

ICS 101

Castle Wemyss Estate Papers

SUMMARY GUIDE

Repository	GB 101 Institute of Commonwealth Studies
Reference code	ICS 101
Dates of creation of material	1802-c.1990 [predominantly 1802-1845]
Level of description	Collection
Extent	5 boxes
Name of creator	Castle Wemyss estate, St James, Jamaica

Administrative history

Castle Wemyss was a sugar estate situated in the parish of St James in Jamaica, on the north side of the island, inland and east of Montego Bay, and close to the area known as the Cockpit Country. By 1802 it had become the property of Gilbert Mathison who had inherited it from his father, also Gilbert Mathison. The younger Gilbert inherited a debt of some £16,000 along with the estate, and in January 1802 obtained a mortgage to pay off half this sum. Later in the same year, a settlement was drawn up prior to the marriage of Mathison to Catherine Farquhar, including provision for the payment out of the estate to the future Mrs Mathison, of an annuity of £600, beginning from the death of Gilbert Mathison.

Subsequently, Mathison had to raise further mortgages to meet further debts he had incurred. Latterly the estate was mortgaged to one Simon Halliday, the husband of Catherine Mathison's half-sister, who took on all previous mortgages, and in 1823 Gilbert Mathison was obliged to convey the estate to Halliday to resolve his financial problems. There followed a few years which saw reasonable returns on the sugar and rum produced at Castle Wemyss; but by 1830, by which time the estate was held by Rev Walter Mathison (the son of Simon Halliday, who had died in 1829) as the heir in tail under his father's will, it was proving less profitable. Gilbert Mathison had died in 1828, triggering the payment of the annuity to his widow, but because the estate was giving low returns, it was not possible to pay it regularly or in full. Further, in 1830 investigations showed that the first mortgage taken out by Gilbert Mathison predated the annuity, which meant that Walter Halliday had a prior claim on the estate and was not obliged to pay the annuity: however, he continued to make payments when returns from the estate permitted it, out of consideration to Mrs Mathison.

The Abolition Act, which took effect in 1834, had serious implications for Walter Halliday as the owner of the Castle Wemyss estate. Despite receiving a substantial compensation payment under the Act (after resolving counterclaims for this money from Mrs Mathison and from Peter Wallace and JP Hopkins, all of whom claimed entitlement to annuities payable upon the estate), the estate became very difficult to

run owing to the scarcity of affordable labour. There was also the long-standing problem of the relatively lengthy journey from Castle Wemyss to local ports (usually Montego Bay or Falmouth) along poor roads, frequently made particularly difficult by wet weather. The amount of sugar produced dwindled significantly, and by 1843 the estate was considered to be unable to support itself, and Halliday was seriously seeking means of extricating himself from the financial demands it placed on him. Sale or lease were both considered (although sale was made difficult by the fact that Walter Halliday was only tenant for life), as well as placing the estate in the hands of the Chancellor's Court to be managed for the interests of the heirs in tail. Halliday took steps to put into effect a fourth option, by instructing that Castle Wemyss had to support itself - he would not authorise payments of any debts arising - and indicating that the estate should be abandoned if it was not possible to cover the costs of planting a crop from the sale of the sugar and rum it produced. It is not clear to what extent these instructions were carried out. However, at the end of the period covered by these documents, an agreement appeared to have been reached for the lease of the estate by a Dr Macarthey.

Meanwhile, the practical management of the estate and sale of its produce had been continuing. Gilbert Mathison had instituted a system of management developed by himself, on principles of treating the slaves on the estate with greater humanity. These methods had been outlined by him in his published work, 'Notices respecting Jamaica 1808-1809-1810' (London: printed for J Stockdale, 1811), and although an advance on the treatment of slaves by many of Mathison's contemporaries, did not reject the principle of slavery itself. Mathison lived on the estate himself at one period and saw to its management directly, but latterly he became an absentee owner and his last attorney, JR Phillips, was Simon Halliday's first when he became the owner in 1823. Halliday appointed a new attorney in 1825: there are indications that he was dissatisfied with Phillips' performance. David McNish, the next attorney, died in 1827, and following an interim period when John Irving was informally in charge, was replaced by William Reeves who continued in the post until at least 1835. In the 1840s, the brothers Dewar and Peter McLaren held the post. The attorneys reported on all aspects of the practical and financial management of the estate on the island, including the work and state of health of the slaves.

Simon Halliday initially used the firm of Mathison, Jenkins & Co. to receive shipments of and sell the sugar and rum produced by the estate, an arrangement inherited from Gilbert Mathison. When that firm of merchants became bankrupt (causing significant financial loss to Halliday) in 1824, he used David Lyon and Co., one of the partners of which was a personal friend, John Watson. On the retirement of David Lyon, Watson continued on his own account, and his assistant, Robert Hawthorn, appears eventually to have set up the firm of Hawthorn and Sheddon who dealt with Walter Halliday's interests in the 1830s and 1840s. Besides receiving shipments of produce, these firms arranged despatch of supplies to Jamaica for the use of the estate. While Simon Halliday took a direct interest in the running of Castle Wemyss, his son Walter Halliday appears to have left much of the responsibility for the estate's management with others: his solicitor, Nash Hilliard; the merchants Hawthorn and Sheddon; and his attorneys in Jamaica itself.

Archival history

The papers were donated to ICS by AJB Halliday, a descendant of Simon and Walter Halliday who owned the estate for much of the time covered by the papers.

Scope and content

The records comprise deeds and legal, administrative and financial papers relating to the Castle Wemyss Estate, Jamaica, belonging (during the period covered by the papers) successively to Gilbert Mathison, Simon Halliday and Rev Walter Stevenson Halliday. The deeds and legal papers record the ownership of the estate and financial claims upon it by other parties, as well as compensation claims under the Abolition Act. They include the title deeds to the estate 1802-1845; together with correspondence and other papers concerning financial claims upon it (particularly an annuity payable to Catherine Mathison, widow of Gilbert) 1830-1845, compensation payable under the Abolition Act 1834-1835, and the fate of the estate in 1843-1845 when it was no longer viable financially.

The administrative and financial papers illustrate the management of a West Indian sugar estate by attorneys on behalf of absentee landlords, and the process of shipping the sugar and rum produced back to London for sale by a firm of merchants. A fairly complete series of correspondence between Simon Halliday and his attorneys and merchants survives for the period 1823-1828, giving many details of the practical problems of managing a sugar estate and of ensuring an adequate performance by the attorneys. There are many reports on the progress of crops, as well as references to maintenance work required, the need for new cattle (a continuing problem on the Castle Wemyss estate) and the work and health of the slaves. There is further detailed information on the slaves in a series of returns; in addition there are lists of them in the title deeds to the estate after 1807 (following the abolition of the slave trade). There are references to specific events involving the slaves in the correspondence and/or the returns: for example, the case of Catalina alias Susannah Mathison who induced an abortion by taking Vervain and Contrayerva in 1824; and allegations of mistreatment of the slaves by one of the overseers, in 1827.

The correspondence of 1823-1828 also includes letters between Halliday and the firms of merchants he used in London to sell his produce. The state of the sugar and rum markets are regularly discussed, and both attorneys and merchants report on the despatch and receipt of shipments of sugar and rum, on which the successful running of the estate depended. There is one instance of a ship being wrecked and part of the cargo lost. There are also financial accounts, both of the attorneys and of the merchants, which illustrate the returns and financial problems of the estate.

System of arrangement

The papers were originally arranged in several bundles, which have been retained as files in the present arrangement, these now being grouped into series according to the type of record. The series of deeds, legal papers and related correspondence is more or less distinct from the following series of correspondence, returns of slaves and accounts, which are closely related. There is a separate file containing a small quantity of records concerning another estate; and a further file of research notes and papers compiled by Mrs Halliday in the course of studying the history of the estate.

Access	Open
Copyright/copying conditions	Usual conditions apply
Language	English
Finding aids	A descriptive list is available in ICS Library
Associated material elsewhere	
'Notices respecting Jamaica, in 1808-1809-1810' by Gilbert Farquhar Mathison (London: printed for J Stockdale, 1811) is available in the University of London Senate House Library	
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DESCRIPTIVE LIST

<u>ICS 101/1</u>	<u>Deeds, legal papers and related correspondence</u>	<u>1802-1845</u>
ICS 101/1/1	Title deeds to the Castle Wemyss estate These predominantly relate to mortgages raised on the estate by Gilbert Mathison, and the eventual conveyance of the estate to Simon Halliday 15 deeds	1802-1845
ICS 101/1/1/1-2	Lease and release from Gilbert Mathison of Harley Street, St Marylebone, Middlesex, Esquire, to Joseph Ward of Newman Street, St Marylebone, Gentleman; of a plantation called Castle Wemyss in the parish of St James and county of Cornwall, Jamaica, for the purpose of barring an entail	19-20 Jan 1802
ICS 101/1/1/3-4	Lease and release from Joseph Ward of Newman Street, St Marylebone, Gentleman, to Gilbert Mathison of Harley Street, St Marylebone, Esquire; of a plantation called Castle Wemyss in the parish of St James and county of Cornwall, Jamaica	21-22 Jan 1802
ICS 101/1/1/5-6	Mortgage by lease and release, from Gilbert Mathison of Harley Street in the parish of St Marylebone, Esquire, to William Marsh of Knightsbridge, Esquire; of a plantation called Castle Wemyss in the parish of St James and county of Cornwall, Jamaica Gives names of slaves conveyed by the deed	26-27 Jan 1802
ICS 101/1/1/7	Release of claim on the estate of Gilbert Mathison of Harley Street, St Marylebone, by George Hanbury Mitchell of Titchfield, Hants, Esquire (executor of the will of the late William Innes of Lime Street Square, London, Esquire, to whom Gilbert Mathison was indebted), in accordance with a bond for the payment of outstanding debt by Mathison The debt was inherited by Mathison from his father, also Gilbert Mathison, and was agreed with Innes as totalling £16,000, half of which had been paid by Mathison junior. The outstanding amount was the subject of the bond between the two parties.	27 Jan 1802

ICS 101/1/1/8-9	Assignment of mortgage by lease and release, from William Marsh of Knightsbridge, Esquire and Gilbert Mathison late of Harley Street, St Marylebone but now of Hertford Street, St George Hanover Square, Esquire, to George Hanbury Mitchell, Hugh Innes, Hugh Lindsay and Thomas Fleming of Fenchurch Street, London, Merchants and Copartners; of a plantation called Castle Wemyss in the parish of St James and county of Cornwall, Jamaica Gives names of slaves conveyed by the deed	27-28 May 1807
ICS 101/1/1/10	Assignment of mortgage from George Hanbury Mitchell, Hugh Innes, Hugh Lindsay and Thomas Fleming of Fenchurch Street, London, Merchants, by the direction of Gilbert Mathison late of Harley Street, St Marylebone, but now of Hertford Street, St George Hanover Square, Esquire; to Robert Taylor, Thomas Hughan and Alexander Hughan of Billiter Square, London, Merchants; of a plantation called Castle Wemyss in the parish of St James and county of Cornwall, Jamaica Gives names of slaves conveyed by the deed	29 Jun 1808
ICS 101/1/1/11	Assignment of mortgage by lease and release, from Robert Taylor and Thomas Hughan of Billiter Square, London, Merchants, by the direction of Gilbert Mathison of Stratton Street, Piccadilly, Esquire; to Simon Halliday of Harley Street, St Marylebone, Esquire; of a plantation called Castle Wemyss in the parish of St James and county of Cornwall, Jamaica Gives names of slaves conveyed by the deed	2-3 Apr 1811
ICS 101/1/1/12	Counterpart of mortgage from Gilbert Mathison of Lime Street Square, London, Esquire, to Simon Halliday of St James's Street, Westminster, Esquire; of a plantation called Castle Wemyss in the parish of St James and county of Cornwall, Jamaica Gives names of slaves conveyed by the deed	2 May 1820

ICS 101/1/1/13	<p>Conveyance from Gilbert Mathison of Lime Street Square, London, Esquire, by the direction of Simon Halliday of St James's Street, St James, Westminster, Esquire, to Rev Walter Stevenson Halliday of Lower Berkeley Street, Manchester Square, St Marylebone, Clerk; of a plantation called Castle Wemyss in the parish of St James and county of Cornwall, Jamaica, in trust for Simon Halliday</p> <p>Includes schedules of slaves included in the conveyance, giving name, colour, age, whether African or Creole, other remarks and causes of increase and decrease in numbers</p>	3 Dec 1823
ICS 101/1/1/14-15	<p>Release by Catherine Mathison of Park Street, Grosvenor Square, widow, to Rev Walter Stevenson Halliday of Glenthorne, Devon, Clerk, of an annuity of £600 payable on the Castle Wemyss plantation</p> <p>2 copies of same document. The annuity was payable following the death of Gilbert Mathison, under the terms of a settlement drawn up at the time of the marriage of Gilbert Mathison and Catherine Farquhar in 1802</p>	2 May 1845
ICS 101/1/2	<p>Bonds, copy deed and legal papers relating to the Castle Wemyss estate</p> <p>26 items</p>	1811-c.1835
ICS 101/1/2/1	<p>Bond of Gilbert Mathison of Stratton Street, St George Hanover Square, Esquire, for the payment of £10,000 to Simon Halliday of Harley Street, St Marylebone</p>	3 Apr 1811
ICS 101/1/2/2	<p>Bond of Gilbert Mathison of Lime Street Square, London, Esquire, for the investment of £5844 in Navy 5% Annuities and the payment of dividends thereon to Simon Halliday of St James Street, Westminster</p>	27 Jan 1818
ICS 101/1/2/3	<p>Note about sending the bond for £5844 to Mr Bond, Bedford Square, for extension of the mortgage on the Castle Wemyss estate, and of the sending of papers to Jamaica to be registered</p>	n.d. [c.1820]
ICS 101/1/2/4	<p>Bond of Gilbert Mathison, late of London but now of St Catherine, Middlesex, Jamaica, Esquire, for the payment of £2000 to John Riddick of St Andrew, Surrey, Jamaica and Robert Neilson of Trelawney, Cornwall, Jamaica, Esquires</p>	7 May 1822

ICS 101/1/2/5-10	Papers and correspondence relating to the transfer of bonds of Dr Murray to Simon Halliday, as security for payment of a promissory note	1822-1823
ICS 101/1/2/11	Contemporary copy of conveyance from Gilbert Mathison to Simon Halliday, of the Castle Wemyss estate	3 Dec 1823
ICS 101/1/2/12-13	Legal Bill of Mr Ward, acting for Simon Halliday in the sale of the Castle Wemyss estate in 1823, and receipt for same	1826 [altered from 1823]
ICS 101/1/2/14	Note of interest outstanding on mortgages and other debts of Gilbert Mathison	c.1823
ICS 101/1/2/15	Receipt for 'power' [of attorney] from Neilson to Duncan et al., to be recorded in the Secretary's office	16 Sep 1825
ICS 101/1/2/16	Case for the opinion of Mr Sanders, concerning the liability of the executors of the estate of the late Simon Halliday to pay an annuity of £600 to Catherine Mathison, the widow of Gilbert Mathison out of the Castle Wemyss estate or from Halliday's personal estate	1830
ICS 101/1/2/17	Abstract of conveyance from Gilbert Mathison to Simon Halliday, of the Castle Wemyss estate dated 1823, drawn up in connection with the case regarding Catherine Mathison's annuity	1830
ICS 101/1/2/18	Extracts of title deeds to the Castle Wemyss estate, 1820-1823	n.d. [c.1833 from watermark]
ICS 101/1/2/19-20	Copies of a statement of the encumbrances on the Castle Wemyss estate, abstracting the mortgages and other deeds, and including observations by SB Hylton, Spanish Town, Jamaica, with regard to who is entitled to claim compensation for the slaves on the estate under the terms of the Abolition Act 2 copies	8 Aug 1834
ICS 101/1/2/21-22	Schedules of title deeds of the Castle Wemyss estate, 1802-1823 2 copies	1834
ICS 101/1/2/23	Pencil note about calling on W[illiam] J[enkins] regarding the C[astle] W[emyss] estate, on paper addressed to Jenkins	1834
ICS 101/1/2/24	Rough schedule of title deeds to the Castle Wemyss and Hopewell estates, 1802-1822	n.d. [c.1835 from watermark]
ICS 101/1/2/25	Brief notes regarding legal business, including references to the Camayna Estate and the Castle Wemyss estate	10 Dec 1834

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| ICS 101/1/2/26 | Copy of Bill for the case of Wallace v. Ewing in the Court of Chancery in Jamaica

Wallace claims payment of an annuity out of the Caymanas estate, St Catherine, Middlesex, Jamaica, formerly in the possession of Gilbert Mathison | 8 Jan 1834 |
| ICS 101/1/3 | Correspondence relating to the period of Rev Walter Stevenson Halliday's ownership of the estate, predominantly the claims of others for annuities payable upon the estate and counterclaims for compensation payable under the Abolition Act, the financial difficulties being encountered in its management, and its possible lease or sale

See ICS 101/1/4 for other papers concerning compensation claims under the Abolition Act

86 items | 1830-1845 |
| ICS 101/1/3/1 | Letter from GF Mathison to Sir William [Corway, who was married to Walter Halliday's sister and was one of the executors of the will of Simon Halliday], stating that his mother is very glad to learn that Sir William is satisfied of the excellence of their claim for regular payment of Mrs Mathison's annuity upon Castle Wemyss | 15 Feb 1830 |
| ICS 101/1/3/2 | Letter from WRC [Sir William Corway] to Mathison, advising that since his last letter, in the process of examining whether Mr Halliday's executors or the tenant for life, were to make the advances for cultivating the estate, it has been found from the deeds that a mortgage was granted in Jan 1802 for upwards of £6800 which, having gone through several hands, became vested in Simon Halliday in 1811; Mrs Mathison's marriage settlement being dated May 1802, the mortgage is the first [and prior] charge on the estate. Neither Corway nor Walter [Halliday] were aware of this, and Corway felt it necessary that Mathison be informed of the situation, so that he is not taken by surprise; he feels that Walter will readily accord with a proposal by Corway that possible improvements in the management of the estate be looked into, further, in consideration to his aunt [Mrs Mathison], he will present her annually with the interest of the prior mortgage: Corway will consider the whole question with Walter when they meet | 24 Feb 1830 |

ICS 101/1/3/3	Letter from John Watson to Sir William Corway, regarding a shipment of sugar; and discussing the proposed arrangement for Mrs Mathison, advising that no payment is made until the account is stated to the usual period, that is 30 Apr, and if there is a balance in favour of the estate, deductions may be made for a sinking fund and then for the annuity as far as the surplus will allow; and commenting that if it be asked what Mrs Mathison to subsist on in the meantime, has she not a wealthy son in law and a rich trustee to apply to?	8 May 1830
ICS 101/1/3/4	Letter from [?Robert Edlin], one of Mrs Mathison's trustees [signature missing] to Rev Walter Halliday, regarding Mrs Mathison's annuity: he thinks that Halliday's offer is fair and liberal, and agrees to the financial arrangements proposed by Halliday with regard to the annuity and the mortgage [on the Castle Wemyss estate]; with draft reply	3 & 10 May 1830
ICS 101/1/3/5	Letter from WR Corway to Hawthorn and Sheddon [merchants acting for the Castle Wemyss estate], sending the case and opinion of the late Mr Sanders relative to the priority of the late Mr Halliday's claim as mortgagee on Castle Wemyss, before Mrs Mathison's annuity	7 May 1834
ICS 101/1/3/6	Note from Brooke and Cutler [solicitors acting for Peter Margetson Wallace] to Hilliard and Hastings [solicitors acting for Walter Halliday], sending a copy of a bill filed by Colonel Wallace in Jamaica against Mr Ewing, and offering to discuss the matter	3 Jul 1834
ICS 101/1/3/7	Letter from Brooke and Cutler to Hilliard and Hastings, advising that the Jamaica packet is sailing later than expected so that letters may still be sent; and noting the importance of reaching an arrangement as the suit would be long and expensive	18 Jul 1834
ICS 101/1/3/8	Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, in reply to a letter from Hilliard, stating that he and Lady Corway believe that Sir William [Corway] disposed of [?Wallace's] claim [on the Castle Wemyss estate], mixed up with the suit of Mayeron v Ewing, and that advantage may be taken of Sir William's death to raise the question again. He questions a statement in Hilliard's letter that the mortgage existing prior to the purchase of the estate, merged with the freehold at the time of purchase, this matter being settled long ago when the trustees to Mrs Mathison's marriage settlement insisted on their right to her annuity. At this time Halliday made evident the existence of his prior claim, which has been allowed and acted upon for upwards of	15 Sep 1834

	5 years. He states that he has never received nor wishes to receive any benefit from this estate, and if parties intend to harass him by making him a party to their proceedings, he would recommend placing the estate in the hands of the Chancellor for the benefit of the heirs in entail, and let him settle the question with Mrs Mathison and Messrs. Margeron and Ewing	
ICS 101/1/3/9	Letter from Brooke and Cutler to Hilliard and Hastings, requesting their promised communication regarding Col Wallace's annuity, saying that it is very desirable to know the grounds on which they consider Castle Wemyss exempt from the payment of the arrears of the annuity	23 Oct 1834
ICS 101/1/3/10	Further letter from Brooke and Cutler to Hilliard and Hastings, requesting their promised communication regarding Castle Wemyss	8 Nov 1834
ICS 101/1/3/11	Memorandum of conversation with Mr Cutler, in which he explained Mr Wallace's position regarding his claim for an annuity granted by Mathison: this he had endeavoured to establish in the cause of foreclosure <i>Ewing v Mathison</i> , in which he had been defeated. Wallace then instituted suit in Jamaica, <i>Wallace v Ewing</i> , to have his claim for arrears of annuity satisfied - the security granted being the moiety of the Cumana estate and the entirety of the Castle Wemyss estate. Ewing had been assured by Mathison that Wallace's annuity had been released, which does not appear to have been the case; and Brooke and Cutler consider a compromise desirable to prevent further proceedings	19 Nov 1834
ICS 101/1/3/12	Memorandum of proceedings in Jamaica between Wallace and Ewing, regarding Wallace's claim that Gilbert Mathison granted an annuity to him in 1812, upon a moiety of the Caymanas estate and the whole of the Castle Wemyss estate	n.d. [?c.1834]
ICS 101/1/3/13	Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, reiterating his view that Brooke and Cutler are reopening a question settled long ago by Sir William, and that if it is attempted to involve him in a lawsuit with which he has no concern at all, he will (if possible) appoint the Chancellor as guardian for the interests of the next heir in entail, and cheerfully forego the present and future profits himself	30 Nov 1834
ICS 101/1/3/14	Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, discussing further his views on his becoming involved in the suit, and stating that he has always wished to sell the West India estate, but knows the difficulty of finding a purchaser	22 Dec 1834

ICS 101/1/3/15-17	Memorandum of instruction to prepare a power of attorney to prefer claims for compensation, and copy of affidavit of due execution of the power of attorney, to William Reeves	4 Nov 1834 and n.d.
ICS 101/1/3/18	Draft power of attorney to William Reeves to act on behalf of Walter Halliday et al. in preferring a claim for compensation under the Abolition Act	1834
ICS 101/1/3/19	Notes of key transactions involving the Castle Wemyss estate between 1802 and 1835, including a note that Walter Halliday, as tenant for life, is not desirous of personal benefit and wishes to be exonerated of responsibility for supplies, management etc., and since his father's death has permitted Mrs Mathison to receive all the profits of the estate while he has continued to be responsible for its debts	1835
ICS 101/1/3/20	Notes of counterclaims for compensation under the Abolition Act, by Catherine Mathison, Peter Margetson Wallace and JP Hopkins	1835
ICS 101/1/3/21	Letter from Frederick Cutler to Mr Hilliard, regarding Wallace's claim, reporting that negotiation with Wallace's solicitors for a compromise had failed, and they are now preparing Ewing's answer; and requesting a copy of the bill filed against Ewing in Jamaica	18 Mar 1835
ICS 101/1/3/22-23	Copies of notice to William Reeves of a counterclaim by Catherine Mathison for compensation in respect of Castle Wemyss	20 Mar 1835
ICS 101/1/3/24	Copy of notice to William Reeves of a counterclaim by Catherine Mathison for compensation in respect of Castle Wemyss	30 Apr 1835
ICS 101/1/3/25-26	Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Hilliard, enclosing a copy of a letter from John Watson to Hawthorn advising that Hilliard should not wait on the other parties [counterclaiming for compensation under the Abolition Act], but let the law take its course, and that if it be necessary, Halliday should put in a further claim as mortgagee or assignee; Hawthorn asks that all legal measures are taken to secure Halliday's claim upon the compensation funds	18-20 Jul 1835
ICS 101/1/3/27	Letter from Robert Edlin to Nash Hilliard, saying that he will send Mr Mathison a copy of a letter sent to him, and hoping that the matter will be settled without recourse to law proceedings	21 Jul 1835
ICS 101/1/3/28	Letter from Walter Halliday to Hilliard and Hastings, regretting that Mrs Mathison has made a claim on the compensation money, particularly as he has just paid her £300 arising from a surplus of the estate, despite	24 Jul 1835

	being under no obligation to do so; and advising them to instruct Hawthorn and Sheddon that it his not his intention in future to pay the annuity, this decision resulting from the secret mode in which the counterclaim was made	
ICS 101/1/3/29	Memorandum of an enquiry about when payment of compensation money will be made to Halliday, and whether power of attorney is required; with note of reply that it will be around the middle of December, unless there are outstanding counterclaims	12 Oct 1835
ICS 101/1/3/30	Letter from Walter Halliday to [Hilliard and Hastings], reiterating that any future surplus from the Castle Wemyss estate is to be applied to the expenses of the claims on the compensation money, and that he considers himself absolved from any obligation to pay Mrs Mathison's annuity	17 Oct 1835
ICS 101/1/3/31-32	Letter from GF Mathison to Nash Hilliard, enclosing an earlier letter which he omitted to post, advising that he has found that there are counterclaims on Mr Halliday's estate by Peter Wallace and JP Hawkins & wife, and that withdrawal of his mother's claim would not enable Halliday to receive the sum awarded until the other claims are settled. He places in their hands his mother's withdrawal of her claim; and he will look through his father's papers to investigate whether there is anything to set aside Wallace and Hopkins' claims	5 & 22 Oct 1835
ICS 101/1/3/33	Letter from William Andrew to Hilliard, apologising for not sending copies of counterclaims before	16 Nov 1835
ICS 101/1/3/34	Letter from William Andrew to Hilliard and Hastings, advising of the withdrawal of the counterclaims of Wallace and Hopkins, without prejudice to any claim they may have on the estate itself	15 Dec 1835
ICS 101/1/3/35	Letter from GF Mathison to Nash Hilliard, stating that his mother has a strong repugnance to any connection of her name and signature with that of other parties, and requesting separate forms of disclaimer	28 Jan 1836
ICS 101/1/3/36	Draft withdrawal of counterclaims to compensation under the Abolition Act, originally for the Mathison, Wallace and Hopkins counterclaims, but amended to that for Catherine Mathison only	30 Jan 1836
ICS 101/1/3/37	Draft withdrawal of counterclaims to compensation under the Abolition Act, originally for the Mathison, Wallace and Hopkins counterclaims, but amended to those for Wallace and Hopkins only	30 Jan 1836

ICS 101/1/3/38	Letter from William Andrew to Hilliard and Hastings, sending further withdrawal of counterclaims by Wallace and Hopkins	2 Feb 1836
ICS 101/1/3/39	Note from GF Mathison to Nash Hilliard, returning the paper with signature duly annexed	2 Feb 1836
ICS 101/1/3/40	Letter from John Watson to Nash Hilliard, reporting that he had recommended that Halliday should obtain Counsel's opinion as to whether his testator or Mrs Mathison had the prior claim on the Jamaica estate, and that if the former, how far he was justified in making payments to the latter; also that Mrs Mathison's trustees should be invited to look at the draft case before sending it to Counsel, to ensure an impartial opinion is obtained	12 Mar 1836
ICS 101/1/3/41	Letter from John Watson to Nash Hilliard, containing a copy of a letter from Walter Halliday, who is against submitting a case to Counsel: he considers that the matter was settled four years ago, by Sir William Corway, and does not wish to reopen it. Regarding the realising of the debt before the payment of junior claims, again Sir William ruled that they had no means of doing so as the debtor was bankrupt, but the income of the Castle Wemyss estate, independent of the debt, was Halliday's, and he has transferred the surplus to his aunt [Mrs Mathison] of his own free will. The compensation money is a different question, and he is willing that it goes towards paying off a portion of the debt	26 Mar 1836
ICS 101/1/3/42	Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Nash Hilliard, concerning the obtaining of a return of classification of the slaves on the Castle Wemyss estate; and regarding procedure for obtaining the compensation money and interest	4 Apr 1836
ICS 101/1/3/43	Note of particulars of the compensation money obtained by warrant at the National Debt Office	15 Apr 1836
ICS 101/1/3/44	Note from Herries Farquhar & Co. to Nash Hilliard, acknowledging receipt of a warrant for payment of the compensation money, which will be placed in the account of the Executors of the late Simon Halliday, who will then invest the majority in stocks	16 Apr 1836
ICS 101/1/3/45	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, regarding their account current with the Castle Wemyss estate, upon which, after paying off the debt due by Simon Halliday, there remained a balance of £669 12s 4d, and a payment of £600 to Mrs Mathison has been authorised by Walter Halliday	3 May 1836

ICS 101/1/3/46	Letter from Frederick Cutler to Edward Hillier, requesting a conversation regarding Ewing's claim on the Castle Wemyss estate	29 Jul 1837
ICS 101/1/3/47	Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, regarding Hawthorn and Sheddon's annual statement of the Castle Wemyss estate, for which there is a balance in Halliday's favour of £973 18s 1d. Watson, in a note, has recommended reserving £273 18s 1d of this to meet the agent's account which has not been included, the remainder to be paid to Mrs Mathison; and has suggested a clear legal settlement about any arrears that may be due at her death. Halliday takes exception to this, considering no arrears to be due, and reiterating his views regarding his having a prior claim on the estate owing to the mortgage pre-dating Mrs Mathison's marriage settlement. He is concerned that arrears may be claimed, and wishes the matter to be clarified	21 May 1838
ICS 101/1/3/48	Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, advising that he has authorised the payment of Mrs Mathison's annuity of £600 in full this year, but not the further suggestions made; and advising Hilliard to be directed by the documents concerning the matter, which satisfied Halliday's uncle, Sir Thomas Farquhar who let the matter rest after threatening legal action	7 Jun 1838
ICS 101/1/3/49	Letter from Brooke and Cutler to Nash Hilliard, advising that the arbitration hearing in Jamaica respecting Wallace's claim against Ewing for an annuity out of a moiety of the Caymanas estate, had awarded in favour of Wallace, and that Ewing had been ordered to pay arrears of the annuity with interest and costs; further, that Ewing had been advised to claim a proportion of the payment from the owners of the Castle Wemyss estate who were also liable for the payment of the annuity. They ask whether Mr Halliday will be willing to enter into an amicable arrangement with Ewing for apportioning the charge between Castle Wemyss and the moiety of Caymanas	20 Jun 1838
ICS 101/1/3/50	Letter from Brooke and Cutler to Nash Hilliard, requesting an answer to their previous letter	14 Aug 1838
ICS 101/1/3/51	Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, asking if he has seen Gilbert Mathison regarding the release from the arrears of his mother's annuity	29 Aug 1842
ICS 101/1/3/52	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, reporting that they have advised Halliday that Castle Wemyss will not pay its expenses for the past year's cultivation; and as Mr G Mathison talked of arrangements for the purchase of the estate, it would be	4 May 1843

- helpful to have if possible, Mr Halliday's mortgage account, so that they know in what position he stands in point of priority over Mrs Mathison, as relates to her annuity and the arrears thereof
- ICS 101/1/3/53 Note from Walter Halliday requesting Hilliard to enquire of Hawthorn, why the estate is gradually falling off: the reason given is the smallness of the estate and the great price of labour, but this has existed throughout the transition state, and should to some extent be set off by the former victualling and clothing of the negroes; has the fall in price of sugar and rum been the entire cause? 5 May 1843
- ICS 101/1/3/54 Copy letter from Dewar S McLaren, attorney on the Castle Wemyss estate, discussing the possibility of leasing the estate: its availability has been made known but no offer has been made. McLaren's brother would be prepared to lease it at £100 with a make good lease for stock for 6 or 10 years, provided McLaren joins him, and this rent could only be paid by doing away with the overseers' establishment and attorney's salary, and by paying the rent by other ways than the means of sugar. McLaren himself is leaving via America for his health, and wishes his brother to have power of attorney in his place. He reports fine seasons and the prospect of making 26 to 30 hogsheads of sugar, but only if they can be cared for and brought off judiciously, and this will be difficult even for this small crop because the labourers have all bought land and squatted themselves down 19 Sep 1843
- ICS 101/1/3/55 Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, discussing the financial difficulties of the estate: in a very short period, the estate will be indebted more than its worth, and he proposes three options - sale of the estate, in allotments to a sufficient number of negroes if no single purchaser is to be found; to allow the estate to lie fallow; or to give it up to the Chancellor, to do the best for the heir in tail. Halliday asks Hilliard to convey these suggestions to the Mathisons and to Watson, and to let him know which they prefer, as one must be adopted. He comments on the blacks benefitting from their houses and gardens while ruining the owners [? by refusing to assist in cultivating the estates] 21 Sep 1843
- ICS 101/1/3/56 Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Nash Hilliard, advising that the sad change in returns from Castle Wemyss is probably due to the high wages and small crops, consequent on the new state of things in the colony; there is an abundance of waste lands this far back in the island, to be bought for little money and cultivated for 2 Oct 1843

provisions by the negroes, making them completely independent of the necessity of labouring on the estates. Almost all labourers have withdrawn from this property, and the remainder can dictate their own terms. They have already urged McLaren to let the lands to the negroes, if possible; in the meantime Mr Watson suggests informing the manager that Halliday declines carrying on the cultivation at a loss, and that the manager must make the produce meet the expenditure, selling it in the island and drawing no bills, because they cannot accept them, nor can they ship any supplies

ICS 101/1/3/57	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, sending McLaren's letter containing an offer to rent Castle Wemyss; and asking whether it would be possible to sell the estate wholly or in lots upon an arrangement between Mr Halliday and Mrs Mathison, the purchase money being funded applicable to the payment of dividends to Mrs Mathison for life and the principal afterwards to merge with the late Mr Halliday's residuary estate	1 Nov 1843
ICS 101/1/3/58	Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, instructing that Mr Watson's suggestion should at once be adopted, and the manager informed that Halliday will not carry on the cultivation of the estate at a loss, and is prepared rather to abandon it; and referring to the difficulties of selling it, and the option of placing it in the hands of the Chancellor's court	3 Nov 1843
ICS 101/1/3/59	Note from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Hilliard, sending McLaren's letter which they omitted to enclose in their previous letter	6 Nov 1843
ICS 101/1/3/60	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, sending McLaren's account current with the Castle Wemyss estate	8 Nov 1843
ICS 101/1/3/61	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, containing a statement of the sums paid to Mrs Mathison at Mr Halliday's desire, between 1836 and 1840; and commenting on the debts building up on the Castle Wemyss estate	23 Nov 1843
ICS 101/1/3/62	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, advising that Hilliard should write on Halliday's behalf to inform McLaren's brother that no outlay can be sanctioned, which the crops will not meet, and giving him authority to act in his brother's absence: Hawthorn and Sheddon have already conveyed Mr Halliday's views but they doubt that this would bind them	7 Dec 1843

ICS 101/1/3/63	Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Nash Hilliard, reporting that he has seen Captain Mathison and informed him of the position of Castle Wemyss: he would go out to Jamaica and take on its management, provided he could see any prospect of advantage to himself - his mother's life is so uncertain that he doubts her interest would be sufficient inducement; Hawthorn makes various suggestions for the sale or lease of the estate to Mathison or another party	26 Dec 1843
ICS 101/1/3/64	Letter from Walter Halliday to Nash Hilliard, advising that the estate will be three or four hundred pounds behind hand this year; that Mr Hawthorn had seen Mr Mathison who had suggested a plan of selling the estate to his brother Charles Mathison who would then go out and manage it in person, the proceeds being paid to Mrs Mathison during her life; that he had no objection to this, but perhaps a better plan would be to sell it to a third party, Mrs Mathison relinquishing her imagined claim on being paid the proceeds from the purchase money; and further discussing the question of the prior mortgage and the annuity	n.d. [?c.Dec 1843]
ICS 101/1/3/65	Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Nash Hilliard, commenting on the practicalities of Captain Mathison leasing the estate, and advising that definite proposals need to be prepared for Mathison to accept or decline, as he is unlikely to make an offer	16 Jan 1844
ICS 101/1/3/66	Letter from William Sievwright to Robert Hawthorn, stating that his overseer at [?Dromilly] might be interested in renting Castle Wemyss	1 May 1844
ICS 101/1/3/67	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, sending the letter from Sievwright, and asking what reply they should give before Sievwright returns to Jamaica	4 May 1844
ICS 101/1/3/68	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, reporting that Sievwright has left London for Scotland, but if he visits them again before returning to Jamaica they will arrange an interview for Hilliard	7 May 1844
ICS 101/1/3/69	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, reporting that Sievwright was to sail from the Clyde to Jamaica, but they had sounded him on what he might consider a fair rent for Castle Wemyss: he might recommend his friend to take a lease for 5 or 7 years at £100 for the first and £200 for subsequent years; that they will write to McLaren to arrange viewing of the estate; and advising that Halliday really should come to a decision on the estate as its debts are increasing	3 Jun 1844

ICS 101/1/3/70	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, advising that they will write to McLaren to instruct him to conclude an agreement for a lease by Mr Mallett, Sievwright's friend, if Hilliard will send a draft of one; and asking for definite advice as to whether or not bills on the estate should continue to be accepted	4 Jun 1844
ICS 101/1/3/71	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, referring to a letter from McLaren in which he declines making himself responsible for the estate's paying its way; asking whether a bill presented by McLaren should be allowed; and reporting Watson's advice that it would be desirable to let a tenant into possession at once	7 Jun 1844
ICS 101/1/3/72	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, asking again whether McLaren's bill should be accepted	24 Jun 1844
ICS 101/1/3/73	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, advising that McLaren's bill was presented and noted for non-acceptance the day before	28 Jun 1844
ICS 101/1/3/74	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Nash Hilliard, setting out their position regarding the Castle Wemyss estate: Halliday had authorised them, so long as the estate produced a surplus, to apply it in payment of Mrs Mathison's annuity, but for the last two years the expenses had exceeded the gross produce of the estate, and Halliday had advised that he would not continue to be responsible for any excess beyond 30 Apr 1844. They now decline to accept bills presented on the manager's responsibility alone; but they would be happy to do anything for Mr Halliday short of making themselves responsible for any losses	3 Jul 1844
ICS 101/1/3/75	Letter from NS Doman to Hawthorn and Sheddon, saying that he would be glad to enter into arrangements for a lease of Castle Wemyss, and reporting on the state he found the property when he viewed it	20 Dec 1844
ICS 101/1/3/76	Letter from Peter McLaren to Hawthorn and Sheddon, reporting on the progress of crops; referring to possible leases of the estate, and his brother's offer to purchase it for £2000; and discussing the financial management of the estate	5 Feb 1845
ICS 101/1/3/77	Letter from Peter McLaren to Hawthorn and Sheddon, regarding accounts; reporting favourable weather for planting; and mentioning the possibility of selling the rum on the island as there are a good many making enquiries at present	20 Feb 1845

ICS 101/1/3/78	Letter from Peter McLaren to Hawthorn and Sheddon, regarding accounts; and reporting on crops and the shipment of produce	8 Mar 1845
ICS 101/1/3/79	Letter from Peter McLaren to Hawthorn and Sheddon, reporting on crops; and advising that Dr Macarthey would be prepared to lease Castle Wemyss at an annual rent of £150	20 Apr 1845
ICS 101/1/3/80	Letter from EA Chaplin to Gilbert Mathison, sending a copy release prepared on behalf of Mr Halliday, which Mathison should show to his mother's professional adviser before its approval on her behalf	19 Apr 1845
ICS 101/1/3/81	Draft letter from Edward Amos Chaplin to Vidal, [?Allwood] and [?Fedil], solicitors, sending a deed of release of an annuity of £600 chargeable on the Castle Wemyss estate, requesting that it be registered in the proper offices in Jamaica, and stamp them with the Jamaica duties if necessary	16 [?May] 1845
ICS 101/1/3/82	Letter from Hawthorn and Sheddon to Edward A Chaplin, enclosing Peter McLaren's letter of 20 Apr, noting that Dr Macarthey is still willing to take a lease of the estate, and asking that a lease be prepared to go out by the next packet	24 May 1845
ICS 101/1/3/83	Letter from Walter Halliday to un-named correspondent [?Chaplin], thanking him for his promptness in following up the West Indian affair, and acquiescing in the lease to Macarthey; he proposes to use the money to pay off the debts due to Hawthorn and Sheddon, and is prepared to pay of Mrs Mathison's £500 by instalments from the income of the estate; he asks that Hawthorn and Sheddon be requested to continue to look after his interests in Jamaica	30 May 1845
ICS 101/1/3/84	Note of cash paid to Simon Halliday by David Lyon and Co. and by Mr Watson between 1827 and 1829, and that paid by Hawthorn and Sheddon to Walter Halliday in 1838	n.d. [c.1838]
ICS 101/1/3/85	Note of a draft paid by the executors of Simon Halliday to Hawthorn and Sheddon in 1829	n.d. [?c.1838]
ICS 101/1/3/86	Sheet of rough calculations	n.d. [mid 19th cent.]

ICS 101/1/4	Papers concerning compensation claims under the Abolition Act	1833-1836
	See ICS 101/1/3 for further material on this subject	
	20 items	
ICS 101/1/4/1	Copy of the Act for the Abolition of Slavery	28 Aug 1833
ICS 101/1/4/2-4	Copies of the General Rules drawn up in pursuance of the 47th and 55th clauses of the Act for the Abolition of Slavery, relating to claims for compensation under the Act	1834-1835
ICS 101/1/4/5	Return of the number and estimated value of slaves on the Castle Wemyss estate	[1834]
ICS 101/1/4/6	Copy of claim by Rev Walter S Halliday in respect of slaves on the Castle Wemyss estate	[1834]
ICS 101/1/4/7-8	Copies of counter claim by Lieutenant Peter Margetson Wallace against Halliday's claim, by reason of an annuity payable on the estate	28 Aug 1835
	2 copies	
ICS 101/1/4/9-10	Copies of counter claim by Major JP Hopkins and his wife against Halliday's claim, by reason of an annuity payable on the estate	5 Aug 1835
	2 copies	
ICS 101/1/4/11-12	Copies of schedule of particulars of counter claims on slaves on the estate, including those by Wallace and Hopkins, and two claims by Catherine Mathison, also for annuities	12 Oct 1835
	2 copies	
ICS 101/1/4/13	Copy of request for particulars of counter claims on compensation for slaves on the estate	16 Nov 1835
ICS 101/1/4/14	Draft of statement withdrawing their claims, to be signed by counter claimants prior to compensation money being awarded	[1836]
ICS 101/1/4/15	Copy of statement of withdrawal by counter claimants, as settled by Commissioners	16 Jan 1836
ICS 101/1/4/16-17	Statement of withdrawal of counter claims, signed by attorneys of Wallace and Hopkins, with further copy	2 Feb 1836
ICS 101/1/4/18	Copy of certificate for compensation of £3168 12s. 8d. awarded to Walter Stevenson Halliday	26 Mar 1836
ICS 101/1/4/19	Note of particulars of claim and value of slaves on the estate	n.d. [c.1834]

ICS 101/1/4/20 Draft of first paragraph of unspecified petition by Peter n.d. [c.1835]
Margetson Wallace

<u>ICS 101/2</u>	<u>Correspondence and related papers concerning the management of the Castle Wemyss estate, and the shipment and sale of its produce</u>	<u>1823-1828</u>
	<p>Predominantly correspondence between Gilbert Mathison and Simon Halliday concerning the sale of the estate by Mathison to Haliday; between Halliday and his successive attornies on the estate, regarding its management; and between Halliday and the firms of merchants he used in the shipment and sale of produce from the estate. Many of the items in ICS 101/3 and ICS 101/4 were originally sent with this correspondence, and some accounts and papers remain in the correspondence series</p>	
ICS 101/2/1	Correspondence 65 items	1823-1824
ICS 101/2/1/1-3	Letter from Gilbert Mathison to Simon Halliday, proposing the conveyance to Halliday of the Castle Wemyss estate to resolve Mathison's financial difficulties; with rough financial statement for the estate and a map	7 Jun 1823
ICS 101/2/1/4	Particulars of the Castle Wemyss estate, taken from Walter Mathison's account of it 'on the spot'	n.d. [c.1823]
ICS 101/2/1/5	Particulars of the Castle Wemyss estate, noting Mrs Mathison's annuity, the mortgage now with Simon Halliday, and the number of slaves	n.d. [c.1823]
ICS 101/2/1/6	Extract from a letter from Mr Phillips [attorney on the estate] describing the character of some of the staff, and giving further information about crops	22 Oct 1823
ICS 101/2/1/7	Letter from Gilbert Mathison to Simon Halliday, reporting that he has signed the conveyance, and enclosing a list of supplies needed for the next year's crop at Castle Wemyss	4 Dec 1823
ICS 101/2/1/8	List of supplies required for 1824	Dec 1823
ICS 101/2/1/9	Extracts from letters from Mr Phillips, reporting on activities at the estate	10 Nov and 21 Dec 1823
ICS 101/2/1/10	Letter from Gilbert Mathison to Simon Halliday, sending papers concerning the estate	27 Dec 1823
ICS 101/2/1/11	Letter from Gilbert Mathison to Simon Halliday introducing James Gow, a man experienced in working with cattle whom Mathison wishes Halliday to send out to Castle Wemyss	27 Dec 1823

ICS 101/2/1/12	Report of James Gow's statement of his experience and abilities at the time of his engagement by Halliday	27 Dec 1823
ICS 101/2/1/13	Copy of agreement between Simon Halliday and James Gow of Perthshire, for Gow's employment on the Castle Wemyss estate to look after the cattle	29 Dec 1823
ICS 101/2/1/14	Receipt for £20 as advance wages paid to James Gow by Simon Halliday, on going to Castle Wemyss	30 Dec 1823
ICS 101/2/1/15	Character reference for James Gow, by Mr Middlemiss	3 Jan 1824
ICS 101/2/1/16	Extract from a letter from Mr Phillips reporting on the estate	3 Jan 1824
ICS 101/2/1/17	Copy of a letter from Simon Halliday to Mr Phillips, confirming that Castle Wemyss has become Halliday's property and asking Phillips to continue in its management	9 Jan 1824
ICS 101/2/1/18	Letter from Gilbert Mathison to Simon Halliday, regarding an alteration in the agreement with James Gow	13 Jan 1824
ICS 101/2/1/19	Receipt by James Gow of £10 advance of wages from Simon Halliday, to be deducted at Jamaica	15 Jan 1824
ICS 101/2/1/20	Letter from Gilbert Mathison to Simon Halliday, including an extract from a letter from Mr Phillips referring to news of the transfer of ownership of the estate and commenting on Mathison's 'human and improved' system of managing it	20 Mar 1824
ICS 101/2/1/21	Copies of correspondence between Mr Phillips and Mr Finlay, Mr Allen and Mr Humphreys, regarding a dispute over the replacement of guttering and taking down of a mill on the estate	29-30 Jan 1824
ICS 101/2/1/22	Note of quantities of Castle Wemyss sugars and rum for 1823	c.1824
ICS 101/2/1/23	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday regarding estate business, noting that the current sugar crop is expected to be poor	3 Mar 1824
ICS 101/2/1/24	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips regarding estate business, including Phillips' reports of the negligent conduct of Mr Allen and requesting that Phillips does not place any confidence in Finlay, but visits the estate himself to report from his own observations; and informing Phillips of the engagement of James Gow	2 Apr 1824
ICS 101/2/1/25	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday regarding estate business, including details of shipments of rum and sugar; noting the receipt of his power of attorney; and appending a rough estimate of contingencies	16 Apr 1824

ICS 101/2/1/26	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips, requesting that Phillips pays bills at as short a date as possible rather than at 3 or 6 months; authorising the increase in numbers of breeding cattle; and discussing the despatch of supplies	5 May 1824
ICS 101/2/1/27-28	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, with contemporary copy, reporting on the expected finishing of the sugar crop and its shipment; reporting on a visit to the property during which the negroes were served with clothing and given a medical inspection, and noting the case of one woman called Catalina alias Susannah Mathison who induced an abortion by drinking profusely of vervain and contrayerva; noting the arrival of Mr Gow who is just the sort of person wanted on the estate; requesting that four good Suffolk cart mares be sent out, also two ploughs; and commenting on the unsatisfactory state of some of the supplies sent out	13 May 1824
ICS 101/2/1/29-31	Note from Mathison, Jenkins and Co, enclosing certificates of insurance for shipments of sugar and rum	18 May 1824
ICS 101/2/1/32	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, reporting that he has dismissed Mr Finlay; discussing the decrease in stock on the estate over the last few years, which is a cause for concern but the reason for it is difficult to ascertain; and reporting on shipments of produce	11 Jun 1824
ICS 101/2/1/33-34	Note from Mathison, Jenkins and Co, advising of the sale and insurance of goods, and enclosing an insurance certificate	25 Jun 1824
ICS 101/2/1/35	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips, in response to Phillips' letters of 16 and 24 Apr and 13 May, approving his actions and advising he will send out the cart mares and ploughs as requested; and commenting on the quality of the sugar that has arrived	5 Jul 1824
ICS 101/2/1/36-37	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, reporting on the good behaviour of the negroes at Castle Wemyss during the late disturbances in Hanover; the resignation of Mr Allen the overseer, on account of having lost so many cattle; the receipt of the title deed to the estate which he has had stamped and recorded; financial arrangements; and enclosing bills of lading for shipments [one of which remains enclosed]	10 Jul 1824
ICS 101/2/1/38-39	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, with contemporary copy, regarding shipments; plans for planting; and noting the improvement in the cattle and Mr Gow's attention to this	29 Jul 1824

ICS 101/2/1/40	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, concerning shipments and financial affairs; expressing delight at Mathison's opposition to corporal punishment, saying however that they cannot do in some instances without the use of the whip; and reporting on the work on the estate	12 Sep 1824
ICS 101/2/1/41	Note from Mathison, Jenkins and Co. to Simon Halliday, giving notification that they have had to suspend their payments and submit their affairs to the investigation of their creditors	15 Sep 1824
ICS 101/2/1/42-48	Accounts current of Simon Halliday with Mathison, Jenkins and Co., 1823-1824, with note from Mathison, Jenkins and Co. summarising the amount due to Halliday on his securities, 20 Nov 1824	1823-1824
ICS 101/2/1/49	Note from David Lyon to Simon Halliday, stating that they would be happy to do any West India business for Halliday which does not require an advance	21 Sep 1824
ICS 101/2/1/50	Letter from J Watson of David Lyon and Co., requesting a meeting to talk over matters	27 Sep 1824
ICS 101/2/1/51	Letter from J Watson of David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, advising that the 25 hogsheads of Castle Wemyss sugars are unclaimed and may be had on producing the bill of lading: it seems that Mathisons never had one	30 Sep 1824
ICS 101/2/1/52	Copy note from Mr Halliday to Mr Jenkins asking him to look for the bill of lading for the 25 hogsheads of sugar and to return it to him if found	1 Oct 1824
ICS 101/2/1/53	Note from Mr Jenkins to Mr Halliday advising that he never received the bill of lading referred to	2 Oct 1824
ICS 101/2/1/54	Letter from John Watson of David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, discussing the possible whereabouts of the bill of lading: if it cannot be found then Watson requests a copy of Phillips' letter mentioning the shipments which he can exhibit with a petition to the Dock Board	2 Oct 1824
ICS 101/2/1/55	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, asking him to sign a prepared letter to be sent to the Dock Court with an indemnity on his behalf	4 Oct 1824
ICS 101/2/1/56	Note by Halliday of letters [from Phillips] sent to Mr Watson, with further notes of their return or being sent to the Dock House	4 Oct 1824
ICS 101/2/1/57	Letter from John Watson of David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, advising that he has got over the difficulty with the 25 hogsheads of sugar, which now stand in their name at the Docks Office	[Oct] 1824

ICS 101/2/1/58	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips in response to his letters of 11 Jun, 10 Jul and 29 Jul: he is critical of some of Phillips' accounts; and advises that he cannot send the four mares as promised because of Mr Mathison stopping payments, as a result of which he has lost nearly £700	9 Oct 1824
ICS 101/2/1/59	Note from David Lyon and Co. reporting on the sale of sugars at better prices than expected	21 Oct 1824
ICS 101/2/1/60-61	Letter from John Watson of David Lyon and Co., describing the reports he has received as to the weather in Jamaica, and its likely effect on crops; and discussing arrangements for sending supplies to Castle Wemyss; with copy of Halliday's reply	1 Nov 1824
ICS 101/2/1/62-63	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding supplies just sent out to Jamaica, and querying the omission of blue baize or negro clothing, a quantity of which is required to be delivered to slaves annually; with copy reply from Halliday approving the despatch of the blue baize	15 Nov 1824
ICS 101/2/1/64	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips in response to his letter of 12 Sep, regarding the sales of rum and sugar, and requesting that he be advised if Mr Gow makes any representations respecting his wages	2 Dec 1824
ICS 101/2/1/65	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, sending a fresh copy of the accounts which contained errors; commenting on the shock of Mathison and Jenkins' failure, and regretting the loss of the mares this year; discussing the quality of the sugar and hoping that it will improve; and reporting the death of one of the finest negro men on the estate, and the decline in numbers of negroes and cattle over the last few years	22 Dec 1824
ICS 101/2/2	Correspondence 60 items	1825
ICS 101/2/2/1	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, sending their account for sales of sugar and a cheque for the net proceeds	3 Jan 1825
ICS 101/2/2/2	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., approving the account sent	10 Jan 1825
ICS 101/2/2/3	Letter from John Watson of David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments, and referring to a letter from Finlay which gives an opinion on the management of the Castle Wemyss estate	3 Feb 1825

ICS 101/2/2/4	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, returning the extracts of Phillips' letters regarding Finlay and Allen's work on the gutters and mill, which he considers may give one side of the story only; but advising that Halliday should not let this influence him if he thinks that Phillips is managing with zeal and judgement	16 Feb 1825
ICS 101/2/2/5	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments and crops, including a copy of a crop account; and referring to the ill health of Mary Williams, one of the most able women on the estate	18 Feb 1825
ICS 101/2/2/6	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding invoices for stores sent out to Castle Wemyss	30 Mar 1825
ICS 101/2/2/7	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, acknowledging receipt of supplies, including the pennystone [blue baize] sent out for the negroes' clothing, which had been omitted on purpose as there was already excess on the estate and it was liable to deterioration; and regarding shipments, crops and planting	16 Apr 1825
ICS 101/2/2/8	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips, regarding crops; expressing concern over sickness among the negroes; and regarding the possible paying off of a bond	27 Apr 1825
ICS 101/2/2/9	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments of sugar and rum on the 'Melville Watson' and the 'Amazon'; the health of the negroes; crops and planting; and the good performance of Mr Gow	2 May 1825
ICS 101/2/2/10	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, advising that a smaller quantity of sugar than previously advised, was shipped on the 'Melville Watson', the remainder being shut out by the captain despite being requested by him earlier; and querying invoices for supplies	2 May 1825
ICS 101/2/2/11	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments; and the need to purchase mules	21 May 1825
ICS 101/2/2/12	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding insurance of shipments of sugar	30 May 1825
ICS 101/2/2/13	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips, advising that the baize sent out in error should be kept for next year; requesting that Phillips sends as much rum as possible as there is a likelihood that the distillation of rum into gin will be permitted; and noting the apparent discharge of John Dawson, the head bookkeeper, in which case he hopes that Phillips has advanced Mr Gow to the situation	4 Jun 1825

ICS 101/2/2/14-16	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, enclosing bills of lading for shipments of sugar and rum	8 Jun 1825
ICS 101/2/2/17	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding the practical arrangements for the despatch and receipt of West Indian mails; and sending a power of attorney for Halliday's attention	8 Jun 1825
ICS 101/2/2/18	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, advising that salaries and payments in Jamaica are in the currency of the island, so that a covenant to pay 'in the island' £200 sterling for an attorney, becomes £280 currency in the accounts	21 Jun 1825
ICS 101/2/2/19	Copy of power of attorney from Simon Halliday to David McNish (or John Finlay, should McNish decline or be otherwise unable to act), to manage the Castle Wemyss estate	24 Jun 1825
ICS 101/2/2/20	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments of rum and sugar on the 'Melville Watson' and the 'Amazon'	27 Jun 1825
ICS 101/2/2/21	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., sending Phillips' letters of 2 May with regard to shipments of sugar and rum, and querying the captain's not taking on the additional sugar on the 'Melville Watson'	28 Jun 1825
ICS 101/2/2/22	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, conveying the 'Melville Watson' captain's reasons for not taking on the extra sugar; and criticising Phillips' comments on the invoices for supplies	28 Jun 1825
ICS 101/2/2/23	Letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips, concerning recent shipments, and conveying the 'Melville Watson' Captain's explanation for not taking the extra rum; commenting on Phillips' reports on the estate; and notifying him that he is appointing another attorney, one residing nearer the estate	2 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/24	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, advising of an improvement in the quality of his sugars over last year's, but that the rum is very faulty	5 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/25	Letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co. in response to their last, approving the immediate sale of the sugars and regretting the poor condition of the rum	6 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/26	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, advising of the sale of some sugars; and that they do not think the rum could be improved by racking	9 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/27	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, describing the work of the negroes; and regarding shipments and supplies	11 Jul 1825

ICS 101/2/2/28	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., approving their action in the sales of sugar and rum	11 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/29	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, advising that no more sales have been obtained	16 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/30	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips, regarding shipments	18 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/31	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, reporting the sale of the remaining sugars	19 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/32	Copy letter from Simon Halliday in Cowes to David Lyon and Co., in reply to their recent letters	28 Jul 1825
ICS 101/2/2/33	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, announcing the arrival of another shipment on the 'St Ann's', and reporting the sale of the rum from the 'Melville Watson' shipment	6 Aug 1825
ICS 101/2/2/34	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, reporting the paying off of the bond on Little's negroes; regarding supplies; and reporting favourably of Mr Gow	7 Aug 1825
ICS 101/2/2/35	Copy letter from Simon Halliday in Cowes to David Lyon and Co., regarding sales; and enquiring about the expected arrival of a further shipment on the 'Amazon'	12 Aug 1825
ICS 101/2/2/36	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding sales; and reporting that the non-arrival of the 'Amazon' is no cause for concern as yet	16 Aug 1825
ICS 101/2/2/37	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding the quality and prices for recent shipments	19 Aug 1825
ICS 101/2/2/38	Copy letter from Simon Halliday in Cowes to David Lyon and Co., in response to their last two letters regarding the 'St Ann's' shipment	21 Aug 1825
ICS 101/2/2/39	Letter from John Watson in Brighton to Simon Halliday, advising on the best time to sell his sugars: he has advised his House accordingly; and offering a turtle, one of three that have arrived	23 Aug 1825
ICS 101/2/2/40	Copy letter from Simon Halliday in Cowes to John Watson, approving his actions regarding sales, and declining the offered turtle on account of having no cook able to deal with it - but requesting a tureen or two of soup if it can be sent to one of the great taverns in the city to be dressed; also reporting on bathing at Cowes, and giving family news	27 Aug 1825
ICS 101/2/2/41	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, reporting the arrival of the 'Amazon'; and regarding sales	7 Sep 1825
ICS 101/2/2/42	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, reporting the sale of the sugars from the 'St Ann's'	9 Sep 1825

ICS 101/2/2/43	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., in response to their last two letters	11 Sep 1825
ICS 101/2/2/44	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, acknowledging receipt of a list of supplies needed for the estate, which will be put in hand	15 Sep 1825
ICS 101/2/2/45-47	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments; and concerning arrangements relating to his giving up as attorney on the estate, referring to his long connection with the estate and the attachment of the people to him, he having rescued them from a harsh manager. He encloses letters from Mr Gow and Mr Shinkwin, both of whom express readiness to follow him to another estate should he have positions for them, but he has advised them to remain; and requests the manumission of a mulatto mother and two quadroon children aged five and two, who were born when he lived on the estate	19 Sep 1825
ICS 101/2/2/48	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, sending accounts, and advising on the sale of sugars	30 Sep 1825
ICS 101/2/2/49-50	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., approving their suggestions, and enclosing an extract from Phillips' letter of 13 May regarding the need for a plough	3 Oct 1825
ICS 101/2/2/51	Letter from David McNish to Simon Halliday, reporting on the work and state of the estate, noting that Mr Shankwin, the overseer, has resigned to become overseer under Mr Phillips on another estate, and has been replaced by Mr Gow; that McNish has bought cattle to replace old stock which have been drawn off; and referring to Phillips' account about which he has some objections	14 Oct 1825
ICS 101/2/2/52	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, regarding an objection by McNish to an item in his account, namely the payment of 5% to the merchant for cashing drafts, which Phillips states is the common practice on the south of the island whereas 2.5% is the common rate on the north, for drawing larger sums than common on the south: he asks Halliday to authorise his practice, which dates back to Mr Mathison's time	1 Nov 1825
ICS 101/2/2/53	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, advising on replies to McNish and Phillips' letters [Phillips' of 19 Sep 1825, McNish's of unknown date]: Halliday should approve the increase in stock proposed by McNish, but state that he hopes there will be no great loss or decrease in the cattle in the future; he should also state that he wishes fair returns from the estate, but does not wish to force it by attempting to increase the crops	1 Nov 1825

using additional stock and jobbing labour; when writing to Phillips he should state that he does not wish him to make the white people discontented. Watson thinks the proposed price for the manumission of the mother and two children, whom he assumes are Phillips' or that Phillips thinks them so, is too low and that Halliday should authorise McNish to settle a better one with Phillips

ICS 101/2/2/54	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips, again stating that his sole reason for making a change of manager was to have one residing close to the estate; he would be much mortified if by making the change he had placed the estate in the hands of a harsh manager - he thinks it good policy that the negroes should have every comfort, kindness and humanity shown them consistent with their situation. He thanks Phillips for sending Gow and Shinkwin's letters and for advising them not to quit their employment; and advises that he has no objection to the manumission of the slave and her two children, but he should settle the matter with McNish as the price suggested is too low	5 Nov 1825
ICS 101/2/2/55	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts of sales, and despatch of supplies to Jamaica; also noting that the hogsheads are smaller than they should be	21 Nov 1825
ICS 101/2/2/56	Letter from David McNish to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of his letter of 14 Oct, and giving a general account of the estate, noting that the weather has been wet	24 Nov 1825
ICS 101/2/2/57	Letter from David McNish to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of his letter of 24 Nov, and reporting an improvement in the weather	29 Nov 1825
ICS 101/2/2/58	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., in response to theirs of 21 Nov	30 Nov 1825
ICS 101/2/2/59	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts; reporting that Shinkwin is now living with him as overseer on another property, while Gow is still at Castle Wemyss although he has urged Phillips to give him a situation; and stating that he will see McNish regarding the manumission	22 Dec 1825
ICS 101/2/2/60	Printed handbill addressed by JR Phillips to the overseers of estates under his charge, offering premiums for achieving stated targets in cultivation, crops, and increase of negroes and stock	n.d. [c.1825]

ICS 101/2/3	Correspondence	1826
	24 items	
ICS 101/2/3/1	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David McNish, in response to his of 14 Oct 1825, expressing regret at the loss of Shinkwin, and approving Gow's promotion in his place; regretting the need to purchase more cattle; discussing Phillips' accounts; and advising that the hogsheads are too small and need to be at least 16 to 17 cwt	4 Jan 1826
ICS 101/2/3/2	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding supplies, and advising on sale of sugar	16 Jan 1826
ICS 101/2/3/3	Letter from John Watson of David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, advising on accounts: Halliday is not liable for the payment of the balance stated to be due to Phillips; and the 5% commission [to the merchant for cashing drafts] is not customary on the north or south side of the island	23 Jan 1826
ICS 101/2/3/4	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts for supplies; and news of the death of Finlay, who held Halliday's dormant power of attorney: he will discuss the matter of a replacement when they meet	26 Jan 1826
ICS 101/2/3/5	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to JR Phillips, regarding the 5% charge on cashing drafts, which Halliday has found is not at all a common one, and he thinks that not more than 2.5% ought to be allowed; and noting the departure of Shinkwin	6 Feb 1826
ICS 101/2/3/6	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David McNish, sending a copy of the letter he has sent to Phillips regarding the 5% commission	6 Feb 1826
ICS 101/2/3/7	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding sales of sugar, and asking after Halliday's health of which he has heard indifferent reports	1 Mar 1826
ICS 101/2/3/8	Letter from JR Phillips to Simon Halliday, in reply to Halliday's of 6 Feb: he cannot afford the loss of the difference in commission allowed, and asks for it to be paid: he considers that he was right to allow it, having been instructed to manage the estate exactly as he had done prior to Halliday becoming the proprietor	29 Apr 1826
ICS 101/2/3/9	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, sending copies of invoices of stores for the Castle Wemyss estate, and accounts of sales, together with annual accounts; and regarding shipments	29 Apr 1826

ICS 101/2/3/10	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., in reply to theirs of 29 Apr	1 May 1826
ICS 101/2/3/11	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., sending a bill of lading for sugar and rum on the 'Melville Watson'	9 Jun 1826
ICS 101/2/3/12	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Watson, sending McNish's letter of 8 April and his list of supplies	12 Jun 1826
ICS 101/2/3/13	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, reporting sales of sugar, and regarding notification by McNish of further shipments	30 Jun 1826
ICS 101/2/3/14	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., in reply to theirs of 30 Jun	1 Jul 1826
ICS 101/2/3/15	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments and sales	3 Aug 1826
ICS 101/2/3/16	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., regarding shipments; and reporting the news he has received of the death of Mr Gow and ten slaves, from influenza; McNish has appointed a Mr McGregor in place of Gow	21 Aug 1826
ICS 101/2/3/17	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments and sales, and enquiring whether he has decided on successor to McNish in case of accident to him	22 Aug 1826
ICS 101/2/3/18	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding sales	3 Oct 1826
ICS 101/2/3/19	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding the poor weather and loss of hands at Castle Wemyss	3 Oct 1826
ICS 101/2/3/20	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., regarding sales	5 Oct 1826
ICS 101/2/3/21	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding sales of rum	15 Nov 1826
ICS 101/2/3/22	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., regarding sales	16 Nov 1826
ICS 101/2/3/23	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, offering turtle for his party on Christmas Day; reporting seven down with whooping cough in his family; and regarding sales	21 Dec 1826
ICS 101/2/3/24	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding sales of sugar; and referring to the turtle which should have arrived	23 Dec 1826

ICS 101/2/4	Correspondence	1827
	51 items	
ICS 101/2/4/1	Letter from David McNish to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of his previous letter of 29 Dec 1826, reporting the arrival of supplies; and regarding the commencement of making sugar from the current crop	8 Feb 1827
ICS 101/2/4/2	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts of sales, and invoices for supplies	5 Mar 1827
ICS 101/2/4/3	Letter from David McNish [written by James Innes], containing a copy of his letter of 8 Feb 1827; reporting good progress with the crop; and regarding shipments Note on back in Halliday's hand: 'letter from Mr Irving by desire of Mr McNish then dangerously ill'	9 Mar 1827
ICS 101/2/4/4	Letter from John Irving to Simon Halliday, reporting the death of Mr McNish: Irving has taken charge of the estate, as authorised by McNish, and offers to continue if the appointment is confirmed by Halliday; he has managed Sir Simon Clarke's estates for nearly 10 years, and is well known to David Lyon and Co.	16 Mar 1827
ICS 101/2/4/5	Letter from John Irving to Simon Halliday, reporting a shipment	22 Mar 1827
ICS 101/2/4/6	Letter from John Irving to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of his letter of 16 Mar, and regarding a shipment; also reporting that the negroes have been sickly; and that the crop will be finished that week	3 Apr 1827
ICS 101/2/4/7	Copy letter from John Irving to Simon Halliday	3 Apr 1827
ICS 101/2/4/8	Letter from William Cadiru to Simon Halliday, sending a statement of McNish's account with the estate, and requesting that the balance be settled	10 Apr 1827
ICS 101/2/4/9	Letter from John Irving to Simon Halliday, regarding shipment of the remainder of the crop; and reporting that he had served the negroes with their clothing, and on examining them found that they bore all the marks of very harsh treatment. They complained of ill usage by the overseer, which Irving believed to be true as the overseer had been allowed to punish them very severely, and some of them had been to the Magistrates to complain a few days before McNish's death, the overseer being fined £5. Irving had considered dismissing the overseer but had waited pending his examination of the negroes, and would now wait until his appointment as attorney was confirmed	30 Apr 1827
ICS 101/2/4/10	Copy letter from John Irving to Simon Halliday	30Apr 1827

ICS 101/2/4/11	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, advising of bad accounts of Mr McNish's health, and discussing the appointment of a successor: he sends a copy of a letter from a Thomas Saint who was recommended by McNish, but who resides some distance from Castle Wemyss	30 Apr 1827
ICS 101/2/4/12	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Watson, regarding McNish's health and the appointment of a successor	5 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/13	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts, and news of McNish's death; they will draw up the new power of attorney in readiness for the next week's packet	9 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/14	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, sending a letter from John Irving who has taken on the management of the estate. He manages three of their concerns but Watson does not have full confidence in him. He intended to draw up a power of attorney to William Reeves and dormant to John Glass, both in the immediate neighbourhood of Castle Wemyss; although he thinks well of Thomas Saint, he resides at too great a distance	14 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/15-16	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, sending the power of attorney, and enclosing a note of possible salaries and their conversion from sterling to Jamaican currency	15 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/17	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Irving, expressing regret at the death of McNish; and thanking Irving for looking after the Castle Wemyss estate: he would have confirmed him in charge, but had already made arrangements to appoint William Reeves	15 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/18	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, advising that he and Mr Glass have been strongly recommended by Mr Watson to take over as attorney, and that a power of attorney for this purpose has been sent	15 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/19	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., approving the accounts sent on 30 Apr	16 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/20	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, reporting the loss of the 'Melville Watson' off the Isle of Wight, with uninsured sugar and rum from Castle Wemyss on board	29 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/21	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., sending a bill of lading for sugar and rum on the 'Melville Watson'	29 May 1827

ICS 101/2/4/22	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of a letter from Wienholt Bros., Davis and Co. reporting on the loss of the 'Melville Watson': there is little hope of saving the ship, but some casks of rum have already been saved, however there is little possibility of getting the sugars off	30 May 1827
ICS 101/2/4/23-24	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, advising of the impending transport of the rum from the 'Melville Watson', and asking whether insurance should be effected; with copy reply from Halliday in the affirmative	6-7 Jun 1827
ICS 101/2/4/25	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regretting the loss of the 'Melville Watson'; and reporting the overturning of their coach on the way to Brighton	7 Jun 1827
ICS 101/2/4/26	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, reporting the arrival of the rum, and regarding insurance for other shipments	21 Jun 1827
ICS 101/2/4/27	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, referring to the report from Mr Irving of the cruel treatment of the slaves; and regarding Cadiru's account as executor of McNish	2 Jul 1827
ICS 101/2/4/28	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Irving, regarding shipments; and stating that he is extremely sorry to hear of the cruel treatment of the slaves by the overseer, whom he has instructed Reeves to discharge as a warning to others to be more lenient in future	2 Jul 1827
ICS 101/2/4/29	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Cadiru, advising him to refer to William Reeves for settlement of McNish's account	2 Jul 1827
ICS 101/2/4/30	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, acknowledging receipt of his letter and power of attorney, which he accepts; and regarding accounts rendered by Irving both for himself and as executor of Mr McNish	21 Jul 1827
ICS 101/2/4/31	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments and sales; and reporting that a Lieutenant Arnold of the Preventive Service has put in a claim for his and his people's services [respecting the 'Melville Watson'] which is being disputed	23 Jul 1827
ICS 101/2/4/32	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, reporting that he has taken possession of Castle Wemyss, which he found in very good order: he notes a considerable loss of slaves in the last few years, and proposes to use hired help to make up the numbers; he proposes also to purchase more mules; and reports on accounts	30 Jul 1827

ICS 101/2/4/33	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, requesting a list of supplies if he has had it; and reporting the arrival of a shipment	8 Aug 1827
ICS 101/2/4/34	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., sending the list of supplies required	10 Aug 1827
ICS 101/2/4/35	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, including a copy of his last letter dated 30 Jul, and reporting on accounts and supplies	10 Aug 1827
ICS 101/2/4/36	Letter from John Irving to Simon Halliday, reporting another instance of brutality on the part of the overseer, who had severely punished the head driver, Gaw, for allowing the negroes to come to Irving to complain	21 Aug 1827
ICS 101/2/4/37	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, expressing great surprise at Irving's first report of ill-treatment of the negroes at the hands of the overseer. Reeves thinks that Irving must have been prompted by motives not to his credit, as the young man who is overseer is reputable and humane. Reeves and Glass, together with Dr Anderson and Mr Cadiru (two of McNish's executors) had inspected each of the negroes and did not find evidence or complaint of punishment; one instance is related of a collar being put on the neck of one negro, 'in itself an act of mercy ... adopted to prevent severe punishment which the man merited', this taking place after McNish's death and after Irving took possession. It is also noted that the high mortality reported by Irving took place before the overseer came on the estate, and was due to disease that was widespread. Regarding other matters, Reeves reports recent high winds which have blown down some canes, but he hopes there will be some recovery: the provision grounds have been affected also, adding to the scarcity of provisions and resulting in the need to give assistance to the poorer people	1 Sep 1827
ICS 101/2/4/38	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding supplies, shipments and sales	5 Sep 1827
ICS 101/2/4/39	Letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co. in reply to theirs of 5 Sep	8 Sep 1827
ICS 101/2/4/40	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, reporting that the canes have recovered from the damage inflicted by the high winds; the purchase of steers and mules; and regarding accounts for contingencies	28 Sep 1827

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| ICS 101/2/4/41 | Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, in reply to his of 21 and 30 Jul, advising that labourers should not be employed, but he has no objection to the purchase of cattle; he requests and account of the slaves and stock of the estate; and comments on the small size of the hogsheads shipped | 2 Oct 1827 |
| ICS 101/2/4/42 | Letter from John Irving to Simon Halliday, written on hearing of Reeves' investigation of the treatment of slaves on Castle Wemyss estate: he believes that his clerk wrote to the overseer stating Irving's satisfaction at the manner in which he alleged things to be then going on. Irving encloses a letter from the overseer which, he claims, bears testimony that he had already reproved him for his severity. Irving again states that it was obvious to everyone who saw them that the negroes had been treated with severity, including Dr Anderson; and that Mr Finlay himself acknowledged to him that he had been severe with the negroes, but that he was urged to it by Mr McNish. He comments on 'invidious remarks' made by Halliday's advisers, and reports that the matter is common knowledge in the parish of St James and Trelawney | 2 Oct 1827 |
| ICS 101/2/4/43 | Letter from Alexander Finlay [the overseer on the Castle Wemyss estate at the centre of the allegations of ill-treatment of slaves] to John Irving, enclosed with Irving's letter to Halliday of 2 Oct 1827, stating that he has been able to carry Irving's wishes into effect with regard to the management of the negroes, there being no single instance of punishment being inflicted or required; and noting that the negroes are in general healthy, there being two in hospital sick, but a number in with sores | 17 Jun 1827 |
| ICS 101/2/4/44 | Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, advising on the management of Castle Wemyss, and enclosing an extract from a letter from William Reeves reporting in more detail on the estate, which Watson feels shows he is anxious for the wellbeing of the estate; he advises Halliday to tell Reeves to confine the cultivation of the estate to its own strength, that he wishes to avoid hired labour, that the stock should number no more than there is food for, and that average crops of 150 hogsheads would satisfy him | 9 Oct 1827 |
| ICS 101/2/4/45 | Extract of a letter from William Reeves to John Watson [enclosed with Watson's letter of 9 Oct 1827], reporting on the state of Castle Wemyss, including the need for more stock, and referring to the low health of some of the people, who he thinks are wanting in nourishment: the poorer negro relies on unripe yam and green pear at | 10 Aug 1827 |

	this time of year, the consequence of which is bowel complaints and dysentery; and referring to the minds and ideas of the negroes being much altered by 'the villainous set who have been so long working our ruin'	
ICS 101/2/4/46	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, thanking him for taking up the matter of ill-treatment of the slaves: he is pleased that there is no foundation for such a report as Mr Irving made, and he is at a loss as to Irving's motive except that possibly he had some antipathy to the young man. He states his wishes regarding the management of the estate, in the terms advised by Watson in his letter to Halliday of 9 Oct 1827	15 Oct 1827
ICS 101/2/4/47	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, proposing the immediate sale of sugars, with copy reply from Halliday approving this	3 Nov 1827
ICS 101/2/4/48	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, reporting fine weather on the estate; the purchase of cattle and mules; the rebuilding of a trash house for fuel; and noting the news that the Government has refused to acknowledge [Jamaica's] new slave law, which has created a general feeling of alarm and will much perplex the Assembly which has just met	20 Nov 1827
ICS 101/2/4/49	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding the despatch of supplies; and accounts of sales	23 Nov 1827
ICS 101/2/4/50	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., in reply to theirs of 23 Nov	28 Nov 1827
ICS 101/2/4/51	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, regretting that he had not been apprised before of Halliday's wish to resist the use of hired labour; reporting the continuing prospect of a fair crop; reporting an outbreak of fever which has killed two men at Castle Wemyss and one at Canaan, the adjoining property, the overseer also being taken very ill; and appending copies of letters reporting the deaths of Mr Black, [?the book-keeper at Canaan], and of Mr Allen, the other book-keeper at [?Castle Wemyss]	4 Dec 1827

ICS 101/2/5	Correspondence	1828
	58 items	
ICS 101/2/5/1	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, advising that lists of negroes and stock are being sent; referring to the prevailing sickness reported in his last letter, which had carried off two white men on the estate; reporting that work on the crop had commenced; advising against increasing the size of the hogsheads, partly because those for the present crop had already been raised, but also because of the distance of the estate from the wharf and the difficulty of transport, which led to loss of stock - the hogsheads were currently about 17cwt. on leaving the estate; and reporting the arrival of supplies	10 Jan 1828
ICS 101/2/5/2	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts of sales	19 Jan 1828
ICS 101/2/5/3	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to David Lyon and Co., acknowledging their letter of 19 Jan	21 Jan 1828
ICS 101/2/5/4	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, noting that the estate contingencies are large, but hoping that things will go better now that they have got into a more regular train; otherwise he has no particular instructions to give	31 Jan 1828
ICS 101/2/5/5	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, reporting progress with the crop, which is going on well; commenting that it ought to be possible to produce a greater proportion of rum than has previously been the case, and that he has given the still house two new fermenting bins; and giving other news of the estate	8 Feb 1828
ICS 101/2/5/6	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, noting that it appears from papers he has been sent that the understanding with Mr Reeves is that under no circumstances is he to hire labourers. Watson advises against this, saying that while in ordinary seasons it should not be necessary, many things might arise to make £100 or so well bestowed [on labourers] and this should be left to Reeves' discretion	1 Mar 1828
ICS 101/2/5/7	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, advising that he may have recourse to the use of labourers in cases of emergency; approving Reeves' advice to continue producing the same size hogsheads. He refers to a suggestion by Mr Watson that he uses tierces instead of hogsheads; and acknowledges receipt of the lists of negroes and stock	3 Mar 1828

ICS 101/2/5/8	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, referring to a very heavy account; and approving Halliday's letter of 15 Aug [? possibly should be 15 Oct 1827] regarding the use of hired labour	4 Mar 1828
ICS 101/2/5/9	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, reporting good progress with the sugar crop but that the rum produced is of unpromising quality, and one area of canes has produced inferior sugar; and advising on shipments	11 Mar 1828
ICS 101/2/5/10	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of that of 11 Mar, and reporting continued rains which have caused a stoppage to sugar making and may delay shipments - otherwise the rain will be good for the next crop	20 Mar 1828
ICS 101/2/5/11	Letter from David Lyon and Co. to Simon Halliday, regarding sales	29 Mar 1828
ICS 101/2/5/12-13	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments, for one of which a bill of lading is enclosed; reporting good progress in the production of sugar; and stating that matters generally are in a favourable way, with the exception of the still house	16 Apr 1828
ICS 101/2/5/14	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, regarding shipments; and referring to the expected news of the determination of the Government in consequence of the decision of the Assembly last session	25 Apr 1828
ICS 101/2/5/15	Letter from John Watson, enclosing a circular letter concerning the dissolving of his partnership with David Lyon; and regarding shipments and insurance	1 May 1828
ICS 101/2/5/16	Circular letter from John Watson, as one of the partners of David Lyon and Co., advising of the discontinuance of that firm on the retirement of Mr Lyon, and his intention of continuing in business on his own account	1 May 1828
ICS 101/2/5/17	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Watson, approving the insurance of shipments; and, with reference to the circular, congratulating Watson	2 May 1828
ICS 101/2/5/18	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, commenting on Reeves' reports of crops of sugar and rum: he suggests in future not planting the area that produced inferior sugar, as it was probably due to the quality of the land; and regarding shipments	5 May 1828

ICS 101/2/5/19	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of his letter of 25 Apr; reporting the making of 160 hogsheads of sugar with 5 or 6 more to be made; and stating that he will be submitting plans for improvement of the still house in order to try to improve the production of rum	6 May 1828
ICS 101/2/5/20	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts	12 May 1828
ICS 101/2/5/21	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Watson, acknowledging his letter of 12 May	13 May 1828
ICS 101/2/5/22	Letter from Robert Hawthorn of John Watson's firm to Simon Halliday, enclosing a copy of a letter from William Reeves dated 20 Mar, reporting generally on the estate, and noting that there has been no news from England since 17 Jan	29 May 1828
ICS 101/2/5/23	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, advising of the shipment of additional sugar and rum on the 'Etheldred' to that previously advised, to enable it to sail without further delay: he was reluctant to send so much on one 'bottom', but trusts that the motive will acquit him of rashness	3 Jun 1828
ICS 101/2/5/24	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, mentioning the need to improve the still house; sending a list of supplies needed for 1829; and advising that he has sent at the request of the house domestics, a present of arrow root, pepper, cashews etc.	6 Jun 1828
ICS 101/2/5/25	Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Simon Halliday, regarding insurance of a shipment	12 Jun 1828
ICS 101/2/5/26	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, forwarding a letter from Reeves and expressing pleasure and gladness that Halliday has so much cause to be satisfied with Reeves' management	17 Jun 1828
ICS 101/2/5/27	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, approving his management of the estate, and stating that while this continues he will be happy to meet Reeves' wishes regarding improvements, such as those to the still house	25 Jun 1828
ICS 101/2/5/28	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, again expressing approval of Reeves' management; and reporting that the Government had decided to allow foreign sugar into refineries, causing the market to go from bad to worse	28 Jun 1828

ICS 101/2/5/29	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, regarding the still house, which he proposes moving and placing under the curing house, the walls of which are high enough to admit of it without any addition, and for which he has received an estimate for the necessary work; and giving a general report	10 Jul 1828
ICS 101/2/5/30	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding a shipment of rum which has already been sold, and of sugar which is not so good, and he recommends waiting before selling this	11 Jul 1828
ICS 101/2/5/31	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Watson, commenting on his letter and leaving it to Watson's judgement as to the sale of the sugar	15 Jul 1828
ICS 101/2/5/32	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, reporting sale of the sugar; referring to favourable reports of prospects for next year's crop; and noting that low [quality] sugars have been much hurt by the Bill allowing foreign sugars to be refined	24 Jul 1828
ICS 101/2/5/33	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, reporting the Etheldred being heard of from the Downs, with a large quantity of Castle Wemyss sugar and rum: some is not insured but he concludes that Halliday would take the further risk himself as the ship is so near port	25 Jul 1828
ICS 101/2/5/34	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, reporting work in progress on the moving of the fermenting house: the alteration will increase the crop and reduce the contingent charges; regarding accounts; and reporting on the estate	29 Jul 1828
ICS 101/2/5/35	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, reporting news of the arrival of the Etheldred at the Downs; approving the renewal of the still house - although he has not received an estimate he trusts Reeves to act judiciously as before; regarding supplies; and sending thanks to the house domestics for the present [of spices and cashews], asking what he might send in return	2 Aug 1828
ICS 101/2/5/36	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Watson, regarding the 'Etheldred'; and requesting that the arrow root, pickles etc. be sent to him in Cowes	3 Aug 1828
ICS 101/2/5/37	Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Simon Halliday, in reply to Halliday's letter to Watson, advising that the 'Etheldred' is delivering her cargo in good order; the box for Halliday is being sent as requested	4 Aug 1828
ICS 101/2/5/38	Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Simon Halliday, reporting the sale of the rum off the 'Etheldred'; and giving news of Mr Watson who is in Scotland	11 Aug 1828

ICS 101/2/5/39	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to Robert Hawthorn, acknowledging Hawthorn's of 11 Aug; and requesting details of the total quantities of produce from Castle Wemyss, as he does not have the information by him	14 Aug 1828
ICS 101/2/5/40	Letter from Robert Hawthorn to Simon Halliday, advising the total quantities of sugar and rum as requested (162 hogsheads of sugar, 52 puncheons of rum)	15 Aug 1828
ICS 101/2/5/41	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to Robert Hawthorn, noting from the papers that the sugar market is good and requesting his attention to the sale of his	24 Aug 1828
ICS 101/2/5/42	Letter from Robert Hawthorn, reporting the sale of some sugars	27 Aug 1828
ICS 101/2/5/43	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of that of 29 Jul; giving a general report of the estate; and referring to him a request from a young man, overseer on the adjoining estate, to purchase the manumission of a mulatto girl named Ann McKessock. Reeves suggests requesting an able negro in exchange, as they would then gain a negro working in the field, brown women being generally exempt from field work and there being an excess of them for domestic work	29 Aug 1828
ICS 101/2/5/44	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, again approving work on the still house; reporting on the arrival and sales of crops; referring to there being little on this side of the Atlantic to raise the price of produce; and noting that the present administration seem inclined towards the planters although pestered by the 'Saints' to carry the orders of Parliament of 1823 into effect	10 Sep 1828
ICS 101/2/5/45	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts and sales; and referring to Reeves shipping more than was insured for on the 'Etheldred'; also noting the settlement of the salvage claim on the rum saved last year	25 Sep 1828
ICS 101/2/5/46	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts of sales and Reeves' contingent accounts, which are high but largely due to charges contracted by his predecessors	6 Oct 1828
ICS 101/2/5/47	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, reporting sales of sugar	8 Oct 1828

ICS 101/2/5/48	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, expressing satisfaction at the arrival of the 'Etheldred'; reporting heavy rains which have held up work, including that on the new still house: the rain led to part of the foundation giving way which has incurred more expense; and regarding accounts	10 Oct 1828
ICS 101/2/5/49	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts of sales	27 Oct 1828
ICS 101/2/5/50	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, referring to the work on the still house; approving the idea of exchanging the mulatto girl for an able-bodied negro, but leaving it to Reeves to settle the business most to the advantage of the estate; and advising that he has asked Mr Watson to send a small present to the domestic slaves	27 Oct 1828
ICS 101/2/5/51	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Watson, regarding accounts of sales	28 Oct 1828
ICS 101/2/5/52	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts of sales	8 Nov 1828
ICS 101/2/5/53	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to John Watson, acknowledging Watson's of 8 Nov	10 Nov 1828
ICS 101/2/5/54	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of that of 9 Oct [original is dated 10 Oct]; and giving a general report on the estate	21 Nov 1828
ICS 101/2/5/55	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to William Reeves, regarding the still house; and accounts, noting that there continue to be high charges for fresh stock, which halliday did not expect as he thought that the old and worn out stock had been all got rid of	2 Dec 1828
ICS 101/2/5/56	Letter from William Reeves to Simon Halliday, containing a copy of that of 21 Nov; reporting fair ripening weather; and noting that they are still in want of some supplies, but that the 'Emma' should soon be there judging from the arrival of the 'Hector' which sailed with her	12 Dec 1828
ICS 101/2/5/57	Letter from John Watson to Simon Halliday, regarding accounts of sales, and noting that the sugar market is even worse than it was: there remain 27 hogsheads to sell	19 Dec 1828
ICS 101/2/5/58	Memorandum of accounts concerning the Castle Wemyss estate, including notes of matters to check	n.d. [c.1828]

<u>ICS 101/3</u>	<u>Records of slaves</u>	<u>1823-1828</u>
	These comprise returns which were sent to the owner of the estate by his attorney	
ICS 101/3/1	Returns of slaves and stock 10 items	1823-1828
ICS 101/3/1/1	Returns of slaves in the parish of St James, in the possession of William James Hall as attorney for the Castle Wemyss estate, the property of Gilbert Mathison, in 1817 and 1820 Give name, colour, age, whether African or Creole, other remarks, and causes of increase and decrease [births and deaths]	1823
ICS 101/3/1/2-3	Report of decrease of stock on the Castle Wemyss estate between 1817 and 1823	1823
ICS 101/3/1/4	Report on state of health of negroes on the Castle Wemyss estate, by Alexander Brown, surgeon Lists the negroes and briefly describes the health of each	10 May 1824
ICS 101/3/1/5	Report on state of health of negroes on the Castle Wemyss estate, by Alexander Brown, surgeon Lists the negroes and briefly describes the health of each	27 Apr 1825
ICS 101/3/1/6	Monthly medical report on slaves on the Castle Wemyss estate, by Alexander Brown, Surgeon Written report describing the deaths of two women, and the ill health of a third	13 Jun 1825
ICS 101/3/1/7	List of slaves on the Castle Wemyss estate, including a schedule of increases and decreases, together with a schedule of decrease of stock on the estate in 1825 Gives name, age, whether African or Creole, occupation and condition	31 Dec 1825
ICS 101/3/1/8	List of slaves on the Castle Wemyss estate Gives name, age, whether African or Creole, occupation and condition	31 Dec 1827
ICS 101/3/1/9	Report on the increase and decrease of slaves on the Castle Wemyss estate in 1827	1 Jan 1828
ICS 101/3/1/10	Report on the increase and decrease of stock on the Castle Wemyss estate in 1827	1 Jan 1828

ICS 101/3/2	Monthly reports of work done by slaves	1823-1825
	25 items	
ICS 101/3/2/1	Monthly report	Sep 1823
ICS 101/3/2/2	Monthly report	Oct 1823
ICS 101/3/2/3	Monthly report	Nov 1823
ICS 101/3/2/4	Monthly report	Dec 1823
ICS 101/3/2/5	Monthly report	Jan 1824
ICS 101/3/2/6	Monthly report	Feb 1824
ICS 101/3/2/7	Monthly report	Apr 1824
ICS 101/3/2/8	Monthly report	May 1824
ICS 101/3/2/9	Monthly report	Jun 1824
ICS 101/3/2/10	Monthly report	Jul 1824
ICS 101/3/2/11	Monthly report	Aug 1824
ICS 101/3/2/12	Monthly report	Sep 1824
ICS 101/3/2/13	Monthly report	Oct 1824
ICS 101/3/2/14	Monthly report	Nov 1824
ICS 101/3/2/15	Monthly report	Dec 1824
ICS 101/3/2/16	Monthly report	Jan 1825
ICS 101/3/2/17	Monthly report	Feb 1825
ICS 101/3/2/18	Monthly report	Mar 1825
ICS 101/3/2/19	Monthly report	Apr 1825
ICS 101/3/2/20	Monthly report	Apr 1825
ICS 101/3/2/21	Monthly report	May 1825
ICS 101/3/2/22	Monthly report	Jun 1825
ICS 101/3/2/23	Monthly report	Jul 1825
ICS 101/3/2/24	Monthly report	Aug 1825
ICS 101/3/2/25	Blank copy of weekly report	1825

<u>ICS 101/4</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>1824-1845</u>
	Many items in this section are referred to in correspondence in ICS 101/2	
ICS 101/4/1	Accounts of attorneys on the Castle Wemyss estate 20 items	1824-1845
ICS 101/4/1/1-2	Account current of JR Phillips as attorney to Simon Halliday 2 copies	2 Aug 1824
ICS 101/4/1/3	Account current of JR Phillips Overlaps with previous account	11 Sep 1824
ICS 101/4/1/4	Account current of JR Phillips	19 Sep 1825
ICS 101/4/1/5	Account current of Steel and Elin [?Solicitors] with the Castle Wemyss estate	20 Sep 1825
ICS 101/4/1/6	Account current of JR Phillips	Nov 1825
ICS 101/4/1/7	Account current of JR Phillips	n.d. [c.1826]
ICS 101/4/1/8	Abstract of account of David McNish	1 Jun 1826
ICS 101/4/1/9	Account current of David McNish as attorney to Simon Halliday Prepared by William Cadiru, one of the executors of David McNish deceased	31 Dec 1826
ICS 101/4/1/10	Summary of Castle Wemyss estate contingencies	24 Sep 1827
ICS 101/4/1/11	Account current of William Reeves as attorney to Simon Halliday Includes payments to the estate of the late David McNish, the previous attorney	31 Dec 1827
ICS 101/4/1/12	Account current of William Reeves	20 Oct 1835
ICS 101/4/1/13	Account current of Dewar S McLaren as attorney to Simon Halliday	1 Aug 1843
ICS 101/4/1/14	Note of annual island expenses of Halliday, 1828-1835	c.1835
ICS 101/4/1/15	Account current of Dewar S McLaren as attorney on the Castle Wemyss estate	23 Aug 1842
ICS 101/4/1/16	Account current of Peter McLaren as attorney on the Castle Wemyss estate	1 Aug 1844
ICS 101/4/1/17-18	Monthly account and report of Peter McLaren of work on the estate 2 copies	Apr 1844

ICS 101/4/1/19	Monthly account and report of Peter McLaren of work on the estate	Mar 1845
ICS 101/4/1/20	Memorandum of formula to convert Jamaican currency to sterling	n.d. [c.1830]
ICS 101/4/2	Accounts of shipments by David Lyon and Co. on behalf of Simon Halliday and the Castle Wemyss estate 12 items	1824-1845
ICS 101/4/2/1	Invoices for shipments of goods to Jamaica	30 Oct 1824-1 Mar 1825
ICS 101/4/2/2	Account current	30 Apr 1825
ICS 101/4/2/3	Invoices for shipments of goods to Jamaica	13 Oct 1825-31 Jan 1826
ICS 101/4/2/4	Note of value of invoices of stores for 1825 and 1826	c.1826
ICS 101/4/2/5	Account current	1 May 1826
ICS 101/4/2/6	List of supplies required for Castle Wemyss estate for 1827	31 Mar 1826
ICS 101/4/2/7	Invoices for shipments of goods to Jamaica	3 Oct 1826-17 Jan 1827
ICS 101/4/2/8	Account current	30 Apr 1827
ICS 101/4/2/9	Invoices for shipments of goods to Jamaica	1 Oct 1827-12 Jan 1828
ICS 101/4/2/10	Account current	30 Apr 1828
ICS 101/4/2/11	List of supplies required for Castle Wemyss estate for 1829	n.d. [c.1828]
ICS 101/4/2/12	Account current	1 May 1843
ICS 101/4/3	Accounts of crops and sales 46 items	1824-1828
ICS 101/4/3/1	Crop account for 1824 Gives details of shipments and sales of sugar and rum	5 Mar 1825
ICS 101/4/3/2	Rough crop account	n.d. [c.1825]
ICS 101/4/3/3-7	Accounts of sales of sugar and rum by Mathison, Jenkins and Co. on behalf of the Castle Wemyss estate between Jun and Aug 1824	27 Sep 1824

ICS 101/4/3/8-14	Accounts of sales of sugar by David Lyon and Co. on behalf of the Castle Wemyss estate	1 Jan 1825
ICS 101/4/3/15-21	Accounts of sales of sugar and rum by David Lyon and Co. on behalf of the Castle Wemyss estate	1825
ICS 101/4/3/22-31	Accounts of sales of sugar and rum by David Lyon and Co. on behalf of the Castle Wemyss estate Includes two rough memoranda of sales	1826
ICS 101/4/3/32-37	Accounts of sales of sugar and rum by David Lyon and Co. on behalf of the Castle Wemyss estate	1827
ICS 101/4/3/38-46	Accounts of sales of sugar and rum by David Lyon and Co. on behalf of the Castle Wemyss estate	1828

<u>ICS 101/5</u>	<u>Papers concerning the Harvie estate, Pedro's Valley, St Anne, Jamaica</u>	<u>1809</u>
	4 items	
ICS 101/5/1	Copy letter from Simon Halliday to Gilbert Mathison in Jamaica, asking him to make enquiries as to whether it would be worth Halliday's while seeking to get possession of land in Pedro's Valley, mentioned in enclosed papers [of which ICS 101/5/3-4 are probably copies] and to which Mrs Halliday as the last surviving child of all the Harvies, must be the legal heir. This is an old claim which has lain dormant for near 40 years; the present Lord Harewood has an apparent balance due upon a mortgage bond entered into by Mrs Halliday's father and uncle in 1769. The proposal is to ascertain whether possession can be obtained by Halliday, and then to go to arbitration over the mortgage claim, throughout acting jointly with Lord Harewood. The lands are styled waste wood lands but as others seem anxious to get hold of them, they may have some value	27 Apr 1809
ICS 101/5/2	Note by Simon Halliday of the proposal that Lord Harewood and Halliday should appoint attorneys jointly to inquire into their respective rights to the remaining property of the Harvie estate in Jamaica	n.d. [c.1809]
ICS 101/5/3-4	Extracts of letters and deeds concerning the Harvie estate in Jamaica, 1769-1809	1809
<u>ICS 101/6</u>	<u>Research papers of Mrs Halliday on the history of the Castle Wemyss estate</u>	<u>c.1990</u>
	The research is based on the records included in this archive, and other sources such as Gilbert Mathison's 'Notices respecting Jamaica', and includes notes, tables summarising the information available about each of the slaves named on the returns, and several partial drafts of the resulting work(s)	
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