Papers of the North East Division of Loyal London Volunteers, militia unit

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collection reference

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background history

The Bishopsgate Volunteers were formed on 1 May 1798 under the command of Sir Richard Carr Glyn, partner in the London bank Glyn, Mills, Hallifax & Co, to defend the capital against threatened French invasion. Within a year the unit had recruited around 140 volunteers.

From 1 June 1799 volunteers of various City companies amalgamated into larger units. The Bishopsgate Volunteers became part of North East Division of Loyal London Volunteers.

This unit was disbanded in 1802, after the peace of Amiens.

related publication

• T Rowlandson, *Loyal volunteers of London and environs* (London: Ackermann, 1799)

our archive holdings

- notebook listing Bishopsgate inhabitants willing to serve c.1798
- circulars and notices 1798-1802
- mess bills 1798
- minute book, military board of the North East Division of Loyal London Volunteers 1799-1802
- cash book 1799-1802
- orders and notes re riots 1800
- lists of volunteers 1800-1