

GUIDE
TO THE
**WILLIAM BOLLAN
PAPERS**
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Abstract:

William Bollan (d. 1776) served in London as an agent for the Province of Massachusetts Bay from 1746 to 1762.

Collection consists of letters, petitions, and memorials exchanged between colonial agent Bollan and British parliament, Lords Commissioners, and government officials.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

William Bollan was born in England and studied law. He removed to Massachusetts about 1740 and married on 8 September 1743 at Kings Chapel in Boston to Frances Shirley, daughter of Governor William Shirley. Bollan served as an agent in London for the Province of Massachusetts Bay from 1746 to 1762. He published numerous political pamphlets

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Collection consists of letters, petitions and memorials sent by Bollan, colonial agent for Massachusetts, to the British parliament, Lords Commissioners, and government officials. These papers concern the sugar trade, colonial boundaries, Louisburg Expedition, and British military forces in America.

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William Bollan letters to various recipients, ca 1749-1769

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Petition to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantation by the Sugar Planters and Merchants in his Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America (copy)	1750 October	[6] p.	1	1
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Letter written by William Bollan, Putney	1751 November 13	[4] p.	2	1
Letter by William Bollan, Charles Street	1752 March 16	1 p.	3	1
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Letter by William Bollan, Pall-mall	1753 May 24	[16] p.	4	1
An Account of Moneys Paid and Expended by William Bollan Esquire, Agent for the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, London	1754 April 19	[2] p.	4	1
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(II) Numb 3. The Humble Address of the House of Commons to the King [printed]	1755	[2] p.	5	1
Letter by William Bollan, Henrietta Street, to Henry Legg	1755 January 17	1 p.	5	1
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Letter by William Bollan, Henrietta Street to Henry Legg	1755 February 25	[4] p.	5	1
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Letter by William Bollan, Henrietta Street, to the Honorable the Speaker	1755 May 30	[5] p.	5	1
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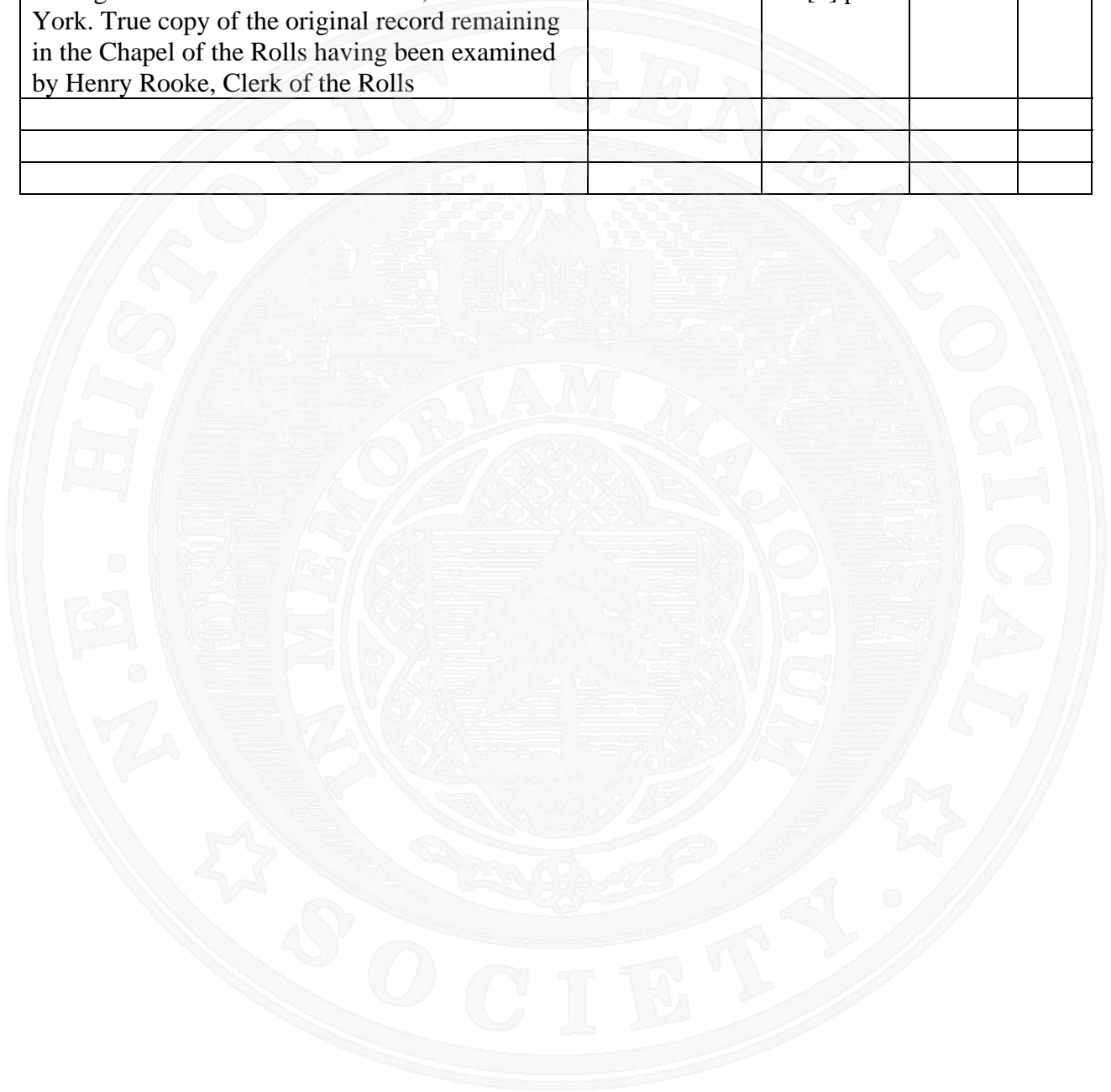
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Letter by William Bollan, Lisle Street, to Lord Viscount Barrington	1756 January 6	[2] p.	7	1
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Letter by John Pownall, Whitehall, to Nicholas Harding, Secretary to the Lord's Commissioners of the Treasury	1756 November 3	[2] p.	8	1
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Support for William Bollan's petition by W. Sharpe, Council Camber, Whitehall	1757 August 4	[4] p.	10	1
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The British Sugar Planters and others, Petitioners against the British Northern Colonies	Undated	[11] p.	12	1
Proposals humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations by the British Sugar Planters and Merchants for preventing the Destructive Trade carried on by British North America to the Foreign Sugar Colonies	Undated	[5] p.	12	1
Proposal for raising troops in North America	Undated	1 p.	13	1
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Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Bill relating to foreign officers; amendments proposed to the Bill	Undated	[2] p.	13	1
The petition of William Bollan, Agent for your Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, to the King's most Excellent Majesty	Undated	[4] p.	14	1
A Bill to regulate and restrain Paper Bills of Credit and for ascertaining the currency the rest in his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, the Massachusetts Bay, and New Hampshire	Undated	[7] p.	15	1

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A State of the several Papers omitted to be sent in the Dispute between the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and Colony of Connecticut	Undated	[2] p.	18	1
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Legg, Henry -- Correspondence.

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Hubbard, Thomas, 1702-1773.
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