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### UC:MA30 Papers of Obadiah Walker (Master 1676-1689)

Obadiah Walker is one of the better-known Masters of University College (as far as is known, he was not related to the earlier Master Thomas Walker). Born c.1614, he matriculated from University College in 1633, although there is evidence from the Bursar's Book of 1631/2 that he was resident in the College at least from July 1631 (**UC:BU3/F1/3**), and was elected a Fellow in 1635. In 1648, however, Walker was one of the Fellows deprived of his post by the Parliamentary Visitors to the University (see **UC:MA30/3** below). In 1660, he was re-appointed to his old position, and in 1676 was elected Master after the death of Richard Clayton.

At an unknown date, he secretly converted to Roman Catholicism. After the accession of James II in 1685, he made his conversion public, and became one of the King's strongest allies in the University. He created a printing press for works of Catholic theology, and set aside some rooms in the College (now the ground floor of Staircase VIII) for Catholic worship. After James II's fall, Walker fled the College in November 1688, and was deprived of his office the next year. In October 1689, he was imprisoned in the Tower of London on a charge of treason, but was pardoned in May 1690. He died in London in 1699, supported by Dr. John Radcliffe, his old pupil, who became an important Benefactor to the College. There are old legends that his ghost haunts Staircase VIII to this day.

Far more of Obadiah Walker's papers survive in the College Archives than of any other Master before the present century. This is almost certainly connected with the circumstances of the end of his Mastership, when he had to flee the College, and left all his papers behind. Fortunately they came into the hands of William Smith, who added them to the College Archives.

This catalogue of Walker's papers has been divided into three sections: **UC:MA30/1** concerns his labours in raising money for the completion of the Main Quad of University College; **UC:MA30/2** are papers connected with his life in College, including letter from Old Members, fellow scholars, and families of undergraduates, many draft letters from Obadiah Walker himself (frequently written on blank sheets of paper torn from letters written to him), and copper plates linked to his translation of Spelman's Life of King Alfred. **UC:MA30/3** consists of papers connected with the Civil War and the Parliamentary Visitation of 1647/8. These last papers are not explicitly linked with Walker, but was found with the rest of the collection, and it is possible that he had assembled these papers (which mostly share his Royalist sentiments) during this period, and never thrown them away. It was therefore decided to list them here.

Some papers connected with Obadiah Walker's predecessors as Master, Thomas Walker and Richard Clayton, were found in this collection, and listed as such by Smith. It is unclear how they came to be here, or why Walker preserved them, but because they are all clearly linked with Thomas Walker and Clayton and not Obadiah Walker (being mostly letters addressed to either man), it was decided to list them separately under **UC:MA26** and **UC:MA29** respectively.

One of Walker's successors as Master, Sir Michael Sadler, began work on a biography of him, but never completed it. The extensive notes and letters which he left may be found at **UC:MA44/6**.

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See Robin Darwall-Smith, *A History of University College* (Oxford, 2008), Chapters 8–10, for more information on Walker.

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**UC:MA30/1 - DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE BUILDING OF THE MAIN QUADRANGLE AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

After the Restoration, the Main Quadrangle of University College, begun in the 1630s, was still unfinished. The Fellows therefore devoted much energy to raising money for its completion. Obadiah Walker seems to have been a prominent figure both in raising money for the College and in keeping accounts for it. Among his papers are several draft begging letters (with some replies) written to Old Members, and some other papers connected with the Consecration of the New Chapel.

**UC:MA30/1/C - LETTERS CONCERNING THE BUILDING OF THE MAIN QUADRANGLE**

- UC:MA30/1/C/1** **n.d. (dated by Smith to 1674/5)**  
Copy of a circular letter sent by University College to Old Members appealing for money to complete the building of the East side of the Main Quad.
- UC:MA30/1/C/2** **16 Jun 1675**  
Letter from William Squire to Obadiah Walker regretting that he cannot contribute to the College building fund. He also comments on Obadiah Walker's planned Life of King Alfred.
- UC:MA30/1/C/3** **n.d. (c.1680s?)**  
Copy of letter from Obadiah Walker to Dr. Radcliffe for financing the East Window in the Chapel.
- UC:MA30/1/C/4** **n.d. (c.1670?)**  
Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to Mr. R. Lowther asking him to give money towards the College building programme.
- UC:MA30/1/C/5** **n.d. (c.1670?)**  
Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to an unknown Old Member asking him to give money towards to College building programme.
- UC:MA30/1/C/6** **n.d. (c.1670?)**  
Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to Mr. Shippen, asking for contributions to the College building programme.
- UC:MA30/1/C/7–8** **n.d. (c.1670?)**  
Two draft letters from Obadiah Walker to the same unnamed addressee appealing for money for finishing the Main Quad. The addressee was apparently a Mr. Smith: on the back of **C/8**, William Smith wrote "A Begging letter toward Smith... to

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y<sup>e</sup> same person with n.17 (e)". This could be Richard Smith (matr. 1634).

- UC:MA30/1/C/9–11** **n.d. (c.1670?)**  
Three draft letters from Obadiah Walker to unnamed persons appealing for money for finishing the Main Quad.
- UC:MA30/1/C/12** **n.d. (c.1670?)**  
Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to an addressee identified by Smith as "Mr. Thinne since Viscount Weymouth" appealing for money for finishing the Main Quad.
- UC:MA30/1/C/13** **19 Apr 1677**  
Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to an unknown addressee thanking him for sending the College money for its buildings, and telling him of the planned Life of Alfred.
- UC:MA30/1/C/14–15** **4 Apr 1677**  
Letter from Canon Richard Hill to Obadiah Walker offering to contribute towards the College's building programme, with Obadiah Walker's draft reply.
- UC:MA30/1/C/16** **7 Jul 1675**  
Letter from Henry Compton, Bishop of Oxford, to Obadiah Walker concerning a gift of £10 to the College for its building fund.
- UC:MA30/1/C/17–20** **n.d. (c.1675)**  
Copies of four letters of thanks, to Gilbert Sheldon (Archbishop of Canterbury), John Dolben (Bishop of Rochester), Thomas Lamplugh and an unnamed addressee, for their contributions to the College's building fund.

**UC:MA30/1/F - FINANCIAL RECORDS CONCERNING THE MAIN QUAD**

- UC:MA30/1/F/1** **13 Feb 1674/5–19 Sep 1676**  
Notebook kept by Obadiah Walker for recording accounts for the building of the East side of Main Quad. Most entries refer to payments, and the recipients usually signed (either with a signature, or a mark) at their entry. Some loose receipts were pinned in, where they have been signed.

**UC:MA30/1/L - PAPERS CONCERNING THE CONSECRATION OF THE NEW COLLEGE CHAPEL**

- UC:MA30/1/L/1** **30 Mar 1666**  
Testimonial Letter from the Bishop of Oxford giving account of the consecration of the new chapel of University College on 20 Mar 1665/6.

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Licence from Walter Blandford, Bishop of Oxford, to demolish the old chapel of University College.

**UC:MA30/2 - PAPERS CONNECTED WITH OBADIAH WALKER'S ADMINISTRATION OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE****UC:MA30/2/L1 - THE ELECTION OF WALKER AS MASTER****UC:MA30/2/L1/1****22 Jun 1676**

Original election paper (again signed by all the Fellows, the Vice-Chancellor and other senior figures in the University) for the election of Obadiah Walker as Master of University College. The election was unanimous.

**UC:MA30/2/AR - PLATES CONNECTED WITH WALKER'S EDITION OF SPELMAN'S LIFE OF ALFRED**

In 1678, Obadiah Walker and other Fellows of the College undertook a Latin edition of Sir John Spelman's *Life of Alfred*, fitting it out with extensive annotations, and dedicating it to Charles II. These copper plates were found in the Archives in 1993, and belong to work on the book.

**UC:MA30/2/AR/1-7****n.d. (c.1678)**

7 copper plates used for Walker's edition of Spelman's *Life of Alfred*. The plates are labelled *Tab. I-VII*. Plates 1-2 contain portraits of Alfred from various sources, and Plates 3-7 are engravings of various coins from Alfred's day.

**UC:MA30/2/C1 - GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE****UC:MA30/2/C1/1-2****3 Oct 1682**

Letter from the Bishop of London, to Obadiah Walker, with Obadiah Walker's draft reply, recommending one Mr. Smithson to him, and discussing why Smithson had lost a scholarship from the College. This is Richard Smithson (matr. 1673; elected Freeston Scholar 1677), who was removed from his scholarship in December 1681 on the grounds of absence.

**UC:MA30/2/C1/3****n.d. (c.1675?)**

Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to Lord Brudenell thanking him for choosing to apply for a place at University College. A Thomas Brudenell came up to University College in 1675, who may be this man's relative.

**UC:MA30/2/C1/4****n.d. (after 13 Jan 1674/5)**

Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to a Mr. Leigh informing him of the death of his son at University College and sending his

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condolences. The College Register (**UC:GB3/A1/1**) records the death of one John Leigh, 'a young man of good hope' on 13 Jan 1674/5, and his burial in the choir of the church of St. Mary the Virgin. Leigh had matriculated at University College on 15 Oct 1674.

- UC:MA30/2/C1/5** **n.d. (c.1676–1689?)**  
 Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to an unnamed addressee asking him to send his son (who was at University College) some money towards paying the College servants.
- UC:MA30/2/C1/6** **n.d. (c.1675)**  
 Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to Lady Russell concerning the reasons for the sending down of her nephew John Russell, and explaining why she had not been earlier informed.
- UC:MA30/2/C1/7** **26 Dec 1682**  
 Letter from William Johnson (matr. 1676) to Obadiah Walker concerning the possibility of sending Obadiah Walker some plants from Guernsey (where Johnson lived).
- UC:MA30/2/C1/8** **12 Nov [1688?]**  
 Letter from Thomas Bennet (matr. 1674; F. 1684–9; M. 1691–2) to Obadiah Walker concerning money left to the College by Mr. Carew. An Edward Carew (matr. 1634) left £40 to the College in 1688, but Walker had fled Oxford just a few days before this letter was written.
- UC:MA30/2/C1/9–10** **13 Jun [1689]**  
 Letter from the Earl of Lindsay to the Master and Fellows of University College thanking them for electing his son Albemarle Bertie a Fellow, with draft reply from the Master and Fellows.
- UC:MA30/2/C1/11–12** **n.d. (after 1678)**  
 Two copies of a draft letter to the Duchess of Somerset from the Master and Fellows of University College, to be given to her by Hugh Todd (Fellow 1678) asking her for aid to maintain the Percy fellowships.
- UC:MA30/2/C1/13** **15 May 1688**  
 Letter to Obadiah Walker from Thomas Price about the granting of the lease on some of the College land in Montgomeryshire.

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- UC:MA30/2/C2/1** **26 Mar 1640**  
 Receipt for Caution Money repaid by Obadiah Walker to Conyers D'Arcy (matriculated 1637).
- UC:MA30/2/C2/2–3** **25 Jan 1676[/7?]**  
 Letter from Conyers D'Arcy to Obadiah Walker explaining why he is at present unable to send the College any money. with draft reply from Obadiah Walker.
- UC:MA30/2/C2/4** **19 Sep 1678**  
 Letter from Conyers D'Arcy to Obadiah Walker concerning further delays in his being able to send the College money.
- UC:MA30/2/C2/5** **1 Oct 1678**  
 Letter from Conyers D'Arcy to Obadiah Walker on the same topic, with condolences on the death of William Pindar.
- UC:MA30/2/C2/6–7** **11 Aug 1680**  
 Letter from Conyers D'Arcy to Obadiah Walker still expressing hopes of giving the College money, with draft reply from Obadiah Walker.
- UC:MA30/2/C2/8** **Easter Tuesday (5 Apr) 1681**  
 Letter from Conyers D'Arcy to Obadiah Walker thanking him for letting him stay in the College during a session of Parliament in Oxford.
- UC:MA30/2/C2/9–10** **30 Mar–9 Apr 1682**  
 2 letters from Conyers D'Arcy to Obadiah Walker concerning sending his son Charles to University College. The Admission Registers suggest that Charles D'Arcy did not come to the College.
- UC:MA30/2/C3 - CORRESPONDENCE WITH MICHAEL BINGLY**
- UC:MA30/2/C3/1** **4 Jun 1681**  
 Letter from Michael Bingly (matriculated 1663; Fellow 1671–84) to an unnamed addressee (probably Obadiah Walker) concerning his absence from the College, and why he did not take the Sacrament there at Easter.
- UC:MA30/2/C3/2** **24 Mar 1682/3**  
 Letter from Michael Bingly to Obadiah Walker requesting leave of absence from the College.

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**UC:MA30/2/C3/3** **28 Apr 1683**  
 Letter from Michael Bingly to Obadiah Walker thanking him for granting leave of absence.

**UC:MA30/2/C4 - CORRESPONDENCE WITH RICHARD LOWTHER**

**UC:MA30/2/C4/1** **24 May 1676**  
 Letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker concerning a possible gift to the College.

**UC:MA30/2/C4/2-3** **7 & 18 Apr 1679**  
 Letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker setting out his plan for endowing Scholarships at the College, with draft reply from Obadiah Walker.

**UC:MA30/2/C4/4** **n.d. (c.25 Apr 1679)**  
 Letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker in reply to **C4/3** above.

**UC:MA30/2/C4/5** **n.d. (c.1679?)**  
 Copy of an extract from Richard Lowther's will in which he leaves University College £1100 for endowing six scholarships.

**UC:MA30/2/C4/6** **14 Jul 1679**  
 Letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker on his planned benefaction to University College.

**UC:MA30/2/C4/7** **14 Aug 1679**  
 Letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker on his travel plans.

**UC:MA30/2/C4/8** **23 Aug 1681**  
 Letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker on the benefaction, and his own bad health.

**UC:MA30/2/C4/9** **25 Sep 1682**  
 Letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker on the benefaction.



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Although John Wolveridge never matriculated from Oxford, evidence shows that he did study at University College in the early 1630s, and was therefore a contemporary of Obadiah Walker's. In 1675 he was even persuaded to give money towards the completion of the new quadrangle.

**UC:MA30/2/C5/1** **c.Nov 1676 (Smith's date)**

Draft letter from Obadiah Walker to (as Smith thought) John Wolveridge asking for news of him, and supplying news of College life.

**UC:MA30/2/C5/2** **c.1675 (Smith's date)**

2 drafts of a letter from Obadiah Walker to (as Smith thought) John Wolveridge thanking him for his last letter.

**UC:MA30/2/C5/3** **27 Feb 1676[/?]**

Letter from John Wolveridge to Obadiah Walker thanking him for his letter.

**UC:MA30/2/C6 - CORRESPONDENCE WITH WILLIAM SHIPPEN**

William Shippen matriculated from University College in 1653, and was a Fellow here in 1659-68. This correspondence relates to disputes between him and the College over unpaid debts. This dispute got Walker into trouble because in late 1678 Shippen tried, unsuccessfully, to have Walker removed from the Mastership on the grounds of alleged Catholicism (Robin Darwall-Smith, *A History of University College, Oxford* (Oxford, 2008), p. 204).

**UC:MA30/2/C6/1** **n.d. (c. 1668?)**

Note concerning William Shippen (matriculated 1653. F. 1659–68). The College was demanding that he pay his Batells and compensate the College for the loss of some plate.

**UC:MA30/2/C6/2** **28 May 1668**

Letter from Samuel Jemmat to Obadiah Walker concerning John Hales' caution money, and whether or not William Shippen still had it.

**UC:MA30/2/C6/3** **10 Jun 1678**

Letter from William Shippen to Obadiah Walker concerning subscriptions for the publication of some books.

**UC:MA30/2/C6/4** **18 Oct 1678**

Letter from William Shippen to Obadiah Walker concerning recovering the caution money of John Hales, and explaining that he owes the College nothing.

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**UC:MA30/2/C7/1** n.d. (1670s?)

Draft Letter from Obadiah Walker to Elias Ashmole thanking him for his proposed gift to the University [of his collection], and asking him whether he knows of any Saxon coins.

**UC:MA30/2/C7/2-3** n.d. (c.1676-1689?)

2 draft letters from Obadiah Walker to an unnamed addressee giving his comments upon a history which he had sent to Obadiah Walker.

**UC:MA30/2/MS1 - NOTES MADE BY OBADIAH WALKER ON COLLEGE LIFE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**UC:MA30/2/MS1/1** n.d. (c.1670?)

Rough list drawn up by Obadiah Walker of the Masters of University College from Edward III to Henry VII.

**UC:MA30/2/MS1/2** n.d. (c.1686-8?)

Notes made by Obadiah Walker concerning previous practice with regard to praying for the souls of benefactors (written after his conversion to Roman Catholicism).

**UC:MA30/2/MS1/3** n.d. (c.1680?)

Notes made by Obadiah Walker concerning the best way to keep College money.

**UC:MA30/2/MS1/4** n.d. (c.1680?)

Notes by Obadiah Walker containing miscellaneous pieces of advice for the running of the College (e.g. on setting up a brewhouse, on liturgical practice in the Chapel, and what to do with surplus money from College rents). At the end of these notes are some comments on them by William Smith, dated 4 Dec 1697.

**UC:MA30/2/MS1/5** n.d. (c.1676-1689?)

Forms of Oaths to be sworn by Fellows, Scholars, the Bursar, the Cook and the Manciple, all in Obadiah Walker's hand. The reason for Obadiah Walker's writing this is unclear.

**UC:MA30/2/MS2 - TRANSCRIPTS BY OBADIAH WALKER OF COLLEGE ARCHIVES**

**UC:MA30/2/MS2/1** n.d. (c.1676-1689?)

Transcription by Obadiah Walker of deeds concerning Spicers Hall, Ludlow Hall, Little University Hall, annotated by William Smith.

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- UC:MA30/2/MS2/2** **n.d. (c.1676–1689?)**  
 Transcription by Obadiah Walker of deeds about Ludlow Hall, Little University Hall, and property at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, again annotated by Smith.
- UC:MA30/2/MS2/3** **n.d. (c.1676–1689?)**  
 Transcription by Obadiah Walker of a deed about John Gonwardby's land.
- UC:MA30/2/MS2/4** **n.d. (c.1676–1689?)**  
 Transcription by Obadiah Walker of deeds concerning Spicers Hall, and two shops near St. Martins, Oxford.
- UC:MA30/2/MS2/5** **n.d. (c.1676–1689?)**  
 Transcription, probably not by Obadiah Walker, of deeds concerning property at Pontefract.

Some other transcripts of Obadiah Walker which Smith listed have not been found, or else were transferred by Smith elsewhere. These are:

- 1) Pyx LL fasc. 1 pt. 1 no. 1 (copies by Obadiah Walker of some medieval documents in the college archives, including statutes).
- 2) Pyx LL fasc. 1 pt. 1 no. 3 (copy of a court roll for Marks Hall).
- 3) Pyx LL fasc. 1 pt. 1 no. 4 (list of deeds relating to the College's Welsh property) - transferred by Smith himself to Pyx W, and to be listed with the documents on the Welsh estates.
- 4) Pyx LL fasc. 1 pt. 1 no. 5 (list of deeds on Pontefract property) - likewise transferred by Smith himself to Pyx ζ, and to be listed with the documents on the Pontefract estates (although this could be **MS2/5** above).
- 5) Pyx LL fasc. 1 pt. 2 no. 12–13 (2 sheets, listing benefactors' names and prayers for their souls).

**UC:MA30/3 - PAPERS CONNECTED WITH THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR AND THE PARLIAMENTARY VISITATION OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY**

**UC:MA30/3/F - PAPERS CONNECTED WITH RAISING MONEY FOR CHARLES I IN THE WAR**

- UC:MA30/3/F/1** **30 Jul 1642**  
 Receipt for £150 lent to Charles I by the Master and Fellows of University College.
- UC:MA30/3/F/2** **27 Jun 1643**  
 Letter from Charles I (signed by him) to the Master and Fellows of University College, asking them to subsidise some his soldiers for a month.

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- UC:MA30/3/F/3** n.d. (c.1643?)  
Note of money paid to Charles I (as in above letter), with list of members of University College who took up arms in the Royalist cause. The list of names gives details of members' ranks and which ones died or were killed during the war.
- UC:MA30/3/F/4** n.d. (c.1643–6?)  
Bill of Fees of Homage due to Charles I from any place where he shall first pass.
- UC:MA30/3/MS - PAPERS CONNECTED WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY VISITATION OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY**
- UC:MA30/3/MS/1** n.d. (c.1647?)  
Note ordering the recipient (unnamed) to observe the orders given to Oxford University by Parliament.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/2** n.d. (c.1647?)  
Copy of notes on the commission given to the Parliamentary Visitors of Oxford University.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/3** n.d. (c.1647?)  
Note (in legal French) of a case heard in Michaelmas term 3 & 4 Eliz I (1561) about an appeal by the President of Magdalen College concerning the rights of Visitors to Colleges.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/4** n.d. (c.1647?)  
Note concerning making appeals to the King, based on legal precedent (it seems that people at Oxford were trying to find ways of impeding the work of the Parliamentary Visitors)
- UC:MA30/3/MS/5** n.d. (c.1647?)  
Note on the rights of the Chancellor of the University.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/6–7** n.d. (c.1647?)  
Two copies of a petition from the people of Oxford to Parliament against Humphry Boddicott, newly elected Mayor of Oxford, and Henry Hodges and Francis Greenoway, newly elected Bailiffs of the same (who were all Royalists), that they may be deprived of their posts.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/8** 1647  
Copy of the Commission for visiting the University of Oxford, setting out the rules under which they were to work.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/9** 6 May 1647  
Copy of a letter from the Assembly of Divines at Westminster to the English Church at Utrecht urging them not to appoint one Mr. Remington (a Royalist).

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- UC:MA30/3/MS/10–12** 24, 26 & 27 Sep 1647  
Three copies of articles to be inquired of by the Visitors of Oxford University, with a copy of their authorisation by Parliament.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/13–17** 5 Oct 1647  
Five copies of notes on how to deal with the Parliamentary Visitors, and dispute their right to sit over the University. **MS/13** has a note that is was written "by appointment of the Delegates of the University" (perhaps for the benefit of hostile dons?); **MS/16** includes a copy of a vote taken in Convocation on 1 Jun 1647 concerning the Visitation, and a copy of the Visitors' Order depriving John Fell of the post of Vice-Chancellor, and **MS/17** also has a copy of the articles **MS/10**.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/18** 5 Oct 1647  
Copy of order from the Visitors to the Rector of Exeter College to send them the statutes, registers, accounts, etc., of the College.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/19** 7 Oct [1647]  
Copy(?) of note by Henry Whitwick (Master of Pembroke) refusing to accept the Commission of the Visitors until he has heard from the King that they are acting with his approval.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/20** n.d. (Oct 1647?)  
Copy of order from the Visitors to the head of an unnamed College to bring them the books requested in an earlier warrant.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/21–24** 8 Oct 1647  
Four copies of an order from the Visitors that the start of Michaelmas Term be postponed until 15 Nov.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/25–28** 8 Oct 1647  
Four copies of a subpoena to bring John Fell of Christ Church before the Visitors.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/29–30** 8 Oct 1647  
Two copies of a proclamation by the Visitors depriving John Fell of the Vice-Chancellorship.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/31–33** 8 Oct 1647  
Three copies of a proclamation from William Newhouse, Vicechancellor of Proctors, to the Visitors, refusing to acknowledge any visitor to the University but the King.

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- UC:MA30/3/MS/34** 9 Oct 1647  
Note that Henry Whitwicke was deprived of the Mastership of Pembroke on this day.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/35** 9 Oct 1647  
Note that Mr. Greaves of Merton was summoned to appear before the Visitors that day.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/36–37** 29 Oct 1647  
Two copies of summons from the Visitors to Dr. Hannibal Potter of Trinity College to appear before them.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/38–39** n.d. (aft 29 Oct 1647)  
Two copies of Dr. Potter's refusal to meet the Visitors.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/40–41** n.d. (Oct. 1647?)  
Two copies of additional ordinances given to the Visitors to the University.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/42–43** 1 Nov 1647  
Two copies of a summons to Francis Rous to appear before the Committee of the Lords and Commons for the reformation of Oxford University.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/44–45** 3 Nov 1647  
Two copies of the Order from the Visitors to Mr. Masters and the Fellows of New College that they are not allowed to elect new Fellows or Wardens, or pass any lease, without the consent of both houses of Parliament.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/46** 4 Nov 1647  
Copy of order from the Visitors summoning Mr. Tozer, Sub-rector of Exeter College, before them.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/47–48** n.d. (aft 4 Nov 1647)  
Two copies of the reply from Exeter College to the preceding summons, refusing to cooperate.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/49–50** 15 Nov 1647  
Two copies of an address to the Committee of the Lords and Commons for regulating Oxford University from those members of the university summoned before them, refusing to attend.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/51–52** 8 Mar 1647/8  
Two copies of an order from Parliament appointing a new Vice-Chancellor and giving the Chancellor the right to remove all Fellows who oppose those guilty of contempt of Parliament.

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- UC:MA30/3/MS/53** **17 Mar 1647/8**  
Copy of resolutions decided by the Committee of the Lords and Commons for the reformation of the University of Oxford, concerning the replacement of some heads of Colleges.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/54–55** **n.d. (c.1647/8)**  
Two Copies of instructions on how to answer the Visitors, and refuse to accept their jurisdiction (based on the opinion of Judge Jenkins).
- UC:MA30/3/MS/56** **3 Mar 1647/8**  
Copy of order from the Visitors ordering the students of the university to behave themselves.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/57** **4 Apr 1648**  
Copy of questions asked of Dr. Saunders by the Visitors.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/58** **6 Apr 1648**  
Copy of a decree by the Visitors ordering certain Fellows from Trinity, Corpus Christi and Magdalen to appear before them.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/59** **12 Apr 1648**  
Copy of an act of Convocation appointing new officers for the University.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/60** **14–15 Apr 1648**  
Copy of two lists of members of the University who were admitted by the Visitors.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/61–62** **20 Apr 1648**  
Two copies of orders from the Parliamentary Committee for Oxford University.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/63** **21 Apr 1648**  
Copy of more orders from the Parliamentary Committee.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/64** **21 Apr 1648**  
Two copies of more orders from the Parliamentary Committee giving the Visitors power to remove Fellows from their posts.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/65** **21 Apr–15 May 1648**  
Copy of two orders from the Parliamentary Committee concerning the removal of recalcitrant Fellows.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/66–67** **19 May 1648**  
Two copies of a report (in Latin) concerning the awarding of degrees by Convocation.

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- UC:MA30/3/MS/68** **26 May 1648**  
Copy of three orders of the Visitors to members of the University restricting their movements.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/69** **24 Jun 1648**  
Copy of a parody of a proclamation from the Visitors and the Vice (*Vitiosus*, not *Vicus*) Chancellor that all debates in the schools are to be held in English.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/70** **29 Jun 1648**  
Copy of proclamation from the Parliamentary Committee removing some Fellows of Brasenose from their posts.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/71–73** **29 Jun 1648**  
Three copies of a proclamation from the Parliamentary Committee removing Fellows from several Colleges (not University College) from their posts.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/74** **1648**  
Copy of a subpoena from the Visitors, with the name and time of attendance left blank.
- UC:MA30/3/MS/75** **n.d. (1648?)**  
Letter from "L.R." to an addressee whose name has been crossed out, asking his help to save the University of Oxford from the effects of the Parliamentary Visitors.