniss: Furniss relieves a man for service [in France]; enrolment in W.E.A. War-time Comradeship; trench and dug-out conditions, enemy 200 yards away; impression of Lloyd George speech at Bristol, and his interest in him since the start of the war; Professor Sir Henry Jones’ familiarity with Lloyd George; importance of establishing an over-whelming supply of high explosive shells; account of a night-time dangerous digging detail; home thoughts; morale; poor Saxon morale - “would all surrender tomorrow” - contrasted with that of Prussian officers; three types of German army soldier, Prussian (“keen”), Bavarian (“fair”), Saxon (“seldom show fight”); offers thanks for “the Broadsheets”; leaves this post on Saturday night.
LAW 2/1/14/9 7 November 1915
Letter, from Billets, 8th D.L.I., B.E.F., to Mr [H. Sanderson] Furniss: six wet days in trenches, [then billets], returns to trenches tomorrow night; kit; relief; impressed by speech of Prime Minister Asquith, and critical of [Edward] Carson's reply; non-belligerence of Greece; “wearing down process ... will give mankind a shaking”; account of a nearby country house, ransacked, and a faithful dog; Tom Horn, a Ruskin alumnus, joins R.A.M.C.; will write to the Collegian.
Paper 3f

LAW 2/1/14/10 15 November 1915
Letter, from Rest - Belgium, 8th D.L.I., B.E.F., to J.J.L: off the line since Saturday; morning training; to learn French; assigned, with [Arthur M.] Jones, out of the Beamish & Stanley Group, to No. 1 and No. 2 Platoons 'A' Company.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/14/11 19 November 1915
Letter, from Belgium, addressed “Dear little girl”: uncle Marsh; poor opinion of Belgian country; Edna.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/14/12 5 December 1915
Letter, [from La Crèche village, near Bailleul, France], to J.J.L: boredom; [Arthur M.] Jones; in small village; mud and busy roads prevent walking; exercising; books from Sir Henry Jones; Captain Veitch; poor progress with French studies; leave due shortly before Christmas; account of that day's Wesleyan service.
Paper 4f

LAW 2/1/14/13 8 December [1915]
Letter, [from La Crèche village, near Bailleul, France], to J.J.L: visit to neighbouring town for baths and hair-cuts; use of slang military terms irresistible; unspecifiable changes; expects to be home on leave on 15th or 16th.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/14/14 25 December 1915
Letter (unfinished), to Mr [H. Sanderson] Furniss: returned to battalion yesterday, in Belgium; rations, and tinned Christmas pudding; account of carols sung by men and N.C.O.s outside dugout, “a fair long way from the front line”, and dugout life; W.E.A. Christmas message received and liked; Rupert Brooke; death of Philip A. Brown, a veteran of Loos. Subscribed in the hand of H. S. F.: “evidently unfinished”.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/14/15 11 January 1916
Letter, to Jack and Bella Lawson: out of the trenches for two days; account of the killing of [Private R. H.] Longmuir, a member of his digging detail by a sniper, and of his burial at night in [Maple Copse]; now “sure Fritz is beaten”; writes to George this morning.
Paper 2f
LAW 2/1/14/16  11 January 1916
Letter to George [Lawson]: Arthur [M. Jones] well; returns to trenches in two
days; account of chatting with some [King's Own Scottish] Borderers from
Whitehaven, Cumberland, in a wood, among them the son of Jim Rothery; boxer
Willie Geddes; Tom Lawson; plentiful food parcels.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/14/17  4 February 1916
Letter, to Mr [H. Sanderson] Furniss: marriage, Mrs [William] Lawson teaching
until after the war; good health; placed in command during the leave of Captain
[?Baldwin]; visit to renowned city, with ruined cathedral [?Ypres], compared to
Osney Abbey, Oxfordshire; loss of friends; pet fox terrier; letter from Brown;
Somerville in Canada, letters to whom [?from William Lawson] published in the
Collegian.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/14/18  23 February 1916
Letter, to JJL: received cutting from JJL about patrols; “nothing to read for a
wonder but beastly "John Bulls””; Captain Baldwin; Schofield, a South African;
non-participant in the recent action; visit to Hill 60; [food] parcels; nothing to
read, books etc. never being carried on one's person; visits of [Arthur M.] Jones
now in Machine Gun Corps, stationed nearby; recommends The Bystander's
Fragments of France, [by Captain Bruce Bairnsfather] - “In and Out” hanging in
the dugout; awaits Wells [?H. G. Wells].
Paper  3f

LAW 2/1/15  10 April 1914
Letter from H. Sanderson Furniss, Stone End Farm, Ascott-Under-Wychwood, to
JJL: congratulates JJL on his selection, suggested in January, as the [parliamentary]
candidate for north-west Durham; regrets the failure to move a resolution to promote
more students [at Ruskin College] from [County] Durham; Chipping Norton strike
[at Bliss Tweed Mill]; memoir of C. S. Buxton to be published privately in June, JJL's
letters to be returned; anticipates visit to Durham for “the great day” [?Miners' Gala];
invitation to Stone End Farm for the Whitsuntide meet; offers loan of G. D. H. Cole's
The world of labour. Greets Will [Lawson].
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/16  7 August 1914
Letter from H. Sanderson Furniss, Chesnut Close, Ascott-under-Wychwood, to JJL:
their friendship; thanks for a “refreshing and inspiring” visit, regretting that the Furniss' 
political views attract both the dislike of unsympathetic neighbours and the suspicion of [working class] allies. Greets George Lawson. Oxford Summer School: Lowth, son of [T. ] Lowth of the National Union of Railwaymen. Preference for neutrality rather than entering the war, even having read the official papers. No news of Slater. Doubts [Ruskin] College will continue to operate through the war; contingencies at Oxford.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/17 21 March 1915
Letter from Phyllis S. Buxton, Government House, Cape Town, South Africa, to Mrs [Bella] Lawson: unusually wet season (70" in 2 months); patriotism; welcomes the employment of women, and anticipates great changes in their lives; sailed from England, with [Frederic] Cresswell; bitter attitude towards South African labour leaders there and abroad, complicated by a fear of losing control of the native [black] mining workers, “that's a very real terror in this country always”; describes visit to the Crown Mines, Johannesburg, making comparison to a mine at Stanley, and their working methods; considers racial discrimination in the industries, and the effects of reform; notes the state control of industry in Britain; dislike of the Labour leader newspaper.
Paper 8f

LAW 2/1/18 2 April [?1915]
Letter from Lina Laird, Oban House, New Road, Washington, to J JL: contributed, writing as “Minna”, an article on George Borrow to next issue of Labour leader; reviews Balzac's Le père Goriot, with comparisons to Hugo; and Jack London's White fang, noting the author's Californian political ambitions; and Charles G. Roberts; presentation of John Ruskin's The stones of Venice, and Richard Jefferies The story of my heart.
Paper 4f

LAW 2/1/19-20 10 and 12 May 1915
Letter from T. Richardson, 29 Lancaster Park, Richmond, Surrey, to J JL: Lawson's letter, redacted, sent to the Under-Secretary for War [Harold Tennant], and enclosing Richardson's covering letter, and its “curt reply”; passing of War Office vote ends for the present all debate on the matter in the House of Commons.
Paper 1f; 1f

LAW 2/1/21 6 September 1915
Postcard, postmarked Bristol, from J JL to his daughter Rene [Irene] Lawson, 6 Twizell Lane, West Pelton, Beamish.
Paper 1 postcard

LAW 2/1/22 30 November 1915
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/23 29 December [1915]
Letter from Averil [D. Furniss], Bear Place, Twyford, Berkshire, to Bella [Lawson]: busy; new lodgings; shutting up house at Ascott; female servants engaged in munitions and hospital work, and a W.E.A. class; death of Stephen Reiss; regrets conscription, a “citizen army” a characteristic of a socialistic state; attitude toward anticipated upheaval after the war, and “an educated, spiritual Democracy”; growing Tory antagonism towards unions; surprise at [the marriage of] William Lawson.
Paper 6f
LAW 2/1/24  13 January 1916
Letter from William Moore Ede at Hammerwood, Oxted, Surrey, as at Worcester [Deanery] to JJL: with one of his sons; Chatt, and scheme of Penny Dinners for school children, Sam Storey's opposition to his re-election as [Durham] County Council District Clerk; attitude toward prosecuting the war against Germany; sadness at social reforms sacrificed “for my life time, & for many years to come”, viz. more Miners' Homes; Christian ethical programme for post-war English society, citing JJL's [?education] work with pitmen; Home Reading Union; encloses pamphlets [not present]; dislike of conscription, but should not be opposed.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/25  31 March 1916
Telegram from George [Lawson], Boldon Colliery, to JJL, Twizell Lane, Beamish, West Pelton: “Regret Jones writes Will fatally injured sniper”.
Paper  1f; 1 envelope

LAW 2/1/26  2 April 1916
Letter from Will Bell, 19 Eamont Gardens, West Hartlepool, to Jack and Bella Lawson: condolences.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/27  23 June 1916
Letter from Averil [D. Furniss], 18 Albion Street, Hyde Park, London, to Bella [Lawson]: welcomes Bella's recovery; widow of William Lawson; details plans for Ruskin College, [H. S. Furniss having been appointed Principal].
Paper  4f

LAW 2/1/28  [?after March 1918]
Letter (incomplete), from Lina [Laird], to [Bella Lawson]: account of a country walk near Dunston, [Tyne and Wear]; pay rise to 30/- a week; loneliness, war having brought no change, in contrast to her friends; account of love frustrated by exigencies of war; joined Mawson & Swan's circulating library; enquires after Mr Degeyter at Birtley and Mr Roberts; Alf's leave cancelled due to influx of wounded at York.
Paper  4f

LAW 2/1/29  21 November 1918
Postcard from Tommy, [Kherson, Ukraine], to W. Lawson at Pit Row, Boldon Colliery: acknowledges receipt of postcard at Sarona, [Palestine; now Tel Aviv, Israel]. The postcard is a river scene of Kherson on the Dnieper, in Ukraine. Postmark: Odessa, dated “12 11 10”.
Paper  1 postcard
LAW 2/1/30  7 December 1918
Letter from Richard Lawson, [Dawdon Lodge, Seaham Harbour] to George and Mary Jane [Lawson], on stationary for John Lawson 1918 election, and Durham Miners' Association Dawdon Lodge: campaign news; JLL at Dawdon Miners' Hall, Seaham Colliery, Seaham Harbour; Richard Lawson, Thomas Schofield, Rev. J. Herron, speakers and organisers on JLL's behalf; poor organisation and scheduling; George Bloomfield; JLL demobilised on 28 November; Dawdon Lodge supportive; local Labour Committees; Church Street, Seaham Harbour meeting plans; Horden Rag Time Band; speeches unreported; events planned at the four New Collieries, Wheatley Hill, and the fair at Thornley and Shotton; Wingate, South Hetton, Murton, Seaham Colliery and Seaham Harbour - “the great drawbacks”; letters of support from JLL's Lodge and Pelton Fell Soldiers and Sailors Society to be printed and distributed.

Paper  3f

LAW 2/1/31  11 November 1919
Letter from R. & C. Whitfield, 5 Primrose Terrace, Hunwick, Willington, to JLL: monitoring Chester-le-Street election in the Herald, wishing luck and expecting success; concern for JLL's health.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/32  15 November 1919
Letter from Jack Gascoigne, Witton Gilbert, Durham, to JLL: requests JLL's support for Gascoigne's application for post of Inspector under the County Education Committee; notes JLL's successful election [13 November 1919].

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/33  [1920s]
Postcard from Irene Lawson to Mrs Kirup, School, Grange Ville, Pelton: Irene Lawson in [?London] with Mrs Gilliland [wife of JLL's agent] and JLL. Postcard, printed in Paris, is of The Great Gate House at Hampton Court Palace.

Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/34  8 December 1920
Postcard from JLL, Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland, to Bella Lawson, 6 Twizell Lane, Beamish: [A. G.] Cameron chairman of the [Labour] Commission to Ireland; motored sixty miles today; staying this night at Killarney. Postcard is of a painting of Muckross Lake, Killarney.

Note: postmarked 9 December, however the Commission's Report diary records their stay at Killarney on 8 December.

Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/35  postmarked 26 April 1921
Postcard from JLL, travelling along the coast to St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, to Bella Lawson: speaks tonight at St Leonards-on-Sea; now engaged in “the Battle of Labour”. Postcard is of the cliff at Fairlight, Hastings.

Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/36  postmarked 8 June 1921
Postcard from Adolph Tuck, Raphael Tuck & Sons, to R. Richardson esquire, MP: printed lobby against an increase in postage rates for picture postcards. Postcard is of a painting of the Houses of Parliament from St Thomas' Hospital.

Paper  1 postcard
LAW 2/1/37  postmarked 5 August 1923
Postcard from JJJL at Arras, France, to Bella Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: just
arrived, to view the grave of William Lawson. Postcard depicts the ruined nave,
taken from the choir, of Arras Cathedral, after the bombing.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/38  postmarked 25 August 1923
Postcard from JJJL, Morecambe, Lancashire, to Bella Lawson, 6 Twizell Lane,
Beamish: Wilde family; leaving Morecambe; may return early. Postcard depicts
Heysham village and Point, near Morecambe.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/39  postmarked 16 August 1925
Postcard from JJJL at [Quebec], Canada, to Bella Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: chapel; itinerary, Montreal, Toronto, Newfoundland. Postcard depicts Montmorency
Falls, Quebec.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/40  17 August 1925
Postcard from JJJL, Montreal, Canada, to Bella Lawson. Postcard depicts Chateau
Frontenac and Dufferin Terrace, Quebec.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/41  20 August [1925]
Postcard from JJJL, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, to Bella Lawson: traversed the
whirlpool below the falls on a trolley. Postcard depicts Horseshoe Fall from below,
Niagara Falls.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/42  1 September 1925
Postcard from JJJL, St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, to Bella Lawson: arrived last night; staying with Sir Patrick McGrath, [president of the Legislative Council of Newfoundland]; departs for New York 6 September. See also, LAW 1/2/34.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/43  19 October 1925
Letter from Enid and Alexander Johnson, 65 West Eleventh Street, [New York],
USA, to JJJL: Margaret's apartment borrowed during JJJL's New York stay; invitation
to visit again; encloses Herald Tribune cutting concerning JJJL or a person of the
same name [not present].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/44  1 September 1926
Postcard from M. W., Holy Island, Scotland, to Bella Lawson: health improved; notes
increase in Bella Lawson's work-load. Postcard depicts a beach scene at the coves,
Holy Island.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/45  8 April 1927
Letter from JJJL, Beamish, to Mr Baldwin: recounts JJJL's first reading of James
Thomson's poem The seasons, and his taste in poetry; appreciation of a poem
entitled "The land".
Paper  4f
LAW 2/1/46 19 September 1928
Letter from Stuart Hodgson, The Daily News, Bouverie Street, London, to Dr. Moore Ede, The Deanery, Worcester: highly commending an article by J.J.L. and drawn to the Hodgson's attention by Ede as "a masterpiece of its kind", suggesting it would merit "the greater part of a leader page", and noting the need to introduce J.J.L. to the newspaper's audience; a second article rejected on grounds of length, suggesting book-form publication.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/47 15 November 1928
Letter from Harold Macmillan, Macmillan & Co. Ltd, St Martin's Street, London, to J.J.L, Woodside, Beamish: returns manuscript of Pay Friday, commending the writing's authenticity but criticising its structure; suggests publication in serial form.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/48 28 November [1928]
Letter from G. Eden, Daily News Political Correspondent, Press Gallery, [House of Commons], to J.J.L: editor judges [J.J.L's] article will "make a "splash""; accordingly being held over until the King's health is restored.
Note: date of 1928 inferred from the allusion to the illness of the King, and other correspondence with the Daily News around this date. George V fell seriously ill in November 1928 with septicaemia.
Paper

LAW 2/1/49-50 11 December 1928
Letter, with enclosure, from Eleanor S. Symes, 24 Earl's Terrace, Kensington, London, to J.J.L: returns typescript of [fourteen] short stories (see below), commending in particular the dialogue and dialect, but noting the danger of alienating readers by over-insisting on the superlative qualities of miners; advises chapters best published serially, then in a book-form collection - but one of loosely connected sketches rather than a continuing story; encloses suggested corrections, revisions and alterations; advises retention of book publication rights in any serialisation deal; also encloses a gift of last year's The writers and artists' yearbook; proposes meeting.
Paper 1f; 17f

LAW 2/1/50 [December 1928]
Typescript [copy editor] corrections and revision notes for fourteen typescript chapters by J.J.L, [returned with typescript]: Pay Friday; The big meeting; The break; Drama in the shaft; The chapel; The battle; The tower on the hill; A summer morning; Downhill; Mary pays; The Fosters; The Hansoms; The caller; Today. [The typescripts referred to may be those now filed at LAW 2/4/1/1].
Paper 17f

LAW 2/1/51 24 December 1928
Postcard from Oswald and Cynthia Mosley, [?Savehay Farm, Denham, Buckinghamshire], to J.J.L, House of Commons, redirected to Beamish: Christmas and new year wishes.
Paper 1 postcard
LAW 2/1/52  2 January 1929
Letter from William Mellor, The Daily Herald, 2 Carmelite Street, London, to J JL: notes publication of one of J JL's sketches [Benny] in the Daily News, which might have been considered for the Daily Herald's short story series; invites submission of another.
Note: Benny was published in the Daily News on 2 January 1929, see LAW 2/1/56.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/53  2 January 1929

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/54  5 January [1929]
Letter from William Moore Ede, Deanery, Worcester, to J JL: welcomes attention won by J JL's short story Benny, noting a market for mining stories; a copy sent to Stanley Baldwin, [Prime Minister].

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/55-56  5 January 1929
Letter, and enclosure, from William H. Robinson, Dealer in rare books and ancient manuscripts, 4-6 Nelson Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, to J JL: arranges meeting with Charles Askew of Herbert Jenkins Ltd publishers.

Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 2/1/56  5 January 1929
Letter from Charles Askew, Herbert Jenkins Ltd Publishers, 3 York Street, St James's, London, to William H. Robinson, 4-6 Nelson Street: agrees London meeting with J JL.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/57-58  7 January 1929

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/58  5 January 1929

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/59  10 January 1929
Letter from Charles Askew, Herbert Jenkins Ltd Publishers, 3 York Street, St James's, London, to J JL: returning J JL's sketches, praising the style but noting inconsistency; does not object to J JL marketing the sketches, as “[t]hey may attract attention if issued and mean good publicity for the novel”.

Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/60  13 January [1929]
Letter from Hastings Bertrand Lees-Smith [MP], 12 North Square, Golders Green, London, to JJL: commends JJL's story [Benny]; writer is recovering his health.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/61  15 January 1929
Letter from Arnold Dawson, Literary Editor, Daily Herald, 2 Carmelite Street, London, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: rejects The Hansoms, Today and The caller, as insufficiently fictional for use in the newspapers series of tales; accepts [Drama in the shaft]; notes JJL's suggestion to run notices of his stories in issues prior to their publication; suggests the New leader may publish the [rejected] sketches.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/62  23 January 1929
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/63-64  11 February 1929
Letter, with enclosure, from Henry Archibald Taylor, Director, Newspaper Features Ld, 23 Fleet Street, London, to JJL, House of Commons: returns JJL's outline for six articles with alterations, as sent to printer, the series now entitled “Meet the miner”; requests emphasis of the human over the political, editors tolerating only as much “political propaganda” as is necessary to correct misinterpretation of the miners' outlook; will consider an autobiographical article.
Paper 2f; 2f

LAW 2/1/64  [February 1929]
Typescript outline for six articles by JJL, annotated by Newspaper Features Ld copy editor, “Meet the miner. Six revealing articles on the mystery man of industry”: The mystery man of industry; Yesterday's miner, and to-day's; King Coal's realm; Prosperity and depression; Pit and parliament; What of the future?.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/65  21 February 1929
Letter from Henry Archibald Taylor, Director, Newspaper Features Ld, 23 Fleet Street, London, to JJL, House of Commons: returns second article [Yesterday's miner, and to-day's]; confirms the publisher's interest solely concerns newspaper publication rights.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/66  14 June 1929
Letter from Stuart Hodgson, [Daily News and Westminster Gazette], 19-22 Bouverie Street, London, to JJL, House of Commons: promises imminent publication of unspecified article; congratulates JJL on his appointment [as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, on 11 June 1929].
Paper 2f
Letter from F. Smith, [Secretary], Ruskin College, to JJL, House of Commons: notice of JJL's unanimous re-election as president of the College Fellowship; congratulations on JJL's parliamentary re-election and recent appointment [in the second Labour government].

Copy letter from JJL to Phillip [sic] Inman, John Quill Ltd, 12 and 13 Henrietta Street, London: encloses The miner and The big meeting, making twelve sketches sent in total, namely: The shaftman (see LAW 2/4/2/61); The manager (see LAW 2/4/2/44); The fore shift (see LAW 2/4/2/33); The Hansoms (see LAW 2/4/2/28); The Saclas family [Sackless]; The battle (see LAW 2/4/2/75); A summers morn; The spread-over (see LAW 2/4/2/66); Pay Friday. Two "printed" articles [also submitted]: The putter; The dreamer [see LAW 2/4/1/3]. Expresses flexibility over titling the various pieces. [Much of this material was reworked by JJL into a continuous narrative work entitled variously Geordie or Pay Friday: see LAW 2/4/1/1].

Letter from Philip Inman, John Quill Ltd, Literary Advisers, 12 and 13 Henrietta Street, London, to JJL, Minister of Labour, Montagu House, Whitehall: has submitted "in complete form" JJL's work "as a book" to Hodder & Stoughton; serial publication a wiser second choice; offer to help JJL's daughter, following their recent introduction.

Copy letter from JJL to The Very Rev. William Moore Ede, The Deanery, Worcester: news of his literary work, relaying their mutual acquaintance Philip Inman's decision to submit to Hodder & Stoughton, noting Ede's earlier introduction of JJL to the publisher at a time when JJL was dissatisfied with its form, and soliciting his influence at the firm in the matter; notes specific literary pieces on The big meeting [Durham Miners' Gala], and "that famous interview in the Library at Whitburn Rectory, just before I went to Oxford"; apologises for earlier prevarication.

Copy letter from JJL to Philip Inman, John Quill Ltd, Literary Advisers, 12 and 13 Henrietta Street, London: acknowledges Inman's submission to Hodder & Stoughton.

LAW 2/1/73  9 July 1932
Letter from F. L. Stevens, Editor, The New Clarion, 2 Carmelite Street, London, to
JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: congratulates JJL on [Daily] Herald article; invites
1200-word submission on the subject of the Durham Miners, to be published on 16
July, in time for the Gala; with pasted notice [from 9 July issue] of forthcoming articles
by Neil Lyons, Harold J. Laski, and JJL.
Paper   1f

LAW 2/1/74  11 September 1932
[Copy] letter from JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish, to the Librarian, [unspecified]:
introduces A man’s life, and his intentions for the work’s influence on, and on the
behalf of, miners.
Paper   1f

LAW 2/1/75  20 September 1932
Letter from A. E. J. Rawlinson, Archdeacon of Auckland, as from The College,
Durham, to JJL: introduces himself, enclosing letter of introduction from William
Moore Ede [not present]; commends A man’s life, recommended to the
Bishop-Designate of Jarrow [James Gordon], and will be to all future Durham
ordinands; proposes a meeting.
Paper   2f

LAW 2/1/76 postmarked 17 February 1933
Postcard from A. L. Rowse [at Whitehaven], to JJL, Beamish: commends A man’s
life. Postcard depicts the north and west piers at Whitehaven.
Paper   1 postcard

LAW 2/1/77  14 December 1933
Letter from William Hazelton, Secretary (writing as Secretary of the Joint Committee),
The Educational Settlements Association. A national federation of People’s Colleges,
Mary Ward House, Tavistock Place, London, to JJL, Houses of Parliament: requests
delivery of deferred article by JJL on Residential Adult Education for February number
of the Highway; A. Barratt Brown, [principal of Ruskin College]; commends A man’s
life.
Note: see pamphlet Residential colleges for adult education, LAW 2/2/13
Paper   1f

LAW 2/1/78 postmarked 23 December 1933
Postcard from A. E. J. Rawlinson, The College, Durham, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish:
Christmas wishes. Postcard depicts the pillars in the nave of Durham Cathedral.
Paper   1 postcard

LAW 2/1/79-80  28 December 1933
Letter from R. S. Lambert, Editor, The Listener, Broadcasting House, London, to
JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: invites JJL to write 800-word review in the [January
issue of] Listener of Memoirs of the unemployed, by H. L. Beales and R. S. Lambert,
published by Gollancz [1934], for £3 3s.
Note: for JJL’s review, see LAW 2/4/7/3
Paper   1f; 1f

LAW 2/1/80 [December 1933]
Compliment slip from the Editor of the B.B.C. Listener magazine.
Paper   1f
Postcard from J.J.L., Land's End, Cornwall, to Bella Lawson, 7 Woodside, Beamish: greetings from Land's End; visited St Ives. Postcard depicts Land's End.


Letter from R. A. Rendall, Director of Talks, B.B.C., Broadcasting House, London, to J.J.L., 7 Woodside, Beamish: encloses programme of talks, drawing J.J.L's attention to the series "From Tolpuddle to T.U.C."; proposes J.J.L take part in a broadcast discussion with Lt-Col. C. M. Headlam on "Trade Unionism in Politics", on 7 June.


Letter, with enclosure, from Harry Cooper, 24 Hillside, Witton Gilbert, Durham, to J.J.L: reminds J.J.L of their meeting at the House of Commons, and of J.J.L's writing (??in John Bull) of the dramatic potential of the mine as a setting for "Great Drama"; encloses dramatic work 3 a.m., winner of the Markham Prize; welcomes J.J.L's support for the work.


LAW 2/1/89  1 July 1935
Letter from Lina [Laird], 34 Armstrong Street, Dunston on Tyne, to Bella Lawson: renews contact; health; isolation; tenants; Mr and Mrs Plews; Bella Lawson’s recent poor health; three holidays with the Workers Travel Association to Germany (Cologne to Wiesbaden), Switzerland (Bernese Oberland), and the Black Forest and Oberammergau - “one of the most memorable experiences of my life”; solicits renewal of their friendship.
Paper  3f

LAW 2/1/90  22 July 1935
Letter from George Walker, 14 Byron Street, Easington Colliery: “anxious like many more miners in this county” that Peter Lee’s life be written; urges J JL well-qualified to do so.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/91  postmarked 2 August 1935
Postcard from Rene [Irene Lawson] and Fred at Little Crosthwaite Farm, Keswick, to Bella Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: Jack and Nora staying at the farm; return Saturday night. Postcard depicts Little Crosthwaite Farm with the Dod hill behind.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/92  17 September 1935
Letter from J. R. Spencer, Editor Sunday Sun, Newcastle Chronicle Ltd, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, to J JL, Woodside, Beamish: reports success of series; proposes two more articles, in addition to the existing six, offering 13 guineas (£13 13s).
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/93  postmarked 13 September 1935
Postcard from J JL at Paradiso, Lugano, Switzerland, to Clive Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: affectionate greeting. Postcard depicts the funicular up Monte San Salvatore, with Paradiso below.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/94  4 July 1936
Letter from Rev. J. S. Mawhinney, Bay du Vin Beach, New Brunswick, Canada, to J JL: commends Under the wheels; encourages J JL to continue; Durham upbringing, miner father.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/95  [?postmarked 29 July 1936]
Postcard from E. Nicholson at Aldwick Bay, Bognor Regis, to Bella Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: holiday greeting; notes Craigweil was used by King George V to recuperate [in 1929]. Postcard depicts the south front of Craigweil House at Bognor Regis.
Paper  1 postcard
LAW 2/1/96  25 August 1936
Letter from Margot Asquith, Countess of Oxford and Asquith, Scotland (and 44 Bedford Square, London), to JJL: returns from the Scottish coast ("on the links") to London with Princess [Bibesco], when she hopes to meet JJL for lunch; JJL journeyed with the writer and her children; earnestly urges moderation upon the Labour party, and in all things, citing Spain as an object lesson in "the folly, & bestiality of violence", and noting her daughter Princess Bibesco's familiarity with most of the public figures there.

Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/97  8 September 1936
Letter from Rev. Ernest F. McLean, The Methodist Church Silsden Circuit, Bourne House, Silsden, Keighley, Yorkshire, to JJL: intention to lecture on *A man's life* at a rally of a neighbouring circuit, mostly comprised of weavers; commends the book; solicits an encouraging closing message for his audience.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/98  17 September [?recte October] 1936
Letter from Margot Asquith, Countess of Oxford and Asquith, 44 Bedford Square, London, to JJL: bewails state of Europe; sleepless since renouncing hunting in Leicestershire; wishing to give JJL *Lay sermons*; notes her failure to benefit financially from her autobiography's high sales due to having sold the rights; commends JJL's book, and "the late" Labour party Conference; urges moderation and non-violence.

Note: the 1936 Labour party conference was held at Edinburgh, 5-9 October.

Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/99  18 September 1936
Letter from John Miller, The Engineer (North Eastern Area), London & North Eastern Railway, York, to JJL, House of Commons: offers his and his wife's thanks for presentation copy of *A man's life*, and commendation of the work.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/100  6 November 1936
Letter from Margot Asquith, Countess of Oxford and Asquith, 44 Bedford Square, London, to JJL: again promises to send copy of autobiography; reports the appreciation of her friends and family for *A man's life*; solicits an invitation to her, daughter Princess Bibesco and son Anthony Asquith to dine with JJL and some of his friends at the House of Commons.

Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/101  19 November 1936
Letter from Robert Blatchford, The Firs, Horsham, Sussex, to JJL: acknowledges JJL's gift of *Peter Lee* with its tribute to Blatchford's *Britain for the British* on p.136 "with understanding; but with a rather grim smile"; contradicts an inference that peace be more likely under Labour, predicting war, ruin and defeat should the party return to power due to the workers' helplessness, tragic "blanding and blindness", their "foolys [sic] and their surly self-righteousness"; identifies the belligerence of Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan as threats to the British Empire; apologises for outspokenness.

Paper  2f
LAW 2/1/102-103  20 November 1936
Letter, with enclosure, from Alice Lee, 4 Church Street, Durham, to JJL: offers thanks for a [sum of money], and JJL's assistance; recalls encouraging visits of JJL and Mr Lowther; reports Lowther “paid the other over”, thus lifting from Lee's family “the uncertainty and dread” [of poverty].
Note: Alice Lee probably alludes to a public subscription for the family in Peter Lee's memory, administered by JJL and Lowther, see LAW 2/7/2/195.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 2/1/103  20 November 1936
Letter from Alice Lee to JJL: offers her thanks for [presentation] copy of Peter Lee, with commendation for the work; family's gratitude for JJL's recording for posterity Lee's life and work.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/104  23 November 1936
Letter from William J. Davey, Woodlea, 54 Lyford Road, Wandsworth Common, London, to JJL: mutual acquaintance, Arthur Henderson, a very old friend; commends Peter Lee; employed 61 years with the Hawksley engineering firm, meeting Peter Lee in connection with the Burnhope Reservoir, and noting its completion £50,000 under estimate; fellow Methodist; encloses “a few recollections of my long life” [not present].
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/105  24 November 1936
Letter from Thomas V. Skerratt, County Police Station, Brandhall Road, Warley, Langley, Birmingham, to JJL: praises A man's life, noting parallels with own upbringing; champions miners' cause; detailed history of his family's life, recounting a home at Blackbank near Newcastle-under-Lyme, father working as a miner in several pits, uncle George [Skerratt] retiring as Chief Inspector with Staffordshire County Constabulary, father's mining injury in a fall, father's attitude to alcohol and later teetotalism, potteries and tile factories, a brother in the Grenadier Guards, Worcestershire County Constabulary, father's compensation upon retirement for poor health from employer, account of a man saving his father's life in a pit fall (“It shall fall on me before thee Dick” ).
Paper  5f

LAW 2/1/106  10 May 1937
Letter from Raph Hodder-Williams, Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, St Paul's House, Warwick Square, London, to JJL, House of Commons: encloses three copies of A man's life, published this day at 2/6d.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/107  postmarked 6 August 1937
Paper  1 postcard
LAW 2/1/108  12 August 1937
Postcard from J.J.L. Marseilles, to Clive Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: visiting P. & O. Electric Ship Strathnaver; sails tomorrow morning on the Chitral for Port Said.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/109  14 August 1937
Letter card from J.J.L, S.S. Chitral, postmarked at sea and then at London, to Bella Lawson, The Camp, Ebden's Farm, Whitburn, Sunderland: depicts the S.S. Chitral and internal views of the first class dining saloon, the first saloon lounge, a portion of the first saloon smoking room, and the first saloon verandah café.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/110  14 January 1937 [recte 1938]; postmarked 1938
Postcard from J.J.L, travelling by rail through Perpignan, France, into [Spain], to Bella Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: travelling with “our good friend” [Hannen] Swaffer, (see LAW 2/4/2/65).
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/111  8 January 1938
Letter from [Stanley Baldwin, first Earl] Baldwin of Bewdley, Astley Hall, Stourport, to J.J.L: Imperial War Graves [Commission]; treatment in London for arthritis; invitation to visit.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/112  17 June 1938
Letter from Ian Fraser, St John's Lodge, (Inner Circle), Regent's Park, London, to J.J.L: praises J.J.L's tribute to Herbert Smith broadcast in the 7 o'clock [B.B.C.] news.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/113  postmarked 20 August 1938
Postcard, (postmarked Liverpool), from Bella Lawson [on board the M.V. Circassia], to Alma, Woodside, Beamish: arrived safely. Postcard depicts the M.V. Circassia at sea.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/114  21 November 1938
Letter from Maria Leiper, Editor, Simon and Schuster, Inc., 386 Fourth Avenue, New York, USA, to Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd, St Paul's House, Warwick Square, London: declines A man's life, doubting Simon and Schuster “would be able to do any more with it than Fleming Revell and Company”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/115  13 December 1938
Letter from Philip Inman, Methuen & Co. Ltd, 36 Essex Street, Strand, London, to J.J.L, The House of Commons: arrangements for a lunch at the Union Club or at Charing Cross Hospital; positive reaction to proposed children's book, requesting manuscript to read to his children on holiday.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/116  late December 1938
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/117 4 January 1939
Letter from Josiah C. Wedgwood, 903 Howard House, Dolphin Square, London, to JJL: praises *A man's life*; Tom Birt; surprise at the contents of the autobiography, despite eighteen years' acquaintance in the House of Commons - now has “for you a greater respect [than] that for any other in the House”; Elswick [shipyard], 1900-1902; James Clare takes him to his first socialist “speech making” in a Durham mining village in 1891.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/118 5 January 1939
Letter from Josiah C. Wedgwood, 903 Howard House, Dolphin Square, London, to JJL: testifies to his emotional response to *A man's life*, further praising it and JJL’s qualities; wishes to meet JJL and his wife.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/119 3 February 1939
Letter from Edith Lee, Dunelm, 20 East Parade, Promenade, Whitley Bay, to JJL: thanks for JJL's role in eliciting a cheque [?loan] from Lady Cripps, and for his and others’ assistance to the family; loans to be repaid.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/120 1 June 1939
Letter from Edward R.G.R. Evans, 76 Cadogan Square, London, to JJL: returns separately a copy of *South with Scott*, autographed with a penguin, and a portrait photograph, for Clive Lawson; thanks JJL for his service.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/121 6 June 1939
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/122 22 June 1939
Letter from Edward R.G.R. Evans, 76 Cadogan Square, London, to JJL: praises *A man's life*, admiring particularly his handling of the death, [near Ypres], of William Lawson in 1916. “It took a lot of courage to write that chapter, and somehow I wonder whether the national spirit today is quite up to the standard of 1916. We shall probably learn the answer within the next two years.”
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/123 26 October 1939
Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/124  4 November 1939
Letter from Thomas L. Spencer, 104 Carter Knowle Road, Sheffield 7, to Frank Collindridge, MP for Barnsley, House of Commons: encloses photograph (see LAW 2/4/1/6/10 and LAW 2/4/1/6/24) of Silkstone Memorial of the Huskar Pit disaster there, 4 July 1830 [recte 1838], and listing names of the 26 boys and girls drowned. Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/125  11 November 1939
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/126  31 May 1940
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/127  9 December 1940
Letter from Major [J.] Dudfield Rose R.A.M.C., No. 6 General Hospital, Luton, Bedfordshire, to JJL: hospital posted “out East” on active service; appointed to South Coast Defence scheme following Dunkirk, then surgical specialist at [No. 6 General Hospital]; discusses policy of bombing cities ( “Coventrating” ), justifying his utilitarian support for such a policy with personal experiences of German war crimes during the retreat from France, encounters with captured German airmen, the popularity in Germany of the philosophy of Nieztsche and Hegel; his consequent realisation that distinguising between the German people and Nazism is no longer sustainable; identifies “Nazi philosophy” with the German people, even in defeat - “[t]he only solutions are complete extermination or a religious revival ...”; Italians “even more despicable than one imagined”; parents remain in Jarrow, declining evacuation to a cottage in Edmundbyers; Christmas wishes.
Paper 3f

LAW 2/1/128  [before March 1941]
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/129  5 March 1941
Letter from Josiah C. Wedgwood, House of Commons, to JJL: commends JJL and Tom [?Williams]'s “great example of unselfish patriotism”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/130  12 July 1941
Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/131  14 April 1942
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/132-135  2-11 May 1942
Paper  1f; 1f; 2f; 1f

LAW 2/1/136  22 August 1942
Letter from Fred, Belmont, (envelope postmarked Gloucester), to J.J.L., Woodside, Beamish: news sheets distributed; authorises J.J.L. to change Fred's [sur]name [to Lawson]; disagreements with army authorities; Colonel Pickering; hopes for [his assignment to an] Officer Cadets Training Unit.
Paper  1f; stamped envelope

LAW 2/1/137-138  5 March 1943
Letter, with enclosure, from Cuthbert Barker, solicitor, Bentinck Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Cheapside Chambers, Newcastle-upon-Lyme, Staffordshire, to J.J.L: Mr [C. Fred C.] Donnelly's name-changing process, to Lawson, completed, and public notices published; deed poll to be dispatched; encloses itemised bill.
Paper  1f; 2f

LAW 2/1/138  25 February 1943
Bill itemising charges for changing the name of C. F. C. Donnelly to C. F. C. Lawson by deed poll, stamped receipt dated 12 March 1943. Endorsed in J.J.L's hand: "Fred's Name".
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/139  12 August 1943
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/140-442  20 February-28 March 1944
Correspondence to J.J.L. in reaction to his “Sunday Postscript”, entitled variously Human life or Mortal man and immortal art, first broadcast by the B.B.C. Home Service [Home and Forces Programme (London)] on 20 February 1944 following the 21.00 news, at 21.20, and repeated the following day following the 13.00 news, at 13.15; the full talk was printed in the B.B.C.'s The Listener magazine on 24 February 1944, pp. 203-204 (see also LAW 2/4/3/41, and LAW 2/4/2/69). In the following list, (in date then alphabetical order), correspondents' names and addresses are noted, with the extent of each letter; unless otherwise stated, the response is one of supportive agreement; other noteworthy content is also described.
Paper  402f
Anonymous veteran: petrol rationing; casualty rates of airmen and petrol tanker drivers; poor rate of service pay; entertainment; consequences “for these poor lads who were reared on the dole” of a second front; “[w]e hardly dare speak the truth so I must remain anonymous”; the war “an awful climax to years of bad government”.

Anonymous, a warden at a hostel: invective accusing J JL of minimising the “vandalism of the Anglo-American destruction of Italy's macholess [sic] heritage”, e.g. Monte Cassino; deprecates the employment of “frail half-starved women of India” in the coal mines; ridicules American pledge to rebuild Italy.


Edith Roberts: condemns bombing of non-combatants [cities], noting “the majority of poor folks feel the same”.


Rev. C. Ashlin West, 28 Summerfield Crescent, Edgbaston: miners generally against employment of pit-boys; divergence of British and American strategy regarding bombing and second front.
LAW 2/1/150  20 February 1944
Fred Back, Councillor, Lynwood, Cunliffe Street, Coal Aston, Sheffield.
1f

LAW 2/1/151  20 February 1944
G. A. Bannister, Ashville, West Road, Bowdon, Cheshire.
1f

LAW 2/1/152  20 February 1944
E. Bass, 32 Brunswick Square, Hove, Sussex
1f

LAW 2/1/153  20 February 1944
John Bell, 14 Alexander Terrace, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland, [Co. Durham]:
answers Lords speech [against indiscriminate bombing] of Dr Cosmo Lang; old
acquaintance of J JL.
1f

LAW 2/1/154  20 February 1944
Le Bishop and family, Southsea.
1f

LAW 2/1/155  20 February 1944
Thomas Brady, All Saints, 49 Rochsolloch Road, Airdrie: a Catholic curate;
echoing J JL’s talk, deprecates also “the sub-ordination of man to the state”.
2f

LAW 2/1/156  20 February 1944
Philip W. Bryant, President, Ye Olde Holte Bowling Club, Villa Park: highlights
falling production and employment in the motor trade.
1f

LAW 2/1/157  20 February 1944
Charles H. S. Buckley, The Vicarage, Gulval, Penzance, Cornwall: re wireless
technology, notes the writer was on board a ship 100 miles from the Titanic
when she went down, learning only of the disaster upon reaching Ireland.
1f

LAW 2/1/158  20 February 1944
A. G. Bullen, 29 Newstead Road, Liverpool: critical of Monte Cassino bombing;
Castel Gandolfo.
1f

LAW 2/1/159  20 February 1944
Kathleen Caris, Court Farm, Bishampton, Pershore, Worcestershire: bombed
out of London, urges post-war housing construction; husband in India;
psychological, philosophical effect of a [first] child.
3f

LAW 2/1/160  20 February 1944
Lt Col. John Burke Cole, [Midlands] as from the Travellers Club, Pall Mall,
London.
2f
LAW 2/1/161 20 February 1944
Pte. C. M. Colquhoun, Medical Research Council and National Hospital Queen Square, Research Unit: laboratory assistant, R.A.M.C; father's career, Boer war, Sunderland, first world war, Castleton mine, unemployment in 1926, current service.
2f

LAW 2/1/162 20 February 1944
Ed Connor, 23 Lindom Avenue, Mains Park, Chester-le-Street.
1f

LAW 2/1/163 20 February 1944
Maurice F. Cook, 28a Seymour Road, Hampton Wick, Kingston-on-Thames: answers Lord Lang and the Bishop of Chichester.
1f

LAW 2/1/164 20 February 1944
Stella and Joseph Dolinger, 61 Parkhurst Road, London.
1f

LAW 2/1/165 20 February 1944
J. Donald, 8 Oak Villas, Manningham, Bradford.
1f

LAW 2/1/166 20 February 1944
G. O. Earenshaw, Whincote, Thorndon Cross, Okehampton: advocates adoption of empire debt free currency, and abolition of taxation, enclosing pamphlet [not present].
1f

LAW 2/1/167 20 February 1944
Mrs Evelyn Ellis, 44a St Andrew Street, Cawsand, Plymouth: Beatrice Wright [?MP for Bodmin].
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LAW 2/1/168 20 February 1944
Mrs M. W. Ellis, Plas Penrhyn Mawr, Bwlchtocyn, Abersoch, S. Caernarfonshire.
2f

LAW 2/1/169 20 February 1944
Walter L. Elmer, Melrose House, 20 Bennett Street, Bath.
2f

LAW 2/1/170 20 February 1944
1f

LAW 2/1/171 20 February 1944
M. Godfrey, 6 Erith Terrace, Hylton Road, Sunderland: Under the wheels.
1f
LAW 2/1/172 20 February 1944  
A. S. M. E. Greenslade, South Foreland Battery, St Margaret's Bay, Near Dover, Kent.  
3f

LAW 2/1/173 20 February 1944  
Stanley J. Hall, Wendlebury House, Near Bicester, Oxfordshire.  
1f

LAW 2/1/174 20 February 1944  
H. M. Hallsworth, Chesneys, St Ives, Huntingdonshire.  
1f

LAW 2/1/175 20 February 1944  
M. Harding, 3 Guildford Square, Lynemouth, Morpeth, Northumberland: son four years a prisoner of war.  
1f

LAW 2/1/176 20 February 1944  
1f

LAW 2/1/177 20 February 1944  
1f

LAW 2/1/178 20 February 1944  
Robert S. Holliday, Laundry House, Workington, Cumberland: JJL preaching at Workington; invitation to local preachers' Mutual Aid Week-end.  
1f

LAW 2/1/179 20 February 1944  
Miss Hattie M. Humphreys, 163 Newport Road, Cardiff.  
2f

LAW 2/1/180 20 February 1944  
Broughton H. Hurd, Glenthorne House, Putney Park Avenue, London: urges such a commendable "broad "classless" humanitarian outlook" from the Labour party at the next election.  
1f

LAW 2/1/181 20 February 1944  
Edna Hutchinson, 5 Linden Road, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham: army allowance.  
3f

LAW 2/1/182 20 February 1944  
William Jackson, Stavros House, Station Road, Washington Station.  
1f

LAW 2/1/183 20 February 1944  
1f

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LAW 2/1/184  20 February 1944
Percy Kisley, Church View, Cockfield, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham: coal hewer, shift begins at 02.30.
1f

LAW 2/1/185  20 February 1944
Henry and Margaret [McClueir], Eyston Lodge, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk.  
1f

LAW 2/1/186  20 February 1944
Mrs J. M. McIntosh, 65 High Street, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire.  
2f

LAW 2/1/187  20 February 1944
F/O R. A. Mackintosh, Officer's Mess, RAF Station, Locking, Near Weston-super-Mare.  
1f

LAW 2/1/188  20 February 1944
R. Macleod, Airds Bay, Taynuilt, Argyll.  
1f

LAW 2/1/189  20 February 1944
A. A. [Makant], Whitecroft, Upper Swanswick, Bath.  
1f

LAW 2/1/190  20 February 1944
E. W. Martindell, Oakley, Hook, Hampshire.  
1f

LAW 2/1/191  20 February 1944
Thomas Millar, 35 Hallworth Avenue, Audenshaw, Manchester: former Secretary of Bill Quay (Gateshead, Co. Durham) Labour party.  
2f

LAW 2/1/192  20 February 1944
W. M. Morgan, Secretary, Union of Post Office Workers, Glasgow Telegraph Section, 1739 Great Western Road, Glasgow.  
1f

LAW 2/1/193  20 February 1944
Robert Murray, Arlan-Rhu, Carlibar Road, Barrhead: old acquaintance of JJL's, [former MP for West Renfrewshire]; encloses unidentified “book of trifles” by the writer.  
1f

LAW 2/1/194  20 February 1944
Miss Margaret Neumeyer, Harboro' Grange, Harboro' Road, Sale, Cheshire: a refugee, and a pupil at Sale High School for Girls.  
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LAW 2/1/195  20 February 1944
Col. R. S. Newton, Oak Haven, Moss Lane, Bramhall, Cheshire.  
1f
LAW 2/1/196 20 February 1944
Mrs Edna Lee Park, Frinsted, Manor Road, Sidmouth, South Devon.
1f

LAW 2/1/197 20 February 1944
W. L. Pattison, 19 Kings Gate, Aberdeen.
1f

LAW 2/1/198 20 February 1944
John L. Pigneguy, 18 Seaside Road, Lancing, Sussex.
1f

LAW 2/1/199 20 February 1944
George Pratt, 6 Cranmere Avenue, Northampton.
1f

LAW 2/1/200 20 February 1944
Jessie Purse, Eastholm, Gates Avenue, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire: scriptural diatribe against corruption in governing and privileged classes.
2f

LAW 2/1/201 20 February 1944
W. B. Redmayne, The Village House, Dalston, Carlisle.
1f

LAW 2/1/202 20 February 1944
Rev. T. W. Sanders, Swaythling Methodist Hall, Burgess Road, Southampton: native of Shildon, Co. Durham.
1f

LAW 2/1/203 20 February 1944
Mrs L. G. Scott, 64 Vale Avenue, Horwich: “war widow 1918, war mother 1940”: impassioned attack on war, and on post-war housing plans.
1f

LAW 2/1/204 20 February 1944
E. F. Sheldon, The Cottage, London Road, Wheatley, Oxford: family history, blacksmiths, bicycle then motor trade, now at Morris aeroplane repair works.
1f

LAW 2/1/205 20 February 1944
James Sillavan, Spencer’s Fallow, Prestbury, Cheshire.
1f

LAW 2/1/206 20 February 1944
Mrs Smithson, 28 Woodside Avenue, Leeds.
1f

LAW 2/1/207 20 February 1944
Matt J. Smyth, 429 Ansty Road, Wyken, Coventry: pacifist plea on grounds of common humanity.
3f
Ernest Storr, 34 Topcliffe Road, Thirsk, Yorkshire: retired Methodist minister, formerly working in Durham circuit; I.L.P. member from 1907; spoke for Pete Curran, and met JJJL at Jarrow election, 1910; John Gilliland.

A. E. Steadman-Lewis, St Andrew’s Church, Bournville, Weston-super-Mare.

R. (Bob) Swinhoe, 12 Honeypot Lane, Kingsbury: son of late Jack Swinhoe; old family acquaintance; worked in the pit with and greatly admired William Lawson.


Rev. F. W. Walton, Warton Vicarage, Tamworth.

Sydney Walton, The White Cottage, Sudbury Hill, Harrow: transmission suspended by a bombing raid.

E. Beverley White, Downholm, Friars Bay, Peacehaven: resident at Ferryhill Rectory (Co. Durham) during the first world war; queries miners’ decision to strike.

Rev. W. J. Genberthy White, 22 North Lodge Terrace, Darlington: 2d. and ½d. postage stamps affixed.

Charles Young, Warden, Talbot House Services Club, 32 Lowther Street, Carlisle.

[Anonymous], Ferndown Drapery Store, Wimborne Road, Ferndown, Dorset.
LAW 2/1/220 21 February 1944
1f (incomplete)

LAW 2/1/221 21 February 1944
John M. Andrews, Maxwell Court, Comber, County Down: 5-year apprenticeship in flax-spinning industry; Minister of Labour; brother Tom [Andrews] lost on the Titanic, and encloses a book of his life and the disaster [? Thomas Andrews, shipbuilder, (1912)], [not present].
1f

LAW 2/1/222 21 February 1944
R. W. Armistead, The Confectioner; Green End, Hawley Drive, Hale Barns, Cheshire.
1f

LAW 2/1/223 21 February 1944
A. Agilvie, Micklethwaite, Wetherby, Yorkshire: a nurse, having served in South Africa during the Boer War, and during both world wars; impact in Southampton of the sinking of the Titanic; Dunkirk casualties; four sons on active duty, one a prisoner of war, one having volunteered from America.
1f

LAW 2/1/224 21 February 1944
E. H. B.: encloses unspecified gift [not present].
1f

LAW 2/1/225 21 February 1944
Florence Baldwin, 47 Talbot Road, London: argues for priority of world cultural treasures.
1f

LAW 2/1/226 21 February 1944
Anna Barlow, 150 Grosvenor House: castigates unimaginative and apathetic politicians during the 1930s depression.
1f

LAW 2/1/227 21 February 1944
J. C. Barnett, Lymington House, Four Marks, Alton, Hampshire.
2f

LAW 2/1/228 21 February 1944
Henry Berry, [Chairman], Metropolitan Water Board, Chairman's Room, New River Head, Rosebery Avenue, London: “need for preservation of human personality and individuality” in town planning; quotes Dr Theodora Kimball re goal of government “to serve the health, wealth and happiness of our people”.
1f

LAW 2/1/229 21 February 1944
M. B. Beverley, Beverley Bros., 61 Thoroughfare, Halesworth, Suffolk.
1f

LAW 2/1/230 21 February 1944
Lady Shirley Blacker, Oak Hill House, Frensham, Surrey.
2f
LAW 2/1/231 21 February 1944
James Brown, The Mount, 64 Otto Terrace, Sunderland.
1f

LAW 2/1/232 21 February 1944
William Browning, 27 Blackburn Drive, Ayr: former Co. Durham teacher, married to a Durham mining village schoolmistress, with a daughter a Durham University graduate.
1f

LAW 2/1/233 21 February 1944
Elsie Burroughs, 10c Rawlinson Road, Oxford: encloses two publications, one containing 1914-1918 writings of the writer's brother, the other [The story of the great hope], by the writer herself, [neither present].
1f

LAW 2/1/234 21 February 1944
H. V. T. Burton, 97 High Street, Tring: speed limits; gloss on Hippocrates' "Ars longa, vita brevis".
1f

LAW 2/1/235 21 February 1944
Rev. J. W. Chismon, 395 Park Road, Oldham, Lancashire.
1f

LAW 2/1/236 21 February 1944
W. S. Clare, Holmleigh, Heald Road, Bowdon.
1f

LAW 2/1/237 21 February 1944
A. Clayfield, Metals Limited, Andover Street & Banbury Street, Birmingham: formerly Royal Field Artillery, recounts the "accidental" destruction of a German observation post in the spire of Lens Cathedral in 1917, there having been issued orders not to target the church.
1f

LAW 2/1/238 21 February 1944
E. Close, Kiplin Drive, Scorton, Yorkshire: "I am a Victorian & agree with all you say"; formerly employed by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, defends their enduring value to society.
1f

LAW 2/1/239 21 February 1944
E. Collins, Christian Action Fellowship, 30 Beaconsfield Road, Birmingham.
1f

LAW 2/1/240 21 February 1944
Rev. B. J. Corder, Radnage Rectory, High Wycombe.
1f

LAW 2/1/241 21 February 1944
Mr & Mrs A. Cramb, Oswald Place, Leven, Fifeshire.
1f
C. Denham, Redriff, Claremont Road, Seaford.

21 February 1944

Charles A. Earl, 3 Molyneux Road, Farncombe, Surrey: “imperialist war”; argues bombing of cities “deliberately” targets civilians; observes changing perceptions of Finland and Russia; Christian and socialist.

21 February 1944

M. Edgerton, Fir Tree Cottage, Lower Road, Myddle, Shropshire: “a war workers widow”; balances the cultural heritage saved against the servicemen lost and the subsequent privation of their widows and dependants.

21 February 1944

Mrs J. Evans, Oakwood House, Chilworth Road, Upper Bassett, Southampton: son, RAF, killed at the beginning of the war.

21 February 1944

Rev. W. Lionel Evans, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Barry; 148 Jenner Road, Barry.

21 February 1944

W. J. Farmer, Tir Nan Oge, Helston, Cornwall: condemns rising population of industrial centres, “at the expense of all that makes like worth while”, and pleas for a Minister for Beauty.

21 February 1944

Alice Fawcitt, Stainton House, Bowes Close, Ramshaw, Evenwood, Near Bishop Auckland.

21 February 1944

William Fairey, 65 Pontefract Road, Castleford: worked fifty years in colliery; pensions, and LLoyd George; trade union activity (pre-1893) - “8 Hrs Work 8 Hrs Play 8 Hrs Bed & 8/- a day”; alienated by strikes of 1893, disassociating himself from unions and strikers ever since; Ben Pickard; opposes daylight saving time; a conservative; approves of Beveridge Report, and sketches a proposal made by the writer to [James] Maxton [MP] for abolition of all unions and a universal state pension.

21 February 1944

Fred B. Fenwick, Fenwick Ltd, Northumberland Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

21 February 1944

J. A. Forbes, 29 All Saints Road, Shildon, Co. Durham.
LAW 2/1/252  21 February 1944  
J. C. York, 6 Cooperative Terrace, Fence Houses, Co. Durham.  
1f

LAW 2/1/253  21 February 1944  
J. Foster, 49 First Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex: enclosure [not present].  
1f

LAW 2/1/254  21 February 1944  
Annie Fowler, 8 Athlone Avenue, Blackpool.  
1f

LAW 2/1/255  21 February 1944  
Mrs E. M. Freeman, Overstone, 71 Wepre Park, Connah's Quay, Chester.  
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LAW 2/1/256  21 February 1944  
Alice A. Gibson, 8 West Grove Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield: “Victorian spirit”.  
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LAW 2/1/257  21 February 1944  
Jimmy Gilchrist, 536 Main Street, Bellshill, Lanarkshire: ex-miner; economies; 
demands the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral, or any church, be postponed 
until sufficient housing has been built; proposes measures to increase productivity 
in mines; Russian operation to “rais[e] power direct from the coal face without 
hewing”; James Anthony Fraude; government contractor, working around 
Scotland; Salvation Army; quotes Richard Le Gallienne’s “War”.  
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LAW 2/1/258  21 February 1944  
Rev. Sidney J. Goldston, The Rectory, Chingford: met J JL when he addressed 
the Chelmsford Diocesan Conference; eldest son, RAF squadron leader, killed.  
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LAW 2/1/259  21 February 1944  
Arthur Graham, Woodbine, Railway Road, Ilkley, Yorkshire.  
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LAW 2/1/260  21 February 1944  
David Gray, Lambton Estate Office, Fence Houses.  
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LAW 2/1/261  21 February 1944  
Mark Greenwood, Secretary, Rochdale and District Chrysanthemum Society, 
8 Kenion Road, Bamford, Rochdale: cites John Ruskin and William Morris; urges 
an end to the electoral truce - slighting the chances of re-election of [Evelyn] 
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LAW 2/1/262  21 February 1944  
Richard Grundy, Annechy House, Albert Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire: Worksop 
flour mills; encloses pamphlet [not present] suggesting distribution among 
servicemen.  
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LAW 2/1/263 21 February 1944
R. Hankinson, 79 Easton Road, New Ferry, Cheshire.
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LAW 2/1/264 21 February 1944
J. A. Harding, Fairways, Roundwood Lane, Haywards Heath.
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LAW 2/1/265 21 February 1944
Robert W. Hardy, Battons House, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.
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LAW 2/1/266 21 February 1944
Rosena Hardy, Grimsby: defends the sanctity of human life against forces of science and “the Satanic Movement in Anglo Catholicism”; recommends JJJ meet Rev. Rash and Rev. McKelvey at Buckingham Gate.
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LAW 2/1/267 21 February 1944
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LAW 2/1/268 21 February 1944
Joseph Harkness, 1 Livingstone Road, Birmingham.
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LAW 2/1/269 21 February 1944
Wilfred H. Harrison, 76 Morthen Road, Wickersley, Rotherham.
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LAW 2/1/270 21 February 1944
Mrs J. Harvey, 30 Ogle Street, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire.
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LAW 2/1/271 21 February 1944
Thomas Hayes, 63 Corrour Road, Newlands, Glasgow.
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LAW 2/1/272 21 February 1944
John J. Head, Church Street, Dervock, County Antrim: service family; increasing price of coal, little benefiting the miner; employment history and pension status, contrasting public and private sector provision; increases in taxation not matched by pensions reform; necessary post-war settlement.
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LAW 2/1/273 21 February 1944
F. M. Heward, Longhope, New Road, Teignmouth.
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LAW 2/1/274  21 February 1944
Herbert B. Hillary, Mosleigh, Coleshill Heath Road, Marston Green, Birmingham: formerly of Tow Law, Co. Durham; Horner’s Toffee Factory, Chester-le-Street; father manager of Weardale Company’s Tow Law colliery; cousin overman at Black Prince colliery; housing against “churchianity”.
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LAW 2/1/275  21 February 1944
C. N. A. Hodan, Manchester House, 20 Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay, North Wales.
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LAW 2/1/276  21 February 1944
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LAW 2/1/277  21 February 1944
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LAW 2/1/278  21 February 1944
John Hope, Chief Engineer’s Branch, Headquarters, Southern Command, Salisbury: effect of broadcast on a service audience.
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LAW 2/1/279  21 February 1944
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LAW 2/1/280  21 February 1944
Ifor Hael Jones, Llys Menai, Beaumaris, Anglesey.
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LAW 2/1/281  21 February 1944
J. W. Jones, 11 Park Crescent, Wigan.
2f

LAW 2/1/282  21 February 1944
Margaret Kelf, 15 Park Lane, Wembley, Middlesex.
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LAW 2/1/283  21 February 1944
Dr James Kelly, Chairman, The Orphan Homes of Scotland, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire: 1,300 children and young people in such homes.
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LAW 2/1/284  21 February 1944
A. Kingsmith, North Sydmonton House, Newbury: son serving in Italy.
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LAW 2/1/285  21 February 1944
Mrs G. King-Smith, Homelea, Bitton, Near Bristol: son serving in Italy since Salerno; encloses poem by son [not present].
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LAW 2/1/286  21 February 1944
George J. Lambert, 13 Firswood Avenue, Stoneleigh, Surrey: higher schools examination student; requests detail on mine working conditions in 1860s and in JJJL's early youth, querying efficacy of government supervision of 1842 law against children working underground.
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LAW 2/1/287  21 February 1944
F. Lardent, Christian Truth Institute, 174 Forest Hill Road, London: air raid interruption; encloses tracts [not present].
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LAW 2/1/288  21 February 1944
Phyllis Newman Lawson, 14 Frederick Street, Sunderland: listened with three fire-watching companions; Education Bill; mutual friend Bart Kelly.
1f

LAW 2/1/289  21 February 1944
James Liddle, 1 Edgewell Road, Prudhoe, Northumberland: raises case of those injured before 1924, unjustly treated in recent changes to compensation rates.
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LAW 2/1/290  21 February 1944
Col. J. W. Lincoln, Territorial Army Association for the County of Berkshire, Yeomanry House, Castle Hill, Reading: former D.L.I.
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LAW 2/1/291  21 February 1944
Nance Littlewood, 27 Bridgeland Street, Bideford, Devon: questions miners' demands, in war time.
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LAW 2/1/292  21 February 1944
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LAW 2/1/293  21 February 1944
J. M., postmarked Leeds.
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LAW 2/1/294  21 February 1944
James S. Marshall, 73 High Street, Totnes, Devon: formerly of Blyth, Northumberland.
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LAW 2/1/295  21 February 1944
G. H. Middleton, West Elloe, 16 Southlea Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth.
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LAW 2/1/296  21 February 1944
Lilian Mitford, 23 Handforth Road, London: Tynesider.
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LAW 2/1/297  21 February 1944
J. Valpy Moffat, c/o Sun Insurance Office Ltd, Wrest Park, Silsoe, Bedford: encloses leaflet on The Universal Order [?religio-philosophical group]. 1f

LAW 2/1/298  21 February 1944
Hettie L. Moxey, 2 Huntly Mansions, Christchurch Road, Bournemouth: V.A.D. nurse. 1f

LAW 2/1/299  21 February 1944
Rev. F. Pearn, Secretary of the Synod, The Methodist Church, 40 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent: interrupted by enemy aircraft. 1f

LAW 2/1/300  21 February 1944
Robert H. Pentland, Herbalist, William Street, Lurgan. 1f

LAW 2/1/301  21 February 1944
W. W. Perkins, Cumnock, Castle Cary, Somerset: encloses unidentified privately published book “(passed by M[inistry] O[f] I[nformation])”, containing “an idea of how the protection of human life may be assured”. 1f

LAW 2/1/302  21 February 1944
A. J. Pillar, 20 Boyne Park, Tunbridge Wells: urges change in official attitude toward road deaths. 2f

LAW 2/1/303  21 February 1944
Rev. David Pughe, The Manse, New Road, Youlgrave, Derbyshire: 12 years since their last meeting. 2f

LAW 2/1/304  21 February 1944
L. J. Reeves, Holmstay, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent. 1f

LAW 2/1/305  21 February 1944
Bryn Roberts, General Secretary, National Union of Public Employees, Civic House, Aberdeen Terrace, Blackheath, London. 1f

LAW 2/1/306  21 February 1944
Lt Col. J. H. Robson, Officer Commanding, 3rd Cadet Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, Headquarters, 5 Eldon Place, Newcastle upon Tyne. 1f

LAW 2/1/307  21 February 1944
A. B. Roole, The Rectory, Berwick St John, Shaftesbury, Dorset: road deaths. 1f
LAW 2/1/308  21 February 1944
Percy Sargant, Gastrells, Rodborough, Stroud, Gloucestershire: encloses Quarterly Notes of the Protestant British-Israel League, October 1943 [not present] and January 1944, with articles highlighted for J JL's attention (see LAW 2/2/21).
1f

LAW 2/1/309  21 February 1944
Isabel and Albert Sayes, 96 Princes Road, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire: personal friend of J JL.
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LAW 2/1/310  21 February 1944
Phyll Sharman, 139 Holmes Avenue, Hove.
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LAW 2/1/311  21 February 1944
Mrs E. M. Shaw, 10 Harcourt Road, Uckfield, Sussex.
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LAW 2/1/312  21 February 1944
Franklin Sibley, Vice-Chancellor's Lodge, Reading: formerly, with J JL, on the Miners' Welfare Scholarship Selection Committee.
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LAW 2/1/313  21 February 1944
G. Grant Simons, 56 Chester Avenue, Cleveleys, Lancashire: employed at the Ministry of Pensions for over twenty years; proposes meeting.
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LAW 2/1/314  21 February 1944
B. S. Wignall Simpson, Ulpha Vicarage, Broughton in Furness.
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LAW 2/1/315  21 February 1944
H. Smith, 29 Queen Victoria Street, Rochdale.
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LAW 2/1/316  21 February 1944
[Rev.] Sydney Smith, Nunthorpe Vicarage, Middlesbrough.
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LAW 2/1/317  21 February 1944
J. Brown Spark, Spark's, 34 Dundas Street, Edinburgh.
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LAW 2/1/318  21 February 1944
A. A. Standen, 35 The Avenue, Burrsville, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.
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LAW 2/1/319  21 February 1944
Betty Stanton, 47 Highfield Gardens, Golders Green, London: encloses tract [not present].
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LAW 2/1/320  21 February 1944
David C. Stewart, Manor of Currie, Currie, Midlothian.
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LAW 2/1/321  21 February 1944
Mrs K. T., 68 Regents Park Road, Finchley, London.
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LAW 2/1/322  21 February 1944
J. Taylor, 15 Parkside Way, Harrow, Middlesex: Ryhope upbringing.
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LAW 2/1/323  21 February 1944
Kathleen Taylor, Glendalough, Apley, Ryde, Isle of Wight.
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LAW 2/1/324  21 February 1944
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LAW 2/1/325  21 February 1944
Mrs L. Thornton, 10 Dovesdale Road, Bankfoot, Bradford, Yorkshire.
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LAW 2/1/326  21 February 1944
J. H. Griffith, Argoed, Denbigh, North Wales.
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LAW 2/1/327  21 February 1944
Alice Trumble, 124 Bordesley Road, Morden, Surrey: Lord Shaftesbury.
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LAW 2/1/328  21 February 1944
Charles Turner, 2 Sandy Lane, Stretford, Manchester: author; identifies absentee landlords as root cause of world distress; advocates nationalisation.
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LAW 2/1/329  21 February 1944
J. Nicholls Turner, 35 The Esplanade, Atlantic Lea Front, Portcawl: Ramsay MacDonald; fostering friendship between S. Wales and the U.S.S.R.
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LAW 2/1/330  21 February 1944
E. A. H. Vernon, 2 Penhale Road, Eastbourne, Sussex: interrupted by air raid.
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LAW 2/1/331  21 February 1944
Albert Voyle, Sunhaven, Elm Grove, Kirby Cross, Essex: sold Liverpool Echo at the age of eight; served in first world war; Congo missionary, 1922.
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LAW 2/1/332  21 February 1944
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LAW 2/1/333  21 February 1944
Alan Ward, Summerhill, 19 Kingfield Road, Sheffield: art of greater value than human life.
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LAW 2/1/334  21 February 1944
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LAW 2/1/335  21 February 1944
C. Wardle-Harpur, The Vicarage, Coleford Road, Sheffield.
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LAW 2/1/336  21 February 1944
Fabian Ware, Imperial War Graves Commission, 32 Grosvenor Gardens, London: Rudyard Kipling; “[y]ou do realise, don’t you, that what made me take up this work nearly thirty years ago was a sense of sanctity of human life? I was determined to do all I could not to let the “militarists” get away with it again & hide their dead in charnel-houses or massed unmarked mounds, as they did as late as the Napoleonic wars & the wars of 1870”; “return to a humanism”.
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LAW 2/1/337  21 February 1944
J. W. Whitfield, 155 Victoria Road North, Southsea: offers corrections to misquotations and misleading impressions left by broadcast.
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LAW 2/1/338  21 February 1944
Burnett R. Wilkinson, Director, Havmor Ltd, Team Valley, Gateshead-on-Tyne.
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LAW 2/1/339  21 February 1944
W. H. White and A. White, W. H. White & Son, 1 Sandown Road, Brislington, Bristol.
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LAW 2/1/340  21 February 1944
Mrs R. G. Willavise, 523 Caerleon Road, Newport, Monmouthshire.
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LAW 2/1/341/1-2  21 February 1944
Arthur F. Williams, Seven Oaks, Bexton, Knutsford, Cheshire: encloses copy correspondence (January-February 1944) to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, the Lord Chancellor, the Minister of Information, and Charles F. White MP, re “3 3/4 yrs. of Deliberate Lying and Persecution by Mr H. Morrison, Home Sec.”, jamming of foreign radio broadcasts (since 6 November 1942), state surveillance; 2½d. stamp (loose) enclosed.
1f; 11f
LAW 2/1/342  21 February 1944
George Wright, Ashleigh, Anwick, Sleaford, Lincolnshire: personal history; "[w]e get too much of Dr Joad and Julian Huxley & not enough of Henry Broadhurst, Joseph Arch, and General Booth".
1f

LAW 2/1/343  22 February 1944
Anonymous, postmarked Portishead, Bristol.
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LAW 2/1/344  22 February 1944
M. J. Bell-Richards, 65 Hill Rise, Birstall, Leicester: old acquaintance of JJL; attended “the last Socialist Congress in Vien[n]a”.
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LAW 2/1/345  22 February 1944
Betty, Fourays, Strandway, Felpham, Bognor Regis, to Sydney [?Walton, The White Cottage, Sudbury Hill, Harrow].
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LAW 2/1/346  22 February 1944
John and Esther Black, 12 Heworth Road, Washington, Co. Durham.
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LAW 2/1/347  22 February 1944
Dorothy [?Blenney], Forelands, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset: coal owners' daughter and grand-daughter.
2f

LAW 2/1/348  22 February 1944
Janet Bocking, Throckley, Redbourn Way, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire: Labour councillor; family history.
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LAW 2/1/349  22 February 1944
A. D. Briggs, 60 The Avenue, Clayton, Bradford.
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LAW 2/1/350  22 February 1944
Louisa Cammack, 50 Warwick Road, Upton, Wirral: critical of modern secular and sex education; retired nurse.
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LAW 2/1/351  22 February 1944
L. V. Cartwright, 26 Birch Tree Avenue, Birstall, Leicester: critical of JJL's perceived pessimism.
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LAW 2/1/352  22 February 1944
J. B. Cook, 2 Edward Street, Esh Winning, Durham: miner; JJL's talk at Durham following his China trip.
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LAW 2/1/353 22 February 1944
Mildred L. Cotterell, Ham Frith, Grove Park, Wanstead: met JJL on voyage from Marseilles to Cairo, via Tangiers.
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LAW 2/1/354 22 February 1944
Thomas Dixon, Alltycham, Pontardawe, Swansea: family history.
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LAW 2/1/355 22 February 1944
Marie Shaw Essex, Pharais, Greys Cottages, Babbacombe, Torquay, S. Devon.
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LAW 2/1/356 22 February 1944
Fred [Colegrove], Nab-End, 116 Cumnor Hill, Oxford.
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LAW 2/1/357 22 February 1944
A. E. Fryer, Cadney, Brigg, [Lincolnshire].
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LAW 2/1/358 22 February 1944
Harry Gerrard, James Holden & Son Limited, 30 Brown Street, Manchester: mutual acquaintance Joe Toole.
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LAW 2/1/359 22 February 1944
S. Goldwater, 160 Osborne Road, Jesmond, Newcastle on Tyne.
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LAW 2/1/360 22 February 1944
Ada C. L. Gummersall, 3 North Park Terrace, Heaton, Bradford, Yorkshire: street design to minimise road deaths.
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LAW 2/1/361 22 February 1944
Mrs R. Hunwick, 124 Worlds End Lanem Quinton, Birmingham.
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LAW 2/1/362 22 February 1944
Miss Ellen A Jones, 249 Cromwell Road, London: miners’ strike, fuel and paper shortages.
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LAW 2/1/363 22 February 1944
Roy Jones, Heenan Road, Old Colwyn, North Wales: Mrs Farrell of the Spennymoor Settlement a cousin.
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LAW 2/1/364 22 February 1944
J. N. Keeling, Chaplain, RAF Station, Wilmslow, Manchester.
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LAW 2/1/365 22 February 1944
James H. Kerley, 18 Waverley Park, Edinburgh.
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LAW 2/1/366  22 February 1944
F. Lilliott, Overland, Ash, Canterbury.  
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LAW 2/1/367  22 February 1944
R. J. Lines, Dispensing Chemist, Royal Parade Pharmacy, Hunstanton.  
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LAW 2/1/368  22 February 1944
Mrs M. Mackay, Milngavie, Scotland.  
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LAW 2/1/369  22 February 1944
E. Marshall, Managing Director, The Northumberland Whinstone Co. Limited, Milburn House, Newcastle upon Tyne: contrasts JJL’s broadcast sentiments with his stance taken in 1943 [against] further damage to Hadrian’s Wall; account of the effect of the Company’s quarrying on the Wall to date; development agreement superseded by Preservation Order.  
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LAW 2/1/370  22 February 1944
Miss Sarah Mintens, Thornbank, [?] Road, Bath, Somerset.  
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LAW 2/1/371  22 February 1944
Flora Pankhurst, 20 Firswood Avenue, Stoneleigh, Ewell, Surrey: family history.  
2f

LAW 2/1/372  22 February 1944
D. E. Potter, 29 Gourock Road, Eltham: encloses leaflet on the People’s Common Law Parliament [not present]; repeal of the Bank Charter, and reconstruction without debt.  
2f

LAW 2/1/373  22 February 1944
Whitmore Richard, County Court Judge (retired), Woodfield, Hoole, Chester.  
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LAW 2/1/374  22 February 1944
A. C. Robbins, 65 Harford Drive, Cassiobury Park, Watford, Hertfordshire.  
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LAW 2/1/375  22 February 1944
Mrs Margaret Roberts, 8 Hampden Terrace, Mount Florida, Glasgow.  
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LAW 2/1/376  22 February 1944
J. H. Staplin, 6 Walmer Terrace, Eighton Banks, Gateshead: personal history.  
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LAW 2/1/377  22 February 1944
Mrs Dolores Symons, Moorfield Lodge, 40 Moor Road, Leeds.  
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LAW 2/1/378  22 February 1944
Mrs M. Teague, Melrose, The Common, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.
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LAW 2/1/379  22 February 1944
H. J. Vester, 5 Falconer Street, Acomb Road, York: enclosing [theological] booklet, [not present].
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LAW 2/1/380  22 February 1944
Jos. Wedgwood, 197 Westmorland Avenue, Blackpool, Lancashire.
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LAW 2/1/381  22 February 1944
E. G. Whittaker, Chief Agent and Secretary, City of Sheffield Conservative & Unionist Federation.
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LAW 2/1/382  22 February 1944
M. Whitwell, 1 Middleton Grange Lane, West Blackpool: homes not memorials.
2f

LAW 2/1/383  22 February 1944
[Wilkinson], 16 Beverley Road, Anerly, [London].
1f (?incomplete)

LAW 2/1/384  22 February 1944
C. Williams, 144a King Street, Aberdeen, Scotland.
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LAW 2/1/385  22 February 1944
M. L. Williams, Southdene, Booths Hill, Lymm, Near Warrington.
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LAW 2/1/386  22 February 1944
Mrs M. S. Wood, 3 St Albans Place, Tynemouth, Northumberland.
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LAW 2/1/387  22 February 1944
W. S. L. Woodcock, 218 Quay Road, Bridlington.
2f

LAW 2/1/388  22 February 1944
M. B. Endean and E. G. Wright, Essex House, 97 Woodcote Grove Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.
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LAW 2/1/389  23 February 1944
Mrs M. Easton, 152 Windsor Road, Torquay, Devon.
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LAW 2/1/390  23 February 1944
Mrs J. England, Bristol.
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LAW 2/1/391 23 February 1944
David Gunmill, 60 Wingrove Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne: formerly employed at W. H. Robinson's Bookshop in Grainger Market, Newcastle upon Tyne, once frequented by JLL; Dumas.
2f

LAW 2/1/392 23 February 1944
[Sir] George Hamilton, Cransford Hall, Saxmundham: former MP [for Altrincham (1913-1923), and Ilford (1928-1937)].
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LAW 2/1/393 23 February 1944
Tom Henderson, 7 Geoffrey Avenue, Neville's Cross, Durham: encloses a photograph taken in July 1933 of some [public] event, [perhaps to be found in unsorted photographs LAW 3/1].
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LAW 2/1/394 23 February 1944
Mrs E. Hopps, Old Durham Farm.
2f

LAW 2/1/395 23 February 1944
Rev. M. G. Leadbitter, The Rectory, Moretonhampstead, Newton Abbot, Devon: quotes from Polly Peabody's *Occupied territory*.
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LAW 2/1/396 23 February 1944
C. Muckett, 10 Mayhall Road, Portsmouth: [re-directed to 84 Claverton Street, London].
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LAW 2/1/397 23 February 1944
Charles Riel, 21 Royal York Crescent, Clifton, Bristol.
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LAW 2/1/398 23 February 1944
U. K. Ridley, West Hoathly: postcard depicts West Barn at West Hoathly.
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LAW 2/1/399 23 February 1944
S. A. Thompson, 134 Grosvenor Road, [London].
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LAW 2/1/400 23 February 1944
Jake [Wood], 17 King Street, Pelaw, Gateshead, Co. Durham.
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LAW 2/1/401/1-2 24 February 1944
Mrs Anne Chippindale, 95 Altton Road, Easterly Road, Leeds: encloses poem “Can we ever forget?”.
2f; 1f

LAW 2/1/402 24 February 1944
E. P. Dunham, Willington Circuit Secretary, Estate Office, Brancepeth, Durham: invitation to attend a Sunday service at Willington.
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LAW 2/1/403  24 February 1944
Thomas D. Fenby, Mayor of the Borough of Bridlington, Town Hall, Bridlington: a friend of J JL.
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LAW 2/1/404  24 February 1944
John H. Peet, Waltham, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.
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LAW 2/1/405  24 February 1944
Mr and Mrs Sharples, 15 Codale Avenue, Bispham, Blackpool.
2f

LAW 2/1/406  24 February 1944
Miss Elizabeth S. Walmsley, The Haven, Bundoran, County Donegal, Ireland.
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LAW 2/1/407  25 February 1944
A. A. Baily, 43 High Street, Glastonbury.
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LAW 2/1/408  25 February 1944
Thomas C. Gwynne, Catson, Little Dewchurch, Hereford: personal history; West Riding colliery Sunday School.
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LAW 2/1/409  25 February 1944
Eric Harrison, 29 Orchard Street, Lincoln.
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LAW 2/1/410  25 February 1944
Mrs M. Hughes, The Croft, New Inn Lane, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent.
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LAW 2/1/411  25 February 1944
Mrs Ingram, 13 Trafalgar Terrace, Darlington: formerly of Page's Buildings, Boldon Colliery.
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LAW 2/1/412  25 February 1944
T. W. Lasey, 61 Bents Road, Sheffield: former MP [for Sheffield Attercliffe, 1918-1922].
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LAW 2/1/413  25 February 1944
Mrs Joyce A. Lee, Berwyn, 152 Loose Road, Maidstone, Kent.
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LAW 2/1/414  25 February 1944
Rev. William Richardson, Lingfield, 3 Essex Road, Thame, Oxfordshire: Northumberland mining upbringing; Tommy Burt and Charles Wilson.
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Ethel A. Robinson, 37 Chantry Road, Moseley, Birmingham: acquainted with JYL at Boldon Colliery before 1914.

Mary H. Rowe (Bell), 41 Front Street, Stanley, Durham.


Frederick Dean, Milnthorpe, Westmorland: family history; falling demand for education among current working class.

Kathleen Douglas-Menzie, Newtonairs, Dumfries: encloses letter dated 20 February and poem, dated same day, “Let not rancour's fountain rise / Nor bitter thinking sour the eyes”.

Thomas Hedley, Greystones, Racecourse Lane, Northallerton: personal history.

Edwin A. Pinkney, Local Preachers Secretary, Carlisle (Cecil Street) Circuit, 18, Etterby Lea Grove, Carlisle.

Joseph Reavley, 24 Ravensdale Road, Darlington: invitation to attend a Methodist service at Darlington (negatived by JYL).

G. H. Worthington, 129 Blackhorse Road, Longford, Near Coventry: personal and family history; encloses two poems [not present], one on a twelve-week strike at Exhall Colliery, before 1914, and the other on the fire at the same colliery; Tom Mann; Rev. J. T. Barkley; commemorative jug, presented to a northern pit manager in 1825, inscribed “Success to the miners who work under ground / There are no better men in this world to be found”.

H. F. Baldwin, Laverton House, Fairford, Gloucestershire.
LAW 2/1/425 27 February 1944
R. S. Bell, 34 Buckingham Road, Cheadle Hulme, Near Stockport: family history; Chester-le-Street and Methodism, Burt, Fenwick, Wilson; Beamish Cricketers.
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LAW 2/1/426 27 February 1944
Miss Roberta Glasgow, 8 Rose Mount, Oxton, Birkenhead.
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LAW 2/1/427 27 February 1944
J. M. [?Montony], Rose Cottage, Purley: protests at JJL's remarks concerning the destruction of Monte Cassino, “a crime against the Roman Catholic Church”.
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LAW 2/1/428 27 February 1944
George Taylor, 21 Hurstwood Road, [?Sunderland].
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LAW 2/1/429 27 February 1944
Lynette Tollemache, Cloves Cottage, Eastbourne.
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LAW 2/1/430 27 February 1944
Lilian Varley, 11 Greenfield Road, Meadowhead, Sheffield: headmaster; critical of declining educational standards; commends old pupil teacher system; suggests special films and plays for children, citing pre-war Russian precedent.
2f

LAW 2/1/431 27 February 1944
L. B. Wilson, 51 Osborn Road, Forest Gate, [London].
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LAW 2/1/432 28 February 1944
S. N. Storey, Fire Guard Officer, Blaydon Urban District Council, Fire Guard Department, Council Offices, Blaydon-on-Tyne: invites JJL to attend Methodist service at Benwell (negatived by JJL).
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LAW 2/1/433 1 March 1944
Brab [John Brabazon, 1st baron Brabazon of Tara], 70 Pall Mall, [London].
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LAW 2/1/434 1 March 1944
Mrs L. Pat Brigham, Newtown School, Waterford, Éire: former resident of Crook; taught at Pelton.
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LAW 2/1/435 1 March 1944
Bernard M. Doyle, 372 Barlow Moor Road, Chorlton Cum Hardy, Manchester.
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LAW 2/1/436 1 March 1944
Elsie M. H. Campbell, Braemead, 11 South Cliff Avenue, Eastbourne.
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LAW 2/1/437  1 March 1944  
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LAW 2/1/438  2 March 1944  
W. M. Field, 197 Camberwell Grove, [London]: broadcast interrupted by air raid.  
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LAW 2/1/439  2 March 1944  
Arthur W. Satterthwaite, Heathdene, 158 Fulbridge Road, Peterborough.  
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LAW 2/1/440  5 March 1944  
F. Ellis, 73 Russell Drive, Torrisholme, Morecambe: former secondary school teacher at Washington, Co. Durham.  
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LAW 2/1/441  6 March 1944  
“Catholic Teacher”, postmarked Chester: plea re Catholic schooling; postcard depicts the Hotel Majestic, New York.  
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LAW 2/1/442  28 March 1944  
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LAW 2/1/443  [1944]  
Letter from Samuel J. Looker, The Book Nook, Grange Road, South Green, Billericay, Essex: encloses the writer’s Green branches: selected poems (1941), [not present].  
Note: J JL made two broadcasts in 1944 which described his discovery of a love of reading, in February (Mortal man and immortal art, or Human Life) and April (Books that have influenced me); it is not clear to which broadcast Looker refers.  
Paper  1f  
LAW 2/1/444  Tuesday [?late 1944]  
Letter from J JL, House of Commons, to Miss Biggs: Hodder & Stoughton “just making “do”’ in the current extreme circumstances; provides a paragraph on the statue of Samuel Johnson on the Strand, its inscription, and the shell of St Clement Danes church, suggesting the passage’s inclusion in the introduction [to Who goes home?, see LAW 2/4/1/7A]. See also, LAW 2/3/5.  
[Note: a photograph, published 13 September 1944 in an unidentified newspaper [... Echo], depicts this statue; the caption notes its survival despite its proximity to several recent flying bomb explosions, see LAW 3/2/26/13].  
Paper  1f  
LAW 2/1/445  22 February 1944  
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/446 24 March 1944
Letter from F. Alex. Wills, "The Vagabond", 10 Gladstone Terrace, Gateshead, to JJL, House of Commons: invitation to write an introduction to Wills' *The little kingdom*; testifies to the wide impact and militancy of JJL's B.B.C. Sunday Postscript [*Human life*]; a factory volunteer since the start of the war; boy [?son] guided round the House of Commons by JJL.

Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/447 24 March 1944
Letter from Matt Forster, 521 12th Street East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, to JJL: reaction to JJL's B.B.C. broadcast on China [? *Back from China*], re-broadcast on C.B.C.'s Radio News Reel; expatriate now settled in Canada; seventeen years in Canada, farming, casual work, study ("the old Lawson strategy"), Post Office; John Oxberry; Windy Nook, Gateshead; wounded and discharged in World War I, then represented by JJL to Mr Norman Humble for his re-employment; Sergeant Instructor in Canadian Army, but discharged as medically unfit; Jordan Forster, son, Royal Canadian Navy on Atlantic convoy duty; mother and mother-in-law in Co. Durham; Joyce Forster, daughter; wife Jennie.

Paper 9f (two pages torn in two and subsequently repaired with paper and adhesive)

LAW 2/1/448 4 April 1944
Letter from Arthur Bryant, The White House, East Claydon, Near Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, to JJL: lecturing to the Home Fleet; commends JJL's B.B.C. broadcast [*Human life*], and testifies to its resonance with the opinions of military personnel concerning [post-war] reconstruction and human dignity; purely rationalist outlook insufficient; encloses *English saga*, [not present].

Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/449 8 May 1944
Letter from Ada and Arthur Godfrey, 386a Great West Road, Heston, Hounslow, Middlesex, to JJL: reaction to B.B.C. broadcast [*Books that have influenced me*]; influence of JJL's autobiographical and biographical writing; Education Bill.

Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/450 31 July 1944
Letter from Sydney Walton, 3 St James's Square, London, to JJL: praises JJL's *Who goes home?*; proud to be the work's dedicatee; typescript to Mr Barton at The Epworth Press.

Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/451/1-2 8 August 1944
Letter, with cutting, from W. Foster, 21 Newton Road, St Helens, Lancashire, to JJL: encloses cutting from *Wigan Observer*, announcing JJL's appointment as vice-chairman of the British Council, providing a short biography of JJL, and drawing parallels to the life of Stephen Walsh, MP for Ince, [Lancashire, 1906-1929].

Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/452-467 14 August-13 December 1944
Letters of praise and reaction to the second edition of *A man's life*, written to JJL, from the following correspondents.

Paper 23f
LAW 2/1/452 14 August 1944
Harold Neal, Anneslea, Cromford Road, Langley Mill, Near Nottingham.
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LAW 2/1/453 16 August 1944
Daniel [Hopkins], North London Police Court, Stoke Newington, London.
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LAW 2/1/454 16 August 1944
John W. Turner, 12 Elmfield Terrace, Darlington: Sydney Walton a mutual friend.
1f

LAW 2/1/455 19 August 1944
Alice and Fred [Colegrove], Nab-End, 116 Cumnor Hill, Oxford.
2f

LAW 2/1/456 20 August 1944
E.C. Start, 80 Shanklin Drive, Leicester.
2f

LAW 2/1/457 20 August 1944
Tom Brown, 393 Leigh Road, Hindley Green, Near Wigan: with account of beginning work aged 12 at Priestner's Pits.
4f

LAW 2/1/458 21 August 1944
[George] Leighton Seager, Bryn Ivor Hall, Castleton, Near Cardiff: noting parallels in the lives of JJL and Seager's father, and his building of the William Seager Memorial Homes in Cardiff; mutual friends Sydney Walton (dedicatee), and Charles Twist (1942 China trip).
1f

LAW 2/1/459 28 August 1944
William Barbery, Daily Express, Fleet Street, London.
1f

LAW 2/1/460 19 September 1944
Jim and Annie Elder, Browns Crescent, Eighton Banks: Bob Taylor.
3f

LAW 2/1/461 24 September 1944
Alec Walkden, Meadowside Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.
1f

LAW 2/1/462 2 October 1944
Ernest Green, General Secretary, The Workers' Educational Association, 38a St George's Drive, Victoria, London: will review in the Highway; encloses book [Education for a new society].
1f

LAW 2/1/463 2 October 1944
Mark Hodgson, General Secretary, United Society of Boilermakers & Iron & Steel Shipbuilders, Lifton House, Eslington Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.
1f
LAW 2/1/464  27 October 1944
Arthur Bryant, The White House, East Claydon, Near Bletchley, Buckinghamshire: completing *The years of endurance*; [armed] services lecturing; will review in *Illustrated London News*; to meet at Oxford.
1f

LAW 2/1/465  9 November 1944
J. H. Staplin, 6 Walmer Terrace, Eighton Banks, Gateshead: settled at Tow Law, County Durham from Tavistock, Devon; James [Jim] Elder; “John Wilson”.
3f

LAW 2/1/466  6 December 1944
S. E. R. Fenning, Egglescliffe Rectory, Stockton-upon-Tees.
1f

LAW 2/1/467  13 December 1944
Annie and Will Errington, Ermelo House, Sacriston.
1f

LAW 2/1/468  11 September 1944
Letter from Edward R.G.R. Evans, H.Q. London Civil Defence Region, Exhibition Road, London, to JJL, House of Commons: JJL's appreciation of *British Polar Explorers*; invitation to dine, with Alfred Bossom; V-1 threat diminished, but "a new "V" has made its appearance".
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/469  16 September 1944
Letter from A. Clayton, *The Northern Echo*, Priestgate, Darlington, to JJL, Northern Civil Defence Region, Northern Regional Headquarters, Broadway West, Newcastle-upon-Tyne: encloses photograph, for use in JJL’s “book of Sketches” [*Who goes home?*].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/470  21 October 1944
Letter from F[rederick] G. Peake, The Holmes, St Boswells, Roxburghshire, to JJL: JJL's resignation from post of Deputy Regional Commissioner; admiring former subordinate to JJL at the Regional Headquarters; shared understanding of Eastern Oriental peoples' religious outlook; critique of western materialism; notes a growing revulsion in the East to European interference; anticipates Palestine question to be disruptive of British policy in the region; dismisses possibility of a parliamentary career due to his age and lack of independent wealth.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/471  11 December 1944
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/472  [?1945]
Note from Patrick, House of Commons, to JJL, [House of Commons]: commends JJL's [B.B.C.] broadcast on Parliament.
[Note: date of this note inferred from the existence of a B.B.C. broadcast by JJL on "The Parliament ", part three of a series The pattern of English life, and broadcast in May 1945. However, JJL also made numerous Week in Westminster programmes, from 1943, and this note may refer to one of these broadcasts.]
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/473  8 January 1945
Letter from Arthur Bryant, The Athenæum, Pall Mall, London, as from The White House, East Claydon, Near Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, to JJL: thanks JJL for his generous praise for Bryant's book; JJL in Italy.
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/474  18 February 1945
Letter from Muriel E. Walters, Lyndhurst, Penzance, to JJL: thanks for JJL's "remembrancings", and photograph of his dog; mother of Winifred Lewellin James; description of appearance and habits of Rev. Thomas "Papa" James, in Australia; Rev. Ensor Walters; Peter; [?encloses] rough copy of comments by George Bernard Shaw on A man's life, [presumably taken from a letter from Shaw to Ensor Walters, see (LAW 2/1/481)].
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/475  20 March 1945
Letter from L. A. Sample, Dunelm, 105 Woodyates Road, Lee, London, to JJL: seeking copy of A man's life; emigrants from Seaham Harbour; wireless broadcasts.
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/476  3 April 1945
Letter from Lily Elder, Greenside, 18 Bonnington Avenue, Great Crosby, Liverpool, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL's tribute to her father and mother [?Jim and Annie Elder]; reminiscences of Bob Taylor, gatherings at Eighton Banks home, Jack Luke (now in Africa), David Martin, Dick Logan; Jennie [Elder]; death of mother.
Papers 8f

LAW 2/1/477  11 April 1945
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/478  14 April 1945
Letter from L. Atkinson, 5 Nelson Square, Stainforth, Near Doncaster, to JJL: a miner and member of Stainforth Labour party, from Blyth; praises A man's life and The man in the cap, requesting the addresses of publishers.
Papers 2f
LAW 2/1/479  11 June 1945
Letter from Arthur Bryant, The Athenæum, Pall Mall, London, as from The White House, East Claydon, Near Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, to JJL: thanks for JJL's help concerning Major Thomas; congratulations on appointment to the Privy Council; regrets election controversies, has declined invitation to stand, requiring independence, an instinctive Tory.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/480-481  14 June 1945
Note, enclosing letter, from Sydney Walton, 3 St James's Square, London, to JJL: encloses, with the permission of Mrs Ensor Walters, a typescript copy of a letter from G. B. Shaw to Rev. C. Ensor Walters, in part concerning JJL's A man's life. [See also LAW 2/1/474].
Paper  1f; 4f

LAW 2/1/481  4 February 1933
Typescript copy letter from George Bernard Shaw, Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd, Empress of Britain, at sea in the Gulf of Siam upon a world cruise, to Rev. C. Ensor Walters, 52 Lyford Road, Wandsworth Common, London: comparative study of the religions of Egypt and India; supreme toleration of Hinduism, as against Islam and Christianity; account of Islam as a reaction against “Manifold Monotheism”; Jainism; notes, in all faiths, subsequent to their foundation, a common tendency to demotic reversion to heterodox hybrid polytheism, a source of difficulty for modern orthodox; as against “the few who have religious sense” (“equally at home and equally estranged in all the Temples of all the faiths” ), analyses the faith of the “multitudinous average man” as a progression through mental (and therefore bodily) cures effected by preaching, miracles, begging, fear, and sacrifices of declining value and increasing symbolism; advocates acting within this [religion narrative], rather than any humanist dialectic, “if you are to make a decent human being of him”; notes correspondence between fundamentalism and good governance in Jamaica and Rhodesia; draws parallel to English mining village culture, citing A man's life. “You must start, however, with a knowledge of what the underground world was before Methodism came and saved it. In those days the men were demons and the women savages. Jack Lawson was a demon and his mother was a savage (it was by the grace of God that she did not main or kill the ten children whom she had to bring up, mostly in one room); but they were honest, upright demons and savages, with solid characters; and it was Methodism that did that for them. I very much doubt Shavianism would have been equally successful.”; observations on the scale of religious buildings, Shaw more impressed by the feats of their fundamentalist destroyers, testimony of such buildings' power in the popular imagination; promises Walters a copy of his collection of articles [Doctors' delusions: crude criminology and sham education (1932)] on authorised medicine and surgery - “it can cure nothing”.
Paper  4f

Location of originals: Original is held by the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, Texas. George Bernard Shaw Collection II/46/5. Published in Shaw's Everybody's Political What's What (1944), and Collected letters 1926-1950, pp. 322-325.
LAW 2/1/482  4 July 1945
Letter from V. Edmund Grimley, Textile Exchange Buildings, 1 St Paul's Churchyard, London, to JJL, Secretary for War: writing biography of Clement Attlee; requests biographical material, anecdotes, impressions etc., promising non-attribution. Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/483  5 July 1945
Letter from Dick and Mary J. Lawson, Mount Stewart Street, Dawdon, to JJL and Bella Lawson: Lawson fighting Hull election; account of seafaring and mining career of father; childhood diet; conversation with Dr W. Soo, Chinese ambassador, member of a Coal Delegation, at Dawdon colliery; family news; congratulates JJL on his appointment to the Privy Council. Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/484  30 July 1945
Letter from Private Charles Hamilton 4974183, A.C.C. [Army Catering Corps] attached to A Company, 4th Battalion, Cheshires, Warminster, Wiltshire, to his uncle JJL: congratulates JJL on keeping his seat, and on being appointed to the Privy Council; introduces himself as the son of Jenny Hamilton of Boldon Colliery; serving with the Green Howards when JJL visited the troops in the desert west of Benghazi, Libya; resident at West Bromwich, Staffordshire; demobilised in November, no. 19 Group (after eleven years in the British Army). Paper 5f

LAW 2/1/485  [August] 1945
Letter from H. Hutchinson, Secretary Heaton Methodist Church, 42 Derwentdale Gardens, High Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL: encloses appointments plan for Heaton Methodist Church; in view of JJL’s recent appointment, seeks confirmation JJL will still speak on “China as I saw it” at an evening service on 30 September. Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/486  7 August 1945

LAW 2/1/487-488  23 August 1945
Two letters to Sydney Walton, dedicatee of Who goes home?, discussing JJL's writing and career, from:
487. S. Dubner, Roseneath, Mount Ararat Road, Richmond, Surrey; Harrow discussion group, and atomic bomb; transferred from the Cabinet Offices to Ministry of Education; thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral; 3f;
488. Randall Williams, Casterbridge, Nower Hill, Pinner, Middlesex; Godfrey Elton's [Imperial Commonwealth]; 2f. Paper 3f; 2f
LAW 2/1/489  25 August 1945
Letter from Arthur Bryant, The White House, East Claydon, Near Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, to J JL: congratulates J JL on his appointment as [Secretary of State for War]; J JL to Italy; urges support for newly founded community centres and further development of the "self and community education" that evolved in the armed services during the war; Bernard Paget in Cairo; Educational work in the Middle East Force.
Paper  1p

LAW 2/1/490  4 September 1945
Letter from John [?Swan], 5 The Villas, Red Hill, Durham City, to J JL: J JL to South East Asia; provides address of Flight lieutenant Rowland C. Swan, based at H.Q. Air Command, Ceylon [Sri Lanka].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/491  1 November 1945
Letter from Edward R.G.R. Evans, [1st baron Mountevans], 76 Cadogan Square, London, to J JL, War Office: accepts J JL’s congratulations [for his peerage]; recently returned from Norway, settling his wife and her family's interests there following the German occupation.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/492  7 November 1945
Letter from Lionel Elvin, Principal, Ruskin College, Oxford, to J JL, War Office: reports foundation and scheme of scholarships, the gift of Sir Malcolm Stewart, and asking J JL’s consent, in accordance with Stewart's wishes, that half of the scholarships to be in J JL’s name.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/493  18 December 1945
Letter from A[ian] Lascelles, [Private Secretary to the King], Buckingham Palace, to J JL: thanks J JL for his own copy of *Who goes home?*.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/494  4 February 1946
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/495  [August-September 1946]
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/496  8 August 1946
Letter from [Rev.] Spencer [Wade], The Rectory, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne, to J JL: reaction to J JL entering Newcastle Nursing Home for an operation; urges lighter work-load; critical of an attack upon J JL by an army colonel in the House of Commons.
Note: Martin Lindsay, MP for Solihull called for J JL's resignation during a debate on British Army Recruiting, HC Deb. 2 August 1946 vol. 426 c.1441.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/497  9 August 1946
Letter from Dick Lawson, 38 Ash Crescent, Parkside, Seaham, to Bella Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: hopes for J JL's recovery; health concerns; looks forward to his return to parliament.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/498  10 August 1946
Letter from Sir John Jarvis, Hascombe Court, Near Godalming, to Bella Lawson: sympathy upon J JL's illness; shared cause on Tyneside, "as we have both worked for Jarrow".
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/499  12 August 1946
Letter from H. Maddison, 10 Home Avenue, Low Fell, Gateshead, to J JL: invitation to lead a service to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Chow Dean [Methodist] chapel in September 1947; greetings from Jack Cole.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/500  13 August 1946
Letter from Stella Reading [Stella Isaacs, marchioness of Reading], Chairman, Women's Voluntary Services, 41 Tothill Street, Westminster, to Bella Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: encloses dehydrated soups for J JL, to speed his reported recovery.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/501  13 August 1946
Letter from Patrick Hannon, MP [for Birmingham Moseley], 22 Northumberland Avenue, London, to J JL, War Office: welcomes J JL's reported recovery; condemns the attack [of Martin Lindsay on 2 August] on J JL in the House of Commons, praising J JL's work as Secretary of State.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/502  14 August 1946
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/503  15 August 1946
Letter from Mary, princess royal and countess of Harewood, Harewood House, Leeds, to J JL: wishes for a speedy recovery, enclosing grapes from her garden.
Paper 1fr

LAW 2/1/504  16 August 1946
Letter from Arthur Bryant, as from Rapsgate, Cirencester, to J JL: encloses unnamed volume from a work by Bryant; notes J JL's poor health.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/505  20 August 1946
Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/506  20 August 1946
Letter from Sam Watson, Bede Rest, Beech Crest, Durham, to JJL: returned from Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Convention, [at Regina, Saskatchewan], Canada (Labour Party paternal delegate); welcomes news of JJL's recovery, advising lighter work-load and such more conducive to his literary abilities.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/507-508  21 August 1946
Letter, with seven enclosures, from M. Richardson, 36 Laburnum Crescent, Kibblesworth, Gateshead, to JJL: wishes for JJL's recovery; a [coal] screener; encloses [7] cartoons.
Paper  f

LAW 2/1/508/1-7  [1946]
Seven political cartoons, in ink and pencil, by “Billie” [M. Richardson].
Paper  7f

LAW 2/1/508/1
“Blinded by the old school tie.” A reaction to Martin Lindsay MP’s criticism of JJL in the House of Commons on 2 August.

LAW 2/1/508/2
“No matter how heavy the task; have faith. You shall be guided in your weakness.” Ministry of Fuel and Power.

LAW 2/1/508/3
“Sacrifice & Honesty. A monument to the past.”

LAW 2/1/508/4
“Be strong. Forward then, to a brighter future.” A representation of Herbert Morrison, MP for Lewisham East.

LAW 2/1/508/5
“This heritage”. An ironic depiction of a “happy childhood” of unemployment and two world wars.

LAW 2/1/508/6

LAW 2/1/508/7
“The curtain opens. A new day.”

LAW 2/1/509  23 August 1946
Letter from George Garrigan, 50 Fitzwilliam Avenue, Wath on Dearne, Near Rotherham, to JJL: good wishes for JJL's recovery; notes controversies over Palestine, Trieste, Dardanelles and the peace treaties; pledges support for the Government; urges action on the mines, family allowances, old age pensions, and the National Health Scheme; Pat.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/510  30 August 1946
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/511  30 August 1946
Letter from Will Lawther, Kingsley, 31 Manor Drive, Wembley Park, Middlesex, to JJJ: departs for U.N., New York, on 14 September on the Queen Mary; representative of the T.U.C.; sending copies of JJJ's books to Czechoslovakia; hopes to review A man's life for a Czech newspaper.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/512-513  2 September 1946
Letter, with enclosures, from Major S. G. Haughton, Cullybackey, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, to JJJ, Woodside, Beamish: concern for JJJ's recovery; encloses copy letter and other papers, dated August 1946, from Conolly H. Gage to Herbert Morrison.
Paper  1f; 3f

LAW 2/1/513  August 1946
Copy letter from Conolly H. Gage, House of Commons, to Herbert Morrison urging the allocation of a B.B.C. radio wavelength covering Northern Ireland, rather than continue to share one wavelength with the North of England; attached are a copy newspaper report concerning the allocation of a new wavelength for the West of England and Midland regions, and a report on “The wavelength position in the Northern Ireland region of the B.B.C.”.
Paper  1f; 1f; 1f

LAW 2/1/514  5 September 1946
Letter from Sir Angus Watson, Whitewell, Adderstone Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJJ, Woodside, Beamish: praise for A man's life and JJJ's qualities; Methodism; infers from increasing revenues a greater consumption of alcohol among the younger working class generation; suggests the Communist-Rationalist Labour Central College the cause of a generation of agnostic Labour leaders; challenges JJJ's distinction of Communism and State Socialism.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/515  11 September 1946
Letter from Patrick Hannon, MP, 22 Northumberland Avenue, London, to JJJ, Woodside, Beamish: welcomes JJJ's recovery, commending his fortitude as Secretary of State for War.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/516  13 September 1946
Letter from C. H. Dabbs, 2 Shurland Avenue, Leysdown, Sheppey, Kent, to JJJ: regrets JJJ's retirement; a soldier and trade unionist since 1919; testifies to JJJ's popularity in the British Army; discounts Conservative threat; urges continued parliamentary career.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/517  16 September 1946
Letter from Edward Cowen, Secretary, Durham Miners' Association, Ravensworth Lodge, 17 Cowen Gardens, Team Colliery, Gateshead, to JJJ: thanks for JJJ's speech at the presentation of testimonials to Mr Kazon and Mr Sinstey for saving the life of William Hall in a fall on 6 December 1945.
Paper  1f
Letter from [Sir] Jocelyn Lucas, MP [for Portsmouth South], House of Commons, to JJL, War Office: wishes JJL better; compliments JJL’s character and integrity.  

Letter from Hanna Gascoigne, Underhill Road, Cleadon, Sunderland, to JJL and Bella Lawson: Hannah Todd; report of JJL’s resignation foreshadowed in a March conversation; Women’s Land Army; Jonathan Brown.

Letter from Will Bell, 10 Selborne Grove, Bradford, to JJL: regrets JJL’s retirement; expects “elder statesman” role; recalls a frank discussion of their ambitions at Cleadon Hill in 1910, and offers his congratulations upon his achievements; Hanna Gascoigne; George Young.

Letter from Leonard [?], Eastfield, Riding Mill, Northumberland, to JJL: sympathy concerning JJL’s illness; trunk roads work delayed by Treasury.

Letter from J. H. Staplin, 6 Walmer Terrace, Eighton Banks, Gateshead, to JJL: notes JJL’s reported poor health; condemns [Martin] Lindsay, MP; war record and subsequent death of his son; former serviceman; [?Jim] Elder; critical of the workers’ obsession with wages, their impatience with political measures and tendency for intemperate industrial action; “too few of us realise “our freedom ends when it interferes with the freedom of another”. Freedom is a great thing, but grace & service are equally great, & can play a great part in increasing the strength & vigour of Freedom.”

Letter from James Hilton, 1218 N. La Cienega, Hollywood, California, U.S.A, to JJL: wishes JJL a full recovery, his illness and operation having been reported in the New York Times; death of mother; father to return to visit England; writing a film scenario, and planning a new novel [Nothing so strange]; last novel sold well [So well remembered], but not yet on sale in England; misgivings at current world events; observes general post-war disillusionment greater than that which followed the first world war; “[o]nly individual happiness can be assured to those who can find it and keep it”.
LAW 2/1/525 13 October 1946
Letter from Harry Martin, Oaks Farm Cottages, Newthorpe, Nottinghamshire, to JJL: praises as inspirational A man's life, comparing Martin's early life on a farm to that of JJL in the mine; requests JJL recommend an educational reading list.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/526 14 October 1946
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/527 21 October 1946
Letter from Rev. Owen G. Barrow, The Rectory, Schreiber, Ontario, Canada, to JJL, House of Commons: praise for Who goes home? and JJL's character, drawing a comparison to the young generation's materialism, “an ancient folly”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/528 21 October 1946
Letter from Fred and Alice [Colegrove], Nab-End, 116 Cumnor Hill, Oxford, to JJL: expect JJL back down south before November.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/529 23 October 1946
Letter from Arthur Bryant, 18 Rutland Gate, London, to JJL: commends JJL's great service; being awarded an honorary degree at Edinburgh tomorrow.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/530 11 December 1946
Letter from Jack Stirling, Oakdene, Shipley Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, to JJL: regret at JJL's resignation and ill-health; relays former servicemen's high opinion of JJL; son [Derek Stirling] serving at Gibraltar; Lt Col. J. W. Albones now chief recruiting officer, Northern Command;
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/531 16 December 1946
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/532 29 December 1946
Letter from J. W. Fearon, 25 Alma Road, Liverpool, to JJL: Lowea mine disaster fund; praises JJL's writing, hoping his retirement may occasion more such work.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/533 3 January 1947
Letter from Sydney Walton, 3 St James's Square, London, to JJL: invites JJL as his guest to the annual dinner of the Northumberland and Durham Association.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/534 5 January 1947
Letter from Clement Attlee, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, to JJL: acknowledges JJL's birthday telegram.
Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/535  [February 1947]
Letter from B. E. Woods, Springfield Hall Community Church, 200 Wandsworth Road, London, to J JL: invitation to speak at Methodist Mission rally; Lord Ammon, chair.
Note: subscribed by J JL, “wrote Feb 16, ’47”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/536  4 February 1947
Letter from Rev. Walter Newby, Dagenham Central Hall (Methodist Church), Heathway, Dagenham, Essex, to J JL: prayers for J JL’s recovery; awaits J JL’s response to an invitation [to address the church].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/537  17 February 1947
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/538  18 February 1947
Letter from Jack Stirling, Oakdene, Shipley Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, to J JL: son Derek recalled to England for W.A.S.B. [?W.O.S.B - War Office Selection Board], tours Spain.
Paper  3f

LAW 2/1/539  6 March 1947
Letter from James R. Spencer, General Manager, The Liverpool Daily Post and Echo Ltd, Victoria Street, Liverpool, to J JL: publication of Curly Wee [by Maud Budden] prevented by 50% re-export levy; petitions J JL to lobby Stafford Cripps, [president of the Board of Trade]; encloses copy of letter sent to Liverpool Board of Trade yesterday [not present].
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/540-541  15 March 1947
Letter, [with enclosure], from Victor Murray, President, Cheshunt College, Cambridge, to J JL: invitation to address the chapel, 16 May, and afterwards to talk “informally round the fire (Shinwell permitting!)”.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 2/1/541  [1947]
“Post-war planning. Cheshunt College plans for the future.” Magazine article, by an unknown author, torn from an unidentified religious publication, found with the above letter.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/542  Sunday 22 February [probably 1948]
Letter from Cooper Hall, 13 Urban Gardens, Washington, Co. Durham, to J JL: offers thanks for tour of the House [of Commons]; Question Time; praises Who goes home?.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/543  10 September 1948
Letter from Robin [Vane-Tempest-Stewart, 8th marquess of Londonderry], Wynyard Park, Billingham on Tees, Co. Durham, to JJL: JJL proffered as an example to the writer's son; censures his father for abandoning Co. Durham during the [1930s] depression "when he was most needed", the impetus coming from his mother.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/544  14 July 1947
Letter from R. Percy Hodder-Williams, Weald Place, Sevenoaks, Kent, to JJL: the writer's retirement; praises A man's life.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/545  24 September 1947
Letter from Rt Hon. J[ohn] R[obert] Clynes, 41 St John's Avenue, London, to JJL: current crisis more severe than 1931 "episode"; loans proof copy of the 1920-1931 chapter of the history of the Labour party (? The British Labour party, edited by Herbert Tracey, (1948)); Philip Snowden's sincerity and integrity contrasted (silently) to behaviour of Ramsay MacDonald; Clynes' pioneer work for Labour, little remembered, winning an irreversible transformation in the status of [the movement].
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/546  4 October 1947
Letter from John Finlay, 56 Dumbuck Crescent, Dumbarton, to JJL: gift of a drawing to JJL; Sunderland course.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/547  27 November 1947
Letter from [Arthur Bryant], Rapsgate, Cirencester, to JJL: chair of Ashridge Council; chair of Red Cross Hospital Library; over-worked; reaction to The man in the cap: the life of Herbert Smith; effect of industrial revolution on social life of Lancashire villages (researched for The age of elegance); argues Socialism fails to address the worker as producer, concentrating overly on increasing his power as a consumer; "[t]he supreme object of society should be to make men want to work, willingly and gladly"; doubts that either "the destructive and inhuman device of the unemployment pool" or "the power of Whitehall" can solve this; encloses Postman's horn [not present]; possibility of JJL obtaining his copyright [of The man in the cap] should Methuen decide against reprinting; travels to London only for committees.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/548  1 December 1947
Letter from Arthur Bryant, Rapsgate, Cirencester, to JJL: will review [ The man in the cap] in the Illustrated London News next week.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/549  December 1947
Letter from Osbert Sitwell, Renishaw Hall, Renishaw, Near Sheffield, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL's letter.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/550 23 January 1948
Letter from Arthur Bryant, 18 Rutland Gate, London, to JJL: pays tribute to JJL's books, as "a vital link in the broken history of the English people"; extended reminiscence of Edwardian England; petitions JJL to moderate the Colonial Office's handling of the case of his brother-in-law Anthony Brooke [Rajah Muda of Sarawak], outlining two demands, namely, a judicial enquiry into the cession of Sarawak, and the admittance of Brooke to Sarawak in order to pursue a civil action for libel there; has written to the Lord Chancellor; offers JJL access to some unpublished 17th-century records from the Haigh pits near Wigan.
Paper 3f

LAW 2/1/551 31 January 1948
Letter from W. Perry, 24 Percy Road, Leytonstone, London, to JJL, House of Commons: praises A man's life; enquires for a copy of JJL's article "Watch Winston".
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/552 14 February 1948
Letter from Arthur Bryant, Rapsgate, Cirencester, as from 18 Rutland Gate, London: his philosophical balance, lost in the city, recovered in the natural world; reprint of The man in the cap; welcomes the good opinion of Sam Watson; encloses reply (via W. J. Brown, [MP for Rugby]) from Arthur Creech Jones, [Secretary of State for the Colonies], with departmental commentary to Bryant's letter, [neither letter nor commentary are present]; encloses a further printed response from Bryant to W. J. Brown [not present]; encloses cutting from Singapore Free Times, quoting the Sarawak Gazette [not present]; Dayak and Malay attitudes to cession; likens the Colonial Office's policy to that adopted in Africa, and warns that the traditions and character of the inhabitants of Sarawak are such that they will "withdraw... from us all faith and trust"; lectures at Joint Services Staff College.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/553 14 June 1948
Letter from John Bell, 20 Hadrian Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, to JJL: thanks for gift of unspecified book, and for JJL's hospitality at the House of Commons.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/554 9 October 1948
Letter from Arthur Bryant, 18 Rutland Gate, London, to JJL: encloses unspecified book, the reprint of which quickly sold out.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/555 15 October 1948
Letter from Denys Kilham Roberts, Secretary-General, The Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, London, to JJL, House of Commons: invitation of the Committee of Management that JJL allow his name to go forward for re-election to the Committee, for a three year term beginning August 1949.
Paper

LAW 2/1/556 19 October 1948
Letter from Denys Kilham Roberts, Secretary-General, The Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, London, to JJL, House of Commons: JJL to return [to the Committee of Management]; JJL a willing lobbyist on Society matters.
Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/557  1 January 1949
Letter from Teddy [Edward R.G.R. Evans, 1st baron Mountevans], 76 Cadogan Square, London, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: spent Christmas with family at Wirral, Cheshire; encloses new updated and “beautifully illustrated” edition of South with Scott [not present]; will keep JJL's letter with that from the King, thanking him for his war-time service as Regional Commissioner for London; offers to replace JJL's copy of Adventurous life; attributes the writer's peerage to JJL, requesting “one day the real story of how it all came about”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/558  20 February 1949
Letter from Robin [Vane-Tempest-Stewart, 8th marquess of Londonderry], 101 Park Street, London (on Carlton Club stationary), to JJL: JJL's suitability for the appointment of lord-lieutenant for Co. Durham; sympathy for the miners, and wish that Seaham had been a model pit; desire to act as one of JJL's deputies in Co. Durham.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/559  16 March 1949
Letter from R. T. Rivington, Registrar, Stationers' Hall, London, to JJL, House of Commons: acknowledges receipt of JJL's work The tale of two shafts, enclosing an application form for its registration, [not present].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/560  20 March 1949
Letter from Will Bell, 10 Selborne Grove, Bradford, to JJL: remarks on JJL's commendation, in his official capacity, of Bell's son Graham Bell for his distinguished war service; sons Raymond Bell at the Treasury, and Graham Bell at the Ministry of Fuel [and Power]; Hannah Gascoigne.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/561  16 April 1949
Letter from Arthur Bryant, Smedmore House, Wareham, Dorset, to JJL: national unity.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/562  31 May 1949
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/563  16 June 1949
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/564  16 June 1949
Letter from Arthur Bryant, 18 Rutland Gate, London, to JJL: Bryant's C.B.E.; intends, through his writing, “to make my brave, kindly, shrewd, enduring though sometimes, perhaps, rather confused, countrymen realise the full greatness of their heritage and of all that might be built on it”; remarks on his present book on the industrial revolution; impending meeting at “the Author's Society” [?The Society of Authors].  
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/565  11 August 1949
Letter from Leonard Cutts, Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, St Paul's House, Warwick Square, London, to JJL: solicits JJL's public support for the enclosed The claims of the Free Churches [not present], “a contribution to the Cause”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/566  16 October 1949
Letter from Geordie Phillips, Grange Villa, [Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham], to JJL: manuscript autobiographical accounts of two voyages, on the “Lucy” (Gateshead - Folkestone - Gateshead; coal, and chalk), and on the “Scotia” (Hartlepool - Folkestone - Sundsvall (Sweden) - Folkestone; coal, ballast, and timber), c.1905.
Paper 11f

LAW 2/1/567  31 October 1949
Letter from Rev. Harold G. Johnson, 20 Holyrood Crescent, Glasgow, to JJL: commends Peter Lee; suggests JJL write a fuller autobiography.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/568  5 January 1950
Letter from F. H. Rushford, Durham County Press Ltd, Newspaper House, Durham: encloses photographs (see LAW 3/1); article on JJL (see LAW 3/2/31/5).
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/569  12 February 1950
Letter from Captain John L. Judd, Director of Music, Royal Signals Band, 7 Selection Regiment, Royal Signals, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire, to JJL: requests signed copy of A man's life.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/570  3 March 1950
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/571  10 March 1950
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/572  13 March 1950
Letter from R. W. Birtle, Hillcroft, Bethany Terrace, Annfield Plain, to JJL: application for JJL to attend a Sunday evening service at St John's Methodist church at Annfield Plain.
Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/573  26 March 1950
Letter from Jack Gilliland, Station Road, Sedgefield, Stockton-on-Tees, to J JL: health of writer's father; visit of Lord Londonderry.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/574  22 April 1950
Letter from Bob Muncaster, Fairfax, Waldridge Road, Chester-le-Street, to J JL: solicits J JL's support for an application of the writer's daughter to King's College.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/575-579  9 June - 27 September 1950
Correspondence concerning an objection by J JL to tree felling at Beamish Forges by Urpeth Estates Ltd, and the institution of a tree preservation order.
Paper  5f

LAW 2/1/575  9 June 1950
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LAW 2/1/576  20 June 1950
Letter from J. Sanders, Deputy Clerk, Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, Union Offices, Chester-le-Street to J JL, Woodside, Beamish.
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LAW 2/1/577  4 July 1950
Letter from T[om] Williams, [Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries], Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, to J JL, Woodside, Beamish.
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LAW 2/1/578  6 July 1950
  1f

LAW 2/1/579  27 September 1950
Letter from Hugh Dalton, 32 St James's Square, London, to J JL, Woodside, Beamish. Encloses a record of a speech made by George Lingren, on Dalton's behalf, at the opening of Peterlee, 23 September 1950, [not present].
  1f

LAW 2/1/580  August 1951
Postcard from Teddy Mountevans [Edward R.G.R. Evans, 1st baron Mountevans], [Norway], to J JL, House of Lords: welcomes first news from J JL since his return from Yugoslavia, America and Australia; returns himself end September; sending a book for J JL's granddaughter. Postcard depicts two timber Norwegian houses.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/581  4 February 1952
Letter from Karola von Kempis, Kitzburg beim Walberberg, Kreis Bonn a/Rls, to J JL: friendship kindled by a mutual love of the writings of Thomas à Kempis; A man's life; visit to London; invitation to visit Kitzburg.
Paper  2f
LAW 2/1/582-586  22 May - 25 November 1953
Correspondence from the Forestry Commission, (North East England Conservancy), District Office, Widehaugh, Hexham, Northumberland, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: felling on Bewicks Farm and Forge Bank; acquisition of land from the Shaftoe family; rubbish tip.
Paper  5f

LAW 2/1/587  (stamped) 28 November 1953
Letter from Quintin Hogg, Viscount Hailsham, The Corner House, Heathview Gardens, Putney Heath, London, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL's friendship; sad occasion, “since it is hard to suffer at the hands of old allies”.
[Note: the dating of this item is uncertain, being either 1953 or 1955; the debate in the House of Lords on 25 November 1953, led by Viscount Hailsham, on the Government's Television Policy, may be the “sad occasion” alluded to.]
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/588  18 December 1953
Letter from Arthur Bryant, 18 Rutland Gate, London, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL's tributes to his work.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/589-614  28 March - 4 April 1954
Correspondence to JJL in reaction to his talk, *Something of my philosophy*, first broadcast by the B.B.C. Home Service to All Regions on 28 March 1954, after the 21.00 news, at 21.15; and subsequently published in *The Listener*. In the following list, (in date then alphabetical order), correspondents' names and addresses are noted, with the extent of each letter; unless otherwise stated, the response is one of supportive agreement; other noteworthy content is also described.
Paper  37f

LAW 2/1/589  28 March 1954
Montague Nesfield Cookson, 44 Cedar Road, Sutton, Surrey: encloses *A heretic's answer to communism* [not present], by the brother of the writer, Claude Edward Cookson; a copy also sent to Aneurin Bevan.
2f

LAW 2/1/590  28 March 1954
1f

LAW 2/1/591  28 March 1954
2f

LAW 2/1/592  28 March 1954
Michael Jordan, 7 Pinewood Avenue, North Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne: short account of working life and politics - miner at Usworth Colliery, war service, self-education, Roman Catholicism, opposition to Usworth strike, fascism and John Marchbanks, Butney pit, Ministry of Supply.
3f
LAW 2/1/593  28 March 1954
Mrs Marguerite Munn, 53 Pope's Grove, Twickenham, Middlesex: recalls first
meeting with JYL following an earlier B.B.C. broadcast; running school for
“mentally retarded” children.
2f

LAW 2/1/594  28 March 1954
Edith W. Gordon Smith, Beech Croft, Helsby, Cheshire.
1f

LAW 2/1/595  28 March 1954
1f

LAW 2/1/596  29 March 1954
A. E. Buckby, 33 Oak Road, Kettering.
2f

LAW 2/1/597  29 March 1954
Hardie M. B. Henderson, President, Peterborough Local Labour Party: memories
of early political and Methodist activity with JYL; manages North Eastern Region
coal and coke accounts; Whitburn strike.
1f

LAW 2/1/598  29 March 1954
William [Shaw Kerr], Bishop of Down and Dromore, The See House, 32
Knockdene Park South, Belfast: quotes Bertrand Russell's *The impact of science
on society*, and Russell's identification of “Christian love, or compassion ... [as
a] ... motive for existence, a guide for action, a reason for courage, an imperative
necessity for intellectual honesty”.
2f

LAW 2/1/599  29 March 1954
Rev. Sam Rowley, 131 Nottingham Road, Nuthall, Nottinghamshire.
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LAW 2/1/600  29 March 1954
1f

LAW 2/1/601  29 March 1954
Belle Small, 3 Lancaster Grove, London.
1f

LAW 2/1/602  29 March 1954
1f

LAW 2/1/603  30 March 1954
Arthur Bryant, 18 Rutland Gate, London: requests permission to publish words
from a letter of JYL's praising the writer's work.
2f
LAW 2/1/604  30 March 1954
Percy Cardew, 7 Park Lea Road, Roker, Sunderland: Mosley Common [Methodists].
1f

LAW 2/1/605  30 March 1954
[?Dancy] Davies, Tanyfron, Aberayron, Cardiganshire.
1f

LAW 2/1/606  30 March 1954
John and Mary Fiddes, Homewood, Walker Drive, Muchalls, Aberdeen: Mary Fiddes nee Yarrow, her father formerly at Handen Hold Colliery, and mother a member of the Wesleyan Church, at West Pelton, known to JNL.
3f

LAW 2/1/607  30 March 1954
Henry William Green, Secretary to the Trustees [of Radlett Methodist Church], 14 Moor View, Frogmore Park Street, Near St Albans, Hertfordshire: invitation to open Radlett Methodist Church bazaar, Hertfordshire, 30 October; heard JNL preach on the Crook circuit.
1f

LAW 2/1/608  30 March 1954
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LAW 2/1/609  30 March 1954
Frederick G. Summersgill, Cliff Cottage, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate.
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LAW 2/1/610  31 March 1954
Donald Boyd, Chief Assistant, Talks (Home Sound), The B.B.C., Broadcasting House, London: encloses “as broadcast” copy of Something of my philosophy (see LAW 2/4/2/64).
1f

LAW 2/1/611  31 March 1954
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LAW 2/1/612  31 March 1954
Sydney Walton, 3 St James’s Square London: forwards two letters of appreciation from Eric Pigott, assistant editor of The Methodist Recorder, and Rev. Jacob Richardson, [not present].
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LAW 2/1/613  1 April 1954
Austin Kirkup, Morton House, Fence Houses, Co. Durham.
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LAW 2/1/614  4 April 1954
R. Wardle Sheldon, 38 Buckingham Road, Chorlton cum Hardy, Manchester: first met JJL in a Wesleyan boarding house at Blackpool before the First World War, JJL attending a conference; twenty-five years acting, with his wife, as “father and mother to a family of 240 boys and girls, destitute children under the care of Stoke on Trent”.

2f

LAW 2/1/615  2 April 1954
Letter from Arthur Bryant, 18 Rutland Gate, London, to JJL: acknowledges JJL’s permission [for publication of a quotation from a private letter]; observes the tide against materialism is turning.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/616  2 April 1954
Letter from John Chalmers, President, The Boy’s Brigade, The North of England District, 78 Dean Road, South Shields, to JJL, Beamish: invitation for JJL to take the salute at Durham Cathedral at the celebration of the centenary of the birth of the Brigade’s founder [William Alexander Smith] on 15 May.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/617  2 April 1954
Letter from Allan Lubbock, Adhurst St Mary, Petersfield, to JJL: offers his thanks for a copy of A man’s life; JJL’s delight in reading the books by the writer’s uncle John [Lubbock, 1st baron Avebury].

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/618  2 April 1954
Letter from J. Rickard, Denham, 23 Hall Drive, Alkrington, Middleton, Manchester, to JJL: invitation to JJL to address men of the Manchester League.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/619  6 April 1954
Copy reply from JJL, declining.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/620  31 March 1954
Letter from C. A. Kirkpatrick, Trust Secretary, Strickland Street Methodist Church, 168 Buddle Road, South Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: invitation to JJL to chair an anniversary service at Strickland Street on 22 May; Herbert Silverwood; R. Walker and the West Pelton Male Voice Choir.

Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/621  6 April 1954
Copy reply from JJL, declining.

Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/622  6 June 1954
Letter from [en] M. Bland, 4 Morestone Street, South End, Mt Isa, N. W. Queensland, [Australia], to JJL: commends *A man's life*; recalls children's election song, c. 1909, about JYL, “Vote. Vote. Vote for Jackie Lawson, he's the man that's sure to win, if we buy a penny gun we'll make the Tories run” etc; JYL in 1921 and 1926, “climbing the hill with that gammy leg”; contrasts JYL with Thomas Carlyle and Karl Marx, as “one of us”; Methodism; royal tour.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/623  2 August 1954
Letter from Len [M.] Bland, 4 Morestone Street, South End, Mt Isa, N. W. Queensland, [Australia], to JJL: memories of JYL and his activity during a miners' strike [?1926].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/624  26 September 1954
Letter from Len M. Bland, 4 Morestone Street, South End, Mt Isa, N. W. Queensland, [Australia], to JYL: last attended the Miners' Gala 26 years ago; reaction to reading *A man's life*; JYL opens the pit-head baths at Beamish, read in the *Durham Chronicle*; death of a miner at Mount Isa.
Paper  3f

LAW 2/1/625  12 December 1954
Letter and invoice, from Eda [?] Imbrec, House of Commons, to JYL: encloses [manuscript and typescript of] JYL's *The room of memory*, with invoice for typing the same, (see LAW 2/4/2/59/1A).
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/626  12 January 1955
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/627  3 June 1955
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/628  9 June 1955
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/629  19 November 1955
Letter from Sir Montague Hughman, Quarries Hotel, 97 Coombe Road, Croydon, Surrey, to JYL, Woodside, Beamish: former chairman of Henley's; recalls, with gratitude, JYL's support for the firm when establishing itself at Birtley; brief summary of the firm's growth.
Paper  2f
LAW 2/1/630  24 November 1955
Letter from [Alexander Vane-Tempest-Stewart, 9th marquess of Londonderry, Wynyard Park, Billingham on Tees, Co. Durham, to JJL: offers thanks for J JL's letter [of condolence upon the death of the 8th marquess].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/631-661  20 February 1956
Letters to JJL and Bella Lawson, congratulating them on their golden wedding anniversary, from the following correspondents: Fred and Lizzie; Connie and Will Lewcock; George W. H. Ford; H. C. Atkinson, President, Old Peoples' Christian Association; Miss Mildred Emerson; Mr and Mrs B. Lee; W. Joyce Thompson; G. French; M. L. Rothfield, Town Clerk, Borough of Jarrow; Mr and Mrs F. M. Dixon; John Swinney; Mrs Edith Hasler Miller; K. G. Sillar, Board of Trade & Ministry of Supply; L. O. Williams, Town Clerk, Hartlepool; John [Ramsbotham], Bishop of Jarrow; Kitty; Charles H. Nicholas; Harold E. Kitching; The mayor and citizens of Durham; Rev. Spencer Wade; Mrs Annie May; William Baines; Harry and Katie Wilson; Nancy Dames; John Turnbull; Hardie M. B. Henderson, Chairman, The Northumberland and Durham Association in Peterbrough and District; John Wallace, Assistant Civil Defence Officer, County Council of Durham; Teddy Porter; E. J. O. Dodds; Colonel H. L. Lislet; James Duff.
Noteworthy items:
Paper  35f

LAW 2/1/636  [February 1956]
Mr and Mrs B. Lee, 3 Portland Crescent, Bolsover, Near Chesterfield: an “old comrade” from 1908-1909.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/650  21 February 1954
Rev. Spencer Wade, The Rectory, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne; 2f; encloses typescript poem commemorating the occasion.
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 2/1/651  24 February 1954
Mrs Annie May, 97 Norwood Road, Southport: recalls a visit to Southport by the Lawsons; Arthur Greenwood, Dr Marion Phillips, Margaret Bondfield, Anthony Greenwood.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/662  13 March 1956
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/663  13 April [1956 x 1965]
Letter from Clement Attlee, Cherry Cottage, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, to J JL: success of Bella Lawson's operation reported at front bench meeting; wishes for her full recovery.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/664   6 July 1956
Letter from Eda Imbrec, House of Commons, to JJL: invoice [for typing work].
Endorsed with a quotation from Proverbs 20 verse 24, in JJL’s hand.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/665   24 August 1956
Letter from Jack Fletcher, 5 North Terrace, Chopwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL:
grandson of Harry Bolton; requests a meeting; will attend Birmingham University on
a County Major Scholarship.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/666   5 September 1956
Letter from Martin, Royal County Hotel, Durham, to JJL and Bella Lawson: offers
thanks for their hospitality; visits the bishop of Durham.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/667   24 September 1956
Letter from G. W. West, Branch Secretary, Sunderland and Durham Fund for the
Blind, The Royal National Institute for the Blind, Sutherland Memorial Hall, Jesmond
Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: acknowledges receipt
of a donation made to the Fund by Mr Craik and his family, via JJL.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/668   19 December 1956
Letter from Annie and Bob Surgenor, 3300 Maynard Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio,
USA, to JJL and Bella Lawson: Christmas greetings and family news.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/669   22 March 1957
Letter from J. W. Telford, Lord Mayor, Town Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL:
acknowledges JJL’s representations on behalf of Charles Weatherspoon in his
application to the City Police Force.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/670   11 March 1958
Letter from Stanley Lawson, 10 Dudley Road, Mission Bay, Auckland, [New Zealand],
to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: world air tour; requests a meeting when the writer
and [?his sister] Leonie reach England.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/671   2 April 1958
Letter from J. W. Telford, Lord Mayor, Town Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL:
acknowledges JJL’s representations on behalf of Charles Weatherspoon in his
application to the City Police Force.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/672   19 May 1958
Letter from Larrie Smith, 9 Acklam Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland, to JJL:
encloses another poem [not present], recently published.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/673  6 August 1958
Letter from J. H. S. Wild, Dean of Durham, The Deanery, Durham, to J JL: J JL's reading of a lesson at the Territorial Service on 6 July; considers the comparative merits of the language of the Bible in the King James Bible, and in more modern translations, and when each is best deployed.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/674  9 October 1958
R. J. Pumphrey, Department of Zoology, The University of Liverpool, to J JL: encloses a short memoir of Lord Avebury [John Lubbock, 1st baron Avebury], [not present].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/675  15 January 1959
Paper  1f; stamped envelope

LAW 2/1/676  17 January 1959
Letter from Alice G., 1220 Kastle Drive, Lexington, Kentucky, USA, to J JL and Bella Lawson: family news.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/677  16 February 1959
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/678-680  19 March 1959 - 25 March 1959
Letters to J JL and Bella Lawson, offering congratulations on J JL's being honoured with the Freedom of the city of Sunderland.
Paper  3f

LAW 2/1/678  19 March 1959
C[l]em Todd, 19 West Lea Road, Seaham, Co. Durham.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/679  21 March 1959
W. Trotter, Secretary, Chester-le-Street Divisional Labour Party, 25 Richardson Terrace, Washington, Co. Durham.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/680  25 March 1959
Maurice [Harland], Bishop of Durham, Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/681  25 March 1959
Letter from H. D. Hughes, Principal, Ruskin College, Oxford, to J JL, Woodside, Beamish: invitation to J JL to attend the opening of Bowerman House at the College, celebrating its diamond jubilee, on 28 June; Bob Willis, chairman of the T.U.C. to open the House, Clement Attlee, and J JL, to speak.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/682  28 May 1959
Letter from F. Alex. Wills, “The Vagabond”, Lintley View House, Slaggyford, Carlisle, to JJL: account of the writer’s retirement, house-hunting, and life at Slaggyford; invitation to visit.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/683  18 November 1959
Letter from R. G. Burnett, The Methodist Recorder, 176 Fleet Street, London, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: invites JJL to contribute a short piece of writing, part of a series “By this I live”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/684  18 February 1960
Letter from Norman Birkett, 1st baron Birkett, Challens Green, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, to JJL: reaction to A man’s life, gifted by JJL; travels to Ulverston tomorrow.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/685  15 January 1960
Letter from Wilfrid Rose, 96 Sydenham Road, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham, to JJL: thanks JJL for his friendship and enduring concern for his father, recently deceased, C. Rose of Greatham Hospital.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/686  29 August 1960
Letter from May and Frank Beals, 3039 Delta Avenue, Long Beach 10, California, USA, to JJL: family news; trailer holidays to Canada; presidential election.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/687  20 September 1960
Letter from Major L. L. Fleming, Regimental Depot the D.L.I., Brancepeth Castle, Co. Durham, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: offers thanks to JJL for his attendance at the annual re-union of the Durham Light Infantry.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/688  7 November 1960
Letter from [F. Alex. Wills,] “The Vagabond”, Lintley View House, Slaggyford, Carlisle, to JJL: country and church news from Slaggyford; JJL invited to visit the Methodist church.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/689-691  16-18 January 1961
Letters to JJL commending an article of his in the Journal.
Paper 4f

LAW 2/1/689  16 January 1961
William Barnes, 23 Front Street, Lumley, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham: former Deputy at Lumley Colliery; daughter married the son of Norman Pentland MP.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/690  17 January 1961
Sir Angus Watson, Whitewell, Adderstone Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/691  18 January 1961
Thomas Green, 4 Joicye Homes, Shiney Row, Houghton-le-Spring.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/692  postmarked 28 January 1961
Letter from N. Charlton, Mess 17 A.X.S.T., Collingwood, T.S. Arethusa, Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: rejoined [training] ship; Easter leave, suggesting visit to see JJL.
Paper  2f; stamped envelope

LAW 2/1/693  [c. 1961]
Letter from Norman Charlton, Mess 17 A.X.S.T., T.S. Arethusa, Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent, to JJL: leave application; offers thanks for gift of 10 shillings.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/694  14 July 1961
Letter, with poem, from Ernest Nattrass, 11 Bethany Gardens, Catchgate, Stanley, to JJL: JJL to attend the Miners’ Gala; writer wounded in 1918, subsequently working “about the mines”; father, William Nattrass, Primitive Methodist preacher (Chester-le-Street circuit) and miner; encloses typescript poems entitled “Coal”, and “Hope!”.
Paper  2f; 1f

LAW 2/1/695  18 July [1961]
Letter from Pat [Patrick Spens, 1st baron Spens], House of Lords, to JJL: general concern at ill-health of JJL (knee); Alfred Robens to be sponsored at his introduction to the House of Lords by another miner in place of JJL, Gordon Macdonald.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/696  25 July 1961
Letter from Mark Hancock, Bus Stop, Grassy Lake, Alberta, W. Canada, to JJL and Bella Lawson: offers congratulations on their 55th wedding anniversary, and encloses cutting [from Durham Advertiser], (see LAW 3/2/42/2); the writer's mother delivered JJL as a baby.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/697/1-2  23-26 October 1961
Paper  1f; 1f;

LAW 2/1/697/2  23 October 1961
Letter from Professor A. Robertson, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Summerhall, Edinburgh, to The Earl of Longford, c/o The National Bank Limited: acknowledges Lord Longford's representations in support of Elaine Campbell Lawson's application for admission to the School in October 1962.

Seal: Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/698  5 January 1962

LAW 2/1/699  13 January 1962
Letter from D. Hay, Borough Librarian, Borough of Whitehaven, Public Library & Museum, Catherine Street, Whitehaven, Cumberland, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: encloses a copy of the April 1948 issue of the Whitehaven Review, containing “Release” by JJL, and an article by Harry Hollinson on JJL's life, (see LAW 2/4/4/2). Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/700  10 April 1962
Letter from Crackers [?Captain P. H. M. May], Headquarters 149 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), Fenham Barracks, Newcastle upon Tyne, to JJL: offers thanks for JJL's contribution to a Regimental television programme; D.L.I. programme broadcast 21.45, 12 April [1962]. Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/701  5 May [1962]
Letter from Harry [Henry Charles Hovell-Thurlow-Cumming-Bruce, 7th baron Thurlow], Ainderby Manor, Northallerton, to JJL: sails on 7 June; regret at leaving the North.

[Note: handwritten notes by JJL on the dorse of this letter place it in one of the years 1951, 1956 and 1962; Major-General the Lord Thurlow relinquished his appointment as General Officer Commanding, Northumbrian District and 50 Infantry Division (T.A.) on 31 May 1962, and for this reason 1962 is favoured as the probable date for this item.]
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/702  11 May 1962

LAW 2/1/703  25 May 1962
Letter from Tom Dobbin, Assistant Public Relations Officer, National Coal Board, Durham Division, Team Valley Trading Estate, Gateshead, to JJL, 7 Woodside, Beamish: encloses copy of Coal News; offers thanks for interview. Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/704  21 June 1962
Letter from J. H. S. Wild, Dean of Durham, The Deanery, Durham, to JJL: JJL to read the first lesson at the St John Ambulance Brigade Church Parade, Durham Cathedral, 24 June. Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/705  23 June 1962
Letter from Canon W. A. Lathaen, S. Andrew's Vicarage, Roker, Sunderland, to J.J.L: encloses copy of a *Spectator* review of August 1914 [by Barbara Tuchman]; “[c]ertainly whatever started in August 1914 has not finished its course - something like lifting the lid of Pandora's box".
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/706  5 August 1962
Letter from Celia Reiss, 51 Brockwood Lane, Welwyn Garden City, to J.J.L: requests biographical information and memories of the writer's husband, Richard Reiss, during their time together at Ruskin College, in preparation for a private memoir.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/707  9 August 1962
Letter from Celia Reiss, 51 Brockwood Lane, Welwyn Garden City, to J.J.L: offers thanks to J.J.L for his memories of Richard Reiss, with short account of his life and passing.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/708  27 August 1962
Letter from J. H. S. Wild, Dean of Durham, The Deanery, Durham, to J.J.L: arrangements for 9 September annual re-union of the D.L.I. Regimental Association, J.J.L invited to read a lesson; illness of Wild's wife.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/709  30 April 1964
Letter from T. Bayles Naylor, Superintendent Minister, The Methodist Church (Redcar, Saltburn & Guisborough Circuit), 55 Randolph Street, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Yorkshire, to J.J.L: invitation to address a family gathering at the Milton Street Methodist Church, 5 October; invitation prompted by B.B.C. interview with J.J.L concerning Sunderland football attendances.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/710  18 August 1964
Letter from F. Haywood, Manager, Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd Bankers, P.O. Box 6, 99 Leman Street, London, to J.J.L, Woodside, Beamish: reassurance concerning the security of J.J.L's account, reporting balance.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/711  9 December 1964
Copy letter from J. E. Roberts, 114 Edward Street, Broomhill, Cannock, Staffordshire, to Jennie [?Lee, MP for Cannock]: renewing proposal to award a Civil List grant or pension to Jack Hilton, a case represented once before by J.J.L.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/712  2 January 1965
Letter (incomplete) from unknown writer, 9 Queens Close, Hadthorpe, Near Worksop, Nottinghamshire, to Bella Lawson: recalls Mrs Brown and The Hermitage.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/1/713  15 January 1965
Letter from Isabella Cobb, [Office of] Sydney Walton, St James' Court, Buckingham Gate, London, to JJL, Woodside, Beamish: clearing and closing the office, following the [death] of Sydney Walton; returns manuscript (LAW 2/4/1/5 typescript C) of, and publishers’ correspondence concerning, Peter Lee.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/714  22 July 1965
Letter from Clement Attlee [1st] earl Attlee, 1 King's Bench, Temple, London, to Miss Lawson: reaction to news of J JL's hospitalisation, conveying sympathies; “I have loved and admired him ever since we first met”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/715  postmarked 26 July 1965
Letter, with envelope, from Norman Charlton, on passage to Norway, M/S. Avogado, Houlder Lines, 53 Leadenhall Street, London, to J JL, General Hospital, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham: wishes for JLJ's recovery; career progressing.
Paper  1f; 1 stamped envelope

LAW 2/1/716  3 August 1965
Letter from Mary Wilson, 31 Waldridge Road, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, to J JL: wishes for JLJ's recovery; shared regard for Brother Lawrence's [The practice and the presence of God].
Paper  1f
Correspondence to Bella Lawson and her daughters Alma and Rene [Irene], written upon the death of J.J.L. Items are filed in date then alphabetical order. Correspondents (letters): Vera and Adrian and Celia Conley, Fiona; Alice [?Colegrove]; Mrs Rhoda Anderson; Dick and Shirley Annand; Edith Bartley; Pastor Stanley P. L. Belcher; Mrs Mary H. Best, Minutes Secretary, Methodist Local Preachers Mutual Aid Association; J. Colman, Pelton Ward Committee; W. B. Cowie, Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance; Theresa Local (née Cullen); Miss Minnie Curry (and Chester-le-Street Urban Savings Committee); Fred M. Dawson, Billingham Urban District Council; Oswald C. Dickenson; Betty Duggan-Keen; Nora Eckersley; Laurie Edwards; Ron Evers, Regional Council, The Labour Party, Northern Regional Office; Norman Fenwick, Secretary, Disabled Drivers Association, Sunderland Seaham and District Group; F. Fish, Pelton Local Labour Party; M. A. Fitzpatrick, Daily Sketch & Daily Graphic; H. Gascoigne; Thomas D. Gibbs, clerk, Chester-le-Street Urban District Council; Jack Gribbin; Tom, May and Beatrice Grundy (and Circuit Local Preachers); Pamela Havelock-Allan; J. Hay; C. D. Jackson, Town Clerk, County Borough of Gateshead; Arthur C. Jones, clerk, Washington Urban District Council; J. Kelly; Lieutenant Colonel Bertram C. Laight, The Salvation Army; The Principal, Ruskin College, Oxford; Gilbert Lee, Co-operative Wholesale Society Limited; Cyril A. Mitchinson, clerk, Urban District Council of Shildon; William Owen, Chairman Northern Group of Labour Members of Parliament; C. A. Pearson, former Parliamentary Correspondent of the local N.U.T. Association; Norman and Maud Pentland; J. Quinn, clerk, Consett Urban District Council; Celia Reiss; Ridley, Acting County Commissioner, The Boy Scouts; Dorothy Riddell (Labour Women's Federation, and the Federation of ... Voluntary Workers); J. Sanders, clerk, Chester-le-Street Rural District Council; [Malcolm] Shepherd [2nd baron Shepherd], Government Chief Whip, House of Lords (Labour peers); J. J. Shipston, clerk, Urban District of Stanley; David Simon (Bishop Auckland and District Choral Society); Mrs Ivy Spry, Secretary, Durham County Labour Women's Advisory Council; Tom Harker; S. and K. W. Surtees; G. T. Taylor; Graham Titterington; R. H. Urwin, Chairman, Chester-le-Street Rural District Council; Spencer Wade; Sam and Jennie Warwick; Major C. Lisle Watson; Leslie Watson, Chairman, Durham County Association of Youth Clubs; R. Watson, Circuit Secretary; J. L. Whale (née Cissie Caveney); J. G. Willetts; Queen Elizabeth II; C. H. Bell, County Secretary, British Legion; Joseph S. C. Berry, clerk, Usworth Parish Council; Eva and Billy [?Lawson]; J. T. Brockbank, Clerk of the Peace, Durham County Council; J. Bushnell; W. J. Chalmers, Director-General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Sir Robin Chapman, County Treasurer of the Boy Scouts; Bob Coxon (and Durham County Council Labour Group); Dora Curry; Hilda Davies; Colonel J. Dean, Superintendent, Finchale Abbey Training Centre for the Disabled; Thelma Denholm; William Dent; Elizabeth Forster; Tom and Evelyn Fuge; J. Elizabeth Greenhill; G. E. Hearn, High Wycombe Branch Secretary, Amalgamated Engineering Union; Miss Lydia Hill, The Labour Party, Woman Organiser, Northern Regional Office; C. H. Hocking, District Secretary, The Workers' Educational Association, Northern District; Oliver Holt; Kenneth Hope; C. D. Jackson, Town Clerk, County Borough of Gateshead; Dr Hugh A. F. Mackay; Reg and Ada Meakin; Douglas Nicholson; Princess Alexandra; J. R. Passey, clerk, Urban District Council of Bishop Auckland; Dr J. Main Russell; Albert Sayer; Captain Paul V. Scarborough, The Salvation Army; [Patrick] Spens, [1st baron Spens]; Joseph Staines; William Tate; Leon, Millie, Peter Usher and family; A. Watson, Mayor of
Sunderland; Frederick T. Willey, Minister, Ministry of Land and Natural Resources; Harry David; Mrs G. M. Edgar; S. A. Sadler Forster, Chairman, The Industrial Estates Management Corporation for England; Lieutenant-Colonel H. J. Gillman, Vice-Chairman, Council of the Order of St John for Co. Durham; Colonel J. W. Grant, Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association of the County of Durham; Brian Harrison, Newsview, Tyne Tees Television Limited; A. E. Morgan; D. Peveler, District Commissioner, National Savings Movement; J. Roberts, Lodge Secretary, National Union of Mineworkers (Durham Area), Boldon Lodge; Elsie and Harry Robson; Violet [Brown, Viscountess] Ruffside; [William] Strang, National Parks Commission; Joan Talbot, Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence; J. Urwin, Secretary, Birtley British Legion Club & Institute Ltd; Mrs Ruby Watson, County Secretary, The St John Ambulance Brigade; Margaret Wild; General Sir Nigel Poett, Colonel, The Durham Light Infantry; Sir William Gray; Lord Inglewood; Doris E. Thomas, Newton Aycliffe Maternity & Child Welfare Voluntary Committee; C. T. Evans, Secretary-General, Order of the Hospital of St John in Jerusalem; John Tilney MP; R. V. Dudley-Clarke, Administrative Secretary, British Rheumatism & Arthritis Association; Sir John Dodd; Mary Sutherland; [Clement] Attlee, [Bradford]; Lord Hilton of Upton; Rev. A. Spurr; J. Hennessy, The Disabled Drivers' Association; Professor Kenneth R. Hill; Hannah R[ushford]; E. Balton; Councillor Mrs A. Clayton (and Durham Women's Advisory); Elsie and Stan Grabham; Mary Harris (and High Hold and Beamish Darby and Joan Club); J. S. Little; Stella [isaacs, marchioness of] Reading; Alice Scorer, Secretary, Sacriston Local Labour Party Ward Committee; Louise Scott; W. Trotter, Chester-le-Street Divisional Labour Party; Mrs Alice Grainger; Lord Devonport; Norman Coates; Tony Lambton; Craig W. Starmer; T. Sutcliffe, Chairman, The Methodist Church, Darlington Circuit; W. J. Chalmers, Director-General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission; J. Urwin, Secretary, Birtley British Legion Club & Institute Ltd; Taylor Wright; James Duff.

Correspondents (sympathy cards): Ernest and Hannah Armstrong; Phyllis Bailey; Mr & Mrs R. Barron; Jennie Bell; Mr & Mrs J. S. C. Berry & Son; L. Corbett; Crewdson family, Whitehaven; Mrs C. M. Davison, County Councillor; Mrs Len Elliott and family; Mrs J. Emmerson, Nancy and John; J. D. Farish, Councillor; Bill and Edith Graham; Grange Villa Labour Women's Section; Grange Villa Over 60s Club; Mr & Mrs H. Greener and family; Councillor Arthur Grey; Nan Hall; Lord and Lady Hilton of Upton; Ald and C. C. Mrs Hirst; Mrs Holyoake and family; E. Jopling; John and Cynthia Lockwood; Nan Marshall; Mary and Cecil Milburn; Mrs Moore; Mr Richardson and staff of Ward 6, Dryburn Hospital; St Paul's Church Parents' Group; I. Sanderson and P. Clough; May Shuker; Springwell Women'[s Labour] Section; E. Straker, Secretary, Fattfield Women's Labour Section; Jean Tait; Mrs B. Urwin; Lord and Lady Uvedale; West Pelton Cooperative Women's Guild.

Noteworthy items:

Paper 213f

LAW 2/1/725 4 August 1965

W. B. Cowie, Room 1371 Central Office, Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, Newcastle upon Tyne: offers condolences as chairman of the Northern Group of the Royal Institute of Public Administrators, of which body JJL was president.

Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/735  4 August 1965  
Norman Fenwick, Secretary, Disabled Drivers Association, Sunderland Seaham and District Group, 9 Laurel Avenue, Denside, Seaham: JJL the Association’s (formerly the Invalid Tricycle Association) first and only president. 
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/756  4 August 1965  
Ridley, Acting County Commissioner, The Boy Scouts, Durham County Association, County Headquarters, 47 North Bailey, Durham: JJL president. 
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/761  4 August 1965  
[Malcolm] Shepherd [2nd baron Shepherd], Government Chief Whip, House of Lords: Labour peers; Lord Blyton to represent the Prime Minister and the Parliamentary Labour Party at the funeral. 
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/763  4 August 1965  
David Simon, 5 Granville Road, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham: on behalf of the Bishop Auckland and District Choral Society; JJL president. 
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/766  4 August 1965  
S. and K. W. Surtees, Riverdene, 10 Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham: remembering JJL’s wartime aid to the British Prisoners of War Association. 
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/773  4 August 1965  
Leslie Watson, Chairman, Durham County Association of Youth Clubs, Hallgarth House, Durham City: JJL president. 
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/776  4 August 1965  
J. G. Willetts, 8 The Rise, Kenton, Newcastle upon Tyne: acquainted with JJL as Secretary of State for War. 
Papers 2f

LAW 2/1/783  5 August 1965  
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/784  5 August 1965  
Sir Robin Chapman, Cherry Tree House, Cleadon, Near Sunderland: Chapman the County Treasurer of the Boy Scouts; JJL the president of the Durham County Territorial Association. 
Papers 1f

LAW 2/1/788  5 August 1965  
Colonel J. Dean, Superintendent, Finchale Abbey Training Centre for the Disabled, Durham: JJL closely associated with the work of the centre. 
Papers 1f
LAW 2/1/791  5 August 1965
Elizabeth Forster, Flat 27, Brook House, Basildon, Essex: niece.
Paper 2f, with envelope

LAW 2/1/794  5 August 1965
G. E. Hearn, High Wycombe Branch Secretary, Amalgamated Engineering Union, 4 Auckland Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire: left Pelton area in the 1930s to find work; recalls a soup kitchen at West Pelton Church Hall organised by JJL, Bella Lawson, Isaac Fuge, E. Morralee, J. Robinson and others.
Paper 3f

LAW 2/1/797  5 August 1965
Oliver Holt, Penham House, Shepton Montague, Wincanton, Somerset: formerly Private Secretary to Sir Fabian Ware, vice-chairman of the War Graves Commission.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/808  5 August 1965
[Patrick] Spens, [1st baron Spens], Beacon Cottage, Benenden, Kent: met JJL on War Graves Commission.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/817  6 August 1965
Lieutenant-Colonel H. J. Gillman, Vice-Chairman, Council of the Order of St John for Co. Durham, 2 Osborne Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne: JJL president.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/818  6 August 1965
Colonel J. W. Grant, Chairman, Secretary, Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association of the County of Durham, 53 Old Elvet, Durham: JJL president.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/825  6 August 1965
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/834  9 August 1965
C. T. Evans, Secretary-General, Order of the Hospital of St John in Jerusalem, Chancery of the Order, St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London: on behalf of Lord Wakehurst, the Lord Prior; JJL a knight of the Order, and president of the Council in Durham.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/1/835  9 August 1965
John Tilney MP, 3 Victoria Square, London: fellow member of parliamentary delegation to Yugoslavia [1951], with Peter Carrington, Douglas Marshall, Bob Mellish et al.; recalls visit to a coal mine, the conditions of which reminded JJL of mines in England in the 1850s, as reported to JJL by his grandfather.
Paper 1f
LAW 2/1/836  11 August 1965
R. V. Dudley-Clarke, Administrative Secretary, British Rheumatism & Arthritis
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/840  12 August 1965
Lord Hilton of Upton, House of Lords: JJL and Hilton used same London hotel
for many years.
Paper  1f, with envelope

LAW 2/1/842  14 August 1965
J. Hennessy, Chairman, The Disabled Drivers' Association, Chester-le-Street
Group, 2 Front Street, Esh, Co. Durham: JJL a patron.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/848  [August 1965]
Elsie and Stan Grabham, 2 St Columbas Cottage, Southwick, Sunderland: niece.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/853  [August 1965]
Louise Scott, 65 Chillingham Road, Heaton, Newcastle: cousin.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/861  1 October 1965
W. J. Chalmers, Director-General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
32 Grosvenor Gardens, London: reporting a resolution of the Commission on
30 September.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/864  21 October 1965
James Duff, Low Middleton Hall, Middleton-One-Row, Darlington: reports a
speech made at the lieutenancy dinner in Durham.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/907  [August x October 1965]
List of messages of condolence and farewell [from flower cards] from various
persons and organisations, including (and not listed above): General and Mrs
K. C. Appleyard; Mr & Mrs W. Michael; Dr Morell; British Air Line Pilot[s']
Association; governors, staff and students of Ruskin College; Jack and Charlotte
Homes; Washington Local Labour Party; Mr & Mrs R Warnaby; West Pelton
Methodist Church; Mr T. Stewart; Mr & Mrs McGough; H. G. Bincher; nephew
John and Edna Jennick; Mrs Hardcastle; Mr & Mrs Hall.
Paper  3f

Personal correspondence following the death of JJL
LAW 2/1/908  2 October 1965
Letter from Miss Dorothy Peacock, Honorary Secretary, Bishop Auckland & District
Choral Society, 8 Deerness Road, Bishop Auckland, to Bella Lawson: appointment
of Bella Lawson as the Society's first honorary vice-president; JJL former president.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/909  postmarked 8 March 1966
Letter (incomplete) from Stanley Lawson, postmarked New Zealand (see LAW
Paper  3f; stamped envelope
LAW 2/1/910  4 July 1966
Letter from J. T. Brockbank, clerk, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, to Bella Lawson; on behalf of the Libraries and Museums Committee offers thanks for the gift of multiple copies of A man's life.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/911  postmarked 25 July 1967
Postcard, postmarked Chester-le-Street, from unidentified person, to C. F. C. Lawson, 24 Park Road North, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham: acknowledges C. F. C. Lawson's contribution to improvements to Chester-le-Street town; Lawrence's “The red boy” (Master Charles Lambton) reproduced on the stamp. Postcard depicts five views of Chester-le-Street.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/912  9 November 1967
Covering note with receipt for donation, from Sir Robert Bellinger, Lord Mayor of London, Attlee Memorial Appeal, to Bella Lawson.
Paper  1f; 1f; stamped envelope

LAW 2/1/913  26 January 1968
Letter from Ian [Ramsey], bishop of Durham, Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, to Mrs Lawson: offers condolences on the death of Bella Lawson; admiration for JJL, acknowledging the role of Bella Lawson in his success; Bella Lawson present at Maundy luncheon.
Paper  1f

Undated personal correspondence
LAW 2/1/914  [early 20th-century]
Postcard (unfinished) to Sarah. Postcard depicts “The Bank” at Whitburn.
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 2/1/915  [mid 20th-century]
Letter from Tom Elder, Brookside, Newbiggin-in-Teesdale, Co. Durham, to J JL: staying with Jim [Elder]; six stanza poem about Cauldron Snout, on the River Tees; eighteen stanza poem “Money hills”; Gray Lady legend [at Beamish]; suggests walking High Cup Nick on JJL’s next visit.
Paper  3f

LAW 2/1/916  [1934]
Letter from Edna [Lawson] and Davy, Brookside, Newbiggin-in-Teesdale, Co. Durham, to JJL: offers thanks for [dedication] in [ Under the Wheels]; family and country holiday news, staying with Mr and Mrs Elder.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/917  [?April 1945 x 1965]
Postcard from Bella Lawson [at Derwentwater, Cumberland], to Irene Lawson, Woodside, Beamish: JJL health better; plan to return Tuesday. Postcard depicts Derwentwater and the Lodore Hotel.
Paper  1 postcard
LAW 2/1/918  31 March [1945 x 1957]
Letter from Anthony Brown, Domons Flat, Maypole Road, East Grinstead, Sussex, to JJL: offers thanks for inscribed copy of *Who goes home?*, [B.B.C.] script on Will Lawther.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/919  [mid 20th-century x 1965]
Letter from Rev. B. E. Woods, Superintendent, The Methodist Church, Springfield Hall Community Church, 200 Wandsworth Road, London, to JJL: cancellation of JJL attendance at the church due to illness; proposes instead JJL's presence at a Christian Propaganda Rally the following winter.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/920  [1930s x March 1950]
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/921  [?March 1950 x 1965]
Letter from Leslie [?], Dulwich, written on House of Commons stationary, to JJL: appreciation of JJL's writings; early life in mining village; old friend Marshal Henry Haddock; invitation to stay; departs for Vienna on Monday.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/922  [March 1950 x 1965]
Letter from Millie, 226 Manchester Road, Heaton Norris, Stockport, Cheshire, to JJL: praise for Peter Lee and JJL's writing.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/923  [March 1950 x 1965]
Paper  1f

LAW 2/1/924  [mid 20th-century x 1960s]
Letter from Millie Carter, 52 Kirkstone Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland, to Isabella [Lawson]: family news; St Columba church community, and Mr Jupp.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/925  [mid 20th-century x 1963]
Christmas card from Hugh and Dora Gaitskell.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/926  [mid 20th-century x 1965]
Christmas card from Clement and Vi Attlee, Amersham General Hospital, to JJL and Bella Lawson: health of Clement Attlee improving.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/1/927  [mid 20th-century x 1964]
Christmas card, House of Lords stationary, from Allison and Malcolm Shepherd, Greensands, Brassey Road, Limpsfield, Surrey.
Paper  2f
LAW 2/1/928 [mid 20th-century x 1965]
Letter from Elizabeth [nee Lawson] to JJL and Bella Lawson: invitation to come and stay; cold weather since the new year.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/1/929 [mid 20th-century]
Christmas card from “Auntie Alice”.
Paper 2f

Papers
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LAW 2/2/1 25 July 1894
Birth certificate for JJL. Born at 5 Dobsons Buildings, Albion Street, Whitehaven, Cumberland, 16 October 1881.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/2/2 9 June 1913
Paper 1f

LAW 2/2/3 26 January 1920
Stage play licence, issued by [Viscount] Sandhurst, the Lord Chamberlain, to the manager of the Theatre Royal, Sunderland, for a play in eight scenes entitled From pit to Parliament; without endorsement.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/2/4 [1922]
Dante’s Inferno. Selected cantos and episodes. Translated and annotated by H. B. Cotterill. Bilingual series.
Paper 1 volume

LAW 2/2/5 9 June 1923
Blank postcard, with photograph of a section of the meeting crowd at Wharton Park on Durham County Women's Day, 9 June 1923.
Paper 1 postcard

LAW 2/2/6 1929
A day at Versailles. Illustrated guide. The palace, the park, the museum, the Trianons.
Paper 1 volume

LAW 2/2/7 [?1930s]
Paper 1 volume

LAW 2/2/8 [?1930s]
Paper 1 volume
LAW 2/2/9  [?1930s]
Leaflet, addressed from Cyril Ffoulkes Marsh-Roberts of Oxford, to the citizens of Paris, with notification of the writer's intention to throw himself from the Eiffel tower “[à] la gloire d'Yvonne ... en Désespoir d'Amour”. Interlined with translation into English in the hand of J JL.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/2/10  [September] 1929
Paper  16f

LAW 2/2/11  July 1933
The venture. Being a magazine issued by the scholars of West Pelton Council School. July 1933 issue; with foreword by Arthur W. Sheldon, headmaster. With review by Lily Simpson of A man's life (p.12), including a short interview with J JL.
Paper  16f

LAW 2/2/12  [August] 1933
Paper  20f

LAW 2/2/13  [before December 1933]
Residential Colleges for adult education. Issued by the Educational Settlements Association for the Joint Committee for Residential Adult Education, (see LAW 2/1/77).
Paper  16f

LAW 2/2/14-15  [1936]
Brochure, with map and illustrations, of a seven day tour to Braemar and North Western Scotland, pages 279-294 torn from a [Northern General Transport Company Ltd] publication; with colour “Tours design” map (34 x 49 cm) of the British Isles, published by the Northern General Transport Company Ltd.
Paper  8f; 1f

LAW 2/2/16  [after June 1941 x 1949]
Paper  1 volume; string bound

LAW 2/2/17-18  after 1943
Two placards, with hymn texts by Geoffrey Peachey: “Have faith in God”, and "Hymn for the sick". Published by The Eagle Press, Hove.
Size: 19 x 13 cm
Paper  1f; 1f

LAW 2/2/19  [September 1943]
The Atlantic Charter and the Pacific Races, by the Rev. J. W. Burton, (see LAW 1/1/199).
Paper  18f

LAW 2/2/20  October 1943
Methodist Plan and directory, 10 October 1943-8 January 1944. Stanley Circuit.
Paper  12f
LAW 2/2/21  January 1944
Quarterly notes of the British-Israel League. January 1944. Vol. 33, no. 1: “Behind the dictators”. Annotated by Percy Sargant, Assistant Honorary Secretary, marking three articles for JJJL’s particular attention, “War notes”, “Behind the dictators”, “Anglo-Saxondom and Rome”, (see LAW 2/1/308); with two letters (“Romish propaganda on the B.B.C.” June 1943, and “A message of good cheer” January 1944) by Sargant pasted to the inside back cover, reprinted from the Ulster Protestant and Stroud News, respectively.
Paper 24p

LAW 2/2/22  11 May 1945
Certificate of enrolment as a Friend of Durham Cathedral, in the name of JJJL, signed by Dean Alington. Placard.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/2/23  25 October 1945
Certificate of Civil Defence Service in the Rest Centre, issued by Durham County Council, in the name of Mrs Isabella Lawson.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/2/24  1946
A guide to the Farne Islands, by T. Russell Goddard. Second edition. Published by Andrew Reid and Company Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Paper 32f

LAW 2/2/25  9 December 1948
Contract between JJJL and The Epworth Press concerning the publication of Peter Lee (see LAW 2/4/1/5).
Paper 2f

LAW 2/2/26  1949
Programme of Summer excursions for 1949, of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne. Booklet.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/2/27  [1950 x 1964]
JJJL and Bella Lawson Christmas card, (blank). Houses of Parliament stationary. Front cover illustration reproduces the mosaic by R. Anning Bell depicting King Edward II commanding the rebuilding of St Stephen's Chapel, mounted over the entrance at the West end of St Stephen's Hall.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/2/28  [?1955]
Croft to Gateshead. No. 2 in a pocket edition travel series on the Great North road, by the Vagabond [Frederick Alexander Wills]. Published by North East Publications, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Paper 1 volume

LAW 2/2/29  [May] 1959
Election address from Irene Lawson, Labour candidate, to the electors of Chester-le-Street Central Ward, for the Urban District Council election, 5 May 1959.
Paper 2f
LAW 2/2/30  10 May 1959
Order of service. Annual Industrial service, Sherburn Hill [Methodist Church]. Sermon by J JL.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/2/31  6 September 1959
Service sheet and Order of Service (annotated) for the First Annual Miners' Service, Trinity Methodist Church, Brandon. Service conducted by Rev. J. Davidson; J JL, preacher; G. Sayer, soloist. For J JL's sermon notes, see LAW 2/6/3.
Paper  2f; 1f

LAW 2/2/32  [December] 1959
List of hymns for a Christmas Service.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/2/33  2 March 1967
Programme for an Office for the Royal Maundy at Durham Cathedral, 23 March 1967; with historical note on the Royal Maundy on dorse.
Paper  8f

Diaries and journals
1934-1959
Pocket diaries (1934-1935, 1942-1945, 1950-1954, 1958-1959), and journals (1934-1944). These volumes contain both official and personal appointments; other noteworthy content is recorded at item level.
½ box

Diaries
LAW 2/3/1  1934
Enclosed within: business card of A. W. Holmes.
Paper, leather, plastic  1 volume; 1f enclosure

LAW 2/3/2  1935
Diary also contains notes for a biographical speech or literary work, and rough notes of military actions in Northern Italy [during the First World War]. Enclosed within:
Paper, leather  1 volume; 13f enclosures

LAW 2/3/2/A
Business card of Mohamedali Zainal Alireza.  1f

LAW 2/3/2/B
Business card of F. J. Chamberlain, General Secretary of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s.  1f

LAW 2/3/2/C
Business card of Thomas Benfold.  1f

LAW 2/3/2/D
Business card of Eighomenos J. Luka, Coptic Church, Heliopolis.  1f
LAW 2/3/2/E
General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Limited leaflet.
1f

LAW 2/3/2/F
Raffle ticket, Christmas draw, Stationary & Allied Trades Employees' Association Benevolent Fund.
1f

LAW 2/3/2/G-H
Parker Duofold personal loss replacement certificate and Parker Pen Co. Ltd compliment slip.
1f; 1f

LAW 2/3/2/I
Business card of Bryn Roberts, General Secretary, National Union of Public Employees.
1f

LAW 2/3/2/J
Business card of James L. McDonald.
1f

LAW 2/3/2/K-M
Three business cards of J JL, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour.
1f (x3)

LAW 2/3/3
1942
Contains notes on: air raid casualties; coal production; geography of Palestine; composition of Middle East Command forces, and war casualties generally.
Paper 1 volume; 1f enclosure

[See LAW 2/5/2] [1942]
[Appointments diary for 1942 transformed into a scrapbook: entries between 1-14 January are visible, between 15 January-7 March entries are obscured by pasted-in items, and thereafter the diary is blank.]

LAW 2/3/4 1943
Contains notes on: speech on China; Education White Paper. [Small hand-coloured photograph of “Lakes in the clouds, Lake Louise”, Alberta, Canada, removed from pages 11-13 February, to LAW 3/1.]
Paper 1 volume; [1f enclosure]

LAW 2/3/5 1944
Contains notes on: statue of Samuel Johnson at St Clement Danes, London (see LAW 2/1/444); Boldon shaft incident. Enclosed within:
Paper 1 volume; 3f [and 1f] enclosures

LAW 2/3/5/A-C
3 fragments of manuscript.
3f
[LAW 3/2/26/15]
Newspaper cutting [November, 1944], containing review of Hugh Hodgkinson's *Before the tide turned* (1944), removed from inside front cover to LAW 3/2/26/15.]

[1f]

LAW 2/3/6  1945
Paper  1 volume; [1f enclosure]

[See LAW 1/4]  [1949]
[Appointments diary for 1949 transformed into a scrapbook for letters and newspaper cuttings relating to JJJL's appointment as lord-lieutenant of Co. Durham. Entries in the diary are largely obscured until 7 April 1949.]

LAW 2/3/7  1950
Contain notes on national parks. Enclosed within: business card of JJJL.
Paper  1 volume; 1f enclosure

LAW 2/3/8  1951
Contains notes on: causes of Rome's decline (Gibbon); Yugoslavia. [Three newspaper cuttings enclosed within, removed from inside front cover to LAW 3/2/32/1, 5, 9 respectively: (1) special school edition of JJJL's *A man's life*; (2) "But "Grandad" Lawson will make amends", concerning appointments cancelled in Durham due to Yugoslavia delegation; (3) *Northern echo*, 13 September 1951, "Russian puzzle".]
Paper, leather  1 volume; [3 enclosures]

LAW 2/3/9  1952
Paper  1 volume

LAW 2/3/10  1953
Paper, plastic  1 volume

LAW 2/3/11  1954
Contains notes on history of Beamish. [Newspaper cutting enclosed within, removed from 1-2 January to LAW 3/2/35/27: reporting hospitalisation of James Hilton in California].
Paper  1 volume

LAW 2/3/12  1958
Paper, leather  1 volume

LAW 2/3/13  1959
Contains notes on: the life and character of the emperor Nero; definitions and etymologies of the words philosopher and prophet.
Paper, leather  1 volume

Journals

LAW 2/3/14  9 July 1934-9 November 1941
"The Book of Clive." Journal of the life of Clive Lawson, written by JJJL. Clive, JJJL's only son, was killed following an air raid on the 1 May 1942.
Paper, textile spine  1 volume
LAW 2/3/15  8-23 January 1936
Loose pages of journal entries concerning JJL’s last meeting with Rudyard Kipling, and his subsequent death and obsequies.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/3/16  1 January-25 July 1937
Pages torn from 1937 appointments diary. In addition to appointments, contains detailed journal entries, including: “A diary of Beamish and West Pelton”, 1-5 January; a visit to Lindisfarne, 25-30 March [1937].
Paper  13f

[See LAW 2/4/2/65]  [January 1938]
Visit to Spain.

LAW 2/3/17  7 June 1939
Train journey from Durham to London.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/3/18  27 August 1941-25 August 1945
Also contains two short literary pieces, the first a version of “Lindisfarne” (see LAW 2/4/2/38), and the second written upon JJL’s acceptance of a peerage.
[Three newspaper cuttings enclosed within, removed from entry of 16 May 1943 to LAW 3/2/25/5-7: (1) “Heavy death roll feared in raids on North-East”, [17 May 1943]; (2) Herald, “Boy was hero of big raid”, 17 May 1943; (3) Herald, “Many fires in north-east coast town”, 17 May 1943.]
Paper  1 volume; [3f enclosures]

[See LAW 1/2/175/3]  October-December 1942
Visit to China and a subsequent tour of the Middle East and North Africa.

[See LAW 1/2/241/5]  May-June 1951
Visits to Yugoslavia and Australia, and an account of the Easington Colliery disaster.

LAW 2/3/19  26 July 1951
Beamish. Thoughts on reaching seventy years of age, (see LAW 2/4/2/49).
Paper  4f

Literary works and journalism
1900s-1965
Literary works.
2/4/1 Long literary works (chronological order);
2/4/2 Short literary works (alphabetical order);
2/4/3 Cuttings (short literary works and journalism);
2/4/4 Publications;
2/4/5 Poetry;
2/4/6 (Non-autobiographical) fragments;
2/4/7 Book reviews, and research notes.
13 boxes
LAW 2/4/1 1920s-1965
Long literary works, arranged in broad chronological order. The sequence of JJJ’s early works Geordie and Jinny Greenteeth is not certain. Passages from both these works recur in JJJ’s autobiographical writings, reworked and with certain characters’ names changed, and consequently there are instances where manuscript and typescript drafts relate to more than one individual work, and instances where loose papers relating to one work may be found misplaced with another work. Additionally, JJJ reworked parts of his long literary works into short pieces, for newspaper or other serial publication, and for radio broadcast: consequently, the section of short literary works will also contain related pieces of interest. A man’s life went through two editions and one abridgement, and JJJ’s papers contain material for a further edition or continuation of his later life’s story which was never published: all such explicitly autobiographical writing is filed with material relating to A man’s life.

Paper 9 boxes

LAW 2/4/1/1 [1920s-1930s]
Geordie, or Pay Friday. Unpublished novel. Manuscripts and typescripts, disordered. A series of shorter pieces, featuring a central character named Geordie, later worked together into one longer narrative work, ultimately unpublished although many parts of the work are reworked into later published material. For a letter from JJJ to the literary agency John Quill Ltd relating to an early form of this work, dated 12 December 1930, see LAW 2/1/68. See also LAW 2/1/49-50. Includes an introductory essay on the social and economic conditions of miners entitled, “The Miner”.

Paper 1 box

LAW 2/4/1/2 [?1930s]

Paper 1 box

LAW 2/4/1/3 1930s-1965
A man’s life, and later related autobiographical writings. Manuscripts and typescripts. A man’s life was published in 1932 by Hodder & Stoughton, a revised edition following in 1944; an abridged edition was published in 1951.

Box 1: Manuscripts, with some typescript sections, chiefly relating to the first 1932 edition. Includes a cutting of “The Dreamers”, a short piece by JJJ published in The Ruskin Collegian magazine [dated 1915 x 1918], edited in pencil in JJJ’s hand.

Box 2: Five typescripts, in rough chronological order, relating to the first 1932 edition.

Box 3: Typescripts, manuscripts, disordered, and two notebooks. The material relates to the 1944 edition and later autobiographical writings continuing into the 1950s and perhaps 1960s. Includes a notebook containing, among other literary matter, notes [from a briefing by Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General], circa 1950, considering the reversal of the naturalisation of Klaus Fuchs [as a British citizen]; [notes perhaps from the Deprivation of Citizenship Committee, a meeting of which on 20 December 1950 was reported in The Times, 21 December 1950, p. 2, issue 51880, col. C]. See also, LAW 1/2/175/10.

Paper 3 boxes

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LAW 2/4/1/4  [before 1934]
Paper  1 box

LAW 2/4/1/5  [before 1936-1949]
*Peter Lee.* Biography, published by Hodder & Stoughton in 1936, and, in a revised edition, by The Epworth Press in 1949. (For JJL's contract with the publishers, see LAW 2/2/25). Manuscript, typescripts (for 1936 and 1949 editions), and galley proofs (1949 edition); see also LAW 2/1/713.
Box 1: Manuscript and two typescripts (1936 edition).
Box 2: Three typescripts, one marked up for publication, and galley proofs (1949 edition).
Paper  2 boxes

LAW 2/4/1/6  [1939-1941]
*The man in the cap. The life of Herbert Smith.* Biography, published by Methuen & Co. Ltd in 1941. One file of correspondence and newspaper cuttings (LAW 2/4/1/6/1-38); manuscripts, and three typescripts.
Paper  1 box

LAW 2/4/1/6/22  [1920s-1930s]
Newspaper cuttings, various publications including the *Sheffield Daily Independent:* 22 cuttings containing photographs or cartoons featuring Herbert Smith.
Paper  22f

LAW 2/4/1/6/23  24 June 1938
Newspaper cutting, *Express:* report of the memorial service for Herbert Smith at Pitt Street Methodist Church, Barnsley.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/24  2 July 1938
Newspaper cutting, *Barnsley Chronicle and South Yorkshire News:* article on the centenary of the Silkstone disaster, at the Moorside pit [Huskar colliery], with photographic illustration of the memorial monument in Silkstone churchyard. See also LAW 2/1/124 and LAW 2/4/1/6/10.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/25  [1939]
List of enclosures A-E (now LAW 2/4/1/6/26-30), with additional information on each item, written by Arthur Smith, and concerning his father Herbert Smith.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/26  [6 August 1936]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication: Barnsley pit disaster [Wharncliffe Woodmoor Colliery], two photographic illustrations of the rescue and recovery work, one of which depicts Herbert Smith. Endorsed in pencil in JJL's hand, “59 Men Lost” [recte 58].
Paper  1f
LAW 2/4/1/6/27  20 January 1939
Letter from Sir Charles McGrath, clerk, West Riding County Council, County Hall, Wakefield, to Arthur Smith, Woodville, 4 Wood Walk, Wombwell, Near Barnsley: election results for Castleford Electoral Division, 21 February 1903, Herbert Smith's first election; with dates of Smith's subsequent re-election, to 1916.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/28  27 January 1939
Letter from T. J. Brooks, [Branch Secretary, Glasshoughton Colliery], 22 Leake Street, Castleford, Yorkshire, to [Arthur] Smith: concerning a dispute between Glasshoughton colliery and Herbert Smith, and the validity of latter's election by the workmen to inspect the seams of the pit.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/29-30  [1939]
Notes [by Arthur Smith] concerning his father Herbert Smith: schooling; marriage [to Sarah Ann Ripley]; parentage; School Club Movement; Friendly Society Movement; other biographical details.
Paper 2f; 1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/31-32  [1939-1941]
Substitutions slip, relating to the Public Assistance (Casual Poor Order) 1931, as amended 13 June 1939, containing dietary tables for men, women and children; with covering note.
Paper 1f; 1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/33  [1939-1941]
Typescript queries of J JL, with manuscript answers of [?Arthur Smith], concerning Herbert Smith's life (schooling and parentage).
Paper 3f

LAW 2/4/1/6/34  16 January 1939
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/35  29 January 1939
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/36  4 March 1939
Letter from G. W. Langstaff, Editor and Manager, The “Barnsley Chronicle” Ltd., Church Street, Barnsley, Yorkshire, to J JL, House of Commons: newspaper's records and image library made available to support the biography.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/1/6/37  1 July 1939
Paper 1f
2 January 1941

Letter from Arthur Smith, Woodville, 4 Wood Walk, Wombwell, Near Barnsley, to JJL: *Barnsley Chronicle* credit for photograph; *Punch* caricature [of Herbert Smith].

Paper 1f

1945

*Who goes home? Broadcasts and sketches.* Manuscript contents list; typescript introduction; corrected galley proof. For related correspondence, see LAW 2/1/444).

Paper 1 file

1910s-1965

Short literary works (alphabetical order).

Paper 3 boxes

1963

Draft speech in tribute to Stanley Anderson, footballer.

[Note: Probably made on Anderson's transfer from Sunderland A.F.C. to Newcastle United F.C.]

Paper 1f

[1930s x 1950s]

*Clement Attlee.* Manuscript drafts and typescripts. Different drafts describe Attlee as the Leader of the Opposition, and as Prime Minister, and each may be separate works.

Paper 1 file

[1920s x 1965]

*Babies three.* Manuscript.

Paper 5f

[1920s x 1930s]

*The Battle.* Manuscripts and typescripts, one bearing the stamp of John Quill Ltd Literary Advisers (see LAW 2/1/68). Versions of this piece were included by JJJ within *Geordie* (LAW 2/4/1/1), and *A man's life* (LAW 2/4/1/3).

Paper 1 file

[1920s x 1945]

*Big Ben.* Two typescripts. Republished in 1945 in *Who goes home?*

Paper 1 file

[1920s x 1965]

*Bill.* Two typescripts. An address (religious), and a literary piece.

Note: “His name is “Bill”, *Tribune Magazine*, 13 May 1938, p. 10.

Paper 1 file

5 April 1955


Paper 11f

[1920s x 1950]


Paper 4f
LAW 2/4/2/9 [1920s x 1965]
By the fireside. Manuscript.
Paper 10f

LAW 2/4/2/10 [1930s]
Camping out. Typescript.
Paper 9f

LAW 2/4/2/11 [1930s]
Paper 3f

LAW 2/4/2/12 [1920s x 1965]
The County Palatine of Durham. Typescript.
Paper 22f

LAW 2/4/2/13 [1920s x 1965]
“A dark skinned man came slowly down the street leading a Bear by a strong chain.” Manuscript.
Paper 3f

LAW 2/4/2/14 [1920s x 1950]
Dawn. Manuscript, and four typescripts. See also LAW 1/2/175/10.
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/2/15 [1949]
The discovery of Sydney Webb. Manuscript research notes, and typescript, marked up for typesetter. [Published in The Webbs and their work, ed. M. Cole (1949)].
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/2/16 [1920s x 1965]
Durham Cathedral. Manuscript (notepad), and three typescripts.
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/2/17 20 December 1951
The Durham scene. Typescript.
Paper 3f

LAW 2/4/2/18 [1942]
“During the 23 years I’ve been in Parliament I must have travelled from Newcastle to London and back at least 1000 times.” Manuscript.
Paper 8f

LAW 2/4/2/19 [1950 x 1965]
“Great things have been done in the country since the end of the last war.”
Subject of education. Manuscript.
Paper 9f

LAW 2/4/2/20 [1939 x 1945]
Evacuee train. Typescript.
Paper 9f
LAW 2/4/21  [March 1933]
The explosion. Two newspaper cuttings (Daily Herald, 17 March 1933, and another), reporting the discovery of two victims from the 1909 West Stanley Colliery disaster; manuscript, and typescript. See also LAW 2/6/3.
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/22  [1950 x 1965]
“"The Father of the House" is officially named as such and accorded a special place in the esteem of the Members.” Manuscript.
Paper 8f

LAW 2/4/23  [1920s x 1945]
The fisherman. Typescript. Republished in 1945 in Who goes home?
Paper 5f

LAW 2/4/24  [1930s]
Flood. Typescript.
Paper 5f

LAW 2/4/25  [1940s]
Flying bombs. Typescript.
Paper 6f

LAW 2/4/26  [1930s]
The future of Britain. Typescript.
Paper 5f

LAW 2/4/27  [1950s x 1965]
The good neighbour. Manuscript.
Paper 11f

LAW 2/4/28  [1920s x 1930s]
The Hansoms. Typescript. Stamped by the literary agency John Quill Ltd (see LAW 2/1/68).
Paper 6f

LAW 2/4/29  [1920s x 1965]
How can a man know his own way? Manuscript, and two typescripts.
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/30  [1920s x 1965]
“I stood still listening to the wind and watching the trees on the hedges tossing their branches about like black shadows.” Manuscript.
Paper 9f

LAW 2/4/31  [1920s x 1965]
“In his essay on Christ’s Hospital - better known as the Blue Coat School - Charles Lamb says that when he was a scholar there he used to be very much taken up with the pictures in a large Prayer Book - known as the Basket Prayer Book.” Manuscripts. Essay on the subject of the Bible.
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/32  [1920s x 1930s]
The inevitable war. Two manuscripts.
Paper 1 file
LAW 2/4/2/33  [1920s x 1930s]
Jacky: or The fore-shift. Manuscript and two typescripts. [Published in The Labour Woman magazine, February 1933 (see LAW 2/4/3/16)] See also LAW 2/1/68.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/34  [1944]
June 8 :1944. Manuscript.
Paper  16f

LAW 2/4/2/35  [1930s x 1965]
George Lansbury. Three typescripts.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/36  [1950 x 1965]
“The life of all men and women of my Generation, covers a period of Change, which has no parallel in the history of the world - as far as Recorded History is concerned.” Manuscript.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/37  [1929]
Life’s chapters. Manuscripts and typescripts. Series in six parts:
1. “Kells stands above Whitehaven, near to St. Bees.” Typescript;
2. “But are you going to leave, Lawson?” asked Mr. Cousins, my Schoolmaster” Typescript;
3. “Twenty years old; Putting for nearly three years; tough and strong.” Typescript;
4. “You know you should go to Ruskin College.”” Manuscript and typescript;
5. “Members desiring to take their Seats please come to the Table.” Manuscript (see LAW 2/4/3/26);
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/38  20 August 1951
Lindisfarne. Manuscripts and typescripts. See also LAW 2/3/18.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/39  [after 1937 x 1940s]
The logic of materialism. Manuscript and typescript.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/40  [1949 x 1958]
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/41
The making of Mr Speaker. Manuscript and typescript.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/42  [1920s x 1940s]
“Mam”. Four typescripts.
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*A penn'orth for tuppence*. Typescript. Republished in 1945 in *Who goes home?*
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LAW 2/4/2/55  31 March 1952
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/56  [1941 x 1946]
Remembrance day address, made during the [Second World] war. Manuscript.
Paper  12f

LAW 2/4/2/57  2 June 1935
*Reshuffle of Government*. Published in the *Sunday Sun*, 2 June 1935 (see LAW 2/4/3/23).
Paper  10f

LAW 2/4/2/58  9 July 1944
Paper  9f

LAW 2/4/2/59  [1954 x 1955]
*The room of memory*. Manuscript and four typescripts. (See also, LAW 2/1/625-626).
“Chapter 2 - After the Room of Memory.” Manuscript.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/60  [1920s x 1940s]
*Sal Madge*. Typescript.
Paper  5f

LAW 2/4/2/61  [1920s x 1930s]
*The shaftman. A tale of the mines*. Three typescripts, one stamped by the literary agency John Quill Ltd, (see LAW 2/1/68).
[Note: also incorporated within the longer work, *Geordie* (LAW 2/4/1/1), and [re]published in 1945 in *Who goes home?*].
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/62  [1920s x 1965]
*Shepherds and stars*. Manuscript and typescript.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/63  [1940s]
“Some time ago I ventured to speak to you of some things which had long been brewing in my mind.” Manuscript. Draft [?broadcast] on the subject of planning and housing (reconstruction).
Paper  7f

LAW 2/4/2/64  28 March 1954
Paper  1 file
LAW 2/4/2/65  [1938]
Spain. Manuscript and typescript. Account of a visit to Republican Spain, the journey from London beginning on 3 January [1938], (see LAW 2/1/110).
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/66  1930
The spreadover. Typescript. See also LAW 2/1/68.
Paper  4f

LAW 2/4/2/67  [early 1935]
Storm over Britain. Manuscript.
[Note: article probably relates to the breakdown of the Unemployment Assistance regulations in January 1935, see LAW 1/2/51-73 and LAW 1/2/92].
Paper  5f

LAW 2/4/2/68  [1920s x 1965]
A strange house. Typescript. [House of Commons].
Paper  4f

LAW 2/4/2/69  20 February 1944
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/70  [early 1949]
The tale of two shafts, or The Oaks, or The Oaks colliery explosion. Six typescripts.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/71  [1920s x 1965]
The teacher. Typescript.
Paper  6f

LAW 2/4/2/72  [1920s x 1965]
They went inbye. Manuscript and typescript.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/2/73  [1934]
“This Age has deep troubles.” Manuscript.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/4/2/74  [1930s x 1945]
“This power, almost ignored in the Western World, has not gone altogether unnoticed in some political quarters.” Corrected typescript and carbon copy. [Part of a short work] calling for a re-discovery of Soul, in order to mobilize its crusading power against Fascist and Communist fanaticism.
Paper  4f (2 copies)

LAW 2/4/2/75  [1920s x 1930s]
The tower on the hill. Two typescripts, one stamped by the literary agency John Quill Ltd (see LAW 2/1/68).
Paper  1 file
LAW 2/4/2/76  [1932]
The Trades Union Congress. Manuscript. Paper 9f

LAW 2/4/2/77  [1920s x 1945]
The watchers. Two typescripts. Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/2/78  23 October 1943

LAW 2/4/2/79  [1920s x 1945]
What books have meant to me. Manuscript and typescripts. Republished in 1945 in Who goes home? [Note: among the B.B.C. archives is a script entitled “Books that have influenced me” (part 1), broadcast by J.J.L on 24 April 1944 and repeated on 13 July 1944; and “Books that have influenced me” (part 2), broadcast 2 December 1945]. Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/2/80  [1920s x 1950]
What we must do then. Typescript. Paper 8f

LAW 2/4/2/81  [1920s x 1965]
What's the matter with mankind? Manuscript. Paper 1 notebook volume

LAW 2/4/2/82  2 October 1943

LAW 2/4/2/83  [1910s x 1965]
Worker and machine. Manuscript. Paper 7f

LAW 2/4/3  [1915]-1960
Cuttings: short literary works and journalism. Paper 1 file

[See LAW 2/4/1/3 Box 3]  [1915 x 1918]
[Magazine cutting, Ruskin Collegian: “The dreamers”. Revised in pencil in J.J.L's hand for inclusion in a later autobiographical work, bound with a related manuscript.]

Lawson 2/4/3/1  February 1922
LAW 2/4/3/2  December 1923
Paper  2f

LAW 2/4/3/3  18 August 1928
Paper  2f

LAW 2/4/3/4  4 March 1929
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/5  6 March 1929
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/6  9 March 1929
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/7  11 March 1929
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/8  13 March 1929
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/9  15 March 1929
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/10  3 January 1930
Newspaper cutting, *Daily News*: “When I worked in the mines.”
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/11  August 1930
Newspaper cutting, *Evening World*: “These days, I am carefree. How it feels to be on Holiday after one of the longest Parliamentary Sessions on record.”
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/12  23 July 1932
Newspaper cutting, *New Clarion*: “My own folk. “World Socialism has no better Champion that then Durham Miner””.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/13  27 August 1932
Newspaper cutting, *New Clarion*: “Attack now!”
Paper  1f
LAW 2/4/3/14  15 September 1932
Newspaper cutting, British Weekly: “The Trade Union Congress”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/15  3 November 1932
Newspaper cutting, British Weekly: “The means test”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/16  February 1933
Magazine cutting, The Labour Woman: “The fore shift”.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/4/3/17  19 May 1933
Newspaper cutting, Daily Herald: “Heroes of the industrial battlefield”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/18  8 March 1934
Newspaper cutting, British Weekly: “The age of romance”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/19  6 May 1934
Newspaper cutting, Sunday Sun: review of Under the wheels, with a “Message from the author”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/20  16 December 1934
Newspaper cutting, Sunday Sun: “The second industrial revolution”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/21  [1935]
Newspaper cutting, Sunday Sun: “The week in Parliament. Mr. Speaker.”
Annotated in JJJL’s hand, “The making of Mr Speaker”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/22  27 February 1935
Republished in 1945 (as Night Express, 1938) in Who goes home?
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/23  [2 June 1935]
Newspaper cutting, Sunday Sun: notice of an article by JJJL on changes in the Cabinet.
[Note: date drawn from LAW 2/4/2/57].
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/24  17 June 1935
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/25  2 August 1935
Newspaper cutting, Daily Herald: “Who goes home?”
Paper 1f
LAW 2/4/3/26  29 September 1935
Newspaper cutting, *Sunday Sun*: “My first election campaign was a failure ... My second gave me a majority of 11,000 - and a back seat in Parliament.” Part five of *Life’s Chapters* (see LAW 2/4/2/37).
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/27  24 October 1935
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/28  8 November 1935
Newspaper, *Chester-le-Street Chronicle and District Advertiser*, issue no. 1,268: election address.
Paper 3f (outsise)
Location: Rm5/PF3/8

LAW 2/4/3/29  18 December 1935
Newspaper cutting, *Morning Post*: “Miner MP’s plea for the miners. Men who are still the life of Britain.” For a reply (“The brighter side of the miner’s life”) by Captain Osbert Peake, MP, to this article, published 19 December 1935 in the *Morning Post*, see LAW 3/2/17/12.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/30  29 December 1935
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/31  5 January 1936
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/32  25 July 1936
Newspaper cutting, *Forward*: “New unemployment regulations analysed. How much more - and less - does the unfortunate unemployed family get? Let to an officer’s “discretion”.”
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/33  25 July 1936
Newspaper cutting, *Daily Herald*: “Battle song reply to the Means Test”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/34  25 November 1937
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/35  20 March 1938
Paper 1f
LAW 2/4/3/36  17 February 1940
Newspaper cutting, Daily Herald: “The man who was loved by millions”.
Appreciation of Bob Smillie.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/37  9 February 1943
Newspaper cutting, Daily Herald: “Pitiful weapons of China”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/38  28 February 1943
Newspaper cutting, Sunday Sun: “Where Huns sing small”. Report of visit to
Turkey, on the return leg of China parliamentary mission.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/39  20 May 1943
Magazine cutting, The Listener: ““The Turks are our good friends”.”
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/40  9 December 1943
Newspaper cutting, British Weekly: “Mr. Speaker goes to prayers”. Republished
in 1945 in Who goes home?
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/41  24 February 1944
Newspaper cutting, The Listener: “Mortal man and immortal art”. Republished
in 1945 in Who goes home? Text of a “Sunday Postscript” by JJK and broadcast
by the B.B.C. Home Service [Home and Forces Programme (London)] on 20
February 1944 following the 21.00 news, at 21.20 [?21.15], and repeated the
following day following the 13.00 news, at 13.15. by JJK on , see LAW
2/1/140-442, and LAW 2/4/2/69.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/42  11 December 1944
Newspaper cutting, [Daily] Herald: “Should a man be proud to be a miner?”
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/43  7 May 1949
Newspaper cutting, Weekly Chronicle: “Peter Lee”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/44  29 September 1949
Newspaper cutting, British Weekly: “Dr. Wearmouth’s “Research Magnificent”.
Seeing the vision in makers of history”. Review of Robert F. Wearmouth’s Some
working-class movements of the nineteenth century.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/4/3/45  1 December 1949
Newspaper, British Weekly, no. 3290, vol. CXXVII: containing, on page 7,
“Ebenezer Elliott and the people’s anthem”.
Paper  6f (outsise)
Location: Rm5/PF3/8

LAW 2/4/3/46  [1950]
Newspaper cutting, [ Clarion]: “The first Labour Government”.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/4/3/47-48  [June 1951]
Galley proofs, and newspaper cutting, unidentified publication: “None spoke his thoughts, but all prayed for a miracle”. Report of the Easington Colliery disaster, 29 May 1951.
Paper 2f; 1f

LAW 2/4/3/49  25 December 1953
Newspaper cutting, Durham Chronicle and Chester-le-Street Chronicle: “Christmas greetings to all”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/3/50  17 July 1954
Newspaper, Sunderland Echo, 1954 Durham Miners' Gala supplement: “‘The greatest show on earth,” says Lord Lawson”.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/4/3/51  25 May 1960
Newspaper cutting, Sunderland Echo, [Peterlee] supplement (part): “New town is a tribute to fighting Pete. “We want more than praying here” said the great miners' leader”.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/4/4  [1934]-1948
Publications. Copies of J JL's published autobiographical and biographical works, and of Who goes home? can be found in the library's printed catalogue.
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/4/1  [1934 x 1940]
Paper 12p

LAW 2/4/4/2  April 1948
Paper 18p

LAW 2/4/5  [1930s]-[1965]
Poetry.
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/4/5/1  [1930s]
“Red Roses, white Lilies; Honeysuckle over grey walls”. Addressed “To all rulers”. Corrected typescript. Poem against war.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/4/5/2  [1950 x 1965]
Paper 1f

LAW 2/4/6  [1940s]-[1965]
(Non-autobiographical) fragments.
Paper 1 file
LAW 2/4/6/1  [1920s x 1965]
Manuscript and typescript fragments of non-autobiographical writings: the changing world; the individual in an increasingly mechanised world; future Labour Party leadership speaking [at the Durham Miners' Gala]; 19th-century social conditions, and Trade Unionism.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/6/2  [1940s x 1950s]
White notebook containing drafts of various short works by JJL: the Speaker of the House of Commons; philosophical / religious thoughts on JJL's reaching seventy-one years of age; “This changed world”; “Life”; China; personal journal.
Paper  1 volume

LAW 2/4/6/3  [1940s x 1965]
Blue notebook containing drafts of various short works by JJL: “Lin Sen”; education; commendatory address for Donald Clarke, and the war at sea (see Who goes home? pp. 37-45); changes in modern life ( “Oil and the internal combustion engine has deeply affected our lives during the last Quarter of a Century”; “It is plain to any thoughtful man and woman today powerful forces are deeply influencing the lives of people in all nations”); the mastery of modern material conditions to serve the man and the community; post-war society, demobilisation; Good-bye Shangra-li [sic]; How we have changed; “In this book I have given a glimpse of some of the things that are part of the warp and woof of our thought - your thought and mine” [the Introduction to Who goes home?].
Paper  1 volume

LAW 2/4/7  [1900s x 1965]
Book reviews, and research notes.
Paper  4 files

LAW 2/4/7/1  [1900s x 1910s]
Research notes on Robert Burns. Manuscript.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/7/2  [1900s x 1910s]
Research notes on John Ruskin. Manuscript.
Paper  1 file

LAW 2/4/7/3  January [1934]
Paper  8f

[See LAW 2/4/3/44]  [29 September 1949]
[Book review of Robert F. Wearmouth's Some working-class movements of the nineteenth century.]

LAW 2/4/7/4  [1910s x 1965]
Fragments of manuscripts research notes on the following subjects: European history; the telephone; the Roman Empire; Report on the affairs of British North America (1839); Antarctica by J. Gordon Hayes.
Paper  1 file
Scrapbooks
1932-1948
2 volumes

LAW 2/5/1 1932-1934
Scrapbook in which are pasted newspaper cuttings and, unless otherwise stated, commendatory correspondence, reviewing or relating to *A man's life*. Correspondents' names and addresses are recorded, with the date and extent of each item; noteworthy content is also described.

Paper; ring-binder 44pp; 1 binder, with 2 items affixed

LAW 2/5/1 front cover A 21 October 1932
J. B. Priestley, 3 The Grove, Highgate Village, London; 21 October 1932; invitation to a meal;
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/1 front cover B 8 November [1932]
Jane Priestley, 3 The Grove, Highgate Village, London: invitation to Sunday lunch.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/11 23 September 1932
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/12A 12 November 1932
C. J. Brand, 82 Lawn Road, London: Russian revolution; poor working conditions in “Northern ports” timber industry.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/12B 3 November 1932
J. R. Clynes, 41 St John's Road, Putney, London: prospect of writing a book himself; Professor J. H. Haldane.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/13A 18 February 1933
Newspaper cutting, *Boston Evening Transcript*.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/5/13B 2 April 1933
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/14 14 November 1932
Ruth Dodds, Honorary Secretary, Socialist League (Gateshead Branch), Home House, Low Fell, Gateshead: “the sort of book that is being written now for the first time”; contrasts with Samuel Smiles' writing; I.L.P. and Socialist League; invitation to visit a League Sunday night meeting.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/15A Undated [1932]
George and Mary, 5 Coronation Terrace, Boldon Colliery: local reception of the book, recognising incidents and characters; John O. London; pit idle today “for trade & Compensation Cases signing for Dole”.
Paper 2f
LAW 2/5/15B  28 August 1932
Dick Lawson, Miners' Secretary, Dawdon Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, Seham Harbour: reminiscences.
Paper  3f

LAW 2/5/15C  8 September 1932
Dick Lawson, Miners' Secretary, Dawdon Lodge, Durham Miners' Association, Seham Harbour.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/17  Undated [1932]
Newspaper cutting, Daily Standard, Brisbane, Queensland.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/5/18A  28 November 1932
David Low, 3 Rodborough Road, Golders Green, London: met JJL at Priestleys.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/18B  13 October [1932]
Phyllis Ponsonby, The Rectory, Much Hadham, Hertforshire.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/18C  5 October 1932
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/19  10 November 1932
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, Sydney, New South Wales.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/5/110A  19 October 1932
Albert E. Henshall, President, National Union of Teachers, Abbott Villa, 74 Cambridge Street, Stafford, to E. H. Hogarth, 20 The Crescent, Chester-le-Street: offers thanks for dispatch of autographed copy.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/110B  15 November 1932
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/110C  28 September 1932
Ben Turner, The Homestead, Carlton Avenue, Batley.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/111  11 January 1933
Newspaper cutting, New Zealand Worker, Wellington.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/112A  Friday [1932]
[Viscountess] Dorothy Downe, Hillington Hall, King's Lynn: offers thanks for complimentary inscription; invitation to visit.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/5/112B 22 September 1932
Walter Runciman, Shoreston Hall, Seahouses, Northumberland.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/113A 31 December 1932
Paper 2f

LAW 2/5/113B 15 February 1933
Newspaper cutting, Advocate, Brisbane, Queensland.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/114A 16 September 1932
Newspaper cutting, Evening Telegraph, Dundee.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/114B 25 September 1932
Cecil H. Wilson, 26 Chippingham Street, Sheffield: recalling meeting in 1926.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/115A 3 January 1934
Newspaper cutting, Morrinsville Star, New Zealand.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/115B 23 December 1933
Newspaper cutting, Evening Star, Dunedin, New Zealand.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/115C 13 January 1934
Newspaper cutting, King Country Chronicle, Te Kuiti, New Zealand.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/115D 11 December 1933
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/115E 6 December 1933
Newspaper cutting, New Zealand Truth, Wellington, New Zealand.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/115F 17 February 1934
Newspaper cutting, Otago Daily Times, Dunedin, New Zealand.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/115G [1933 x 1934]
Newspaper cutting, Feilding Star, New Zealand.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/115H 7 December 1933
Newspaper cutting, New Zealand Observer.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/116A 19 December 1932
A wayfarer in London: George Borrow, Richard Jefferies; “ordinary man is ... almost a trespasser in the land of his birth”, wary of Socialism; recommends Adult School Union publications.
Paper 2f
LAW 2/5/116B  6 October 1932
Jesse Blakey, Roseneath, Parrock Road, Nelson: autographed copies; Methodism, influence of John Wilson; invitation to preach.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/117A  13 February 1934
Newspaper cutting, Star, Auckland, New Zealand.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/117B  7 March 1934
Newspaper cutting, New Zealand Truth, Wellington.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/117C  4 January 1934
Newspaper cutting, Ashburton Chronicle, New Zealand.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/117D  26 December 1933
Newspaper cutting, Wairarapa Times, Masterton, New Zealand.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/117E  19 January 1934
Newspaper cutting, Te Aroha News, New Zealand.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/117F  [1933 x 1934]
Newspaper cutting, Wanganui Chronicle, New Zealand.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/118A  1 December 1932
James Lindsay, 168 Coventry Road, Swindon.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/118B  29 September 1932
G. W. Allinson, District Secretary, The National Union of Blastfurnacemen, Coke Workers, Oreminers & Kindred Trades, 20 Station Road, Kettering.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/119  20 February 1933
Newspaper cutting, Natal Mercury, South Africa. Continued at LAW 2/5/1/21A.
Paper  4f

LAW 2/5/120A  19 November 1932
Mrs Kate Holt, Halcyon Club, 13/14 Cork Street, London: Durham born; Harry Metcalfe.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/120B  2 September [1932]
Will Lawther, Compton House, Station Avenue, Brandon, Co. Durham; local library reading list; organising winter lecture series based on [Labour] Party pamphlet series.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/121A  20 February 1933
Newspaper cutting, Natal Mercury, South Africa. Continued from LAW 2/5/1/19.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/5/121B 11 February 1933
Newspaper cutting, Cape Times, South Africa.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/5/122 24 December 1932
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/123A 24 September 1932
Newspaper cutting, Natal Witness, South Africa.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/123B 8 October 1932
Newspaper cutting, Dispatch, South Africa.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/123C 5 December 1932
Newspaper cutting, Star, South Africa.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/123D 24 December 1932
Newspaper cutting, Daily Mail, South Africa.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/123E 22 May 1934
Newspaper cutting, Sunday Times, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/123F 26 November 1932
Newspaper cutting, Cape Argus, South Africa.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/124A 13 September 1932
Ethel M. Richardson Rice, 67 Eardley Crescent, London: met JJJ at Golders Green; Organising Secretary of the Selborne Society, and trustee of two minors; Mr Marsh Roberts; war service in Air Force, and bombing raids.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/5/124B 19 September 1932
N. S. Hall, 78 Eaton Terrace, London.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/124C 30 August 1932
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/125A 11 November 1932
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/125B 11 November 1932
Newspaper cutting, Rangoon Times, Burma.
Paper 2f
LAW 2/5/126 3 November 1932
J. E. Kell, 7 Oak Terrace, Leasingthorne, Bishop Auckland.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/127A 21 November 1932
Newspaper cutting, Civil and Military Gazette, India.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/127B 21 November 1932
Newspaper cutting, Pioneer, India.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/128 6 November 1932
Madge Swaddle, 15 Clarinet Avenue, Ilford: Rev. Askby Howe, quoting JJJL's work in a sermon.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/129 9 December 1932
Newspaper cutting, Herald, South Africa.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/130 16 November 1933
Professor B. H. Streeter, The Queen's College, Oxford: recalls JJJL's appreciation of Oxford when at Ruskin College, and his return to the North; encloses a copy of the writer's work, Reality.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/131 22 October 1932
Newspaper cutting, Daily Mail, South Africa.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/132A 25 November 1932
John H. Fraser, Monticello, Iowa: book sent to writer by his brother, T. H. Fraser of Cairo, political economist; Selkirk upbringing; emigrated 1909; c. 1927 visit to uncle Professor Robert Howden, University of Durham's College of Medicine at Newcastle; impression of mining town; encloses a review, [not present], entitled "The many coloured window" by Professor W. B. Thomas of Jamestown, North Dakota; introduces his brother-in-law Professor Hyman Levy, University of London.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/5/132B 23 September 1932
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/133A 15 February 1933
Newspaper cutting, Advocate, Brisbane, Australia.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/133B 18 February 1933
Newspaper cutting, Sydney Morning Herald, Australia.
Paper 1f
LAW 2/5/134A  25 July 1933
Harry East, 36 New Street, Aberavon, Port Talbot, Glamorgan: injured ex-miner, requesting copy.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/134B  25 July 1933
Harry East, 36 New Street, Aberavon, Port Talbot, Glamorgan: vivid account of heat and vermin in mines.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/135A  23 January 1934
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/135B  1 March 1934
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/135C  8 January 1934
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/135D  16 December 1933
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/135E  17 February 1934
Newspaper cutting, *Daily Times*, Otago, New Zealand.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/136A  30 November 1932
A. J. P. Phillipson, 58 The Close, Broadway, Kettering.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/136B  6 September [1932]
Will Lawther, Compton House, Station Avenue, Brandon, Co. Durham: recommending a supporter be made a JP
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/136C  10 October 1932
E. H. Hogarth, National Union of Teachers, 20 The Crescent, Chester-le-Street: seeking autographed copy for A. E. Henshall, president of the Union, addressing joint meeting of teachers of West Stanley and Chester-le-Street Associations.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/137  [April 1932]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “Local Preachers' Corner, conducted by John Mark”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/138A  November 1932
C. R. Ashbee, Godden Green, Near Sevenoaks: architect; critical of a perceived rejection of artists, poets and agriculturalists by the Socialist movement in England; Morris, Ruskin; advocates political non-alignment.
Paper  2f
LAW 2/5/138B  13 October 1932
George Franks, Store House, Pelaw on Tyne: former neighbour in Store Buildings; shared debt to Mr Smailes, J. Redhead, J. Haram.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/5/139  20 October 1932
Newspaper cutting, Toronto Star, Ontario, Canada.
Paper  5f

LAW 2/5/140A  7 November 1932
R. Charlton, 9 Oak Dene Avenue, Darlington.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/5/140B  14 November 1932
Mary Griffiths, 40 Albert Avenue, Prestwich, Manchester.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/141  23 March 1933
Newspaper cutting, Queensland Methodist Times, Brisbane, Australia.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/142A  19 October 1932
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/142B  6 January 1933
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/143A  17 September 1932
Newspaper cutting, Age, [Melbourne], Australia.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/143B  18 February 1933
Newspaper cutting, Sydney Morning Herald, New South Wales, Australia.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/143C  12 November 1932
Newspaper cutting, West Australian, [Perth], Australia.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/143D  24 September 1932
Newspaper cutting, Evening Star, Australia.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/144A  9 June [1932]
Matthew Leadbitter, The Rectory, Moretonhampstead, Devon: recommends Arthur Waugh’s One man’s road.
Paper  2f
LAW 2/5/144B  26 August [1932]
W. Moore Ede, Dean, The Deanery, Worcester: indicating the writer read the work in some form prior to publication.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/2  1939-1948
Appointments diary for 1942 transformed into a scrapbook in which are pasted newspaper cuttings and correspondence relating to various subjects, concerning both JJJL's public and personal activities. Correspondents' names and addresses are recorded, with the date and extent of each item; noteworthy content is also described. Diary entries between 1-14 January are visible, between 15 January - 7 March entries are obscured by pasted-in items, and thereafter the diary is blank. At some point certain items pasted into this diary were removed; some such items were found elsewhere in JJJL's disordered correspondence and papers and replaced here, however, remaining gaps indicate the scrapbook is still incomplete.
Paper  1 album (10 loose items)

LAW 2/5/27A  31 March 1947
James Elder, Eighton Banks: congratulations on conferment of degree of D.C.L. by the University of Durham.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/27B  [2 July 1947]
Newspaper cutting, [Journal, Newcastle upon Tyne]; “University honours pit boy”: conferment of degree of D.C.L. (second copy).
Paper  1f

[LAW 2/5/2][7C]
[Item no longer present].

LAW 2/5/27D  8 January 1948
Paper  2f

LAW 2/5/28A  [July 1947]
Newspaper cutting, unidentified publication, “University honours the workers”.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/28B  12 March 1947
J. F. Duff, Vice-Chancellor, University of Durham, 38 North Bailey, Durham: invitation to Congregation at King’s College, Newcastle, on 2 July, for conferment of honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/28C  2 July 1947
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/29A  22 December 1947
Sam Watson, National Union of Mineworkers, Red Hill, Durham: thanking JJJL for gift of gloves.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/5/29B  31 March 1947
Sam Watson, Durham: congratulations on the award of an honorary D.C.L.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/210A  August 1948
Magazine cutting, Coat; “Miners in literature”, by Roger Dataller.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/210B  31 October 1943
[?Jane] Priestley, B. 3 & 4 Albany, London: recalls J JL’s first visit and his reaction
to his hosts’ parlour man; just returned to London, organising children’s nurseries.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/211A  9 July 1941
Cutting, Labour Press Service; “The man in the cap,” by Jack Lawson”, reviewed
by Lord Sankey.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/211B  [July 1947]
Entry ticket for Congregation ceremony, University of Durham, at [King’s College,
Newcastle upon Tyne].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/211C  19 April 1939
Newspaper cutting, The Times; “Two points of defence”: report and reaction to
announcement in the House of Commons of the appointment of J JL as Deputy
Commissioner Northern Region.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/212A  9 June 1943
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/212B  26 March 1944
Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Maxwell, United Service Club, Pall Mall, London: high
opinion of Colonel C. J. Pickering for J JL.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/213A  May 1943
Entwistle and Bacon Limited, Southport: commends broadcast.
Paper  1f, with envelope

LAW 2/5/213B  1 February 1944
Wen Juan-ning, Aviz Hotel, Avenida Fontes, Lisbon, Portugal: offers thanks for
copy of A man’s life, to read upon return to Chungking; visit to England; J JL’s
regard for Chinese people, reciprocated.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/214  14 December 1947
W. Robinson, Greenmount Hill, Post Office, Via Midland Junction, West Australia:
emigrated from Boldon Colliery this year; requests permission to broadcast
[excerpts from] A man’s life for the radio programme “Workers’ Hour”.
Paper  1f
LAW 2/5/215A 21 February 1944
John Turner, 670 Avonside Drive, Christchurch, New Zealand: commends broadcast (20:45 local time; Daventry transmitter), ["Mortal man and immortal art"]; critical of remarks by Bishop of Chichester.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/215B 21 February 1944
Florence A. Turner, 670 Avonside Drive, Christchurch, New Zealand: commends broadcast, ["Mortal man and immortal art"].
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/216A 26 September 1945
R. B. Walker, 5958449, OR OPS. Section R Company, 4 Corps Signals, S.E.A.C., to Mr G. A. [?Pangiter], 84 Ranel[agh] Road, Southall, Middlesex: recounts visit on 22 September of JJL, Secretary of State for War; "[he] has lightened our darkness as it were. He has seen through the whitewash of the Brass hats and gained the confidence and backing of all the men out here - something Mr James Grigg was never likely to attain. We all wish Mr Lawson and every other minister for that matter, great success"; effect of travel on JJL's health; reduction in terms of service; pledge not to demobilise troops in Europe prior to those in Asia [and elsewhere] "has brought us content"; wide and strong criticism of [Charles] Dukes, and others, for making similar statements, but "that have no foundation".
Paper 2f

LAW 2/5/216B 19 October 1945
Leonard [?Ropner], The Moothall, Newcastle upon Tyne: reports high regard for JJL among troops, "it is due to you and you alone that they are prepared to await movement"; encloses a writing, made following the election; Colonel Bob.
Paper 2f

LAW 2/5/217A 30 August 1945
Will Bell, 10 Selborne Grove, Bradford, Yorkshire: offers thanks for JJL tribute to the Bell family in A man's life; visit to S.E.A.C., and Graham [?Bell].
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/217B 22 February 1944
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/218 19 June 1948
Freda Norman, 79 Windermere Road, Woodhouse, Whitehaven, Cumberland: niece.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/219 12 December 1945
Gunther Stein, 102 West 80th Street, New York, New York: anecdote of a "pukkah sahib" reading A man's life on a train in India; returns from ten years in Japan and China to analyse economic situation in Britain.
Paper 1f
Magazine cutting, unknown publication, Ellen Wilkinson: biographical article by J JL.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/5/220B  [after 1942 x 1950]
Magazine cutting, Letters in war time: account of death of Clive Lawson, following an air raid.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/5/221A  18 February 1937
James Barrie, Curtis Brown Ltd, 6 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London: J JL's agreements with Hodder & Stoughton for A man's life and another unidentified work preclude any agreement with Curtis Brown Ltd, even regarding American rights.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/221B  1 June [1943]
Magazine cutting, Letters in war time: account of J JL speaking at a Chester-le-Street meeting in aid of China.
Paper  1f

[LAW 2/5/2][22A]
[Item no longer present].

LAW 2/5/222B  17 October 1945
Anthony [Eden], House of Commons: offers his thanks for J JL's friendship; importance of personal friendships, across party lines, at a time when “personal sorrow made it hard to breast the world again”.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/5/222  19 January 1942
Anthony Eden, [Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs], Foreign Office: refers to Letter in war time, containing reference to the biography of Eden's father [Sir William Eden].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/225A  17 November 1945
[Field Marshal] B. L. Montgomery, [1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Commander-in-Chief], Tactical Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine: corrects reported figures for reductions in officers on his headquarters staff; enjoyed yesterday's early meeting, proposing another meeting at the War Office on 1 December, or at Claridges on 30 November; encloses unidentified pamphlet, [not present].
Paper  1f

LAW 2/5/225B  7 October 1946
Paper  1f
LAW 2/5/26 27 February 1943
Anthony Eden, [Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs], Foreign Office: acknowledges receipt of JJL’s report on industrial conditions in “Free China”, seeking permission to print and circulate to the War Cabinet; post-war development and labour standards and wages; defends the regulation of working conditions in foreign factories by the International Settlement Municipal Council Industrial Section, led by Miss Eleanor Hinder; copies of report sent to Bevin, Lyttelton, Harcourt Johnstone, Ministry of Information, Board of Trade, Ministry of Economic Warfare, Ministry of Supply, and Ministry of Fuel and Power.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/27 12 February 1943
Anthony Eden, [Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs], Foreign Office; encloses, for JJL’s private files, copies of official papers [not present] concerning JJL’s mission to China, namely, despatches, notes and reports etc. from Sir Horace Seymour, the Acting Air Attaché to the Embassy at Chungking, Mr Ogden Consul-General Kunming.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/2[28] 2 March 1942
Clement Attlee, [Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs], Dominions Office, Downing Street: offers his thanks for JJL’s support; “[w]e are going through pretty difficult times which seem to me to test very much the spirits of our people. With most of them, like yourself, the dross disappears and the gold remains”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/5/229 11 December 1945
A[lan] Lascelles, [Private Secretary to the King], Buckingham Palace: reports the acceptance of JJL’s Who goes home?, and the second edition of A man’s life, by the King and Queen.
Paper 1f

Religious writings
[1900s-1965]
JJL’s religious writings are rarely dated. Items are therefore very roughly arranged in three chronological sections, inferred largely from textual and contextual evidence (stationary etc.): before 1918; 1919 x 1949; 1950 x 1965. There are a further two files of undated writings and of fragments. In many instances JJL’s writings in this series share social and political themes and incidents extant in his secular writings, but which are collected here due to their more developed and explicit theological content.
1 box

LAW 2/6/1 [1900s x 1918]
Manuscripts.
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/6/2 [1919 x 1949]
Manuscripts and typescript. Includes an address by JJL at the Watch Night Service at West Pelton Methodist Church, 31 December 1940.
Paper 1 file
LAW 2/6/3 [1950 x 1965]  
Manuscripts.  
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/6/4 [1900s x 1965]  
Undated, manuscript and printed items.  
Paper 1 file

LAW 2/6/5 [1900s x 1965]  
Manuscript fragments, in rough chronological order.  
Paper 1 file

Financial papers  
1923-1955  
Arranged as follows:  
2/7/1 Receipts, 1923-1944;  
2/7/2 Donations and subscriptions, 1923-1936;  
2/7/3 Income tax affairs, 1926-1964;  
2/7/4 Published works royalty statements, 1933-1955.  
1 box

LAW 2/7/1 1923-1944  
Receipts: London board and lodging; office supplies; clothing; children's tuition (Coxlodge Hall School, Gosforth; Smart's College, Newcastle upon Tyne; violin lessons); travel; toys; insurance; social services; building supplies; subscriptions; war damage contributions.  
Paper 61 items
LAW 2/7/2 1923-1936
Correspondence and receipts relating to donations and political/charitable subscriptions made to the following: Independent Labour Party Information Committee; Chester-le-Street Division Labour Party Women's Section; Durham Aged Miners' Homes Association; Furnishing and Upkeep Fund of the Parliamentary Labour Club; testimonials; Miners' Permanent Relief Fund; Miners' Relief Fund; memorial funds; Chester-le-Street Town War Memorial Fund; Miners' Federation of Great Britain Labour Parliamentary Fund; boots for miners' children (Birtley, Wrekenton and Eighton Banks, Beamish); Bewicke Main village fund; Miners' Dependents Relief Fund; [Russia]; Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans, and British Legion; The Salvation Army; private individuals; Ruskin College, Oxford; Birtley Association Football Club; Birtley Unemployed Organisation; West Pelton Collieries Welfare Hall and Institute; Cwm and Bilsthorpe Disasters Relief Fund; County of Durham Labour Women's Advisory Council; Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, Special Appeal Fund; The Royal Earlswood Institution for Mental Defectives; Miners' National Distress Fund; Wesleyan Methodist Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association; West Pelton Wesleyan Sunday School; United Methodist Church, Colliery Row appeal; local schools' Outing Fund; Sacriston Colliery Cricket Club; Durham County Playing Fields Association; Chester-le-Street and District Association Football Alliance; Birtley Star Jazz Band; Washington District Amateur Operatic Society; The Labour Party; Casey Fund; Eighton Banks and Wrekenton School Children's Annual Gala; Beamish Athletic A.F.C.; Chester-le-Street Children's and Old People's Outing Fund; Fence Houses Children's [Christmas] Treat Fund; W. W. Craik Subscription Fund; Birtley Football Club; Harraton Colliery Welfare Scheme; Marley Hill, Sunniside and District Carnival Committee; Chatershaugh Wesleyan Church Fatfield Renovation Fund; Hedworth Church Jubilee Organ Fund; Lumley, Burnmoor, and Fence Houses District Nursing Association Bazaar; Birtley Charity Carnival; Sacriston United A.F.C.; The Holds and Urpeth Farms Children's Outing Fund; Pelton Fell Workmen's Silver Model Band; Grange Villa Allotments Association.
Paper 298 items
Access restrictions: Access to certain items will be restricted by the terms of the UK Data Protection Act, 1998.

LAW 2/7/2/20 21 July 1926
Letter from F. Hoggarth, 30 Dennison Crescent, Birtley, to JJL: acknowledges Gala Day donation; 600 pairs of boots distributed to local children - “to remove the sorrowful spectacle of bootless bairns going to the feeding centre's [sic] & schools which in our opinion is a living monument to the policy that has been pursued by the Coal owners in the past & for which they still believe in”.
Paper 1f

LAW 2/7/2/54 20 October 1928
Letter from W. P. Richardson, Durham Miners' Association, Red Hill, Durham, to JJL: acknowledges donation to the Miners' Relief Fund; JJL's visit to the Worcester Brotherhood produces satisfactory result; article in The Miner by the writer on Safety, and notes with approval the “changed tone” of that publication.
Paper 1f
LAW 2/7/2/84  25 April 1929
Minutes of the second annual general meeting of the Durham County Playing
Fields Association.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/7/2/100  5-10 May 1930
Balance sheet for a production of A country girl by the Washington District
Amateur Operatic Society.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/7/2/115  7 April 1930
National Testimonial to Ben Tillett, MP Testimonial appeal circular on the
occasion of Tillett's passing seventy years of age, with portrait photograph of
Tillett on cover, and address from the fund's joint secretaries.
Paper  2f

LAW 2/7/2/118  1929
Annual accounts for the Eighton Banks & Wrekenton School Children's Gala,
1929.
Paper  1f

LAW 2/7/2/156-159  1928-1931
Annual accounts of the Chester-le-Street and District [Association Football]
Alliance, 1929-1930 and 1930-1931, with 1930 A.G.M. agenda and 1931 receipt
for donation.
Paper  4f

LAW 2/7/2/195  22 July 1936
Leaflet inviting contributions to the Peter Lee Testimonial Fund on behalf of Mrs
Peter Lee; donations to Will Lawther, Durham Miners' Association; JJL a
signatory, (see LAW 2/1/102-103).
Paper  1f

LAW 2/7/3  1926-1964
Correspondence, notices and accounts relating to J JL's income tax affairs, from the
following: The Co-operative Insurance Society Ltd, H.M. Inspector of Taxes, Public
Trustee Office, Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd.
Paper  1 file (23 items)
LAW 2/7/4  1933-1955
Royalty statements, accounts and related correspondence from J JL’s publishers, for the following works and date spans.
Hodder & Stoughton Limited
Under the wheels: 1935;
Peter Lee: 1937-1939.
Methuen & Co. Ltd.
The man in the cap: 1942.
University of London Press Ltd.
The Epworth Press
Who goes home?: 1946, 1952;
Paper  1 file (39 items)
Graphic and printed material

Photographs
LAW 3/1 [1919]-1965
Unsorted. This series contains photographs relating to both JJJL’s public and personal life, including a substantial body of material relating to the Second World War and JJJL’s visit to China in 1942/3. Photographic items referenced in correspondence are noted in each letter’s catalogue description, and separately filed in this series.

2 boxes, and 1 outsize box

Cuttings
1900-1970s
3 boxes; 1 outsize drawer

Location: Outsize cuttings are filed at Rm5/PF3/8.

LAW 3/2/1 Undated [c. 1919-1970s]
Undated cuttings, in rough chronological order.
Paper 22 items

LAW 3/2/2 1900-1919
Paper 3 items

LAW 3/2/2/1 12 March 1908
Paper 1f

LAW 3/2/2/2-3 26 February; 2 April 1909
Consett Chronicle and North-West Durham Advertiser: West Stanley pit disaster. [Former reference: NSR Planfile C 40/1-2.]
Paper 4f; 4f (outsize)

LAW 3/2/3 11 August 1920
Daily Herald: annotated in the hand of JJJL, “Half Copy of Daily Herald which was put into the hands of P. Minister (at his Request) telling him the details of Peace offer as he stood at the despatch Box in the H. of Commons. Tuesday evening. Aug 11th 1920.” The note refers to armistice negotiations between the Soviet Union and Poland, reported to have been scheduled to take place at Minsk on 11 August 1920.
Paper 1f

LAW 3/2/4 [1921]
Paper 1f

LAW 3/2/5 17 November 1922
Paper 1f

LAW 3/2/6 1923
Paper 1f

LAW 3/2/7 1924
Paper 7 items
LAW 3/2/8 1926
Paper 6 items

LAW 3/2/9 1927
Paper 2 items (outsize)

LAW 3/2/10
Number not used.

LAW 3/2/11 1929
Paper 9 items (2 outsize)

LAW 3/2/12 1930
Paper 3 items

LAW 3/2/13 1931
Some cuttings filed here are pasted to loose pages from JYL's 1928 appointment diary, some entries in which, between 1-25 January, are not obscured. See also LAW 1/1/142B.
Paper 19 items

LAW 3/2/14 1932
Paper 10 items (2 outsize)

LAW 3/2/15 1933
Paper 11 items

LAW 3/2/16 1934
Paper 27 items (1 outsize)

LAW 3/2/17 1935
Paper 13 items (1 outsize)

LAW 3/2/18 1936
Paper 24 items (2 outsize)

LAW 3/2/19 1937
Paper 5 items

LAW 3/2/20 1938
Paper 5 items

LAW 3/2/21 1939
Paper 12 items

LAW 3/2/22 1940
Paper 10 items

LAW 3/2/23 1941
Paper 27 items

LAW 3/2/24 1942
Paper 4 items

LAW 3/2/25 1943
Paper 12 items

LAW 3/2/26 1944
See also LAW 2/1/451/2.
Paper 17 items
LAW 3/2/27 1945
Paper 195 items (4 outsize)

LAW 3/2/28 1946
Paper 2 items

LAW 3/2/29 1947
Paper 5 items (2 outsize)

LAW 3/2/30 1949
Paper 15 items (2 outsize)

LAW 3/2/31 1950
Paper 16 items

LAW 3/2/32 1951
Paper 9 items

LAW 3/2/33 1952
Paper 6 items (1 outsize)

LAW 3/2/34 1953
Paper 25 items

LAW 3/2/35 1954
Paper 27 items

LAW 3/2/36 1955
Paper 15 items

LAW 3/2/37 1956
Paper 12 items (1 outsize)

LAW 3/2/38 1957
Paper 7 items

LAW 3/2/39 1958
Paper 7 items (1 outsize)

LAW 3/2/40 1959
Paper 1f

LAW 3/2/41 1960
Paper 6 items

LAW 3/2/42 1961
Paper 2 items

LAW 3/2/43 1962
Paper 8 items

LAW 3/2/44 1964
Paper 5 items

LAW 3/2/45 1965
Paper 12 items

LAW 3/2/46 1966
Paper 2 items
Souvenir postcards (blank), grouped geographically. Picture postcards depicting JJJL, or persons known or related to JJJL, are filed with the photographs, as are postcards of official occasions with which JJJL was involved, for example a visit to Egypt.

LAW 3/3/1 North East England (30ff): Agents' Houses, Durham; Bamburgh Castle; Broadgates, Barnard Castle; South Lodge and Home Farm, Beamish; Market, Bowling Green, and Children's Playground, Chester-le-Street; High Force; Lumley Castle; Roker; Municipal Buildings, King Street, The Pier, and the Penny Ferry at South Shields; Tynemouth Priory, and the Pier Approach; Washington Old Hall (Charles Freeman); Whitburn Church;

LAW 3/3/2 Other regions of England (10ff): unidentified Promenade tram; Edgar Tower, and Cathedral, Worcester; Marine Parade, Southend on Sea; The Manor House, Stoke Poges; Happy Valley, and the Bandstand, Westcliff on Sea; Sacristy Chapel, Burford Church; Sovereign's Throne, House of Lords;

LAW 3/3/3 Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy (43f): Paris, Hannover; Hospice du Simplon, Hospice du Grand St-Bernard; Brigue; Cesuna, Valle Mangaboschi; Asiago; Italian Alpine troops; Cesuna; Venice;

LAW 3/3/4 Singapore and Sumatra (3f);

LAW 3/3/5 Egypt and Middle East (12f): portraits; sphynx; Cairo; pyramids; “Ploughing on the Mount of Olives” (printed in the U.K.);


Paper and photographic paper 117f

LAW 3/3/7-8 [1910s x 1930s]
Two large picture postcards of Burn's Cottage, Ayr, and of Robert Burns.
Size: 24 x 31 cm
Paper 1f; 1f

LAW 3/3/9 [1925 x 1929]
*Brockhampton, nr Dorchester. The Birthplace of Thomas Hardy.* Drawn by F. Robson, reproduced by the Engravers Guild Ltd., and published as a supplement to T.P’s and Cassells Weekly, Christmas no. 1924.
Paper 1f

LAW 3/310 [1930s-1950s]
Portrait (half-length) in pencil of JJJL, signed “ROBIN”.
Paper 1f
LAW 3/3/11  [1940s x 1965]
Watercolour portrait of an African child, unsigned; pasted to a brown card backing.
P Paper  1f

LAW 3/3/12  6 January 1950
“Hardknott pass”. Caricature portrait of JJL, wearing a handkerchief on his head.
P Paper  1f

LAW 3/3/13-14  [1950s x 1965]
Two reproductions on card of engravings of Waldridge and Pelton Collieries, with captions pasted below. [The images are drawn from *Sketches of the coal mines in Northumberland and Durham* by T. H. Hair (1844).]
P Paper  1f; 1f
Ephemera and related material

Ephemera

[1910s] x [1960s]

1 file

LAW 4/1/1  [1910s x 1930s]
Business card of Mrs D. B. Crerar.
Paper  1f

LAW 4/1/2  [after 1912]
½d. postage stamp.
[Note: stamp issued between 1912-1924.]
Paper  1f

LAW 4/1/3  [after 1912]
Blank pro forma stamped postcard, addressed to Ben L. Oliver, 28 Neville Crescent, Burtley, for reporting defective electrical street lighting.
[Note: stamp issued between 1912-1924.]
Paper  1 postcard

LAW 4/1/4  [1919 x 1965]
Official stationary, blank: House of Commons; Lord Lieutenant.
Paper  3f

LAW 4/1/5  [?1930s]
Stub of a typescript report by R. R. Stokes on education funding.
Paper  1f

LAW 4/1/6  [1930s x 1965]
Sheet of blotting paper, with advertisement for Soirée perfume.
Paper  1f

LAW 4/1/7  [1939 x 1965]
Sheet of carbon paper, bearing manuscript imprint of Durham County Council C.W.C. Voluntary Committee, Ouston Road, Pelton.
Paper  1f

LAW 4/1/8  [1947 x 1949]
Paper  1f (x10)

LAW 4/1/9  [1950s]
Hand-coloured badge design in red blue and green, with central Maltese cross. Endorsed “ATTLEE”.
Size: 6.5 cm x 6.5 cm
Paper  1f

Related material

1950-[1965]
Material found with the Lawson Papers, but not considered directly relevant. Items include papers of J JL’s children, and literary works by other authors.
1 file
LAW 4/2/1  [?1938]
Manuscript knitting pattern for bed-socks, written on stationary from the Anchor Line
ship T.M.S. Circassia, (see LAW 2/1/113).
Paper  6f

LAW 4/2/2  [1940s x 1960s]
Collection of skipping rhymes, popular songs, hymns and part songs, including the
following.
Paper  1 file

   LAW 4/2/2/31  1955
   The yellow rose of Texas. Words and music by Don George. Voice with piano
   accompaniment music score, published by Valando Music Company Ltd.
   Paper  2f

   LAW 4/2/2/33  [1950]
   Lyrics by Katherine Tynan. Published by J. Curwen & Sons Ltd, London.
   Paper  2f

   LAW 4/2/2/35  [1950]
   Consecration arrangements. Consecration hymn. "Take my life and let it be."
   Paper  2f

LAW 4/2/3  1950
Diary of [Alma] Lawson.
Paper  1 volume
Access restrictions: Access to item LAW 4/2/3 will be limited under the terms of the

LAW 4/2/4  1952
Homecraft exhibition second prize certificate of Irene Lawson, awarded by the
Chester-le-Street Federation of Labour Women.
Paper  1f

LAW 4/2/5  27 December 1961
A winter's day. Corrected typescript. Author unknown [?Bella Lawson].
Paper  1f

LAW 4/2/6  [1950s x 1960s]
Incomplete anonymous account of an impoverished family's struggles to survive in
the [1920s x 1930s]. Manuscript.
Paper  11f

LAW 4/2/7  [1950s-1960s]
Manuscript stub inscribed with word games.
Paper  1f