

THE BARING ARCHIVE

**ACCOUNTS OLD SERIES
(ACOS)**

Accounts: Old Series

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These documents are the balance sheets of John and Francis Baring & Co and Sir Francis Baring & Co. They were catalogued prior to 1978 by TL Ingram. It is not known why they were not catalogued as part of Class AC.

1. **1781-1805**, Annual Balance Sheets, Old Series
 - 1-7. **1781 31 Dec-1787 31 Dec**: Balance sheets, signed by John Baring, Francis Baring, James Francis Mesturas and Charles Wall; 7 folios; one balance sheet each folio
 8. **1788 30 Jun 1788**: Balance sheet, signed as ACOS1.1
 9. **1789 30 Jun**: Balance sheet, signed as ACOS1.1., with a note about loss expected from a speculation on cochineal, and the reduction in payments to partners to meet the loss
 10. **1790 30 Jun**: Balance sheet, signed as ACOS1.1., with a note dated 2 Sep 1790 by Francis Baring signifying his intention to transfer £3000, part of the capital of John & Francis Baring & Co, to Charles Wall on his marriage to Harriet, daughter of Francis Baring
 - 11-14. **1791 30 Jun-1794 30 Jun**: Balance sheets, signed as ACOS1.1
4 folios
 15. **1795, 30 Jun**: Balance sheet, signed as ACOS1.1
 16. **1796 30 Jun**: Balance sheet, signed as ACOS1.1 less James Mesturas; showing first balances of Alexander Baring (HC1.20.1) and of Thomas Nixson (HC1.20.6). Alexander Baring was at this time in the United States negotiating the purchase of the Maine Lands (See DEP). Thomas Nixson appears as a junior partner, with a salary of £250
 17. **1797 30 Jun**: Balance sheet, signed as ACOS1.16; showing first balance of PC Labouchere (HC8.2)
3 folios
 18. **1798 30 Jun**: Balance sheet, signed by Francis Baring and Charles Wall
2 folios, sewn
 19. **1799 30 Jun**: Balance sheet, signed by John Baring, Francis Baring and Charles Wall
3 1/2 folios
 20. **1800 30 Jun**: Balance sheet, signed by Francis Baring and Charles Wall, with a note that, since the last balance sheet, John Baring had retired from the House, having executed deeds of agreement and assignment for the transfer of capital
2 folios

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ACOS1 cont 21-22. **1801 30 Jun-1802 30 Jun:** Balance sheets, signed by Francis Baring and Charles Wall

23. Not used

24-25. **1804 30 Jun-1805 30 Jun:** No balance sheets, but final settlement of capital on the books, showing the total capital each year and its division, in varying amounts between Francis Baring, Charles Wall, Alexander Baring, Henry Baring and Thomas Nixon

Note on ACOS: These balance sheets were made up into a bundle labeled 'Balance sheets from 1782-84 (sic) found in Mr Wall's drawers.' This was Charles Wall, partner and son-in-law of Sir Francis Baring

For the balance sheets after 1805 (they begin 1826) see AC 4A. The documents in this series were formerly stored in tin boxes chronologically, along with other records of the House. Early accounts are also in the Northbrook Papers (NP) and cover the years 1762-1812

From the documents preserved in AC Old Series, AC 4A and the Northbrook Papers it seems that the balance sheets of the House are complete, or nearly so, from 1762, except for the years 1813-24 and 1827

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