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Bundle No.	Date	Description of Documents	No. of Documents
1	1807-1810	<p>Letter book of Messrs <u>Ledgard, Gosse and Chancey</u> of Poole, merchants in the Newfoundland trade.</p> <p>These are all copies of out-letters, dated from 19 March 1807 to 28 April 1810, sent by George Welch Ledgard and his staff, in Poole to his partners John Gosse and Thomas Chancey, in Carboneer, Newfoundland, and to many other merchant firms, agents, bankers and captains. The Poole office is called 'Messrs Ledgard, Gosse and Chancey', and the Carboneer office 'Messrs Gosse, Chancey and Ledgard'. Gosse and Chancey were apparently the original partnership. Thomas Chancey died in September 1808, at St Kitts, and the firm became Ledgard and Gosse in January 1809. (G.W. Ledgard also ran a bank with his sons, which was the Wilts and Dorset Bank in 1861, and amalgamated with Lloyd's in 1914. (See 'Pride of Poole' for biographical note on G.W. Ledgard).</p> <p>The basic trade cycle was: exports of textiles, leather, rope, twine, newspapers, domestic requirements and some food, to the merchants and 'planters', or settlers, in Newfoundland, from England; export from Newfoundland of dried fish, seal skins and oils, and whale blubber, to England, Spain and Italy. Some trade went from Newfoundland to the West Indies and America, picking up tobacco and sugar for export to Europe. Some ships used were owned by the firm, others chartered temporarily. Often a ship was shared with some other venture, or used between voyages for the coastal transport of coal or clay.</p> <p>The letters reflect the prosperity due to England's monopoly of the Newfoundland trade in war time, and the encouragement of government bounties. There are also risks, however, such as capture (2 November 1809, 16 February 1810), pressing of merchant crews into the Royal Navy (24 March 1810), and the need to wait for protective convoys. The war also caused difficulties in the major markets of Spain and Portugal, which were closed for a time in the national blockade against Napoleon. Ships and cargoes also suffered damage from natural causes (January 1808, September 1809, with accounts, December 1808, April 1810). A letter of 15 February 1809 includes a sketch of part of a windlass.</p> <p>Local politics come into business, as in the division of the merchant interest in the Poole election of 1807, and in a case with George Kemp (see 'Pride of Poole') over some disputed accounts, again in 1807. National politics and the course of the war with Napoleon, as affecting the trade, are commented on in the letters to the Carboneer office.</p> <p><u>Correspondents</u> (addresses rarely given): Abraham etc.</p> <p>(see next page)</p>	1 vol

CORRESPONDENTS (addresses only rarely)

Abraham	Hamilton & Graham (Liverpool)	Stewart
Allcott	Hart	Stockman (Denbury, Devon)
Allsopp & Andra	Hart, Garland & Co	Stuckeys, Lean & Co
Andra & Garland	Harvey, Deaves & Harvey	
Armstrong	Hawker	Unckley (London)
Aubyn & Co	Head	
	Heather	Vague & Lano (Valencia)
Baker	Hodges	Valentine
Barns, Hicks & Son	Howard	Vincent
Barrow (London)	Hunt & Newman	
Beddome (London)		Waller
Belcher	Isemonger	Waltham, Lloyd & Langdown,
Bennett & Co		bankers
Bird	Jakes & Co	Waring & Co
Bowings & Rivington		Webster
Brackenridge	Kemp	Westmore
Bristowe	Knight	White
Brodie (London)		Williams
Captain Brown	Lander	Wood
Browning	Captain Langdon	
Buckerton	Latham, Rice & Co	
Bulley	Lewis	
Burt, Newman & Co	Linthorne	
	Lomer	
Cady	Lumley	
Cattleman		
Campney (London)	Magniar & Co	
Cassman & Hill	Captain Manning	
Clarke (London)	Captain Martin	
Cleasby (London)	Mayor & Pook	
Codner, Langdon & Co	Mirrogh & Magniar	
(Shalden, nr Exeter	Mortimer & Co (Bishopsteignton,	
Devon)	Devon)	
Cole	Murch	
Cummins		
Cooper (London)	Newbury, Oxley & Green	
	Neyle	
Danson	Niven	
Captain Dempster	Nixon	
Die	Nodin	
Dell & Co	Normans	
Dill	Orchard	
	Oxley, Ferrard & Green	
Farquar		
Favell & Bansfield	Captain Pack	
Forrester	Park	
Forrester & Kerr	Parker	
Fotherby & White	Parker & Finnie	
Frahn	Parry & Daniel	
Fryer, Banker	Parsons	
	Phillips	
Gavin	Pinsent (Dartmouth)	
Gannon	Price & Co	
Gibbons & Co (Bristol)	Puget, Bainbridge & Parnell	
Gibbs		
Goldschmidt (London)	Reed & Bell	
Gonne, Harrison & Lupton	Richards, Baker & Whitney	
Goodive & Salter	Robinson	
Gordon & Murphy	Messrs Roe	
Gordon, Shaw & Co (Cadiz)		
Gore & Co	Saint (Lymington)	
Gould Bros & Co	Scott, Idles & Co	
Grant	Senior & Co	
Green	Seth	
Gutteridge & Beddom	Snelgar	