

1 Letter register 1860 - 1883

Abstracts of letters sent by secretary. No entries June 1861 - Aug. 1862. Entries 1874 - 1883 have reference to page no. in letter copy book (B2)

(see also, minute book, A.1, for a few letters, 1844)

2 - 4 Letter books (1874 - 1913)

52 press copy letter books, outward letters, indexed
(4 vols.)

5 - 31 Correspondence files 1847 - 1956

5. Uniting Scientific Societies 1847-48
Includes proposal for uniting "Hobart Town Garden, Launceston Horticultural Society, Tasmanian Society and Midland Agricultural Society; letters from Wm. Henty to Dr. J. Milligan; typed copies of reports in Launceston Courier.
6. Telegraph 1855-6
Correspondence with Capt. H.B.Stoney and others including Governor Sir H. Fox Young arising from Stoney's lecture on an electric telegraph line for V.D.L.
7. Exhibitions 1852-1889
Includes circular from Mechanics School of Art, Hobart Town Industrial Exhibition, 1852; letters from agents for Paris Exhibition, 1855; memo re Crystal Palace Exhibition, 1858; Commissioners Pass to Melbourne Centennial Exhibition 1888/89, issued to A. Morton
8. Museum 1855-1891, 1907
Inwards letters mainly about specimens for Museum - offer of map from Donald MacKay 31 June 1855
9. Geology and Mineralogy 1854-1860
6 Inwards letters, 1 receipt and note on gold and coal samples found in Tasmania.
10. Meteorology 1856 - 83
Inwards letters. Includes letters re transit of Venus, 1874; letters from Frank Abbott and Frank Abbott, Jun; 1 letter from John Woodcock Graves; letters re Botanical Gardens
11. Magnetic Stations 1943-1950
Correspondence re establishment of transit pedestal at Hobart Barracks by expedition observing the transit of Venus 1874 and other magnetic stations. Notes on oil painting "Rossbank Observatory" by Thos. Bock, with photo of picture.

12. Natural History 1876 - c.1956
Letters and newspaper cuttings on bunyips, seals, salmon and marsupials
13. Ferd. von Mueller 1869 - 1883
20 Letters from von Mueller about botany and forestry
14. Charles Gould 1873 - 1880
2 letters and 1 from Colonial Secretary's office with list of references to Gould's surveys in Government publications
15. Aborigines 1873-1881
Inwards letters. Correspondents include R. Brough Smyth, James Scott, James Rollings, George F. Story, J. E. Calder, Adye Douglas : stone tools, vocabularies, Lallah Rookh, waters
16. Truganini 1876 : original letters
3 letters from Colonial Secretary's office re request for custody of Truganini's body. Also letter of transfer from D. R.Gregg, Director, Tasmanian Museum, 22 Jan. 1976
17. Aborigines 1924-1932
Letter from Georgina King and letter from A. L.Meston
18. Artists 1882-1912
Includes letters from Henry Dowling re Bock portraits of aborigines; correspondence between F. S. Simpkinson de Wesselow, Bishop H. H.Mongomery re gift of his drawings to R. S.; letter from R. E.Smith re engraving of Sir Wm. Denison.
19. Antarctic Expeditions 1886-1903
Correspondence on expeditions visiting Hobart
20. Macquarie Island 1919-1923
Correspondence re fauna protection; includes article by Sir W. Allardyce
21. Bass 1938
Letter from E.A. Paget, Aswarby Rectory, Sleaford, Lincs. U.K. appealing for restoration fund for church where father of George Bass was buried.
22. Lake Meston 1954-5
Correspondence re naming of Lake Meston.
23. Membership Appeal N.D. c. 1865
Printed circular appealing for new members. Ms. list of names
24. Midlands Branch 1918-23

Correspondence with R. S.

25. Botanical Section 1928
Correspondence and draft constitution for proposed constitution
26. Celebrations 1925 - 44
Includes:
(a) Constitutional Independence for Tasmania. Menu for R.S. Dinner, 1925
(b) Centenary of arrival of Sir John Franklin in Tasmania 1936
(c) Centenary of R. S. 1943-44
27. Future Policy 1943-44
Correspondence re financial crisis. Also letter of transfer from D. R.Gregg, Director Tasmanian Museum, 13 May, 1975
- 28-31 Tasman Memorials 1922-1945
Records of the R. S.Tasman Memorial Committee, including letters, financial records, photos of memorial, maps and newspaper cuttings, 1922-1925
Correspondence, photos, newspaper cuttings relating to the tercentenary of Tasman's landing and memorial near Dunalley, 1942.
5 folders
- 32-45 Addresses 1872-1959
- 32 1872
To Queen Victoria on recovery of the Prince of Wales. Ms. copy
- 33 1892
Welcome to Governor Sir R. C. G.Hamilton. Mounted photo copy
- 34-35 1897
To Queen Victoria on her Diamond Jubilee. Mounted photocopy and mounted photo of inscribed portfolio
- 36-37 1901
Address of thanks to Administrator, Sir John Dodds, signed printed copy. Signed reply from Sir John. (donated to RS by State library, NS.1561/A.58)
- 38 1901
Farewell to Bishop H.H. Montgomery. Printed copy
- 39 1904
Welcome to Governor Sir Gerald Strickland. Printed copy.
- 40 1907
Congratulatory address to Geographical Society, London, on 100th anniversary. Printed copy.

- 41 1910
Condolences to King George V on death of King Edward VII Printed copy
- 42 1919
Address of welcome to the French Mission. Signed Ms. copy.
- 43 1925
Welcome to the Prince of Wales. 4 printed copies.
- 44 1945
Welcome to Governor Sir Thomas Binney. Proof copy and typed copy
- 45 1959
Welcome to Governor Sir Charles Gairdner. Typed, signed copy
- 46 Addresses 1931 - 1968
Drafts and copies of addresses to Governors and visitors; also thanks for address received, signed Henry [Duke of Gloucester]
- 47 Miscellaneous notes newspaper cuttings, etc. filed in alphabetical order (in file cabinet received from R. S. in Archivist's office)
(N.B. Significant or original items formerly with these notes have been put with Mss collections and catalogued and indexed)
- 48 D'Entrecasteaux 1938
Letter of thanks from Captain of French frigate Planté for organizing ceremony honouring D'Entrecasteaux.
- 49 Northern Branch 1921-1935
General correspondence. Also news cutting about unveiling of memorial to A. B. Biggs (d.1900) in Royal Park, Launceston, on the site of his observatory (demolished 1900) where he calculated the latitude and longitude of Launceston, 1935.
- 50 Northern branch 1948-1963
Lists of members and accounts of share of subscriptions.
- 51 Life Boats - 11 Dec. 1857
Letter from Richard Lewis, secretary of the Royal National Life Boat Institution, London to Governor H. E. Young, referring to designs for lifeboats and life-boat carriages, which could be used in Tasmania. Endorsed: 'forwarded, by direction of his Excellency the Governor for the information of the Royal Society. E. C. Nowell, Government House 24 Fe6. 1858.
(1 paper)
- 52 Letter book June 1912 - Apr. 1913

- Press copy letter book, outwards letters. Indexed to p. 14. only part of volume
(43pp) used.
(1 quarto volume)
- 53 Symposium on Central Plateau 11-12 Nov. 1972
 Correspondence with speakers, accounts, programme etc.
(folder)
- 54 General historical inquiries c 1927 - 1964