

## **P30 Papers of Sir John Pender**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

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Title: Papers of Sir John Pender

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### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: Sir John Pender

Administrative history: Sir John Pender (10 September 1816 – 7 July 1896), British submarine communications cable pioneer, was born in the Vale of Leven, Scotland, and after attending school in Glasgow became a successful merchant in textile fabrics in that city and in Manchester.

In London 1866, John Pender was the leading financier/director and Chairman of the Companies involved who, with his colleagues, undertook the first successful laying of the transatlantic cable from Valentia Island off the coast of Ireland to Heart's Content, Newfoundland and Labrador. This cable was the most successful and commercially viable of all the transatlantic cables and was 100% British financed, unlike the previous transatlantic cable-laying attempts, which had had some financial backing from American investors.

He founded 32 telegraph companies, including Eastern Telegraph, Eastern and South African Telegraph, Western Telegraph Europe and Azores Telegraph Company, Australasia and China Telegraph Company, London Platino-Brazilian Telegraph Company, Pacific and European Telegraph Company which later became Cable & Wireless. In 1934, Imperial and International

Communications, formerly the Eastern Telegraph Company (the amalgamation of those 32 telegraph companies), became Cable & Wireless.

He represented Totnes in parliament as a Liberal MP in 1862 to 1866 (the seat was disenfranchised by the Reform Act 1867), and Wick Burgh from 1872 until his defeat in 1885. He was unsuccessful Liberal Unionist candidate in Wick Burghs in 1886 and in Govan at the by-election in 1889, and again represented Wick Burgh from 1892 to 1896.

Custodial history:

## **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description: Correspondence, 1877-1903

Appraisal:

Accruals:

## **RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE**

Access: open

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## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

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<b>P30</b>	<b>Papers of Sir John Pender</b>	<b>1877-1911</b>
P30/1	Draft of letter from Professor Leone Levi of New Hotel, Wick, to editor of The Northern Ensign	August 22 1877

	Newspaper, and newspaper article copy [2 sheets]	
P30/2	Letter from Henry Fenwick, to John Pender, regarding a telegraph wire between Inverness and Aberdeen [1 sheet]	July 3 1883
P30/3	Letters from Edward Marjoribanks, 134 Piccadilly, to John Pender [3 sheets]	July 20 1883- May 6 1884
P30/4	Letter from Cath[erine] Gladstone, 10 Downing Street, Berkeley Square, London to John Pender [1 sheet]	April 18 1885
P30/5	Letter from Lord Cauperdown, 39 Charles Street, Berkeley Square, London, to Sir John Pender [1 sheet]	April 10 1888
P30/6	Letter from Sir Daniel Cooper, 6 De Vere Gardens, Kensington Palace, London, 2nd Baronet, to Sir John Pender, regarding railway lighting [1 sheet]	February 24 1889
P30/7	Letter from Master of the Rolls, to unnamed person, saying he will come and give honour to Sir John Pender on the date specified [1 sheet]	March 25 1889
P30/8	Letter from Sir Algernon Borthwick, Invercauld, Ballater, Aberdeenshire, to Sir John Pender, regarding a Mr. Montagu Loftus [1 sheet]	April 23 1889
P30/9	Letter from Admiral Henry Keppel, Royal Naval Club, Portsmouth, director of North Borneo Company and writer, to Sir John Pender, expressing regret at having to cancel a dinner arrangement [1 sheet]	April 29 1889
P30/10	Letter from Lord Orstow, Colonial Office, to Sir John Pender, regarding an invitation to view a Castle's construction [1 sheet]	May 7 1889
P30/11	Letter from Sir Philip Currie, Foreign Office, to Sir John Pender expressing pleasure at forthcoming trip to Portsmouth [1 sheet]	July 26 1889
P30/12	Letter from Sir Henry Selwin Ibbetson (Lord Rookwood), 62 Prince's Gate, to Sir John Pender regarding payment for dinner ticket [1 sheet]	June 26 1891
P30/13	Letter from The Viscount Wolmer, House of Commons, to William Payton, 18 Arlington Street, regarding possibility of meeting with Sir John Pender [1 sheet]	April 5 1892
P30/14	Letter from Sir Richard Quain, M.D. 67 Harley Street, London, doctor and medical writer, to Sir John Pender requesting restoration of doctor's name to the	May 18 1892

	medical requests [1 sheet]	
P30/15	Letter from Lord Rookwood-Sir Henry John Selwin Ibbetson-, Grand Hotel, France, to Sir John Pender, congratulating him on the honour he received [1 sheet]	May 20 1892
P30/16	Letter from Sir Eyre Massey Shaw, 52 Pall Mall, London, director of Metropolitan Electric Company, to Sir John Pender, offering congratulations [1 sheet]	July 15 1892
P30/17	Letter from Lady Wolsely to Sir John Pender [1 sheet]	August 6 1892
P30/18	Letter from Lady Shrewsbury, Machariorch, Campbeltown, Argyllshire, to Sir John Pender offering congratulations [1 sheet]	August 20 1892
P30/19	Letter from Lord Sudeley, 7 Buckingham Gate, London, to Sydney Collett requesting him to inform Sir John Pender on matters regarding the Wichita Land Co. Syndicate [1 sheet]	December 19 1892
P30/20	Letter from Albany [R]ollet, Balls Park, Hertford, to Sir John Pender [1 sheet]	December 27 1893
P30/21	Letter from [], Strathfield Saye House, Mortimer, R.S.O., Berkshire, to Sir John Pender [1 sheet]	February 16 1895
P30/22	Letter from Arnold Morley, Central Post Office, to Sir John Pender, regarding selection of new postmaster in Peebles office [1 sheet]	May 30 1895
P30/23	Letter from [ ] Winton, York House, St. James' Palace, London, to Sir John Pender requesting him to forward a telegram to his brother in law [1 sheet]	July 5 1895
P30/24	Letter from Arnold Morley, Central Post Office, to Sir John Pender, regarding appointment of a Dr. Bell to position of Medical Officer at the Post Office in Kirkwall [1 sheet]	October 23 1895
P30/25	Note from [ ], Lanhydrock, Bodmin, apologising for troubling him [1 sheet]	October [31] 1895
P30/26	Letter from Sir Eyre Massey Shaw, Fire Brigade, Southwark, London, to Sir John Pender regarding a lost card needed to attend a banquet [1 sheet]	April 15 1900
P30/27	Letter from R.S.Haldane, House of Commons, to Sir John Pender [1 sheet]	March 2 1903
P30/28	Note from Sir Julian Paunceforte, Hotel Britanniquis, American Ambassador in 1893, to Sir John Pender accepting an invitation [1 sheet]	n.d.

P30/29	Note from [ ] Peterb[ru]gh, The Palace, Peterborough, regarding an omission in a review journal [1 sheet]	n.d.
P30/30	Note from W.St.John Broderick accepting a dinner invitation for Sir John Pender [1 sheet]	n.d.
P30/31	Letter from Sir Charles Edward Howard Vincent, House of Commons, London, Aide de Camp to the King, founder of United Empire Trade League, 1891, to Sir John Pender regarding executive of the League Venture [1 sheet]	n.d.
P30/32	M.S. Letter from Queen Mary, Buckingham Palace, thanking the Mary's who contributed to the gift she received, and printed booklet describing the gifts of jewellery that had been presented [1 sheet,1 booklet]	June 8 1911