# U DP167 Papers of Sir Alexander Wentworth Macdonald [1813-1824]

# **Biographical Background:**

Alexander Wentworth Macdonald, 2nd Baron Macdonald (9 December 1773 – 19 June 1824) was a Scottish peer and Member of Parliament. Macdonald was the eldest son of Alexander Macdonald, 1st Baron Macdonald, and his wife Elizabeth Diana (née Bosville). He succeeded his father in the barony in 1795 but as this was an Irish peerage it did not entitle him to a seat in the British House of Lords. The following year he was instead elected to the House of Commons for Saltash, a seat he held until 1802. Lord Macdonald died in June 1824, aged 50. He never married and was succeeded in his titles by his younger brother Godfrey Macdonald, 3rd Baron Macdonald of Slate.

# **Custodial history:**

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### **Description:**

Contains a memorial of the proof offered by Sir Alexander Wentworth Macdonald, Baron of Slait of his descent, prompted by the enquiry into the Chieftainship of Macdonald, by the Reverend D. Macqueen.

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#### **Related material:** Papers of the Bosville-Macdonald family [U DDBM]

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