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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Anthony Ashley Cooper Papers
ID:	mss007
Date [inclusive]:	1877-1884
Physical Description:	0.5 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Collection]:	X
Abstract:	This collection contains a large series of letter between Anthony Ashley Cooper, seventh earl of Shaftesbury, and a Miss Marsh.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Anthony Ashley Cooper Papers, 1877-1884. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Cooper Papers).

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Biographical Sketch

Anthony Ashley Cooper, seventh earl of Shaftesbury, was a British social reformer and philanthropist. Cooper was born on April 28, 1801 and educated at the Manor House school in Chiswick, the Harrow School, and Christ Church Oxford. Cooper received his MA in 1832, and was appointed DCL in 1841.

Cooper was elected as the Tory Member of Parliament for Woodstock in June 1826 and in June of 1827, he was appointed to the Select Committee on Pauper Lunatics in the County of Middlesex and on Lunatic Asylums. During his time on the committee, Cooper visited many "madhouses," and he sponsored two Lunacy Acts for better care and treatment of lunatics in England and Wales. Cooper also sponsored the

Ten Hours Act 1833 bill which introduced laws against child labor, as well as the Mines and Collieries Act of 1842, which protected women and children from being allowed to go underground in coal mines.

Cooper was a pre-millennial evangelical Anglican and in 1851, he became the President of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Cooper also studied under Edward Bickersteth, a Christian Zionist. Cooper also served as the first president of the Society of Suppression of the Opium Trade.

Cooper died on October 1, 1885, and was buried at St. Giles. Cooper was survived by his wife Lady Emily Caroline Catherine Frances Cowper and many of their ten children.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains a series of 125 letters written to a Miss Marsh between January 3, 1877, and December 16, 1884. Miss Marsh may have been Catherine M. Marsh, a contemporary British writer on religious and social-welfare themes. The letters discuss Cooper's religious and social-reform interests, as well as his health and travels.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

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Access

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Acquisition Information

The collection was aquired in 1970 from a London dealer, Francis Edwards.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of, 1801-1885
- Correspondences