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JC:P209 LETTER FROM JOHN FELL, BISHOP OF OXFORD, TO THE DUKE OF ORMOND, c. 1677-85

Nothing is known of how this letter came to be in Jesus College. It was found in the Library, where it had been assigned the reference MS 373, and was transferred to the archives in in September 2018 as part of Accession No. 507.

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Letter from John Fell (Bishop of Oxford 1676-86) to James, 1st Duke of Ormond (Chancellor of the University of Oxford, 1669-88). Fell hears rumours (which turned out not to be true) that Sir John Cotton, may be planning to sell off his famous library, in order to acquire a barony of Ireland, and asks Ormond that he may help save the library from being dispersed. The letter is undated, but Fell addresses Ormond on the back of the letter as the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, a post which he held from 1677-85.