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A GUIDE TO ADDITIONAL PAPERS
RELATING TO THE SWANSWICK
AND HYDE ESTATES, JAMAICA,
IN THE GEORGE HYDE CLARKE
FAMILY PAPERS

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- for Barbara Shepherd,
good friend and inspiration -

PREFACE

This, the second supplement to The George Hyde Clarke Family Papers: A Guide to the Collection at Cornell University, by Barry L. Wold (Cornell University Libraries, 1977), and Index to the George Hyde Clarke Family Papers, by Jane Knap Gustafson (Cornell University Libraries, 1978), is a guide to one hundred and fifteen additional papers subsequently acquired for the collection.

Among other things, the first supplement, A Revision and Supplement to the George Hyde Clarke Family Papers: A Guide to the Collection at Cornell University, by William A. Kearns (Cornell University Libraries, 1981), provided a guide to transcriptions in Box 160 of the Papers. The present supplement is a guide to Box 162, now added to the original collection. With the exception of four maps, the papers in the new box are photographic copies and/or transcriptions of documents relating to Clarke estates in Trelawney Parish, Jamaica, West Indies. The original documents are located in the Colonial Office Files of the Public Record Office, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England, from whom permission must be obtained prior to photographic reproduction of the photocopies in Box 162.

The photocopies were acquired, and the preliminary written and oral transcriptions were made on a research trip to England in 1985. They represent what appeared to be a significant segment of the Colonial Office records relating to the sale of the Clarke Estates, Swanswick and Hyde, by the Court of the

Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies (Jamaica) in the 1860's.

Funds for my expenses in London as well as for the completion of this project were generously provided by the Friends of Hyde Hall, Inc., a public foundation which administers the Clarke family seat on Otsego Lake near Cooperstown, New York.

In many ways this project has been a family affair. My daughter, Millie Jean Kearns McClintock, not only drew the four maps which can be found in Folder 13 but also helped with proofreading. Assistance in the latter task was also given by another daughter, Jennifer Clare Kearns, and by my wife, Eileen Ryan Kearns, who also provided invaluable aid in the preparation of the name index. To them, to the Friends of Hyde Hall, to Colleen Mahoney of the Department of History, Memorial University of Newfoundland, and to the staff of the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives at Cornell, especially to Julia Parker who typed most of the supplement and made some of the corrections on the transcripts, I extend my sincere thanks.

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ENCUMBRANCES AND THE SWANSWICK AND HYDE ESTATES: A BRIEF
INTRODUCTION

An encumbrance is a legal claim on an estate for the discharge of which the estate is liable. The term comes from the French encombrer, to obstruct or to hinder, which comes from Late Latin cumbrus, a heap, which is derived from the Latin cumulus, a hill. Encumbrances came in many forms. The oldest ones for a given estate were usually charges for annuities to be paid to certain family members but mortgages, liens, and other kinds of legal claims were also common. By the middle of the nineteenth century the traditional estate system in Jamaica was dying and one cause of its impending demise was encumbrances. By that time, one could take the meaning of any word in the term's etymology and apply it to Jamaica. There the encumbrance obstructed and hindered; there the encumbrance was the heap or the hill which the estate system could not surmount.

Encumbrances were not unique to Jamaican estates nor was the problem caused by them unique to that island or to any of the other British colonies in the West Indies. The gentry of eighteenth century England tended to look upon land as the best kind of legacy; however, they also had a tendency to encumber bequests of land with bequests of annuities to be paid out of the land. Ideally such an arrangement provided for the limitation of inheritance of land to a specific line of heirs (thus keeping the estate intact) while at the same time allowing for some benefits from land to go to family members outside the specified line. As the expansive economy of the eighteenth century came to an end and was replaced by years of economic uncertainty and stress after 1815, it became far more common to find that neither an encumbrancer nor the one to whom an estate had been left received the full benefits originally intended. This was especially so in Ireland and in the British West Indies, including Jamaica.

There were many things which Jamaica and Ireland had in

common, among them a landholding system characterized by large estates, absentee owners, and heavy encumbrances. Most of those who held big estates in the two islands lived in England and had little direct contact with their property or with those whose labor provided whatever produce was forthcoming from the land. Those who worked the land received little in way of compensation while the owner's income generally allowed him and his immediate family to lead quite comfortable lives indeed. If his income were high enough, and if he were so inclined, the owner might even satisfy encumbrances. Unfortunately members of both the planter class in Jamaica and the landlord class in Ireland tended to avoid or postpone the payment of encumbrances even if those encumbrances were annuities to relatives. When they did choose to pay them or when legal pressure forced them to do so, they often resorted to mortgaging their land or other property. They thus created new encumbrances in order to pay the arrears due on old ones and the old ones continued nonetheless.

It is true that many - probably most, maybe all - of the original encumbrances against an estate were not of the current owner's making (some of them may have been saddled on the estate one or two or even three generations earlier) but the increase of debt only exacerbated the situation. Furthermore, in some instances, holders of estates were prohibited under the terms of their legacies from selling their land but, even when there existed no prohibition of alienation, a heavily encumbered estate was not likely to be considered saleable property. This was especially true in times of economic stress or crisis. Thus a man who inherited an encumbered estate might be truly "land poor," for he inherited along with the land, debts and obligations which were bound to increase unless he had income from other sources sufficient to meet them. As well-intentioned as some eighteenth century planters and landlords may have been, they could not have foreseen what burdens their generosity would load on the shoulders of their heirs.

As the number and variety of encumbrances increased, such a labyrinth of legal paper was created that only through slow, lengthy, complicated, and expensive judicial proceedings could there be even slim hope that clear indefeasible titles might be offered to prospective buyers, if any such came forward. For Ireland, a solution was found in 1849, when royal assent was given to an Encumbered Estates Act. This act provided for a commission or court to which either an owner or an encumbrancer might apply for the sale of an estate. On completion of its investigation, the court could then sell the estate, distribute the purchase money amongst the various encumbrancers (and, if any remained, to the "seller" as well), and give a clear indisputable title to the new owner.

Before the passage of the Encumbered Estates Act for Ireland, an English economist commented that the land of Ireland was "in the hands of nominal and embarrassed proprietors, who either cannot or will not improve their estates, or allow such terms of tenure as will induce others to improve them."¹ Much the same situation existed in Jamaica and while circumstances were somewhat different there it is not surprising that a few years later the Irish act served as a model for one for the West Indies. From the Irish landlords' point of view, the Great Famine of 1846-1848, was a catastrophe which coupled a marked decrease in income from rents with a great increase in taxation and thus a good many of them saw the Encumbered Estates Act as a welcome form of relief from what appeared as the endless multiplication of debt. In Jamaica, the movement for the abolition of slavery in the British Empire had already weakened the economy and when abolition did come in 1833 it was a severe blow to the planter class. Production costs went up while prices for sugar and its by-products declined by about fifty percent

¹ As quoted in J.C. Beckett, The Making of Modern Ireland (New York, 1966), p. 353

between 1820 and 1850.² To the owner of an overly-encumbered estate in Jamaica, a West Indian Encumbered Estates Act promised the same kind of welcome relief from the economic strangulation of increasing debt as did the act for Ireland.

The new act was passed in 1854 and provided for a commission similar in structure and function to the one established for Ireland. For various reasons the West Indian Encumbered Estates Court did not really commence its work until four years later. One cause for the delay was that, unlike Ireland which had no legislature of her own either to agree to or reject such a court, the act could be operative in no West Indian colony unless that colony's legislature had given its approval. Jamaica did not accept the act until 1861. Within the next year, thirty-two estates were sold and by the time the court went out of existence another one hundred sixteen Jamaican estates had changed hands.³ Among them were the Clarke estates, Swanswick and Hyde.

These two sugar plantations, located in Trelawney Parish, had been the property of Edward Clarke (1716-1776), son of George Clarke (1676-1760), one-time lieutenant governor of the Province of New York. Swanswick was subsequently held by Edward Clarke's son and heir, George Hyde Clarke (1743-1824), then by the latter's son, George Clarke (1768-1835), whose son, Edward Hyde Clarke (1793-1873) was in possession at the time when his brother, George Rochfort Clarke (1801-1889), as an encumbrancer, petitioned the Encumbered Estates Court for the sale of the estate. On the death of Edward Clarke in 1776, Hyde plantation

² Christian Schnakenbourg, "From the Sugar Estate to Central Factory: The Industrial Revolution in the Caribbean (1840-1905)," in Bill Albert and Adrian Graves, eds., Crisis and Change in the International Sugar Economy 1860-1914 (Norwich & Edinburgh, 1984), p. 84

³ R. W. Beachey, The Jamaican Sugar Industry in the Later 19th Century, (Oxford, 1957), pp. 6 and 36. Nearly 40% of all estates sold by the Encumbered Estates Court (West Indies) were in Jamaica.

went first to his grandson, Edward Clarke (1770-1826), then to the latter's son, Edward Clarke (1822-1845), whose own son, Edward Clarke (1841- ?) held the estate when encumbrancers Robert Hawthorn and William George Shedden applied to the Court for its sale.

The last Edward Clarke to own Hyde Estate, at least nominally, is a good example of a legatee whose true legacy was not the land he inherited but the estate's debts, debts impossible for him to pay off or even reduce. The history of the encumbrances on both Swanswick and Hyde is exemplified in the papers in Box 162. The Colonial Office files in the Public Record Office contain much more of the story but there is enough of it in this box to serve as an informative addendum to the George Hyde Clarke Family Papers⁴ and to illustrate, in microcosmic form, the effects of encumbrances on the traditional land tenure system of Jamaica (and the other islands of the British West Indies) and on the planter class who at one time had so profited from that system.

⁴ More information on Swanswick Estate is contained in the correspondence between George Clarke (1768-1835) and Edward Hyde Clarke (1793-1873) in Box 1; see also Box 98, "Swanswick Accounts."

NOTE TO USERS OF TRANSCRIPTIONS AND PHOTOCOPIES

When I went to England in September 1985, I found many more documents relating to the Clarke Jamaican estates, Swanswick and Hyde, than I had anticipated. In the time available, I transcribed by hand some of what I found, recorded other documents on tape for future transcription, and arranged for the photocopying of still others. After typing both the written and oral transcriptions and integrating them with the photocopies in as reasonable a chronological order as possible, the contents of Box 162 were the result: one hundred thirteen pages of transcriptions and ninety-five pages of photocopies.

In the preparation of the transcriptions, every effort was made to make letter-by-letter and word-by-word copies of the originals. Inevitably, some letters and some words could not be deciphered or could not be deciphered with certainty; these are indicated by the use of question marks enclosed by brackets. Unless it seemed of importance for understanding the content of a particular document, no effort was made to attain line-by-line or page-by-page conformity with the original; however, original order and/or paragraphing (unless otherwise indicated) was consistently maintained. Every effort was also made to date accurately and to identify authors of all documents.

The documents in Box 162, both transcriptions and photocopies, have been arranged in chronological order and each page of each document has been given an identification number. Thus, for example, 162.4.10 (1 of 2) identifies the first page of the two pages of Document 10 in Folder 4 of Box 162. A listing of all documents is found in CONTENTS OF BOX 162 and the reader will find an index of names contained in the documents on pages 27-45 of this supplement.

As indicated in the Preface, photographic reproduction of the photocopies may not be made without prior permission from the Public Record Office. Photographic reproduction of the

transcriptions (and the maps) may be made in accordance with the policy of the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cornell University Libraries.

Despite the sharp eyes of proofreaders, some errors of omission or commission may have gone undetected. They are the transcriber's responsibility; he regrets them and hopes they are few indeed.

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Following the description of each document, the number of photocopy pages (P) and/or transcription pages (T) is indicated.

A document enclosed with and given the same identification number as another document is indicated by parenthesized folder and document number as well as photocopy/transcription page numbers.

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Doc.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	8-28-62	Petition of George Rochfort Clarke 9T
1	2	8-30-62	Abstract of George Rochfort Clarke's Title to an Annuity 10T
2	1	9-27-62	Affidavit of Michael Gorman 2T
2	2	12-5-62	Absolute Order for Sale (draft) [frag.] 1P
(2	9)	12-16-62	Notice to Claimants, Tenants and Incumbrancers, Swanswick Estate (1)P
2	3	1-31-63	Schedule of Papers relating to Swanswick Plantation, Jamaica, the Property of Edward Hyde Clarke 3P
2	4	2-13-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1P
2	5	2-13-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1P
2	6	2-17-63	Reginald J. Cust to Bell, Steward, & Lloyd (draft) 1T

2	7	2-17-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
2	8	2-18-63	Notice of hearing re Appointment of James Du Buisson as Receiver of Swanswick Estate 1T
2	9	2-19-63	Affidavit of Samuel Bernard (with Notice to Claimants, Tenants and Incumbrancers dated 12-16-62) 1P, 3T
2	10	2-21-63	Affidavit of Hugh Smith 3P
2	11	2-23-63	Affidavit of Henry Douglas 1T
2	12	2-24-63	Order appointing James Du Buisson Receiver and Manager of Swanswick Estate (draft initialled by Reginald J. Cust) 1T
3	1	3-2-63	Affidavit of Thomas Murthwaite 5P
3	2	3-4-63	Recognizance of receiver [James Du Buisson] and his Sureties [Henry Rucker and John Cleverly] (copy) [frag.] [Note: the "Recognizance" itself is incomplete and the letter in which the original was an enclosure, Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust, 5 March 1863, was not photocopied by P.R.O.] 1P
3	3	3-5-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1P
3	4	3-9-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1P
3	5	3-11-63	Notice of Recognizance of James Du Buisson and his Sureties, Henry Rucker and John Cleverly (draft) 1T
3	6	3-12-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1P
3	7	3-17-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust [frag.] 1P

3	8	3-17-63	Reginald J. Cust's Report on Title of George Rochfort Clarke to an Annuity from Swanswick Estate [frag.] [N.B. Identification and date of source on reverse of page not copied by P.R.O.] 1P
3	9	3-18-63	Reginald J. Cust to Bell, Steward, & Lloyd (draft) 1P
3	10	3-19-63	Affidavit of James Du Buisson 2T
3	11	3-24-63	Henry J. Stonor to Bell, Steward, & Lloyd (Requisitions on Title of George Rochfort Clarke) (draft) [frag.] 1P
3	12	3-25-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Robert Hawthorn (copy) 2P
3	13	3-25-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Edward Hyde Clarke [frag.] 1P
4	1	4-8-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
4	2	4-15-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd's Answers to Henry J. Stonor's Requisitions on Title, dated 24 March 1863 3T
4	3	4-17-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust [covering letter for 162.4.2] 1T
4	4	4-25-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
4	5	5-9-63	Affidavit of Robert Hawthorn 1P
4	6	5-14-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
4	7	5-21-63	Copy Minute, Chief Commissioner's Chambers, Commission for the Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies (Jamaica) 1T
4	8	6-8-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
4	9	6-9-63	Particulars of Swanswick Estate and Terms of Sale 3T

4	10	6-9-63	Proposal of Petitioner, George Rochfort Clarke, for Sale of Swanswick Estate 2T
4	11	6-13-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
4	12	6-23-63	Acknowledgment and Confirmation of George Rochfort Clarke's Bid for Swanswick Estate 1T
4	13	7-24-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
4	14	7-27-63	Final Notice to Claimants, Swanswick Estate 1P
5	1	[no date but post 6-23-63 and pre 11-17-63]	Calculation of Value of George Rochfort Clarke's Annuity prepared for Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies (Jamaica) by Bell, Steward, & Lloyd 1T
5	2	11-5-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
5	3	11-13-63	Reginald J. Cust to Edward Hyde Clarke (draft) 1T
(5	4)	11-16-63	Alfred I. MacKee to Henckell, Du Buisson & Co. (1)T
5	4	11-17-63	Affidavit to James Du Buisson 4T
5	5	11-23-63	Final Schedule of Incumbrances, Swanswick Estate 2T
(5	6)	11-27-63	Certificate of the Baptism of George Rochfort Clarke, 31 March 1801 (part of 1)T
5	6	11-30-63	Affidavit of Samuel Steward 1T
5	7	12-4-63	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
5	8	[no date -63]	Commissioners Notes on the Title of George Rochfort Clarke to an Annuity of £700 4T

5	9	[no date -63 but post 6- 30-63]	Draft Conveyance, Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies (Jamaica) to George Rochfort Clarke 2T
6	1	3-4-64	George Rochfort Clarke's Receipt for Deed 1T
6	2	4-6-64	Petition of Robert Hawthorn and William George Shedden 14T
6	3	4-6-64	Affidavit of Henry Ray Freshfield 1P
6	4	[no date but between 4-6-64 and 5-3- 64]	Reginald J. Cust's Report to Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies (Jamaica) in re Clarke ex parte Hawthorn and another 6P
7	1	5-3-64	Commissioners' Requisitions on Title, Hyde Estate 3P
7	2	5-3-64	Conditional Order for Sale, Hyde Estate (draft) 2T
7	3	7-2-64	Affidavit of William Lloyd Griswold 1T
7	4	7-21-64	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Freshfields & Newman 1P
7	5	8-3-64	Commissioners' Requisitions on Title, Hyde Estate (draft) 3P
7	6	8-3-64	Absolute Order for Sale, Hyde Estate (draft) 2P
7	7	8-4-64	Freshfields & Newman to Alfred Webber 2P
7	8	8-5-64	Notice to Claimants, Tenants, and Incumbrancers, Hyde Estate 2T
7	9	8-18-64 through 9-28-64	Evidence that the above notice appeared in eight English and Jamaican newspapers 1T
(8	8)	8-20-64	Certificate from Marriage Register, St. Peter's Church, Bristol, re marriage of Edward Clarke and Sarah Sage, 17 November 1840 (1)P

(8	8)	8-27-64	Extract from Swanswick [England] Parish Register re baptism of Edward Clarke, 3 October 1841 (1)P
8	1	9-6-64	Notice to Claimants, Tenants, and Incumbrancers, Hyde Estate 2T
8	2	10-27-64	Claim of George Rochfort Clarke 1T
8	3	11-7-64	Simon Thomson to Freshfields & Newman 1P
8	4	12-23-64	Simon Thomson to Freshfields & Newman 1P
8	5	1-6-65	Bell, Steward, & Lloyd to Reginald J. Cust 1T
8	6	1-7-65	Reginald J. Cust to Bell, Steward, & Lloyd (copy) 1T
7	7	3-13-65	Certificate of distribution of Notices to Claimants, Tenants, and Incumbrancers, Hyde Estate, by Hill, Airey, & Fitzgerald 2P
8	8	3-23-65	Affidavit of George Rochfort Clarke (with Certificate re marriage of Edward Clarke and Sarah Sage, 17 November 1840, and baptism of Edward Clarke, 3 October 1841) 5P
9	1	3-27-65	Affidavit of William Dalrymple (with List of Tenants on Hyde Estate, Notice to Claimants, Tenants, and Incumbrancers, Hyde Estate, and List of Small Settlers or Owners of Lands adjoining Hyde Estate) 11P
9	2	4-7-65	Affidavit of Milbourne Joseph Griffiths 5P
9	3	4-10-65	Certificate of service of Notice to Claimants, Tenants, and Incumbrancers, Hyde Estate, by William Dalrymple 2P
9	4	4-17-65	Affidavit of Hugh Smith 2T
10	1	5-1-65	Affidavit of Simon Thomson 2P
10	2	5-9-65	Affidavit of Thomas Lloyd Harvey 3P

10	3	[6?-?-65]	List of Documents deposited at the Office of the Commissioners for the Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies - Hyde Estate, Jamaica 2T
10	4	6-2-65	Affidavit of Thomas Harris Devonshire 1P
10	5	6-3-65	Answers to Requisitions on Title (Hyde Estate) prepared by Freshfields & Newman 11T
11	1	6-9-65	Freshfields & Newman to Reginald J. Cust 1T
11	2	6-9-65	Particulars and Terms of Sale, Hyde Plantation 2P
(11	5)	7-8-65	Simon Thomson to Freshfields & Newman (2)T
11	3	7-12-65	Proposal of Petitioners, Robert Hawthorn and William George Shedden, to bid at Sale of Hyde Estate 2T
11	4	7-13-65	Order for Liberty to Robert Hawthorn to bid at Sale of Hyde Estate (draft) 2T
(12	2)	8-1-65	Valuation of Live and Dead Stock on Hyde Estate made by James Alexander Hoskins and H.M. Purchas (4)P
11	5	8-4-65	Freshfields & Newman to Alfred Webber 3T
11	6	8-17-65	Freshfields & Newman to Alfred Webber 1P
11	7	8-18-65	Final Notice to Claimants, Hyde Estate 1T
11	8	8-18-65	Final Notice to Claimants, Hyde Estate, as it appeared in <u>The Times</u> , 7 & 14 September 1865, and in <u>The Colonial Standard and Jamaica Despatch</u> , 26 September 1865 2T
11	9	9-13-65	Alfred Webber to Freshfields & Newman (copy) 1T
11	10	11-16-65	Acknowledgment of Service of Final Notice to Claimants, 18 August 1865, by Bell, Steward, & Lloyd on behalf of George Rochfort Clarke and Edward Clarke 1T

11	11	11-30-65	Alfred Webber to Freshfields & Newman	1T
11	12	12-20-65	Affidavit of Robert Hawthorn	2T
12	1	2-8-66	Freshfields & Newman to Alfred Webber	1P
12	2	2-8-66	Affidavit of Thomas Harris Devonshire (with Valuation of Live and Dead Stock on Hyde Estate, 1 August 1865)	4P, 2T
12	3	2-9-66	Order for Payment of Balance of Purchase Monies of Hyde Estate and Live and Dead Stock Thereon (copy)	1T
12	4	2-12-66	[Alfred Webber] to Freshfields & Newman (draft)	1P
12	5	2-13-66	Final Schedule of Incumbrancers, Hyde Estate	2P
12	6	2-[pre- 15]-66	Petition of Robert Hawthorn	1P [Note: not dated but on reverse is notation that it was filed 2-14-66]
12	7	2-14-66	Order by Commissioners for the Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies (Jamaica) that conveyance of Hyde Estate be made to Robert Hawthorn, William Hawthorn, and William Bryce Watson (copy)	1P
(12	8)	2-22-66	Hill & Airey to Freshfields & Newman (copy)	(1)P
12	8	3-26-66	Freshfields & Newman to Alfred Webber (with letter noted in previous entry as an enclosure)	2P
12	9	3-27-66	Conveyance of Hyde Estate by Commissioners for the Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies (Jamaica) to Robert Hawthorn, William Hawthorn, and William Bryce Watson [Note: Original from which this transcription was made had been sent to Jamaica where it "got so mutilated by the rats" in the Office of the Registrar that it was returned to England as an enclosure with the letter noted in the following entry.]	2T

(12	10)	6-8-66	Hill & Airey to Freshfields & Newman (copy) (1)P
12	10	7-5-66	Freshfields & Newman to Alfred Webber (with letter and conveyance noted in previous two entries as enclosures) 2P
12	11	7-11-66	Alfred Webber to Freshfields & Newman (copy) 1T
12	12	7-19-66	Freshfields & Newman to Alfred Webber 1P
12	13	7-20-66	Alfred Webber to Freshfields & Newman (copy) 1P
13	1	[c.1860]	Map of Clark Estates, Trelawny Parish, Jamaica
13	2	[c.1860]	Map of Swanswick Estate, Trelawny Parish, Jamaica
13	3	[c.1860]	Map of Clarkestown or Swanswick Town, Trelawny Parish, Jamaica
13	4	[c.1860]	Map of Hyde Estate, Trelawny Parish, Jamaica
14	1	7-25-92	Schedule of Deeds and Papers relating to Hyde Estate received by Freshfields & Williams from the Commissioners for the Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies 1P
14	2	10-19-92	Schedule of Deeds and Documents relating to Swanswick Estate received by Bell, Stewards, & May from the Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies 2T

ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations listed below are found in the documents contained in Box 162. For abbreviations always capitalized in the documents, capitalization has been retained; otherwise it has been dropped. Abbreviations for names of individuals, place names, and currency have not been included.

A

abstract - abt
 abstracting - abstract^g
 accordingly - accordly
 account - a/c; acct.; acct./.; a/-
 acre - a
 acres - a; ac.; acs; ac^s
 administrators - admors; ads; ads; ad^s
 affidavit - affid.; aff^t
 aforesaid - afores^d; afores^d; afs^d
 agreement - agreemt.; agreem^t
 amount - amt.
 annuities - annies; ann^s
 annuity - ann; anny
 appointed - appted
 appurtenances - appts; appurts; appurts
 arrangement - arragmt
 assigns - as^s.; ass^s; ass^s; ass^s; ass^s
 Assistant Commissioner - A.C.; Assistant Com^r; Assis^t Com^r

Bbaptised - bap^t

belonging - belongg

buildings - build^{gs}C

charge - chge

charges - chges

Chief Commissioner - C.C.; C. Com^r; Chief Com^r

commission - comm; commion

commissioners - comm^{rs}; com^{rs}; com^{rs}company - co; c^o; c^ocompelling - compell^gcontained - cont^dcontaining - cont^gconsideration - conson; con^{son}; con^{son}court - c^tDdear - d^r

decease - dece

deceased - deced

declaration - decl^{ton}declarations - decl^{ons}

detention - detentⁿ

ditto - do; d^o; d^o

draft - dft

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