Richard Bickerton Pemell Lyons believed that an extensive private correspondence with the foreign secretary of the day was essential for effective diplomacy. The papers of the second Lord Lyons, together with those of his father, are on deposit at the West Sussex Record Office, Chichester. There are some 300 boxes, many of them catalogued in only a rudimentary way, and that number does not do justice to the collection's extent. Lyons's correspondence was carefully copied into thick, hard-backed notebooks. Many boxes contain several of these. The papers of both lords are held by the Record Office for the Trustees of Arundel Castle on behalf of His Grace the Duke of Norfolk, whom I thank for permission to quote extensively from them. Of Lyons's private correspondence with foreign secretaries, that with Malmesbury, Clarendon, Russell, and Derby (Stanley) proved especially useful and revealing. I thank the Earl of Malmesbury for permission to quote from the papers of the 3rd Earl, which are available for research at the Hampshire Record Office. Those of the 14th and 15th Earls of Derby were consulted by courtesy of the Liverpool Record Office, Liverpool libraries. The Bulwer Collection, held by the Norfolk Record Office, was another very useful source, and I thank the Record Office for permission to quote from it. The papers of Sir Edward Malet, held by the Duke University Library, North Carolina, are equally important. I wish to express my appreciation for the unfailing helpfulness of the staff of the Duke Library and of the staffs of the several Record Offices. Alan Readman, then the county archivist, and the search room staff in Chichester merit special praise. They were kindness itself, ever ready to help guide me through the Lyons papers.
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