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Charles Kuhn Prioleau correspondence, 1860-1865 SCHS# 1280.00

Creator: Prioleau, Charles K.

Description: 0.5 linear ft. (1 box)

Biographical/Historical Note: Merseyside County Museum, Liverpool, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Businessman and merchant, of Liverpool, England.

Scope and Content: Photocopies of correspondence to Prioleau, associated with Fraser, Trenholm, and Co., Liverpool, England, from merchants and associates of John Fraser & Co., Charleston, S.C., including J. Ford Prioleau, George Alfred Trenholm, Theodore D. Wagner, James T. Welsman, and Jacob Williman; together with letters from Major Caleb Huse, European purchasing agent for the Confederate Army and General Colin John McRae, Confederate treasury agent. Topics include secession, blockade running, supplying the Confederacy, possible payment of Confederate government debts, and the situation in South Carolina during and after the Civil War.

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Search terms:

Huse, Caleb, 1831-1905 -- Correspondence.

McRae, Colin J. (Colin John), 1812-1877 -- Correspondence.

Prioleau, Charles Kuhn, 1827-1887.

Prioleau, J. Ford, 1826-1880 -- Correspondence.

Trenholm, George Alfred, 1807-1876 -- Correspondence.

Welsman, James Thomas, 1813-1877.
Wagner, Theodore D. (Theodore Dehon), 1819-1880 -- Correspondence.
Williman, Jacob, 1823-1899 -- Correspondence.
John Fraser & Co. (Charleston, S.C.)
Fraser, Trenholm, and Co. (Liverpool, England)
Confederate States of America. Army.
Confederate States of America. Dept. of the Treasury.
Blockade.
Secession.
Military assistance.
International trade.
Debts, Public -- Confederate States of America.
Confederate States of America -- Commerce -- Great Britain.
Confederate States of America -- Defenses.
Confederate States of America -- Finance.
Great Britain -- Commerce -- Confederate States of America.
Liverpool (England) -- Commerce.
South Carolina -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Blockades.
Businessmen -- Great Britain.
Merchants -- Great Britain -- Liverpool.
Merchants -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Public officers.
Soldiers -- Confederate States of America.

Container listing:

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Incoming Letters, 1860-1865

Senior partner, Fraser, Trenholm & Co of Liverpool, England, associated with Fraser & Co., Charleston. Photocopies of correspondence at Merseyside County Museum, Liverpool, including letters to CKP from J.T. Welsman, Jacob Williman, Theodore Wagner, J. Ford Prioleau, George Alfred Trenholm in SC, and from CSA Army purchasing agent Major Caleb Huse, CSA treasury agent General C.J. McRae and others in Europe regarding secession, blockade running, Charleston after 1861 fire and during 1863-1865 siege, Columbia in 1864 and after 1865 fire, supplying the Confederacy, possible payment of CSA government bills from SA navy funds, the economic desolation of SC, the starting of the share-cropping system, and the attitude towards freedmen, as well as numerous mentions of various Prioleau family members.

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Out-going Letters, 1862-1865

Senior partner, Fraser, Trenholm, & Co., Liverpool, associated with Fraser & Co, Charleston. Photocopies of correspondence at Mersyside County Museum, Liverpool. Issue copies of letters of CKP to official and private persons, all mostly unnamed regarding business affairs and official and semi-official CSA business affairs. Topics include blockade running, the building, fate and captaincy of several ships, the charities of the Confederate cause, the possibility of diplomatic recognition, the English attitude to slavery, condition of the Confederate Treasury, factoring for clients, and collapse of the Confederacy. With some letters to James Louis Petigru on business matters, letters regarding padding persons and objects, such as pages of David Flavel Jamison's books (1863, p. 105) and Caroline Carson's letters to James Louis Petigru, through the blockade and letters to Thomas Jefferson Tobias in NYC regarding disbursing funds to Southern prisoners in Northern prisons.