

## **WP/12 Wellington Papers: Papers of Henry Wellesley, first Baron Cowley (1773-1847)**

Henry, first Baron Cowley, was the younger brother of the first Duke of Wellington and Richard Wellesley, Marquis Wellesley. He was a professional diplomat and accompanied his brother Richard Wellesley to India as his private secretary in 1797 and on his embassy to Spain in 1809. From November 1809 he took Richard's place as envoy extraordinary and he was named British ambassador to Spain on 1 October 1811. He remained in Spain until March 1822. He was ambassador at Vienna from 1823 to 1831 and at Paris in 1835 and again from 1841 to 1846.

These papers were bequeathed by Sir Victor Wellesley to the seventh Duke of Wellington in 1954.

Extracts from *Henry Wellesley's papers* are printed in *The diary and correspondence of Henry Wellesley, first Lord Cowley, 1790-1846* ed. F.A. Wellesley (London, n.d.).

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