

BR43/	Correspondence of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple	1816-81
	<i>Private correspondence of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, mostly between members of his immediate family (BR43/1-)</i>	1816-1881
BR43/1	Letter from G. Lamb, possibly George Lamb, one of Emily Cowper, fifth Viscountess Cowper's brothers, to George Augustus Frederick Cowper (afterwards sixth Earl Cowper), giving an account of the production of <i>Othello</i> at Drury Lane, in which Junius Brutus Booth played Iago and Edmund Kean Othello; otherwise concerned with family news and gossip	21 Feb 1816
BR43/2/1-3	Three letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), while at Eton; one from his brother, George Augustus Frederick Cowper (afterwards sixth Earl Cowper) from Madrid; two possibly from Anthony Ashley Cooper, seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, in Paris; all three letters concerned with news of family and friends, and with descriptions of social events	1826
BR43/3/1-11	Eleven letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) from his mother, Emily, firstly, Viscountess Cowper, secondly, Viscountess Palmerston, largely concerned with family matters, including the death of his first wife, and a long letter criticising Cowper's enthusiastic expression of his religious feelings	13 Nov 1822; n.d. c.1835-64
BR43/4/1-2	Two letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), at Eton, aged sixteen; one from his eldest brother, George Augustus Frederick Cowper (afterwards sixth Earl Cowper), signed "Fordwich", concerned with chat about socialising in London; the other from his younger brother, Spencer, aged nine, describing the dinner given for "Fordwich's" twenty first birthday	1827
BR43/5	Copy extract of a letter from Lady H. Gurney to "D.G.", about her son Edmund's death	Oct 1825: copy n.d. probably contemporary
BR43/6/1-3	Three letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) while with the Royal Horse Guards; one from Percy Burrell, concerned with gossip; one from his brother, George Augustus Frederick Cowper (afterwards sixth Earl Cowper), concerning the first reading of the reform bill, an outbreak of cholera, regimental news, and Fanny Kemble's latest play; and one from Charles Canning (afterwards third Earl Canning) concerning a commission (unspecified) Cowper asked him to undertake on his behalf	1832
BR43/7/1-3	Three letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) from his brother, George Augustus Frederick Cowper (afterwards sixth Earl Cowper), concerned with news of family and friends, social events, Kean's acting, regimental news, and a trip abroad (written from Frankfurt)	n.d. c.1832
BR43/8	Letter to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) from his brother,	10 Sep 1833

	George Augustus Frederick Cowper (afterwards sixth Earl Cowper), announcing his engagement to Anne de Grey	
BR43/9/1-6	Correspondence and notes made in advance of William Francis Cowper's marriage to Harriet Gurney, including a letter from her father, Daniel Gurney, to William, asking him what his intentions towards his daughter were; a note of what William would be able to settle on his wife; a letter from William to Daniel Gurney concerning some rumours (unspecified) which he was trying to lay to rest; and a fragment of a letter from Jenny H. (?to William), not his future wife, concerning a final meeting, and undying love for the recipient of the letter	n.d. c.1842-3
BR43/10/1-14	Fourteen letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) and Harriet Gurney, on the occasion of the announcement of their engagement, from, among others, Henry John Temple, third Viscount Palmerston, Emily Temple, Viscountess Palmerston, Frances Jocelyn, Viscountess Jocelyn, and Lady Emily Mary Ashley Cooper (afterwards Viscountess Shaftesbury)	Apr 1843
BR43/11/1-10	Ten letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) from Harriet Gurney, written during the period of their betrothal, including a lock of hair in an envelope	n.d. c.1843
BR43/12/1-17	Seventeen letters from William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), to Harriet Gurney, during the period of their betrothal, written in very affectionate terms, concerned with news of friends and family and their approaching marriage; one letter from his sister-in-law, Anne Cowper, Viscountess Cowper, to William Cowper, concerning an interview she had had with his uncle, William Lamb, second Viscount Melbourne, in which she had tried to intercede on his behalf to obtain a settlement for him on his marriage	n.d. c.1843
BR43/13/1-11	Eleven letters from Rachel E.Cresswell to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), mostly concerned with religious and spiritual matters (including the religious life of his wife, Harriet), the death of a daughter of Rachel Cresswell, and her mother's illness	n.d. c.1843
BR43/14/1-24	Twenty four letters of condolence, and inserts of hymns and extracts, most of them to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), but a small number to members of the Gurney family from Elizabeth Gurney, on the occasion of the death of William Cowper's first wife, Harriet Cowper, from; among others, Elizabeth Gurney, Elizabeth Fry (elder sister of Daniel Gurney), Samuel Gurney, William George Spencer Cavendish, sixth Duke of Devonshire, George William Frederick Howard, tenth Earl of Carlisle, and Alexandrina Lamb, Baroness Beauvale	n.d. c.1843
BR43/15/1-5	Five letters from Spencer Cowper to his brother, William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), written from Paris, concerning French politics and the state of unrest, especially the role of Francois Pierre Guillaume Guizot in that unrest, British politics, and family news	1844-8
BR43/16/1-3	Three letters from William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) to his mother,	1845 1860

Emily Temple, Viscountess Palmerston, concerning religion and theology and his mother's maternal qualities

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| BR43/<br>17/1-7  | Seven letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), from William George Spencer Cavendish, sixth Duke of Devonshire, written in affectionate terms; one letter written from Athens, the others concerned with news of common friends   | 1 May 1837<br>Mar 1839;<br>n.d. c.1846-8 |
| BR43/<br>18/1-3  | Three letters to William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple), from Lady Anne Cowper, widow of his brother, George Augustus Frederick Cowper, sixth Earl Cowper, concerned with family news, a speech by Sir Robert Peel, and her gardens   | n.d. c.1848-80                           |
| BR43/<br>19/1-2  | Two notes from Frederick James Lamb, Baron Beauvale, later third Viscount Melbourne, to his nephew, William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple)  | n.d. post 1850<br>[watermark]            |
|                  | <i>Nine bundles of letters from William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple (variously styled Georgina or Georgiana by members of the family. On a legal document in this collection, BR157/82, her own signature is clearly Georgina). Very few of the letters are dated, and it would appear that the original order, which, owing to the repetitive nature of the letters, it is impossible to recreate, has been lost. The letters are mostly of a very personal nature, concerned with family matters, in particular the state of his wife's health, which was often the cause of their being apart. He discusses his religious feelings, reading, opinions, and observances in most of the letters. Other frequently canvassed topics include his interest in education (particularly popular education), and his literary and artistic tastes. Mention of politics, though occurring fairly often, especially where the letters are written from the House of Commons, is not in great detail, and often en passant; contemporary leading political figures are frequently only mentioned in a social context. BR43/20-28</i> | c.1854-79                                |
| BR43/<br>20/1-17 | Seventeen letters from William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper (afterwards Georgina Cowper Temple), written in very affectionate terms, the majority concerned with family matters, the state of his, and his wife's health, and with his religious and spiritual wellbeing; some mention is made of the Crimean War  | n.d. c.1854-5                            |
| BR43/<br>21/1-21 | Twenty one letters from William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, written in very affectionate terms, the majority concerned with family matters, and with accounts of social events  | n.d. c.1854-5                            |
| BR43/<br>22/1-15 | Fifteen letters from William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, written in very affectionate terms, concerned with his wife's health, family news, popular education, the possibility of a working men's newspaper, literature, religion, and a tour of the Midlands and North West, attending conferences, giving speeches, and observing factories and free libraries  | n.d. c.1854-6                            |

BR43/ 23/1-14	Fourteen letters from William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, written in very affectionate terms, at times rather depressed at being parted from his wife, concerned with family news, his wife's health, education, theology, spirituality, religious appointments, art appreciation, socialising, a visit to Scotland, the Crimean War, the reform bill, and free trade	n.d. c.1854-9
BR43/ 24/1-22	Twenty two letters from William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, written in very affectionate terms, concerned with family matters, Georgina's health, his reading matter, and his interest in education and religion	n.d. c.1855-71
BR43/ 25/1-21	Twenty two letters from William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, written in affectionate terms, concerned with family matters, the state of his wife's health, literature, spirituality, education, architecture (after a visit to Pugin's house in Ramsgate), church appointments, Crimean veterans, and enclosures	n.d. c.1855-72
BR43/ 26/1-25	Twenty five letters from William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, written in very affectionate terms, concerned with family news, particularly the scarlet fever of their adopted daughter, Juliet Temple, accounts of social events, the health of his wife, the health of his mother, Lady Palmerston, literature, architecture, the slate quarry in Wales, the armistice of the Crimean War, and the Commons Bill	n.d. c.1855-72
BR43/ 27/1-7	Seven letters from William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, written in very affectionate terms, concerned with family news	1867-8
BR43/ 28/1-5	Five letters from William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple) to his wife, Georgina Cowper Temple, written in very affectionate terms, mostly concerned, apart from family news, with his religious experiences, education, and feelings	1869-79
	<i>Three bundles of thirty six letters from Georgina Cowper Temple ("Jenny") to her husband, William Francis Cowper Temple, being affectionate letters of a generally domestic nature, concerned with family matters. BR3/29-31</i>	n.d. c.1865-80
BR43/ 29/1-20	Twenty letters from Georgina Cowper Temple to her husband, William Francis Cowper Temple, written from France, largely concerned with the health of her own mother, the health of her husband's mother, Lady Palmerston, and the health of William Cowper Temple himself	n.d. c.1868-9
BR43/ 30/1-6	Six letters from Georgina Cowper Temple to her husband, William Francis Cowper Temple, written from a variety of locations (London, Broadlands, and Sandringham), in affectionate terms, concerning family matters	n.d. c.1865-80
BR43/ 31/1-10	Ten letters from Georgina Cowper Temple to her husband, William Francis Cowper Temple, written while she was accompanying her sister-in-law, Frances, Viscountess Jocelyn (formerly Frances Cowper), on a visit to Cannes. The letters are written in affectionate terms, mostly concerned with family news, in	n.d. c.1880

particular the announcement of her husband's retirement from politics

BR43/ 2	Letter from R.Milbanke to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), concerned with social news	10 Nov 1824
BR43/ 33/1-2	Two letters from Henry Richard Vassall Fox, third Baron Holland, to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), concerned with religious matters	n.d. c.1828
BR43/ 34/1-8	Eight letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), from a variety of correspondents, either unidentified or identified only by initials, mostly concerned with social and political gossip; includes two letters from "H.G.", one of which warns William about his behaviour to women	n.d. c.1830-4
BR43/ 35/1-8	Eight letters from William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) to a variety of correspondents, the majority unidentified or identified by Christian name only, concerned with social and political gossip; includes one letter to Sir John Gladstone inviting him to a retreat at Broadlands	1830-c.1858
BR43/ 36/1-55	Fifty five letters from Harriet Elizabeth Georgiana Leveson-Gower, Duchess of Sutherland, to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), and one to Lady Georgina Mount Temple, mostly concerned with society and political gossip, and descriptions of her travels abroad	c. 1833-48 (many n.d.)
BR43/ 37/1-2	Two letters from Harriet Elizabeth Georgiana Leveson-Gower, Duchess of Sutherland, to William Lamb, second Viscount Melbourne, offering her resignation as Mistress of the Robes to Victoria, Queen of England	1 May 1840 - 8 May 1840
BR43/ 38/1-2	Two letters from Henry Cowper, one to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), the other to Emily Cowper, Viscountess Cowper, concerned with his affection for the recipients	7 Jul 1839 - 31 Dec 1839
BR43/ 39/1-3	Three letters from Frances Cowper, afterwards Viscountess Jocelyn, to her brother, William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), describing in a lively manner the progress of Victoria, Queen of England's passion for Prince Albert; one letter concerns the writer's (antipathetic) feelings about the announcement of the impending marriage of their mother, Emily Cowper, Viscountess Cowper, to Henry John Temple, third Viscount Palmerston	n.d. c.1839
BR43/ 40	Letter from Caroline Norton, possibly to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), threatening to expose the histories of those ladies considered to be more worthy than Norton herself, to be companions to Victoria, Queen of England, in return for the treatment she receives from the Queen and William Lamb, second Viscount Melbourne	n.d. c.1839
BR43/ 41/1-3	Three letters from William Lamb, second Viscount Melbourne, to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper	n.d. c.1836-48 n.d. c.1839

	Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), about Chartism, Emily Cowper, Viscountess Cowper's marriage, and family news	27 Oct 1845
BR43/ 42/1-4	Four letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) from three correspondents, unidentified or identified only by initials, on the subjects of literature, religion and travel	20 Jan 1841- 9 Dec 1842
BR43/ 43	Note from William Makepeace Thackeray to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), declining an invitation	n.d. c.1845
BR43/ 44	Seven folded sheets probably forming portions of more than one letter, from Isabella Talbot to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), complaining of her treatment by him, and declaring her love for him	n.d. c.1846
BR43/ 45/1-2	Two letters from Richard Burgess to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), concerning the Church on the Continent	26 Oct 1847 - 1 Nov 1847
BR43/ 46	Letter from W.A.Tollemache to William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple), from Rio de Janeiro, thanking William for his attempts to have him transferred	n.d. c.1850-60
BR43/ 47/1-7	Bundle of seven letters, five from Spencer Cowper to his brother, William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple), concerning family news, his gratitude for a sum of money lent to him by his brother, a duel in Paris, the illness of his wife Harriette, travelling in Switzerland, Germany, and Italy and comparisons of the education and political systems in these countries; one letter from his wife Harriette to his brother, concerning family news; and one letter from Spencer Cowper to Georgina Cowper Temple, thanking her for her offer to nurse his wife, Harriette	1859 and n.d. c. 1865-9
BR43/ 48	Letter from Leila de Santo Arpino, to her uncle, William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), thanking him for helping her	n.d. post 1861 [watermark]
BR43/4 9	Note from Richard Monckton Milnes, first Baron Houghton, to William Francis Cowper Temple (afterwards first Baron Mount Temple), refusing an invitation	n.d. c.1863-74
BR43/5 0	Note of thanks from George William Francis Sackville Russell, afterwards thirteenth Duke of Bedford, to William Francis Cowper Temple, afterwards first Baron Mount Temple	n.d. c.1870
BR43/5 1	Letter from William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, to a Dr Berridge on religious and spiritual matters	22 Apr 1881
BR43/5 2	Letter from Francis Thomas de Grey Cowper, seventh Earl Cowper, to his uncle, William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple, written while Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in which he describes himself as "heartily sick" of Ireland	5 Oct 1881
BR43/ 53/1-4	Four letters to William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple from his nephew, Henry Cowper, concerned with family matters, including an offer from Henry to William of money, after William's costly law suit involving the Welsh Slate Company (see	n.d. c.1887

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BR43/ 54/1-3	Three letters to Georgina Cowper Temple, first Baroness Mount Temple, from her niece, Florence Cowper ("Dolly"), expressing her concern for her aunt	n.d. c.1888-1901
	<i>Ten letters to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) written to him in his official capacity as MP for Hertford (1835-68) and South Hampshire (1868-80). BR43/55-62</i>	1837-59
BR43/5 5	Letter from Revd H.Beamish, possibly to Henry John Temple, third Viscount Palmerston, stating his opinions on Romanism and on Church reform	1 Nov 1837
BR43/5 6	Letter from John Talbot, nineteenth Earl of Shrewsbury, to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), written from Rome and stating that he encloses Lord Clifford's proxies	10 Jan 1839
BR43/5 7	Note to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), informing him that his absence from a division had been noted	14 Feb 1840
BR43/ 58/1-2	Letter and diploma, in French, from l'Institut d'Afrique in Paris, conferring membership and vice-presidency on William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple)	10 Apr 1840
BR43/5 9	Letter from Edward George Earle Lytton Bulwer Lytton, first Baron Lytton, to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), declining to stand for parliament	21 Nov 1845
BR43/ 60/1-2	Two letters, one with an enclosure, from Baron von Bunsen, Prussian ambassador in London, to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), concerned with the promotion of Mr H.James, enclosing Mr James' original letter to Bunsen	1850
BR43/ 61/1-2	Two letters concerning William Francis Cowper's (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple) resignation as a Lord of the Admiralty, one from Sir David Dundas to William Cowper, asking him to reconsider; one from William Cowper to John Russell, first Earl Russell, repeating his resignation request	6-7 Feb 1852
BR43/6 2	Letter from Richard Arthur Wellesley, second Duke of Wellington to William Francis Cowper (afterwards William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple), about a newspaper report that carriages were being stopped in front of Apsley House	22 Jul 1859
BR43/ 63/1-7	Seven letters, notes and Inland Revenue forms concerned with the estate of William Francis Cowper Temple, first Baron Mount Temple	1888-9
BR43/ 64/1-6	Six letters, possibly from Catherine Harris, daughter of James Edward Harris, second Earl Malmesbury, to William Temple; the earlier letters concerned with their obviously intimate relationship, the later letters concerned with social gossip	31 Mar 1814- 9 Dec 1836