



# **Guide to the José Carrillo de Albornoz (Duke of Montemar) papers, circa 1710-1746**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

José Carrillo de Albornoz (Duke of Montemar) papers, circa 1710-1746

**Creator:**

Carrillo de Albornoz, José, duque de Montemar

**Abstract:**

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**Extent:**

10 Linear Feet (25 volumes; mostly disbound.)

**Language:**

Spanish

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Materials in Spanish

**Collection ID:**

RL.11664

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

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### Biographical/Historical

José Carrillo de Albornoz y Montiel (1671-1747) was a Spanish nobleman and military leader. He was the 1st Duke of Montemar, Viceroy of Sicily (1734-1737), and Minister of War for Spain (1737-1741).

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

## **Use Restrictions**

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## **Acquisition Information**

The collection was passed by descent to the 16th Conde de Altamira. The papers were sold by Altamira in about 1865 and were bought from a French bookseller by Sir Thomas Phillipps in 1870. They were sold as part of a larger lot of Montemar's papers at Sotheby's on June 26th 1973. Duke purchased the collection in 1981 from Quevedo Rare Books and Manuscript of London. Most of the items still retain their Phillipps catalog numbers.

## **Processing Information**

Collection received some minimal processing by Rubenstein staff in the 1980s. Many volumes were disbound and papers flattened, but the bindings have been retained and most contain their Phillipps catalog numbers.

Description provided for each volume was taken largely from the dealer description written in or around 1980.

Extensive handwritten descriptions of each volume are located in the first box of the collection.

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Polish Succession, War of, 1733-1738
- Anglo-Spanish War, 1718-1720
- Anglo-Spanish War, 1739-1748
- Sicily (Italy) -- History -- 18th century
- Spain -- History -- 18th century
- Spain -- History -- Philip V, 1700-1746
- Letterbooks
- Orders (military records)
- Carrillo de Albornoz, José, duque de Montemar.

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## Collection Inventory

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Information folder

Box 1

### Scope and Contents

Contains background information on the collection, dealer descriptions, and extensive notes taken during initial processing. There are handwritten, item-level descriptions for many of the manuscripts in the collection.

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Catalonia, 1712-1714

Box 2 > Volume 1

**Physical Description:** 97 items Folio, contemporary vellum.

### Scope and Contents

Letterbook of the Conde de Montemar for the years 1712-14, written while Governor of Saragossa and containing copies of 97 letters to the Marques de Bedmar (Minister of War), Marques de Grimaldi, Princesse des Ursins, the King, the Marques de Castelar, the Prince of T'serclaes de Tilly and others. They include 31 letters to the Duke of Berwick and others written during the Siege of Barcelona 1713-14 and various plans for advances on the Aragon front (made irrelevant by the Spanish defeat at Almenara).

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Suzesos militares, 1710-1716

Box 3 > Volume 2

**Physical Description:** 13 items  
12 manuscripts and 1 printed pamphlet

### Scope and Contents

Includes a 35-page poem on the Battle of Brihuega 1710, 'Diario de la campana del ano de 40', account by Baltasar de Guevara of the activities of five galleys off Corfu, reports on the fortification of Porto Longone on Elba (of which Montemar was appointed Governor in 1715), etc.

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Papeles tocantes a estado y guerra y

Pragmaticas, 1702-1728  
**Physical Description:** 47 items

### Scope and Contents

Materials concern the Catalan campaigns of 1710-20, the diplomatic campaigns of Ripperda etc. Includes a long report by Montemar himself on the state of Catalonia, a memorial by Gabriel de Roxas y Loyola denying the King's obligation to compensate those whose houses were demolished for the construction of the citadel of Barcelona (Montjuich), a report by the Marques de Castelar on the state of Catalan fortresses, a detailed project for Reviving Catalan trade and navigation, etc.

Papeles tocantes a estado y guerra y Pragmaticas (parts 1-3), 1702-1728 Box 4 > Volume 3

**Physical Description:** 15 items

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Papeles tocantes a estado y guerra y Pragmaticas (parts 4-10), 1702-1728 Box 5 > Volume 3

**Physical Description:** 32 items

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Catalonia: Instruccion para el Servicio Uniforme, que se ha de hazer en todas las plazas del Principado de Cataluña, 1719 January 1 Box 6 > Volume 4

**Physical Description:** 340 pages Folio, contemporary vellum with flap-and-loop catch

**Scope and Contents**

Detailed orders, in 26 chapters and 630 paragraphs, for the governors and garrisons of the fortresses of Catalonia. The second half of the heading on f1, including the words printed above in square brackets, and all the writing on the last two pages have been inked over, but the orders appear to have been issued by the Marquis of Ciudad Rodrigo from Barcelona on 1 January 1719.

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Papeles politicos y militares, 1721-1726 Box 7 > Volume 5

**Physical Description:** 48 items  
48 manuscripts

**Scope and Contents**

Materials largely relate to Catalonia. Includes a long 'Instrucción para el Gobierno político de Catthalunia' by the Marques de Castelrodrigo (1721); account by Montemar himself of ceremonies observed by him on various occasions in Barcelona (82 pp); 'Instrucciones para el mando general militar de el exercito y Principado de Cattaluna', 1721, 2 copies; a memorial on the increase of robbery and crime in general (1724); correspondence with the Marques de Risbourg and the Marques de Castelrodrigo on the wartime organization of Catalonia, with reports on the production of bread, distribution of meat, etc.

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Letterbook of outgoing correspondence of Montemar, 1722 June 13-1724 February 5 Box 8 > Volume 6

**Physical Description:** 252 items  
223 copies of letters, 13 duplicate copies, and 16 returns or reports Folio, contemporary vellum with flap

**Scope and Contents**

Montemar's letter-book for the period 13 June 1722 to 5 February 1724, written while commanding officer in Catalonia, mostly to the Minister of War, the Marques de Castelar; containing 223 copies of letters, plus 13 duplicate

copies, and including 16 returns or reports, on guns and swords held by cavalry regiments, on the Barcelona sabre factories, etc. A scrap of material, a sample of the lining of the uniform of the Seville Regiment is attached to p. 228. With an index.

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**Tocante a Cavalleria, 1724-1745**  
**Physical Description:** 4 Volumes

**Scope and Contents**

Four volumes containing about 235 mss., mainly dating from Montemar's period of office as Inspector-General of Cavalry. This large and interesting collection of papers includes correspondence with the Marques de la Ensenada, Sebastian de la Quadra and other ministers, together with letters to and from the Inspectors of Cavalry who worked under Montemar, on every subject to do with the cavalry; a long report by Montemar to Castelar on breeding horses for the cavalry; estimates supplies for troops passing through France, confidential reports on officers, dragoon regiments, the progress of the Italian War, etc.

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Tocante a Cavalleria, no.1, 1736-1745 Box 9 > Volume 7

**Physical Description:** 53 items  
53 manuscripts

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Tocante a Cavalleria, no.2, 1724-1745 Box 10 > Volume 8

**Physical Description:** 43 items  
43 manuscripts

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Tocante a Cavalleria, no.3, 1741-1745 Box 11 > Volume 9

Tocante a Cavalleria, no.4, 1737-1741 Box 12 > Volume 10

**Physical Description:** 32 items  
32 manuscripts

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Papeles tocantes a los caravineros, 1730 Box 13 > Volume 11

**Physical Description:** 72 items

**Scope and Contents**

72 letters and papers on the Corps of Carabineers, of which Montemar was appointed Inspector in 1730, including letters by Jose Patino and the Marques de Castelar and a long and interesting petition to Philip V by Montemar, recounting his service career.

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Encomiendas y pensiones sobre obispados,  
1733-1738 Box 14 > Volume 12

**Physical Description:** 51 items

**Scope and Contents**

Describes the plan to put the burden of paying pensions to those wounded in the War of Polish Succession on bishoprics.

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Varios Proyectos, 1736

Box 15 > Volume 13

**Physical Description:** 27 items

**Scope and Contents**

Includes 'Proyecto para la Guerra de Portugal,' copies of a letter from the Marques de San Gil to Horace Walpole in Hanover about hostilities in America, and Walpole's reply (1736), paper about events in Buenos Aires following the arrival of Brigadier Salzedo and his attempt to organize the frontiers of Sacramento Colony (1736), together with other reports on foreign policy and trade; a project for a state lottery with 3 printed slips of lottery winners in Rome, Naples and Milan; various projects for an Italian war, by Moistemas' and others.

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Sobre la Artilleria y Saludos y Viveres

Armamentos Municion..., 1736-1739

**Physical Description:** 2 Volumes

**Scope and Contents**

Two volumes, about 75 pieces on artillery and weaponry, including a pen and wash drawing of a salvage ship [removed to oversize folder] and another of a musket, reports on the cannon-foundry at Seville, on the supply of gun-metal, on the state of the Madrid arsenal, on arms shipped from Leghorn to Barcelona in 1736, projects for a multi-barreled rifle and for flares, a long memorandum on the organization of the artillery, an account of the proofing and marking of firearms, and other similar pieces, including 10 privately printed petitions, mainly sent to Montemar as Minister of War.

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Sobre la Artilleria y Saludos, 1736-1739

Box 16 > Volume 14

**Physical Description:** 57 items

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Viveres, Armamentos, Municion..., 1736

Box 17 > Volume 15

**Physical Description:** 35 items

27 manuscript reports and 8 printed items

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Sobre hospitales, camas y utensilios de toda España, 1737

Box 18 > Volume 16

**Physical Description:** 62 items

55 manuscripts and 7 printed pieces

**Scope and Contents**

Concerning Montemar's attempt to set up a system of free hospitals in every Spanish province for sick or wounded soldiers (1737).

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Sobre Tropas de las Potencias de la Europa,  
1736-1737

Box 19 > Volume 17

**Physical Description:** 45 items  
44 manuscripts and 1 printed booklet

**Scope and Contents**

Reports on the armed strength of various European powers: Portugal, France, the Empire, Holland, Hesse-Cassel, Prussia, Russia and the Ottoman Empire, among others.

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Sobre Ynglaterra, 1739-1740

Box 20 > Volume 18

**Physical Description:** 40 items  
38 manuscripts and 2 printed pieces

**Scope and Contents**

Montemar's papers dealing with the War of Jenkins' Ear, 1739-40, showing the difficulties Spain had in making war on a maritime power. They include four memorials, by a parish priest of Cuenca, a certain Maxim de Bouchet, a captain of cavalry and an anonymous memorialist, making suggestions for the prosecution of the war, either by a landing in Scotland or by striking at England's trade (a long minute, presumably by Montemar, recommends forming a joint stock company in Seville to operate the Asiento in place of England). One proposal is to muster an army of Irish Catholic emigres, to be recruited by missionaries in Ireland. Letters include letters of Conde de Itre, Corunna, 6 January 1740, describing the shortage of wheat and the need to disperse the troops concentrated there for a landing in the United Kingdom; Joseph Francisco de Alos, 16 pp 4to, on the application of the royal decree forbidding trade with England; a copy of a letter from Montemar to Villarias about the British squadron cruising off Cape St Vincent; and copies of two reports on British abuses of their right under the Treaty of Utrecht to send one trading ship a year to the Spanish American colonies, 1722. There are intelligence reports of British naval and military strength, of the strength of a British squadron calling at Lisbon and the stores supplied to it, of British men-o-war with their captains' names, and two, from French sources, of men-o-war in commission and of British political parties.

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Sobre vecindarios y quintas, 1712-1741

Box 21 > Volume 19

**Physical Description:** 20 items  
15 manuscripts and 5 printed pieces

**Scope and Contents**

Papers on population returns, conscription, forced levies, etc.

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Ynstruir al Ministerio de la Guerra, 1737-1741

**Physical Description:** 84 items

82 manuscripts and 2 printed pieces

**Scope and Contents**

Three volumes dating from Montemar's time as Minister of War relate to duties of the secretariat, memorials on finance, reports on individual officers, on troop strengths, etc.

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Ynstruir al Ministerio de la Guerra, no.2,  
1737-1741

Box 22 > Volume 20

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Ynstruir al Ministerio de la Guerra, no.3,  
1737-1741

Box 23 > Volume 21

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Ynstruir al Ministerio de la Guerra, no.4,  
1737-1741

Box 24 > Volume 22

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Sobre asientos de bestuarios, 1737-1746

Box 25 > Volume 23

**Physical Description:** 56 items

55 manuscripts and 1 printed item

**Scope and Contents**

A volume entirely devoted to army uniforms and contracts for their supply.

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Comisarios ordenadores y de guerra y su  
reforma, 1738-1739

Box 26 > Volume 24

**Physical Description:** 13 items

**Scope and Contents**

Ten official reports to and from Montemar on the officers of the commissariat.

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Papeles de consecuencia, 1709-1743

**Physical Description:** 10 items

9 manuscripts and one printed item

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Papeles de consecuencia, no. 1, 1709-1743

Box 27 > Volume 25

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Papeles de consecuencia, no. 2, 1737-1743

Box 27 > Volume 26

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Pen and wash drawing of a salvage ship, circa  
1736

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**Processing Information:**

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