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BRITISH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES
IN PORTUGAL

(on special mission or diplomatic appointment)

The following list is an attempt to place on record the names of all those diplomatic representatives who have been delegated by the British government to Portugal either as Special Envoys or as accredited residential Ministers to the Court of Portugal, and subsequently to the Portuguese Republic. Owing to the absence of any full official record most of the names and dates given have been abstracted from sundry British and Portuguese publications, from documents of the old British Factory, or from old Chaplaincy and St. George's Church reports; as well as from our own archives. As gaps always existed between the date of the official appointment and that of the presentation of the Envoy's credentials — amounting often to a period of several months — dates given tend, in some instances as regards the earlier nominations, to be more or less approximate.

Although our list begins with the date of 1555 this by no means represents the beginning of British envoys to Portugal seeing that diplomatic missions had been a feature of the relations between the two kingdoms during the preceding two centuries. It was only when their foreign trade due to the expanding sphere of overseas commerce brought the economic interests of both countries into closer contact that the need for a more ready means of diplomatic intercourse became essential. There was already a growing body of British merchants, later to become known as the 'British Factory' resident in Lisbon, and with the expanding output of British woollens and other textiles it was found desirable of fostering this overseas market by the institution of commercial treaties. From 1555 onwards therefore

we find British Envoys proceeding to Lisbon on numerous special missions connected with this commerce, while others dealt as occasion required with political, naval, or military assistance to be afforded Portugal against invasions from her continental enemies. (It is to be noted that during military operations in Portugal several of the high commanding officers of the British staff exercised temporary diplomatic or consular duties in Lisbon).

From 1646 and the time of the drawing-up of Cromwell's treaty of 1654 we find a continuous succession of British Envoys and Ministers Plenipotenciary coming to Lisbon on their various missions, thus cementing those ties which for centuries previous had already brought the two countries together in a «sincere and perpetual friendship».

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| 1555 — Sir Richard Shelley .. | Was appointed to carry the news of the birth of a son to Mary Queen of England & Philip of Spain. It was a mistaken diagnosis, no son being born, so Sir Richard never left England. |
| 1567 — Thomas Wilson | Envoy Extraordinary (October). |
| 1646 — Sir Henry Compton ... | Envoy Extraordinary. |
| 1650 — Charles Vane | (Admiral Edward Popham also appears to have been representing Cromwell during part of this period). Vane's visit may have been connected with Cromwell's Treaty of 1654. |
| 1656 — Sir Philip Meadows ... | Envoy Extraordinary. |
| — Francis Parry | Date uncertain, he returned to Lisbon in 1676. |

- 1661 — Sir Richard Fanshawe,
Bart.
Envoy Extraordinary. First
Envoy to Portugal after
the Restoration, and to
negotiate the marriage of
Charles II with Catherine
of Bragança. (He later
made a translation of the
«Lusiades»).
- 1662 — Earl of Sandwich, K.
G.,
Envoy Extraordinary (One
of Cromwell's new Peers).
Was Ambassador to Spain
and came to Lisbon on
a special mission. Had
been a joint General-at-
-Sea with Blake in 1656
but sided with the Roya-
lists at the Restoration.
- 1663 — Sir Richard Fanshawe,
Bart.
Envoy Extraordinary.
- 1665 — Sir Robert Southwell,
D. C. L.
Envoy Extraordinary.
- 1668 — Sir Peter Wyche, F. R.
S.
Envoy Extraordinary.
- 1668 — Earl of Sandwich, K.
G.,
Envoy Extraordinary.
- 1674 — Francis Parry
Envoy Extraordinary. Ap-
pears to have spent a con-
siderable time in Lisbon,
mainly during Consul
Maynard's tenure of offi-
ce, and had much to do
with the latter's difficul-
ties with the «Factory»
merchants. Parry is said
to have come to Lisbon to
negotiate a Treaty of
Commerce. He was follo-
wed by Fanshawe.
- 1681 — Sir Richard Fanshawe,
Envoy Extraordinary (see
above).

- 1682 — Earl of Galway
Envoy Extraordinary (see
also in 1708).
- 1686 — Lord Lumley
Envoy Extraordinary. «Vis-
count» Lumley 1689; Earl
of Scarborough 1690.
- 1688 — John Methuen, M. P.
Envoy Extraordinary. (Ne-
gotiations for the new
Commercial Treaty: see
also 1703).
- 1694 — Paul Methuen
Chargé d'affaires: son of the
above John Methuen.
- 1697 — Sir Paul Methuen
The same: now as Envoy
Extraordinary.
- 1701 — Earl Stanhope
Interim Envoy.
- 1703 — John Methuen, M. P.
Envoy Extraordinary. The
Treaty known as the
«Methuen» Treaty of
1703 was signed and ca-
me into force. John Me-
thuen died in Lisbon in
1706, his body taken to
England and buried in
Westminster Abbey.
- 1706 — John Milner (Consul)
1706 — Sir Paul Methuen
Acting as Chargé d'affaires.
Envoy Extraordinary. Ac-
companied the Army on
its campaigns, 1704/1705
while remaining accredi-
ted to Portugal.
- 1708 — Earl of Galway (Henry
Massue de Ravigny
Ambassador and Envoy Ex-
traordinary. Commander
of British troops in 1707,
also previously in Spain.
Son of the Marquis Henri
de Massue, a Huguenôt, he
became a British subject
after the revocation of the
Edict of Nantes. He was
a great and courageous
soldier, and saw much
fighting in Spain and

- 1709 — Colonel Thomas Leffever (or Lefebre) ... Portugal, losing first an arm, and subsequently an eye in daring attacks.
- 1710 — Captain George Delaval Chargé d'affaires in absence of Earl Galway. Previously Secretary to the Duke of Schomberg.
- 1713 — Henry Worsley, M. P. Envoy Extraordinary. 1710-1714.
- 1722 — Thomas Lumley. Envoy Ex. & Minister Plenipotentiary. Special Missions.
- 1725 — William Cayley Envoy Extraordinary. (Sir Thos. Saunderson, K. B., later Earl of Scarborough. Assumed name of Saunderson upon inheriting estates, 1723).
- 1725 — Brig. General James Dormer Chargé d'affaires: (Secretary to the above).
- 1728 — Hon. Charles Compton Envoy Extraordinary. (Recalled in 1727 owing to attack by his servants upon the British Consul Burnett).
- 1728 — Major General Lord Tyrawley (James O'Hara) Chargé d'affaires. (2nd son of Lord George Compton).
- 1737 — Admiral Sir John Morris, M. P. Envoy Extraordinary (and acting as such from 1728 to 1741).
- 1742 — Hon. Chas Compton ... Interim Minister Plenipotentiary: 1735/37.
- Chargé d'affaires, 1741/42. Envoy Extraordinary, 1742/45.

- 1745 — Abraham Castres (Consul) Formerly Consul at Madrid was Brit. Consul at Lisbon 1742, and frequently acted as Chargé d'affaires.
- 1745 — Sir Benjamin Keene, M. P., LL B. Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary. (Special Mission from Spain).
- 1749 — Abraham Castres Envoy Extraordinary 1749/57.
- 1751 — John Russell (Consul) Chargé d'affaires during Castres absence. (died, 1752).
- 1752 — Lt. General Lord Tyrawley Envoy, on Commercial Mission.
- 1757 — Hon. Edward Hay ... Chargé d'affaires: formerly acted as Consul, assuming charge on the death of Abraham Castres 1757.
- 1760 — Earl of Kinnoull (Thomas Hay) Envoy Extraordinary on Special Mission (brother to Edward Hay). Sent to Lisbon to apologise for the violation of Portuguese territorial waters by the burning of the French fleet off Lagos by Admiral Boscawen; also to settle a dispute with the «British Factory» about the export of gold coin.
- 1762 — Lord Tyrawley Envoy: Spanish War.
- 1767 — William Henry Lyttleton Envoy Extraordinary (Baron Lyttleton). Demanded the re-establishment of the British Judge Con-

- servator for the British Factory merchants, and other rights under the Treaty.
- 1770 — Sir John Hort (Consul General) Acting as Chargé d'affaires from Lyttleton's departure to Walpole's arrival.
- 1771 — Hon. Robert Walpole Envoy Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary: 1771 to 1800.
- 1786 — William Fawkener Envoy Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary during Walpole's absence.
- 1787 — Hon. Robert Walpole Envoy Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary. (Resided at «St.^a Marta»).
- 1800 — John Hookham Frere, M. P. Envoy Extraordinary: Special Mission.
- 1802 — Lord Robt. Stephen Fitz-gerald Minister Plenipotentiary (resided at «St.^a Marta»).
- 1806 — Earl of Rosslyn Special Mission: to examine means of defence in the event of a French invasion.
- 1808 — Hon. John Charles Villiers Envoy Ex. (afterwards, Earl of Clarendon. During his stay in Lisbon he bought the large piece of ground, known as the British Military burial ground adjoining the British Cemetery, under sanction of Lord Viscount Wellington), (Jan. 31st. 1810).
- 1808 — Lord Strangford Envoy Plenipotentiary. Went over to Brazil with the Portuguese Royal

- Court. Negotiated a new Commercial Treaty.
- 1810 — Sir Charles Stuart Special Mission to Lisbon. Informed the British Factory merchants that the new 1810 Treaty concluded at Rio de Janeiro on the 19th February 1810 abolished all «Factories». Appointed to the Regency in Lisbon.
- 1814 — Thomas Sydenham ... Appointed to the Regency in Lisbon.
- 1814 — George Canning Ambassador Extraordinary: special mission to the Regency: (he afterwards became British Prime Minister.
- 1815 — J. Croft Special Mission to the Regency.
- 1816 — E. M. Ward Special Mission to the Regency.
- 1817 — Sir Edward Thornton Min. Plenipotentiary: Formerly at Rio de Janeiro.
- 1823 — Sir Edward Thornton G. C. B. Accompanied the Portuguese Court on its return to Lisbon.
- 1824 — Sir William A'Court ... Envoy Ex. (became afterwards Lord Heytesbury).
- 1825 — Sir Charles Stuart Special Mission. (Brought back D. Pedro's Constitutional Charter). Became Lord Stuart de Rothesay.
- 1827 — Sir Fredk. James Lamb, G. C. B., ... Envoy Ex. & Plenipotentiary. (afterwards Viscount Melbourne & Lord Beauval).
- 1833 — Lord William Russell Envoy Ex. & Plenipotentiary.

- 1833 — Lord Howard de Walden, G. C. B., Envoy Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary, to 1838.
- 1846 — Sir George Hamilton Seymour, G. C. B., Envoy Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary.
- 1851 — Sir Richard Pakenham Envoy Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary.
- 1855 — Henry Howard Envoy Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary. (see also 1859).
- 1858 — Marquis of Bath (John Alexander Thynne) Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary. Received Order of the Tower & Sword from D. Pedro V. Special Mission.
- 1859 — Sir Henry Howard ...
- 1859 — Sir Arthur Charles Magenis Minister Plenipotentiary. Special Mission.
- 1865 — Earl of Sefton Special Mission. Had previously acted as Chargé d'affaires, 1857/58.
- 1866 — Sir Augustus Berkeley Paget, G. C. B., ...
- 1867 — Hon. Sir Chas. Aug. Murray, K. C. B. ... Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1872 — Earl of Lytton, K. G. Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1876 — Sir Robert Burnett D. Morier, G. C. M. G., G. C. B. Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1881 — Sir Chas. Lennox Wyke, G. C. M. G., Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1884 — Sir G. Petre, K. C. M. G., C. B., Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1893 — Sir Hugh McDonnell, K. C. M. G., C. B., Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1902 — Sir Martin Gosselin, K. C. M. G., C. B. Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1905 — Sir Maurice de Bunsen, K. C. V. O., C. B., Minister Plenipotentiary.

- 1906 — Hon. Sir Francis Villiers, K. C. M. G. ... Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1911 — Sir Arthur Hardinge, G. C. M. G., K. C. B. Minister Plenipotentiary.
- 1913 — Hon. Sir Lancelot Carnegie, G. C. V. O., K. C. B. Min. Plenipotentiary, and subsequently raised to rank of Ambassador at the time the Legation was changed to an Embassy in 1923.
- 1928 — Sir Colville A de Rune Barclay, K. C. M. G., C. B., C. B. E., M. V. O. Ambassador.
- 1929 — Sir Francis Lindley, G. C. M. G., C. B., C. B. E. Ambassador.
- 1931 — Sir Claude Russell, K. C. M. G. Ambassador.
- 1935 — Sir Charles Wingfield, K. C. M. G. Ambassador.
- 1937 — Sir H. Walford Selby, K. C. M. G., C. B., C. V. O. Ambassador. (1940 also Sir Noel Charles, acting as Minister)
- 1941 — Right Hon. Sir Ronald H. Campbell, G. C. M. G. Ambassador.