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**STANLEY FAMILY**

**Papers, 1832-50**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Edward Stanley (1779-1849) was the son of Sir John Stanley, 6<sup>th</sup> Baronet, and the brother of John Stanley, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Stanley of Alderley. He was the rector of Alderley, Cheshire, from 1805 to 1837 and the Bishop of Norwich from 1837 until his death. He married Catherine (Kitty) Leycester and they had five children: Owen, Mary, Arthur, Catherine and Charles.

Owen Stanley (1811-1850), the eldest son of Edward and Catherine Stanley, was educated at Charterhouse and entered the Royal Naval College in 1825. He became a midshipman in 1826 and served for four years on HMS *Ganges* on the South American Station. In 1831 he was commissioned lieutenant and served on HMS *Belvidera* in the Mediterranean and on HMS *Terror* on an expedition to the Arctic. In 1838 he was given command of the brig *Britomart*, which was mostly engaged on surveying in the East Indies and on the north coast of Australia. He was in New Zealand waters in 1840 and, at the request of the governor, negotiated with the French commandant at Arakoa. Stanley was promoted to the rank of captain in 1844. In 1846 he was given command of another surveying ship, HMS *Rattlesnake*, which spent three years surveying the northern coasts of Australia, the Torres Strait, the southern coast of New Guinea and the Louisiade Islands. He died in March 1850, shortly after the ship returned to Sydney.

Arthur Penrhyn Stanley (1815-1881), the second son of Edward and Catherine Stanley, was educated at Rugby and Balliol College, Oxford. He was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1839. His biography of the headmaster Thomas Arnold was published in 1844. In 1856 he was appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Oxford. In 1864 Stanley became Dean of Westminster and held the post for the rest of his life.

Charles Edward Stanley (1819-1849), the youngest son of Edward and Catherine Stanley, was educated at Rugby and enlisted in the Royal Engineers in 1836. He was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in 1838 and captain in 1846. He served for five years in the Ionian Islands and worked on the Trigonometrical Survey of England and Wales. He married Eliza Clayton in 1846. In the same year he was appointed private secretary to Sir William Denison, the Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land. Stanley and his wife left England with Sir William and Lady Denison in October 1846 and arrived in Hobart in January 1847. In addition to his official duties, he was active in the affairs of the Royal Society of Van Diemen's Land and other local institutions. He died suddenly in August 1849. Eliza Stanley returned to England in 1850 and died in 1901.

(Mary Katherine) Adelaide Stanley (1906-1981) was the daughter of Sir Arthur Stanley, 5<sup>th</sup> Baron Stanley, who was the Governor of Victoria in 1913-20. She married Maurice Lubbock in 1926. She was the author of *Australian roundabout* (1963), *Owen Stanley R.N. 1811-1850, captain of the Rattlesnake* (1968) and *People in glasshouses: growing up at Government House* (1977).

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### 1. Typescript notes on the Stanley Family by Adelaide Lubbock

Family tree of the Stanley Family of Alderley.

Owen Stanley: chronology of his life. (3pp)

Owen Stanley in Port Essington. (3pp)

References to Owen Stanley in Alex Chisholm. Strange new world. (4pp)

Stanley in New Zealand: chronology of episodes. (25pp)

Stanley in Tasmania. (6pp)

Voyage of HMS Rattlesnake 1846-50. (8pp)

References to Owen and Charles Stanley in Arthur Stanley's memoir of Edward and Kitty Stanley, 1879. (7pp)

References to Owen Stanley in other publications. (4pp)

Photograph of the grave of Owen Stanley, St Leonards, Sydney.

### 2. Correspondence and manuscripts of Owen Stanley, 1837-50

Some of the letters and documents are the originals, while others are fair manuscript copies. In addition, there are typescript copies of all the documents. The typescripts sometimes have footnotes or comments inserted, presumably by Adelaide Lubbock.

Owen Stanley (Lough Swilly, Ireland) to his cousin William Stanley, 3 Sept. 1837.

Admiral Francis Beaufort (London) to Bishop Edward Stanley, 8 Sept. [1837]

Lady Bremer (Plymouth) to Catherine Stanley, 6 Nov. 1839: quotes letter from Sir Gordon Bremer at Port Essington; news of Owen Stanley and HMS *Britomart* in East Indies.

Owen Stanley (Akaroa, New Zealand) to his family, 24 Aug. 1840: voyage to Bay of Islands; arrival of French emigrants; New Zealand scenery; death of Capt. Croker at Tonga.

Owen Stanley to Mrs Phipps Hornby, 17 Nov. 1840: voyage to Bay of Islands; refusal of French to acknowledge William Hobson as Governor of New Zealand; wreck of the *Buffalo*. (extracts)

Bishop Edward Stanley. Account of his ascent of Mount Snowden, Wales, 20 Oct. 1842.

Owen Stanley (Harwich) to his uncle Lord Stanley, 17 Feb. 1846

Owen Stanley (Harwich) to Lord Stanley, 29 June 1846.

Owen Stanley (HMS *Rattlesnake*) to his cousin Louisa Stanley, 17 Oct. 1846: preparations for the voyage of HMS *Rattlesnake*; refers to lieutenants Robert Suckling, Price and Joseph Dayman and surgeons John Thomson and Thomas Huxley.

Owen Stanley to Louisa Stanley, 4 Nov. 1846: pleased with the officers appointed to the ship; the quality of the young midshipmen.

Owen Stanley to John Thomson, 10 June, 21 Aug. 1846: Thomson's appointment as surgeon; offers to introduce him to Sir William Hooker.

Bishop Edward Stanley (Norwich) to his brother Lord Stanley, 15 Jan. 1847.

Bishop Edward Stanley (London) to Owen Stanley, 18 March 1847: visit to Southampton to farewell Arthur Stanley; no news of Sir John Franklin and his expedition.

Owen Stanley (Sydney) to Charles Tyers, 28 Aug. 1847: trouble with tenders *Bramble* and *Castlereagh*; *Rattlesnake* 'is very comfortable'; enjoyment of returning to Sydney; visit to Twofold bay to determine the site of a customs house; mutual friends. (copy)

Bishop Edward Stanley (Norwich) to his son Owen Stanley, 17 Oct. 1847: visit of the singer Jenny Lind to Norwich; invitation to Sir James Brooke of Sarawak; need for Stanley to keep Admiral Beaufort informed of the ship's movements; meeting with Edmund Strzelecki; letters from Charles Stanley in Van Diemen's Land; reference to Owen Stanley in the *Quarterly Review*.

Bishop Edward Stanley (Norwich) to Owen Stanley, 25 Dec. 1847: meeting with Sir James Ross; fate of Sir John Franklin; death of Archbishop of York; financial matters; possibility of promotion for Lieut. Robert Suckling.

Bishop Edward Stanley (Norwich) to Owen Stanley, 29 Jan. 1848.

Bishop Edward Stanley (Norwich) to Owen Stanley, 20 March 1848: Owen Stanley's letters; Lieut. Robert Suckling; receipt of birds and shells; revolution in France.

Owen Stanley (Sydney) to his family, 7 April 1848: exploring expedition on north-east coast led by Edmund Kennedy; Stanley's advice to Governor FitzRoy.

Chronology of the Kennedy expedition. (typescript, 2pp)

Owen Stanley (Cumberland Islands) to Bishop Edward Stanley, 17 May 1848: voyage to Rockingham Bay. (extract)

Owen Stanley (Rockingham Bay) to his sister Mary Stanley, 26 May 1848: landing of Kennedy's party; encounters with Aborigines. (extract)

Bishop Edward Stanley (London) to Owen Stanley, 29 June 1848: revolution in France; possible resignation of Lord John Russell; receipt of boxes of birds and insects.

Bishop Edward Stanley (Norwich) to Owen Stanley, 25 Dec. 1848: Ipswich Museum dinner; frigate birds; award of C.B. to Edmund Strzelecki; exhibition of electric light; financial matters.

Bishop Edward Stanley (Alderley Park) to his wife Catherine Stanley, 16 Feb. 1849. (incomplete)

Owen Stanley (Sydney) to Charles Tyers, 7 May 1849: plans to explore Cape York reef; magnetic observations. (copy)

Owen Stanley (Moreton Bay) to Louisa Stanley, 15 May 1849: work on charts of Torres Strait; promises to send an account of his adventures with New Guinea people; brief meeting in Sydney with Charles Stanley.

Bishop Edward Stanley (London) to Owen Stanley, 3 June 1849: sends note from Sir Francis Beaufort; Edmund Strzelecki and Lady Franklin; despatch of books.

Bishop Edward Stanley to Owen Stanley, 29 June 1849: news of death of Edmund Kennedy; visit by Capt. Phillip P. King.

Bishop Edward Stanley (London) to his niece Louisa Stanley, 14 July 1849.

Rev. Arthur Stanley (Dingwell) to [Owen Stanley], 7 Sept. 1849: death of their father Edward Stanley.

Maria Hare to Louisa Stanley, 21 Sept. 1849: funeral of Bishop Stanley.

H. Grey to Catherine Stanley, n.d.: death of Bishop Stanley.

Owen Stanley (Cape York) to Miss Tunno, 5 Oct. 1849: magnificent view of mountains of New Guinea in setting sun; quotes Sir Walter Scott.

Owen Stanley (Cape York) to Lord Stanley, 5 Oct. 1849: exploration of Louisiade Archipelago and southern coast of New Guinea; treachery of natives; mountains and gorges in New Guinea; dangerous shoals. (extract)

Private journal of Owen Stanley on fifth cruise of HMS *Rattlesnake*, 3 June-2 Oct. 1849, probably written for his sisters Mary and Catherine. (copy, 54pp)

Owen Stanley (Cape York) to his sister Mary Stanley, 16 Oct. 1849-Jan. 1850: account of cruise of HMS *Rattlesnake*; rescue of white woman Barbara Thompson living with Australian Aborigines; encounters with Aborigines; visits to Mount Ernest and Darnley Islands. (14pp)

Owen Stanley to Charles Tyers, 22 Dec. 1849: explorations of Louisiade Archipelago and coast of New Guinea; charting of Torres Strait; rescue of Barbara Thompson; collection of weapons; Stanley's illness. (copy) The final portion of the letter was written in Sydney in March 1850.

Thomas Huxley. Account of the 5<sup>th</sup> cruise of HMS *Rattlesnake*, 8 May-16 Oct. 1849. (typed extracts, 31pp)

Thomas Huxley. Account of the 5<sup>th</sup> cruise of HMS *Rattlesnake* and the discovery of Barbara Thompson, 16 Oct. 1849-7 Feb. 1850. (typed extracts, 10pp)

Oswald Brierly. Account of passing through the coral reefs of Louisiade Archipelago, June 1850. (copy, 4pp)

John Thomson (Sydney) to his wife Mary Thomson, 5 March 1850: refers to deteriorating relations between Capt. Owen Stanley and his officers. (extract)

John Thomson (Cape York) to Mary Thomson, 9 Oct. 1849: Louisiade Archipelago; exasperating prudence or cowardice of Capt. Stanley in refusing to explore interior of New Guinea; survey has added nothing to chart of Dumont D'Urville. (extract)

John Thomson (Sydney) to Mary Thomson, Feb. 1850: illness of Capt Stanley; distress arising from deaths of his father and brother; his petulance and discourtesy to his officers. (extract)

Thomas Huxley (London) to John Thomson, 31 March 1851: news from Australia; publication of John MacGillivray's account of the voyage of HMS *Rattlesnake*. (typescript copy)

Owen Stanley (Sydney) to his family, 1 March 1850: illness; sad news received on reaching Sydney; letters from home and also from Eliza Stanley [in Hobart]; hopes for a shore appointment. (extracts)

G.B. Griffiths (Sydney) to Sir Francis Beaufort, 14 March 1850: death of Capt. Owen Stanley; Stanley's pleasure in receiving a letter from Beaufort. (copy)

Robert King (Sydney) to Mary Stanley, 14 March 1850: death of Capt. Owen Stanley.

Epitaph of Bishop Edward Stanley and his sons Charles and Owen Stanley.

### **3. Typescript notes on Charles Stanley by Adelaide Lubbock and maps and drawings**

Notes and extracts from *Life and letters of Dean Stanley*, 1893. (2pp)

Extracts from Nancy Mitford. *The Ladies of Alderley*. (3pp)

Extracts from manuscript diary of George Boyes. (1p.)

Extracts from diary of Thomas Huxley. (1p)

Sketch maps by Charles Stanley, including the route of the *Windermere* on its voyage from England to Van Diemen's Land.

Drawings by Charles Stanley.

Sketch map of Norwich.

Drawing of the *Windermere* and the American barque *Wallace*.

Sketches made on board the *Windermere*.

#### 4. Correspondence and manuscripts of Charles E. Stanley, 1832-49

In addition to the original letters and other documents, there are typescript copies made by Adelaide Lubbock. They occasionally contain explanatory notes or comments.

Catherine Stanley (Alderley) to Julius Hare, 2 Feb. 1832.

Charles Stanley (London) to his sister Catherine Stanley, 4 March 1837: life at Brompton Barracks; new acquaintances.

Charles Stanley (Preston) to Catherine Stanley, 26 Jan. 1844: horse.

Charles Stanley (Preston) to Catherine Stanley, 21 Feb. 1844: horse; hunting.

Charles Stanley to Catherine Stanley, 21 Sept. 1844: marriage proposal to Eliza Clayton.

Journal of Charles Stanley on the *Windermere* on the voyage from Spithead to Madeira en route to Van Diemen's Land, 16 Oct.-1 Nov. 1846. (12pp)

Charles Stanley (*Windermere*) to his family, 30 Oct. 1846: voyage; gales in the English Channel; fellow-passengers; Eliza Stanley 'will never make a good sailor'.

Charles Stanley (*Windermere*) to his brother Capt. Owen Stanley, 31 Oct. 1846: voyage; gales; good relations with Sir William and Lady Denison.

Charles Stanley (Madeira) to Capt. Owen Stanley, 2 Nov. 1846: arrival at Madeira; scenery; meetings with Lowe and Gordon families.

Eliza Stanley (Hobart) to her mother-in-law Catherine Stanley, 26 Jan. 1847: arrival in Hobart; official welcome to Sir William Denison; Sir John Eardley Wilmot living in cottage assigned to Stanleys; Government House.

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to his family, 27 Jan. 1846 [ie 1847]: voyage; Sir William Denison contradictory and argumentative; Lady Denison kind but formal; their ill-disciplined children; insolence of the governess Miss Webb; improved health of Eliza Stanley; death of Sir John Eardley Wilmot.

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to his sister Catherine Stanley, 16 Feb. 1847: death of Sir John Eardley Wilmot; first impressions of Hobart; fern trees; eucalyptus; fruit and vegetables; climate.

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to Catherine Stanley, 16 Feb. 1847: life at Government House; kindness of Denisons; believes voyage and climate have suited Eliza.

Eliza Stanley to her sister-in-law Mary Stanley, 18 Feb. 1847: unofficial ADC during absence of Sir William Denison and Andrew Clarke; intricacy of colonial society; invitations to parties will cause great difficulties; improved health; climate; beauty of gardens; bushfires; acquisition of a pony.

Eliza Stanley to her mother-in-law Catherine Stanley, [March 1847]: appointment of a housemaid, butler and groom; relations with the Denisons; the move into their new home; receipt of letters; departure of the *Windermere*. (incomplete)

Eliza Stanley (Hobart) to her sister-in-law Catherine Stanley, 24 March 1847: receipt of letters; Charles Stanley visiting convict stations with Sir William Denison; behaviour of governess Miss Webb; hopes of Owen Stanley visiting Hobart; Lieut. Joseph Kay; new acquaintances.

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to his sister Catherine Stanley, 13 March 1847: new cottage; views of harbour; horses.

Charles Stanley. Account of a visit with Sir William Denison and John Hampton to the convict stations on Tasman Peninsula, including Port Arthur, 23 March 1847. (7pp) [Addressed to Bishop Edward Stanley]

Charles Stanley to Catherine Stanley, 26 April 1847: approach of first wedding anniversary; vulgarity and forwardness of Miss Webb; Mrs Meyer at New Norfolk.

Charles Stanley to Bishop Edward Stanley, n.d.: sends account of tour of Tasman Peninsula; garden.

Charles Stanley (HMS *Rattlesnake*) to his mother Catherine Stanley, 13 July 1847: holiday cruise; difficulties of working with Sir William Denison; his violent temper and superficial knowledge; Lady Denison has changed for the worse; improved health of Eliza; Owen Stanley's relations with Charles Denison and his officers.

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to his sister Catherine Stanley, Dec. 1847: weather; a walk to a waterfall on Mount Wellington; Hobart Regatta; size and quality of cherries; dogs; arrival of the *Windermere*; report of death of Lady Mary FitzRoy in Sydney.

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to his mother Catherine Stanley, 16 June 1848: anxiety about events in Europe; complaints about continuance of convict transportation; birth of a son to Lady Denison; departure of John P. Gell and Francis Simpkinson.

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to his brother Rev. Arthur Stanley, 6 Oct. 1848: progress of Christ College; replacement of J.P. Gell as warden by Frederick Cox; Bishop F.R. Nixon not judicious or wise in his public capacity; hopes of colonists for a representative assembly.

Bishop Edward Stanley (Norwich) to Charles Stanley, 25 Dec. 1848: scientific societies; dinner for Edmund Strzelecki; financial matters; expects John Gell will marry Eleanor Franklin; no news of Franklin expedition; discussions about electric light.

Account of a visit by Charles and Eliza Franklin to Tullochgoram, the home of the Grant Family, including stops at Oatlands, Campbelltown and Avoca, Feb. 1849. (12pp)

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to his sister Catherine Stanley, 22 Feb. 1849: decision of Capt. Denison to return to England; 'an extremely unsociable man'; news of Owen Stanley; theft of a yacht owned by Bishop F.R. Nixon.



Bishop Edward Stanley (Norwich) to Charles Stanley, April 1849: death of aunt Gibson; Ruck murder case.

Charles Stanley (Hobart) to his sister Catherine Stanley, 30 June 1849: cruise; neglect of Eliza by Lady Denison; death of their grandmother; Jenny Lind; Bishop F.R. Nixon; Francis Simpkinson; Magdalene Society in Hobart.