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Description
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Provenance:

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Biography:

Famous 18th century conservative political philosopher, theorist, statesman, Whig
politician and orator credited with being the founder of modern conservative ideology.
He was born in Dublin, Ireland, probably in 1729, was sent to a Quaker boarding school,
and then studied at Trinity College, graduating in 1749. He briefly studied law in
London, but soon turned his attention to writing. Some of his more famous works are
Philosophical Enquiry Into the Origin of Our Ideas of the Sublime and the Beautiful
(1756), On Conciliation with America (1775) and Reflections on the Revolution in
France (1790). His political career began when he became the private secretary to
William Gerard Hamilton, chief secretary for Ireland in 1759. In 1765, he became the
private secretary of Lord Rockingham, First Lord of the Treasury before becoming a
member of Parliament in 1766, a post he held for the rest of his life. He is noted for his
opposition to British government policies regarding the harsh treatment of the American
colonies, the Catholics in Ireland and the Bengali Indians and also for his criticism of the
French Revolution. He died in July 1797.

Scope and Content Notes:

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Box 1:

1 - 1 Note in Burke's hand, n.d., "Hastings worth nothing"
   Note in Burke's hand, n.d., re: grape vines
   Poem, n.d., "To a mouse who was caught…" author unknown
   Letter, 11/23/??, from William Draper, re: financial affairs
1 - 2 Receipt, 3/30/1762 for R. T. Doodsley, signed Edm. Burke
  Letter, 9/11/1778 from Charles O'Hara, re: Irish politics
  Letter, 3/23/1782 from Joseph Hereford, re: Bristol
  Letter, 3/27/1782 from John Nobel, re: Bristol politics

1 - 3 Letter, 10/6/1783, transmitting an amended copy of a bill
  Letter, 7/29/1792, from Lord Charlemont (James Caulfeild)
  Letter, 4/15/1796, from Dorothy Silburn, re: clothes for child
  Letter, 3/18/1796, from Richard Champion, re: Kingston Shipyard

1 - 4 Letter, 3/22/1796, from "Britannicus" asking to change a publication
  Letter, 3/22/1796, from De Genouillae, re: Penn School

1 - 5 Photocopies

1 - 6 Container listing and Provenance