

U DX4

Papers relating to Hull Garrison

1664-1971

Historical Background:

After Hull was taken by the rebels during the Pilgrimage of Grace in 1536 Henry VIII ordered the fortified walls to be improved and de la Pole's house converted into the town's citadel. The building works were completed by 1543 at a cost of £18,000 (the equivalent of £8m at today's prices) leaving Hull with three forts connected by a wall and the North Bridge constructed over the river Hull. In the mid 16th century control of the Castle and blockhouses was passed to the town. The north blockhouse was partially destroyed in September 1643 during the second siege of Hull. Heavy storms in 1670 undermined much of the south blockhouse. In 1680 fortifications of the castle and southern blockhouse were improved under Martin Beckman resulting in the creation of a triangular fort with governor's house, barracks and magazine and this became known as the Hull Citadel. The structure was surrounded by a moat on the eastern and western sides. In 1716 it was recorded that there were 117 guns in the Citadel.

The northern blockhouse was outside of the new fort and was demolished in 1802. Military use ended by the mid nineteenth century with the last firing of the guns for the Prince of Wales's wedding on 12 March 1859. In 1864 the site was cleared to make way for Hull docks.

See Martin Foreman & Steve Goodhand 'The Construction of Hull Citadel' in Post-Medieval Archaeology - Volume: 30 - p143-185 and Audrey Howes & Martin Foreman Town and Gun published in 1999.

Custodial history: Donated by Alderman J. Brown, [1950]

Description:

Small collection of original material relating to Hull Garrison including estimates and accounts

Extent: 47 items

Related material:

Hull Citadel, 1660-1865 [U DX250]

Documents relating to Martin Beckman [U DX130]

A copy of the reports and opinions of the officers of the Board of Ordnance with reference to the repair of the banks, breastworks etc of the Garrison and the Haven, 1693 [C BRS/10/1]

Plan of the Town and Citadel of Hull, 1715 [C DBRT/2]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX4/1	Estimate for repair of lead in the Castle of Hull, by Jonathan Gill 1 item	17th cent.
U DX4/2	Account of money made from sale of material at North Blockhouse by Col. Gilby. Signed Abraham Wharton 1 item	1664

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U DX4/3	Accounts of disbursements (powder, stores, repairs and maintenance, etc.) 22 items	1673-1682
U DX4/4	Estimate of the repairs needed at the magazine and storehouse in the old castle in the Citadel 1 item	18 Jul 1711
U DX4/5	Accounts of beds, bedding and flags repairable 2 items	1711-1712
U DX4/6	Estimate of grates and hearths repairable 1 item	3 Oct 1712
U DX4/7	Extracts from letters from people in Hull concerning the disposal of materials at the North Blockhouse during governorship of Lord Bellasys Correspondents include John Baker (3); Aldermen Lambert and Maister (2); Col. Gilby; Abraham Wharton 7 items	1680-1681
U DX4/8	Letter from John Baker, Hull, to Edward Sherburn Esq., and the other 'Officers of the Ordnance ... at the Tower' About the ruinous state of the Garrison and the fact that a gate is left open every night 1 item	4 Apr 1681
U DX4/9	Letter from (Sir) Martin Beckman, Hull, to Commissioners of Ordnance About Lord Mulgrave's orders that no soldier shall work on the King's account, "and yet they may work in the Country and in Towne for others. The Phanatickes in Towne and Country...hinder the Country people to come, telling them they will be prest for Soldiers and sent to Tangier". Has only 21 men at work 1 item	1 Oct [1682]
U DX4/10	List of papers relating to powder, the Artillery ground, the Irish Warrant etc. 1 item	late 17th cent.
U DX4/11	Typed list of U DX/4/1-10 1 item	20th cent.
U DX4/12	Tracings of plans of the Castle (2) and North Blockhouse (4), 'per W. Browne' [16th cent.] With copy of a relevant letter from the Department of the Environment to J.D. Hicks, 187 Boothferry Road, Hull, 22 Oct 1971 7 items	[late 19th cent] - 1971