

A Guide to the
General James Wolfe Manuscript Collection

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A Collection of Two Hundred & Thirty-Two Original Letters from General James Wolfe to his Parents.

James Wolfe was born in Westerham, Kent, England on the 2nd day of January 1727 (or 22nd December 1726 according to the old calendar), the son of Edward Wolfe, a veteran soldier of Irish extraction, and his wife Henrietta Thompson. Although he is best remembered today for leading the victorious British forces at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, his military career actually began at the age of thirteen when he entered his father's regiment, the 1st Marines. The following years would see him fight in the War of Austrian Succession, during the Jacobite Uprising in Scotland, and finally in the Seven Years' War against France. It was during this last campaign that Wolfe saw service at the raid on Rochefort; the siege of Louisbourg, Cape Breton; securing the Gulf of St Lawrence; and finally at the Battle of Quebec, in which he died on the 13th of September 1759 at the age of thirty-two.

The letters to his parents contained in this collection represent Wolfe's personal reflections throughout all of these operations. They begin in 1740, with the thirteen-year old writing a letter of comfort to his mother and they end on the 31st of August, two weeks before his death. All told, the collection consists of 232 pieces of correspondence.

It should be borne in mind when examining these letters that, while the Gregorian calendar replaced the Julian in Catholic countries in 1582, this change did not occur in the British Isles and the British colonies until 1752. In addition, from the 12th century until 1752, the civil year in England began, not on 1 January, but on 25 March (Lady Day). So, for example, the execution of King Charles I is often recorded as the 30th January 1648/9 to reflect both the old and new ways of recording the legal year. Correspondents would indicate whether or not they were using the "Old Style" or the "New Style" when dating their letters by including "O.S." and "N.S." for clarity, as can be seen in Wolfe's own letters.

All letters are holographs, signed by James Wolfe, unless otherwise described.

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Prel. p. [4]	May 1837				Water colour portrait of Wolfe copied by Miss H.S. Turner.
Prel. p. [5]					MS. title page.
Prel. p. [6]			J. Board		Brief MS. biography of James Wolfe.
Prel. p. [12]					Transcript of the entry in the Westerham Parish Register, documenting the public subscription for the erection of a monument in Wolfe's memory there.
Prel. p. [13]					Copies of original baptismal records for James Wolfe (11 Jan. 1726) and his brother Edward (10 Jan. 1727).
Prel. p. [15]					Brief table of contents of the letters in MS. by Robert Wright, author of <i>The Life of Major-General James Wolfe</i> .
1	6 Aug. 1740	[Newport], Isle of Wight	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Preparing to board ship, and promising to write his mother. Wishing her better health.
5	12 Feb. 1742 [i.e. 1743]	St Tron, Diocese of Liege	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Concerning his lack of strength for marching; acquiring a horse; billeting arrangements; his mother's poor health.

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9	7 Apr. 1742	Bonn	Edward Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Discusses the food situation in Bonn; details of travel; billeting arrangements.
11	27 Aug. 1742	Ghent	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Unsigned. Discusses his letters and his clothing.
15	12 Sep. 1742	Ghent	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Best wishes on her new house; the weather; his brother's health; his friend, George Warde.
17	17 Dec. 1742	Ghent	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. His mother's health; his brother coming to Flanders; garrisoning the troops in towns abandoned by the Austrians; Miss Floyd's engagement; freezing weather.
21	21 Mar. 1743/4 O.S.	Ostend	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (brother)	3 p. Making arrangements to meet his brother and organizing his equipage; recent military appointments among their associates; their girlfriends;
25	4 May 1743 N.S.	Frankfurt	Edward Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Engagement with the French imminent; purchase of bedding; Mrs Cade.
27	19 Jun. 1743 O.S.	[s.l.]	Edward Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Reports of recent battle with the French; the King is present; death of General Clayton; names other casualties; Emperor in Frankfurt; possibility of peace between Queen of Hungary and the Emperor.
29	21 Jun. 1743 N.S.	Camp near Aschaffenburg	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Relieved to hear of his parents' good health; skirmishes with the French; deserters from the French; the King is with

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					them; food rations; appointment as Adjutant;
33	4 Jul. 1743	Hoechst	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. Fatigue after Battle of Dettingen (27 June 1743); details of the battle; death of General Clayton; fortifying the town.
37	1 Sep. 1743 N.S.	Camp near Worms	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. The current situation in Germany; Prince Charles's Army; continued hostilities against the French; concerning the Duke of Cumberland; sickness in the ranks.
41	17 Jun. 1744 O.S.	Camp near Berlingham	Edward Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. Surrender of Ypres; caution about sharing the army list with his father; anticipating more skirmishes with the French.
45	29 Oct. 1744 O.S.	Ghent	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. The death of his brother Edward; disposal of his brother's effects among the other soldiers.
49	4 May 1745 O.S.	Ghent	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Failure of the Siege of Tournai, which is being continued by the French; names the English casualties from the Siege.
53	13 Nov. 1745	Newcastle	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Anxiety over his father proceeding into rebel territory in Scotland; thanks mother for her kindness.
57	12 Apr. 1747 N.S.	Oosterhout	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Execution of manoeuvres in the Low Countries;

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61	[mid-April 1748?]	Flanders	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Possible promotions; Conferences at Aix; current infirmities.
65	10 Jun. 1748 N.S.	Nesselroy	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Health and remedies; hoping to escape the noise and idleness.
69	16 Jan. 1749/50	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Lord George Sackville; intention to study mathematics at Glasgow College; his love interest, Elizabeth Lawson; his parents' preference, Miss Hoskins.
73	25 Mar. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Assumes active command after the departure of Edward Cornwallis; studying at Glasgow College; his excoriation of an unidentified woman who has attempted to seduce him.
77	31 Jan. 1749/50	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Keen to cultivate his commanding officer, who is absent; assessing the character of his fellow officers.
81	7 Apr. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Meditation on the nature of heroism; news of Cornwallis.
85	14 Apr. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Account of his time in Glasgow; the Kirk in Scotland; his finances.
89	28 Apr. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Regiment's participation in road-building in Scotland; posting of his father's regiment overseas; death of Captain Milbourne.

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93	21 May 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Experiencing debilitating depression; civil unrest in Glasgow; escape of some body-snatchers from jail.
97	24 & 26 Jun. 1752	Perth & Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Dreams of a rural retirement; domestic concerns.
101	10 Jul. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Thanks to his father for the patronage extended to him by Lord Sackville and Cornwallis.
105	19 Jul. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Insight into his career advances; describes his current physical appearance; first mention of his romantic interest in Elizabeth Lawson against his mother's approval.
109	2 Aug. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. His prospects in the army in the wake of the retirement of his patron, Lord Sackville; his clothing.
113	13 Aug. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. His thoughts on taking command of a regiment as acting Lieutenant-Colonel; complaints about the summer weather.
117	8 Sep. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Studying mathematics at Glasgow College; writing General Mordaunt & Lt-Col. Rich; he has taken up hunting and shooting.

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121	18 Sep. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Contemplates the likelihood of being passed over for promotion to lieutenant-colonel and of ultimately choosing to leave the army; death of Captain Rogers.
125	2 Oct. 1749	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Compares himself to fellow officers; considers his next few years stationed in Scotland.
129	15 Dec. 1749	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Wolfe accedes to his parents' desire that he court Kitty Anne Hoskins of Croydon rather than Elizabeth Lawson; the easier manner of Scottish women; contentment with Scotland and his military career.
133	6 Feb. 1749/50	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Declares his love for Elizabeth Lawson and the pain caused by his parents' prohibitions.
137	19 Feb. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Submission to the will of his father in the matter of Miss Lawson.
141	9 Mar. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Further submissions; seeking a place for his old servant Roland in the Chelsea Hospital; a medical complaint, perhaps of nervous origins.
145	23 Mar. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Awaiting news of his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel.
147	29 Mar. 1750	[Perth]	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Announces promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel (item 9 below).

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151	6 Apr. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Heartfelt tribute to his two patrons, the Duke of Cumberland and Lord Sackville; hopes for a two-year leave.
155	27 Apr. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Frustrated by his long service in Scotland; his professional ambitions that may necessitate joining a foreign army; first reference to Jeffrey Amherst, Wolfe's future commanding officer in Canada.
159	3 May 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Affections for his parents; the delights of Greenwich; Boscawen's return; virtues of his old school master, Samuel Swinden; marriage of his Aunt Frances.
163	29 May 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. News of his regiment; an upcoming leave.
167	31 May 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Amherst's reply in the matter of "young Scott".
169	22 Jun. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Further news of his regiment and his health.
173	15 Jul. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. The pacification of Scotland in the decade after Culloden; plans for travelling abroad and perfecting his French.
177	25 Jul. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. His mother's health and his own.

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179	13 Aug. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Fury at the way in which the Army is treated by comparison with the Royal Navy which is pampered; news from Scotland; visit from George Warde; philosophical meditation on ill-health.
183	1 Sep. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. The proper qualifications for a military officer.
187	23 Sep. 1750	Perth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Considering news from him; sympathies over a recent robbery, with a nuanced understanding of the law and the effects of harsh punishments; his mother's health; how to deal with thieving servants.
191	7 Oct. 1750	Dundee	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Consternation at being refused foreign study by the Duke of Cumberland.
195	6 Nov. 1750	York	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Marking his return north after a short leave.
199	12 Jan. 1751	Inverness	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. His continuing efforts to study mathematics; curtailed correspondence with his Uncle Walter; his health;
203	12 Jun. 1751	Banff	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	7 p. Misbound. Letter begins at p. 207; fifth page starts at p. 203. Contrition over the ruction concerning his courting of Elizabeth Lawson; disappointment at not being able to study abroad.
211	19 Jul. 1751	Peterhead	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. More contrition; the new family home at Blackheath in Kent.

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215	29 Jul. 1751	Peterhead	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Another letter of contrition; praise for the local mineral water being taken for his kidney stones; miserable weather.
219	12 Aug. 1751	Banff	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. His stay in Peterhead where he has been taking the cure for kidney stones; requests that provisions be sent to him for his cure.
223	17 Sep. 1751	Banff	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	8 p. Misbound. Letter begins at p. 227; fifth page starts at p. 223. Casts himself as a "military parent"; describes his responsibilities; his imperfections as a son; recommending his old servant Rowland to their care; his health.
231	3 Oct. 1751	Inverness	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Letter received from Rickson at the Halifax garrison; character of the natives of Inverness who are Jacobites;
235	17 Oct. 1751	Inverness	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. Visits Culloden Field; lack of hunting and shooting in the neighbourhood; reprimanded for not filling his recruitment quota; reflections on letter-writing.

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239	6 Nov. 1751	Inverness	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	12 p. Misbound. Letter begins at p. 283; fifth page starts at p. 287; ninth page starts at p. 239. Bad weather and food; reconciling himself to Inverness; his mother's writing habits; bad luck at the lottery; political happenings abroad; thank for sending provisions; the home in Blackheath; his own distant but anticipated retirement; speculation on marriage and various ladies of their acquaintance; his own attitudes towards marriage and children; criticism of Lord Bury.
243	22-25 Dec. 1751	Inverness	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	12 p. Misbound. Letter begins at p. 243; fifth page starts at p. 255; ninth page starts at p. 251. Marking his 25 th birthday; reflections on mortality; qualities required for military life; promotions and the state of his regiment; rumours of his father's appointment to Scotland.
247	6 Dec. 1751	Inverness	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Regret over the departure of his friend Charles Brett; the increasing unpopularity of the Duke of Cumberland.

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259	10 Apr. 1752	Inverness	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	7 p. Misbound. Letter begins at p. 259; fifth page starts at p. 299. Prospects of advancement; mother's care in furnishing his clothing; future plans; rudimentary modes of existence; Charles Brett's courtship of Miss Hooker; disposal of his books; Lord Sackville; views on the Irish Establishment;
263	13 Dec. 1751	Inverness	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. With the local Jacobite ladies; not serious about moving to Ireland; Gibraltar or Minorca would be agreeable.
267	24 Jan. 1752 O.S.	Inverness	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. More reflection in the light of his 25 th birthday, and apologies for the tone in parts.
271	1 Feb. 1752	Inverness	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Assures his father he is willing to serve as ADC or in Ireland; description of winter and Christmas spent in the Highlands.
275	14 Feb. 1752	Inverness	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Army holds more appeal than matrimony; concerning a lady (presumably Miss Hooker) referred to by his mother; his friend Loftus.

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279	6 Mar. 1752	Inverness	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	7 p. Misbound. Letter begins at p. 295; fifth page starts at p. 279. Lively (and fictional) account of an interview with his colonel; recent love interests; long meditation on the virtues and dangers of detachment; reaction to mother's account of a wedding; gift of a box of shells for his mother; his sprained leg; praise for Lord Sackville.
283					See p. 239.
291	20 Mar. 1752	Inverness	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Laments the relentless and coarsening routine of army life in Scotland; looking forward to summer.
295					See p. 279.
299					See p. 259.
303	23 Apr. 1752	Inverness	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Wolfe's frustration with the routine of army life; soldiers who follow orders but show no initiative.
307	28 May 1752	Fort Augustus	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Details about the "Appin Murder" which occurred on 14 May; life in the Highlands; receipt of a roebuck which he is domesticating to send to his mother; looking forward to leave.

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311	16 May 1752	Inverness	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	6 p. Misbound. Letter begins at p. 315; fifth page starts at p. 311. Expressions of filial devotion; diet, health; his teeth; his books and household possessions.
319	13 Jul. 1752	Dublin	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3.5 p. Comments on the growth of Dublin; pride in its Protestant heritage; concern for the poor.
323	29 Sep. 1754	Bristol	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Bound well out of sequence. The situation in Bristol.
327	9 Oct. 1752	Paris	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. First letter from France; thanks his father for enabling his travel; a visit with Lady Grey of Howick who attempted to marry him off to a fellow guest; seasickness during the crossing; first impressions of Paris; expressions of filial devotion.
331	26 Oct. 1752	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Resolve to learn French; presentation to the ambassador; visiting the theatre and seeing Madame de Pompadour.
335	2 Nov. 1752	Paris	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Circulation in the highest Parisian circles courtesy of Lord Albemarle; meeting Lord Chesterfield's son, Mr Stanhope.
339	14 Nov. 1752	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Daily routine of life in Paris; disputes in which his mother is engaged; reasons why and why not to take a mistress.

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343	25 Nov. 1752	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Account of a visit to a dentist; his daily activities; sympathy for the poor of France; introduction to Lady Archibald Hamilton.
347	4 Dec. 1752	Paris	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. Takes Sir William Hamilton under his wing following the death of his mother, Lady Archibald Hamilton; news and fashions from Paris, including the use of the umbrella; news about the Pretender
351	12 Dec. 1752	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Contrasting himself with the French in that he puts deeds above words.
355	22 Dec. 1752	Paris	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Observations on French domestic issues which seem to anticipate the Revolution.
359	1 Mar. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	6 p. Misbound. Letter begins at p. 359; fifth page starts at p. 389. Description of Carnival-time in Paris; rivalries between the French and the English; Mrs Abthorpe's religiosity; influence of Lord Albemarle on his career; French styles.
363	2 Jan. 1752 [i.e. 1753]	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	5 p. New Year's visit to the French Court, where he sees Mme de Pompadour; letter from General Mordaunt; recommended Guy Carleton to the Duke of Richmond.
369	10 Jan. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. His presentation to the King and Madame de Pompadour; references to his pay, the weather, and Sir William Hamilton.

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373	19 Jan. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. His feelings for Elizabeth Lawson, whose courtship he abandoned because of his parents' veto; newly-acquired accomplishments including dancing, fencing, speaking French; Mrs Abthorpe's religious mania; tips for dental care.
377	29 Jan. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. Yearning for marriage; life in Paris; condolences on the death of Bishop George Berkeley, his father's cousin; death of Marshal Saxe.
381	15 Feb. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. His writing style; expressions of filial devotion; regimental matters; preparing for his return to England; more expressions of his feelings for Elizabeth Lawson; mention of Thomas gage;
385	22 Feb. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Hopes that he will be sent as an official observer of French manoeuvres, though doubting that the Duke of Cumberland will allow it.
389					See p. 359.
393	9 Mar. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Chaffing at being recalled from leave.
397	13 Mar. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Contrite letter written after receiving further information on the circumstances of his recall.

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399	22 Mar. 1753	Paris	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Proposed visit to Germany not prompted by a desire to enlist with Frederick the Great; gratified by good reports from Madame Haren; receipt of letters from Scotland; his friend Charles Brett.
401	22 Apr. 1753	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2.5 p. Lamentable state of his regiment upon his return to Scotland; description of his journey to Scotland; unflattering portrait of some of his relations; Glasgow in April.
405	13 May 1753	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Humorous description of life in Scotland; illness affecting the regiment; outdoor pass times.
409	24 May 1753	[Glasgow]	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Complaining of boredom; delight in the sporting life; visit to Elizabeth, Duchess of Hamilton.
413	1 Jun. 1753	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Part of this letter excised and given away by George Warde, Jr. Commenting on his idleness; his method of letter-writing; ignorance of public affairs; the arrival of summer
417	25 Jun. 1753	Camp of Inverdouglas	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Bitten by some venomous insect which has affected his hand; treatment for this; romantic enthusiasm for the wildness of the Highlands.

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419	29 Jun. 1753	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. His letter-writing; his mother's displeasure over some matter; looks forward to a glorious death and the sacrifice of his life for his country.
423	8 Jul. 1753	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Asks his father for £40, which he will repay in January at the latest.
425	7 Aug. 1753	Loch Lomond	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. His finances; fears that the regiment will not put in a good appearance when next reviewed by the Duke of Cumberland; women's sexual appetites.
427	8 Sep. 1753	Glasgow	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Written on the eve of his final departure from Scotland; gratification that Lord Chesterfield's son has enquired after him.
431	17 Sep. 1753	Carlisle	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Marching to England from Scotland; differences between the two countries.
433	30 Sep. 1753	Warrington	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Written on the march; reflecting on the true quality of men under his command; describes the beauties of the Lake District; General Mordaunt standing for election.
437	16 Oct. 1753	Warwick	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Joined at Warwick by his colonel, Lord Bury, who interferes with operations; comments on Warwick and district.

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441	22 Oct. 1753	Reading	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Despondent over the forthcoming review; his high-opinion of his soldiers now evaporating.
443	4 Nov. 1753	Reading	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Review has been postponed; low opinion of his men sinks further.
447	19 Nov. 1753	Dover Castle	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Describing the environment around the Castle.
451	6 Dec. 1753	Dover	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Compares himself to an oyster; encourages his father to keep visiting the old King.
455	24 Dec. 1753	Dover	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Discusses the ghosts that haunt Dover Castle; describes Christmas there; hunting partridges.
457	28 Dec. 1753	Dover Castle	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. More descriptions of Dover Castle; mention of Captain William Howe.
459	31 Dec. 1753	Dover Castle	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Responding in amusement to complaints from the local ladies that the regiment isn't lively enough; quashes any symptoms of love in his direct reports; some brief character sketches of soldiers under his command; regrets not having written his cousin Goldsmith.
463	6 Jan. 1753 [i.e. 1754]	Dover Castle	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Hunting and the law.

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467	2 Feb. 1754	Dover Castle	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Further news of the garrison; being sent to the West Country; his cousin Whetham's hunting accident.
471	7 Feb. 1755 [i.e. 1756]	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Concerning Mrs Adeane's ambitions for her son, James Whorwood Adeane, who she is trying to push at the expense of his cousin.
475	13 Feb. 1754	Dover Castle	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Anticipates holding his first Court Marshal for a case of desertion; recent hard frost.
479	6 Mar. 1754	Dover Castle	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Assesses the probable effect of marriage on the career of a soldier in a different branch of the service, Jack Straton; looking forward to spring and receiving leave.
483	[11 Mar. 1756]	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Bound out of sequence. Written in the weeks leading up to the Seven Years War, reflecting on the attendant flurry of activity.
485	[12 Mar. 1756]	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Bound out of sequence. Countermands his previous communication.
489	24 Mar. 1754	Sittingbourne	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Relief at being released from Dover Castle; outlines future movements for the regiment; sending game birds to his mother.

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493	14 Jul. 1754	Freefolk	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Staying with Sir John Mordaunt, uncle of Elizabeth Lawson whom he loved; reflecting on her portrait; convivial times; franked by Sir John Mordaunt, then MP for Cockermouth.
497	21 Jul. 1754	Freefolk	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. His mother's health; visiting general Mordaunt; attends the races.
501	17 Oct. 1754	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Arrived in his winter quarters at Exeter; raising recruits for Braddock's American expedition; refers to Thomas Dunbar and Thomas Gage; urges his mother to attend the next review of his father's regiment by the Duke of Cumberland.
505	25 Oct. 1754	Exeter	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Reports on the locals who are known for their old-fashioned [i.e. Jacobite] loyalties; Lord Bury and the Duke of Cumberland pleased with the review of his father's regiment; his own regiment's favourable review by Mordaunt.
509	5 Nov. 1754	Exeter	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Negotiations with Mordaunt over his military career.
513	23 Nov. 1754	Exeter	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	1 p. About letter-writing; his father taking the waters at Bath.

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517	[31 Oct. 1754]	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Incomplete – 1 st bifolium only. His passion for military drill and review; activities in Exeter; subtle resistance by Jacobites there; enquires about her life in Bath.
521	Autumn/winter 1754?	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Incomplete – 1 st bifolium only. He is winning over the population of Exeter; flirtations of the elderly Lady Grey whose son wishes to join the army; disowning an imposter; about his dogs at home.
525	5 Dec. 1754	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. His mother taking the waters at Bath; the mock courtship of Lady Grey; society at Bath; comportment of his fellow officers; appeal of card games; cannot put the interests of his mother above those of the men under his command.
529	4 Jan. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. His appearance and his shirts; expected to board the fleet soon; treacherous journey from Bristol to Exeter; ordering shoes; returning to Bristol for a Court Martial.
533	19 Jan. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Detained at Bristol; pleasure at the good effect Bath has had on his parents; autobiographical details in which he considers his mortality; written while serving on a Court Martial in Bristol.

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537	7 Feb. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. No family responsibility should impede his freedom to die in battle; responds to Mordaunt's suggestion that he take over his father's regiment in exchange for an annuity, which he refuses; begs his father to visit his own regiment .
541	11 Feb. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Has received news that he may be ordered abroad; ponders the ambitions that his uncle Walter Wolfe has for him; what supplies he needs for campaigning;
545	18 Feb. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Thanks for his father's help.
549	18 Feb. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Expresses surprise at the unsoldierly behaviour of his cousin, Jemmy Straton; supplies needed.
553	19 Feb. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Preparing to sail (which never happened); his credo as a soldier, willing to face death for his nation; dispositions of his possessions, including his dogs, whilst away; servant problems; asking for new shirts to be made.
557	26 Feb. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	1 p. Anticipated expedition is not happening, so has no need of his father's assistance.

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561	12 Mar. 1755	Exeter	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. State of the army and his own prospects in the face of a likely war which he would prefer to peace; the promotion of officers in his own and his father's regiments; fleet needs soldiers until marines can be raised.
565	26 Mar. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Contemplating his prospects for promotion in face of impending war; does his mother know anyone who can dress his wig?
569	12 Apr. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Wolfe threatens to leave the army having been passed over for promotion; going to Portsmouth.
573	15 Apr. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Still uncertain whether there will be a war; his plans for his dogs; his shirts.
577	19 Apr. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Principally concerning his dogs; one of his puppies to be given to Lord Albemarle;
581	23 Apr. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. Disgust at being passed over for promotion; the promise that he would retain the day-to-day running of the regiment has not been kept; offered a post he doesn't want; participation in a hunt in which he was injured.
585	1 May 1755	Freefolk	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Staying with General Mordaunt, awaiting news of war.

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589	5 Jun. 1755	Freefolk	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. General news; franked by General Mordaunt.
593	[5 Jul. 1755]	Winchester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Marks of esteem paid him by Admiral Anson; his high-standing at this stage in his career.
597	[17 Jun. 1755]	Winchester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Looking forward to the execution of a deserter with apprehension; general news; his horse; forthcoming reviews; illness of General Honeywood's brother; General Mordaunt's new house.
601	12 Jun. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Offering to buy his mother a horse; apologizing for the shortness of the letter.
605	20 Jun. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Assessment of England's general readiness for war; going to Portsmouth to see the navy; advises the acquisition of land as a hedge against the damage to the economy war might cause.
609	29 Jun. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. An assuring account of Braddock's North American expedition; attempts to cure his eczema.
613					Letter wanting. Note on stub: Letter given to Miss Bushby, Sept. 24, 1869. Signed: George Warde.
617	19 Jul. 1755	Lymington	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Expressing concern for his mother's health and welfare, likening it to his own determination to do his duty.

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621	7 Aug. 1755	Southampton	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Sends his mother a cure for her ailment (gout); obtaining horses for ladies.
625	14 Aug. 1755	Southampton	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Visit to his aunt, Mrs Boucher; speculation about the regiment's movements.
629	27 Aug. 1755	Southampton	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Concerns for his mother's health; obtaining a horse for her.
633	4 Sep. 1755	Southampton	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Delight that the medicine is helping his mother; Braddock's defeat in America; complaint about the common infantry man.
637	13 Sep. 1755	Freefolk	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Pleasure at the efficacy of the cure his mother had taken; franked by Thomas Orby Hunter, MP for Winchelsea.
641	21 Sep. 1755	Southampton	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. The death of Mrs Abthorpe; shooting jaunts near Winchester; rumours concerning peace and war; the wonderful effects of Warde's medicine.
645	28 Sep. 1755	Southampton	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Reflections on his personal character; his physical appearance; concerns for his mother's well-being; his intended activities over the next few months.
649	5 Oct. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Anticipating war, he is taking care to lay in an adequate supply of clothing.

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653	19 Oct. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. On the coming war, and the effect his death would have on his mother; encouraging investment in land.
657	24 Oct. 1755	Winchester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Letter prompted by an invasion scare at the coast.
661	5 Nov. 1755	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Life in camp; a revised opinion of his former patron and commanding officer "Hangman" Hawley.
663	8 Nov. 1755	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Wolfe's famous self-assessment that he is merely a competent soldier and in the long term might be forced to offer up his life in order to preserve an over-inflated reputation; chides his mother for saying she doesn't write well; reference to Capt. Buckle.
667	13 Nov. 1755	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Further news foreboding war; asking if his mother could look for a new groom for him.
671	16 Nov. 1755	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Short note about servants; Lord Albemarle has provided him with a groom.
675	2 Dec. 1755	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Comments on current alarms and excursions, while assuring his mother of the army's readiness.

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679	27 Dec. 1755	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Renewed plans for taking over his father's regiment; favour shown him by Cumberland; weather at Canterbury; reference to a possible love interest in Ireland.
683	5 Jan. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Attempts to find an ensigncy for James Adeane.
687	19 Jan. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Response from Albemarle concerning a commission for Adeane, which is unlikely at the moment, largely owing to his age.
691	8 Feb. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Complains of England's lack of readiness for war with the French; more about Adeane.
695	20 Feb. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. On the death of his maternal uncle, Bradwardine Thompson; more about his clothing needs.
699	21 Mar. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Announces the promotion of his future Commander, Jeffrey Amherst, in America; apologies for a servant's mistake.
703	4 Apr. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Complaining of the laxity of his fellow soldiers; Major Beckwith now the father of four sons.
707	17 Apr. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. His patience with Mrs Adeane is wearing thin.

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711	29 Apr. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Coming to visit his mother.
715	20 May 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Written two days after the formal declaration of war between Britain and France with Wolfe's regiment ordered to Devizes; asks to have his square trunk and hat box forwarded to him.
719	1 Jun. 1756	Canterbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Marching to devizes; his cousin William Boucher; doubts about his new servant; complaining that his father did not follow his advice.
723	7 Jun. 1756	Bristol	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. His thoughts on the fall of Minorca, anticipating a similar attack upon the British possessions in North America; the hospital wagon will come for his trunk; alternative arrangements should the regiment be ordered to Plymouth for embarkation to Gibraltar.
727	27 Jun. 1756	Devizes	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Reacts with sarcasm to Admiral Byng's withdrawal to Gibraltar after the Battle of Minorca; references to General Blakeney.
731	10 Jul. 1756	Devizes	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Importance of Prussian support; believes the British forces are a match for all of Europe combined; further jesting references to Lady Grey;
735	17 Jul. 1756	Devizes	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Overall assessment of the war thus far.

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739	26 Jul. 1756	Devizes	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. On the "wild men of America"; frustrations of being an army reformer; the Byng disaster; sympathy with his friend Rickson who has been passed over for Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania; anger at Mr Philpots; conciliatory tone towards his rival William Kingsley; less kind words for Philip Honeywood.
743	4 Aug. 1756	Blandford Camp	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Expresses his sense of satisfaction at the state to which his troops have been brought; mini-essay on the military ideal.
747	7 Aug. 1756	Blandford Camp	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Making room for Mr Adeane; making a pledge of 20 guineas on behalf of his father.
751	1 Sep. 1756	Winchester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Writes disparagingly of his regiment; he continues to find favour in highest quarters; speculates on rumours he may be posted abroad; Duke of Richmond may visit his father.
755	19 Oct. 1756	Blandford Camp	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Chaffing at the inadequacies of his patron, general Mordaunt; decamping to assist in quelling riots in Gloucestershire.
759	24 Oct. 1756	Sodbury	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Account of the Gloucestershire campaign; showing sympathy for the rioters; Admiral Byng, who is going on trial in London; Frederick the Great's latest success.

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763	13 Nov. 1756	Stroud	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Revealing self-portrait, written in response to a sharp reproof from his mother.
767	27 Nov. 1756	Stroud	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Writes in defence of Edward Cornwallis, founder of Halifax; details about the regiment and their probable postings; things have quieted in Gloucester.
771	6 Dec. 1756	Stroud	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Self-analytical letter, leading him to speculate whether serving in America would debase his character; speculating about whether he'll be promoted to Colonel; misfortunes suffered by his Goldsmith cousins in Ireland; apologies for his temper.
775	26 Dec. 1756	Cirencester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Misfortunes of his Irish cousins; cures for kidney stones; his colonel; the King's favour; chances of promotion; defence of Minorca; the wife of his cousin Edward Goldsmith, who is dying; derision of praise being heaped on Blakeney for his defence of Minorca; flattered that Mordaunt has recommended him to the King; a negative assessment of his colonel, William Kingsley.
779	30 Dec. 1756	Cirencester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Recipe for the cure of kidney stones.

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783	7 January 1757 [i.e. 1758]	Exeter	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. About to leave for America having just received a last-minute summons for America.
787	8 Jan. 1757	London	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. His trip from Exeter to London; situation at Rochefort.
791	17 Jan. 1757 [i.e. 1758]	Blackheath	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Written while preparing for his departure for Louisbourg; sense of his impending destiny; comments on his clothing and uniform.
795	[Nov. 1756]	Stroud	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Written during the campaign against the Gloucestershire Weavers; sympathy for the rioting poor, none for Admiral Byng; appreciation of the local scenery.
799	6 Feb. 1757	Cirencester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Threatens to follow Frederick the Great's army if he is not promoted to Colonel; an offer to become Quarter Master General in Ireland.
803	19 Feb. 1757	Cirencester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Has accepted the position of Quarter Master General in Ireland; unable to visit for a while.
807	23 Feb. 1757	Cirencester	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Possible war with Spain; asks her to intercede with his father so that he retrenches his expenses to participate in the lottery, thereby giving a few thousand pounds to the Government; rheumatism in his shoulders; clothing concerns.

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811	17 Mar. 1757	London	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Trying to get himself attached to the Duke of Cumberland on his continental campaign; arranges to meet his mother on Westminster Bridge; the King resists making him colonel because of his age.
815	21 Mar. 1757	[London]	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	1 p. Deferring his meeting with his parents; will receive his new office of Irish Quartermaster General next day.
819	27 Mar. 1757	London	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Apologizing for not meeting his mother at the appointed place and time; has "kissed hands" with the King.
823	13 Mar. 1757	Gloucester	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Excellent state of his men; his journey to Gloucester; the activities of the Marquess of Blandford.
827	22 Aug. 1757	Newport, Isle of Wight	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Awaiting embarkation for the Rochefort expedition; serving as Quartermaster General under Mordaunt; franked by Mordaunt.
831	3 Sep. 1757	Newport, Isle of Wight	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Introspective note written while still awaiting embarkation for the Rochefort expedition; details about his possessions; where to purchase good Madeira wine.
835	17 Sep. 1757	<i>Ramillies</i> (At sea)	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Feeling seasick; life aboard a ship-of-the-line.

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839	21-23 Sep. 1757	Off the Isles of Rhé and Oleron; Isle d'Aix	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	4 p. Unsigned bifolium; details of the Rochfort expedition; details of the taking of the island of Aix; preparing to land between Rochelle & Rochefort.
843	17 Oct. 1757	Blackheath	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Expressions of disgruntlement following the failure of the Rochefort expedition; passed over for promotion to colonel; has moved into the family home in Blackheath; his health.
847	21 Oct. 1757	Blackheath	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Promotion to Colonel; refers to troubles being experienced by Cornwallis.
851	24 Oct. 1757	Blackheath	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Assessment of the Rochefort Expedition.
855	8 Nov. 1757	Blackheath	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Summoned to the Rochefort enquiry; death is preferable to dishonour; her life at Bath.
857	[Late summer 1748]	[Flanders]	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Bound out of order. Wolfe's parents trying to curb his military ambitions; wants to travel abroad to further his education; his mother's match-making; criticism of the Secretary of State for War, Henry Fox.
861	25 Jan. 1758	London	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Being sent to America; disappointment that Guy Carleton is not being sent with him; rumours that he might marry; reprimands his mother seeking a place in the army for a nephew.

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865	1 Feb. 1758	London	James Wolfe	Maj. George Warde	1 p. Bids farewell to his oldest friend, asking him to act for him with Carleton during his absence.
869	2 Feb. 1758	Portsmouth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. His health; lamenting the fact that Carleton is not going with him; refers to his earlier outspoken note to his mother.
873	11 Feb. 1758	Portsmouth	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Growing tired of waiting for embarkation to America; tired of the citizens of Portsmouth.
877	11 Feb. 1758	Portsmouth	James Wolfe	Maj. George Warde	2 p. Sends Warde his official Power of Attorney, and bids farewell.
881	[15 Feb. 1746/47]	[Camp near Breda]	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Bound out of order. Serving as Brigade Major of the 4 th Foot under the Duke of Cumberland; concerns only the subject of letter-writing.
883	18 Feb. 1758	<i>Princess Amelia</i> at St Helens	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	1 p. Embarked but contrary winds delay sailing. Reference to his captain, Edward Boscawen.
887	22 Feb. 1758	<i>Princess Amelia</i> at St Helens	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	1 p. The fleet still delayed and the <i>Invincible</i> is grounded.
891	20 May 1758	Halifax, N.S.	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Awaiting the arrival of Amherst in America; surveying Halifax; anticipating the campaign against Louisbourg.
895	27 Jul. 1758	Camp before Louisbourg	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Describes the scene at Louisbourg; praises his ADC, Lt Thomas Bell.

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899	27 Jul. 1758	Louisbourg	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. An account of the campaign and capture of Louisbourg; an analysis of the North American campaign, expressing hope that they can strike against Quebec.
903	7 Aug. 1758	Louisbourg	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Description of the aftermath of the Battle of Louisbourg; eulogizing the loss of Howe; the expenses and perquisites of war; thanks Fisher for his services; delight at his parents' health.
907	11 Aug. 1758	Louisbourg	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Prophesying the future greatness of North America; his parents' health;.
911	21 Aug. 1758	Louisbourg	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. Preparing to raid the St Lawrence fisheries in preparation for any future Quebec campaign.
915	[1 Nov.] 1758	"Landing in England"	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Announcing his arrival home.
919	6 Nov. 1758	Salisbury	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	3 p. Rejoined the 67 th Foot, of which he was now Colonel; reference to Field Marshall Ligonier.
923	9 Dec. 1758	Bath	James Wolfe	Edward Wolfe (father)	2 p. His last letter to his father who would die the following 26 March; recuperating at Bath from his travels and campaigning.
925	26 Dec. 1758	Bath	James Wolfe	Maj. George Warde	1 p. Inviting Warde to join him on the Quebec campaign.

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927	[12 Feb. 1759]	London	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	1 p. Letter of leave-taking.
931	31 Aug. 1759	Banks of the River St Lawrence	James Wolfe	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Written after the failed attack on Montmorency; prostration through fever; agreement to fall in with his Brigadiers' alternative plan on 30 August, when it seemed that his fortunes were at their lowest ebb; comments on the Marquis de Montcalm; plans for quitting the service.
935	6 Apr. 1759	Limerick	Edward Goldsmith (cousin)	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	2 p. Concerning the death of his uncle, Edward Wolfe; hoping that his cousin James has by now arrived in New York; hopes for his cousin's safety.
937	12 Jan. 1760	Blackheath	Edward Goldsmith (cousin)	Col. George Warde	1 p. Acknowledges Warde's offer of assistance; informs him of Wolfe's bequest.
[1]	26 Mar. 1760	Dublin	Edward Goldsmith (cousin)	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	4 p. Attempts to secure redress from the Lord Lieutenant have come to naught; commends her move to Bath; reassured that her affairs are being looked after by Colonel Lafausille and Wolfe's army agent, Thomas Fisher.
[5]	16 Apr. 1760	Limerick	Edward Goldsmith (cousin)	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. Discusses his aunt's welfare; the progress of the war; an account of the beauties of Limerick.
[9]	16 Jul. 1760	Finglass	Edward Goldsmith (cousin)	Henrietta Wolfe (mother)	3 p. The unattached girls of Limerick; bemoaning the King of Prussia.

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939	17 Oct. 1760	London	Mary Clayton	Catherine (her daughter)	2 p. Transcript of a letter describing celebrations in London over the surrender of Quebec.
943	16 Nov. 1759	[s.l.]	John Warde	George Warde	4 p. Offering condolences to his brother on the death of his friend, General Wolfe.
[1]	16 Mar. 1760	Belem, Portugal	William Warde	George Warde	3 p. Offering condolences to his brother on the death of his friend, General Wolfe; describes his parlous state in Portugal.
[5]	24 Jan. 1748/49	London	John Warde	George Warde	3 p. Bound out of order. Telling his brother that he saw Major Wolfe who was travelling northward.
[9]	25 Dec. [1758]	Bath	George Augustus Eliott	[George] Warde	2 p. Bound out of order. Eliott was famous as the defender of Gibraltar. Here he advises Warde about his friend Wolfe's forthcoming Quebec expedition.
[11]					Extract concerning General Wolfe and the reading of Gray's <i>Elegy</i> before the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.
Flyleaf at end			James Wolfe		Holograph note of Testamentary wishes.