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### Biographical and Other Notes

Collector, especially of printed works and manuscripts and patron of the arts. Formed the finest private library of his time. His widow, Lady Henrietta Holles, sold his collection of Greek, Roman and English coins (many high grade rarities), medals and medallions in gold, silver and copper was catalogued by George North for auctioneer Christopher Cock on 18-24 March 1741/2. The Library of 50,000 books, 41,000 prints, and 350,000 pamphlets was sold to the bookseller Thomas Osborne for £13,000 and the Harleian collection of 7,639 manuscript volumes and

14,236 other documents was sold to the nation in 1753 for £10,000 forming one of the foundation collections of the BM, now the BL.

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