



Catalogue of Lisbon College Patents

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Preface

Creation of catalogue

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Introduction

Lisbon College Patents

Reference code: GB-0298-LC/A15

1668-1943

Extent: 1 file

Repository: Ushaw College Library

Creator: Lisbon College

Language of material: Latin

Contents

Appointments of presidents and vice-presidents.

About the creator

The English College of SS. Peter and Paul at Lisbon (or, as it is more commonly known, Lisbon College) was founded by Pedro Coutinho in 1624 as a college for English students training for the priesthood and mission work in England. As a pontifical college it was awarded the same privileges and rights as other colleges centrally controlled by Rome, such as the English College in Rome, whose aim was the maintenance of the Catholic faith in England, Scotland and Ireland. The driving force behind the college in its early years was William Newman. Although he was never to become president, Newman founded the college from property entrusted by the estate of the late Nicholas Ashton, a Catholic chaplain in Lisbon. Initial progress was slow until the arrival of a group of English students and teachers from the English College at Douai in 1628. The first president, albeit briefly, was Archdeacon Joseph Haynes who died the following year. The reputation of the college as a centre of academic excellence and its relevance as an English institution in Lisbon attracted patronage from varied sources during the seventeenth century, including Pedro da Costa and Maria de Oliveira Leitoa who transferred important funds to the College in exchange for daily masses for their special intention. In 1679, Pope Innocent XI granted the College the privilege of being considered as a High Altar of Christ on the Cross. In spite of its wealthy benefactors and papal patronage, the college faced a number of challenges in the following centuries. In 1755, Lisbon was shaken by a terrible earthquake in which 20,000 people died and 60,000 houses and 60 palaces and convents were destroyed. The college suffered badly both in terms of the physical devastation of its buildings and the mental well-being of many of its students and superiors who, like most of the population of Lisbon, chose to live under tents in the gardens of the college rather than risk being inside in fear of another quake. The college suffered another setback when it was occupied by French forces during Napoleon's invasion of Portugal in 1807 and, just days before the second French invasion, the president decided to close the college down, with all students being sent to an Anglo-Portuguese school in England until the war ended in 1814. The college was finally closed in 1973. Since the passing of the Roman Catholic Relief Act in Britain in 1829, the college's *raison d'etre* had ceased to exist although its high reputation as a teaching and training establishment enabled it to survive for another 144 years.

Accession details

Lisbon College closed in 1973 and this collection, along with the rest of the Lisbon Archive and Library, was transferred to Ushaw College by Mgr James Sullivan the following year.

Arrangement

The papers follow the original arrangement of the collection which is broadly chronological.

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Open for consultation.

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Dating Conventions

The New Style/Old Style dating conventions have been adopted for letters/documents written in England before 1752. The New Style date has been recorded in the main date field, with a note of the Old Style date referred to in the main body of text.

Finding aids

Card catalogue with list

Form of citation

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LC/A15/1 11 July 1651

Patent of R. Smith at Paris appointing Francis Clayton as president

Language: Latin

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 324

LC/A15/2 27 November 1668

Patent of Humphrey Ellis, dean and chapter, appointing M. Watkinson as vice-president

Signed by Ellis and secretary, John Leyburn

Old Style: 17 November 1668

Language: Latin

1f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 324

LC/A15/3 5 May 1678

Patent of John Perrot (Barnesley), dean of the chapter, appointing Hesketh as vice-president

Old Style: 25 April 1678

Language: Latin

1f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 324

LC/A15/4 6 June 1697

Patent of John Leyburn and Bonaventure Giffard appointing Francis Petre as vice-president

With the consent of Bishop James Smith and after consultation with leading members of the London clergy

Old Style: 27 May 1697

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A15/5 9 December 1707

Patent of B. Giffard appointing E. Jones as president

With the consent of Bishop James Smith and Bishop George Witham and after consultation with leading members of the clergy

Written by his secretary, T. Harnage, and signed by Giffard

Old Style: 28 November 1707

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A15/6 25 April 1719

Patent of Bonaventure Giffard confirming W. Mawdesley (Moseley) as vice president
Mawdesley was previously appointed by the president and superiors so Giffard is attempting to maintain his right to appoint. Most of the patent is in Herbert's hand with corrections by Giffard

Old Style: 14 April 1719

Language: Latin

1f

LC/A15/7 5 May 1729

Patent of B. Giffard appointing John Manley as president
Signed by Giffard and countersigned by H. Preston, secretary
Old Style: 24 April 1729

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A15/8 18 November 1732 & 16 May 1733

Copy of Jones's (second) appointment as president
Authenticated by the French Consul

Language: Latin and French

1f

LC/A15/9 24 March 1740

Patent of Benjamin Petre appointing RB as vice-president
After consultation with the leading London clergy
Signed by Petre and countersigned by John Sheppard, secretary
Old Style: 13 March 1740

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A15/10 28 December 1819

Patent and letter from Bishop William Poynter to E. Winstanley on the appointment of
Winstanley as president and wishing him success in his new role

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A15/11 27 December 1819

Patent of Bishop William Poynter appointing E. Winstanley as president
Two notarised copies

Language: Latin

1f

LC/A15/12 29 May 1854

Patent of Pope Pius IX appointing J. Ilsley as president on the recommendation of the
English hierarchy and Wiseman

Also conferring upon him the honour of Doctor of Theology

Signed by Cardinal Fransoni for Propaganda

Language: Latin

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 483

LC/A15/13 8 April 1865

Patent of the Congregation of Propaganda appointing P. Baines president after
nomination by Wiseman and the English hierarchy

Signed by Cardinal Barnabo

Also includes a letter from the nuncio to Baines forwarding the patent of appointment

Language: Latin and Portuguese

4f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 485

LC/A15/14 15 May 1883

Patent of Cardinal Simeoni (prefect of Propaganda) informing William Hilton that Pope Leo XIII has appointed him president at the request of Manning and the English bishops

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A15/15 26 May 1917

Patent of the Congregation of Seminaries appointing John Cullen to act as president during the interregnum

Language: Portuguese

2f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 536

LC/A15/16 19 July 1919

Patent of the Cardinal Bislett, on behalf of Pope Benedict XV, appointing John Cullen as president

Also includes a letter from the nuncio to Cullen

Language: Italian and Portuguese

3f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 542

LC/A15/17 19 October 1920

Letter from the nuncio to John Cullen approving the superiors' choice of Francis Broome as vice-president

Language: Portuguese

1f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 540

LC/A15/18 2 January 1934

Patent of the nuncio confirming the election of James Sullivan as vice-president

Language: Latin

1f

Ownership history: Old Catalogue Number 549

LC/A15/19 20 February 1943

Patent of the Congregation of Seminaries appointing John Winder as president

Language: Latin

2f