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LETTERS TO WILLIAM TEMPLE FRANKLIN.


Referring to the kind reception William Temple Franklin received from his father (Gov. William Franklin) on arriving in America. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 2.

Giving advice to William Temple Franklin; hopes he will return to England to complete his education. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 3.

Giving his son advice about his studies. Several references to his father, Benjamin Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. CI 4.


Inquiring about his son's studies, his health, etc. Advice about letter writing. A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 6.
Letters to William Temple Franklin


Refers to the dancing and fencing schools. Has a translation of Livy, but thinks his son should not use one. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 7.


Refers to a barrel of oysters Mrs. Franklin is sending to him. Wishes to know when his father is expected home. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 8.


CI, 9.


Complains of the abuse he and his wife have been subjected to recently. Speaks of his difficult situation. The indignities he has received. Much concerned about his wife who has no relatives in this country; refers to slights she has received from his own relatives. Wants a copy of "Common Sense" [by Thomas Paine, Philadelphia, 1776]. A. L. S. 2 p.

CI, 10.


Is surprised that all his friends did not hear of reports spread about him. Refers to money matters; tells his son to be economical, as he has little to give him. Wishes a copy of the 3d edition of "Common Sense." A. L. S. 2 p.

CI, 11.


Is greatly concerned about his father's proposed journey to Canada. Thinks it ill-advised and dangerous. Requests his son to send him several political pamphlets. Advises him not to neglect his studies in Latin and French. A. L. S. 2 p.

CI, 12.


Giving his son directions how to come to Amboy when he gets his holidays. Refers to money matters between him, his son and Mr. [Richard] Bache. A. L. S. 1 p.

CI, 13.


Encloses a due note to be given to Mr. [Richard] Bache for collection from Mr. Hooper. A. L. S. 1 p.


Reproves his son for imprudent spending of his allowance. Is glad to hear of his father's safe return; would be glad to hear that he had resolved to quit all public business. Requests several copies of pamphlet "Strictures on Common Sense." [True Interest of America Impartially Stated, in certain Strictures, on a Pamphlet entitled Common Sense. By an American (Charles Inglis), Philadelphia, 1776.] A. L. S. 1 p.


Reproaches his son for not being more punctual in attending to his orders. Anxious to hear how his father is after his recent journey. A. L. S. 1 p.


Has been ordered to set out, under guard, for Princeton. Was suffering from a high fever; his departure postponed for a day. Bids adieu to his son. A. L. S. 1 p.


Speaks of his approaching visit to her. Requests him to bring her some money from Mr. [Richard] Bache. Alludes to her troubles and fears. A. L. S. 2 p.

Refers to his return to Philadelphia. Encloses two letters for friends in that city. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 21.


Is anxious to hear what is the advantageous offer made to him by his grandfather. Complains bitterly that her letters to her husband are not allowed to pass. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 22.

From William Franklin. [Circa 1776.] Burlington.

Will not go to Mr. [Joseph] Galloway’s till Sunday. He can go there directly or go to Burlington. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 123.

From Ferdinand Grand. [Circa 1776. Paris.]

Advises him to see Chevalier de Ferrière’s house at once and rent it, if it suits him. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 27.


Wishes to pay Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson £55 which he owes her. Requests him to attend to the transaction. Wishes three or four of Dr. Franklin’s profiles which M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont has had made at his Fayence factory. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 23.


Had expected to see him and Doctor Franklin at Nantes. Inquires if the plan has been given up. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 25.


Sends a packet for his grandfather; bids him good-bye; asks to be remembered to Mr. [Silas] Deane, who must appoint a day to see his cannon at the arsenal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 187.


From ——— Rouland. [Circa 1777. Paris.]

Tells of cost of making a vat for experiments with different kinds of air or gas. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 5.


Thanks him for news sent, but would have wished it had been confirmed by letters. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p.


Requests a copy of the last general letter. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p.


An account of his journey from Paris. Met Mr. [John] Adams at Angoulême. Embargo placed on English vessels a great loss to the latter; French and neutral vessels now getting all the West India trade. A. L. S. 2 p.


Gives his opinion of the bills passed in England with regard to America. States what he considers the only terms acceptable to America. A. L. S. 5 p.

From ——— ———. 1778. April 4.

Expects Dr. Franklin to dinner. Would like him to remain for tea. Requests him, if he has any favorite tea, to bring some in his pocket. Would like Mme. Brillon to come also. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 138.


Will send a couple of rifles at first opportunity. The pistols are designed for use by cavalry and not fit for an affair of honor. A. L. S. 2 p.

CI, 27.

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Begging him to find the plan of Gibraltar which was submitted to Dr. Franklin by M. [Barbeu] Dubourg, and to give it to his servant; desires news of Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s health. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 109.


Thanks him for sending his thermometer and the Resolutions of Congress. Refers to the English Ministry's conduct towards Ireland. Trade with America and the West Indies not interrupted. Is learning French and attends the theatre. A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 34.


From Duc de la Rochefoucauld. 1778. May 8. Brest.


Sends his compliments and thanks for newspaper. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 37.

From De Delaye d'Acheret. 1778. May 17.

Regrets that he was absent when William Temple Franklin paid a visit to his parents at La Cour Neuve. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 38.


Many of the Genevese have British sympathies. A certain patriotic gentleman from Carolina, wishes to know him (Franklin). A. L. S. 1 p. (In Latin.) CI, 39.


Sending his respects and best wishes. Refers to Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson, Mrs. [Mary] Hewson, etc. L. S. 1 p. CI, 40a.


From [Ferdinand] Grand. [Circa 1778.] July 8. [Paris.]

Asking information about some Loan Office Certificates. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CI, 42.


Has registered himself as an American. Tells of arrivals of French trading vessels. The people are anxious to hear about Comte d’Estaing and the fleet from Brest. A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 43.


Asks him to procure a permit for his baggage detained at Calais. Complains of the delay and trouble he has had. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (Copy.) CI, 44.


Complains of the discourtesy shown him by Dr. Franklin and of the latter’s neglect of his duties. A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 45.

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [Circa 1778.] August 20. [Paris.]

Requests to return a draft on the Commissioners payable to Van den Yver Frères & Co. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 6.


Sends his best wishes for the success of the American armies. Invites him to visit them. His wife and he are learning to play chess. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 46.


Invites William Temple Franklin to spend a month with him and see the vintage. Offers to send him a supply of claret. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 47.


From [Joseph P.] Whitall. [Circa 1778. August.]
Offers to deliver a letter to Mr. Coxe on his way to Holland. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 100.

Requests that care be taken of the furniture, plate, etc., belonging to him at Passy until his return. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 50.

Made a public communication of good news received. Requests prompt reply from Dr. Franklin as to providing food and clothing for poor American sailors. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 51.

Comments on the good news received from America. Regrets that he cannot come on a visit and enjoy a wild boar hunt. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CI, 54.

Inquires about her husband's reported illness. Thinks the prospect very bright for the independence of America. Hopes to be at Philadelphia soon. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 52.

Inquires if Mr. [William] Blake, of [South] Carolina, has arrived in Paris and requests that particular attention and courtesy be shown to him. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 53.


Inquires about the truth of the report of her husband’s serious illness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CI, 56.


From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1778. September 22. Nantes.


Tells of his letters to Dr. Franklin, Dr. [Edward] Bancroft, M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont, M. [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine, etc., and his efforts to get a command. If disappointed again will be obliged to return to America unemployed, as he cannot remain inactive. A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 62.


Inquiring about the report of her husband’s duel with Col. [John] Cadwalader. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CI, 63.


Learned of the taking of the “Fox” and the entry of the French fleet yesterday. The Marquise de la Fayette made a present of a snuff box with Dr. Franklin’s portrait on it, to the young man who escorted her on board the American vessels here. Reports about Comte d’Estaing’s fleet. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 64.


From Simeon Deane. 1778. October 2. Virginia.
Has formed a partnership with a firm at Richmond as Adams, Deane & Co., and another at Baltimore as Smith, Harvey, Southall & Co. Requests him to mention their houses to European merchants making inquiry. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) CI, 67.

Refers to a dispute between him and Mr. [John D.] Schweighauser of Nantes. Has heard reports of the capture of Rhode Island. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 68.

Has written a letter to M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont which he requests William Temple Franklin to translate. Declares that his honor has received a public injury from M. [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de S[artine] and that it must be righted. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 69.

Sends correspondence relating to dispute with [Arthur] Lee. The latter after employing him has refused to reimburse his expenses. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 70.

Considers M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont’s plan to buy a frigate or corvette to be commanded by him (Jones) would require too much time and negotiation. Has seen Mr. Joseph [P.] Whitall who is at Brest and who saw the “Indian” at Amsterdam, which could be armed and sail in two weeks. Declares M. [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine has wronged him. Hopes he will be given com-
mand of the "Indian" and that M. de Sartine will give him credentials and testimonials to justify him before Congress and his friends. Has many enemies, as no man in the Navy has pursued the same line of service as himself. A. L. S. 3 p.  


Is in great difficulties for lack of funds. Hopes Dr. Franklin will help him if Mr. [Arthur] Lee will pay him nothing. A. L. S. 2 p.  

(In French.)  


Was told Mr. [John] Williams, of London, was now in Paris. Asks for his address. A. L. S. 1 p.  


Was ill and could not give his lessons. Hopes to see him on Thursday. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  


Distress of the wine merchants of Bordeaux caused by interruption of trade between that port and Great Britain and Ireland. Trade now partly carried on in Dutch vessels. Is a protection for French property. Requests him to obtain passes from Dr. Franklin for two such vessels bound for England or Ireland. A. L. S. 3 p.  


Requests him to search for a package of invoices which he thinks he left at Passy. A. L. S. 1 p.  


Requests him to explain a letter which he encloses. Has received another very kind letter from the Duke de la R[ochefoucauld]. Intends to leave for l'Orient shortly; thinks he is an eye-sore to the Marine at Brest. A. L. S. 1 p.  


Alludes to a purse which she made and gave to him. Does not believe he lacks material for writing; though he may sometimes not find time to do so. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)


Explains how trade is carried on, during hostilities, between Bordeaux and England and Ireland, in neutral vessels. Explains the reasons for asking passes for these vessels; withdraws his application for an American pass, it being no longer necessary. A. L. S. 3 p.


Gives an account of a riding accident which happened to him, on the day of William Temple Franklin's departure, whilst coming home at night from Versailles. Alludes to a visit to his family made by Mme. Lloyd. Sends the "Courrier de l'Europe" newspapers; many conjectures made as to the object of William Temple Franklin's journey. Refers to [Jacques] Necker's financial reforms, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)


Does not yet know when he will leave France, but is very desirous to be at home, having learned of a death in the family. A. L. S. 1 p.


Looked carefully over the letters brought by the "General Washington." Is certain there is no other for him but the one forwarded. A. L. S. 1 p.


With reference to a vessel claiming to hail from Boston which called at Dieppe. Thinks it was an English vessel. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Is about to leave for Boston and Virginia on a vessel loaded with supplies ordered by the State of Virginia. Will take charge of any messages or despatches Dr. Franklin may wish to send. A. L. S. 1 p.

Asks about the truth of the report that Mr. [Henry] Laurens is going to Europe on a mission to France or Spain. Has had enquiries from Mrs. Laurens about the matter, also from young Harry Laurens. Mentions reports about [Admirals John] Byron, [Augustus] Keppel and [Comte] d’Estaing. Refers to his brother John at Bordeaux; hears that the embargo on Irish provisions has been taken off. Intends to write to Dr. Franklin soon on some electrical conceits. Dr. [Joseph] Priestley is publishing a new book on Philosophy. Is sending Dr. Franklin the controversy between him (Dr. Priestley) and Dr. [Richard] Price. A. L. S. 6 p.

CI, 87.


Requests him to speak to M. [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine about a claim for transportation of passengers from Miquelon, on one of his (Le Baron’s) vessels, which he sent to the Minister of Marine. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 88.

From Benjamin Franklin Bache. [Circa 1778.]

Wishes him a happy New Year which, in the beginning, will be agreeable for him for he goes to a “party of dance” and shall have a prize; was much frightened by the noise of a fire, which he thought was another rebellion. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 87.

From Edward Bancroft. [Circa 1778.]

Encloses two accounts from Mr. [Silas] Deane’s coachman; asks that these be discharged. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 142.

From William Lee. [Circa 1778.] Chaillot.

Regrets that he has not seen him before setting out. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 144.

From Jean Baptiste Le Roy. [1778.]

Thanks him for his kind invitation and will inform the Commissioners [of the Academy] of the invitation to them likewise to dine with Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. XLIV, 165.


Leaves Paris so suddenly because of a cheap opportunity of travelling. Will return in six weeks to pay his debts, requests that all creditors be told this. Leaves a letter for Captain [John Paul] Jones. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 143.

Has received a letter from [John Paul] "Jones," but cannot read or answer it without his cipher. Asks William Temple Franklin to send it to him. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 89.


Has received the bust. Sends by Mr. Panchaud the "frauds of London" also Owen's and [Daniel] Paterson's books on the roads in England. Cannot raise any money here as the moneyed people will not take American security. Asks if it is possible to get a small supply of money in France. Mrs. Lloyd has given birth to another son. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 90.


Inquires from the War Office about the report of the death, at Boston, of M. Deshays De la Radière, an officer in the Royal Engineer corps of France. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CI, 91.


Encloses a letter and paper from Vaughan and requests him to reply to the latter. A. L. S. CI, 92.


Thanks him for the information about the "worst of villains." Implies that his reputation has been grievously injured by this person. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 93.


Had inteded to leave for home before now; has since learned that Capt. [Alexander] Gillon and his officers, whom he had given up as lost, are safe and back in France. Came here as a whim to enter the Navy, but does not intend to make it a profession. A. L. S. 4 p. CI, 94.


Sir James Norcliffe, Mr. Oliver's friend, has a brother in Burgoyne's army in Virginia and wishes to have him released; asks for Dr. Franklin's advice and assistance. Alludes to [Admirals Augustus] Keppel and [Sir Hugh] Palliser and the latter's disgrace. A. L. S. 4 p. CI, 95.

Requests him to pay his initiation fee to the Masonic Lodge of the Nine Sisters.  A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 96.


Requesting him to have enclosed bills of exchange accepted and returned to him.  A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 97.


Sending a few newspapers recently received from Philadelphia.  A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 98.


Has discovered the person to whom the memorial related, and now encloses a letter from him to his friends. His father [Gov. William Franklin] is well and in New York.  A. L. S. 1 p. XIII, 112.


Enclosing Loan Office bills to be accepted and returned to him.  A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 99.


Enclosing two bills on the Commissioners and on Dr. Franklin to be accepted and returned.  A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 100.


Will deliver Dr. Franklin's letter to David Hartley when the latter comes to town; the cartel for the American prisoners is under orders. Reports about the capture of Saint Lucia by the British under [Gen. James] Grant; blockade of the port by Comte d'Estaing.  A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 101.


Wishes to know what he thinks of the "History of Georgia" in "Le Courrier de L'Europe"; the English government appears to have made a great display; will have a few lances to break with such faultfinders and idiots.  L. 2 p. (In French.) XIII, 178.

Introducing Capt. Robeson, of South Carolina. Unexpected events oblige him (Waties) to return home. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 102.


Inquires if it is probable that an Ensign in Burgoyne's army would be permitted to return to England to recover his health. Asks if it is true that Mr. [John] Adams has left Paris for America. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 103.


The "Alliance" will be ready to go to Nantes in eight days. Introduces Mr. [Nathan] Blodget. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 104.


Enclosing a letter to be copied. Invites him to dinner. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CI, 105.


Explains a misunderstanding about some Loan Office bills sent by him for account of Mr. Cordis. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 106.


Requests him to get a bust of his grandfather [Dr. Franklin], of Sèvres China set on a blue stone with a gold border, and send it to him with the bill. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 145.


Inquires if the "Alliance" will not return to Brest from Nantes to convoy the American vessels. Could then use Dr. Franklin's letter of introduction to Capt. [Pierre] Landais. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 108.

From ——— De Moullaine fils. 1779. April 30.

Forwarding a letter for Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CI, 109.


Begs him to recommend to his grandfather, Mr. Bartholomew Terasson, who went over to America to carry on his trade of merchant; regrets that he is too busy to enjoy his truly interesting conversation or a game of chess. L. S. 1 p. XIV, 107.


Called to see him and to remind him that the map of the scene of the war in America made by him (Capitaine) is being engraved. Hopes Dr. Franklin and his son will give it their approbation and send some copies to America. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLII, 47.


Is leaving for l'Orient and from there will embark for America. Asks William Temple Franklin to write him of his adventures with the “Nymphs of St. Honore” and other little anecdotes and news of the day. Requests that some clothing he left at the hotel be forwarded to him. A. L. S. 4 p. CI, 111.


Recommending a steward; messages from Madame Helvétius and himself. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 93.


Gives an extract of a letter from Capt. Green relating the capture of a convoy of British vessels and supplies bound from New York to Georgia by the “Warren,” the “Queen of France” and “Ranger”; Mr. [William] Carmichael to come to France soon in the “Deane.” Has also received a letter from La Corogne [Corunna], Spain, giving an account of an engagement between the American privateer “General Arnold” and an English privateer, in which the latter was sunk. A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 112.

Received the case he forwarded and advised M. [Anne César] de la Luzerne; it could not be taken on board the frigate “Du Ploy la Sensible.” Will ship it by the “Alliance” or some other vessel. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

CI, 113.


Requesting a copy of the memorial concerning Vandalia. N. in 3d P. 1 p.

CI, 114.


Inquires if Marquis de la Fayette’s “intendant” has paid what was due to William Temple Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

CVIII, 88.


Has received word that his friends in America have collected a considerable sum of money for him and are prepared to honor his drafts. Asks advice as to how he should proceed in the matter. Met Mr. [Sir John] Temple the other evening, he came from Boston by way of Holland. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.)

CI, 115.


Has heard from a Captain at Bordeaux, who left Hampton, Va., on May 22d, that he saw three of the enemies’ ships of war lying at Norfolk but heard nothing of their exploits, as published in the London Gazette. Does not believe they have blocked up a single river. N. in 3d P. 1 p.

CI, 116.


Refers to his letter to Dr. Franklin about the escaped American prisoners who are in distress at Nantes. Took a particular interest in their cases to counteract the impression there that Dr. Franklin was a cruel, inhuman man, who wantonly left them suffer. S—— has since engaged to pay their landlady out of his own pocket. A. L. S. 2 p.

CI, 117.

Enclosing three Loan Office bills for acceptance. Has received a letter from America for John Adams. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 118.


Requests that a letter for Sweden which Dr. Franklin promised to write, be sent him. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 119.


Advising him that the ball to be given by Mme. de Merville has been postponed. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 120.

From —— Brillon. [1779.] August 22.

He will leave, Tuesday, with M. de Samlot, and he expects him to join them. A. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 156.


Heard of his return yesterday. Encloses a letter received from Holland for the Doctor's perusal. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 121.

From Prince de Montbarrey. 1779. September 2. Versailles.

Notifying him that the King had sanctioned Comte de Vergennes's proposition to allow him to embark at Havre with the French troops bound for England and wear the uniform of Aide-de-camp. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CI, 122.


Delighted that he is to be his Aide-de-camp; his rank and uniform; time of embarkation. No news as yet of the situation, manoeuvres and intentions of the two fleets. Anxious for some word of Comte d'Estaing. Believes England to be in a bad way. Enclosing a memoir and an address from a Prussian officer, for his grandfather's perusal. A. L. S. 6 p. XV, 176.


Is going to settle in business in Bordeaux and enter into partnership with a large exporting firm. Asks to be given the title of Consul for the United States; would perform the duties free. A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 123.
From Richard B[ennett] Lloyd.  
1779. September 11. Isle of Thanet.

Accounts have arrived in London that the French forces have taken Grenada and of an engagement between the French and British fleets. Asks for the address of Mr. [William] Caslon who brought a letter to London from William Temple Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 124.


His lodgings will be ready upon his arrival at Havre; hopes for the speedy departure of the expedition. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XV, 188.


Requests him to get as full particulars as possible at Versailles about the Grenada conquest, as Mr. [Alexander John] Alexander has property interests on that island. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 125.


He may remain in Paris for some time yet; his presence not being required at Havre. Is himself going to a country seat near Havre. Alludes to the Empress of Russia’s efforts to effect a reconciliation between the belligerents. The expedition against England is still being considered by the Ministry, but doubts if it will be decided upon. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 127.


Is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her father’s bust; nothing could be more acceptable to her. Has had several letters recently from her brother, William Franklin; always inquires about his father and his son. Is sending a box of squirrel skins to William Temple Franklin by
M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]. Requests him to send her several articles which cannot be bought in America and a doll for her young daughter. Asks also that her father send her several household articles. Mentions the Duffield family, the Misses Clifton, etc. A. L. S. 4 p. 

Begs him to accept a picture of Dr. Franklin which he has ordered. 

From J[onathan] Williams [Jr.].

Very difficult at present to procure, in America, even the most necessary articles of life and more so curiosities of any kind; tried to get some of the latter for his friends in Paris but without success; money depreciating and merchandise selling at enormous prices. Has heard that his son [Jesse Deane] was spending the holidays with him. Requests the latter to take care of the furniture he left at Passy. Their many enemies and villifiers; every packet brings most outrageous scandal about Dr. Franklin. Is preparing to leave America. Has not seen Mr. [John] Adams since his return; hears he is disgusted at Congress for not appointing him to some Court abroad. A. L. S. 3 p. 

Requests him to remind Dr. Franklin to write to England about [Capt. Gustavus] Conyngham who is in prison. A. N. S. 1 p. 

Requests William Temple Franklin to show his portrait of General Washington to the Marquis de la Fayette and let him know the latter's opinion of it; as he wishes to put it on sale and send some copies to America. Hears that M. de la Fayette is going to have a full size portrait of General Washington made. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) 

CI, 128.
CVIII, 99.
CI, 129.
CI, 130.
CVIII, 22.
CI, 131.
From John Vaughan. 1779. October 2. Pons.

Requests William Temple Franklin to buy him a watch in Paris. Has left Bordeaux, as he found he could not learn French well there. Is going to put lightning rods on a new house built by a neighbor of his; asks a few particulars on the matter. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

CI, 132.


Thanking him for the engraving of Washington; thinks it the best likeness he has seen in Europe, with the exception of one in his possession, taken from the original owned by Mr. [John] Hancock; intends to have an engraving made from this, after a drawing by the famous [Charles Nicolas] Cochin. Has received a letter from Capt. [John Paul] Jones in regard to [Capt. Pierre] Landais; regrets disputes between men fighting for the same cause. Begs for American news. Has great hopes of Comte d'Estaing's expedition. In case of embarking, will let him know in due time to get to Havre. A. L. S. 4 p.

XVI, 29.


Asking for two commissions for the privateers "Black Prince" and "Black Princess." Refers to reported capture of two cutters commanded by [Comte Sutton] de Clonard and de Roquefeuille, off the Lizard. A. L. S. 2 p.

CI, 133.


CI, 134.


Requests him to read his educational plan or program submitted to Dr. Franklin and give his opinion on the English translation of it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

CI, 135.


Sends three letters to be forwarded to Chevalier de la Luzerne, Chevalier D'Anmours and Mr. [John] Bradford. Is uneasy about his baggage and effects which were to be sent him by the latter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

CI, 136.
Requests him to induce Dr. Franklin to write to Congress about his brother who is serving in the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)


Inviting him to dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

Came to France to learn the language and get experience in business. Now knows the language and proposes to go over to America and settle there before the war is over. Asks that his plan be submitted to Dr. Franklin for advice. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

Asking William Temple Franklin to take care of his horse and dispose of him at the first opportunity. A. L. S. 1 p.

Sending Jonathan William [Jr.]'s horse. A. N. S. 1 p.


Is glad to hear Dr. Franklin is recovered. Will call on him Wednesday morning. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 144.

Inquiring if his letters and some of his maps have been forwarded to the United States as requested. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 145.

Requests him to send him several "rolls and pots of pomatum." A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 146.

Has learned that William Temple Franklin has been married to one of the Miss Alexanders. Offers his congratulations. Hears that Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.], has married into the same family. Wishes to know which of the young ladies is now Mrs. Franklin and which one Mrs. Williams. Encloses a letter to be delivered to Mr. [William] Carmichael as soon as he arrives in Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 147.

From —— D'amchaga. [Circa 1779.] December 10. Chantilly.
There are many rumors here about Mr. d'Estaing. He (d'Amchaga) will dine with Mr. Franklin on the 19th. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 171.

Has heard from Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.] that he saw the Captain of the ship "Comité." Latter's account of Comte d'Estaing's movements unreliable. M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]'s arrival expected at any moment. Has received several letters from his son up to September 18th containing no important news. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 148.

Is seriously ill and without friends or money. begs that Dr. Franklin send him a few louis until he can get a remittance from Holland. L. S. 3 p. CI, 149.
Letters to William Temple Franklin


Enclosing bills on the Commissioners for acceptance. Inquires about the order for goods from Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 151.


Offers to supply wine. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 152.


He is sending him, by way of Amsterdam, a box containing maps ordered by him of counties and towns in England and Ireland. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 153.


Has heard from M. de Laneuville that some papers have arrived from America for Dr. Franklin. Asks if they contain any news of interest. Inquires about Gen. Washington’s health. Is very anxious to hear from M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]. A. L. S. 3 p. CI, 154.


Encloses bills on the Commissioners. Has heard nothing about the “Confederacy.” Fears that she has met with the same fate as poor [Lambert] Wickes in the “Reprisal.” Wishes to hear about Congress’s orders for goods and his new relations’ affairs. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 155.


Encloses for acceptance twenty-three Continental Loan Office notes drawn on Dr. Franklin. As Congress has ordered his accounts to be paid, hopes some plan will be adopted by Dr. Franklin for making a settlement; his advances having exposed him too much. L. S. 2 p. CI, 156.

Thanking him for the news about his brother [Normiont de Laneuville] who is serving in the United States. Sent the letter and newspaper containing the article to Marquis de la Fayette; has asked the latter to have the letter and article published in the European papers. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CI, 157.


Enclosing bills on the Commissioners for acceptance. Requests him to reply for Dr. Franklin to his letters. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 158.


Thanks Dr. Franklin and William Temple Franklin for assisting him in need. Remits two louis in payment of the sum loaned to him. A. L. S. 2 p. CI, 159.


Requests him to procure the release on parole of Geo. Taylor, Lieutenant of the British privateer "Chance," in prison at Bayonne; also of John Craig a passenger on the ship "Matty" of Glasgow. A. L. S. 1 p. CI, 160.

From Monsieur and Madame de Boulainvillers.

[Circa 1779.]

Invitation to the wedding of Madamoiselle de Boulainvillers and Le Vicomte de Clermont Tonnere. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 147.

From Alexandre Breton. [Circa 1779.]

Wishes to know if Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.] has returned to Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 170.

From ——— Brown. [Circa 1779.]

Thanks him for his letter, will call to see him at the first opportunity. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 167.

From ——— Brown. [Circa 1779.]

Enclosing a letter to Dr. Franklin from Mr. Pollard, and an answer to the letter he dictated for him to the gentlemen at Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 168.

Recommending a brave sailor who wishes to obtain a commission from the United States to fit out a privateer and cruise against the English. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 25.

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [Circa 1779.]

Encloses some drafts, bills and gazettes, if these are correct they are to be returned as soon as possible. Tomorrow is the last day for the payment of [John D.] Schweighauser's drafts. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 140.

From —— Hersaut. [Circa 1779.]

Asking his protection to obtain a position. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 141.

From [Gen. Chevalier de] Laneuville. [Circa 1779.]

Enclosing letters with request that they be forwarded to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 87.

From M. De Moullaine fils. [Circa 1779.]

Has heard that General [Augustine] Prevost has met the same fate as Burgoyne; if this should not be known at present, he will be discreet. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 162.

From Prosper Mouret. [Circa 1779.]

Wishes to go to the United States to engage in his trade as printer. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 92.

From S. Petrie. [Circa 1779.]

Invites him to call on him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 152.


Having received a letter from his brother, he decides to remain abroad to wait the results of the West India operations. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CII, 1.
Thanks him for his trouble about the horse; has sent some patterns for Dr. Franklin's inspection. A. L. S. 2 p.  

Encloses Loan Office bills of exchange for acceptance; the arrival of two Captains from Philadelphia at l'Orient and of a boat from Baltimore at Bordeaux. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)  

Invitation to a ball. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  

The ball has been postponed to Sunday. Asks for news of the arrival of Mr. J[ohn] Adams. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  

From Chevalier de Keratio. 1780. January 8.
The opinion of Baron de Steding on the conduct of the American soldiers. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)  

Thanks him for all his trouble and for the condescending goodness of his grandfather; encloses fifteen louis for the watch, which has arrived safely. A. L. S. 2 p.  

Requests the return of "sundry bills" to him at Nantes; expresses anxiety about the overdue "Confederacy"; no news of Mr. [John] Adams. A. L. S. 1 p.  

Accepts invitation for dinner and will go with him to the ball. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  


Enclosing a letter for Dr. Franklin, to be presented if proper. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 11.


Owing to illness, the ball is postponed until the 31st; invites him to dinner on that date. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 13.


Considers the Resolve of Congress of August 11, 1778, sufficient authority for the discharge of his claim against the United States; Captain [John] Green lost his vessel through the carelessness of his pilot; offers to take dispatches to America when he leaves with Captain [Thomas] Bell. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 14.


Requests some India rubber for a lady of his acquaintance; regrets that he cannot be with them on Monday. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 15.


An invitation to a ball and a dinner on the 7th; also an invitation from some ladies for the 6th. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 16.


Sends his servant for the pass; urges him to write to Dr. [John] P[ringle?] and tells how to send his letter so as to avoid its being opened in London, since ministerial writers are ready to abuse the Doctor. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 17.


Enclosing some bills to be accepted. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 18.


An invitation to dinner from him and his father; they would also like to have Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CII, 21.

Enclosed sends a "Catalogue of Characters"; offers to be the bearer of any commands for America; sails in the "Luzerne" for Philadelphia; announces the arrival of the "Captain Jones." A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 22.

Asks for a pass to Brussels. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

The arrival of the "Confederacy"; is anxious for news of Congress; arrangements in the ports of France. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 24.

Introduces William Brush from one of the northern states, and Mr. Wilkinson of South Carolina. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 25.

Wishes to know if Madame Aves has written to him about the ring and pair of shoe buckles, she expected to send him from London. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 26.

Glad to know about the false report, that his uncle [John Williams] is in London; he is with him, and in proof sends a letter from him; begs that he destroy this report. A. L. S. 1 p.  CII, 27.


Requests that the malicious report that he is in London, be denied; he has not been there since October 6th, 1778. A. L. S. 2 p.  CII, 28.


Sends a bill for acceptance. A. L. 1 p.  CII, 29.


Asks the return of the letter from the Marquis de la Fayette; thanks him for his zeal in pleading his cause; wishes to obtain the brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel to prove to America that his country was pleased with his conduct. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  CII, 31.


Thanks him for his recommendation to the school, but decides to place his children near the sea-coast where they will have no opportunity of contracting the Parisian customs. A. L. S. 1 p.  CII, 32.


Consigned to Messrs. Fizeaux and Grand ninety-six pounds of two line Pica Doric for his grandfather; disappointed he has not received the order for Voltaire’s works; has delivered the box to Miss Shipley and sent a letter from her to Dr. Franklin; announces the birth of a daughter. A. L. S. 2 p.  CII, 33.

Begs to know the first opportunity of sending to London some things which Madame has left. L. in 3d P. (In French.) CII, 35.

Encloses, for Dr. Franklin, a copy of the long budget of complaints against Mr. [Silas] Deane and others; denies the truth of these reports. A. L. S. 2 p.

Wishes to know if Dr. [Edward] Bancroft has returned and if he could convey a letter to Mr. [Arthur] Lee; invites him and Dr. Franklin to dinner to meet General Bieter and M. Ventades. A. L. S. 2 p.

Encloses a bond for a commission for a vessel "owned by A. J. Dornan and fitted in Spain under the auspices of the French Consul at Vigo"; asks for the promised letter for Mr. [John] Aitcheson; has written to Mr. [Le Ray] de Chaumont whose reproaches are injurious. A. L. S. 1 p.

From [Jonathan] Williams, Jr. 1780. March 27.
Asks to have a certified copy made, at his expense, of his amount lodged with Dr. Franklin as he has sent his only duplicate copy by the "Marquis de la Fayette." A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 38.

Sent some squirrel skins by Mr. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]; disappointed at not receiving the bust [of Dr. Franklin]; acknowledges receipt of things from her father; sent to Miss Clifton, before leaving Philadelphia, her most valuable possessions, among them.
his little black trunk; the defeat of the enemy at Trenton, made it safe for her to return; the trunk is safe; the Misses Sally and Betsy Duffield have just gone home; Miss [Margaret] Shippen is married to General [Benedict] Arnold. A. L. S. 3 p.


Sends a small bill from Madrid for acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p.


An invitation to dinner in the country and a request for passage on the "Alliance" to return to America to serve as a volunteer. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)


Reminds him of the service which he rendered him upon his arrival in France; asks him to use his influence to obtain for him the position of correspondent at Morlaix. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)


Thanks him for speaking to his father; begs him to write to Captain [John Paul] Jones, and to ask his Excellency for a letter stating that the King is pleased with his services. Declines an invitation to dinner. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


He and his family leave soon for America; reports relating to the armament going from Brest to Canada or New York; wishes to know if there is much danger, when he arrives at Sandy Hook, of being obliged to about-ship and go to Halifax or England. A. L. S. 2 p.

From Chevalier de Keralio. 1780. April 10.

The alliance proposed by the Empress of Russia for the protection of the commerce of neutral nations. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)


Sends an important package for Mr. [Jean] Holker. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

Asks that Mr. [Francis] Hopkinson's things be sent by Captain [John Paul] Jones. Expects to embark soon under protection of the "Al-\line"; offers his services to be useful in any way in America. A. L. S. 1 p.

CII, 47.


Asks that Dr. Franklin pay no attention to his last letter. Has obtained permission from M. [Jacques] Necker to transport the woolens, duty free. A. L. S. 2 p.

CII, 48.


CII, 49.


Thanks him for the loan of his horse, which he sends back to him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 232.


Wishes to know how much in French money is due him by Mr. [John] Bradford. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CII, 50.


Sends enclosed a letter for Mr. [John Paul] Jones; gives his reasons for not returning to America; the impossibility of securing Mr. [John] Paul Jones for dinner. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CII, 52.


Introduces his friend Dr. John Foulke. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 53.


Thanks him for his kindness in executing Mr. [Francis] Hopkinson's order. Encloses a sheet of his letter paper and tells how to order it. A. L. S. 1 p.

CII, 54.
Encloses a draft. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 55.

Wishes to know how the remainder of the clothing is to be shipped. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 56.


Begs that Dr. Franklin will make some plan for the purchase of the “Serapis.” If Dr. Franklin can devise some plan by which to discharge what is due him by the United States, he will buy it. The vessels here are waiting for Captain [John Paul] Jones, to sail under his protection. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 58.


Encloses two bills for acceptance. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 61.

Encloses several bills drawn by Mr. [Francis] Hopkinson on the Commissioners for acceptance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CII, 60.

The frigate “Bonne Voitiere” is blockaded and cannot reach Ranlagh to-day. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CII, 62.

He has given a translation to Comte de Vergennes; by order of the Minister he encloses a copy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 63.


Encloses six notes for acceptance drawn by Mr. Francis Hopkinson on the Commissioners at Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 64.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1780. May 27. Nantes.

Encloses two notes for acceptance, drawn by Mr. Francis Hopkinson on the Commissioners at Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 65.


His father absolutely refuses to give him the means to go to America; if he could receive the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, he would secure the necessary funds; please renew his proposition to Mr. [John] Paul Jones. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 65½.

From Comte de Tott. 1780. May 30.

Wishes to know about the books he asked him to get from England. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 66.


Asks him to direct some person to secure his negro boy who may have strayed towards Passy. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 67.


The loss of the negro boy has kept him in Paris, he leaves tonight for l'Orient; should the boy be found after his departure he is to be given to Mr. [John] Adams. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 68.


Asks for the promised letters from Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 69.

Asks that the certified copy of his account be sent by Mr. [John] Ross; wishes to know the truth of the rumor, that the French have been successful against [Admiral] Rodney. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 70.


Leaves that night in the "Diligence," asks for the packets and offers to execute any commission "an inch short of high treason." Expects to be back [from England] within three weeks. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CII, 71.


Encloses notes from Mr. F[ranci]s Hopkinson for acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p.


Encloses a letter for Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 73.


Wishes the names to be put on the medals ordered by Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CII, 74.


Invitation to dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 75.


Did not know that the medals were to be of gold, so will bring them all in a short time. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 76.


Regrets that he cannot procure the pamphlets; sends other books by Mr. [William] Alexander. He and Mr. [James] Woodmason had lost the order for Voltaire's works, consequently the proprietors will suffer great loss. Miss Shipley will send to Dr. Franklin her father's picture as soon as she finishes it. He met their old master [James] Elphinston who is very poor. A. L. S. 3 p. CII, 77.

Wishes to know if Mr. [John] Jay is in Paris; confirmation of the news of the taking of the Martinique fleet; other naval news. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

From —— Mosny. 1780. June 29.

Returns the fencing outfit after making the repairs. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Most anxious to reach America; finds all vessels are leaving from l'Orient, so will go there. A. L. S. 3 p.


Asks that the enclosed letter be forwarded to [George] Braxton, [Jr.]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)


Request that he search again for the bills from [Joseph] Gardoqui [Son & Co.]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Mr. Burk regrets that the package for Mrs. H—y was seized by the Margate Custom House. A. L. S. 1 p.


Regrets the pleasures of Paris. The "Alliance" has sailed with the fleet. He will leave shortly in a brig which came from Philadelphia. A. L. S. 4 p.


Asks that his library be forwarded to him; the French fleet arrived at Newport; Admiral [Samuel] Graves is at New York. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 86.


Hopes he has been able to complete the Doctor's accounts, gives news of the "Hermione's" encounter with the English off New York and of the capture of "Les États d'Artois." A. L. S. 3 p. CII, 88.


Asks that he obtain permission for him to enter the French merchant service. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 89.


Rejoices in having such a sincere friend; any commands he will execute. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 90.


Has been made a Lieutenant-Colonel; now most desirous of returning to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 91.


Announces the death of his cousin Jona[than] Williams; Mr. [Silas] Deane is with him and will leave for Paris in four or five days. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 92.


Mr. [Silas] Deane brings this letter and will give all the news; wishes to know Mr. [John] A[dams]'s business in Holland; please get his accounts from Mr. A[dams]. He draws on the Doctor [Franklin] for £1,520 14 s., which has been sent to Mrs. [Richard] Bache, this sum is to come from the Doctor's personal account. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 93.


The delay in the sailing of Captain [John Paul] Jones is due to Mr. [Le Ray] de Chaumont who will not pay the wages and prize-money due the crew. A. L. S. 3 p. CII, 94.

Having heard that a packet from New London was chased ashore at l’Orient and that the despatches were saved, asks that if there is a letter for him, it be sent in care of Mr. D——. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 95.


His opinion of the morals of the married women of France. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 96.


Encloses certificates from Mr. [Francis] Hopkinson on the Commissioners. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 97.


Asks for the address of a banker, and invites him to visit him at St. Maudé. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 98.


Encloses a bill which has passed through several hands without the signature of Mr. [Francis] Hopkinson. Has heard of the great capture by the Spaniards. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 101.


Arrival of American vessels with despatches. The American army is increasing rapidly. Gen. [Horatio] Gates, on his march to Carolina, had collected an army of three thousand before these vessels left. The crew and officers of the vessel detained here have not yet received their wages and prize-money from M. [Le Ray] de Ch[aumont]. His management a mere fizzle and deception. A. L. S. 3 p. CII, 103.


Sees that one of the bills returned has already been paid, sends it back for Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand to see, so as to be able to trace the carelessness or roguery. A. L. S. 4 p. CII, 104.


Returns a ticket for a ball. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 105.


Request that his portrait be sent to him by Captain Sampson. A. L. S. 2 p.

From ——— de Perrochall.


A letter to show his knowledge of French. A. L. S. (In French.) CII, 109.


Thanking him for the letters and declaring his intention of dining with Dr. Franklin the next day. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CII, 110.


Encloses the letters to be forwarded to Mr. [George] Braxton, [Jr.]. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 111.

Capt. [John Paul] Jones has succeeded in getting wages due 45 seamen of the "B[on] H[ommе] Richard" on board the "Ariel"; but no prize-money and nothing for those gone to America; Mr. [Samuel] Wharton explains the silence of Captain Jones in this matter is due to desire not to add to his grandfather's troubles. A. L. S. 2 p.

CII, 112.


Requests that a room be secured for him; explains that he could not dine with the Doctor [Franklin] on account of his eyes; asks that the enclosed letters be forwarded to Mr. [George] Fox. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

CII, 113.


Thanks him for forwarding his packet from America; his letters contain no news of any importance. Wonders if Mr. [James] Searle has the necessary ability for his commission and what interest can Pennsylvania have separate from the other states. Gives and asks news of various friends. A. L. S. 4 p.

CII, 114.


Has set sail for America on the "Duke of Leinster"; hopes that Mr. [Joseph] Mayo may see the different amusements of Paris. A. L. S. 2 p.

CII, 115.


Introduces Mr. Moore and returns his accounts to have them signed, examined and approved by the Doctor [Franklin]. A. L. S. 2 p.

CII, 116.


Describes his life in the country. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

CII, 117.


As requested, sends three packages of seeds of plants unknown in America. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

CII, 118.
Letters to William Temple Franklin

Owing to adverse winds they have not been able to sail. A brig has just arrived from Philadelphia reporting the safe arrival of the "Alliance." [Capt. Pierre] Landais was put under arrest and the "Alliance" was to be offered to Captain [John] Barry. A. L. S. 2 p.

CII, 119.

Thanks him for his trouble in enquiring about the lodgings; also for Mr. [George] Fox and Mr. [George] Braxton, [Jr.]'s letters. Accepts his invitation to breakfast. A. L. S. 1 p.

CII, 120.

From Thom[a]s Collins. 1780. October 11.
Asking him not to bother about the passports. A. L. S. 2 p.

CII, 121.

Asks the address of Mr. [Joseph] Mayo and Dr. [John] Foulke and for Montieu's papers. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

CII, 122.

Promises to be more discreet since his letters are subject to examination; acknowledges a letter from [Joseph] Mayo; asks advice about dress; is desirous of hearing the news from America; encloses a letter for [John] Foulke; wishes to know [William] Robeson's plans. A. L. S. 4 p.

CII, 123.

Encloses the letters received about sauce pans; recommends Vitel; hopes Dr. Franklin's gout is better. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

CII, 124a.

From Chevalier de Keralio. 1780. October 24. Forbach par Sarlonis.
Wishes the correct news about Gen. [Horatio] Gates's defeat at Camden; the German newspapers are most uncomplimentary; if he receives an answer promptly, he will circulate the correct report. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

CII, 125.

Besides the squirrel skins sent by Mr. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval], eighty odd were sent in a sugar box; sent also a piece of American spun silk to her father; the nuts, apples, and cotton shall be sent shortly in a twenty-gun ship; supposes he has heard about [Benedict] Arnold; gives news of her children. A. L. S. 3 p. CII, 126.


Great desire to know the true story of [Gen. Horatio] Gates’s defeat. Wishes to know of any vessel sailing for his port as he has letters to send. A. L. S. 3 p. CII, 127.

From Chevalier de Keralio. 1780. November 2. Forbach.

Thanking him for his letter and the extract from the Pennsylvania Gazette; when the information about Gen. [Horatio] Gates is received, he requests that it be sent to him as soon as possible. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CII, 128.


Apologizes for not inquiring personally about his Excellency; would like to know when he will be able to see him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 129.


Anxiety about his Excellency’s health; has not yet received any papers or power to administer the oath of allegiance; advises that the public dispatches be sent as soon as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 130.


Request for a permit to ship arms and war-like stores on the “Mars.” A. L. S. 1 p. CII, 131.


Request that the eleven letters of exchange be sent to him as soon as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 132.

Asks that his accounts be examined and that he certifies that they are like the original in the possession of his Excellency [Dr. Franklin].

A. L. S. 1 p.

CII, 134.

From Isaac All. 1780. November 20. L’Orient.

Thanks him for his letter; hopes his Excellency’s health will be soon restored; has been ill himself but hopes soon to sail with Captain [John Paul] Jones. A. L. S. 1 p.

CII, 135.


Sends back the commission for Captain Boardman, requesting the bond to be destroyed; asks for a commission for Captain James Byrnes, enclosing a bond already signed. A. L. S. 1 p.

CII, 136.


Glad to hear of his Excellency’s recovery; finds it exceedingly dull in the Capital of the reign of Mammon; request for news. L. S. 2 p.

CII, 137.

From Chevalier de Keralio. 1780. December 7. Forbach.

Encloses a letter received from The Hague; hopes there is not reason for the anxiety expressed in it; requests to hear news received by the frigate “Amazone.” A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

CII, 138.


Has had a very disagreeable time. His friend, Trumble, remains in prison; requests that letters for them be sent to him. A. L. S. 1 p.

CII, 139.


Encloses notes drawn by F[rancis] Hopkinson for acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

CII, 140.


An invitation to dinner. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

CII, 141.

The English are not permitted to enter Spain, where he is most anxious to go to perfect his Spanish, therefore he could only go as an American. If it is possible he would like Dr. Franklin to give him a certificate or passport. A. L. S. 3 p. CII, 142.


Complains that she has not received any letters for a twelve month; gives news of the family. A. L. S. 2 p. CII, 145.


Thanks him for his good news; the Emperor [Joseph II] is friendly to France; the English have declared war against Holland. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CII, 146.


Sends all the certificates properly signed; he received the rank of Brigadier-General as a reward for his talents; requests that the papers be returned as soon as possible. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CII, 147.

From Mme. de Boulainvilliers. [Circa 1780.]

Recommending a lackey. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 103.

From Geo[rge] Fox. [Circa 1780.]

He leaves Saturday for St. Florentin; offers to do any commissions. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 131.

From H[enr]y Grand. [Circa 1780.]

Asks him to go with him to a ball where pretty women will be as thick as hops. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 125.

From [Henry Grand. Circa 1780.]

An invitation to a ball. A. L. 1 p. CVII, 146.

From Le Marquis de la Fayette. [Circa 1780.]

Asks that the enclosed letters be given to Dr. Franklin to forward. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 150.
From [Normiont de] Laneuville. [Circa 1780.]

Urging him to come to them, promises him dancing. A. L. S. 1 p.
(In French.) CVII, 118.

From [Normiont de] Laneuville. [Circa 1780.]

The ball was postponed on account of an epidemic of colds, called follette. Hopes Franklin can come. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 163.

From [Normiont de] Laneuville. [Circa 1780.]

Inquires what was the value of a dollar in May, 1779; will send his American papers to be certified by Dr. Franklin; M. [Peter Charles] L'Enfant is about to leave. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 49.

From [Comte] de Montfort. [Circa 1780.]

Asks for news; has received letters from Brest giving size of merchant fleet ready to sail. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 133.

From Samuel Nuttle. [Circa 1780.]

The enclosure is for his Excellency [Dr. Franklin]; asks his protection to obtain a command as Captain on a French merchantman. Wishes to know if Mr. [Samuel] Wharton, of Philadelphia, has left Passy. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 122.

From [Thomas] Paine. [Circa 1780.]

Asks for his great-coat and spurs left at Passy by Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.]. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 126.

From Abbé [Alexis Marie] Rochon. [Circa 1780.]


From Geo[rge] Scott. [Circa 1780.]

Will not leave until next Friday; invites him to dine with him. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 172.
From — Wharton, Jr. [Circa 1780.]

The long piece of writing for Mr. Wharton’s father, which requires to be finished immediately, deprives him of the pleasure he should take in rendering Mr. Fevery service. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 128.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. [Circa 1780.]

Encloses bills for acceptance; William Temple Franklin writes that Captain [Samuel] Smith will get his command; wishes to know about Captain Boardman. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 137.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. [Circa 1780.]


Thanking him and Dr. Franklin for the latter’s letter of recommendation, which had a good effect on the Ministers at Versailles. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 1.


With reference to bronzing his buckles. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 2.


Sending several drafts on Dr. Franklin for M. de Montaudouin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 3.


Cannot dine with him, as [Pierre Augustin Caron de] Beaumarchais has requested him to be at home at 4 o’clock. A. L. S. 1 p. CVIII, 55.


Requests that a parcel of bills be delivered to M. [Ferdinand] Grand. Directions about shipment of his printing press. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIII, 5.


Refers to reports from The Hague and declaration of war by England against the Dutch Republic. Will have to go to Versailles to see the new Minister. Sends items of news received from Toulon about launching of new warships. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
CIII, 7.

Invitation to an entertainment and dance at M. Dufay's. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 8.

Requesting him to give the bearer information about trade in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 9.

Sending drafts by [Francis] Hopkinson on Dr. Franklin. Alludes to his wife's critical illness. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 10.

From Henry Bromfield, Jr. 1781. February 5. Amsterdam.
Plan for equipping a vessel, for which Dr. Franklin had given a passport, had to be abandoned owing to insecurity of remaining in London. Passport had to be destroyed to avoid detection. Requests that the bond deposited with Dr. Franklin be cancelled. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 11.


Sending bills for acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 15.

From Gabriel Tardy. 1781. February 10. L’Orient.

Sending copy of letter from M. de Fontenet about the Comtesse de Forbach’s illness. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 14.

Giving directions about the shipment of his printing machine and refers to the case of a “poor fellow” he is interested in. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 17.

Tells of condition of Comtesse de Forbach, who is ill. Inquires about reported desertions from Gen. Washington’s army. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 18.

Sending bills on the Commissioners for acceptance. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CIII, 19.
Invitation to a dance at M. Dufay's. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
CIII, 20.

From Mr. and Mme. de Sain te Croix. 1781. February 18. Paris.
Inviting him to a dance at their house. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
CIII, 21.

Sending particulars of Comtesse de Forbach's illness; her recovery expected. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
CIII, 22.

With reference to Comtesse de Forbach's illness. A. N. 1 p. (In French.)
CIII, 23.

From Jona than Williams, Jr. 1781. February 27. Nantes.
Sending a bill for acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIII, 24.

Complains of the lack of courtesy and insolence of the Captain of the "Marquis de la Fayette" to his passengers. Fears they will have an unpleasant voyage. Refers to Mlle. Brillon and Mlle. Sophie [de] Perceval. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
CIII, 25.

Is anxious to become an American citizen, but not prepared to go through the formalities at Bordeaux. Intends to go to Madrid first to learn Spanish. Asks his opinion and advice in the matter. A. L. S. 3 p.
CIII, 27.

From George Fox. 1781. March 10.
Was prevented by a severe illness from writing to his family and friends in America for a long time. Requests him to send word to his friends at Philadelphia of his recovery. A. L. S. 2 p.
CIII, 28.

With reference to letters to be forwarded to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIII, 29.

Has received a letter from Le Ray de Chaumont, Sr., which had a good effect on the Captain. Encloses a letter for de Chaumont fils. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 30.


Sending papers to be certified by Dr. Franklin relative to an account which he is to collect in the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 31.


Cannot finish making his shirts on account of her health. Requests him to send for them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 32.


Sends a copy of his previous letter about his project of going to Madrid for a few months before setting out for America, and requests an early reply. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 26.


Is just setting out from Nantes. Inquires if two bills endorsed by Nat[haniel] Barrett have been paid. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 34.


Blame Samuel Wharton for their embarrassing situation owing to lack of ready money. Ask if Dr. Franklin will help them to procure some cash on good security. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 36.
On his return finds $400 missing. Hopes prudent measures will be taken to discover the culprit. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 37.


Requests him to purchase for Mrs. Jay several articles of dress, etc., and send them by his courier to Madrid. Remarks on the subject of dress and equipage. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 39.

Requesting him to purchase several articles for Mrs. [John] Jay and himself. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 40.

Sending drafts for acceptance. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 41.

Inquires about the departure of a vessel for Philadelphia; wishes to write to his friends. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 42.

Is preparing to leave Bordeaux; expects to travel with Col. [Henry Brockholst] Livingston from Bayonne to Madrid. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 43.

Inquires about articles which Dr. Franklin wishes to ship to Mrs. [Jane] Mecom. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 44.

Mr. [John] Jay's courier returned from Paris with letters and articles purchased for them. Thanks him for his trouble. Expresses his gratitude for Dr. Franklin's friendship. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 45.
From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1781. April 23. Nantes.
Has heard of the arrival of the ship "Mars" at Boston. Articles for Mrs. [Jane] Mecom will be shipped by the "Active." Refers to American seamen deserting from the "Marquis de la Fayette." L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 46.


Has just returned from Champlost. Encloses a letter to be forwarded to America. A. N. S. 1 p. CIII, 48.

Introducing Mr. Winslow Warren from Massachusetts. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 49.

Regrets he cannot postpone the dinner; Mr. [John] Laurens will be present. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 50.

Is pleased with the articles purchased for him and Mrs. Jay. Requests him to send Mrs. Jay a pair of shoe buckles and to forward letters brought by Col. [John] Laurens. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 51.

Is leaving on his annual tour of inspection. Requests that any important news received from America be communicated to him. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 52.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1781. May 3. Angers.
Expects to arrive at St. Germain on the 10th. The ladies of Passy mistaken in saying he has not "common sense"; is bringing it with him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 53.

Is happy to learn that Col. [Banastre] Tarleton has been defeated; has heard a report of the capture of Gen. [Benedict] Arnold. Wishes to know what the French and the allies in general are doing now. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 54.


Begs him to let her know why he no longer recommends her boarding school and does not send her any more boarders. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 55.


Report that M. [Jacques] Necker is out of place; every one seems to regret it. Inquires if Mr. [Charles] Thomson, Secretary to Congress, has a nephew in France. Heard of a young man claiming to be such who had gone into Spain. Refers to [John] Foulke and [Joseph] Mayo. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 56.


Intends to go to America soon. Asks if he could go in some convoy or in any of the French warships or frigates. Refers to the coming abundant vintage. The people generally dissatisfied with the dismissal of [Jacques] Necker. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 57.


Dr. Franklin’s will was committed to her father’s care, when in America; is with the latter’s papers in a trunk at New York; otherwise it would have been returned as requested. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 58.


Mrs. [John] Jay satisfied with reasons for having a watch made for her. Has left 50 louis in Dr. Franklin’s hands to pay for purchases made for them in Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 59.


Received by Mr. Faber articles purchased for him. Intends to buy in France what articles he may need, as they are much cheaper than in Spain. Wishes to draw on Dr. Franklin for his salary as it be-
comes due. Mentions reports of the movements of the belligerent fleets. Abbé Alvarez and Mr. Faber appear warm friends of Dr. Franklin and his grandson. Requests the latter to present his compliments to Princess Masseran and the Marquise de la Fayette. Hears Dr. Franklin has written some little pieces lately; is very desirous to get them. A. L. S. 2 p.


The letter to Mme. [Jean] Holker was delivered to her personally. Thinks the Williams who claims to be a nephew of Dr. Franklin is an impostor; heard of him being in a hotel at Havre; will endeavor to stop the imposition. A. L. S. 3 p.


Inquiring about the business reputation of Mr. [James] Moylan, of l'Orient. N. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. Mr. [James] Moylan no longer associated with —— Gourlade, refers Henry Grand to —— Pothonnier, banker. N. 1 p. (In French. Copy.)


Informs him that the brig “Lord Charlemont” sailed for America with his property on the 13th. Hopes to be able to follow with his family in a few months. People of Ireland now convinced of the treachery and deceit of England; their trade and commerce get no protection from the British Government. Thinks now is the time for France and the United States to strike a crushing blow at England by helping Ireland to secure her independence. A. L. S. 3 p.


Cannot procure the seeds from [William] Bartram until Autumn. The “Alliance” and her convoy have not appeared yet. Fears that the “Shellala,” Capt. Holmes, has foundered at sea. Knew several passengers on board; John Benezet being amongst the number. A. L. S. 3 p.


Will pay M. Le Veillard [fils] every attention as soon as he arrives. Inquires about M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]. The bust [of Dr. Franklin] did not arrive in the “Alliance” or the “Ariel.” Will send the squirrel skins as soon as she can procure them. Requests that some fine green tea be sent to her. Miss Duffield to marry a Mr. Hepburn. Encloses a print of songs sung at an “oratorical entertainment” at the [French] Minister’s [Anne César de la Luzerne]. Have had entertainments on the “Hermione” and in “Don Francisco’s Garden.” A. L. S. 4 p. (Printed enclosure. 1 p.) CIII, 66.


Sends a letter by Mr. G[eorge] Harrison who is going to France, to be delivered to his brother [George Fox]. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 67.


Desires to get information for a relative at Amiens, who wishes to establish business relations in America. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 68.


Saw Mr. Small who spoke highly of him; wishes he was serving “his own king and country.” Tells of his former friends, “Sandy,” Miss Marcy, Mammy Thackwell, Sam Johnson, etc. Has not seen Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson for a long time. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 69.


Introducing Mr. Barber who is going to Paris with reference to a claim against the authorities at St. Domingo for property unjustly detained. A. L. S. 2 p.


The two or three small bills of exchange on [Le Ray] de Chaumont have given him much trouble. Received cash for one and now needs the amount of the others, but cannot get them cashed. Will cause him great inconvenience. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 73.


Thanking him for the Madeira he sent him during his convalescence. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 74.


Sends her letter by Mrs. McCarty whom his grandfather was well acquainted with in Canada. Mrs. [Dorcas] Montgomery is going in the same vessel, but she is not on good terms with her now. Old Dr. [William] Shippen has just called with a letter for Dr. Franklin; tells a wonderful story about his son’s house being struck by lightning. Mr. Bryson is still in the postoffice. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 75.


Is on board the Continental brig “Active,” which came from Nantes to sail with the convoy bound for the West Indies. Three warships and a cutter are with the convoy. A signal has just been put out for the fleet to get ready to sail. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 76.


Introducing Mr. Samuel Griffitts who is going to Europe to prosecute his studies. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 77.


Has only been able to obtain the book this morning, sends it by a messenger. Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand wants to know the fate of Messers Parish and Thomson’s bills. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 155.


Encloses bill of exchange drawn on Le Ray de Chaumont for 1,500 livres. Has received 949 livres on account. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 78.

His trip yesterday and kind reception by Dr. Franklin and his grandson have considerably hastened his return to health. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

CIII, 79.


Is ready to pay what [Jonathan Loring?] Austin owes Dr. Franklin. Inquires if any new orders for clothing are to be given by Congress, to replace those lost on the "Marquis de la Fayette." A. L. S. 1 p.

CIII, 80.


Recommending a young man who seeks to be employed by him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

CIII, 81.


Has just arrived at his destination after a very long voyage from Paris. Heard reports in the English islands about battles in which the Americans were defeated; does not credit such reports. A. L. S. 3 p.

CIII, 82.


Request to buy him some paper and send recipe for making ink. A. L. S. 2 p.

CIII, 83.


CIII, 84.


CIII, 85.
Will be glad to see Mr. Young if he comes to Nantes and will do all he can for him. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 86.

Requests him to ask M. [Ferdinand] Grand to advance him 100 pounds; will repay as soon as he receives a letter from Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p.


Sends copies of two letters received from a house at Cape San Domingo relating to the circumstances of the seizure of the ship "Diamond" with cargo of slaves and dry goods. Claims the seizure was illegal and has entered a protest at Paris against it. A. L. S. 2 p. Enclosure. 3 p. (In French.) CIII, 88.

Is translating enclosures contained in his letter into Spanish. Occupies a pavillion of the house in which the Prince of Masseran lived last year; is pleased to hear of the Princess's remembrance of him. Is on a friendly footing with all the foreign Secretaries. Knew Mr. [John] Adams's visit to Paris was on account of the proposed conferences for peace; is not surprised at his silence towards Dr. Franklin. Deplores the jealousy displayed by the American envoys towards each other and their lack of cooperation. If Comte de Grasse has a favorable passage, a blow may be struck at the headquarters of toryism in America. No news of the Duke de Crillon's arrival at Minorca. Desires a seal ring to be purchased for him with the head of Brutus, Socrates or Dr. Franklin on it. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 91.

Learns that the clothing and arms for the army are to be furnished by the (French) Government; does not expect any part in it. Twice contributed 50 guineas anonymously to Mrs. Johnson's support after the Barbadoes calamity; shall take care that she does not suffer, but does not wish to be known in the matter. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 92.


Sends a letter received from Mr. [Samuel] Hartley. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CIII, 93.


Encloses a letter to M. [Jean François Joly] de Fleury; if endorsed by Dr. Franklin, thinks it will procure him part of the new order for supplies. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 94.


Requests return of bills left in his care. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 26.


Can only correspond with Le Ray de Chaumont about the matters in question. Tells of Mr. [Richard] Bache being nearly killed by a thrust from a cow's horn. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 95.


Request for a letter which Capt. [William] Robeson left with Dr. Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CIII, 97.


Is surprised at the arrival and request of W. Montague, the young African. Intends, as promised, to set him up as a barber in America. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 98.


Hopes he has received a letter from his partner and nephew who sailed in the brig "Lord Charlemont." Proposes sending another vessel soon to America. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 99.
Requests that a passport be procured for him from Comte de Vergennes, to go to the South of France. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 100.

Incloses letters to be forwarded to America. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 205.

Inquires how much an acre of ground in North America is equivalent to in French measurements. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CIII, 101.


Introduces Major [David Salisbury] Franks and requests that he be shown particular attention; is well and favorably known throughout the Union and could counteract the work of their common personal enemies at home. Refers to A[rthur] L[ee] as one of the bitterest and alludes to his ambition to become Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Franklin has now the same commission as Mr. [John] Adams. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 104.

Introducing Major David [Salisbury] Franks whose mission to Europe is known to him. Saw a lightning conductor upon a powder magazine at Segovia. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 105.

From John Foulke. 1781. October 1. Leipsic.
Gives an account of his journey through Holland and part of Germany. Is racked and fatigued after a long and arduous journey. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 106.
Is about to set out for Nantes; offers to take any letters or messages for that place. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 12.


Requesting him to purchase and send her by Major [David Salisbury] Franks, two pairs of paste shoe buckles, etc. A. N. in 3d P. 2 p. CIII, 109.

Replies to inquiry about Philip Dieffenbach and the Mengs family. Will forward seeds as soon as Mr. [William] Bartram puts them up. Requests civilities for Capt. Hoops a British officer and a brother of Mrs. [Thomas] Barclay, who was taken prisoner at the battle of Camden and is going to Europe on a furlough. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 96.

Introducing Capt. Hoops, brother-in-law of Mr. [Thomas] Barclay recently appointed Consul General to France, who is going to France with his sister. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 110.

Relating to endorsement of his bills by Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 112.

From Richard Bennett Lloyd. 1781. October 10. Annapolis, Md.
Have had many festivities in honor of the French troops. Considers them a fine body of men. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 113.

Expressing thanks to Abbé Arnoux and his friend M. Jaume, of Lyons, for their attentions to his son [Samuel Cooper Johonnot]. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 114.

Acknowledging the receipt of Dr. Franklin’s bounty to Mrs. Johnson. Delivered book and letter to Mr. Small. References to Mrs. Thackwell and Miss Marcey. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 115.

Relating to the repayment of 25 guineas loaned to him by Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 116.

Accepts Dr. Franklin’s approval of his application to M. [Jean François Joly] de Fleury to furnish supplies. Has no funds belonging to Capt. [William] Robeson who is considerably in his debt. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 117.

Requests him to call at the office of the “Gazette de France” and get several copies of the paper containing an account of the victory over [Gen. Lord] Cornwallis, which Dr. Franklin wishes to send to Madrid. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 118.

Are greatly disappointed at not being able to obtain advances of money, as they have considerable property in America. Are in a very unpleasant situation owing to Mr. [Samuel] Wharton’s ingratitude. Enclose a letter for Mr. Carson, their attorney at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 119.
Promises to remit money due him and Mr. Raymond. A. L. S. 2 p.
CIII, 120.

Encloses a letter from his brother, which he wishes to have certified by Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 121.

Have had to stop on their journey to Brussels, owing to excessive fatigue. Have not been in bed since they left Paris. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIII, 122.

Reached Brussels last night in company with [George] Fox; Fox has set out for Amsterdam. Expects to receive letters and bills of exchange from America soon. A. L. S. 2 p.
CIII, 123.

Encloses a letter for Abbé de la Roche and one from Capt. [John] Kinnier, an English prisoner at Ancenis, who begs to be exchanged with his crew for American prisoners in England. Capt. [Gustavus] Cunningham has had an offer of a 30-gun French frigate, but will not accept without an American commission. A. L. S. 1 p. (Enclosure. 2 p.)
CIII, 124.

CIII, 125.

Requesting that the copy of Dr. Franklin's letter to his brother be returned to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 126.

Sending him two game licenses. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 127.

May have to wait several months before he can get passage on a vessel for America. Hears that part of the fleet at Brest will sail for America; asks if he may go to Brest to await orders. Refers to the de Chaumont and Mme. de Deux-Ponts families. A. L. S. 3 p.  
CIII, 128.


CIII, 129.

From W[illia]m Knox.  
Encloses a letter with request that it be forwarded to destination. A. L. S. 1 p.  
CIII, 130.


Sends a copy of the letter written to Silas Deane with reference to the sale of his Loan Office certificates. Requests return of his power of attorney given to Silas Deane. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.)  
CIII, 131 and 132.


Introducing Mr. Hoops, a young American officer who is a prisoner to the English but who is on furlough. A. L. S. 1 p.  
CIII, 133.


Encloses letter from a Scotch Captain, a prisoner of war, about his exchange. Promises to repay Dr. Franklin the 25 louis he owes him. A. L. S. 1 p.  
CIII, 135.


Request to interest himself in Mr. [John] Shee’s affair. Has procured the seeds from Mr. [William] Bartram and has shipped two boxes of them on the brig “Betsy.” A. L. S. 2 p.  
CIII, 136.


Sends invitation from Mme. Droin; M. Grand to be of the party. A. L. S. 1 p. CIII, 138.


Request to purchase three kegs of powder for him at the Arsenal. Tells of another accident in which he was nearly killed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIII, 140.


Relating to shipment of boxes of seeds and pippin grafts; cannot procure squirrel skins. Asks his opinion as to the effect of Cornwallis's surrender. A. L. S. 2 p. CIII, 141.


Thanks for the copy of Count de Vergennes's letter narrating the surrender of Cornwallis. Tells of a person having lately seen and conversed with Mr. [Henry] Laurens in the Tower of London; implies he has been treated with severity and rigor. [George] Fox's opinion of the Dutchmen's hospitality. Likes Brussels but finds the climate too damp. A. L. S. 3 p. CIII, 142.


Improved conditions in the country in general. The assistance of France very valuable to the United States. The lack of economy and squandering of the public funds caused much want and distress in
the beginning. The Marquis de la Fayette has set out for Boston to embark for France. Silas Deane's recently published letter has caused surprise and resentment against him; his strictures on the vanity and folly of some Americans in Europe very often justified. A. L. S. 4 p.

_CIII, 143._


Returning draft for £2,000 accepted by them. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

_CIII, 144._


The arrival of Mr. [Thomas] Barclay will relieve Dr. Franklin from much trouble. Rejoicings over the birth of the Dauphin and the success of the allied armies in America. A. L. S. 3 p.

_CIII, 146._


Great rejoicing amongst the Americans on receipt of news telling of the surrender of Cornwallis. Thinks if Charlestown and New York were retaken it would end the war. Inquires if the "St. James," from Philadelphia, brings news of any material changes in that city. A. L. S. 2 p.

_CIII, 147._


Expressing his thanks for Mme. H——'s letter forwarded to him. A. N.

_CIII, 148._


Fears that his prolonged stay, waiting for a vessel, will be very expensive to the Government at home. The number of people arrived with the French fleets of war have caused a scarcity of necessaries of life; prices are very high. The "St. James," Capt. [Thomas] Truxton, probably the first vessel which will sail for America about January 15. His situation very unpleasant and embarrassing. Was arrested the other day on suspicion of being a spy. A. L. S. 3 p.

_CIII, 149._


Was obliged to leave Madrid and come to Cadiz on account of his health. Intends soon to embark for America; will make his headquarters at Philadelphia. Comments on Cornwallis's surrender and its effect on England. A. L. S. 3 p.

_CIII, 150._

Refers to Major [David Salisbury] Franks and to M. Montfort whom Silas Deane has urged him to employ in his counting house. Asks what are Thomas Barclay's intentions regarding Consuls in different ports. Requests to be kept posted on the trend of events, as it is a critical time for American trade. Encloses letters from M. [Andrew] Limozin of Havre. A. L. S. 3 p.

CIII, 151.


CIII, 152.


Do not know anything about the 400 pounds of indigo referred to by Mr. Cochran, as having passed through Col. [John] Laurens's hands. The latter alone can clear up the matter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

CIII, 153.


Introducing Dr. Dexter who is going to Paris with Thomas and Joseph Winthrop and Dr. Parker. Has forwarded the Journal of Congress for 1778 to Dr. Franklin. Refers to Mr. [George] Fox as a very worthy character. A. L. S. 2 p.

CIII, 154.


Sends samples of velvet for Dr. Franklin's costume. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

CIII, 155.


Refers to young Cochran's embarrassing situation. Is surprised that Mr. [Thomas] Barclay has no orders from Congress for settling its public accounts in Europe. A. L. S. 3 p.

CIII, 156.


With great difficulty, got a pass for Capt. Smedley to go to l'Orient to embark in the "St. James." Complains that the authorities at Brest are not friendly towards Americans; has been treated with suspicion. Inquires about Count William de Deux-Ponts; mentions "the lovely Countess and Lady Nicholson." A. L. S. 3 p.

CIII, 157.

Gives the address of Bertrand from whom he bought his sword and recommends him as an honest man. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIII, 158.


Refers to reply to M. [Andrew] Limozin's application for Consulate at Havre. Speaks of the Captain's [William Robeson] indebtedness to them both. Is about to send two fine Cheshire cheeses and a few boxes of tea for Dr. Franklin and Abbé Morellet. Has bought some fine old Madeira wine recently and will send half a pipe to the Doctor. A. L. S. 4 p.

From Mademoiselle Labhard. [Circa 1781.]

Wishes to know where she can get the benches like those used for his fête. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 161.

From Souer de Bonne. [Circa 1781.] April 1.


From Le Ray de Chaumont fils. [Circa 1781.]

The vessel is ready to start; the medallion of Dr. Franklin is on board, he hopes the English will not capture it; since he last wrote he made a little trip to Dinan, St. Malo, etc.; at Cancale he saw the two frigates burnt. The country is in a sad state, with its commerce ruined. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 166.

From [Francis M.] Dana. [Circa 1781.]

Invitation to dinner. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 93.

From The Dowager Duchess de Deux-Ponts. [Circa 1781.]


From [Dr.] J[ohn] F[oulke. 1781.]

Thanks him for his inquiries about his health; will call on him soon. L. 1 p. CVII, 76.
From [Dr.] John Foulke. [Circa 1781.]
Asks that the passports from the Comte de Vergennes be given to the bearer. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 113.

From Dr. [John] Foulke. [Circa 1781.]
Thanks him for procuring the apartment in Paris; Captain [William] Robeson's letter will receive great care; accepts the invitation for dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 132.

Having recovered from his illness, he will take possession of the room he offers. A. L. S. 2 p. CVIII, 62.

Sends his servant to Dr. Franklin's house for some clothing he left there. A. N. S. 2 p. CVIII, 69.

From H[enr]y Grand. [Circa 1781.]
Encloses a letter to be sent to Mr. [William] Alexander; asks for a settlement of Dr. Franklin's account; Mr. [Francis M.] Dana wishes a new credit; returns Robert Morris's bill which will be sent back unless Dr. Franklin orders differently. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 91.

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [Circa 1781.]
Sending an account to be signed by Dr. Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 10.

From [Ferdinand Grand. Circa 1781.]
Thanking him for the ticket; will do what he desires about the horse. A. L. 1 p. CVIII, 11.

From [Colonel] J[ohn] Laurens. [Circa 1781.]
Regrets that business prevents his accompanying him to Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand's. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 119.

From Colonel [John] Laurens. [Circa 1781.]
Asks for estimates of articles ordered by the Board of War with prices affixed. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 120.
Letters to William Temple Franklin

From Colonel [John] Laurens. [Circa 1781.]


From [Abbé Morellet. Circa 1781.]

Declines an invitation for dinner; has received the books from the binders; asks that the package be brought when the books are called for. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 79.

From [Abbé Morellet. Circa 1781.]

Asks him not to write to M. [Jacques] Turgot; offers to bring the remainder of the pamphlets; will dine with him and his grandfather Wednesday evening. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 84.

From L’Abbé Morellet. [Circa 1781.]

An invitation for him and Dr. Franklin to dine at his house with Madame Helvétius; thanks for the cheeses and tea. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 116.

From Félix Nogaret. [Circa 1781.]

Asks about Dr. Franklin’s health; gives the address of a painter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 86.

From Winslow Warren. [Circa 1781.]

Asks for the loan of fifteen guineas. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 111.


Called on Dr. Franklin with the intention of giving him an order on M. Grand for the fifteen guineas which he was so obliging as to lend him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLVIII, 65.


Giving the names of vessels by which boxes of seeds have been sent. Have inoculated their youngest child, Debby, and she has got through the small-pox finely. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 2.


Signifies his willingness to give security for Captain Angus. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 3.


Denies authorship of a letter attributed to him, written to the Journal de Paris, concerning the Anatomical Cabinet of M. [Jean Joseph] Sue, of which he encloses a copy (2 p.). A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 5.


Asks for the present address of W[illia]m Knox, of Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 6.


Concerning two American prisoners in Havre. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 7a.


Refers to his “nymph” and the Court festivals at the “Muette.” Tells how he spends his time in the country. Has not received any word from [Samuel] Wharton about the goods he consigned to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIV, 8.


Expects to leave Gand tomorrow for Bruges and Ostend. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 9.

Introducing Major Porter who has a furlough from Gen. Washington to spend a few months in Europe. He (Franks) will sail in a day or two. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 10.


Suspects that his father opened the letter addressed to him by his "lady love," and wishes to prevent his return to Paris. Thinks of leaving surreptitiously and passing a night in Paris and then returning. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIV, 11.


From Winslow Warren. 1782. February 5. Ancenis.

Concerning a draft made in favor of Dr. Franklin; thanks for sums advanced. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 12.


About to leave Paris for Amsterdam. Asks for passport, if one is necessary. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 14.

From Charles Arcedeckne.

A request to forward letters to his brother-in-law, Richard Bennett Lloyd, in Maryland. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 15 and 30.


Would like to have his opinion on his experiments with seals for letters. Hears that young Le Veillard is going to Bordeaux; invites him to stop at Chaumont. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 16.


Spent last week with Mr. [Silas] Deane at Ghent. Proposed coming directly to Paris so took charge of the enclosed packet for Dr. [Edward] Bancroft, which may contain letters of consequence. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 17.
From Abbé Morellet. 1782. February.

Request for the return of the memoir addressed to the Duc de Panthever. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 115.


From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1782. March 2. Nantes.
Encloses drafts for Dr. Franklin's signature. List of articles sent Mrs. [Jane] Mecom, etc. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 20.

From George Fox. 1782. March 5. Brussels.
Opposition in English Parliament to continuing the war. Other news items. His view of Marquis de la Fayette's motive in espousing the cause of the American Colonies. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 21.

From Gurdon S. Mumford. 1782. March 5. Nantes.

On the eve of embarking for America, gratefully acknowledges kindly sentiments expressed in letters from Dr. [Joseph] Priestley, Dr. [Richard] Price, Dr. Franklin, Mr. [John] Jay and others. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 23.

From Isaac Hazlehurst. 1782. March 9.
Acknowledges attentions received and requests that letters for him be forwarded to Nantes. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CIV, 24.


[Capt. William] Robeson has been given command of a vessel Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.] and others have purchased. Hopes he will now be able to collect the money he owes him [Franklin]. A. L. S. 1 p.

CIV, 26.

From Elkanah Watson, Jr. 1782. March 15. Nantes.


CIV, 27.

From ——— Girardot. [Circa 1782.] March 15.

He will send to Mr. Carpenter, the package for Madame Hervey. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 160.


Introducing Captain Donmartin. A. L. S. 1 p.

CIV, 28.


Sends two boxes of seeds. A. L. S. 1 p.

CIV, 29.


Asks to set a time when he can take leave, etc. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 31.


Asks for a blank warrant which he can fill in with his son’s name, to secure the latter’s advancement in the American navy. He is baptised Josiah Williams, and is now in his sixth year. Mentions the popular desire in England for peace. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 32.


Promises to pay the twenty louis when the expected bill of exchange arrives; another promissory note of an earlier date subjoined. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXV, 8.


Invitation to supper to hear Volange and Boyer [two celebrated artists]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 35.
Asks that his letters be forwarded. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 33.


Asks for paper and ink for his press. Was told that Dr. Franklin had given Letters of Marque against the Portuguese, thinks it false, but if it is so requests Letters of Marque for his vessel, the "Spry." A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 36.

Has heard doubt of the solidity of Mr. [Ferdinand] Gran'd. Does not believe it, but cannot conceal this from him. Begs him to look after Dr. Franklin's interests. Hears rumors of an American war with Portugal. If there is anything in them, do not forget his Letter of Marque for the "Spry." A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 37.

Sends twenty-four setts of exchanges for acceptance. Repeats rumor of war with Portugal and his desire that the "Spry" should be commissioned to take Portuguese ships. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 39.

Encloses a bill neglected to be included in a packet sent the same day. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 38.


His arrival in Philadelphia after having been detained as a prisoner on the Quebec frigate, and then paroled; a splendid entertainment
given by Congress in honor of the Dauphin; surprised and alarmed at the prevalence of French fashions and luxury instead of the republican simplicity he had expected to find. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 41.


[Capt. William] Robeson’s indebtedness. The latter’s negro boy, Montagu[e], ran away last night; should he hear of him requests that he secure him until he hears from Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.] or himself. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 42.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1782. May 18. Nantes.

Source of rumors regarding Mr. [Ferdinand] G[rand], but does not credit them. Repeats request for a reply to his letter regarding the prisoners, who are being boarded at his expense. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 43.


Encloses sixty-two bills of exchange on the Commissioners, for acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 44.


Acknowledges the receipt of books sent from London. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 47.


Expressing anxiety about his despatches for America. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 48.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1782. May 27. Nantes.

Repeats circumstance of detention on board the Quebec frigate, and his subsequent parole; gives an account of an execution by refugees and steps taken by General Washington to revenge the same. Other personal matters. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 50.

Asks him to procure Dr. Franklin's signature to letters protesting his innocence of having sent ammunition to America for the use of the English. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 51.

Hopes he received the three boxes of seeds he sent. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 52.

Disturbances in Switzerland cause him to change his traveling plans. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 53.

Has money for Captains Durfy and Hains, who were in Mill Prison but said to be now exchanged; wants to know how to transmit it to them. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 54.

Encloses a letter for Mr. [John] Jay. If he receives an unpropitious answer to his last letter to William Temple Franklin he will take passage on the "Nonesuch" for Philadelphia; offers to take letters. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 55.

Has received a commission to engrave a portrait of Marquis de la Fayette, and reminds him of his promise to ask Madame la Marquise for the loan of the portrait which is on his snuff box. A. L. S. 2 p. and 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 57 and 95.
Regarding prisoners escaped from England who demand support. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 58.


Offering services to take commissions to Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 60.

Requests that Dr. Franklin will attest a power of attorney. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 61.

From Th[eodor]e Jauge. 1782. June 22.
In behalf of M. Fisson, of Malaga, who wishes to be appointed Consul. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 64.


Asks for a permit to be allowed to reside some time in Boulogne for his health. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 66.

Describes a visit to Rome. A. L. S. 4 p. CIV, 67.

Advising of the shipment of wines and price of same. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 68.

From —— St. Clair [de Roslin], Lieutenant of Marines in the service of the State of South Carolina. 1782. July 5. Dunkirk.
Recounting the circumstance of his unjust detention and requests the intervention of Benjamin Franklin. Account of how he came there. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 69.
Requests him to forward the enclosure. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 70.

Requesting magazines and English newspapers. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIV, 71.

Asks for a copy of the trio composed by Madame Brillon; that the enclosed questions be given to Dr. Franklin and that he answers them as quickly as possible for Madame la Maréchale de Beauveaux who wishes to put a lightning rod on her castle. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
Enclosure. The answer to the questions, by Benjamin Franklin. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 90.

Applies for a credit with Dr. Franklin. Is about to leave Paris for London where he thinks he can do more good. A. L. S. 4 p.
CIV, 72.

From Thomas Barclay. [1782.] July 27. Auteuil.
Requests that a passport be made out for him to go to Dieppe and from there to London. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVIII, 81.


Inviting him and friends, to see his collection. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
CIV, 73.

From I. MacMahon. 1782. August 4.
Remedies to be taken to cure eruptions. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 74.

Request to have mail forwarded. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 75.
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Tells of his extensive law practice. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 76.

Suggests that released prisoners of war on their way from England to Nantes be recommended to him, as he understands English and can prevent their being imposed upon. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIV, 77.

Describing his travels, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 78.

Making an appointment to receive him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 79.

Renewing his invitation to dinner. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 80.

Declines to take a clerk into his employ. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 81.

Inquiring about missing letters and packets. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 82.

Has made inquiries regarding Dr. Franklin's case and encloses opinion of W. Lisle. (3 p. See p. 331.) A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 83a.

From ——— Capitaine. 1782. August 27. Ruffec.
Making friendly inquiries regarding Dr. Franklin's welfare, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 84.

Requesting Dr. Franklin's signature to a money order. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 85.

Concerning style and price of a wooden bowl he had ordered. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 86.

From Bethia Alexander. 1782. August.

Apologizes for not having returned his great-coat sooner. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 88.


From Benjamin Vaughan. 1782. September 2.

Thanks for arranging his visit to M. Bertin's cabinet. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 90.


Request for a letter authorizing the release of goods from the custom house at Calais. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 91.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1782. September 3. Nantes.


Request for subscription in aid of Captain Hardy. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 93.


Requesting a letter to Marquis de Castries with information of his (Barclay's) appointment by Congress to settle for prize-money arising from the cruise of Commodore [John] Paul Jones. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 94.


Begs him to arrange an interview with Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CIV, 96.
Letters to William Temple Franklin


His love affairs and conquests. Advises William Temple Franklin to beware of the Italian damsels. Remarks on the disaster to the "Royal George." Inquires about the "goings-on" at Passy. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

From Mrs. Harvey. 1782. September 15. Suffolk [England].

Requests that a letter of recommendation be sent to Mr. Beverley, of Virginia, introducing him to people of importance in Dijon. A. L.

1 p. CIV, 97.


CIV, 100.


CIV, 98.


Acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of passport for himself and family. A. L. S. 1 p.

CIV, 101.


Announces the arrival of three vessels from Philadelphia which took three prizes and about ninety prisoners; awaits instructions regarding same. A. L. S. 2 p.

CIV, 102.


Telling him how much he misses him, and giving him the news. A. L. S. 3 p.

CIV, 125.


Believes his father [Gov. William Franklin] is in England. He has arrived in Paris and can give good account of the commissions entrusted to him from Passy. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. CIV, 103.
Thanks for certificate respecting the Loan Office certificates. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 104.

Regarding means by which clothing and blankets may be sent to the United States for the next campaign. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 105.

Sending a sample of phosphorous candles. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 106.

Deplores the loss of the frigate "Eagle"; its effect on commerce. Hopes for peace. Refuses to apply for a Consulship after the treatment he has received. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 109.

His proposed purchase of "old Gen. [Charles] Lee's" estate in Virginia and the death of the latter. Remarks on his peculiar and disagreeable character. The situation as he sees it in America; the blockading of the ports by the English; the death of Col. [John] Laurens in a skirmish near Charlestown; changes that have taken place in the country. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 110.

Received a letter from Mrs. Rainsford, an English lady, who had a desire to see him and his father Dr. Franklin, but could not wait. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 4.

Requests a letter of introduction to friends in Lyons, Marseilles, Toulon, and permits to remain in these places. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 111.

In behalf of a friend who wishes to inform himself about the United States Government. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 113a.

From Samuel Wharton. 1782. October 22.
"Letter written in Mr. [Robert] Morris's cypher number 4." (In duplicate.) CIV, 62, 63.


Concerning luggage and packets to be forwarded to the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 115.


Acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of information concerning United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 117.


Acknowledging, with thanks, courtesies shown l'Abbé de la Roche-Tilhac. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CIV, 119.


Proffering the gift of a horse. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 122.


Recommending a groom. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 123.


Giving an account of cures effected by M. Bonsart at the Invalides. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 128.


Requesting him to forward two packages. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 27.


Sends squirrel skins. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 130.

From Jon[athan] Williams, Jr. 1782. December 5.
Regarding rumors of peace. If Dr. Franklin wishes to convey the news to America, he can have a fast-sailing brig at sea at twenty-four hours’ notice. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 132.


Requesting a pass for Mr. Bird. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 134.

Inquiring as to the advisability of sending supplies to the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 135.


Inviting him to dine with him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CIV, 137.


From James Moylan. 1782. December 16. L’Orient.
Regarding money taken in mistake by a courier. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 139.

Inquires about the risk attending the sending of vessels to the United States during the peace negotiations. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) CIV, 140.
Answer to inquiry about boxes of seeds. A. L. S. 3 p. CIV, 141.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1782. December 20.
Giving cost of his vessel. Many wise people doubt a general peace. He thinks it clear and will govern himself accordingly. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIV, 142.

Soliciting aid for Captain Hardy. Requests a suit of old clothes of Benjamin Franklin’s with which to dress a wax figure of him made by Madame [Patience] Wright and to be set up in his study. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIV, 143.

CIV, 144.

Acknowledging, with thanks, receipt of the certificate. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIV, 145.

Soliciting Franklin’s influence to obtain permission for him to act in his military capacity, pending an exchange of prisoners. A. L. S. 3 p.
CIV, 146a.

Rejoicing upon the full establishment of American Independence. A. L. S. 1 p.
CIV, 147.

Sending four certificates to be signed by Dr. Franklin. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.)
CVIII, 72.

From William Alexander. [Circa 1782.]
Asks him to tell Madame Helvétius that “one coach full of Alexanders will wait on her Wednesday.” The postponed St. Germain ball will be on Thursday. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 151.
Letters to William Temple Franklin

Lends his horse with great pleasure and wishes to borrow his carriage to take Amantine, the Italian singer, from Paris to Auteuil and back. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 158.

From Benjamin F[ranklin] Bache. [Circa 1782.]
Apologizes for not writing; has not forgotten all his kindnesses. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 134.

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft. [Circa 1782.]

From E[duard] Bancroft. [Circa 1782.]
As his sword is broken he asks for the loan of one of William Temple Franklin's. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 106.

From E[duard] Bancroft. [Circa 1782.]
Passy.
Invites him and his grandfather to dinner to meet Mr. [Thomas] Walpole and his son. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 129.

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft. [Circa 1782.]
Expects him for dinner; wishes to borrow two bottles of claret and one of sherry. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 135.

From E[duard] Bancroft. [Circa 1782.]
Encloses Mr. [Samuel] Wharton's bill with his receipt. A. N. S. 1 p. CVII, 153.

From [Thomas Barclay. 1782.]
Sends a letter to Mr. [John] Penn, now in Paris; [Capt. Joshua] Barney went to sea on the 17th; asks for news of the cartel; if the vessel does not arrive soon, the British will have to be sent to Dinan, then the commander of the cartel will go to St. Malo; let him know any important news as quickly as possible; can save the United States much money since there is a considerable difference between peace and war freights. A. L. 2 p. CVII, 110.
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From Mme. Brillon, Passy. [Circa 1782.]

Requesting him to remind his Grandfather of his promise to come and take tea with her and play a game of chess. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 31a.

From —— Cabaret. [Circa 1782.]


From M. de Chalut, Paris. [Circa 1782.]

Has received a case for him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 15.

From Geo[rge] Fox. [Circa 1782.]


From [Henry Grand. Circa 1782.]

The bill for £180 has been placed to Mr. Hodgson’s credit. A. L. 1 p. CVII, 108.

From [Isaac] Hazlehurst. [Circa 1782.]

Asks that the bills, if accepted, be returned. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 78.

From Marquis de la Fayette. [Circa 1782.] Paris.

Asking him to receive M. de Sai[l]ly and assist him with his advice; intends giving M. de Sai[l]ly letters of recommendation to America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLII, 147.

From Abbé [Poncelin] de la Roche-Tilhac. [Circa 1782.]

Sends two copies of his book, one for him, the other for the illustrious Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 85.


Inquires when the “Washington” sails, as he wishes to send some letters to America. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 68.

From Matt[hew] Ridley. [Circa 1782.]

Invitation to dinner for Dr. Franklin and himself. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 107.
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From [Mrs. Mariamne Williams. Circa 1782.]

Inviting him to their house at St. Germain. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 8.

From Joseph Wright. [Circa 1782.]

Will not be able to leave Paris as every place was taken, therefore returns Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.]'s letter; asks permission to make another copy of Benjamin Franklin’s picture. Mr. [Caleb] Whitefoord took the last one he made. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 81.


Sends letter referred to by Dr. Ingen Housz; is much displeased at the latter's distrust of his veracity. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 1.


Tells of his sympathy and support of the American cause in Ireland; showed it on several occasions; appeared in deep mourning in the Irish Parliament on the death of Gen. [Richard] Montgomery. Balked the attempt of the British Government to secure an address of support from the citizens of Dublin during the war; the people overwhelmingly opposed to it. The British Government feared to draft many troops out of Ireland; only 2,000 out of the 13,000 troops in Ireland were sent to America. Predicts a great future for the United States. Recommends two of his friends for appointment as Consular Agents. Recalls the address of Congress to the people of Ireland signed in August, 1775, and forwarded to him. A. L. S. 5 p. CV, 2.


Will take all the necessary steps to billet the British prisoners in France. Proposes to send back the American prisoners to America in a cartel. Is superintending the loading of public goods and supplies for America. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 3.


Sends a list of the prisoners taken by the “Buccaneer” and the “Revolution,” which they suppose will be the last they shall have the pleasure of sending, being told that the preliminaries for a general peace are signed. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 6.


Is a son of the late Gen. Barrington and served for a time as an ensign in the 3d Regiment of Foot Guards. Has severed his connection with the English army and is living with his mother in France. Wishes to obtain employment in the United States army and offers his services. A. L. S. 3 p. CV, 6.

Everyone in a state of suspense as to whether there is to be peace or war. Asks to be given a hint in time. Applies for commissions for two brigs owned by him and Sam[uel] White. A. L. S. 3 p. CV, 7.

Hopes he will be chosen to execute a statue of Dr. Franklin, or some monument to commemorate the signing of peace between England and the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 8.

Renews his request for commissions or passports for two brigs, the “Olive” and the “Hetty.” Current report that a general peace was signed on the 19th. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 9.

Inquiring about the freighting of a ship, the “Weeren Firenden,” at l'Orient by the Minister of Marine. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 10.

Relating to shipment by him of public supplies to America. L. S. 2 p. CV, 11.
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CV, 13.

CV, 14.

Introducing M. Michel, of Beauvais. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  
CV, 15.

Has learned from Mr. [Robert R.] Livingston and Mr. [Robert] Morris that bills had been remitted for arrears of his salary. Is in a very difficult situation owing to lack of funds. Will be obliged to draw on Dr. Franklin for money due Mr. [Francis] Cabarras. Expects Marquis de la Fayette to visit the city; will be a great consolation to him. Comments on the treaty with Great Britain and inquires about Dr. [Edward] Bancroft and Mr. [Francis M.] Dana. A. L. S. 3 p.  
CV, 16.

Enclosing two drafts. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  
CIV, 13.

Introducing Mr. [Diego] Gardoqui as his particular friend. A. L. S. 1 p.  
CV, 17.

CV, 18.

Tells of a plan by which he is to enter as junior partner into a large firm which is to establish a branch house in New England. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CV, 19.


Enclosing a letter to be delivered to M. d’Aguesseau. The estates [in Grenada] were sequestrated. If [Thomas] Walpole’s claims are unjust, he can ruin the estates in three months before the English get possession. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 20.


Enclosing a letter received for Dr. Franklin. Requests cards for Mme. and Mlles. de Villarceaux for a ball to be given by William Temple Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 21.


Requesting an explanation of the 23d Article of the Treaty of Peace regarding the latitude of the Canary Islands. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 22.


With reference to squirrel skins he has prepared, for making a fur coat. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 25.


Has received a box for him; will try to pass it at Calais. A. N. S. 1 p. CV, 27.

Sends letter by Mr. [Charles] Storer, to be forwarded to Nantes and St. Germain. Items of news about events in London. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 29.

Relating to repairs made to a cabriolet. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 30.


Sending cambric ruffles made for him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CV, 32.

From Felix Nogaret. [1783. March 8.]


Assures him that the bill of exchange which he gave him will be paid. L. S. 2 p. CV, 34.

Sending copy of Dr. Franklin’s banking account. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 35.


Refers to his visit to Mme. St. Leger; is ignorant of Parisian customs and asks advice how to act. Encloses patterns for frocks for inspection as to the most fashionable one. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 40.

From [Mrs.] Mariamne Williams. 1783. April 1.

Sends back the carriage by her father. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 41.


Requests him to read the letter he has written to Dr. Franklin and to reply to it. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 42.


Tells of the visit of Comte d'Estaing and Marquis de la Fayette to Madrid; is pleased they were witnesses of his conduct and mode of life. Will soon close his public accounts and send them to Mr. [John] Jay
and Congress. Refers to his private account and irregular payment of his salary. Has not insisted yet on being presented to the King and Royal Family, but is treated as the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States. Complains of heavy postage charges he has to pay on unimportant mail matter from the Department of Foreign Affairs. Refers to cost of negotiating a treaty. A. L. S. 4 p. CV, 43.

From John Foulke. 1783. April 12. London.


Asks if it is true that Port Louis and l'Orient are going to be made free ports for goods from the United States. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.)


Will see him in a day or two; sends some late American papers. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVIII, 134.


Mr. [George] Mason, [Jr.] to remain a few days longer at Nantes; will take passage on the "Hannibal." N. in 3d P. 1 p. CV, 50.


Requesting a passport to return to America. A. L. S. 1 p. CVIII, 23.

Sends bill of articles of dress purchased for him. Comments on the rush of emigrants to America from Great Britain and Ireland. L. S. 1 p. CV, 51.


Recommending an American ex-prisoner who is in a destitute condition. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 52.


Intended to return to Passy and then go on to Nantes, but found a good opportunity to embark on a vessel sailing for America. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 53.


Inquires if Dr. Franklin has heard from the Ministry about the attachments laid on [Commodore John] Barry's prize-money. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 54.


Received his letter and the medal [commemorative of American Independence], on the evening of his departure from Paris. Delivered all the packets entrusted to his care by Benjamin Franklin except that for Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Sr.], who moved and did not leave his new address. Encloses a letter of introduction to Mrs. Hesse, and a letter to Dr. Franklin; Monsieur Jean Barbe wants to be appointed American Agent at Calais. A. L. S. 2 p. LV, 40.


Intends to push his claim against him; asserts the repairs to his cabriolet were well done and were not overcharged. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 56.


Will leave Paris in a few days for Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 57.

Capt. [Gustavus] Cunningham will not sail until the end of the month. Offers to carry the Definitive Treaty to America. Will also take any messages or letters Mr. or Mrs. [John] Jay or Mr. [John] Adams may wish to send by him. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 58.


Learns that peace was proclaimed by Congress on the 11th and the British King's health drunk at the French Minister's. Peace well received; expectations of a liberal commercial treaty with England. Dr. Franklin's return anxiously awaited by Mr. and Mrs. [Richard] Bache. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 59.

From Comte d'Estaing. [1783.] May 18. Passy.

Inviting him to a dinner at which Mme. la Marquise de la Fayette will be present. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 97.


Requests three of the commemorative medals of American independence, one for the library of the Royal Military School and the other two for Marquis de Timbrune and Baron de Moyria. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 60.


Received the three medals and expresses his thanks. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 61.


With reference to a horse he is sending to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 63.


Introducing Mr. Waring, of South Carolina, who goes to Paris to complete his education. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 64.
From Mrs. Hesse. 1783. May 29.
Inviting him to call. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CV, 65.

Invitation to dine. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 56.

Invites him to call and see his new stock of Valenciennes ruffles, vestcoats, etc. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CV, 66.


Is about to take passage with Capt. Hoops on the "Nancy" which is ready to sail for Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 68.

Shipment of four boxes containing various articles for him and Dr. Franklin, Mrs. [John] Jay, Duke de Chaulnes, etc. A. L. 4 p. CV, 69.


As a former school-fellow, introduces and recommends his friend John Paterson. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 72.

Inviting him to dine at the house of a friend who wishes to show him a machine he has invented. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 74.

Is forwarding embroidered handkerchiefs. L. S. 1 p. CV, 76.

Requests a reply to an inquiry from the Prince de Deux-Ponts about trade between certain German States and the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 77.

Request to meet him at the Custom House, to be present at opening of boxes shipped to him from London. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 73.

Tells of his arrival at that port and gives his impressions of the Portuguese capital and its people. A. L. S. 3 p. CV, 78.


Requests a certificate, signed by Dr. Franklin, as to the limits fixed by the Treaty of Peace, to decide the validity of captures at sea. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 80.

His promise to reward him for service rendered as driver of a hired carriage. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 81.

Regrets his inability to be present at the celebration in Dr. Franklin's house of the anniversary of American Independence. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 82.

Refers to the affair of M. de la Ville; is sorry he has done nothing in the matter; asks for the return of the papers in the case. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 83.


Requesting a passport for “Mr. Myers, of Amsterdam.” A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 85.


Request to have a miniature of Dr. Franklin executed by a good artist, for a lady who wishes to wear it in a bracelet, and to send him a lady’s watch. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 86.


Hears that the packet “Washington” has arrived at Havre from Philadelphia; wishes to engage passage on her for the return trip. Tells of arrangements he has made for his family in London during his absence. A. L. S. 3 p. CV, 87.


Offers to take charge of any messages, etc., Mr. [John] Jay may have for Martinique. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 88.


Sending his regrets at being unable to accept his invitation. N. in 3d P. 2 p. CV, 89.


Sending a sword knot enclosed in a genuine American box. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 90.


Requests him to call on Comte de Vergennes, with his memoir and letter from Dr. Franklin, and obtain an “arrêt de surséance” for him. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 91.
From Mme. Hesse. [Circa 1783.] August 5. [Paris.]

Enclosing a letter for Mme. Brillon to be sent to her on her return. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 80.


Excusing himself for leaving Paris without calling to see him and the ladies at Passy, Mme. Caillot, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 92.


Inquires what has become of Mr. [Nathan?] Blodget and whether Mr. [Henry] Laurens is still in England or has returned to America. Refers to his brother [Normiont de Laneuville]'s return from America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 93.


Sending a bill of exchange to cover advances made by Dr. Franklin to his brother, Samuel Vaughan [Jr.]. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 94.


Tells of his arrival at Poole on Capt. [Joshua] Barney's vessel from Havre. Makes inquiry about three bills in favor of Mr. Sherburne, of Boston, on the Commissioners and requests that they be accepted. A. L. S. 3 p. CV, 95.


Relating to his bankruptcy, has found much indulgence and marks of confidence from his creditors. Sends extracts from their letters to be joined to his memoir to Count de Vergennes. A. L. S. 4 p. CV, 96.


Strongly advises him not to continue his suit for the hand of a certain young lady [Mlle. Brillon]; would not be favored by the Brillon family for several reasons. Alludes to Jonathan Williams's business difficulties. A. L. 5 p. CV, 98.
Renews his demand for the return of Lady Nicolson's portrait; she has some things belonging to William Temple Franklin which she will send on receipt of her portrait. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 100.

Sends a French grammar; wishes to have Dr. Franklin's opinion as to whether it would be suitable for use in the United States. A. L. S. 1 p.

Requests that money belonging to him on deposit with Dr. Franklin be not paid to Thoma's Barclay without his express consent. Will have a claim on the latter of 10,000 livres for cash advances and care of American prisoners. A. L. S. 3 p. CV, 102.


Is about to go to press with his American Almanac; wishes to print a list of the principal officers of the United States. Requests William Temple Franklin to send him some Almanac printed in America containing such a list. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 104.

Tells how an "arrêt de surséance" may be obtained. Refers to the proposed agreement concerning Consuls; thinks the matter should be settled without further delay. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 109.

Enclosing Loan Office bills for acceptance by the Commissioners. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 105.

Begs him to make application in his behalf to Comte de Vergennes for protection for his person, furniture, books, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 106.


Is surprised that Le Ray de Chaumont is opposed to his obtaining a suspension or delay; does not believe he is one of his creditors. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 107.


Inquiring if any account has been received from the Government Offices concerning his affair. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CV, 108.


Not having heard that his "arrêt de surséance" was granted, he left Nantes to await the decision near Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 110.


Has decided not to appear at Passy or in Paris until his "letters of surséance" have been granted. Has no apprehension about his person, but wishes to prevent his property from being attached. A. L. S. 3 p. CV, 111.


Thanks for the costume sent to him and requesting shipment of the keg of powder. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 112.


Asking him to loan one of the anchors at [John D.] Schweighauser's, of Nantes, to his brother, for the latter's vessel. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 113.


Congress is still at Princetown but heartily tired of the place. Thinks they will now return to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 114.

Is uneasy at not hearing about his "arrêt de surséance." A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 115.


His judgment was suspended at request of Dr. Franklin. Is now ready with his defense and would like his case to go on and be decided promptly. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 116.


Have received an order from Jonathan Williams, [Jr.], of Nantes, for 500 bottles of best old claret for Dr. Franklin’s use; will ship by first vessel bound for Rouen. Mr. [James?] Price has gained his suit in Parliament against John Bondfield. L. S. 1 p. CV, 117.

From Chevalier de Keralio. 1783. September 17. Forbach.

Inquires about the truth of reports from the United States of a revolt in the army, of the retreat of Congress to Princetown, etc. Requests a printed copy of the Treaty of Peace. Tells of war-like preparations and movements by Russia and Turkey. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) CV, 118.


Sends explanation of a song. Requests that two small balloons be purchased for him and sent to Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 120.


Offering a seat in Mme. Foucault’s box at the Opera. N. in 3d P. (In French.) CV, 121.

From Montagut, Ewart & Co. 1783. September 27. Barcelona.

Thanking him for his civilities to Mr. Ewart and Mr. Gower during their stay in Paris; request him to recommend their firm. L. S. 3 p. CV, 122.

From Lt.-Col. [Louis] De Tousard.

1783. September 27. Chateau de Villers.

Sending a letter expressing his thanks to Robert Morris for part payment of the pension due him by the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 123.

Hopes to have the honor of taking a dish of tea with Dr. Franklin on Wednesday morning. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CV, 124.


Asking him to call and see the buckles he is making for him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 125.


Appeals for assistance in his difficulties and certification to the authorities that he is an American citizen and not an impostor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) CV, 127 and 128.


Hears that Dr. Franklin is threatened with a serious illness. Asks when she can see him. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CV, 157.


Will confer with Dr. Franklin and his grandson (W. T. F.) about the notes furnished for publication to M. de Villon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 130.


Has accepted a proposition made by Jonathan Williams, [Jr.] to accompany Mr. [William] Alexander to America. Requests a few letters of introduction to his friends. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 132.

Thinks the United States should not wait long before treating with France about her commercial interests. Wishes to pave the way to having good measures adopted by the Government; would like to have the opinions of his American friends on the subject. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 133.

Intends to leave for England soon; will dine at Passy before leaving. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 134.

From Chevalier de Keralio. 1783. October 27. Forbach.


Relating to Dr. Franklin's will, entrusted to his care when in Pennsylvania. Had thought it was destroyed when his country house and property were burned by a mob. Received it lately from New York with some valuable papers saved at the time. Encloses it sealed as when he received it. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 136.

Sending buttons, a string for the hat, patterns for waistcoats. Can also give satisfaction for boots, leather breeches, etc., as he has most of the Prince of Wales' workmen. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 137.

With reference to a package from Mr. [David] Hartley, for Dr. Franklin, which he forwarded from Dover. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 139.

With reference to a letter to be forwarded to [David] Hartley and a parcel to Mr. [Henry] Grand, at London. A. N. S. 2 p. CV, 139, 140 and 141.

Trade advertisement received from the Minister of Saxony at Paris, was inserted in papers. Remarks on disinclination of American merchants to form new trade connections. Encloses an order for dry goods to be given to a manufacturer in Saxony or at Hamburg. Inquiry about cloth, linen and silk factories in France. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) CV, 140 and 141.


Invitation to spend an evening at her house. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 143.

Acknowledging the receipt of his invitation. A. N. S. 1 p. CV, 143.

Impromptu song composed on the news, of the occupation of St. Donat by the Emperor of Germany, being received at the French Court. (Notes and corrections by M. Brillon.) Verses. 3 p. (In French.)


With reference to [squirrel] skins she is sending by Mr. Roker. A. L. S. 2 p.

From —— Simonet. 1783. November 11.
Explaining why he has not been able to call on him. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

Cannot think of any reason for Abby’s elopement. Had promised to manumit her on their return to America. Does not believe she can elude the vigilance of the police. A. L. S. 1 p.

Introducing his cousin, W[illiam] Smith, and Mr. Fitch, of Boston, who are going to Paris. A. L. S. 2 p.

Asks for a printed copy of the Declaration of Independence, to have it engraved in gold letters and keep in his cabinet. A. L. S. 1 p.

His trial is to begin next day. Requests him to write to the judges in his favor and testify as to his honesty. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

Cannot place his friend [Normont de] Laneuville on an American vessel, none being in port. Warns him that the life on board such vessel is very hard. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CV, 154.


Begs him and Dr. Franklin to take steps to obtain a settlement of his claims arising from the sale of two vessels seized by him and sold by the French authorities. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 155.


Has been left for several months without official information or instructions from Congress. His situation embarrassing and painful. Alludes to Mr. [John] Jay's unjust attitude towards him; heard that Dr. Franklin even was influenced unfavorably by reports about him. Requests some printed copies of the Constitutions of the States, translated into French, and some commemorative medals. A. L. S. 4 p. CV, 156.


From Thomas Barclay. 1783. December 16. Auteuil.

Requests that the accounts of Sabatier and Duprez be sent to him, as he and Mr. [Matthew] Ridley intend to settle them. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 160.


Is sick in prison; begs Dr. Franklin to send him some money for his subsistence. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CV, 163.


Encloses a letter written by M. Nanty, of Nantes, to George Woulfe. Explained the affair to Dr. Franklin several months ago. Asks what reply he should make to Mr. Woulfe. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 161.


Tells of the fashions in dress for men; the women in England are beautiful and dress well. Requests letters of introduction to prominent people in English society. A. L. S. 4 p. CV, 164.


Have shipped to Rouen, for Dr. Franklin, eight cases of old claret wine and enclose bill for same. L. S. 3 p. CV, 165.


Relating to his claim arising from the sale of the privateer "Terrible," at Guadeloupe. A. L. S. 2 p. CV, 166.


Will bring some of the biscuit desired on his next voyage. Hopes that the barrels and boxes of seed for Dr. Franklin arrived in good condition. A. L. S. 1 p. CV, 168.

From Edward Bancroft. [1783.]

Sending power of attorney to be legalized. Encloses a letter from Capt. John Paul Jones who is on board the French ship "Triomphant" in West Indian waters. A. L. S. 2 p. CVIII, 61.
From St. John [de Crevecoeur. Circa 1783.]
Asks for some copies of a map. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 83.

From Nath[aniel] Falconer. [1783.]
Asking him, if possible, to get a pass for his ship. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 89.

From [George] Fox. [1783.]
Asks to be pardoned for not waiting on Benjamin Franklin. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVII, 82.

From Geo[rge] Fox. [Circa 1783.]
An invitation to dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 130.

From Geo[rge] Fox. [Circa 1783.]
Sends a package of letters for l'Orient; has directed that all his letters be sent in care of Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 136.

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [Circa 1783.]
The credit will be satisfied on Saturday, from what he understood from Mr. [John] Jay. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 139.

From H[enr]y Grand. [Circa 1783.]
Ask for a letter of introduction, from Benjamin Franklin to friends in America, for Count Del Messe [Le Comte Del Verme] a great Nobleman of Italy. Mr. Caccia, the banker, has requested him to obtain this. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 77a.

From H[enr]y Grand. [Circa 1783.]
Would return the cabriolet immediately but the wheels are shabby; awaits his orders. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 100.

From John Jay. [Circa 1783. Paris.]
Wishes to know the value of dollars in French money, as fixed by Congress for the payment of their Ministers' salaries. A. N. S. 1 p. CVIII, 54.
From Mrs. [John] Jay. [Circa 1783. Paris.]

Requests him to write to M. [Jean Charles Pierre] Lenoir, Lieutenant de Police, to obtain Abby’s release from confinement, as she is ill. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 58.


Encloses a letter from Marquis de la Fayette to Baron de Wurmsen and his own remarks on the subject; will write to Mr. [Henry] Laurens soon. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 71.

From Denis Jean Florimond Langlois, Chevalier Du Bouchet. [Circa 1783.] Paris.

Has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Col. by the King. Sends testimonials which he received for his services in the United States from Congress, Gen. Washington and Gen. Gates, and requests that they be certified to by Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 85.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1783.]

Asks if William Temple Franklin can take him in his carriage to M. de St. Olympe's. A. N. S. 2 p. CVIII, 90.

From Abbé Morellet. [Circa 1783.]

Apologizes for not answering his invitation sooner; le Chevalier de Chastellux will bring him, Mr. Marmontel has another engagement. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 109.

From [François] Félix Nogaret. [Circa 1783.] Versailles.

Invites him to assist at a Masonic festival. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 52.

From [François] Félix Nogaret. [Circa 1783.] Versailles.

M. [Billardon] de Sauvigny, Royal Censor and author of “Gabrielle d’Estrées” has written a drama (“Agile”) on the War in America; before its production the author wishes to read it to Dr. Franklin and his friends, and requests a time to be appointed. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVIII, 77.
From Benjamin Putnam. 1783. Bordeaux.

Asks him to beg his Excellency [Dr. Franklin] not to forget his interest while he (Putnam) is away. A. L. S. 3 p. CVII, 103.


Feels that Mr. [Matthew] Ridley must have failed in assistance or met with obstacles; he will stay where he is until the Court has decided his case. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 104.

From Chevalier de St. Olympe. [Circa 1783.]


From John Schaffer. [1783.]

Thanks him for the letter enclosing 12 louis from his Excellency [Dr. Franklin]; cannot get out of prison without his Excellency's help, asks William Temple Franklin to call on him. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 88.

From John Schaffer. [Circa 1783.]

Asks him to call on him in the Temple as it is not far from Madame Depire. A. L. S. 3 p. CVII, 92.

From John Schaffer. [Circa 1783.]

Has given all the papers received from his Excellency [Dr. Franklin] to an interpreter. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 114.

From John Schaffer. [Circa 1783. Paris.]

Will return the papers with his remarks thereon. N. in 3d P. CVIII, 96.

From Caleb Whitefoord. [1783.] Paris.

Thanks him for the enclosed medal; would like an order to get some in silver and copper; he leaves that evening; offers to do anything he may be asked to do by Dr. Franklin and William Temple Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 95.
From Caleb Whitefoord. [1783. Paris.]
Mr. [David] Hartley is expected every hour; wishes a copy of commercial article No. 4 of the Provisional Treaty. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVII, 102.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. [1783.] St. Germain.
Thanking him and Dr. Franklin for their offer of an apartment for his uncle. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVIII, 35.

Expressing gratitude for the services of Dr. Franklin in his behalf. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVI, 1.

CVI, 2.

From Abbé Arnoux. 1784. January 16.
Declining an invitation to tea. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
CVI, 3.

Price of mourning buckles, etc. A. L. S. 2 p.
CVI, 4.

Thanking him for a copy of the "Constitutions of the United States of America"; will call to see him with Chevalier Duplessis de Mauduit. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
CVI, 5.

Apologizing for a misunderstanding. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
CVI, 6.

Asking for part payment for carriage. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVI, 7.

A request to forward letters. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVI, 8.

Request to have Dr. Franklin certify to the genuineness of letters of M. Golker. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 10.

From Dr. [John] Foulke. [Circa 1784.] February 7.

Requesting Franklin to recommend his hotel to friends in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVI, 11.

Acknowledging receipt of his billet, etc. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVI, 12.


Acknowledges receipt of payment of account. Inquires if Bayonne is to be a free port for Americans. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 14.

Concerning an "L. S." and an "S. C." which he has promised to procure for him. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 15.

From [Mrs.] D. Woolford. 1784. February 29. [England.]
Containing news of friends and acquaintances. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 16.

Requesting the return of his papers. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 17.


Begging Franklin’s intervention with the Marquis de la Fayette in behalf of Mr. [John] Schaffer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

From H[enr]y Grand. 1784. April 2. [England.]


Acknowledges courtesies shown his friend Mr. Ewart; writes in behalf of latter, regarding the Consulship at Barcelona, etc. A. L. S. 3 p.


From [Joseph Matthias Gérard de] Rayneval.


Sending a card requested by Mr. [John] Jay. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)


Changing the date for a dinner engagement. A. L. S. 1 p.


With reference to a great coat and six (scarf) pins he is sending him. A. L. S. 2 p.

Expressing his regrets that he is obliged to leave immediately for Switzerland, owing to the serious state of his health, without being able to call on him. Will always treasure the book of the “Constitutions” as a souvenir from a descendant of the great Benjamin Franklin. N. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) CVI, 26.


Requesting a letter of introduction to some gentlemen at St. Cloud; and the loan of some pamphlets on the Aerostatic Globe. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVI, 28.


Encloses a memoir of his claim against Capt. Mainvielle, of Charleston, South Carolina, with request that it be laid before the authorities of that State. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVI, 29.

From [Baron] De Feriet. 1784. May 27. Versailles.

Asking a word of approval, to accompany some wine to be sent to Mr. [Richard] Bache. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVI, 30.


Thinks it would be more consistent for him not to appear at Court, when the Act of Congress is presented authorizing him to accept the Order of Military Merit. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 32.

From ——— Simontet. 1784. June 3.

Requesting an order to have a piece of goods delivered to him for Madame [Le Ray] de Chaumont. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
CVI, 34.

CVI, 35.

Wrote to him of Dr. [Edward] Bancroft; the marriage of [François] Barbé de Marbois; the adventures of "Chevalier de Longchamps." A. L. S. 4 p.
CVI, 36.

Presenting a portrait of Le Marquis de la Fayette. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
CVI, 37.

Letter about various members of the family. A. L. S. 3 p.
CVI, 38.

Has forwarded the letter to John Holker. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVI, 39.

From Revière, Chargé des Affaires of Saxony.
CVI, 40.

From Henry Grand. 1784. June 22.
Suggests remedy for rash; gives commission to purchase handkerchiefs, etc. A. L. S. 2 p.
CVI, 41.

Asks to have his accounts, as settled, deposited in the Consul's office for public inspection. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVI, 43.

Request to have his papers certified by Dr. Franklin, so that he may present them to Marquis de Castries. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Gov. [William] Franklin has been in Sussex for the benefit of the sea-bathing; now back in London; at one time he had an intention of visiting Passy. Some time ago Mr. [Benjamin] West, having the opportunity of seeing three of the American Plenipotentiaries here and wishing to transmit their portraits to posterity in some historical picture, made a sketch of the signing of the Preliminary Treaty, to which he contributed by lending his portrait of Dr. Franklin by [Joseph] Wright, which he brought with him from Paris. There is only wanting (to make it complete) a head of the Secretary to the American Commission, which Mr. West requests you will send us. He has promised the portrait of Dr. Franklin, when Mr. West can spare it, to Mrs. [William] Hewson who, from her long acquaintance and great veneration for him, he thought highly deserving of such a present. He reserves a copy of it for himself and has given one to Mr. [William] Strahan. A. L. S. 3 p.


An invitation to a meeting. Printed N. 1 p. (In French.)


Going to dine with Mme. Helvétius on Wednesday. Will see him at Passy if he does not leave before then. Requests him to loan her his carriage horses. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Inquiring where a “perfect drawing of the American Order of Cincinnatus” can be obtained. A. L. S. 1 p.


Acknowledges, with thanks, the information regarding the Order of Cincinnatus. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
Regarding letters sent in their care for Mr. Sumners. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 49.

Concerning the purchase of a coat. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 59.

Soliciting aid in obtaining a Royal permit to marry a Catholic. L. S. 3 p. and 2 p. CVI, 50 and 58.


Encloses a letter from Abbé Belin and recommends him as a teacher of French, Italian, Latin, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVI, 52.

Sends letters to be forwarded to friends in North Carolina. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 53.

Inquiring about an “affair” at the Palais Royal in which Mr. [David Salisbury] Franks was concerned. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 54.

Recalls their acquaintance at Lady Nicolson’s. Wishes to have an interview with him about a prelate who desires to go to America to be of service to the Catholics in that country. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 55.

Giving an account of books he has written, etc. Inquires about an English professorship in Paris. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVI, 56.
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Recommending a servant. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 57.

A business announcement. Printed L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
CVI, 60.

Requests him to get an order from the Minister to let his baggage and furniture pass, which he is shipping to England and America. A. L. S. 2 p.

Thanks him for getting him the lodgings. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
CVII, 157.

Concerning the attachments at Nantes and l'Orient. The last letter he delivered to M. de Vergennes from Dr. Franklin was so clear, he thought the affair would end in a few days. Sent to the Maréchal de Castries the papers he wished to see relative to the seizure at Nantes. A. L. S. 3 p.

From Comte de Bruet. 1784. August 4.
Announcing the birth of a son. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
CVI, 61.

Request to discharge his account. A. L. S. 2 p.
CVI, 62.

Sends him lace ruffles. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
CVI, 63.

Refers to Dr. Franklin's malady [stone in the bladder]. Recommends a litter drawn by two mules, as the best conveyance in his case. Tells of Mr. [John] Adams's departure and his intention to rejoin Dr. Franklin and Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson at Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
CVI, 64.
From Lord Fitzmaurice. 1784. August 12.
Encloses a letter for Dr. Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVI, 65.

Requesting him to take charge of two letters for delivery on his arrival in London. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 66.

Understands French imperfectly; asks him to fix his servants’ compensation. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 66.

Giving information regarding London—lodgings, tradesmen, places of interest, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 67.

From The Ambassador of Sweden. [1784.] August 20. [Paris.]
Enclosing a letter for Baron de Nolken. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 75.


Tells of having gone to see his injured horse; dined at Mr. [Thomas] Barclay’s. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 70.

Invitation to stay at his house while in London. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 71.


Refers to Mesmer’s petition for a new commission to examine his discoveries. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) CVI, 73.


His opinion of [Mlle.] B[rillon]’s change of manner towards William Temple Franklin; comments on the new employment proposed to the latter. Tells of his love affairs. A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 76.

From L. Loiselle. 1784. September 7.

Regarding repairs to his carriage. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 77.


List of new books on political matters. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 78.


From James Hutton. 1784. September 15.

Would have him meet Mrs. Dorothy Blunt and Mrs. [Mary] Hewson. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 81.


Asks for news of Marquis de la Fayette; requests letters to be forwarded, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 83.

Making an appointment to introduce his nephew. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  

CVI, 84.


Tells of [Comte de] Mirabeau being in London, after having lost the lawsuit with his wife; of the return of the Brillon family. The Dauphin has left Passy, much benefited by the new springs there. Describes the ascent of the Mm. Robert in the Duke of Chartres’s balloon. M. and Mme. Caillot are leaving Passy to live at St. Germain. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)  

CVI, 85.

From Mrs. Hesse. 1784. September 21. [Paddington.]  

Invitation to the play. L. in 3d P. 1 p.  

CVI, 86.


Mme. [Marianne] Williams and other members of her family are staying with Dr. Franklin. Tells of reports about the Robert’s balloon. M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard still ill. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)  

CVI, 87.


Making an appointment to go with him to Windsor. A. L. S. 1 p.  

CVI, 88.


CVI, 89.

From J[onathan Shipley, Bishop of] St. Asaph.  


Invites William Temple Franklin to spend a few days in the country as he cannot go to London. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.)  

CVI, 90 and CVII, 127.

From Henry Grand. [1784?] October 1. Brighthelmston.

Telling of his trip through Holland and from there to England; is delighted with everything he has seen in England. Will endeavor to get introduced to Governor William Franklin on his return to London. A. L. S. 4 p.  

CVIII, 89.

His ship, "Marianne," will sail for Norfolk, Virginia, in about ten days. Will be pleased to execute any commands that he may give. A. L. S. 1 p.


Tells of the visit of Prince Henry [of Prussia], accompanied by Maréchal de Biron, to Dr. Franklin. Refers to Abbé Morellet’s trip to London with Lord Fitzmaurice. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Informs him that the portraits were sent to him by Abbé Morellet. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)


Sends a pamphlet. Regrets his inability, owing to Mrs. Price’s illness, to show him attention while in London, etc. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.


Introducing Mr. [William] Godwin, who wishes information on Animal Magnetism, as he is translating the Commissioners’ Report. Arranges for visits to various houses in London. A. L. S. 1 p.

From J[onathan Shipley, Bishop of] St. Asaph.


Regrets not having seen [William Temple] Franklin at his house. Suggests the purchase of the account of the Dean of St. Asaph’s Trial for Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p.


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Tells of the purchase of the St. Cloud property by the Queen; an immense balloon has been made in which the public will be allowed to go up on paying a fee. The Mesmer affair dying out. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVI, 97.

From John Wallace. 1784. October 23. [London.]

Has procured a Newfoundland pup. Awaits his orders. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 98.

From Benjamin Vaughan. 1784. October 25. [London.]

Gives addresses where cast iron coverings, pistols, etc., can be had. Declined invitation to Bowood and Chilbolton. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 99.


An invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 2 p. CVI, 100.


Hopes to see him at her house. Requests that he take for her a parcel of books for Benjamin Franklin Bache. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 101.


Glad to hear of the prolongation of his visit. Hopes to see him. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 102.


Regarding the payment of a claim made by William Temple Franklin and the investment of the same in shares of the Bank. L. S. 2 p. and 3 p. CVI, 103 and 124.


Rumors of Dr. Franklin's recall. Advises William Temple Franklin to make friends for himself. Warns him that the persons he sees most of are his enemies. Marquis de la Fayette's exertions in behalf of Dr. Franklin are injurious to the latter. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 105.

From Abbé Morellet. 1784. November 2. [Bowood.]
Has not heard from his parents or Mme. Helvétius since his arrival. Lord Fitzmaurice regrets William Temple Franklin cannot go to Bowood. Encloses some letters for friends in Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

Asks for an appointment. L. in 3d P. CVI, 104.

Is waiting to hear the date of his departure from London; wishes to go with him. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 108.

Pleasure derived from his short visit at Chilbolton; wishes to have it repeated. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XXXVI, 185.

Sends pamphlets which he requests him to deliver in Paris. L. in 3d P. 1 p. CVI, 109.

Sends cards of admission to Guildhall; advises full dress for the occasion. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 110.

1784. November 11. Thryburgh, near Doncaster.
Commission to buy dress coat, buckles, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 111.

From John Walter. 1784. November 15. [London.]
Sends two copies of "Letter A in English, French and Latin" one for Benjamin Franklin and one for Count d'Adhemar. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 112.
From George Whatley. 1784. November 16.
Sends a model of his “phiz” for Dr. Franklin; thinks it will travel safely. Hopes to receive one of the latter in return. A. L. S. 1 p.

Arranges for a visit from him. A. L. S. 1 p.

Request to deliver a parcel to Dr. Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p.


From [Mrs.] Mary Hewson. [1784. November 22.] Cheam.
Tells him how to reach them; asks him to bring Mrs. Barbauld’s “Lessons for Children” and “Sanford and Merton.” A. L. S. 3 p.

Sends money due. Hopes horse will prove satisfactory. A. L. S. 1 p.

Enclosing account of payments, etc. A. L. S. 1 p.

This comes of his not keeping his appointment. Writes by same post to Dover to learn of his whereabouts. A. L. S. 2 p.


Announcing the birth of a daughter. Printed N. in 3d P. 1 p.

Has been detained by bad weather. Hopes to bring the horse and dog safely to Passy within a week. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 123.

Acknowledges receipt of waistcoats. Inquires about dress coat, etc. Beauties of Bath. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 125.


His opinion of the wine sent by Baron De Feriet. Cannot expect much from Congress with regard to application made by Dr. Franklin in behalf of William Temple Franklin. Disposition of funds received from Robert Morris. A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 127.

Sends a letter by Dr. [John] Jeffries's balloon from Dover; glad to hear of his son's safe arrival in Paris, etc. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 128.

Will be glad to have a room at Passy for the winter. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 129.

Inquires about a pension or college for two young boys. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 130.

At this instant there is an accommodation on foot between Mr. [Alexander John] Alexander and Mr. [Thomas] Walpole and the Commissioners of both sides have had one meeting and apparently have equal dispositions for peace. But at this instant Walpole is taking advantage of the security which Mr. Alexander supposes himself in, and is secretly endeavoring to take his person here. This is something worse than what the Devil himself would do. The object, therefore, is for Mr. Alexander to go to Ostend in the most private way possible, but they have good information that he is so watched that he would be taken on the way were he to go openly. Requests him, therefore, to fill up a passport for "John Brown allant à Ostende" which he thinks the Doctor [Franklin] will, without hesitation, sign. Gives minute instructions for the engagement of a place on the coach for Ostend for John Brown. Let it be said at the diligence that Mr. Brown is at St. Denis and will join it there.

E. by A[lexander] J[ohn] A[lexander]. Request that the bearer may be kept until he is sent back with the ticket for the diligence and the passport, with advice as to the most convenient place to go to join the diligence. A. L. S. 3 p.


From William Alexander. [Circa 1784.]

Begs his interest in his affairs with de Colonia, their "Rapporteur." A. L. S. 1 p.


Requesting him to take charge of packets on his return journey to Paris. N. in 3d P. 1 p.

From Edward Bancroft. [1784.] London.

Inquires if he can accept Mrs. [William] Hodgson's invitation to go to her country house. A. L. S. 1 p.
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From Chevalier de Beauharnois. [Circa 1784.]

From Chevalier de Beauharnois. [Circa 1784.] Paris.
Invitation to dinner. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 94.

From M[ar]quis de Beauharnois. [Circa 1784.]

From "Blanchette" [Mme. Caillot. Circa 1784.]
Tells of her long walk to their meeting-place and her distress at having to wait there and come back alone. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 111.

From Anne Clarke. [1784.]
Sorry to have missed his call; hopes to see him before he leaves England. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 98.

From ——— Deschamps. [Circa 1784.]
With reference to balloons and gas for filling them, which he has for sale. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 79.

From Denis Germain Gien. [Circa 1784.]
Petition to obtain payment of his claim against J[ohn] S[c]haffer, an American, for food and clothing furnished to the latter. L. 3 p. (In French.) CVIII, 101.

From [Ferdinand Grand. 1784. Paris.]
Sends Dr. Franklin's account; asks for a commemorative medal. L. 1 p. CVIII, 18.

From Mrs. Hesse. [1784.] Paddington.
Invitation to call at her house. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 45.

Informing him that Mrs. [Richard] Price has suffered a stroke of paralysis and her husband cannot receive them. Expects to go to Bath to see Lord Shelburne. A. N. S. 1 p. CVIII, 57.
From [Abbé Morellet]. 1784.

Tells of his journey and arrival in England. Went immediately to Bowood with Lord Fitzmaurice. Wishes to know when he proposes to return to France. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 42.

From The Lodge of Neuf Soeurs. [Circa 1784.]

At a special meeting it was decided that the dedication of Dr. Franklin’s bust should take place on the 18th, that the ceremony should not be too solemn, and that each member, whether present or absent, should be taxed 9 livres. L. S. L’Abbé du Rouzeau, Secretary. 1 p. CVII, 159.

From Lady Riddell. 1784. London.


From ——— Royer. [Circa 1784.]

Quoting prices of English books he has for sale. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 41.

From ——— De St. Aubin. [Circa 1784.]

Would like Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.] to recommend him to some one who would sell his prints on commission in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 149.

From Mr. and Mrs. William Sloper. 1784. [London.]

Inviting him to dinner to meet the Dean of St. Asaph and Mrs. Shipley. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 7.

From Samuel Vaughan, Jr. [Circa 1784.] Paris.

Accepting invitation to dine with Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. CVIII, 84.

From Caleb Whitefoord. [1784.] London.

Thinks it will be well for him to go unattended to Mrs. [Mary] Hewson’s. A. L. S. 1 p. CVIII, 47.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. [Circa 1784.]

Asks for a passport for the types. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 117.
From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. [Circa 1784.] St. Germain.

Has invited Mr. Vernon, an Englishman of good family, his brother-in-law, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Arthur to dine with William Temple Franklin; requests the latter to invite [John Paul] Jones. A. L. S.

CVIII, 13.

From P[atience] Wright. [1784.]

Anxious inquiries about Dr. Franklin's health. Introduces a friend. Petition of New York Tories to King of England, and discontent of Tories in London, conducive to Peace. Society for Constitutional Information; happy to find the honest Englishmen grown wise by experiences. A. L. S.

CVI, 134.


Encloses a draft on Paris. A. L. S.

CVI, 136.

From ——— Sicardy. 1785. February 3.

Postponing the date for a concert. L. in 3d P.

CVI, 137.


Inquires about wines in Mr. [John] Bondfield's account with the public, purchased for account of Dr. Franklin. A. L. S.

CVI, 138.


Invitation to dinner. N. in 3d P.

CVIII, 37.


Acknowledges receipt of buckles. A. L. S.

CVI, 139.


Acknowledging the courteties and attentions he received during his stay in Paris. A. L. S.

CVI, 140.


Has just learned that M. [Jean Antoine] Houdon has been commissioned by Congress to make two statues. Is disappointed at having
been passed over, after having made Dr. Franklin’s portrait and executed Gen. [Richard] Montgomery’s tomb, without any charge or compensation whatever. Franklin and his son had both promised to recommend him to Congress. Still hopes they will interest themselves in his favor. L. 2 p. (In French. In duplicate.)

\[\text{XLIV, 69 and CVI, 141.}\]


Asking for a loan of money. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 143.

Requesting letters of introduction to the Governors of Martinique and Tobago for Mr. William Manning, [Jr.]. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 144.

From J. Ingen Housz. 1785. March 5. Vienna.
Inquires whether his letter with enclosures to Jonathan Williams, [Jr.,] Samuel Wharton and Samuel Lewis Wharton, at Philadelphia, have been received. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 145.

Regarding the sale of his carriage. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 146.

Has received several letters from America. Learns that Congress has reassembled at New York; delegates from Vermont have arrived with credentials; General Washington writes from Annapolis, of negotiations he is conducting for opening the Potomac to navigation. N. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) CVI, 147.

Agrees to purchase his horse. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
CVI, 149.

Wrote last month about the report that M. [Jean Antoine] Houdon had been commissioned by Congress to make two statues, in spite of the writer’s former services and the promises made to him. Requests a definite reply on the subject. L. 2 p. (In French. In duplicate.)
XLIV, 70 and CVI, 150.

Sends a case for Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson; also letters concerning the disagreeable affair of Samuel Wharton, with his house. Personal details. A. L. S. 2 p.
CVI, 151.

Soliciting an appointment for his son, as Vice-Consul at Dieppe. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVI, 152.

Asks if M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont [fils], who is going to America, will take as his servant, an Englishman who is recommended to him by the Duchesse de Lauzun. N. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 36.

CVI, 153.

Has written to him twice without receiving any reply. Surprised at this, as he has always received a reply even when writing to Ministers, Princes and the highest Lords of the Court. Has, nevertheless, complied with his request, made through M. Lair de Lamotte, and delivered the plaster bust of Dr. Franklin to Delorme, to be packed and shipped by the latter. Encloses the bill for making the bust, packing, etc. L. 3 p. (In French. Copy.)
XLIV, 71.

Instructions how to send his coat, in order to escape Custom House duties. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 154.

From Thomas Barclay. 1785. April 4. L'Orient.

Cause of delay in sending the case of china. Goes to Paris to settle the public accounts. Bill for tea and china for Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 155.


Declares his only object in executing a bust of Dr. Franklin was to transmit the portrait of a great man to posterity. Only received his actual expenses for the monument to Gen. [Richard] Montgomery. Claims he was entitled to more consideration for the above reasons, from Dr. Franklin and his grandson. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVI, 156b.


From Benjamin Vaughan. 1785. April 12.

Recalls his application for letters of introduction for his brother-in-law, W[illia]m Manning, Jr. Apologizes for letters of introduction given to Mr. Perry and Mr. Long. Dr. P[riestley]'s work on “Evidence of the Fathers respecting the Nature of Jesus Christ.” A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 158.


From Mesmer. 1785. April 14. [Paris.]

Making an appointment to explain the regulations of the Société de l'Harmonie. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 160.


Regarding the sale of his carriage. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 161.
From Thomas Barclay. 1785. April 15. L'Orient.

Encloses a letter to M. [Charles Alexandre] de Calonne; payment of fine by latter. Rumor that the freedom of l'Orient is to be transferred to Havre. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 162.

From —— Gerardin. 1785. April 25. [Paris.]

Invitation to meet a committee of the Société de l'Harmonie and pass upon Rules and Regulations. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 163.

From Matthew Ridley. 1785. April 27. London.


Requests to be recommended professionally to Mr. [John] Adams and family. Asks advice in the matter of Blanchard and aerial experiments. Blanchard's indebtedness to him and disposition to tax him to the utmost. A. L. S. 7 p. CVI, 165.


Voyage to England and expenses of the same. Dr. [Richard] Price will give the list of books for Franklin Township. He advises against the use of solvents in Dr. Franklin's illness. A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 166.


Has received his letter for Chevalier MacEgan, Captain in the Berwick Regiment, but has been unable to discover his whereabouts; the Regiment is in garrison at Isle de Ré. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 167.

From —— Dupré. 1785. May 16.


From —— Gautier. 1785. May 17.

Inquires about the price of his horse, and when it can be seen. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 169.
Thinks Dr. Franklin could not do better than go to America in the June packet; hopes to join him at Havre. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVIII, 156.

Inquires about Dr. Franklin’s health. Wishes to buy his cabriolet. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 170.


Makes an appointment to call on him. Hopes the painting he is going to make of his horse will be worthy of his acceptance. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 172.

Recent books on French architecture. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 173.

Rumors of his intention to leave Paris. Sends specimen of type; hopes to receive recommendations to friends in America. A. L. S. 1 p.
CVI, 174.

Is exceedingly sorry to hear that he and Dr. Franklin are going to return to America. Mr. [John] Adams is about to go to St. James’s for the first time. A. L. S. 3 p.
CVIII, 20.

Reply to his inquiry about a work published on French architecture containing plans of houses and hotels of Paris, etc. N. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) CVIII, 48.

CVI, 175.

Request to secure the sanction of Baron de Breteuil, or Duc de Chartres to accompany M. [Jean François] Pilâtre de Rozier on a balloon trip from France to England. A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 176.

From Baron de Wind. 1785. June 6.

Accepts a commission to purchase harness. Asks for use of a jockey to try his horse. Invitation to dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 177.


Invitation to a musicale. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 178.


From ——— Deshayes. 1785. June 18. [Paris.]

Offers to enter Franklin's service, if his son be also employed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVI, 180.

From David Salisbury Franks. 1785. June 22. [Paris.]

Begs for a loan of money to discharge his debts and leave Paris for America. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 182.


Arranging for a suitable vessel for Dr. Franklin's voyage to America. Maréchal de Castries says if he can wait a little, such a King's ship shall be ordered as will give him every possible convenience. A. L. S. 3 p. CVI, 183.


Information of the arrival of Captain Nicholson's vessel in which Dr. Franklin wishes to take passage for America. Offers rooms at his house for Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 184.

Has been employed, professionally, by Mr. [John] Adams's family. Sends an account of his aerial experiments. Asks for suggestions and corrections. A. L. S. 4 p.


Sends good wishes for his voyage to America. A. L. S. 2 p.


Arrangements for transferring the 129 pieces of baggage from the boat to the sailing vessel. L. S. 2 p.


With reference to a proposal to exchange some books with William Temple Franklin or Dr. Franklin. Asks if there is no key for the printing press he bought from the latter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)


Apologizes for interrupting his preparations for the voyage; begs him not to forget the printing and prompt distribution in Canada, of the manuscript which he gave him; desires his and his grandfather's influence with Parliament on the subject of his seigniories on Lake Champlain. Encloses his manuscript concerning the formation of the Assembly in the Province of Quebec. [17 p.] A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIII, 160.


Letter from his son in America. Advice and good wishes for their voyage. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


The disposition of the furniture left in Dr. Franklin's house. Encloses several accounts. Will always remember, with gratitude, the time spent with Dr. Franklin—his benefactor; always admired William Temple Franklin's attachment for his grandfather. Hopes to obtain, later, employment in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

CVI, 191.

Thanking him for taking charge of his letters for America and wishing him a speedy and safe arrival. L. 1 p. (In French.)  
CVIII, 28.

Sends good wishes for his voyage. Offers his services for commissions, etc. A. L. S. 3 p.  
CVI, 192.

CVI, 193.

CVI, 194.

Bids adieu to him on his departure and begs him not to forget him. Warns him against a too great ambition. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)  
CVI, 195.

Terms for freight, etc., from Masters of two different vessels. A. L. S. 2 p.  
CVI, 196.

Inquires at what time the porters shall call with the chaise. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.  
CVI, 197.

Will place the sum of money to his credit as soon as he receives it from ——— ———. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)  
CVI, 198.

Tells of her sorrow and distress on his departure. Narrates her visit to Paris and her dislike of the city. Received a letter from Mlle.
B[illon] describing Dr. Franklin's and his grandson's departure from Passy. Bids him adieu, as he is to sail next day, August 1st. A. L. 4 p. (In French.)

CVIII, 113.


Expresses his sorrow at seeing him leaving for America. Hopes to see him again but thinks his best prospects are in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

CVI, 199.


Package which he gave to [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard to deliver to her. Tells of Mlle. M—'s visit to her and the episode of the portrait given to the latter by him. Is treated well now and enjoys a little more freedom. Alludes to M. B[illon]. Is looking forward to his return to France. A. L. 8 p. (In French.)

CVIII, 114.


Concerning various commissions which he promised to attend to for him. Sends last messages to some of his fellow passengers; urges his speedy return to France. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)

XLII, 129.


CVI, 201.


Does not know how to forward her letters to America; tells of departure of his cousins from St. Germain. Saw M. Brillon lately, who told of a proposed marriage for his daughter. Tells of her children and how she passes her time. A. L. 4 p. (In French.)

CVIII, 115.


Tells of [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard’s visit to her and the details he gave of his and Dr. Franklin’s departure from Havre. Has arranged with him how to forward her letters. Alludes to Mlle. Brillon’s coming marriage. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)

CVIII, 116.

Pleasure on hearing of Dr. Franklin's arrival in Philadelphia and of his reception. A. L. S. 1 p. CVI, 203.


Welcoming him home. Anxious to hear about various friends. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 204.


The discovery of numerous debts contracted in Dr. Franklin's name by his steward, Finck; how the latter defrauded the trades people; the scandalous and false reports he is spreading about Dr. Franklin and his grandson. Particulars about the arrest of Cardinal de Rohan in the affair of the Queen's necklace; the Exposition of Paintings and Sculpture. Tells of his plans for the future. Learns that William Temple Franklin's baggage is still at Havre. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) CVI, 205.


Baggage remained at Havre. Is sorry for [Jean Antoine] Houdon, also, who had to leave behind him all his effects, tools, etc.; his works having their usual success at the Salon. Dined at St. Germain lately; alludes to William Temple Franklin's liaison with Mme. Caillot. Is sending him a few pairs of socks and wooden shoes. Has not been able yet to get the roebucks for him. Tells of the coming marriage of Mlle. Brillon de Jouy to M. de Malachelle. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVI, 206.


Speaks of Mlle. Brillon's marriage; fears she will not be happy. Gives particulars of the latter's future husband. Cannot forgive Dr. Franklin for not remaining in France, as he had intended. Tells of affairs in her family circle. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 117.


Deplores the uncertainty as to the dispatch of her letters; vessels not sailing at any fixed dates. Encloses a lock of her hair. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 118.

Has just learned, from Le Veillard, of his safe arrival in America and the ovation given to Dr. Franklin. Is displeased at his not writing to her at once. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 119.


Comments on the reception given Dr. Franklin on his arrival. Is disappointed that William Temple Franklin’s letter to him did not contain one for [Mme. Caillot]. Refers to the wooden shoes he is sending and to shipping the roebucks. Tells of M. Le Franc’s desertion of his wife and children. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVI, 208.


Fears that the stamp of “St. Germain” on her letters may reveal her identity to the inquisitive. Complains that she has not received a single letter yet from him since his arrival. Tells of her quiet life and her two children. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 121.


Refers to a note from Le Veillard telling her of a sailing for America. Has read accounts in the newspapers of Dr. Franklin’s and his grandson’s voyage. Asks for particulars about life and society in Philadelphia; refers to Mme. le B—— whom she hates, and hopes he does not write to her. Expresses her sentiments towards him in a verse of poetry; considers Ovid superior to Seneca. Tells of the books she reads and her delight in translations of Shakespeare. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 122.


Reproaches him for not having written to [Mme. Caillot] since his arrival. Reminds him of his duty towards her and the sacrifices she made for him. The roebucks are in the Royal Menagerie;
but thinks it is folly to try to ship them to America. M. [Louis Antoine] de Bougainville affirms he saw and killed some in Canada. Begs him not to neglect to ship the young trees and to add several more for the Duchess d'Enville. Refers to M. [Lair] de Lamotte, Mme. [Le Ray] de Chaumont, etc. A. L. 3 p. (In French.)

CVI, 207.


CVI, 210.

From Edward Bancroft. [Circa 1785.] Paris.

Will deliver the packet to [David] Hartley on his arrival in London. A. N. S. 1 p.

CVIII, 64.

From "Blanchette" [Mme. Caillot]. 1785.

Refers to a friendly letter received from Dr. Franklin. Is prevented by her family from seeing William Temple Franklin; speaks of his departure from France and begs him to write to her often. A. L. 6 p. (In French.)

CVIII, 112.

From "Blanchette" [Mme. Caillot]. 1785. Bé[lloy].

Tells of her fears and distress when he did not come to the inn where they were to meet; was ashamed to be seen in the place. Refers to the bond that unites them; is ready to defy all obstacles to their affection. A. L. 4 p. (In French.)

CVIII, 120.

From [Jean Antoine] Houdon. [Circa 1785.]

Is about to cast a statue in bronze and invites him to see the operation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

CVIII, 67.

From John Jeffries. [1785.]

Refers to a trip he may make to France. A. L. S. (Fragment.) 1 p.

CVIII, 102.
From [Marquis de la Fayette. 1785.]

Concerning a young man who wishes to cross, gratis, to America under the title of Mr. Franklin's Secretary. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) XLII, 146.

From [Marquis de] la Fayette. [1785.]

The Duke of Choiseul's illness and death has prevented him from calling on Dr. Franklin; will breakfast with him the next day; will show a bargain in whale oil which, if approved, will be sent to Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 96.

From Marquis de la Fayette. [1785.] Paris.

Inquires if Dr. Franklin's house is to be let after his departure. Mme. de Montconsul[?] and her daughter, Princess d'Henin, his intimate friends, wish to have a house at Passy. A. L. S. 1 p. CVIII, 39.

From Marquis de la Fayette. [1785.]

Hears from America that Dr. Franklin's resignation has been accepted and that Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson is to stay in France; Mr. [John] Adams, with William Smith, of New York, as Secretary, has been appointed Minister at London. A. L. S. 1 p. CVIII, 43.

From L. Loiselle. [1785.]

Comte de Bethune's offer for the purchase of his carriage. A. L. S. 1 p. CVIII, 60.

From Denis de Vitré. [1785.] La Grange.


From ———. [1785.]


Jesting inquiry about his conduct in New York and allusions to their love affairs in Philadelphia. References to M. de Villers and Holker. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) CVI, 135.

[Jean Antoine] Houdon has returned; asks to be instructed in the political situation in Pennsylvania. January 27. Received letters from Benjamin [Franklin Bache] and Dr. Franklin; hopes Dr. Franklin is not annoyed by the political situation; offers some suggestions on this. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.)


Has received her first letter since his arrival in America. Expects others by [Jean Antoine] Houdon who has returned. Is treated well by her husband; would give her life for him but can never give him back her love. Tells of visit she made to the B[illon] family; thinks them greatly changed by their increasing wealth. Mme. P[aris] has lost all her beauty since her marriage. A. L. 4 p. (In French.)


Thinks favorably of one of his proposals; makes an arrangement to visit the farm with him. A. L. S. 3 p.


Gives plan of agreement proposed by Mr. [William] Pyne; speaks of the advantages of cattle fairs, and the profit in a well-managed and well-stocked farm. A. L. S. 7 p.


Fears that he will soon forget the Paris he liked so well and not soon return to France. Describes her life and the society she moves in at St. Germain. Gives particulars about Mme. P[aris] and her sister. Thanks Mrs. [John] Jay for her remembrance. A. L. 4 p. (In French.)

Mr. Williams will send the trees and plants; the books have not been sent because Mr. Manuel is in the Bastille. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 2.


Arranges for the meeting with [William] Pyne to take place at his house. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 58.


His reason for consenting to Mr. [George] Morgan’s plan for the meeting. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 59.


Enclosing receipt of Captain Lauber for two cases of shrubbery and grains sent to Mr. Le Veillard. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) CVII, 3.

From [William Pyne. 1786. Circa February.]


Offering to sell certain things required for stocking the farm. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 61.


Reproaches him for blaming her for the death of her young son. Refers to Dr. Franklin’s desire to see his grandson married; declares she is resigned to the idea, but advises him, in that case, not to come back to France. Tells of her visit to Mme. [Jeanne Louise Henriette Genet] Campan, at Versailles. Offers to get a portrait of Mme. le B—for him. Will send him the sum of money she has belonging to him. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 125.


Making an appointment to meet him at Burlington; has not been able to find a cook; Mrs. [George] Morgan offers to sell one who is a “complete servant” for £80. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 62.

Will send the roebucks by the first opportunity from Havre; all their friends are well; is it true that he (William Temple Franklin) is to be a member of Congress? Introduces Mr. De la Valette. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 4.


Certain implements are promised but he cannot find suitable horses; makes an appointment to meet him at the farm. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 63.


About domestic affairs at the farm. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 64.


Will fill all the commissions as soon as possible; goes to Dreux to meet his brother-in-law just returned from India; Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson is in England. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)CVII, 5.


Tells of the misfortunes which have happened to her; her father’s dangerous illness; her infant son’s death. Advises him to remain in America if his interests and prospects require it. Protests her undying affection for him whether he comes back or not. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)CVIII, 126.

From George Morgan. 1786. April 7. Prospect.

Asking him to purchase iron wire for his electric rods. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 70.

From Lavaysse, Puchelberg & Co. 1786. April 7. L’Orient.


Mr. De la Valette will bring the dog, the shoes and the remainder of the books; Mr. [J. T.] Bérand was so slow in sending the trees that they were in leaf; the roebucks are too ill to send; the suit continues against the Cardinal [Rohan] who hopes to prove that he was only a dupe. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 7.


Asks him to buy some wheat or rye for bread, also three bushels of white potatoes, and to bring some money. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 65.


The Cardinal [Rohan]’s suit is about being decided; it seems to be turning in his favor; he will be declared an imbecile. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 8.


Acknowledges the receipt of a letter from Dr. Franklin; has written to him often; has accomplished all his commissions; tells where his various friends are; will try to find a music and singing master willing to go to America; he will also try to find a carpenter; thanks him for the ham. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 9.


Asking him to buy gears for the wagon and a half sheep; only two shad have been caught as yet. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 67.


Presents a copy of his “Aerial Narrative” and a proof print of his historical portrait. A. L. S. 4 p. CVII, 11.


Received a visit from Mme. Malachelle [née Brillon]. Alludes to [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard’s illness. Swears that William Temple
Franklin was the cause of much pain and sorrow to her in the past, but has forgiven him. begs him not to take any women in service in his house. Encloses verses by Chevalier [Evariste Désiré de Forges] de Parny on the instability of happiness. A. L. 3 p. (In French.)

Asks that the wagon be sent to meet him. A. L. S. 1 p.

The roebucks will not be ready to leave before September; the King took a trip to Cherbourg, he was well received, the Queen was not with him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

Is convinced now that he does not intend to return to France. Reproaches him mildly for not having a letter ready to send her once a month by each vessel. Describes how she keeps all her letters in book form. Tells of all the Brillon family and of her husband’s dislike of Passy. Remarks on how men do nothing to keep their wives’ love until it is too late and they have lost it. A. L. 4 p. (In French.)

Begging for information concerning Mr. John Morris who went to New York in the year 1783 with a cargo of goods which he sold to good account; his subsequent purchase of an estate in or around Philadelphia in 1785; no word received from him since that time; his relatives anxious to know if he is living. A. L. S. 1 p.

Refers to a long journey he was to undertake; does not understand how it can secure him an appointment as Minister in Europe. Tells of Mme. Brillon’s two daughters. Infers from his letters that he intends to get married soon; sees that it was a grievous fault to love him and that she is now paying the penalty. A. L. 8 p. (In French.)


Thanks him for the political news; gives news of various friends; sorry to hear about the affair of the paper money. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 13.


Explains his position in regard to the memorial of the French claims presented to Congress. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) CVII, 14.


Reflections on the charms of liberty. Thinks she could never accustom herself to the manner of living in America; her idea of the women in America. Prefers to live where she is than anywhere else in the world. Tells how she intends to spend the winter at Paris, Versailles and Croissy. Has declined a part in a play to be acted at Mme. le B——'s, at Versailles; the Comte d'Artois to be present. C[aillot] to act in two rôles; many will go to see him. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 131.


Mr. [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy says that four of the roebucks are dead and the other three sick. September 20. Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson hurt his wrist. Mr. Le Coutteux has married a young wife and is going to Pennsylvania. Effect of the King of Prussia [Frederick the Great]'s death. September 23. Thanks him for his kindness about the American Philosophical Society, of Philadelphia; feels that this honor is only shown because of William Temple Franklin's and Dr. Franklin's interest; offers to do what he can for it. October 15. Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson sends books, the new volumes of the New Encyclopedia, etc. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) CVII, 15.


Would invite him to stay with him except for the serious illness of his child. A. L. S. 4 p. CVII, 15½.

Concerning the dismissal of the Pynes. Recommends some farm hands. A. L. S. 2 p. CVII, 72.


Items of news about the Brillon family and other acquaintances of his. Was a guest at Count de V.’s for several days. Talked a good deal about America with the Vicomte. Met Abbé de la Roche in the same house; Comte d’Artois was also present and admired her little daughter. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 132.


Acknowledges four copies of Humphry Marshall’s “Arbustum Americanum” to be given to Messrs. de la Rochefoucauld, de Mallesherbes, de Barbançon and himself. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 16.


Sorry to be from home when he and Mr. Lawrence called; if a time is named, he will be home and will give all the information possible about the boundaries of Governor [William] Franklin’s farm. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 17.


Tells of a conversation she had with Abbé de la Roche about Dr. Franklin and his grandson. Declares she has no longer any desire to please or receive homages; at 29 years of age has renounced all frivolity and pleasures; never expects now to see him again. Tells of a visit she made to the Brillon family, at Paris, and refers to Le Veillard’s son and Mlle. Dillon’s death. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 133.


Is most anxious to help his friend, John Hurd; thinks Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson should be empowered to do this business, since Dr. Franklin has resigned. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 18b.

Sending him a new assortment of trees for planting; difficulties encountered by M. [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy in sending the deer. Financial affairs; rumor of the establishment of a National Bank. Tragic fate of the Marquis de [Sourches-Tourzel] who was thrown from his horse and killed. Desiring news of him and his grandfather; hears he has acquired some land in the Jerseys. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXXIV, 170.


Intends to leave the country soon to return to St. Germain and from there to Versailles. A. N. 1 p. (In French. Enclosed in previous letter.) CVIII, 134.


Proposes in future to send her letters to Le Veillard [fils] to be forwarded by him. Has heard from Bé[lloy] that he intends to return to Europe and reside in London. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 135.


Attributes M. Dai—'-s illness and M. Brillon's to their excessive use of medicine, pills, etc. Laments the breaking up and dispersal of the society of Passy; finds her only consolation in her daughter. Tells of the friendship shown her by the young ladies of the convent; invited them to dine with her on Christmas evening. L. 3 p. (In French.) CVIII, 136.

From W. Gibbs. [Circa 1786.]

Requests him to give an enclosed paper to the President [Dr. Franklin.] N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 3.

From [John] Penn. [Circa 1786. Philadelphia.]

Offers him a place in his post chaise to go to Mr. [William] Hamilton's. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 4.
  Tells of the work being done. A. L. S. 1 p. \textbf{CVII, 68.}

\textit{From William Pyne}. [1786.]
  Fears the horses may not get back that night; they are over-worked; will look out for another. \textbf{CVII, 69.}

\textit{From Mrs. [A.] Pyne}. [\textit{Circa 1786. Philadelphia}.]
  Requesting a loan of twenty dollars. N. in 3d P. 1 p. \textbf{CVIII, 16.}

  Offers to draw plans for a building similar to the plans already seen. A. L. S. 3 p. \textbf{CVII, 22.}

  Believes that Dr. Franklin, he and Benjamin [Franklin Bache] have forgotten their friends in France because they do not write; Madame de Chabot is dead; the King has called the Assembly of the Notables to meet at Versailles in February. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) \textbf{CVII, 20.}

  Has not yet found the portrait of the Prince de Brunswick; his health has not been good so cannot go to Paris as often as formerly. If he were younger he would love to go to America; the Notables have arrived in Versailles, hopes they will make things better. Dr. Franklin has apparently forgotten him; thanks William Temple Franklin for his kindness about the American Philosophical Society; enquires what is known about ancient towns on the Ohio, especially in Kentucky. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) \textbf{CVII, 23.}

  Much is happening here at present; the Notable Assembly is in session; there is a deficit of one hundred millions in the revenues of the King; gives the plans for meeting this deficit. Mr. Brillon is very ill. Mr. [John] Adams has just published a book.\textsuperscript{1} Believes that Dr.


Mr. [John] Beckley, the Clerk of this Assembly, has gone on to the [Constitutional] Convention with Governor [Edmund] Randolph, hoping to be made its Secretary. He [William Temple Franklin] should try for this position. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 25.

From [Mrs.] A. Pyne. 1787. April 16.

Thanks him for discounting the notes; complains of poor health. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 26.

From "Blanchette" [Mme. Caillot]. 1787. April 23.

Has sent Mme. le B——'s portrait to him. Tells of M. Brillon's death at Nice; his son-in-law, M. de Malachelle succeeds him in his position. Hears that their house at Passy is to be sold. Contrasts the pleasures of life in France with the lack of them in America; tells of the agreeable society she moves in. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 137.


Gives the news about his friends since he last wrote; also he tells what was done by the Notable Assembly since that date. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 27.


Owing to his poor health he is obliged to give up house-keeping. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 28.


Is having a copy made from his portrait to send to him. Mme. Brillon has determined to keep her own house; her daughters to live with her. Doubts whether the portrait she is sending is really for an aunt. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) CVIII, 138.
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Gives news of his friends and what was done by the Notable Assembly; could not find Schr ode's engraving of Prince of Brunswick, so sent another; wishes to know how much money would be needed to live in comfort in Philadelphia; regrets that Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson is not a member of the [Constitutional] Convention; introduces Mr. Saugrain. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 29.


Asks him to send his endorsement for about $3,000, as B[ache] and S[hee] are not in cash to pay off the whole of the last note, which ought to have been taken up yesterday. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 32.


Sends the stockings; asks his help to collect a debt; encloses a letter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 33.


Tells of the flight of M. [Charles Alexandre] de Calonne; gives the political situation in Paris; Passy is much changed; gives the account of the seizure of Mr. [Thomas] Paine's model of a bridge; wishes to hear the news of the [Constitutional] Convention in America; asks Dr. Franklin for the promised history. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 34.


Concerning the package sent by the Amboy stage boat. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 35.

From "Blanchette" [Mme. Caillot].


Learns from [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard that his portrait is copied from the original loaned by her. Refers to return of Chevalier de la Luzerne; thinks William Temple Franklin should be appointed Minister to France. Tells of her approaching confinement. The Bril-
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The Ion family in great consternation owing to the death of Mme. Paris, their oldest child. Recalls the time when Dr. Franklin called her his daughter and showed her so much affection. L. 3 p. (In French.) CVIII, 139.


Attended to the business but thought it best not to put his “name in nomination,” as Mr. [Thomas] McKean said that Dr. Franklin appeared to wish that he be not run. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 36a.


Has heard that Dr. Franklin is to be President of the new Congress; gives news of his various friends. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 37.

From “Blanchette” [Mme. Caillot].


Has made arrangements that, in case of death or serious accident to her, the little green box (containing his portrait, etc.) will be handed over to M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard; the latter in very precarious health. L. 3 p. (In French.) CVIII, 140.

From [Mrs.] Sarah Bache. [1787. Philadelphia].

Tells little items of news about Dr. Franklin, and of his desire to see him; visits of her children to the latter. Refers to the sailing of the “Alliance.” Tells of Dr. Franklin’s signing a marriage license for Mrs. Kepple, a rich widow. A. L. S. 4 p. CVIII, 1.


Will visit at the Park as soon as possible; has made a good invention for making silk lines and snoods. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 30.

From “Blanchette” [Mme. Caillot].


Sends friendly message from Mme. le B——. Learns from M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard that his health is not improving. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 141.

Hopes that Congress has adopted the decisions of the [Constitutional] Convention; has bought and sent the glass for the electric machines; asks for information about certain business firms; the capitalists of the large towns are now occupied with American funds under the name of "Liquidated Debts." Gives news of various friends. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 38.


From "Blanchette" [Mme. Caillot].


Wishes all information possible about America; his son is anxious to go there. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 40.


Gives statement of his affairs with the firm; thanks him for his trouble in the affair with Mr. [Thomas] Barclay; delighted that Dr. Franklin is in such good health; will send grain and books at first opportunity. Asks him to collect a debt from J. B. Ross. April 2. Thanks him for the plants for his garden, in return he will send books; Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson has gone to feel the pulse of the good Dutch. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French. In duplicate.) CVII, 41.


Has sent several letters by Mr. Bourgoin who is waiting to deliver them in person, if it is possible to get them, he advises that this be done as quickly as possible; everything is in a great state of confusion. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 42.

Because of the expensiveness of the wine, he ordered half the quantity; he encloses the bill of lading. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVII, 43.


Has had many business troubles and disappointments; would like to go to America; asks for information about the cost of living; expresses great devotion for him and his grandfather. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) CVII, 44.


The political state is very uncertain; the States-General will be called in 1789. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 45.


The country is in a most upset state; "all the Provinces protest against the new measures as giving to the Court too great influence over the property of the people and taking away the sole barrier to check the Ministry." Sweden and Russia have begun to put in action a long smothered enmity. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 46.


Enclosing the drafts. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 48.

From Jno. Drake. 1789. April.


Notification of his election to the Burlington Society for the Promotion of Agriculture and of Domestic Manufactures. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 50.


Asking him to secure the refusal of the two houses, in Philadelphia, spoken of. His object in taking two is to use the lower floor of both for his public offices and the first floor and both gardens for his own use. Would like Mr. [Edmund] Randolph, the Attorney-General, for his neighbor. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 51.
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Concerning his intended payment of two bills which are about to fall due. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLI, 160.

From L. O. d'Asp.

Will call and take dinner with him some day. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 38.

From [Mrs.] Sarah Bache. [Philadelphia.]

Introducing Mr. [John] Lardner who is going to Paris on a visit; he has offered to take charge of some squirrel skins which she is sending to him. A. L. S. 2 p. CVIII, 59.

From Mme. [N.] Baussan. [Paris.]


Regrets he had not his company at the race. Declines invitation to dine at Passy. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 83.

From ——— Fribourg fils. [Paris.]


From Miss Gambier. Wednesday.

Encloses a copy of the Unique, presented to her by Dr. Franklin; her high opinion of it. Will be out all day; puts her viol at his disposal. L. in 3d P. 2 p. XL, 36.

From [Ferdinand] Grand.

Requesting him to return the letter from Martinique. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 103a.

From [Ferdinand] Grand.

The answer to his letter was unfavorable; asks that Dr. Franklin write certain papers for him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CII, 133.
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From H[enr]y Grand, Passy.


Samuel Hannay's “Anti-venereal Specifick.”

Printed notice. 1 p. CVIII, 110.


Asks him to tell what he knows about him to the bearer of the letter, who is the mother of a lad he is taking to America. A. L. S. 1 p. CVII, 94.


Requests him to send, by bearer, a few bottles of Bordeaux wine. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 129b.

From [Arthur] Lee. [Paris.]

Has delivered his challenge to ——— Leadwell who has accepted it. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 24.

From Arthur Lee. [Paris.]

Desires to see the “Craftsman” containing Mr. Braxton's letter. N. in 3d P. 1 p. CVIII, 95.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.

Asks him to lend him last Saturday's Mercury. Sends back the key of the garden door. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLIV, 156.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.

Sending the remarks of Vaugelas and Père Bonhours. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 98.

From Mme. Le Roy, Passy.

Sends the address of M. de Vasseille[?]. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 49.

From ——— Maillart. [Paris.]

Informing him that Denis Carcot has left for London. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 21.
Medical Prescriptions.

Mem. 6 p. CVIII, 104-109.

From Abbé Morellet.

Thanks him and his father for an invitation to dinner, but will have to postpone the pleasure until the following week. A. L. S. 1 p. XLIV, 194.

From Abbé Morellet.

Invites him to assist at a meeting of the French Academy. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 51.


Sends memoir concerning certain persons, Cardinal de Rohan desiring to ascertain if they are known to Dr. Franklin and are deserving of the assistance they solicit. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 65.

From Abbé Morellet. [Paris.]

Has received Dr. Franklin’s reply to Cardinal de Rohan’s inquiry; the latter has done all he can to have Darbelot [a former servant of Dr. Franklin] admitted to the Quinze-Vingt Asylum for the Blind. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 74.

From Abbé Morellet.

Accepts his invitation and requests him to ask Mme. Brillon to loan them one of her pianos for the occasion. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 76.

From —— Morisan.

Inviting him to be present at a meeting of a Society for giving balls, dances, etc. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 86.


Fixing date for dinner at Neuilly. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 14.

From John Parker, Jr. [Paris.]

His father has decided not to go to Spa but to remain with him. A. L. S. 1 p. CVIII, 30.
From Montfort Powers.
Requesting him to postpone his invitation. N. in 3d P. 1 p. LXXI, 122b.

From —— Thomson. September 30.
Inviting him to a family dinner. L. 1 p. XLIII, 241.

From Benj[ami]n Vaughan.
Telling of the virtues of castor oil and the mode of taking it. A. L. S. 3 p. CVIII, 82.

From —— Wharton, Jr. Passy.

From —— Wilfelsheim. January 30. [Paris.]
Invitation to pass an evening at his house. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 56.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr.
Inquires about Dr. Franklin's health; also about the affair of [Richmond] Springer and his comrades at Brest. A. L. S. 1 p. CIV, 87.

From —— ——.
Requesting him to return to the writer his letter for Chevalier de Chastellux, which he will deliver in person. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 116.

From —— ——.
Sends a memoir to be forwarded to London and translated into English. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 33.

From —— ——.
Writes on behalf of a wine grower who wishes to find a market for his wines in America; would send samples to [Richard] Bache and make arrangements with him. L. 1 p. (In French.) CVIII, 34.

From —— ——.
Asking information about Mlle. Andrillon who was employed as a child nurse by Mrs. [John] Jay, when the latter was living at Dr. Franklin's. L. 2 p. (In French.) CVIII, 40.
MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS.

By The House of Commons. 1642.

A bill freeing the New England Plantations from paying any custom, subsidy, taxation imposition or other duty, on goods or merchandise imported or exported. D. 1 p. (Copy.) L(ii), 33.

Bond for the sum of fifty pounds. D. S. 1 p. LII, 1.

Bond for the sum of five pounds. D. S. 1 p. LII, 2.

Receipt for one year’s rent. £60. D. S. 1 p. LII, 2½.

Counsel and advice. L. 4 p. (Copy.) LVIII, 2.

By The General Assembly of New Jersey. 1682. September.

Eighth chapter of the Acts and Laws of the General Assembly of New Jersey in September, 1682, which gives to the town of Burlington, and to others concerned therein for educational purposes, the Island of Matininuck. The rents, issues and profits from which are to be employed for the maintaining of a school. D. 1 p. (Certified copy.) XLIX, 31.

Bond for the sum of four pounds. D. S. 1 p. LII, 3.
From Samp[son] Coyesarne to Law[rence] Growdon,

Relative to the purchase of an estate at Aushell. A. L. S. 1 p.
LII, 4.

By The Governor of Canada. 1691.


From The Freemen of Pennsylvania to Governor William Penn.

1704. June.

Memorial complaining of certain abuses, etc. L. 15 p. (Copy.) LVII, 2.

From Henry, Duke of Beaufort to Christopher, Baron de Graffenried.

1709. April 28.

Commission appointing Baron de Graffenried the deputy of the Duke in that part of Carolina north and east of Cape Fear River. A. D. S. 2 p.
LII, 5.

From William Penn to His Friends in Pennsylvania.

1710. April 29.

Expostulates with them concerning the cause of the many troubles and oppressions he has met with from them. Informs them that he has always been willing and is now willing to make any provisions that are necessary for the prosperity of his Province, but that he cannot perceive what advantages the people will be possessed of in taking many of the provisions and executive parts of Government out of the Governor's hands and place them in an uncertain body, particularly the appointment of Judges. Thinks he does not deserve the rough treatment which he and his Secretary received from them. Appeals to them to reconsider fully what they desire of him on the one hand, and what ought to be performed to him on the other. Shall expect a reply from the next Assembly, that he may know what to rely upon. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 1.
From Alexander Spotswood, Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, to The Tuscaroras. 1711. October 8.

Demanding that [Christopher,] Baron of Graffenried, the chief man of the Palatines in Carolina, shall be forthwith set at liberty and sent on to the Governor of Virginia, and giving notice that if they do him any violence he will revenge his blood upon every man, woman and child of the nation. Mem. S. and sealed. 1 p. LXXVI, 3.

Agreement of [Christopher,] Baron de Graffenried with the Tuscarora Indians and their Neighbors. 1711. October 9.

To be good friends. In wars between the English and the Indians the Baron's people to take no part and receive no harm. In cases of disagreement, complaints are to be made to the chiefest men. Freedom of Indian lands and hunting grounds. A. D. S. 2 p. LII, 7.

Account of the Trade of the British American Colonies. 
1718-1732.

Extracts from the journals of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations. 2 p. LII, 34.

From Mr. Chas. Delafaye to Sir William Keith, Governor of Pennsylvania. 1719. July 30. Whitehall.

Sends him a copy of the Report of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantation, signifying their Excellency's approbation of what he did and their directions that he do as proposed in the Report—continue to act as Governor of Pennsylvania under his former appointment till the Proprietor and Trustees have settled their differences or until further signification of His Majesty's of their Excellency's pleasures. Report of the Board of Trade, wherein they express their satisfaction with Mr. Keith for declining to act under his new commissions. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 2.

From John Hooper to Lawrence Growdon. 

Perverse winds have prevented sailing. Purchase of brandy and barley, and other business matters. A. L. S. 1 p. LII, 8.
The Case of Sir William Keith against Springett and Hannah Penn. [1725-6?]


Relative to rent of farm. Rough weather for sailing. Requests him to look after his wife and family. A. L. 3 p. LII, 10.

From John Hooper to Lawrence Growdon.

1727[?]. January 25. Padstow, [Cornwall, England].

Fall in the price of corn. Hopes that he has not bought any to ship off. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 58.

From J. Banley to Lawrence Growdon, Bridgwater [England].


From John Hooper to Lawrence Growdon, Bristol.


Relative to the buying, shipping and selling of wheat and barley. A. L. S. 1 p. LII, 12.

From John Hooper to Lawrence Growdon, Bridgwater.

1727. October 23. Padstow, [Cornwall, England].


From Charles Hooper to Mrs. Lawrence Growdon.

[Circa 1727.] ——— 23. Bristol.

Informs her that his brother died of small-pox in the morning; requests her assistance as soon as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. XLIX, 80.
From Joseph Growdon, Jr., to His Brother.

Begs to be pardoned if he has used unguarded language in his last letter, which he assures him was due to youthful passions, rather than resentment; he never endeavored to influence his father against him; he knows nothing about his father's affairs or his will; he knows his brother has a right to a considerable quantity of land in Pennsylvania which has been sealed and improved or aliened and sold by his father, and whatever rights he has, he will not dispute; assures him that in whatever manner their father may dispose of his estate, he will never dispute a point with him but in the kindest, most amicable and affectionate terms; and rather than be involved in unnatural discord and unhappy division will make a voluntary resignation of his own interest. A. L. S. 3 p.

From Jenet Hooper to Lawrence Growdon, Bridgwater [Eng.]
1728. May 20.

Riots of the tinners. Has heard from brother Hooper who put in at Falmouth on account of a leak. Plans for her son. Would like to apprentice him to a good business master in Bristol. A. L. S. 1 p.

From Samuel Bownas to Lawrence Growdon.


From Joseph Growdon, Jr., to His Brother.

Has just returned from Chester Court where he has been engaged in public prosecutions for the Crown. Intended to write fully but unforeseen business prevented him, and the vessel sails two days earlier. Could not manage his business so as to come over with the vessel but will be with him next spring. A. L. S. 1 p.

From John Hooper to Lawrence Growdon, Bristol.

Sympathizes with him in the loss of his wife. A. L. S. 1 p.


By The Durham Iron Works. 1731-1734.


By George II. 1734. June 14.

Commission of Robert Burnett as Secretary of the Province of New Jersey. LII, 35a.


Experiments with various colors to show which imbibe and which repel the sun's rays. Diss. 1 p. XLIX, 37.

From Peter Collinson to Joseph Breintnall, Philadelphia.


Census of New Jersey. 1737, 1738 and 1745.

Mem. 2 p. LVIII, 18. LXXVI, 4.

By The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania to George II. 1740. September 2. Philadelphia.

Complaining of the enlistment of large numbers of white servants in the army by the Lieutenant-Governor, without the consent of their masters. D. S. 1 p. (Copy.) LVII, 3.


Two notices signed by each, respectively, that an agreement had been reached concerning their land. D. S. 2 p. LII, 21.
Relative to the affairs of the widow Williams and her son Richard. A. L. S. 1 p. LII, 20.

From James MacSparran to Colonel Henry Cary of Dungiven.  

From James MacSparran to The Rev. Paul Limwick.  
Family affairs. Has been engaged in a law suit about Glebe lands about twenty-eight years and a decree has been made against him with the result of a loss of at least £600. Will go to England next spring if he can obtain his wife's consent. Vagrant, illiterate preachers swarm here. A. L. S. 2 p. XLIX, 63b.

Expressing his friendship for his correspondent and asking him to present to Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin, for whom he has the greatest admiration, a few observations written by him while reading Mr. Franklin's ingenious manuscript, entitled "Physical and Meteorological Conjectures, etc."; the pleasure he derived from reading the manuscript; presents these objections merely to have them removed. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 19.

From John Franklin¹ to William Franklin, Philadelphia.  
Relative to the accounts of Joseph Grant. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 119.
¹ [Brother of Benjamin Franklin.]

By The Earl of Macclesfield. 1753. October 30.
Speech to the Royal Society on awarding the Copley Medal for that year to Benjamin Franklin. Manuscript. 10 p. With engraved plate of the medal. 1 vol. 4to. BF 85, m 3.
From Benja[min] Mecom to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.  

Sends by Mr. House two pots of sweet-meats; if he can get any oranges will send a keg. Describes a hurricane he witnessed on the 13th inst.; a sickly time of year; white people die much faster than usual; describes method they have of announcing the sex of the deceased, by the number of times the bell tolls.  A. L. S.  2 p.  

From Will[iam] Smith to The Society Entrusted with Monies Collected for the use of Foreign Protestants in Pennsylvania.  
[Circa 1754.]

Brief remarks on the distressed and unformed state of the foreign Protestants in North America, especially in the Province of Pennsylvania, with an enquiry into the best means of supplying them with instructors and incorporating them with the English in the rising generation. A few remarks on the same subject by the Archbishop of Canterbury.  A. L. S.  17 p. (Copy.)  

By ——— ———.  [1754?]  

A speech reproaching the young men of the Province with love of ease and cowardice; need of armed resistance to the French and their numerous bodies of Indians; prophesies the loss of all their out-settlements. Mem.  2 p. (Fragment.)  

From Pet[er] Timothy to David Hall, Philadelphia.  

Concerning the amount of paper received and wanted and payment for the same. Will send Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin a piece of cambric by the next vessel. Begs him to send his whole account, as it stands with Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin.  A. L. S.  1 p.  

From Pet[er] Timothy to David Hall, Philadelphia.  
1755. March 5. Charles Town, [S. C.].  

Hopes he has received the $40 sent by Capt. Cony Edwards. Desires him to send his whole account now with Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin. Delay in getting the paper. Would have sent the money, but dollars are scarce in Carolina.  A. L. S.  1 p.
By The Governor of the French West Indies.

Leave of absence granted to Captain Guitton, of the Militia forces.
D. 1 p. (In French.)

LVII, 4.

By The General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Resolution relative to the appointment of Richard Partridge and Robert Charles as the Agents of the Province in Great Britain. D. S. W[illia]m Franklin, Clerk. 1 p.

LII, 24.

From Israel Pemberton to Dr. [John] Fothergill. 1755. Philadelphia.

Has received two or three of the scandalous pamphlets which were printed in England and which were styled a "State of the Province"; it alarmed all ranks to find they have some among them so desperately bent on depriving them of their liberties. Assures him that most, if not all, of the pamphlet, is false, and that it tended very much to unite rather than divide the people. When the Governors of Boston and New York were here, on their way to Annapolis to meet General Braddock, Gov. Shirley insisted in B[enjamin] Franklin going with them. He, with difficulty, undertook the journey, though he had scarce perfected the scheme, which some others had projected, for enabling the Assembly to raise money without the Governor's concurrence, and thereby demonstrating their readiness to comply with the demands of the King. The Governor [Robert Hunter Morris] mortified at the success of this scheme. After the Convention, Franklin staid behind the Governor in order to settle a post from Will's Creek to the City. He then had opportunities of frequent conference with the General and thus removed the great prejudices against the Province. The General had been informed that the Province refused to supply him with provisions, carriages, and would not open up a road from the camp to the

1 A Brief State of the Province of Pennsylvania, in which the Conduct of their Assemblies for several years past is impartially examined, and the true Cause of the Continual Encroachments of the French is displayed, etc. London, R. Griffiths, 1755.


settlements and that it was supplying the French with provisions, etc. Franklin assured him that the Assembly [of Pennsylvania] voted £5,000 to be laid out in provisions, etc., he refuted the other false charges and everything was arranged to the General's satisfaction. Franklin was unanimously thanked for this by the Assembly. The Governor's message to the Assembly. Asks him to try to obviate the disadvantages that may rise from Friends being misrepresented to the Government. A. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 5.

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 96, Note).


The bill concerning which they had corresponded, will be solely confined to a regiment proposed to be raised in America; the papers he received contain the substance of everything that is intended to be inserted in the Act. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 6.


Asks credit for the enclosed. Requests her to send him eighteen or twenty reams of newspaper by boat and when O'Brien sails to put on board as much more of news and brown paper as she can spare. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 78.


His will. D. S. 4 p. (Copy.) LXVI, 1.


Referring to a petition by sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania to the Assembly of that Province, complaining of the defenceless state of the Province and of the mischief done by the Indians. Mem. 2 p. LII, 26.
Minutes of Several Meetings with the Indians.
Mem. 10 p. LVIII, 3.

Report made by a commission appointed to examine a project for the establishment of a foundry or factory for making a new kind of cannon or ordnance, by a secret process invented by M. Hannoteau, who claimed the new gun would be lighter, more durable and less costly than the old style cannon. The conclusions of the report are favorable to the project and to the claims of the inventor. Diss. 6 p. (In French.) XLIX, 8.

1756. August 14.
He presented to His Majesty in Council, two Acts of Assembly passed in Pennsylvania. (1) An Act for dispersing the inhabitants of Nova Scotia imported into this Province, into the several counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester and Lancaster, and make provisions for the same. (2) An Act for regulating the officers and soldiers commissioned and raised by the Governor for the defence of this Province. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 7.

From The Proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania to A Committee Appointed by the Meeting for Pennsylvania and New Jersey. 1756. August 19.
First thoughts of an answer relative to the Lower County’s Militia Act of the Assembly. D. 2 p. LII, 28.

Demanding immediate quarters for Gen. [Daniel] Webb, his two aides-de-camp and one battalion of the Royal American Regiment, also a hospital capable of holding 100 sick. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 45.

Minutes of the Friendly Association for Regaining and Preserving Peace with the Indians by Pacific Measures.
1757. January 4 and 8, at Alexander Seaton’s.
D. S. Abel James, Clerk. 2 p. LII, 29.

Proposed friendly conference with the Indians on the Northern frontiers. The Indians they believe will continue peaceable if they are treated with justice and candor. George Croghan has been commissioned to endeavor, with the same measures which succeeded with the Delawares on the Susquehanna, to draw the Ohio Indians to a Conference. Friends freely subscribed a fund to be applied for the obtaining of peace. Due care has been taken on the part of the Proprietors to purchase the land from the Indians and to satisfy them for their titles, etc. Complains of the treatment they received when they offered to contribute towards the expense of regulating the matter after it had been imprudently conducted. The Assembly is preparing a bill for raising £100,000 and a militia bill. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)

From Richard Peters to William Callender and Israel Pemberton.

Laid their application, with regard to the inspection of the Council books, before the Governor; the transacting of business with the Indians is a matter so entirely pertaining to the Governor that he cannot permit any one except those who are empowered by the King or himself to mediate with the affairs of that people. Should, however, anything be contained in the minutes that concerns the rights or property of any person, such person, by a proper application, may be furnished with a copy. A. L. S. 1 p.

By Henry Wheatley. [Circa 1757. January.]

Extract from his will relative to £100 left to Benjamin Franklin in trust for John Cole. D. 1 p.

From Cha[rle]s Thomson to William Franklin, New York.
1757. [June?] New York.

From ——— to Geo[rge] Croghan, Easton, Pa.
Relative to the troubles they had with the Indians of Pennsylvania about lands purchased from their ancestors. L. 4 p. XLIX, 40.

William Franklin’s Accounts. 1757.
Mem. 1 p. LXVII, 111.

From Cha[rl]s Thomson to William Franklin.

From Benjamin Mecom to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin.
Received a letter from his brother Ebenezer, the baker, with the money for the bolting cloth, and according to her instructions he sent her the money, after paying his brother John for the spoons she presented them with. Showed Cousin [Jonathan] Williams [Sr.] her letter concerning Mr. [Joseph] Dowse, which he does not understand; asks her to send the amount on a slip of paper, he will deliver it, receive the money and send it to her. Report that Uncle [Benjamin] Franklin was further promoted at home. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 79.

Has had no answer to his letters. Indian affairs and Pennsylvania politics. A. L. S. 4 p. XLVIII, 122.

From Benjamin Mecom to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin.
Acknowledges the receipt of three parcels of papers. Shall be glad if she can replace the ten reams he delivered to [Samuel] Kneeland, as he is still about an edition of the psalter and has not enough paper. Sorry he cannot pay her now, but promises to send her some money when the psalter is finished. Asks for the price of the smallest and plainest of the Pennsylvania fire places, as he will need one for his office during the winter. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 80.
Minutes of Conferences between the Government of Pennsylvania and Teedyuscung, King of the Delawares.

1758. April 12, 13.


The Proprietaries of Pennsylvania were informed that the papers relating to the charge made by the Indian Teedyuskung were to be laid before his Majesty and his Ministers; it cannot be discovered that the papers were brought in, and he desires to be informed whether the papers have arrived, and whether they are to or when they will be presented to his Majesty. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 8.

*From Jacob Spicer to William Callender.*


Had the honor of attending with Governors Bernard and Denny and about fifteen Indian chiefs in a private conference. Some of the Indians disowned making Teedyuskung a great man and asked the Governors whether they did so, leaving it to them to determine. It is clear that Mr. [William] Denny, George Croghan, and Conrad Weiser may esteem it convenient to disclaim Teedyuskung’s authority and prevail upon the Indians to do likewise, and thus invalidate his claim in behalf of the Indians for a large quantity of land in Pennsylvania. The possible effects of this plan upon the pacific negotiations. Other results that may follow. Afraid of [William] Shirley, their next Governor, as a military man. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 11b.

*Account of the Conference with the Indians at Easton, Pennsylvania.* 1758. October.

D. 2 p. (Conclusion missing.) LII, 33.

*From William Callender to John Hunt.*


The opinion of men of veracity that the intention of the Proprietary’s party in holding treaties with the Indians, is not to settle matters with them on equitable terms but purely to throw matters into confusion.
in order to excuse themselves from the charges the Indians have made against them, and this at the expense of the people. Thinks it necessary that the superiors at home should be acquainted with the Indian affairs. Hopes that with the information he has, together with Benjamin Franklin's information and understanding, something may be drawn up under the five heads. (1) Mismanagement and bad direction of Indian affairs under the influence of Proprietary instruction; (2) the injuries done them; (3) the injustice of the pretended purchase of 1686; (4) injustice of the purchases of 1749–54; (5) remedies to prevent like mischief in the future, and to show, if possible, the necessity of putting the Indian affairs on another footing in every colony. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.)

XLVII, 11a.

From Josiah Franklin Davenport to Mrs. Deborah Franklin. 1759. March 22. [Philadelphia.]

Sold the house to Mr. Waiscott. Uncle [Dr. Franklin] approved of his selling the house before his return and promised to leave the papers with her. Should be glad if she would look them up as the deed must be executed the following day. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLVIII, 81.


Informs him of the great pleasure and joy his letters give. His friend Dick Atherton is very busy, having the front of his house down, and won't have everything arranged again for about twelve months. Thinks she will then be tempted to set her cap at him. Wants to know whether he still plays the flute and whether he would like to have a young whelp which they have for him. Mr. Hornby has been dangerously ill for a fortnight and may not fully recover. Mr. Oliver will be married to the rich, merry widow Lancaster. There is talk of an Assembly commencing for the trade people. Miss Rigby is to be married. Sends him two verses of the conclusion of the book of Habakkak, and a poem on George F[rederick] Handel, Esq., who performed in his celebrated oratorio of The Messia[h]. A. L. S. 6 p.

XLVII, 12.

Pleas before the Supreme Court for the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex on the Delaware. Of April Term, 1759.


LXXVI, 12 and 13.
From William Hunter to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin.

He left Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin last April in England perfectly well. Forwards the letter for her which he committed to his care. A. L. S. 1 p.

From [Rev.] Isaac Browne to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.
1759. October 17. Newark.

Account of his conversation with Mr. Mc—n, in relation to the ill character attributed to the latter by the Clergy and laity of Boston. A. L. S. 6 p.

By Governor Francis Bernard, New Jersey. 1759. December 21.

Commission of Charles Read, as Registrar of the Prerogative Court of New Jersey. D. 2 p.

From William Homes to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.

Glad she received the inventory. Does not know whether the house was priced at £1,000 or £100 and knows not what his aunt left; she, therefore, has the advantage of him in this. Begs her or Cousin Sally [Franklin] to lay out the enclosed guinea for medicinal snuff to be had at the sign of the Golden Ball in Chestnut Street, and send it to him. A. L. S. 1 p.


From James Franklin [Jr.] to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.

Received the keg of ink for which he sends his thanks and asks how much he is indebted for it. Has engaged with one of the soap boilers for good lye, whenever he shall have occasion to use it. Hopes now to preserve his letter and by a fair print and good character to save the eyesight of his ancient and young customers. A. L. S. 2 p.


From Thomas Collinson to His Uncle. 1760. September 10. London.


From Peter Collinson to Capel Hanbury. 1760. September 16.

Recommends his ingenious friends, Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin and his son, and begs him to oblige them with a sight of all his curious operations in Mont Finn. A. L. S. 1 p.

From Henton Brown to Goldney Smith & Co.


Recommends Benjamin Franklin and his son, who intend calling at Bristol, and asks if they would supply them with money should they have occasion for some, and place it to his account. L. S. 1 p.

From the General Assembly of Pennsylvania to the Governor [James Hamilton]. 1760. October 17.


Commission of Captain Frederick Stieglitz. (Copy.)

From V. Voisin to His Cousin.

1761. September 30. Courtelary [Switzerland].

Learned with extreme pleasure of the release and return to her people of his cousin, Anne Marie Le Roi, who was made prisoner with her brother Jean Jacques. Hopes the latter will soon be set free also. Thinks the conquest of Canada or peace which is expected to be made at an early date, will bring about the release of all such prisoners. Speaks of their friends and relatives in Europe; tells about the crops and his own personal affairs and mentions a few local events of importance. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
From Timothy Folger to Sir Jeffery Amherst. [Circa 1761.]

Memorial in behalf of the inhabitants of the Island of Nantucket, that they may be allowed to settle on the Island of St. John’s, to carry on cod and whale fisheries. A. Dr. by Benjámin Franklin of L. S. 2 p. L(i), 23.


Immediately after the restoration of Charles II, there were many regicides who fled from justice to America, and among them were three of the judges, [Edward] Whalley, [William] Goffe and [John] Dixwell. Orders were given to apprehend them. An account of how and where the first two judges spent their lives. An account of the life of Col. Dixwell while in New England. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 17.


Offers to confer on [Benjamin] Franklin the degree of D. C. L., Honoris Causà, whenever he shall be pleased to visit the University. Mem. S. 1 p. LVIII, 48.


Reminds him that he has a power of attorney to recover some of his plate in the hands of Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin. Wants to know whether he got the plate and whether Mr. Franklin obliged him to pay what he said was coming to him from Mr. Daniels’s estate. Hopes that if he advanced the money he made Franklin make path to his debt, as otherwise he cannot charge it to Mr. Daniels’s estate. Asks him to send an account current, that he may see what balance is due Soumain. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 18.
From Alexander Colden to Henry Potts.

Has been unable to locate in the office any such packet as he mentions nor can he recollect having seen any letter addressed to Mr. Hopley, in fact, he never knew there was such a person in Philadelphia; is particularly careful with letters addressed to the Governor of Pennsylvania. Thinks it impossible that any packet miscarried after it came to his hand. Particular notice will be given to all letters from Mr. Penn, but since he does not know his seal, he would be glad if he addressed his letters under cover to him. A. L. 2 p. XLVII, 18½.

The Committee Appointed to Attend the Indian Treaties to The Assembly of Pennsylvania. 1762. September 24.


Memorandum. 1763. February 2.


From [Dr.] J[ohn] Kelly to W[illiam] S[trahan].

Met, at Abington, Mr. Strahan’s son. Dr. [William] Smith was lately at Oxford collecting for his Academy and having been questioned concerning a letter he promised to write to the President of St. John’s, in the presence of Mr. Strahan and others, which letter was to retract the imputations of a former letter against Dr. Franklin, he denied the whole and even treated it as a calumny. Thinks him extremely unworthy of the honor he received from their University. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 19a.

From Will[iam] Strahan to Dr. [John] Kelly.
1763. February. [London.]

Asserts that Dr. Smith and Dr. Franklin met at his house and in his presence read over his letter to Dr. Fry. Dr. Smith acknowledged
it contained many particulars in which he had been misled by wrong information. Promised to contradict what was false in it. Dr. Smith declined writing the letter at his house but promised to bring it in a day or two and show it to him before he sent it, which he has never yet thought fit to do. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) XLVII, 19b and 20.

*From The Freeholders within the Township of Bergen to The House of Representatives of New Jersey.* 1763. May 31.

Petition relative to the division of the common lands of the town. D. S. W[illia]m Bayard, *et al.* 4 p. (Attested copy.) LII, 44.


Thanks her for the picture she sent her daughter. Shall be glad to hear of Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin's safe arrival at home. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 86.

*By George III.* 1763. October 7.

Proclamation defining the limits or boundaries of the English Colonies in America and their form of Government. (In French.) 14 p. LII, 40.

*Account of the Exports from, and the Imports into Great Britain from 1698 to 1762.*

Copied for Benjamin Franklin by Samuel Gibbons, Jr. 1 vol. Folio. 64 p. 382—A c 2.

*Election Memoranda.* [Circa 1763.]

Showing number of votes cast for the different candidates. 3 p. LXIX, 96, 97 and 98.


An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of £55,000, etc. D. 83 p. (Attested copy.) LII, 41.

*Act Appointing New Trustees for the Several General Loan Offices for the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex on Delaware.* 1764. May 22.

D. S., Jacob Kollock, Speaker. 5 p. (Attested copy.) LXXXVI, 6.
Relative to the Division of the Common Lands of Bergen,
New Jersey. 1764. September 10, October 19.

a. Letter from Governor William Franklin to Lord Halifax, Burlington, October 10, 1764.
b. Letter from Governor William Franklin to the Lords of Trade, Burlington, October 10, 1764.
c. List of papers sent to Lord Halifax enclosed in Governor Franklin's letter of October 10, 1764.
d. Extracts of a letter from one of the Bergen Commissioners to Governor Franklin, October 19, 1764.
e. Letter from Governor William Franklin to Lord Halifax, October 13, 1764.
g. Letter from W[illia]m Bayard to Governor Franklin, New York, September 10, 1764.
h. Letter from John Berrien to Governor Franklin, Rocky Hill, September 14, 1764.
i. Letter from W[illia]m Bayard to Governor Franklin, New York, October 1, 1764.
j. Deposition of William Bayard, October 8 [1764].
k. The reasons why Captain [Archibald] Kennedy's claims to a share of the Bergen commons was not admitted.
l. Letter intended to be written by the Speaker of the House to the Agent of the Colony. 16 p. (Copy.)

From Franc[i]s Fauquier, Lt.-Governor [of Virginia], to Edward
Sedg(e)wick. 1764. November 15. Williamsburg [Va.].

Has made inquiries about the de Graffenried family; one of that name in the colony, who left a son now living on land inherited from his father. Has been notified to bring the necessary documents to prove his birth and parentage. Will see that necessary certificates be forwarded to Mr. Sedg(e)wick. L. 1 p. (Translation in French.)

From Margaret McKinney to Robert Dunn, Forks of the Brandywine,

Informs him that she never received the money which he wrote his father he sent. If he wishes her to come over to him with his
daughter, he should send her money for the passage, but if not, he should send money for his daughter's schooling. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 21.


His ship is stationed at that place for two more years; desires an account of everything that happened to her since their last meeting. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 23.

Concerning the Exemption of the Proprietary Estates from Taxation. [1764?]

Mem. 1 p. LVIII, 127.

Bills and Business Memoranda by or to [Gov.] William Franklin. 1749–1764.

LXVI, 68b, 99a, 107, 117b, c, 118, 119, 120.


Expressing satisfaction that the Arctic regions are to be explored anew, and incidentally giving his ideas of polar regions. L. S. 4 p. XLIX, 19.


Did not go to England because he could not accomplish his affairs in time to have accompanied Mr. John Gambier, but hopes to take passage with his daughter the coming summer. Mr. Gambier arrived from thence in December last with a commission of Lieutenant-Governor of the Bahama Islands, which is a step towards the Government in case of a vacancy. Presumes Dr. Franklin's business will occasion him to stay for some time in England, in which case he hopes to see him and Miss Sally [Franklin] in London. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVIII, 87.
Deposition relative to an attack while taking goods to Fort Pitt. Also depositions relative to the same subject, by James Wilkins, Elias Davison and James Sampson, and by Samuel Simison. D. S. 9 p. (Copy.) LII, 47, 48, 49, 50.

From Susy Wright to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia. 1765. April 4. [Susquehanna.] Received Sally [Franklin]'s note and was glad to hear of Dr. Franklin's safe arrival in England. Desires Sally to favor them, from time to time, with news of her papa. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 88.

Brother James's son gone to the West Indies. Sorry to hear that his (John's) son Matthew is guilty of many vices, and is at present in prison for stealing a horse. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 24.

By The House of Burgesses of Virginia. 1765. May 30.
Resolutions against the right of the British Parliament to tax the Colony of Virginia. D. 2 p. (Copy in triplicate.) LVI, 2 and 3.
Printed in Ramsay's American Revolution, I, 59.

By The House of Burgesses of Virginia. 1765. May 30.
Resolutions relative to the Stamp Act. 2 p. LII, 42.

By George Croghan. 1765. May.
Journal of an expedition down the Ohio River from Fort Pitt, in 1765. Mem. 2 p. (Fragment.) LVIII, 102.

From William Ross to John Ross.

Sends her £93 on account of what he owes Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin. Is obliged to return immediately home, in the service of the Government. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 89.


Gave Mr. William Logan £93 which he promises to deliver to her. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 90.

From James Stevenson to James Stevenson [Jr.].

Would give his mother great pleasure to see him if he could come home. Wants to be informed of what things he may be in need of. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 26.


Lord Baltimore has appointed John Jordan his Agent; reported that his manors are not properly taken care of. Advises him to have all his accounts prepared lest Jordan should have directions to examine them. Has heard that Jordan said Mr. Lloyd was greatly indebted to Lord Baltimore and that he could not get the money. Jordan’s compensations. Advises him to send his crop of wheat and corn to Cadiz where it will bring a good price on account of the crop-failure there. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 27.


Asks him to send the money due him, as he is in great need of it. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 28.


Minutes relative to the distribution of stamps under the Act. D. 2 p. LII, 51.

Enclosing a most impudent libel, calculated for their election day, wherein extraordinary charges are brought against Gov. Franklin and his father; this scurrilous performance read by James Biddle, a pitiful and low attorney, at the Lodge to a collection of people gathered by the Proprietary agents; rumored that Governor [John] Penn was the first to pull off his hat and hurrah; suggests that the Governor write him a letter on the subject; “that veteran in iniquity, [William] Smith,” undoubtedly the father of this libel; accusations against Governor Franklin; best means of refuting them. Has had a violent fever. Expects a warm and bloody election, as the Proprietary party are inflaming the low, drunken Dutch who surround the city. Afraid their friend [Joseph] Galloway will not be elected, as a silly objection to lawyers prevails among the ignorant masses. Trusts that Dr. Franklin has presented the petition. A. L. S. 4 p.


Declaration that, in accordance with their demand, he would not put the Stamp Act into immediate execution in Pennsylvania or Delaware. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

From Francis Fauquier to John Larpent. 1765. October 8. Williamsburg [Va.].

Received some time ago, from Mr. [Edward] Sedgwick of the County Office of Halifax, a memoir concerning the de Graffenried family. Has since seen the Mr. Ischarner de Graffenried referred to; is a man of repute and a Justice of the Peace; as to the marriage of his parents; he has gone to Charlestown, in Carolina, to get the legal proof; he is going to send to Switzerland proof of his claim to an estate there. L. 1 p. (Translation in French.)

From Robert Grace to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin. 1765. October 12.

Dr. Bond has sued him for an account of long standing, amounting to £40. The expense of building and provisions this summer has taken up all his cash, and therefore he begs her to assist him. Must be
in town in a week or two to pay off that account, otherwise there will be further costs. A. L. S. 1 p.  


On returning home, found the city of Philadelphia in great commotion, the merchants having signed an agreement not to send for any European goods unless the Stamp Act is repealed. At the invitation of Charles Thomson, about 200 people met at the State House; it was proposed that all public officers should do business on common paper; meeting broke up finally without effecting anything; is making every effort to dissuade their friends from joining in these violent measures, which will effectually preclude any favors being shown them by a new Government. Account of their friend [John] H[ughes] being hung in effigy in the Jersey Market; heard there was a like design against Dr. Franklin; precautionary measures will be taken. A meeting called among their friends to preserve the peace of the city, several of the White Oaks and Hearts of Oaks present; determined to defend J[ohn] Hughes at all costs. Lord Colvil[l]e's orders to all men of war under his command, to seize every vessel cleared out after November 1st, without stamp paper. A. L. S. 3 p.  

From The Merchants and Traders of Philadelphia to The Merchants and Manufacturers of London, Bristol and Liverpool.  

Memorial asking them to use their influence to have the Stamp Act repealed and other grievances redressed. L. 3 p. and D. 15 p. (Copy.)  

Memorial against the Stamp Act. L. 3 p.  


The Governor [Cadwallader Colden] took the oath required by the Stamp Act and refuses to give his let-pass to vessels outward bound
with a certificate that no stamps are to be had. Hopes this will cause the destruction of the stamps. Reported that Lord Colvile says all “vessels found without stamps ought to be stopt.” Capt. Archibald Kennedy desires that no vessel proceed to sea till accounts are received from home, notwithstanding many vessels are preparing for departure and small vessels come and go, and the Custom House clears as usual. L. 2 p. (Copy.)

By The Parliament of Great Britain. 1765.
Bill for granting Stamp Duties in America. [The Stamp Act.] D. 16 p. (Copy.)

From [John] Glover and [Barlow] Trecothic[k] to The Secretary of War [Welbore Ellis. Circa 1765.]
Requests half an hour’s audience on the Mutiny Bill, at ten o’clock or such other time as is more convenient to him. A. Dr. by Benjamin Franklin of L. in 3d P. 1 p.

From Susy Wright to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin.
[Circa 1765.] Sunday.
Acknowledging her letter and sending her a present of apples and pickled salmon. A. L. S. 1 p.

Had left his business when the first parcel of books arrived, but inasmuch as they were sent on Dr. Franklin’s recommendation, he could not refuse them. Will go to New York and account for the books sold, and the remainder he will send wherever they desire. A. L. S. 2 p.

By The Court for Northampton [County, Pennsylvania].
1766. February 11.
Unanimous opinion that the Stamp Act is unconstitutional, and does not bind the officers or affect the Colony. D. 1 p.
From John Holt to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.

Will send a few bushels of apples, if desired. Extract of a letter from Dr. Franklin to Mr. [John] Hughes he published in the newspaper of October 10, 1765. The commotion in New York over the purchase of stamped paper. Wishes Mrs. Franklin would try to persuade Mr. [John] Hughes to make absolute renunciation of the Stamp office, as the Stamp Act will never go into effect in America. A. L. S. 6 p.

XLVIII, 92.

From Baynton, Wharton and Morgan to Hon. Thomas Gage.

Received a letter from Capt. [Robert] Callender, the contents of which have greatly distressed them, as their property is again in jeopardy and a base confederacy formed to hinder them from prosecuting their trade with the natives; assure him that they dare not move their property either to or from Fort Pitt unless he is pleased to give them an escort, and lodge a party of men in Justice [William] Smith’s neighborhood. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLVII, 32.

From Robert Callender to Messrs. Baynton, Wharton and Morgan.

Notwithstanding the Black boys’ promise not to attack the goods, it will not be safe to move them without an escort as far as Bedford. Goods lying in Conegocheague may be safe, but will not move any of them until he hears from them. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLVII, 33.

From Robert Smith to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin, Philadelphia.

Relative to the indebtedness of Barnabas Neaves, one of her tenants. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLVIII, 93.

From Matthew Clarkson and Michael Hillegas to John Hall.

Location of a tract of land they are interested in. Requests him to survey and make observations on the situation, appearance and quality of the land, and to observe a spot fit for a town either on Washademoick or St. John’s River. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVII, 34.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 311).

From Sir Henry Moore, Governor of New York.

Resolutions relative to aids to be granted to the Crown. D. 1 p. Attested by Cha[rle]s Moore, Clerk.  LII, 57.

From Chris[toph]er Hussey to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.
Solicits her care of his son, Albert, who is sent to Philadelphia to have the small-pox by inoculation. A. L. S. 1 p.  XLVIII, 94.

From Tim[othy] Folger to Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.
1766. September 1. Nantucket.
Sends a bundle of codfish. A. L. S. 1 p.  XLVIII, 95.

From Abel James to William Franklin.

1766. September 13.
Asks advice as to publishing an article to show that he had been a uniform supporter of the repeal of the Stamp Act. A. L. S. 1 p.  XLII, 4.
From Josiah Franklin Davenport to William Franklin.

From Josiah Franklin Davenport to William Franklin.
1766. October 5.

From James Parker to [Mrs. Deborah Franklin], Philadelphia.
Would be glad to receive a Bake-stone from Philadelphia, as none can be obtained in New York. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 96.

From Christopher Hussey to Mrs. Deborah Franklin.
His son, Albert, just arrived from Philadelphia. Is grateful for the good care he received while there. Will send payment by Captain Starbuck. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 97.

From Cadwalader Evans to William Franklin, Burlington.

From James Parker to [Mrs. Deborah Franklin].
Has not money enough to buy wood or meat. His newspaper [The New York Gazette] is a failure and his credit is low. Does not like Gilbert Tennent; thinks him a fortune-hunter. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 98.

From Baynton, Wharton and Morgan to William Franklin.
Request him to secure the aid of his father in procuring a loan for them to assist in carrying on the peltry and fur trade. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 128.
From James Parker to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.

His son got home; his health recovered. Wants one of Dr. Franklin's sliding irons for his fire place. Will remit the first money he gets. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 99.

1766. December 17.

Has had to condemn the conduct of Abel James. He has lost all credit with his friends. A. L. S. 1 p. LVI, 10.

From Hugh Finlay to [Chief Justice] William Hey.

Continual complaints from postmen; would like to be informed when he may expect a reply to his petition concerning the regulation of the public post, that he may inform the people. Mr. Finlay's plan for delivering and collecting mail; the public complain that there is no way of carrying on a correspondence with the parishes on the River Sorrel, and states that this complaint would be removed by his plan. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 37.

From [Joseph Galloway] to [William Franklin].

Has had a letter from Dr. Franklin concerning the change of the Ministry, and he has sent him a Plan for a General Currency in America, and his humorous petition relative to the Act for sending felons to America. A. L. 2 p. (Conclusion missing.) LVIII, 36.

From James Parker to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin.

Encloses £7 5 s. Has not been able to obtain any more. His family go in rags. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 100.


From Samuel Wharton to William Franklin, Burlington.

Paper currency about to be established in New York. Dr. McLean [Lauchlan Maclane], who formerly lived in Philadelphia, appointed one of the under-secretaries to Lord Shelburne. A. L. S. 3 p.

From ——— ——— to Governor Franklin. [Circa 1766.]

Acknowledging the extracts quoted from Dr. Franklin's last letter showing his interest in the two projects, the settlement at the Illinois and restitution for the Indian losses. Intends writing to Sir William Johnson regarding this matter. Doctor L[auclan] Maclane appointed Secretary to Lord Shelburne. A. L. 4 p. (Incomplete.) LVIII, 138.

From Cadwalader Evans to William Franklin.

Prescription for Mrs. [Elizabeth] Franklin. Pennsylvania politics. Clash over the circuit bill. The Assembly still sitting, and when employed about merely private bills the majority was oftenest on the side of a certain Chief Justice [William Allen], and he often felicitated himself on the harmony that subsisted, but when supplies came to be considered and officers to be named in bills he appeared the same greasy, vociferous, gormandising giant he ever was, and as great a majority as ever coalesced and were as firm as G[eorge] Ashbridge against him. It is asserted that Alison, Ewing and several of that sort have had two or three meetings to consult what was to be done on behalf of Bradford and their ultimate resolution that he had better disregard whatever was said of him by ye lover of Justice and treat it with silent contempt. Mr. James sends a collar of Brawn to Mrs. Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p.

From Hugh Finlay to James Potts, Clerk of the Council.
1767. February 20. Quebec Post Office.

Petitioned the Governor and Council to strengthen the power vested in him that he may meet no difficulty in regulating the postmen; annexed a plan to his petition; has not received a copy of the reply from the Committee to whom it was referred. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 38.
From Joseph Galloway to William Franklin, Burlington.

Failure of the Governor of Pennsylvania to pass the circuit bill. The transaction explained in Goddard's paper. Letters from Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 132.

From Hugh Finlay to James Goldfrap, Secretary to the Province of Quebec. 1767. February 21. Quebec Post Office.

Necessary to inform the Postmasters-General, immediately, of the reasons why he cannot obey their orders; begs him to lay General Carleton's commands on him in writing. Mr. [William] Hey, the Chief-Justice, informed him that the Governor and Council did not choose to give any orders concerning the posts; the Acts of Parliament in force; his instructions from the Postmasters-General and an ordinance passed in the Province were very good rules for him to walk by. Begs to have His Excellency's commands in writing, that he may account to his superiors. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 39.

From James Goldfrap to Hugh Finlay.
1767. February 22. Quebec.

His advertisements in the Quebec Gazette disapproved of by the Lieutenant-Governor, who was a good deal surprised that he should urge him to give his message in writing; that he doubts his being warranted by orders from the Postmasters-General to assume a legislative style, and desires to know why they were not communicated to the Government. Commands him to bring the said orders to him in Council tomorrow. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 40.

From Robert Smith to Samuel Rhoads, Philadelphia.

Asks if he could put him in a way of getting £50 or £60 on account of Benjamin Franklin; is in great need of money and is uncertain when Mr. Franklin will return. Has received £446 at various times, and Mr. Franklin lent him £200 before there was so much due. According to his estimates he may need £780 for materials for his house. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 41.
Petitions of Josiah [Franklin] Davenport to The Mayor's Court. 1767. April 7, July 7, October 27. Philadelphia.

To be allowed to keep a Public House. First petition signed by 81 residents of Philadelphia, the second by 196 residents, the third by none. All three petitions were rejected. D. S. 8 p. (Copy.) LII, 58.


Sends a psalm book and the money for the Franklin. Is only agent for Mr. Smith's Burlington History but will send one if desired. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 101.

1 "History of the Colony of Nova Caesaria, or New Jersey, by Samuel Smith," printed at Burlington by James Parker.


Relative to the affairs of Tench Francis. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 133.

From Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick to Lord Chatham. 1767. June 30.

Has been informed that Lord Clive is on his return from India and that in a little time he will have a successor in the command of the troops. Recommends Major-General [John] Beckwith, a man of an open, incorruptible, just and humane character, as Lord Clive's successor. General Beckwith as a military leader. L. S. 2 p. (Copy and translation.) XLVII, 148.


Governor and Council have voted the stream to Col. Glazier, Capt. Gould, Mr. [John] Hall and himself, and also gave them two thousand acres of land for an encouragement for building and carrying on their iron works; the stream better than he expected for situation and bigness. Success of grain raising. Sorry he did not come over, as they want him for Justice of the Peace. Death of Mr. Burpy. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 35.
From James Parker to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.
Sorry for the failure in the matter of sending the lobsters; pains and money he expended; could not procure suitable pots; claim of the woman who makes them that Franklin owes her for a pot made for him when he first went to London. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 90.

From Joseph Galloway to William Franklin.
Relative to the financial affairs of Baynton, Wharton and Morgan. Samuel Wharton may be sent to the Indian country, though sorely needed to manage his business at home, with Sir William Johnson and Mr. George Croghan. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 134.

From Jno. Peyton to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin, Philadelphia.
Had a fine passage of only five weeks, and made Dr. Franklin and Mrs. Margaret Stevenson happy with her favors. Sends his compliments to Mr. Richard Bache [upon his marriage]. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 102.

From William Franklin to [Mrs. Deborah Franklin],
The packet from his father had enclosed a letter for her. His father had not then heard of Mr. Richard Bache's misfortune. He acquaints him that he has left his consent to Sally Franklin's marriage entirely to his wife. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 103.

From David Hall of Lewes, Delaware, to James West of Alscot, England. 1767. October 1.

From Charles Morris, Jr., to John Hall.
1767. October 10. Halifax [Penna.].
The Governor will grant the land adjoining Maugerville, where there is a fine stream of water and plenty of iron ore, to Capt. Francis Peabody, Col. Glazier, Mr. Gould (Private Secretary to the Governor) and Mr. John Hall, on condition that they erect a bloomary. Proposes to give all the unoccupied land to industrious persons on certain conditions. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 36.


Should those who are proprietors, and incline to settle townships, exert themselves, they must in a few years reap the advantage. Either by not considering their difficulties or being unwilling to be at what they think a too great expense in enabling them to subsist for some time, they run the risk of losing all or hurting the settlement of the Colony. An instance of that sort which occurred to settlers destined for Potitwodiac, the property of Dr. [William] Smith & Co. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 42.


Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bache to return home as soon as their friends permit. Has sent Mrs. Franklin a box of lobsters and a barrel of nuts. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 104.

From [Cadwalader Evans to William Franklin].


The old difference between Dr. [John] Morgan and Dr. [William] Shippen. The former began to form a Medical Society and invited all the faculty to join except both the Shippens. He and some others did not acquiesce as they thought it would imply that the Shippens were unfit to be members and might be a real injury to them. Dr. [Thomas] Bond then endeavored to revive the [American Philosophical] Society. He broached the scheme to several and a plan was fixed and they held a meeting, at which were present Dr. Bond, the two Shippens, [William] Smith, [Francis] Alison, [John] Ewing, and Samuel [R[h]oads, at Byrnes's to elect a President and other officers. Was told that Dr. Franklin was to be President and Smith or Ewing Secretary, and they balloted in Governor [John] Penn and between twenty or thirty others. He was not there because he did not
like the company. Some of the members of the young Junto\(^1\) have met every Friday night for two or three years past. All the Trustees of the College [of Philadelphia] are included in the twenty-five or thirty balloted in by Dr. Bond, but he is persuaded that they desire to avail themselves of their assistance to increase the reputation of the College. He would rather stand alone than join them, because it is preposterous to associate in philosophical disquisitions, which require the utmost precision and veracity, with [William] Smith, [Francis] Alison, [John] Ewing, and [Hugh] Williamson, whom they know have stuck at no lies to injure them. The Assembly is puzzled what to do with the Dutchman who killed the Indians below Shamokin. The young Junto, ever since last September, have been fabricating a plan to forward their design and several of our friends are disposed to favor it, but Edmund Physic[k], a proprietary officer, and some other of the company are rather for junction.

\(^{LVIII, 52.}\) A. L. 4 p. (Incomplete and mutilated.)

\(^1\) [The American Society held at Philadelphia for Promoting Useful Knowledge.]

**From William Franklin to Cadwalader Evans.**


Is obliged for the account of the two new [American] Philosophical Societies; but the printed proposals, to which he was referred, were not sent. Is at a loss to know with what propriety they can talk of reviving the old Society begun by his father. The papers, etc., were, and he thinks are now, in possession of his father. Thinks they should have summoned a meeting of all the old members and consulted them. Questions whether any of the persons who met to revive it were ever members, except Dr. [Thomas] Bond and S[amuel] Rhoads. Thinks their scheme of calling this a revival of the old [American Philosophical] Society is to induce his father to countenance it; or, by using his name, to engage his old friends and connections to join them. The bait won't take with him, and he is glad it has not with Dr. Evans. A. L. S. 1 p.

\(^{XLVII, 43.}\)

**List of Papers Read at the Royal Society** in 1768, January and February, and 1772, July 9 and November 19, and 1773, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1.

Memorandum. 5 p.

\(^{LXIX, 102; XLIX, 51.}\)

Asks that a Latin grammar may be sent him; may be got at the College [of Philadelphia]. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 105.


Informed by friends that there are opportunities in America for those capable of instructing in the English language. Has many reasons for wishing to be employed there. Begs him to converse with Dr. Franklin on this subject. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 44.


Resents the charges made by F. + S. that the American people were forbidden the advantage of a direct importation of wine, oil and fruit, from Portugal, but must first take them to England, and thus cost them 30 per cent. more than otherwise, merely that a few Portugal merchants in London may gain a commission on goods going through their hands. Claims that this is due to an Act passed by the British Parliament forbidding them to send any fruit, oil or figs to the Colonies without first being unloaded in England. Sentiments of the Portugal merchants concerning the above Acts of Parliament. A. L. S. 6 p. XLIX, 39.

From Governor William Franklin to The Commissioners of the Customs at Boston. 1768, March 29—1769, April 10.

Extracts from seven letters relative to complaints of Mr. [John] Hatton, Collector [of the Customs] at Salem, New Jersey, against the officers of the Province. 4 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 135.


Charges of misconduct by John Hatton, Collector of His Majesty's Customs, at Salem, against Grant Gibbon, Robert Johnson, Preston Carpenter, and George Trenchard, Justices of the Peace, of Salem County, and Edward Test, Sheriff, found to be unsubstantiated. D. 4 p. (Copy.) LII, 59.
From Rezia Coltin to Jane Mecom(e), Boston.

News that their vessel is lost is confirmed. Asks her to write to her brother, Benjamin Franklin, on behalf of Cousin [Timothy] Folger, that, by his influence, he may obtain any commission he shall ask for. A. L. S. 1 p.  XLVII, 45.

From Anth[on]y Todd, Sec[retar]y.
Public notice concerning mails. Copy of D. 2 p. LVI, 86.

Receipt, as attorney for Benjamin Franklin, for three bonds from Sarah Dewey, executrix of William Mangridge. D. 1 p. (Copy.) LII, 61.

By The Commons House of Assembly of Georgia.
That an address be presented to the King, setting forth the burdens caused by the late Acts of Parliament. D. 1 p. (In duplicate.) Attested by Jo[h]n Simpson, Clerk. LII, 73, 74.

Address from the Commons House of Assembly of Georgia to The King. 1768. December 24.

Narrative of Facts Relative to American Affairs from about 1768 to 1773.
Diss. 12 p. (Incomplete.) LVIII, 106.

By The Merchants of Philadelphia.
Resolutions against the importation of certain articles, until the repeal of the Revenue Acts. D. 3 p. (In duplicate.) LII, 62 and 63.
From The Selectmen of Boston to Governor Francis Bernard. 1769. February 16. Boston.

Relative to the uncertain state of public affairs, and to the presence of troops in Boston. Accompanied by the reply of the Governor, dated February 18. L. 3 p. (Copy.) LII, 64.


Has been in a sick bed for the past two months. Will send him the money he sold the remaining books for; impossibility of getting from [John] Holt what he owes for them. Thinks he (Parker) deserves pity more than blame. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 165.


To obtain His Majesty's permission to pass a law for making slaves personal estate. D. 1 p. LVIII, 103.


His financial and physical troubles. Has sent a bushel and a half of nuts to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 106.


Relative to the complaints of Mr. [John] Hatton. Postscript referring to the charges of the Commissioners of Customs against the Post Office and packet boats of America, and Dr. Franklin's report thereon. L. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 136.


Sends him a key for the mails from Albany to New York; safety of the mails from Albany to Canada. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 47.
From James Parker to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.
Has not heard from Dr. Franklin for a great while. Is well but still weak. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 107.

From Jo[h]n Hughes to William Franklin.
Expresses thanks for congratulations of Dr. Franklin and his son on something done in his favor. Reflections on resentments in which he was deeply concerned. Will always be loyal to his King. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 137.

From Tim[othy] Folger to [Mrs. Deborah Franklin].
Sends a bundle of fish, by Captain Joshua Bunker. Saw Dr. Franklin at London frequently during the last winter. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 108.

From James Payne to Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson, London.
Financial distress of Mrs. [Hannah] Walker's family. Thanks Dr. Franklin for paying to his order £5 for Walker's bread. Asks her to request Dr. Franklin for some small annual bounty for Mrs. Walker. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 48.

From [Mrs.] Jane Mecom to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.
Is about to set out for Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 76.

From Jo[h]n Hughes to Mrs. Deborah Franklin.
Sends respects to the family. Greeted Mrs. [Jane] Mecom in Boston. Was well received, on account of Dr. Franklin, by Jonathan Williams [Sr.], Mr. [Tuthill] Hubbart and Mrs. Mecom. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 110.

His sudden departure for England in some measure owing to the unhappy determination of the late Board of Commissioners at New York. If he returns safely, is determined to pass his remaining days in New Jersey. Asks for a letter to his worthy father or to any of his acquaintances in London. Concerning various petitions relative to the Secaucus Commission. Offers his services on the other side to the Governor or the Assembly. His house in New York always open to the Governor and his wife. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 197.

From The Commons House of Assembly of Georgia to Governor James Wright. 1769. November 16.

Praying that writs of election be issued for the choice of representatives from the parishes of St. David, St. Patrick, St. Thomas, and St. Mary. Accompanied by the reply of Governor Wright that he had not the authority. D. S. 3 p. (Attested copy.) LII, 77.

From Rob[er]t Waln to Capt. Nathaniel Falconer.


In reference to the collection of a bill from Francis Mynock, of London, for £720. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 46.

From Jno. and Peter Chevalier to Nath[anie]l Falconer, London.


Requested Messrs. Mildred and Roberts to pay to him whatever balance may be due to them. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 49.

From ——— to Mr. [James] Parker. [Circa 1769.]

Instructions as to the arrangement of papers referring to Postoffice business in Canada. 5 p. LVIII, 13.


Motion that an address to His Majesty be presented acknowledging his recommending to the consideration of Parliament "the state of his Government in America"; misunderstandings and disputes in the Colonies between the civil Governors and military Commanders, since the
appointment of a Commander-in-Chief; petition for an adjustment.
2 p. (Final part missing.) LVIII, 105.

*From* [William Franklin] to [William Bayard]. 1770. March?
Relative to the Secaucus affair. L. (Incomplete.) 1 p. LVI, 48.

*From James Parker to Mrs. Deborah Franklin*, Philadelphia.

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Personal affairs. His son has no talent for a news-man and so will
stay in the country. Acquittal of Lewis Jones, accused of counter-

*By The Assembly of Georgia*. 1770. May 10.
An Act for ordering and governing the slaves within the Province

*By The Assembly of Georgia*. 1770. May ?
Act relative to parishes, and to the burial ground for the parish of
Christ Church. D. 2 p. (Copy.) LIII, 3.

*From Sir William Johnson to The Earl of Hillsborough*.
1770. August 14.
Relative to the disorders arising from the sale of intoxicating liquors
to the Indians. L. 1 p. (Copy.) LVIII, 39.

*From Eliza[beth] Franklin to [Mrs. Deborah Franklin]*.
1770?] September 22. Burlington.
Concerning Mrs. [Richard] Bache's baby. Encloses the copy of

Requests him to ask Dr. Franklin for letters of introduction for him. A. L. S. 2 p.

Plan of an Union with Great Britain. 1770. November 17.

By admitting fifty Commons and ten Lords from the American Provinces and Islands, and thirty Representatives and ten Lords from Ireland, into the British Parliament. D. S. Amor Patriæ. 1 p.

Plan of a Union with Great Britain.
1770. November 17 and December 10.


From William Bayard to William Franklin, Governor of New Jersey. 1770.

Petition protesting against a bill to be introduced in the Legislature to decide the ownership of a tract of land, called Sikakus [Secaucus], claimed by the petitioner and for which a suit is pending before the Supreme Court of the Colony. L. S. 3 p.

From Lord Hillsborough to Gov. [William] Franklin.

Relative to the Assembly’s refusal to provide for the King’s troops. L. S. (In duplicate.) 1 p.

By The “Court of Aydes” to The King [Louis XV.].
1771. February 18.

Protest respecting certain laws which had been recently enacted by the “Parlement.” Reply of the King refusing to accept the protest. D. 11 p. (In French. Copy.)

From [William Franklin] to The Earl of Hillsborough.

Received his letter enclosing two letters from His Majesty in Council, one for disallowing the Act passed for regulating the practice of
law, and the other confirming an Act for choosing representation in the Counties of Morris, Cumberland and Sussex, which orders he published in the usual manner. Also received a copy of the Additional Instructions in 1767, requiring him not to give his assent to any law in which the Assembly should be enlarged, diminished, or by which any regulation shall be inconsistent with the King's instructions. Cause for his signing the Act. Is expressly permitted to give his assent to bills of even an unusual or extraordinary nature wherein the King's prerogative or his property may be prejudiced, or which may affect the trade and shipping of the Kingdom, provided he inserts the suspending clause, until His Majesty's pleasure shall be known concerning the same. Ground upon which the Board of Trade censured him; comment thereon. (Incomplete.) A. L. 4 p. XLVI(i), 81.

From Count de Berns[t] (d)orf[f] to Baron de Bülow.

Foresaw long ago the sudden change which has taken place. Is only the prelude of a more fatal revolution. The King [of Denmark]'s timidity, the Queen's imprudence and the boundless ambition of the Dowager will bring about the reigning family's ruin. May congratulate themselves both for living in retirement far from the approaching storm. Thinks the Dowager capable of anything for her dear Frederick. Fears that this Rep[ublic] may unfortunately feel the effects and consequences of the Dowager's scheming and intrigues.

Note at foot of letter stating that this wise statesman's predictions were fully accomplished later regarding Denmark and the Rep[ublic]. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVII, 52.

1771. April 3. [London.]

The affair of the Ohio settlement in good train. Mr. [Samuel] Wharton, by his personal activity, sagacity and performance, has found means to interest in promoting this business many of the greatest names in this country. In truth, he has acquired better connection here than any other American that he knows of ever did. Dr. Franklin could not stir in this business, as he is not only on bad terms with Lord Hillsborough, but with the Ministry in general, besides his temper is grown so very reserved, which adds greatly to his natural inactivity and there
is no getting him to take part in anything. Of this he is so sensible that he proposed to Mr. Wharton to strike his own name out of the list as it might be of prejudice to the undertaking. Mr. Strahan's motive in writing thus freely is to put Gov. Franklin upon his guard, as it is imagined here that he entertains the same political opinions as his father. L. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 139a.

From [Gov.] William Franklin to The Earl of Hillsborough.

Sends a copy of the minutes of the Privy Council of his Province wherein may be found an enquiry into the complaint made by John Hatton, Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Salem, against some Justices of the Peace living at Cape May; the Council were unanimously of the opinion that there was no foundation for the complaint. Hoped the Commissioners of the Customs, at Boston, would have removed Hatton from his office as they have the strongest proof of his unfaithfulness in the execution of it. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 51b.

From [Gov.] William Franklin to The Earl of Hillsborough.

Is greatly disappointed in that the Assembly again resolved, by a great majority, not to grant any money for the supply of His Majesty's troops in the Province; the Assembly's reason for not granting the money; the real reasons. Means of compelling the Assembly to comply with His Majesty's requisition, and the inconveniences that may arise from them. L. 3 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 51a.

1771. June 18. [Burlington.]

Has almost given up all expectation of the Ohio settlement taking place while Lord H[illsborough] presides at the Board of Trade. If it should, however, succeed it will give him great pleasure, as it is the only probable means by which his friends Baynton, Wharton and Morgan (on whose account he was principally induced to engage in the undertaking) may extricate themselves from their embarrassments. It is high time that a government was established in that country for the people are migrating there every day and settling themselves on the
lands without any title, and are exempt from all law and order. He requested Mr. [Robert Lettis] Hooper, [Jr.], a gentleman of character who lately went to the Ohio, to survey a large tract of land for Col. [George] Croghan, to send Mr. Strahan an account of the nature of the land, the number of inhabitants, etc., and yesterday he received a letter from him from which he sends extracts for Mr. Strahan’s information. L. 2 p.


Have long expected receiving his fifth part of their expenses and are now under an absolute necessity of drawing on him in favor of Mr. Thomas Wharton, Sr., for £200, the sum now due to them. Copy of statement and draft appended. L. 2 p. (Copy.) III, 70a.

From Jane Mecom to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin, Philadelphia.
1771. September 2. Boston.

Has got so far over her lameness as to be able to walk much, but never expects to be able to walk so far as her brother, who wrote that he can walk ten miles without resting. Sends respects to Philadelphia acquaintances. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 113.

From Jenny Parker to Mrs. Deborah Franklin, Philadelphia.

Ill health of herself and mother. Her father’s death left financial affairs in bad condition. Would like to come to Philadelphia, for a month or longer, if agreeable to Mrs. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 114.

From Jenny Parker to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin, Philadelphia.

Is grateful for complying with her former request. Will do all in her power to serve Mrs. Franklin. Sorry to hear of Mrs. [Jane] Mecom’s illness. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 115.

Was favored on the 10th inst. with a letter from his brother Samuel, enclosing his own and William Trent’s account against him for his proportion of their expenses while negotiating the retribution of 1768. He has no doubt that Governor Franklin has been advised that they have not completed their grand object as they could not make a Cabinet at the time it was expected. L. S. 1 p. III, 70b.


Begs the return of Wharton and Trent’s draft and answer thereto, as he intends writing by Capt. Falkner who sails for London by the middle of next week. L. 1 p. (Copy.) III, 70c.


Relative to the Walpole grant. Extracts from L. 1 p. (Copy.) LVIII, 40.


Sorry he suspected Mr. [David] Hall’s ability to discharge his bond due to Dr. Franklin; he has received a letter from Hall stating that a note was due him for £60 and he would remit that to Mr. Williams. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 54.


Message in regard to a requisition for the support of troops quartered in the barracks of the Province. Accompanied by an order of the Assembly granting a part of the requisition, and a copy of the speech of the Governor at the end of the session. A. L. and D. S. 4 p. LIII, 6.


Certificate that Charles Pettit is Deputy Clerk of the Council of New Jersey, and that Richard Smith is one of the clerks of the House of Assembly. D. S. 1 p. LIII, 7.
From R. W. Vins to Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson, London.

Called to enquire when it would be agreeable for her and Dr. Franklin to call upon them, but there was nobody at home. Still hopes to be favored with their company at New Cross. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVII, 55.

1772. January.

Letters relative to the Walpole grant, and to affairs in New Jersey. L. 6 p. (Copies.) LVIII, 41.

From Lord Hillsborough to [William Franklin, Governor of New Jersey]. 1772. February 5. Whitehall.

The King's speech to Parliament and the reply. Death of Princess Mary of Hesse Cassel. Instructions in regard to the passing of laws relative to attachment of property of persons resident in the Colony. L. S. 1 p.

XLVIII, 140.

From John Williams of Boston to John Hughes of Charlestown, S. C.
1772. March 7.

Bond for £10,000 and agreement as to the office of Collector at latter port. D. S. 2 p.

LXVI, 13.

From Rob[er]t Lettis Hooper, Jr., to William Franklin.

Corrections in the maps of the western country and boundaries of the new Colony. Thinks it well for him to hold his share in the land. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVIII, 141.

From [William Franklin] to [Lord Hillsborough].

Relative to the [New Jersey] laws disallowed by His Majesty. A. L. (Conclusion missing.) 2 p.

LVIII, 42.
From Lord Hillsborough to William Franklin.
Relative to the action of the Lords of Trade upon the disallowance of two New Jersey laws. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 142.

From Benjamin Wilson to Sir Charles Frederick.
Informs him that a committee was appointed by the Board of Ordnance to consider the most proper method of securing the Magazine at Purfleet from lightning. Doubt arose in his mind as to the propriety of points which were proposed to be fixed on the top of each conductor. A copy of his letter of dissent to the pointed conductors. Reasons for objecting to the pointed conductors. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 56.

Recommending Captain Richard Grinnell who has taken passage for the coast, in order to introduce himself into the African trade. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 57.

From The Compagnie des Indes to M. Le Cordier.
Expressing appreciation of his and the other employees past services and wishing them well for the future. L. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) LX, 63.

1772. December 5. Williamsburg.
The boundary between Virginia and the new country to the west. Also an advertisement by Tho[ma]s Bullett, Surveyor, relative to claims in the new country. L. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 143.

By Major Robert Rogers. [1772?]
Proposal to the Royal Society of London to make an attempt by land to discover a navigable passage by the North West from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Mem. 12 p. LVII, 69.

Burlington Island, included in the grant to the Duke of York, always considered a part of New Jersey. By a Proprietary Act in 1682 the Island had been vested in the town of Burlington, for the maintenance of a free school, and had always remained thus. The petitioners hope that the alarming reports of the grant of all the islands in the Delaware, without exception, to some noble Lord for his private benefit, is not true. Beg the confirmation of their title. D. S. John Hoskins, et al. 3 p. LIII, 10.


Cannot give any further account of the bell, as in soldering, it was put on the fire and that has taken out the mark where the lightning struck. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 58.


Acknowledging their favor of 3d ult., and thanking them for their communications about the bill relative to the new frontier County; account of petition presented to the King by the Messers Penn, as soon as they heard of this bill. Since then has dined with Lord Camden, Mr. [Thomas] Walpole, Mr. [Richard] Jackson and Mr. [Thomas] Pitt; where it was resolved to oppose the Act of Assembly and to call on Mr. [John] Penn to establish his western bounds agreeable to the express conditions of his grant. Question of a name for the new province. Discusses in detail the boundaries of Pennsylvania. Copy of a short extract from a letter from T[omohas] W[arton] to J[oseph] G[alloway], enclosing the foregoing, dated the 3d or 4th of June, 1773. L. 3 p. (Copy.) III, 145.


Is glad to hear of Mrs. Franklin’s recovery. Wishes to be back in Philadelphia where her two daughters could go to school. Accompanied by a letter from B. Connell to Mrs. Franklin, relative to Mrs. Dunlap’s poor health. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 118.

1773. November 25.

A reported order from Mr. [Thomas] Walpole to G[eorge] Croghan to conclude a treaty at Fort Pitt with the Indians. Gov. Franklin does not believe that Col. C[roghan] has any such orders. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)

XLVIII, 144a.

By Barbeu Dubourg. [1773.]

Preface to the French edition of Dr. Franklin's works. Paris, 1773. A. Dr. of Diss. 4 p. (In French.)

LVIII, 128.

From William Franklin to Joseph Galloway.


Does not believe that Col. [George] C[roghan] has any orders from Mr. [Thomas] Walpole or any others to hold a treaty with the Indians. Heard some time ago that he had, and that he was likewise ordered to build houses for the Governor, C[hief] Justice, &c., he mentioned this in a letter to his father, who replied that he did not believe that such orders were given to build houses at Fort Pitt. A. Dr. of L. I p.

XLVIII, 144b.

By Carey Michell, Collector [of Customs].


Certificate for discharging non-enumerated Bond. Certifying that there had been landed from the "Jussane," Robert Montgomery, Commander, forty boxes of soap and one box of paper. D. S. 1 p.

LXVII, 103.


An appeal to the King in Council from the judgment of the Supreme Court of Delaware. D. S. Tho[ma]s McKean, Counsel for the Appellant. 13 p.

LIII, 13.


Received advice from Charlestown, S. C., that slaves were in great demand. Desires him to proceed with all speed and apply to Messrs. Powell Hopton and Co., merchants there, who will have their orders to dispose of his cargo. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.)

XLVII, 59.
From —— De Champlost to —— Coder.

Unable to leave Paris on account of his health. No one knows better than the writer the favorable disposition towards him of the late King; hopes his testimony will be of some use to him in his most just demand. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 38.

By —— De Court. 1774.

Reflections on the war about to begin between the American Colonies and Great Britain. Fate of the French and Spanish Colonies in America will depend, to a great extent, on the outcome of the war. If England should be successful in the war, she would probably attack those Colonies also. Predicts that the North American Colonies will one day form a great Nation. Better that they should work out their destiny untrammeled by England. Thinks that France and the other maritime nations of Europe should help the American Colonies to gain their independence. Diss. 6 p. (In French.) XLIX, 16.

From S[amuel] Wharton to William Franklin. [1774?]

Requests him to urge his father rather to drop the Illinois affair than miss a succeeding in the restitution [of good feeling] which is of infinitely more consequence to all concerned. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 147.

William Whately vs. Benjamin Franklin. [1774.]

Exceptions taken to the answer of Dr. Franklin. D. 1 p. LVIII, 9.


Will. 1 p. Attested copy. LII, 88.

From Theophylact Bache to Richard Bache.

Assures him of the warmest affection; sorry Mr. Folger should think unfavorably of him on account of the transaction of the bill; had importuned Mr. [John] Foxcroft to see to a speedy settlement. Cares not by what means a reconciliation between America and England
is brought about, but fears the honor of the Nation will not allow England to be very friendly to the Colonies. Thinks the day of oppression in the Colonies is hastening very fast. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 61.

*From Lord Pitt to [Thomas] Walpole.*

[1775?] March 6. Hayes.

Lord Chatham sensibly feels the contents of the extract communicated to him; he is deeply touched by such a remembrance and truly honored by so authentic and respectable a testimony to his good intentions. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLVII, 60.

*By The Ordinary Council of Ziericzée* [Netherlands].


Extract from the minutes with reference to the selection of Petrus Van Noemer for the vacancy in the Council of State of the Province. 2 p. (Certified translation in French.) LIV, 16.

*From [Joseph Galloway?] to Mrs. —— ——.*


Lord Camden carried in a bill for the repeal of the Quebec law; his speech was uncommonly argumentative and eloquent. Lord Shelburne said "a day would soon arrive when so unconstitutional and disgraceful a statute must be repealed." Lord Dartmouth apologized for not presenting the Quebec petition. Lord Camden claimed that when England is successful in conquering an inhabited country, the King is bound, by the constitution, to establish over them, as far as practicable, the fundamental laws of England. Lord Mansfield on the subject. Lord Camden said that the battles of Lexington and Concord were brought on by the British soldiers and not by the provincials; the principal design was to seize Messrs. [John] Hancock, [James] Otis, etc., and send them here for trial. Asks Mrs. —— to show this letter to Mr. Ball. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. XLV, 107.

*From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to Lord Dartmouth.*


Announcing the arrival of a packet from New Jersey addressed to Dr. Franklin which he had authority to open; it contained a petition from the Assembly of New Jersey to His Majesty; desires him to appoint a time for its delivery. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 34.
From Jonathan Williams, Jr., to James Kinsey.


Reception given to the petition of the New Jersey Assembly; Lord Dartmouth's reply was that American affairs being wholly under the consideration of Parliament, the King could not with propriety answer it. Enclosing a duplicate of his last letter, acknowledging the receipt of the petition [1 p.]. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 36.


From ——— to Jonathan Williams [Jr.].

1775. September 5.

Sends verses by Mr. Du Pont to be put under Dr. Franklin's portrait. The last line is too strong—"Il desarma les Dieux, il re-prime les Rois." A. L. 1 p. (In French and English.) LI, 2.

From William Temple Franklin to William Franklin.


Description of his class work and daily routine at the College of Philadelphia. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. XLVIII, 145.

From ——— to Lord ———.


Informs him that what he foretold in regards to trouble between England and America came true. Foretells what he may further expect, unless their misrulers and their lunatic scheme of politics are speedily overturned. Tells him not to flatter himself with the hope that America will be reduced by arms. Foretells what Britain may gain even if she should conquer America. Sends him his letter to [Gen. John] Burgoyne and the latter's reply, wherein may be seen Burgoyne's wrong ideas of his Lordship's political sentiments. L. 5 p. XLVII, 62.
From Joseph Haisley to The Committee of the Continental Congress. 1775. October 23. Cambridge.

Informs them that Col. [James] Warren brought the Journal of the House for 1758 and 1759 that they may satisfy themselves that more was granted and paid in the last war to non-commissioned officers and privates than the whole which had been engaged to the non-commissioned officers and privates in the present service, by the late Congress of this Colony [of Massachusetts Bay]. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLVII, 63.


Translation of a letter concerning a request made to the latter to give up the office of Deputy in the Council of State. His failure to comply or to confer with the Sovereign of the State, as invited to do. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.)

XLVII, 142.


Protest against granting the request made by the King of England that the "Scotch Brigade" of troops in the service of the above Province should be loaned to him for use in America. D. 4 p. (In French.)

LVII, 6.


Italian sonnet published in London on the occasion of the Thames Regatta; the Bill against America had been entered in Parliament at that time. English and French translations of the sonnet. Prose and verse. 2 p. (Copy by M. L'héritier.)

LI, 97.


Case of the brig "Gracieux" captured by him, and a refutation of the report that an insult was thereby given to the French flag. A. L. S. 3 p.

XLVIII, 149.
From ——— to Sir Thomas Hampden. 1776. March 4.

Submits a plan of conciliation between England and the United States. If England does not make peace with her American Colonies in 1777 she will lose them forever. Proposes a visionary scheme for uniting the two countries as one nation. L. 4 p. (In French.)

XLVII, 64.


Denouncing the Hessian troops on their departure for America. Warning the English people on the spread of corruption and despotism in their country. A. 2 Poems. 3 p. (In French.) LI, 3.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. April 3.

Instructions to the Commanders of private ships or vessels of war, which shall have commissions or letters of marque and reprisal, authorizing them to make captures of British vessels and cargoes. D. S. John Hancock, Pres[ident]. 4 p. (In duplicate. Copy.) LXXV, 6.


Argues that space is not a real being, but merely an abstract idea. A. L. S. 4 p.

XLIX, 64.

From Thomas Bond, Jr., to Dr. Jacob Rieger.


List of surgical instruments to be purchased in France for the General Hospital. A. Mem. S. 1 p.

LXI, 140.

From M. Walker to Mrs. [Jane] Mecom. [1776. Circa June.]

When Mr. [Charles] Carroll and Mr. [Samuel] Chase left his house, at Montreal, they took with them some small articles of plate and two plated sauce pans. Spoke about the matter to Mr. Chase, as they passed through Albany, but was referred to Mr. Carroll just as they were stepping into a vessel bound for New York, had therefore no opportunity of speaking to him. Asks her to request Dr. Franklin to obtain those articles from them and forward them to her address for him. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVIII, 60.
Miscellaneous Papers

By —— Connelly [?]. 1776. July 23.

Verses supposed to have been written by Connelly while confined in the New Jail, at Philadelphia, for toryism. 1 p. LI, 63.

From G[unning] Bedford to Samuel Chase, Philadelphia.

Uncertain as to the number of American troops. Number of troops England has in the field. Thinks the ships, this morning, are forming in line of battle. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 65.


Requests her to tell M. [Barbeu] Dubourg that she cannot wish him to suspend his good offices for America. Declares her bias is in favor of America. Intended taking her children there but was prevented by the war. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 66.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. September 2–17.

The action of the Congress in receiving General [John] Sullivan, his message from Lord Howe, the answer of the Congress and the report of the Committee sent to confer with Lord Howe. D. S. John Hancock, President. 5 p. LXXXV, 7.


From [Stephano] Baron de Bisséy to The United States Senate.
1776. September 15. Sausseux.


By The [Continental] Congress. 1776. October 30.

Resolutions relative to the distribution of prizes, and to bounties for the capture of British ships and men. D. 1 p. LIII, 23.

By The Continental Congress.


From Baron [Félix] de Wimpfen to ——— Coder, Paris.


Has not the power to render him the service he solicits. Feels that the Court is indifferent to him since he left Versailles. Advises him to seek other means to accomplish his ambition, as his recommendation might do him more harm with the Court than good. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLVII, 67.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. November 19 and 29.

Instructions to the Secret Committee to secure field artillery and arms and equipage for 3,000 horses. D. S. (Copy.) 1 p. LXXV, 13.


Sorry to hear of Madame Dubourg's illness. Acquaints him that this is a public fast-day on account of the American war, and that he cannot doubt his zeal in the observation of it. A. L. 3 p. XLVII, 68.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. December 23.

Authorizing the Commissioners at the Court of France to fit out six vessels for war on British property. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y, John Hancock, Presid[en]t. 1 p. LXXV, 16.


By The Continental Congress. 1776. December 30.

Resolution to send Commissioners to the Courts of Vienna and Spain, Prussia and the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and their instructions. D. S. John Hancock, President, Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 3 p. (In duplicate.) LXXV, 18, 19.


Thanking him and Dr. Franklin for calling to see him. Did not wish to take up their time, but would like to converse with them more freely and intimately when they are at leisure, and invites them to dine with him in private, as the ladies are not to return until next month. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 121b.

By The Superior Council of Port au Prince. 1776.


From Major Ottendorff to John Hancock, President of Congress.

The glorious victory lately gained by Washington redoubled in him the desire of joining the army. Says that there are among the Hessian prisoners some who would rejoice at the opportunity of enlisting in his corps; and since they are well exercised and disciplined, he begs to have the liberty of picking about eight sergeants and about fifteen or sixteen men, and four drummers and musicians, with which to be able to put his corps under good order, fit for any enterprise. L. S. 1 p.

XLVII, 69.


Desires to give him an account of the commission executed for him and to confer with Mr. Deane about the matter recommended to him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 150.


1777. January 10 and June 19.

As Lieutenant in Capt. Duncan Campbell's Company of Canadians, and as Sergeant in Col. [Henry Beekman] Livingston's Regiment. D. 7 p. each. LX, 34a and b.

Has decided to sell the frigate, "Comte de Maurepas," if given 400,000 francs. Sends inventory of the vessel. Could furnish a couple of officers for her, if desired, and would attend to the fitting out of the vessel after the sale. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLVII, 71.


The American Commissioners have been given an order to contract for 226 brass field pieces, and arms and equipage for 3,000 horses. Assistance in every possible way to be rendered them, and funds to be furnished. L. S. Rob[er]t Morris, Chairman. 1 p. LIII, 30.

From —— —— to M. Vailly.  

Requesting him to deliver to the American Commissioners the enclosed letter from a friend who wishes to offer his services to the United States. L. 2 p. (In French.) LXXI, 33a.

[By Barbeu Dubourg. Circa 1777. January.]

On the profits which could be realized by a company in France, which would engage in importing tobacco from the United States and selling it to the Farmers-General. Invites Dr. Franklin to join the proposed company. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 51.

From Joshua Johnson to William Carmichael.  

Sends him a print containing matter of great consequence, which he desires him to forward to Dr. Franklin and Mr. [Silas] Deane. Is obliged to keep the original paper to prove the truth of what it contains, especially as the manner of its falling into his hands is somewhat curious. The brig "Harriott," Captain Wm. Scott, Master, from New York bound for the Barbadoes, out seven days, spoke the
“Mary Carroll,” Captain W. Sabustin, on January 13, from Grenada to London (belonging to them), who gave him the papers from which the aforesaid intelligence is copied. Capt. Scott informed Capt. Sabustin that General [Charles] Lee was made prisoner by going into Gen. Howe’s camp at night in disguise. He says Gen. Howe was within five miles of Philadelphia. The bill which Parliament is about enacting will probably cause his visiting him shortly. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 72.


“Le Tyrtée Américain.” Verses said to have been composed by John Walton, of Philadelphia, who spent six years at Marseilles, France. Poem. 3 p. (In French.) LI, 19.

By John Walton[?]. 1777. February 27. Philadelphia.

Chanson, or song, on the war with England supposed to have been composed by a young man named Walton, of Philadelphia. Poem. 3 p. (In French.) LI, 40.

From [Mme.?] de Tressan to M. de St. Lambert, Paris.

[Circa 1777.] March 1. Francouville.

Begging his influence with Dr. Franklin to allow M. Febvet to go to America with his friend, M. Maër, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the army of the insurgents. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XL, 7.


Commission of Pierre Landais, as Captain in the American navy. D. S. John Hancock, President. 2 p. LIII, 35.


His lawyer waited on him to know whether he will petition the King to be set at liberty, and take the oath of allegiance; he stated that an oath extorted from a man, when his life is at stake, is of no consequence and is not binding. He will not take the oath of allegiance unless she approves of it, and therefore begs her opinion. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 73.
From [Ebenezer Smith Platt to Mrs. Patience Lovell Wright].
1777. March 5.

Has been advised to get himself out by any means and that his situation is too precarious to be trifled with; his having an uncle in Congress and his refusing to take the oath of allegiance would be construed into treason.

E. by Mrs. Wright. They advised him to accede and sign a petition which she hopes may turn out for the best. L. 1 p. (Copy by Mrs. Wright.)

By Thomas Morris and the Farmers-General of France.
1777. March 10.

Treaty or agreement between Thomas Morris, of Philadelphia, representing the United States, and the Farmers-General, of France, for the sale of the latter of two cargoes of Virginia and Maryland tobacco, at Nantes. D. 3 p. (In French. Copy.)


Sends the desired information to his wife, and power of attorney to settle his affairs in France; imprudent, at present stage, to write to Dr. Franklin or to let it be known that he did not intend to return to France. Will see, however, whether a factory can be operated with profit in the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Arrival of two American ships. Desirability of having one English paper regularly ordered and transmitted to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p.


Sends a second letter received from M. [E.] Cayrol. Can vouch for his honesty and integrity. Had established an important factory of cloth fabrics. Owed a sum of 100,000 crowns and, being pressed by creditors, had to leave the country. Has received offers from several Ambassadors to establish a similar factory in their country but prefers the United States. Would like himself to offer his services to the United States. Is a Captain of infantry. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

Charts of the New England coast still needed. Work proceeding on the ship. If the question is not an improper one, wishes to know where Dr. Franklin has gone. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 72.


Recommends the bearer to his civilities, he is the son of Mr. [Thomas] Cushing and goes to France charged with important dispatches from Congress. A. D. S. 1 p. XLVII, 76.

From ——— Boisboudron to ——— Pingré. 1777. April 3. l'Ordre des Sables d'Ollonne.

Concerning a cousin of his, the Chevalier de la Mazelle, who was obliged by unfortunate circumstances to quit the marine service; account of his various misfortunes since. Begs him, if he knows [Dr.] Franklin (as he surely must), to ask him to use his influence on behalf of this cousin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 136.


A plan for the regulation and equipment of the navy, drawn up at the request of Congress. D. S. 6 p. (Copy.) LVI(i), 35.


Sending him the copy he asked for, which he fears will not interest Dr. Franklin, the translation as compared to the original being so unworthy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 152.


Requests that le Sieur de Lauron be made a Lieutenant-Colonel. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 69.
A Talk from Indians to Geo. Golphin, one of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs. 1777. April 21.

Mem. 4 p. LXXI, 127.

From ——— to Horneca, Fizeaux & Co. 1777. April 22.

Concerning the building of a vessel in Sweden. L. 1 p. (In French.) LXI, 81.


Account of his conversation with the Grand Facteur of Amsterdam. The French Gazette of Leyden has for correspondent in New York an English officer, a veritable Satan. Holland’s attitude towards the war; the State still for the English but the greater part of the people for the Americans; thinks the time is not yet ripe for any American of mark to appear at The Hague. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 8.

By [Aimé Ambroise Joseph Feutry]. 1777. April.


The sailors on an American vessel which surrendered to the English gave information to the latter about twenty-five vessels from Virginia laden with tobacco which sailed for France and are now almost due. England has several vessels cruising off the coast of France to attack them. Going to present a note to M. de Vergennes protesting against this violation by England of France’s neutrality. Asks M. Paulze to join in the protest and request M. de Vergennes to order French warships to guard the coast and protect these vessels. L. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVII, 77.
From Abbé Tardieu to Gen. Washington.
1777. May 9. Nyon [Switzerland].

Assuring him of his deep veneration and offering him the enclosed sonnet as a witness to his admiration and love. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 13½a.


Concerning a uniform which he desires to make trial of. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 44.


On the funeral oration over the Duc de La Vrillière. A. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 84b.


Wishes to make an appointment to confer with him about a certain matter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 151.


The Farmers-General are disposed to remit the duty or tax on made-up clothing. Mr. Deane should see them and make arrangements with them. He could apply to M. Paulze. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 152.


Capt. [Lambert] Wickes's and his own arrival in port; kindly received there by every person of consequence; gives an account of his cruise; number of prizes taken; disposition made of them. Terrible condition of his vessel; either it must be fitted out again, which will cost a good deal of money, or else a new one must be purchased, which he thinks the wiser plan. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 84.


Copy of power of attorney to expedite the settlement of the estate of his mother who had died at La Rochelle in France. 4 p. (In French.) LIII, 48.


Announcing the departure from Rotterdam of Guernsey ships which pretend to be Dutch and carry false documents. Account of certain letters being published in the Gazettes; the altering and cutting which takes place. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 12.


His hands tied in carrying out certain investigations; desires to act by himself. Quotes a letter written to the Courier of the Bas Rhin à propos of increasing their navy by judicious encouragement of the Americans. Account of a Portuguese, [Felix Antonio] Castrioto, who has promised to further American interests in his own country; gives all the information about him which he could gather. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 13.

From Fairholme and Luther to J. R. Hamilton.

Has a vessel which was bound for Nantes with tobacco but which was chased into that port by two English frigates; got orders to ship off the tobacco in French bottoms to Nantes and to reload her with salt. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 78.


Their General Assembly has directed a new edition of the laws [of Virginia] to be printed; understands that the types left by Dr. Franklin are just fit for their purpose; none others being procurable, begs for the
loan of these; the money shall be paid, the types returned, or new ones purchased, according to his wishes. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 119.


Asking her to obtain from Dr. Franklin suitable service for him in the United States. Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 25.


Inscription written on a porcelain vase containing the remains of a bouquet of roses given to her by Benjamin Franklin. (Copy by [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry.) Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 81.

From The Council of Safety for the State of New York to


All of the militia from sixteen to sixty have been ordered out, but members over fifty to remain at home for guard service. Enclose resolution of the Council concerning exempts. L. S. Pierre Van Cortlandt, Presid[en]t. 1 p. (Attested copy.) LIII, 49.

From ——— de Ponteney to ——— De Lafaye.


Enclosing a letter to be delivered to Benjamin Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. LXI, 120.

From Martin De Marron to [Silas] Deane, Bordeaux.

1777. August 8. Toulouse.

Recommends a young officer who has served as Lieutenant in the Royal Lorraine Regiment of cavalry and who desires to offer his services to the American insurgents. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 153.

From ——— de Fechter to ——— ———.


Begs his correspondent to find out if Dr. Franklin received a letter he wrote him three weeks before, applying for a position in the American army. If he had Franklin’s picture, he could engrave a medal from it as a present. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 180.

Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s letter will be presented to Dr. Franklin by the Baron de Gasse; desires Mr. Williams to send the memoir with a particular recommendation to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXVII, 103.


Giving an account of his voyage as master of the ship "Mère Bobie" from France to Portsmouth, N. H., and return to Port Louis, France. Had several narrow escapes from English warships and privateers. Was obliged to sink the package of letters which he was bringing from the United States. L. 4 p. (In French. Copy.) LXXI, 112.


Enclosing a copy of his letter [2 p.] to the Grand Facteur of Amsterdam, announcing his dismissal from the service of a grand personage at The Hague. Mistake by which his and Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s English papers were interchanged. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 16.


Acknowledging his favor of the 17th. Refers him to a Resolve of Congress which says that a man who deserts a vessel has no right to claim pay or a share of the prize money; however will do what Dr. Franklin thinks necessary. Sorry to hear his character is so bad in France. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 201 1/2.


Order given to Jean Merry, Captain of a French corsair, who had been a prisoner in England, to report to the French naval authorities. Printed D. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXXIV, 106.
Miscellaneous Papers

From A. B. Sutton to Abbé Le Clerc [de St. Etvain], Paris.


From W[illiam] Lee to Silas Deane, Passy.

Relative to business transactions with M. Penet who refuses to make settlement. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 154.

By The Continental Congress. September 8. 1777.


Printed in the Journals of the Continental Congress, Philadelphia [1778], III, 77.

By The Continental Congress.
1777. September 8, 13, 14; October 4, 10, 13; November 15, 17.


By The Continental Congress. 1777. September 14 and October 17.


From John Brown to General [Benjamin] Lincoln.


An account of the capture of that place. Mount Defiance and the old French lines at Ticonderoga also fell into his hands. Has sent a flag demanding the surrender of Ty and Mount Independence. Has had as yet no information of Col. Johnson's attack on the Mount. Has a small quantity of provisions which will necessitate his retreat in case Ty and Mount Independence are not carried. Hopes he will give him assistance in crossing the Lake should he need it. The enemy at Fort George. Just received General Powel's answer to his demands saying he shall defend the garrison, entrusted to his charge, to the last. Has little hope of putting him to the necessity of giving it up unless by the force under Col. Johnson. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)

XLVII, 79b.


1777. September 20. Castleton [Vt.].

Concurs in his opinion that as soon as their views are accomplished it will be best to remove near him, either on the flank or in the rear of General Burgoyne. Waits with great impatience the issue of their expedition to Ticonderoga. General Warren went to Mount Independence to take charge of the troops before that place. Leaves the farther conducting of matters this way with him and General Jacob Bayley. He collects the remainder of his troops in his division and moves downward. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

XLVII, 79a.

From [Gen.] Horatio Gates to John Hancock.


Was informed that the enemy had struck their camp and were moving on his left, detached Col. [Daniel] Morgan's corps to observe their direction and to harass their advance. An account of the skirmishes that ensued and the battle that followed. Results of the conflict. Bravery of the American soldiers. Wrote to all the neighboring States and pressingly demanded the immediate march of their militia. A. L. S. 3 p.

XLVII, 80a.

From [Gen.] Horatio Gates to John Hancock.


The letters he received from General [Benjamin] Lincoln and Col. [John] Brown and congratulates him and the Congress on the remark-
able success of the armies of the United States. Thinks there is now a fair prospect of the Northern States soon being freed from the enemies who threatened no less than the conquest of the entire State. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

From [Ferdinand] Grand to Marquis de Luce-Seillans.

Can make arrangements to land him at any city in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)


Received the intelligence by two intercepted letters, that General Howe had detached a part of his force for the purpose of reducing Billingsport and the forts on the Delaware. Resolved, with the other Generals, to attack the English at or near Germantown. The plan of attack. The attack and its results. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)

From [Gen.] George Washington to A Member of Congress.
1777. October 5.

In regard to the battle of Germantown and the causes which hindered it from being a success. L. 1 p. (Copy.)

From A Member of Congress to ——— ———.

In regard to the cause of the retreat of the American forces at the battle of Germantown and the results of the battle in killed and wounded. Captain [John] Barry recaptured the [Pennsylvania] frigate “Delaware,” recently captured by the English. The condition of the American forces. L. 3 p. (Copy.)

From Thomas L. Yates to ——— Murphy [prisoner on His Majesty’s ship “Æolus”]. 1777. October 10. Admiral’s House.

The Admiral informed by several of the principal people in trade here, that were he to be delivered up he would probably be executed on this Island, and, fearing his escape, he thought proper to keep him in irons until one of His Majesty’s ships is sent to England. A. L. S. 1 p.

Acknowledging his Excellency’s letter by Lady Ackland; surprised that the General should consider the greatest attention to Lady A. in the light of an obligation. Cruelties practised by the English army during their retreat are without a precedent among civilized people. His Excellency’s friend, Sir Francis Clark, languishes under a very dangerous wound, but is treated with every tenderness and attention. Offers Major Williams and Major Meiborn in exchange for Col. Ethan Allen. L. 2 p. (Copy enclosed in letter of John Langdon of October 29, 1777, see Vol. I, p. 304.) VII, 88a.

From John Folger to Silas Deane, Paris. 1777. October 11.

Is willing to undertake a certain secret mission. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 155.

From [Gen.] Horatio Gates to John Hancock.

Skirmishes that took place near Saratoga, and their results. Major Gen. [Benedict] Arnold’s leg was fractured by a musket ball. A letter from [Gen. John] Burgoyne acquainting him that he left his whole hospital to his protection, in which are 300 wounded officers and soldiers. The enemy retreated to the opposite side of the Fish Kill and burned everything before them. Desertion has taken deep root in the Royal Army, particularly among the Germans. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 83.

From “A General Officer” to —— ——.

Extract from a letter in regard to the plan and battle at German-town. L. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 84a.

By The Continental Congress, 1777. October 18.


Appointed to act as Agent for Virginia in the Island of Hispaniola. His duties and the directions which he is to observe. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 86.

From —— Cauvou and Chevalier De Franval to The Board of War at Boston. 1777. October 26. Boston.

Promises to pay Jonathan Loring Austin, for their account, passage money to Nantes or other port of France. D. S. 2 p. LXIV, 54, 55.


In regard to the purchase of vessels for the purpose of scouring the North Seas. Terms on which these vessels are being bought. Heard that an engagement had taken place between General Washington and General Howe, and that the former was defeated with heavy loss. Instructions to Letters of Marque. General Howe landed in Elk River. A. D. S. 3 p. XLVII, 87.


Reply about his tragedy “Alzire.” Says he is not a genius but an old man of eighty-four weighed down with infirmities, half poet and half philosopher. Will soon rejoin his old masters, Socrates and Sophocles. Compliments Mme. Duboccage. If he desired anything now, it would be to return to Paris to enjoy her agreeable society. His niece has been very ill also. L. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVII, 88.

The Report of the Board of Treasury concerning the claims of M. le Brun and other Frenchmen who came to America in consequence of an agreement with Mr. [Silas] Deane, and the resolutions of the Continental Congress in connection therewith. D. 4 p. LXXV, 29.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1778], III, 482.


Resolutions relative to a roster of General Burgoyne's army and General [William] Heath's order of November 20, 1777, in consequence thereof, with copy of his letter to Henry Laurens, dated Boston, November 27, informing Congress of the action taken by him to carry out the resolution. Copy of D. 2 p. LXXV, 30.

Resolution printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1778], III, 486.


Still a prisoner. Claims the right to be included in the first exchange, being a French officer of high rank, in the service of the United States. Would like his fellow prisoner, a French Lieutenant-Colonel of cavalry, to be exchanged at same time; have to endure all kinds of hardship and privations. Requests him to confer with Messrs. Franklin and Deane about their release. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLVII, 89.


Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1778], III, 498.


Account of the forces under his command on the day of signing the Convention. The British troops accomplished the march without any complaint on their part or against them. Complains of the miserable quarters given him and his officers. Alleges a breach of public faith. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 90.
From William Mackean to Silas Deane, Paris.

Taken prisoner on the sloop "Catharine," bound from Bordeaux to Boston; brought to Portsmouth and kept there thirteen weeks upon suspicion; received his discharge, but is destitute; desires Franklin to assist him to return home; refers him to the bearer, M. Millin de la Brosse, who was one of his fellow sufferers. A. L. S. 2 p.


Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1778], III, 513.


Received a paper dated Headquarters, Boston, November 20, purporting to be founded upon the express from the Congress, which he returns as inadmissible because it extends to matters in which the Congress has no right to interfere. Before any lists are granted he must be assured of the purpose for which they are intended and the word order must neither be mentioned or implied. D. S. 1 p. (Copy.)


Informs him that the Continental Congress has a right in matters of the Convention. Wants to ascertain the number of officers and men comprehended in the Convention that in case any of them, contrary to their faith, should again bear arms against the Colonies in the present war they may be convicted of the offence. The other list necessary for the Quartermasters and Commissaries. Hopes they will be sent for the purposes mentioned without delay. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)


Insists that Congress, as the executive power of the State, has no right to issue an order to persons not their subjects, on a matter no way
relating to the civil government of the country. Defies him to find
a single instance in the history of military conventions, when any security
was demanded of the surrendered army not to serve for a limited
time, other than the pledge of National faith. Looks upon the reasons
given for demanding a descriptive list, as an insult to his country.
Calls attention to the fact that Sir Guy Carleton and he released from
Canada many hundred Continental prisoners, upon the bare parole of
not serving against the King till exchanged. L. S.  2 p.  (Copy.)

Received a dispatch from Sir William Howe informing him that
transports were preparing, with all possible expedition, to carry the
troops under the Convention to England. Begs the favor of an inter-
view as soon as possible, that he may settle the matter in regard to the
embarkation, so as to prevent any delays. Also desires to discuss, and
finally to settle, the several matters at present in agitation between
them. L. S.  1 p.  (Copy.)

Appointing William Carmichael, Secretary to the Commissioners at
the Court of France. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y.  1 p.

Resolution of the House of Delegates of Maryland to apply to the
Courts of France and Spain for arms, ammunition, etc. Copy of D. S.
  1 p.

Have formed a new banking firm under above name. Printed L. S.
  1 p.  (In French.)

By The Continental Congress. 1777. December 3.
Resolutions respecting loans in Europe and their conditions. D. S.
Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y.  2 p.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1778], III, 552.
From Tho[mas] Morris to Jonathan Williams, [Jr.].
Finds it necessary to have an assistant in conducting the business committed to him by the Secret Committee; offers this position on certain terms to Mr. Williams. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 131.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], to Thomas Morris.
Agreeable to his request, consents to take an active part in the business committed to Mr. Morris's care by the Secret Committee of Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 123.

For a voyage to America and return. D. 4 p. (In French. Copy.) LVII, 10.

From Gov. [Jonathan] Trumbull to President [Henry] Laurens.
Expresses his opinion that the British troops ought not to be embarked at any other port but that stipulated in the Convention. Hears that the Governor and Council of Rhode Island sent a protest to Boston, against their march to and embarkation at Rhode Island. Incloses a copy of a letter from General [Robert] Pigot to General Burgoyne relative to the embarkation of Burgoyne's troops at Rhode Island. L. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 96.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1778], III, 581.

1777. December 19.
Requests him to send with his letter, a letter of credit for 15,000 livres payable at place of destination. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVIII, 156.
From Willing, Morris & Co. to Thomas Morris, Nantes.

Forbid him to draw, for balances due them, upon any of their friends in England or any part of Europe. Hope, that should he have drawn or received any money previous to the receipt of this letter, he employed it in making such payments as they have at various times directed him. Direct him to deliver such money as he may have in his hands to John Ross, of Philadelphia, now in Europe, who is the bearer of this letter. Request him to make up all accounts and to pay the balance, should there be one in their favor, to Mr. Ross. Inform him that as the copartnership in which he was concerned is dissolved, they must settle all accounts; promise to pay him anything that may be due him and desire him to be ready to pay them what may be due them. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVII, 97.

From Robert Morris to Henry Laurens, President of Congress.

Relative to the disgrace his brother brought upon him. An account of his brother’s early life and the circumstances which induced him to recommend his brother to the agency in Europe. Accounts for his granting greater faith to his brother’s presentation of his conduct than to the Commissioner’s letters. Earnestly regrets what he has been guilty of and promises to make suitable acknowledgments to both Dr. Franklin and Mr. [Silas] Deane. A. L. S. 7 p. (Copy.)

XLVII, 98.

From Robert Morris to Silas Deane, Paris.

Explanations in regard to his previous letters relative to the misconduct of his brother, Thomas Morris, and his resolve to disown him as a brother, friend, or connection of any kind. L. S. 5 p. (In duplicate.)

XLVIII, 157.


Surgeon in Gen. [Nicholas] Herkimer’s brigade. Deposition describing the inhuman treatment of prisoners by the English and Indians. D. S. 3 p. (Copy.)
From —— de Germany to Ferdinand Grand. [Circa 1777.]

Dr. Franklin promised to send Professor [Horace Bénédict] de Saussure some information about the lightning rods used in America. Asks M. Grand to remind him of his promise. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLIll, 186.

[By Ferdinand Grand. Circa 1777.]

List and particulars of cannon wanted by the United States, to be purchased in Holland. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LXI, 117a.

From Captain Stephano, Baron de Bissy, to Comte de St. Germain, Minister of War. [Circa 1777.]

Offers his invention of a cheval-de-frise for the protection of the infantry. Mem. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 5.

The Loan of Two Million Sterling. [1777.]

Which the United States Congress has authorized its Commissioners to contract for, in Europe. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 44.

From —— —— to M. D'Alibart. [Circa 1777.]

Begs his intercession with Dr. Franklin to obtain service in the American army. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 131.


From —— Jenneux to —— ——. 1778. January 10.

Has seen M. [Barbeu] Dubourg this morning. Encloses a note (1 p.), from him. Wishes to arrange an interview with Dr. Franklin. L. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 30a and b.

Requests them, on the delivery of the cargo on board the brig "Tryton," to pay Captain P[eter] Collas £80, being an allowance made him for his primage; also to pay him three shillings four pence, for his daily expenses. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 99.

From [Capt.] John Burnell to ——— Lampre.

Asks to be supplied with £50 and begs him not to let anyone have the boat without an order from him. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 31.

From [Capt.] John Burnell to [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.

Has received no answers to his letters to M. Dulonprey; has written for fifty pounds; desires him to be careful of the boat, brig and cargo. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 47a.

From G[urdon] Saltonstall to Silas Deane.

Family news. Congratulations on the victory over Burgoyne; thinks it will produce from France a declaration of war against Great Britain. Expects General Washington to gain a victory over General Howe, before May next. Health and enthusiasm of the American troops remarkable. This letter is carried by Deane's son, Jesse. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 54.

From R[ichard] Caswell to President [Henry] Laurens.

When he arrived at the place that Capt. [John] Folg(i)er mentioned, he showed him a package addressed to himself, which he claimed contained papers for Congress. Gov. Caswell found in the packet papers addressed to John Hancock, [Robert] Morris and other members of Congress. There were also several letters, endorsed "dispatches," which he did not open. Asserts that he again put all the letters and dispatches under the original cover and, after giving Folg(i)er the pass mentioned, sent him on, firmly persuaded that the papers to the President contained matters of an interesting nature to the States. Thinks if Folg(i)er has
not delivered the packet he has certainly some design in secreting it, and hopes Congress may get such information as may enable them to do him justice. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.)

See Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 21, 22, 273, 314.

From Thomas Simpson, Elijah Hall and David Cullman to John Paul Jones. 1778. February 4. "Ranger."

They thought that Captain Matthew Parke, of the Marine Department, embarked on board the "Ranger" with a view of acting according to his rank in a frigate which he was to take the command of, on their arrival in France. Are informed that no Captain of Marines is allowed to any vessel under twenty guns. They take it as a hardship that a person in his capacity should remain in the ship to take the fourth part of the three-twentieths belonging to them, of any prize-money. Request him to dispose of Captain Parke in such a manner that he may not interfere with them in any future division. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)


Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 82.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to Silas Deane.


Encloses a letter for the Commissioners, and the latest newspapers. A. L. S. 1 p.


1778. February 12. Quiberon Bay.

Account of his joining the French fleet, which has been impatiently waiting for four weeks. By order of Mr. [Arthur] Lee has Mr. [William?] Stevenson on board as passenger; warns Mr. Deane against him and also against Mr. Lloyd at Nantes. His ship, crew, time of sailing, etc. A. L. S. 3 p.
1778. February 13. St. Martin [Isle de Ré].

Learned from a cousin of Col. Conway that he was in Paris. Baudin's son is now second lieutenant on the frigate "Lion" in the service of the United States Congress. Would like to receive some cargoes from the United States; could easily dispose of them with advantage to shippers. Mr. Duffield stayed with him a few weeks. Presumes he has now arrived at Philadelphia with Captain Barry.

A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XLVII, 101.

From Thomas Cushing to Silas Deane, Paris.

Recommending Mr. William Cooper, Jr., to Mr. Deane's friendly notice. Trusts that the army may be speedily filled up, so that General Washington may be in a situation to drive General Howe and his army out of Philadelphia.

A. L. S. 1 p.
VIII, 112.


Agreement. D. S. 6 p. (In French. Copy.)
LVII, 13.

From M[atthew] Parke to John Paul Jones.

Has a copy of the petition from the Lieutenants and Master asking that he be disposed of, so that he may not participate in prize-money. Knows of no resolution such as stated, and he has a right to a share of the two prizes taken on the passage. Expected to go on board the frigate under his command but it had sailed. Requests a discharge from the ship that he may return to America on the frigate "Deane."

A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)
XLVII, 103.


An appeal "To the Generous Protectors of the Arts and Talents."

A. Poem. 21 p. (In French.)
LI, 13.
From John Paul Jones to Silas Deane.  
Account of the first naval salute between the French and Americans. Cordial reception from the French officers. Hopes soon to be able to report successes over the English. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.)  
XLVIII, 159.

LVII, 14a.

From Chevalier [Gilles] de Kermorvan to Prince de Montbarrey.  
1778. February 28.  
Requests him to ratify his brevet as Colonel in the service of the United States. L. 1 p. (In French.)  
LVII, 14b.

By Lord S[helburne]. 1778. March 5.  
LIII, 62.

From William Temple Franklin to Jonathan Williams, [Jr.].  
Sends the two bills, with amendments. Does not think Americans will swallow them with eagerness; there is every appearance of an approaching war; thinks peace cannot last two weeks longer. A. Dr. of L. 1 p.  
CI, 31.

From La Goaner & Co. to Silas Deane.  
1778. March 18. La Cowgnele.  
Concerning the prizes taken by Capt. [Gustavus] Conyngham; willing to pay the Captain what they owe in discharge of their account; his arrival momentarily expected. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)  
VIII, 178.

Contrary winds prevented M. de Barre from sailing. Is ready to certify that Capt. Jones could not set sail any sooner from Camaret. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy in duplicate.)  
XLVII, 104a.
From Chevalier de Bausset to Capt. [John Paul] Jones.

warns Captain Jones that his anchorage, at Camaret, may become very dangerous, if the wind changes. Thinks he should get under way at first chance and sail for Brest, where he could wait in security for favorable winds and weather to set sail for his destination. Advises him to take a pilot to get in safely to Brest. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy in duplicate.)

From Peter Collas to Jonathan Williams, Jr., Nantes.

Sailed from Boston, January 14, and took every precaution to avoid every vessel but, owing to his pilot deceiving him by telling him that Captain Agnew was an American privateer, he was captured. Had letters for various persons, but most of them were taken from him. Was a prisoner in Guernsey for eight days, but is now at Plymouth. Expects to be in Jersey soon, where he has many friends. Hopes for a reconciliation between America and England but wishes the Colonies will never come to any terms but what are honorable and advantageous to her; the cruel barbarous usage he has seen, he will never forget.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to Silas Deane.


From John Paul Jones to Silas Deane.

Giving in detail his reasons for not sailing before. Mentions a project or scheme of his which has been approved of by M. La Motte Picquet and M. [Jean B.] De La Porte; afraid to communicate it by letter as a premature discovery of it might prove fatal. A. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.)

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to Silas Deane.

Question of his drafts receiving proper approbation. Measures proposed in the affair of the prizes. Mr. Deane's enemies; cannot be-
lieve his [Williams's] friend C. could be guilty of such baseness.
Slanders against himself caused by Mr. Deane's recall. A. L. S. 4 p.
XXXVII, 140.

From Jos[eph] L[ouis] and L[auren]t Le Couteulx & Co. to
Commercial transactions. Arrival of Captain Gustavus Conyngham

From William MacCreery to Silas Deane, Paris.
Help solicited to enable Captain Castle to leave the port for Amster-

From Jos[eph] L[ouis] and L[auren]t Le Couteulx & Co. to
Notice of the arrival of a ship from Charlestown, with news of a
fire there which destroyed 400 houses. Refusal to admit English ships
into the port of Cadiz. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 162.

From Etienne Cathalant to Silas Deane, Paris.
1778. April 1. Marseilles.
Congratulations on the recognition of the independence of the United
States by the powers of Europe. Has had frequent commercial con-
nections with America. Would like to be appointed American Consul
at Marseilles and recommends Mr. John Forbes for the office of in-
terpreter. L. S. 4 p. XLVIII, 164.

By The Governor and Council of the State of Maryland.
1778. April 3. Annapolis.
Empowering Joshua Johnson, of London, to apply to France, Spain,
and, if necessary, Holland, for military stores. Copy of D. S. 2 p.
LXI, 23b.

1778. April 3. Annapolis.
Enclosing resolutions of the Assembly and instructions for his guid-
ance. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) LXI, 23c.
From Fairholme and Luther to Silas Deane, Paris.

Thanks for assistance in a commercial case. Now, that the Treaty of Commerce is signed, would like to know the duties on American fish and oil. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 164½.

From Will[iam] MacCreery to Silas Deane.

News of the safe arrival of Mr. Deane's son [Jesse] and of Mr. J[ohn] Adams and son. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 165.


From ——— Massieu to [Silas Deane. ?].

Concerning a gentleman of noble birth, John Lewis Dumesnil, Esq., Sieur de St. Pierre, who was obliged, eleven years before, to leave his country, his wife and only daughter, and retire to Carolina, where he attained some success; report of his having been killed while serving Congress in the present war; until this report is confirmed it is impossible to recover the value of his estates in favor of his daughter. Begs that through his or Dr. Franklin's influence a certificate of his death may be procured. Asks advice as to establishing a commercial house in Maryland or Virginia. A. L. S. 4 p. IX, 18.

From Arthur Lee to La Goaner & Co.

Desires him to send all remittances from the sale of prizes to their banker, F[erdinand] Grand. A. Dr. of L. VIII, 178a.


Notice of the arrival of two merchant ships from Carolina. Congratulations upon the treaty between France and the United States. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 167.
By The Continental Congress. 1778. April 7.


Printed in Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 198.

From Etienne Cathalant to Silas Deane, Paris.


Introducing his son and Mr. John Turnbull, of the Gibraltar firm of Livingston and Turnbull. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 168.

From Fran[cis] Coffyn to Silas Deane, Passy.


No declaration of war having been made since the treaty, French commissions cannot be granted to merchants who were inclined to fit out privateers to annoy the common enemy; asks if those merchants could obtain their commissions from Congress; lays before Dr. Franklin the plan of Captain Christopher Farron, a noted Irish smuggler who, if given a commission, would undertake to capture a certain rich linen ship which loads at Dublin four times a year for London. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) IX, 34 and XLVIII, 169.

From ——— Le Blanc to [Silas] Deane, Passy.


Has presented a note to the Minister of War with reference to his claim against Mr. Deane, in connection with his journey and his services in America as an officer of cavalry. Was induced by the gentlemen in the Ministry to offer to settle his claim amicably with Mr. Deane, instead of having recourse to the courts of law. Requests Mr. Deane to make an appointment with him at Versailles for that purpose. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 171.

From Jared Ingersoll to Silas Deane, Passy.


Relative to the compensation of Roderique Hortalez & Co. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 2 p. (In duplicate.)
LXXV, 47-51a.

Printed in Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 208.

Notice of the arrival of a merchant ship from Carolina laden with rice and staves. The cutter "Revenge," Capt. Conyngham, ready to put to sea again. L. S. 1 p.
XLVIII, 172.

Power of attorney given to John Baptiste Lazarus Thereneau de Francy, their Agent, and agreement made with the former by a Commercial Committee of Congress for the furnishing of arms and supplies to the United States. D. S. 6 p. (Copy.) LVII, 8.

From —— Terassons to Silas Deane.
1778. April 20. Lyons.
His son Barthelemy Terrasson is about to sail from Cadiz, on the French ship "L'heroïne," to make a tour of North America. May settle in business there, if prospects are good. Requests Mr. Deane to send him letters of introduction to prominent people in the United States. A. L. S. 2 p.
XLVIII, 175.

XLVIII, 176.

From —— du Freme to M. de la Grange.
Sorry that circumstances do not permit his asking any kind of pecuniary favor from the Minister of Finance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 74.
Miscellaneous Papers

From John Julius Pringle to Ralph Izard.


The substance of a conversation between himself and Dr. Franklin on the subject of a letter he delivered to him from Mr. Izard [IX, 78, see Vol. I, p. 403] in which his grievances were set forth and an explanation demanded. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) IX, 82.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 250, Note).

From [Capt.] John Paul Jones to Thomas Simpson.


Appoints him commander of their prize, the English ship of war "Drake." Instructions which he is to observe. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) XLVII, 106.

From A. Theodore Canon to ——— ———.


Recommending two young people, brother and sister, who are seeking employment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 120.

By ——— Tarteron. [1778. April.]

Ode to the Insurgents.—"Injustice in the end produces independence" (Voltaire). A. Poem. 6 p. (In French.) LI, 29.


Major Fraser thinks a large quantity of copper would be useful and necessary to the United Colonies. Could contract for the delivery of any quantity, with such stamp as should be thought proper. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 107.


Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 357.


Requests him to make inquiries with regard to type casting and to take the advice of Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane as to the practicability of type founding in America; if an operator can be persuaded to come to this State, he may depend upon constant employment and generous wages. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 108.


No words to express the universal joy the good news sent over by his brother has diffused to all the hearts of patriots. Yesterday had solemn rejoicings at camp for which purpose the army was under arms. After part of the articles of the Treaty were read to the troops, thanksgiving followed and a discourse in praise of His Most Christian Majesty and those who brought about this happy work; other details of the celebration; effect of this treaty on the war. Rejoices at his now acknowledged rank in France and wishes to see him in Paris so soon as the writer shall think himself useless in the station he is. A. L. 2 p. XLIV, 22.

By The Continental Congress. 1778. May 7.

Relative to the expenses of the Commissioners to the Courts of Spain, Tuscany, Vienna and Berlin. D. S. James Lovell. 2 p. LXXV, 51b.


Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 266.
From John Paul Jones to Thomas Simpson.  
1778. May 7. “Ranger.”

An order informing him that he is suspended, and is under arrest for disobeying his orders of April 26. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) 
XLVII, 106(a) and 109.

From Arthur Lee to Jonathan Williams, Jr.  

Mr. [John D.] Schweighauser complained of being molested in his office of Deputy Commercial Agent. He stated how, and by whom, and sent the proofs. After full enquiry, did him the justice his complaint merited. Received his letter desiring the Commissioners either to enable him to do his business unmolested or entirely discharge him from their service. Requests him to specify by whom and how he has been molested that he may do him justice, for a complaint as vague as he made, cannot be put before his colleagues nor receive redress. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 111a.


Resolutions relative to the conduct of masters of American vessels and privateers towards neutral Nations. D. S. Henry Laurens, President. 3 p. (Copy.) LIII, 63.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 276.

From ——— Manieu to Silas Deane.  

M. Perrée, of Granville, is to command the ship “Esmangard” on her voyage to Boston or Charleston; he can be trusted with any goods, letters or passengers, Dr. Franklin may desire to send over. A. L. S. 2 p.

IX, 134.

By The Continental Congress. 1778. May 9 and June 19.

Resolutions relative to Captain Peter Landais. D. S. 1 p. (Copy.) LIII, 39.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 276 and 361.
By The Continental Congress. 1778. May 11.

Resolutions relative to the restitution to be made for the unlawful seizure of a Portuguese ship "Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Anthony" by an American armed vessel. D. S. Cha[le]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 2 p. (In duplicate.)  LXXV 61 and 62.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 277.

The same. D. S. 3 p. (Copy.) LIII, 64.

The same with additional resolutions on the same subject, dated February 9, July 21, and September 4, 1779. D. S. 4 p. (Copy. In French.) LIII, 65.

From J. Th[ornto]n[?] to [Jonathan Williams, Jr.].
1778. May 13.

Had he taken a credit from Mr. [Ferdinand] G[rand], of Paris, upon any banker here, it might have had bad consequences. Would like to know if it would be inconvenient to Mr. W[illiams?] to procure him £50 for a bill upon Mr. G[rand] on account of Mr. A[rthur] L[ee?]. Mr. A. L[ee]’s name will not be mentioned as it would discover the whole. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLVII, 112.


Also price-list of provisions, wines, etc., in Boston. Mem. 2 p. LX, 127.

By The Continental Congress. 1778. May 16.

Respecting articles to be purchased from Roderique Hortalez & Co. D. S. Cha[le]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (In duplicate.) LXXV, 63 and 64.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 290.

By The Continental Congress, Committee of Commerce.

By The Continental Congress. 1778. May 18 and July 27.


LIII, 67.


Mr. [John] Williams charges him with having carried the letter he gave him directed to Dr. Franklin, to Lord North; states that about three weeks ago Mr. Williams sent full proofs of the above charges against him, by Dr. Smith, to their friend Dr. Franklin. Asserts that he has never received any letters from Mr. Williams, and that he has never had any intercourse or communication, directly or indirectly, with Lord North or any of the Ministers, since Lord Howe's departure for America. Asks him to lay this letter before Dr. Franklin and request him to be so good as to believe him when he says he is innocent. L. (In cipher.) 2 p.

XLVII, 114.

1 Name under which Silas Deane received letters from England. See Smyth's Writings of Franklin, I, 201, n.

From Samuel Wharton to John Williams, Downing St., London. 1778. May 20. [London.]

Wants to be informed whether it is true that he charges him (Wharton) with having given Lord North information that [Mr. John] Williams had written letters to Dr. Franklin and the other American Commissioners in Paris and disclosed to them the names of the Americans who were in the service of the [British] Government in Paris and in consequence of these letters, they were to leave Paris; also wishes to be informed whether it is true that Lord North said that he (Wharton) had given him the letters. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.)

XLVII, 115.


Reproached Mr. [John] Williams for not having acted the part of a friend, as soon as he had seen Lord North, to tell him what passed relative to him. Reasons for not calling upon him. Mr. Williams told Lord North that he (Wharton) offered to forward any letters which he might wish to send to Dr. Franklin or E[dward] Ban[croft]. Does not recollect that he ever made such an offer. Thinks it was very unkind
of Mr. Williams to have mentioned this to Lord North. Proposes that Mr. [Thomas] Walpole get leave for him to wait upon Lord North and to ask him proper questions, so that he may discover the rascal who traduced his character in this affair. Some think Lord North was trying to discover from Mr. Williams whether he (Wharton) corresponded with Dr. Franklin, others think a letter was forged in his name. L. 2 p.  

**Miscellaneous Papers**

From P—— C—— to —— Benson, Paris.  
[1778.] May 22. [London.]  

Acquaints him that Admiral B[yro]n has gone to America to supersede Lord Howe, with twelve sails of the line. Burgoyne was under examination at the War Office this morning. Gen. [Robert] Monc[k]ton arrived from Portsmouth. The charge of rashness cannot be removed or shifted to [Viscount] Sackville. The rising in Ireland is serious and alarming. It is believed that the [French] fleet has returned to Toulon and stocks have advanced a little on it. The idea of a revolution in C[anad]a is laughed at. L. 1 p.  

XLIV, 120.

1 [Disguised handwriting, probably that of Thomas Digges.]

From J[oh]n Williams to Samuel Wharton. 1778. May 23.  

States that he has been grossly misrepresented and declines giving any other answers than to desire him to recollect that Wharton sought him. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)  

XLVII, 115a.

From Samuel Wharton to John Williams. 1778. May 26. [London.]  

Expresses astonishment at the extraordinary contents of his letter of May 23d. Incumbent upon him to exhibit the particulars of his complaint and proofs, in order that he may have a fair opportunity of proving that he has been grossly and scandalously traduced. Asserts that he neither by conversation, letter, or memorial, ever informed Lord North or any of his family or any of the Ministers, of any letter written by him or any act or thing done by him. Asks him to communicate the names of his informers and every particular circumstance belonging to so base and groundless a calumny, that he may have the opportunity of vindicating himself. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)  

XLVII, 117.
From Jonathan Williams, Jr., to Arthur Lee.

Considers [John D.] Schweighauser's complaint as having no relation to him. Hopes he will not find that he has made a charge of actual molestation against any person, but as common report represented Mr. Schweighauser's power as superior to all others, he chose rather a previous explanation of their nature and extent than wait any event which might occasion a dispute. A line from the Commissioners, either confirming or recalling their orders, would have been the shortest settlement of the matter. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 111b.

1778. May 27. No. 4, Downing St. [London].

Making an appointment to see him alone. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

XXXVII, 156.

From Augustus Charles Fallon to Comte [Sutton] de Clonard,

His brother Andrew, while on board the "Dolphin," on her way from Douay to Esher, Holland, where he was to embrace a religious life, was captured by the "Ranger" and brought into Brest. Will esteem it a favor if he will use his credit with the Minister to procure his enlargement. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVII, 118.


Is a relative of Mr. Michel Comyn, of Marseilles, who solicits the appointment of Consul for the United States. The Ambassador of France, at Vienna, has recommended him for the post. Requests M. Grand to use his influence and good offices in his favor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LX, 56.

From Baron de Breteuil to [Ferdinand] Grand.

Mr. [William] Lee presented the latter's letter of introduction. Will do all in his power to make his stay in Vienna agreeable. Has recommended Mr. Michel Comyn's application for Consul at Marseilles to Mr. [William] Lee. Requests M. Grand to use his influence with Dr.
Franklin and the other deputies to secure the appointment for Mr. Comyn. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LX, 55.


Attended Mr. [William] Lee to Berlin, at the public expense, and there he was told that he would no longer be considered in that service or to expect the least support from the Commissioners, whether he return to Paris or not. Decided to remain at Berlin. Wrote to his friends in Congress and though the Commissioners had many letters sent to their care for him, they did not forward them or give any reasons for withholding them. Requests him to learn the cause of this and to state it to him with candor. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 119.


Expressing great affection for M. Grand and his family; begs him to tell his friend [Franklin?] that he has not yet received the promised paper which he begs to have sent him as soon as possible. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) X, 42.

The Treatment of Elie Trigant, surnamed Jean Bart, by the English and Grenezeys. [Guernseys.]


With reference to the latter's application for the Consulship at Dunkerque. A. L. S. 1 p. LX, 71.


**From Stephen Stewart to Messrs. Jonathan Nesbitt & Co.**

1778. June 24. West River, Maryland.

Recommends to them Mr. James Cheston. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.)

**From Y. Bertrand Kenguer to M. Gregorio Alvarez de Verjusty,**


On his arrival in France sends duplicate of account sent by letter from Boston. Obtained release of merchandise seized; his ship also was restored to him. Carried his suit before the different law courts of the United States, at an expense of 6,125 livres. Does not know whether the other shippers, whose goods were seized, are willing to go to the same expense. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy.)

**From Solomon Townsend.** 1778. June 27. Passy.


In accordance with instructions given to [Francis] Coffyn, of Dunkerque, have claimed three sailors from Boston, who were amongst a batch of 43 English prisoners brought in by the French frigate "l'Oiseau." Commander of frigate granted their request and ordered the three sailors to be delivered over to the United States frigate now at Brest. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

**From James Watson and Nathan Strong to Capt. [Robert] Niles.**

[Circa 1778. June.]

As he is about to sail for France, they gave him instructions as to purchasing printing type. Mem. 1 p.

**By Arthur Lee and Penet, D'Acosta Frères & Cie, of Nantes.**


Contract by which the latter are to furnish certain supplies of arms, ammunition and other like articles to the State of Virginia, under certain terms and conditions. D. S. 4 p. (In French.)


From C[harles] Williams to John Wetherhead.
1778. July 1. [London.]

Admiral [Augustus] Keppel took two or three French frigates, but as he allowed their merchantmen to pass unmolested and is returned to Portsmouth with all his fleet, it does not seem as if they were yet in good earnest. Sends a duplicate of a bill of lading for some little comforts which his friend Mr. Masserett shipped for him last May. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 123.

From Thom[as] Simpson to Captain [Robert] Niles.

Asks him to inform the Commissioners of the unjust treatment he received from Capt. [John Paul] Jones, and that when Capt. Jones appeared desirous of settling the matter, he proposed that Capt. Jones give him the liberty to return to America and go into the service of his country, but Captain Jones desired a letter from him stating that his conduct has given Capt. Jones reasons to treat him in the manner he had done, and even promised him a command should he do that; when he refused, Jones declared he would do everything possible against him. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 124.


Announcing the arrival of the Saratoga with letters and packets; one to him, dated March 27th, details the movements of Generals Washington and Clinton at that time. Men-of-war have all left Chesa-peake Bay. The people so happy at the publication of the Treaty, that they are indulging themselves with dancing. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 92.

Taken by the "Andromeda" and imprisoned at Forton. 2 p.
LIII, 71.

On arrival here of the frigate “Boston,” Puchelberg and Co. spread reports that they were going to attend to the vessel’s business, as Schweighauser and Co., of Nantes, had been appointed Agents for American vessels. Could not at first believe this, as he had not received any counter orders from the Commissioners at Passy. Wrote to Schweighauser and Co. who replied that they had been appointed Agents. To avoid disputes will give up all claims, but asks him to make representations to M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont on the subject. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XLVII, 125.

From ——— to J[oh]n Emery.  

With reference to the seizure and condemnation of the ship “Britannia” by the Spanish authorities. Urges him to write to Dr. Franklin and get him to use his good offices in the matter. L. 3 p. (In French. Copy.)

LXI, 80.


Certificates concerning François Jean Coffyn, ship broker and interpreter at Dunkerque. D. 2 p. (In French.)

LVII, 18.

From Margaret Colleton to Robert Paper and Francis Kinlock,  

Alarmed at a report that the proprietors of estates in South Carolina without distinction, are required to appear there within a given time, upon pain of confiscation of their property or other grievous penalty; owing to her being a helpless woman, over seventy-five years old, it is impossible for her to obey the terms of this decree. The two estates left her by her husband, John Colleton; has received no remittances since 1775; begs them to use every means to protect her property. A. L. S. 2 p.

X, 116a.


Too unwell to stir out. Begs that the papers relative to Mr. [Musco] Livingston’s sailing may be brought to him for his signature. A. L. S. 1 p.

X, 123.

Thanking him for exerting his influence with Messrs. Franklin, Lee and Adams, in his behalf. Sends an application, to be endorsed by them and transmitted to Congress, with reference to his appointment as Consul. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 58.

From Baudoin de Guémadeuc to [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.

Begging him to obtain from Dr. Franklin a letter of recommendation in favor of M. Lalande Robinot, merchant of St. Brieuc, who is in the act of despatching a vessel for the United States; he is worthy of every courtesy. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 134.


Begs him to seal and deliver the enclosed, after he has perused it. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 126.

From M. De Martigny, Captain of Infantry, to M. Houdin, Paris.

Concerning Houdin's brother who is serving as a Lieutenant in the United States troops. Note with reference to M. [Gayault] de Bois-betrand's imprisonment and hardships. A. E. by Dr. Franklin. That his sufferings being made known to the Congress, it will be very agreeable to them to understand that he has met with consideration here on that account. Mem. 3 p. (In French. Copy.) LX, 119.


Memoir on the natural relationship or resemblance existing between the Thirteen United States of North America and the Thirteen Cantons of Switzerland. Are both Allies of France. Their community of interests. Reasons why friendly alliance should be made by the United States and Switzerland. Diss. 3 p. (In French.) LIII, 66½.

By Prince de Montbarrey, Minister of War.
Certificate as to the military services and record of M. [Flobergue de] la Rocatelle, an officer of engineers. D. 1 p. (In French.) LVII, 19.

From William Temple Franklin to ——— Le Févre.
Thanking him for his good wishes. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. CI, 40b.

Captured by the "Ranger." Is sixty years of age and is being sent to prison. Begs him to speak to the American Agents in his favor, that he may be set free. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 127.

Desires M. Chaumont to deliver the enclosed scraps of paper to his venerable friend who always carries on his nose, spectacles, and on his shoulders, kingdoms. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) X, 158.

From Penet, D'Acosta Frères & Cie, of Nantes, to Arthur Lee.
1778. August 4 to November 19.
Letters concerning an order for supplies for the State of Virginia given by Mr. Lee, and the dispute over alleged delay in delivery. Replies to new conditions or terms proposed by Mr. Lee which they reject in detail, giving specific reasons therefor. L. S. 10 p. (In French.) XLVII, 128.

From [de Sorlut] De Court to Jonathan Williams, [Jr.], Passy.
Desires to know if his uncle, Mr. [John] Williams, of London, and Colonel Boyd are arrived in France. A. L. S. 1 p. XI, 47.

With reference to his appointment as Consul at Marseilles. Has heard from Vienna that the United States Commissioners at Paris, have received powers from Congress to appoint Consuls. Alludes to previous services he rendered to the American cause and cites a few instances. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 61.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to Abraham Whipple.

Requests him to call a Court Martial for the trial of Lieutenant Thomas Simpson with whose conduct he has been and is unsatisfied. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 129(a).


Enclosing the memorial which he desires him to forward to Dr. Franklin; the difficulties he has experienced in obtaining information of his estates in America. The memorial gives an account of Baron de Graffenried’s ancestors settling in America and receiving grants of land there; desires information on important points connected with the present ownership. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.) XI, 82a.

From Ab[rah]am Whipple to John Paul Jones.

Received his letter requesting him to summon a Court Martial for the trial of Lieutenant Thomas Simpson. Informs him of the impossibility of calling a Court Martial and also acquaints him fully with his sentiments on the subject. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 129.


Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 35.

Letter printed in the English papers of August 16th, 1779. Original said to have been seized on the vessel "Delaware" going from Mayestrand to Philadelphia.

Opportunities for trade in Danish and Norwegian ports for American vessels. Secure from capture by English vessels. Would be allowed to take prizes and have them sold. Asks his correspondent to send a vessel to him, with a cargo of tobacco or other goods. Vessel could be sold after cargo is disposed of. Crew would then be put on board a new vessel which he is having built on original plans of his own. Is to be different from the old style of vessels. Will be able to outstrip any English war vessels. Advantages and profits to be derived from this plan. Would have returned to Boston long ago; feared however to be taken prisoner by the English and kept in jail until the end of the war. Surprised that his friends in America have received no letters from him since he left England. Wrote over one hundred. Some were to have been forwarded by the American Commissioners in Paris. Suspects them of some trickery in the matter. Accuses Dr. Franklin of keeping letters which he received for him and of not replying to him when he writes about the matter. Is indignant at this tampering with other people's correspondence. No excuse for it whatever. Thinks there is jealousy amongst Franklin's "entourage." L. S. 9 p. (In French. Copy.)


1778. August 30. La Rochelle.

Wish to be appointed Consular Agent for the United States at the above port. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 77.

From ——— Rolandeau to [John] Adams.


His present grievous situation; encloses a list of articles which he lost, when captured on his way back to America; begs that he may be sent to Nantes, to take passage for the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XI, 111.
1778. September 2. The Hague.
Concerning a projected loan of 700,000 florins on behalf of the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 45.

1778. September 2. The Hague.
Further details concerning the projected loan. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 46.

By John Walter Fletcher, James Johnson, George Carl Voss.

From Benjamin Vaughan to Jonathan Williams, Jr.
1778. September 6. [London.]
Inquiring about the case of Mr. [John] Boylston who offers to take the oath and give security before going to America. L. 2 p. CI, 58.

Requests him to forward a package by the French packet boat which sails on the 10th. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 44.

Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 23.

Description of his journey to Holland; wrote Dr. Franklin about a passport he desired for some Moravians who are going to Pennsylvania, and requested to know the name of the vessel carrying General Montgomery's monument to America, in order, if possible, to insure its safety. Desires to know whether Mr. Gayault de Boisbertrand has arrived safely in France. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 124.
From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The Prince De Nassau[-Siegen].

Dr. Franklin informs him that M. [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine is sorry he (Jones) is with Comte [Louis Gillouet] d’Orvilliers, and concludes that he lost the opportunity by his stay at l’Orient. An account of himself since he was requested to remain in France by M. de Sartine. Account of the “Epervier” which was reputed to be a vessel of very large dimensions, with 16 guns and of superior swiftness. His situation appears a mystery and he concludes that he has fallen a sacrifice to some intrigue of State. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 130.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr., to The Continental Congress.

The nature of his duties under the Commissioners; the accusations of Mr. A[rthur] Lee, and his own defense; sends his accounts and begs that they may be examined and settled. A. L. 7 p. (Copy.) XXXVII, 161.

From Arthur Lee to Capt. [Jacques] Le Maire.

Has ordered M. [John D.] Schweighauser to advance him a certain sum, which is the very last sou he can afford to give him for his expenses. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) XI, 165b.

From Samuel Stanley, Baron de Mon’s, to The Continental Congress.

Petition relative to his estates near Boston and Charleston. D. S. 4 p. LVII, 21.


Concerning the various articles he has been commissioned to purchase for Virginia; their price and the best means of getting them to America. L. 4 p. (In French. Copy.) XI, 155a.


Refers the enclosed letter for the Commissioners, entirely to his approval. A. L. S. 1 p. XI, 152.
By Pierre François Chevallié. 1778. September 21.
Statement of his account with the State of Virginia. D. S. 4 p. LXIV, 49.

From Capt. [Jacques] Le Maire to Arthur Lee.

Acknowledging the receipt of a certain sum which, however, is not sufficient to cover his expenses. The precautions necessary to insure the safe arrival of the articles in Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XI, 165a.

From William Temple Franklin to [Benjamin] Vaughan.

With reference to Mr. [John] Boylston’s admission to America. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. CI, 61.

Concerning a sum he advanced certain of his friends in order to defray their expenses, and the easiest way to have the said sum paid back. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XI, 182.

Desiring to know if M. d’Anhic’s friend has arrived in Paris. Concerning a passport for some friends which he desired to obtain from Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 33.

Begs him to show the enclosed letter to Dr. Franklin and, if approved, to deliver it. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 132.

Oath to settle in America for life. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 36.


Informed by Dr. Franklin that M. [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine, with his approbation, determined to give him command of the "Indien." Was to have taken command immediately but found that the ship would not be ready until the September Equinox. The American Plenipotentiaries proposed that he go home, but M. de Sartine requested that he remain in Europe. Proposed various plans and had several armaments assigned to him but everyone has fallen to nothing. Informed Congress to reserve no command for him. Is regarded everywhere as a disgraced officer. Wrote to M. de Sartine and Prince de Nassau but received no replies. Is persuaded that His Majesty will not disregard his situation nor suffer him to remain any longer in that insupportable disgrace. A. L. S. 4 p.

XLVII, 134.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to La Duchesse de Chartres.


Informs her that M. [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine proposed to bestow on him a very honorable command and that he requested the American Plenipotentiaries that he be permitted to remain in Europe. Furnished the Minister with a number of plans which he approved, for private expeditions, but though various armaments were proposed to be put under his command, yet everyone has fallen to nothing. Has been trifled with for five months and valuable opportunities are lost. He wrote to Congress to reserve no command for him in America, and having no command in Europe he is regarded everywhere as an officer in disgrace. Reason for taking any command. Has written the enclosed letter to His Majesty which he asks her to present. Would be extremely happy to succeed through her influence. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVII, 133.

By The Continental Congress. 1778. October 21.

Giving leave of absence and the thanks of Congress to the Marquis de la Fayette and directing that the Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Versailles present him, in the name of the United States, with a sword with proper devices. A. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retary]. 1 p.

LXXV, 69.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia [1779], IV, 612.
By The Continental Congress. 1778. October 22.


LXXV, 70.


1778. October 27.

Wrote to Dr. Franklin and requested a small favor of him, also desired to know the name of the vessel carrying General Montgomery’s statue to America; no answer has come to these questions. A. L. S. 1 p.

XII, 90.

From J[ean] Holker to [Samuel] Huntington.


Entreats him to furnish M. Vestas de Gassies with everything necessary for the poor French prisoners that are in Norwich under his care. Will pay everything he may advance. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLVII, 135.

From [Charles] d’Hirschberg to M. de Fontinet.


With reference to a sum of money unlawfully received and retained by Mr. [Arthur] Lee’s man-servant. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XLVII, 136.

From Job Prince to ——— [Le] Baron.


Arrived on this coast from off Cape Artifer and retook a shallop belonging to this port, from two English privateers. Heard that he transacts their agency business at Dieppe and would like to know in what manner he can assist him. Proposes cruising northward to intercept outward and inward bound ships of the enemy. His ship resembles the English ship “Childers.” Intends getting as close to the English coast as possible in order to get information about their fishing and pilot boats. Asks him to send some refreshments for his ship’s company. Asks for draughts of this and the English coasts. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

XLVII, 137.
From Delacolonge to [Anquetil] Duperron.

Reply to Dr. Franklin's note. Requests his correspondent to procure him the appointment as Agent for the United States, at Lyons. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

From John Walsh and other Prisoners to John Paul Jones, Brest.

Request him to deliver the enclosed, as directed, and to use his interest in their favor. L. S. 1 p.

By Gaspard Castagni, Agent of the French Navy.

Certificate to Jean Dian, of Boston, an ex-prisoner of war in England, for safe passage. Engraved D. S. 1 p. (In French.)

From [Benjamin] Vaughan to Jonathan Williams, Jr.
1778. December 5. [London.]

Sends a paper from Michael Lovell, partner of Thomas Oliver, and recommends their firm as a good West India house. A. L. 1 p.


Begs him to send the enclosed packet to Dr. Franklin, which contains the copy of his answer to the Governor of Connecticut. The zeal with which he pursues the negotiation for Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Requesting him, when he arrives in France, to tell Dr. Franklin that he (Lunt) is one of the oldest prisoners, and that his two sons are with him. A. L. S. 1 p.
Relative to Colonel J. G. Diriks corresponding with Dr. Franklin. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (In duplicate.) LXXV, 72 and 86.

From ——— Hennet to Jonathan Williams, Jr. [1778?]
Desiring to know if he has sent his account for the four thousand sabres to Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee, and when he may expect payment. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XXXVII, 174.

By ——— ———. [Circa 1778. December.]
Reply to a question asked by a lady in the “Journal de Paris” of December 8th, 1778, about Dr. Franklin whom she had seen on the street. A. Verses. 3 p. (In French.) LI, 26.

By Messrs. [Pierre Augustin Carron de] Beaumarchais, [Silas] Deane, and ——— Montieu. [Circa 1778.]
Memorandum of agreement for the purchase and shipment of military stores for the account of the Continental Congress. Mem. 2 p. LXIV, 50.

Desiring Mr. Adams’s signature to his certificate of service; is asking the same favor of Dr. Franklin and Mr. [Arthur] Lee. A. L. S. 1 p. XLI, 58.

From Mme. Brillon to [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard, Passy. [Circa 1778.]
Requests him to get the Scotch airs from Dr. Franklin, so that she may learn to play them on the piano and compose some herself. Asks M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard to invite Dr. Franklin to dine at her house and hear her play the Scottish music; M. Pagin would be there also. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 123b.

From The Continental Congress to The King of France. [Circa 1778.]
Draft of petition asking him to give a frigate to the firm of Recules de Basmarin & Raimbaux, of Bordeaux, to wage war on English shipping. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LVII, 104.
From —— Dennie to The Navy Board. [1778.]

Requesting them to forward some letters in their packet by the "Boston" and to advise Messrs. Franklin & Lee of his bill being sent to Amsterdam. N. in 3d P. 1 p. LXXI, 115a.

From —— to Mme. Melmoth, Paris. [Circa 1778.]

Introducing M. Monié as one of his friends and the artist who has executed a bust of Dr. Franklin, in bronze gilt with gold. Requests Mme. Melmoth to present the portrait to Dr. Franklin. M. Monié not wealthy and he hopes she will suggest to Dr. Franklin that he recompense him generously. L. 1 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 73.


Dined with Mr. [Silas] Deane but had no opportunity to broach his wish for employment in the American cause; would have no objection to entering the Continental navy; begs him to mention his sentiments and secure a definite answer. A. L. S. 3 p. XL, 196.

From [Arthur] Lee to [Samuel] Wharton. [Circa 1778.]

Went to Passy with the passport he left, but not finding Mr. [John] Adams at home, left the passport with Mr. [N. M.] Gellée, the clerk, from whom Mr. Wharton will learn what has been done. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLVIII, 63.

From Arthur Lee to M. [Jacques] Le Maire. [1778.]

Complains of his meddling in affairs which do not concern him. Tells him to follow the instructions he has received and confine himself to inspecting the supplies of arms, ammunition, etc., which Messrs. Penet, D'Acosta frères & Cie, of Nantes, are to furnish to the State of Virginia.

Copy of letter from M. Le Maire to Arthur Lee about which the latter complains, in which M. Le Maire says he has received a letter from the Minister of War, at Paris, informing him that he has decided to give the State of Virginia one gun-carriage for each kind of cannon, as Mr. Lee only requested one for each, and that the other ten gun-carriages previously given, will be returned to the arsenals. M. Le Maire expresses surprise at Mr. Lee's action as the other gun-carriages are badly needed in Virginia and cannot be made there.
To the above is appended a copy of M. Le Maire's reply to Arthur Lee's letter in which he says that the latter has entirely misinterpreted his motives and that he (M. Le Maire) has always proved himself worthy of the trust heretofore reposed in him and that he has always fulfilled his duties zealously and faithfully. L. 3 p. (In French. Copy.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. He had spoken to Mr. Lee in his (Le Maire's) behalf without avail and that he (Dr. Franklin) had no authority to advance money to him. 2 p. LIII, 73.


Reports of Committee on operations of the last campaign, and on co-operation against Canada. D. S. Cha[r]le[s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 2 p. LXXV, 73.


From —— Audibert l'aîné to G[uillau]me Bousie, Paris.


From [C. G. F.] Dumas to Madame ——.


Concerning his letter to Dr. Franklin, dated Jan. 25th, sent to her care; delicacy of the subject treated therein; need of secrecy; begs for an

From I. Bell and Walter Farquharson to David Hartley. 1779. February 5. Office of Sick and Hurt Seamen [London].

Are just about to send directions for the discharge of a hundred American prisoners, at Plymouth, to be sent to France for a like number of British prisoners there. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XIII, 80.


Announcing that one hundred American prisoners have been shipped to Nantes and desiring that a like number of British prisoners may be returned. Describes the treatment of the American prisoners, with a table of their daily rations; asks for like information as regards the British prisoners. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) XIII, 80a.


Concerning a translation of a letter, signed Silas Deane, which is to appear in the Courier de l'Europe; whether genuine or false, it contains a discovery of the proceedings of some of the Representatives of the United States in Europe and traduces grossly two of their present negotiators; asks him to take such steps as he thinks proper to stop its publication. L. 1 p. (Copy.)

E. "Proposed letter to Count Vergennes which was not agreed to." XIII, 84a.

By The Continental Congress.

1779. February 9, July 21 and September 4.

Relative to the proceeds of the sale of the Portuguese snow [brig] and the punishment of the persons guilty of the capture of the snow. Copy of D. S. 3 p. LXXV, 74.


Deposition by American seamen who escaped from Mill Prison, England, seized an armed lugger, the "Dolphin," and reached Martinique where they were detained as prisoners. D. 2 p. LVII, 24.
From —— Strozler[?] to ——— ———. 1779. February 19.

Note concerning [Charles William Frederick] Dumas and his services to the United States. Was the first Agent appointed by Congress on the continent of Europe. Resides at The Hague. Has lived there twenty-seven years. Should be given the rank and title of Minister or Chargé d’Affaires. Insufficiency of his salary—200 louis per year. Great expenses borne by him for travelling, correspondence and postage. Should get a larger allowance now that the finances of the United States are in a better condition. Has rendered, also, important services to France, which have not yet been substantially rewarded by the Court. Pays a tribute to his earnestness and his intellectual qualities. L. 5 p. (In French.)


Requests that he furnish him with an order to the person who appeared as American Agent at Brest, directing him to relinquish his claim to the plate now deposited in the King’s store-house belonging to the Countess of Selkirk. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 140a.


Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.], as his attorney, will settle with Mr. Schweighauser for the three-twentieths of the captor’s part of the “Ranger” prizes, and for the seventeen-twentieths of the captor’s moiety of the plate which the “Ranger’s” crew took from the Countess of Selkirk. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 140b.


Was arrested in San Domingo, while a guest of the Governor, on a charge of treason in offering his services to the English army in the United States. Denies and refutes the charges. After several years’ service in the State of Georgia, as a Captain of Engineers, has resigned and was on his way to San Domingo, when the vessel on which he had embarked was captured by an English privateer, but was released. Made his way to San Domingo where he was suddenly arrested one day and put in solitary confinement for several months without any trial.
Begs the Minister of Marine to give orders that he be sent back to Paris, where he can clear himself of the charges made against him. L. S. 8 p. (In French. Copy.) LIV, 10.

*From Ed[mu]nd White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance.* 1779. March 1. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Advice that bills of exchange have been drawn, to defray expenses at St. John's. L. S. 1 p. LIV, 12.

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*From Ed[mu]nd White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance.* 1779. March 2. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Advice that bills of exchange have been drawn to defray expenses at St. John's. L. S. 1 p. LIV, 14.


Her letter only reached him as he was leaving America; had just time to look up M. de Fontevieux and give him a letter for Congress, recommending him for the commission of captain; he did not appear to be in want of money, at the time; offers to do anything for her in his power. L. 3 p. (In French. Copy enclosed in XIII, 214, see Vol. II, p. 47.) XIII, 167.


Challenging him to prove his assertions written on the back of Mr. Williams's accounts. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVIII, 12.


Receipts for the three and four thousand dollars deposited in the Public Loan Office. A. D. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 41a.
From William Bla[ce]ke to Jonathan Williams, Jr.

Is sorry he did not send the letter from Benjamin Franklin, a fortnight sooner; would have complied with his request, which is now entirely out of his power as he has orders to sail with the frigate by the first fair wind. Can testify that no endeavors were wanting on his [Williams's] part to bring the affairs of the public, lately in his hands, to an open and fair settlement. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

XXXVII, 143.


Has just received an order from Dr. Franklin to submit his accounts to their inspection and decision; desires to know at what time and place they will enter on the business. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.)

XXXVIII, 16.


Requesting them to return to Nantes and meet the other gentlemen, for the investigation of his accounts; promises that they will not be detained long. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

XXXVIII, 17.

From Phil[ip] R. Fendall to Jonathan Williams, Jr.

Should have returned agreeable to his request had it not appeared that the business could not be done in the absence of any one in its appointment. When he left Nantes Mr. [John D.] Schweighauser was in bad health, and he presumes would not give his attendance. This must have put a stop to the business. His ready compliance with the mode adopted for a settlement of the account, were it practicable to carry it into execution. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

XIII, 213.


Advice that bills of exchange have been drawn, to defray expenses at St. John's. L. S. 2 p.

LIV, 19.
From Edmund White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance. 1779. March 31. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Certificate that John Denny, carpenter, had been employed at St. John's on the works there. L. S. 1 p.

LIV, 20.

From Edmund White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance. 1779. March 31. St. John's, Newfoundland.

List of officers, surgeons, and artificers at St. John's. L. S. 1 p.

LIV, 21.

From Thomas de Mante to —— Amelot. 1779. March.

Was arrested and thrown into prison through the influence of Count de Boisselin. Had made an agreement with the latter by which he was to supply him with a herd of English sheep and to raise them on the Count's farm. Was to receive some land and part of the profits. After a few months Count de Boisselin discharged him without cause. Was about to resort to the Courts of Justice to enforce his agreement, when he was suddenly arrested and his papers seized. begs M. Amelot to order his release. L. 4 p. (In French. Copy.)

LIV, 11.

Statement of the Strength of the Army in Ireland. 1779. April 2.

Mem. 1 p.

LIV, 22.

From Sargent Ingersoll to John Emery, Bilbao.


Cruised off Cape Finisterre where he took a brig; then southward until his water and provisions were expended, so that he was obliged to put into port. Met with three English vessels which chased and captured his vessel. Made every necessary declaration before the Governor of St. Lucas, who sent him to General [Alexander] O'Reilly; the latter said the vessel shall certainly be returned as it was taken so near the land. L. S. 3 p.

XLVII, 144.


Deposition as to the sinking of the brig, "Fair Play," attested by Theophilus Parsons, accompanied by a copy of a certificate signed by the members of the Council of Massachusetts setting forth his official character. D. S. 3 p. (Deposition in duplicate.)

LIV, 25.

Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 34.


From Various Persons to The President of the Congress of the United States. From 1779, April 12 to 1785, May 23. Passy.
Promissory notes for money received from Benjamin Franklin, Esq., Minister Plenipotentiary of the said States. LXV, 1-128.

Affidavit that the armed privateer brigantine "Fair Play," mounting twelve four-pounders, was built in 1777, and from then until she was sunk off Guadaloupe, in January, 1779, she was believed to be the property of Tristram Dalton, John Coffin Jones, Daniel Sargent, Ebenezer Parsons and Joseph Marquand; and that being ballasted with bar lead and victualed for a five months' cruise for sixty men, at the time of her sailing in the preceding November, was of the value of twenty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six Spanish milled dollars, and that she would have sold for that sum. Attested by Nicolas Pike, Justice of the Peace. Accompanied by a certificate, signed by the members of the Council of Massachusetts, testifying to the official character of Nicolas Pike. D. S. Stephen Hooper, Samuel Batchelder, Will[i]a)m Coombs, Tho[ma]s Thomas. D. S. 2 p. (In triplicate.) LIV, 23.


Deposition as to the sinking of the brig, "Fair Play," attested by Theophilus Parsons, Justice of the Peace, accompanied by a certificate, signed by the members of the Council of Massachusetts, setting forth his official character. D. S. 3 p. (Deposition in triplicate. Certificate in quadruplicate.) LIV, 24.

From Lt.-Col. David Hay and Edmund White to The Lords of the Treasury. 1779. April 23. St. John's, Newfoundland.


Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. 1 p. LVII, 27.

From Edmund White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance. 1779. May 10. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Advice that bills of exchange have been drawn to defray expenses at St. John's. A. L. S. 1 p. LIV, 28.


Concerning the accident to the American vessel, "Fair Play," commanded by Capt. Andrew Giddings; writes on behalf of various persons who have lost by this disaster the greater part of their fortunes; desires his kind interest in the matter. L. S. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) XIV, 99 and LXI, 40.

The same. L. S. 1 p. (English translation.) XLVII, 146.


On behalf of Captain Giddings of the "Fair Play." A.L.S. 2 p. (Copy.) LXI, 40.
From Thomas Roberts to Richard Forman, London.

Drew a set of bills of exchange on him payable to Edmund White or order, which he hopes he will accept and charge to him as Armourer at this place. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) XLVII, 147.

From de Gimat to Marquis de la Fayette, Paris.
[1779. May, Circa 15.]


Was seized off Lisbon by a supposed English frigate; depositions by the Captain of the barkentine, certificates by the Spanish Marine authorities, affidavit by merchants of Cadiz as to the ownership, cargo and destination of the vessel. D. S. 7 p. (In Spanish.) LIV, 29.

From Geor[ge] W[illiam] Babcock to [Whom it May Concern].
1779. May 19.

Notice that 190 British officers and men captured on the brig "Betsy," Daniel Sinclair, Commander, and other vessels on the high sea, by the "Mifflin," are allowed to be landed in British dominions, with an agreement, signed by John Irwin, Daniel Sinclair and Paul Jaffie, British officers, that the same number of American prisoners are to be released. D. S. 2 p. LIV, 30.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to John Walsh, late Master of the "Drake,

Glad to hear that the memorial which he forwarded and enforced to the American Plenipotentiaries, had a good effect upon the conduct of [D'Albert de] Riou to the gentleman whom the fortune of war made prisoner to the American arms. Sorry he has not been exchanged with the persons who would have been the most necessary evidences on his Court Martial, when he returns to England. Will again mention his case to Dr. Franklin. Can testify that the "Drake" made a gallant and good defence and was disabled before any person called for quarters. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 149.
Miscellaneous Papers

From Ed[mu]nd White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty’s Ordnance. 1779. May 20 and 21. St. John’s, Newfoundland.

Advice that bills of exchange have been drawn to defray expenses at St. John’s. A. L. S. 1 p. LIV, 31, 32 and 33.

By Ed[mu]nd White and James Powell.


Return of ordnance stores which were partly destroyed by fire, May 15, 1779. D. S. 6 p. LIV, 34.

From Ed[mu]nd White to The Board of Ordnance.


Account of artillery stationed at St. John’s. D. S. 2 p. LIV, 35.

From Ed[mu]nd White to The Board of Ordnance.


Account of the barracks at St. John’s. D. S. 2 p. LIV, 36.

By The Board of Ordnance on Account of the Works.


By The Board of Ordnance on Account of Incidents.


From Ed[mu]nd White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty’s Ordnance. 1779. May 25, 27, 28.

St. John’s, Newfoundland.

Advice that bills of exchange have been drawn to defray specified expenses at St. John’s. A. L. S. 1 p. LIV, 38, 39, 40.
From Edmund White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance. 1779. May 28. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Notice that letters and dispatches have been sent to Placentia, to be forwarded from there to Bristol. Accompanied by an order made out by David Hay, for quadrants and perpendiculars for the fort. A. L. S. and D. S. 2 p.


The "Sibyl," frigate, arrived on the 22d, the Captain of which, being the senior officer on station, countermanded the orders for the armed vessel to proceed to England. L. S. 1 p.

By The Continental Congress. 1779. June 5.

Report of the Committee on Mr. de Francey's Memorial and action thereon. D. S. Charles Thompson, Secretary. 4 p. (In duplicate.)

LXXV, 75, 76.


By The Continental Congress. 1779. June 5.

In reference to M. Beaumarchais's accounts. D. S. Charles Thompson, Secretary. 1 p.

LXXV, 78.


Was informed that he was a prisoner on parole at Aix, taken on the "Zephyr." Mr. Cox and he were at Aix last October; had he known that he was one of the prisoners he would have made it a point to see him. His family connections. If he has any inclination to return to his native country and can, with any degree of honor, leave the service he is in, he will obtain his liberty by writing to Benjamin Franklin. Assures him there are great opportunities in America for young men and that the independence of America will be established. A. L. S. 3 p.
From Ed[mu]nd White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance. 1779. June 7. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Advice that bills of exchange have been drawn to defray specified expenses at St. John's. A. L. S. 1 p.

LIV, 44.


Is sorry his private concerns are of such a nature as to make it necessary for him to request leave of absence. Notwithstanding the inconvenience to the service, he grants him permission to remain on shore at l'Orient until he receives order from Dr. Franklin, from himself, or some other commander to resume the duties of his commission and to hold himself in readiness to obey future orders. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.)

XLVII, 152.

By The Continental Congress. 1779. June 18.


LXXV, 79 and 80.


His cruise along the shores of England and the prizes he made. Asks him to write the state of affairs to Dr. Franklin and to send John Diot here to take care of his prizes. Will remain there until Diot arrives. Judges all his prizes to be worth more than £10,000. L. 3 p. (Copy.)

XLVII, 153.

From Ed[mu]nd White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance. 1779. June 30. St. John's, Newfoundland.

Notice that John Denny, carpenter, was entitled to draw pay for ninety-one days. A. L. S. 1 p.

LIV, 49.

From Ed[mu]nd White and James Powell to The Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance. 1779. June 30. St. John's, Newfoundland.

List of civil officers, surgeon and artificers at St. John's. A. L. S. 1 p.

LIV, 50.
By The Continental Congress, Board of Treasury. [1779. June.]


From —— Strange to —— Guillaume. [1779. June.]


From —— to M. Boisgerard, Merchant of Nantes.

[Circa 1779.]

Giving particulars about his vessel, "La Bouitte," captured by the English, June 15, 1778, while on voyage to America, recaptured, July 5, by Comte d'Estaing's squadron, and finally sold by the French Admiralty as a prize in April, 1779. Wishes to present a claim for reimbursement. L. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 129.


Mortified at the unsuccessful conclusion of their late conferences; reserves to himself the right of renewing the mediations as circumstances may occur; meant to provide for a shorter cast which seemed not distant then and which has since actually happened in the interference of Spain. Is still of his former opinion, notwithstanding the steps lately taken by Spain, as to the principle upon which any negotiation with America should be founded. Takes the liberty of enclosing a copy of the terms of negotiation which he lately laid before him with an alteration in the fourth article. Asks him to reconsider the enclosed terms and that he might be permitted to propose a renewal of the negotiation upon them. Proposes going out of town next Monday, unless he could entertain any hope that his longer stay could contribute in the least degree to facilitate the road to peace and reunion with America. L. 4 p. XLVII, 155.


He refuses to take any steps without seeing their authority for making the application, and without having a copy of the accounts in question. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XXXVIII, 40a.
From The Continental Congress to Louis XVI.  

Petition for needed military and naval stores, an estimate of which the American Minister is prepared to give. Pledge repayment. Promise not to conclude peace without the concurrence of France. D. S. John Jay, President. 3 p. LIV, 52.


Wrote a letter to him which he intended to send together with a copy of the “Regulations [for the Discipline of the Troops of the United States,” Philadelphia: 1779], before he left Philadelphia to take charge of the army; the Board of War promised to transmit both, but sent the letter only. Is sorry for the mistake. Encloses a copy of the Regulations. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 156.


Introduces Nicholas Barker, of Rotterdam, and begs him to introduce Mr. Barker to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 157.


Concerning the exchange of prisoners. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVIII, 41.

From Robert Bollard to The Principal Officers of His Majesty’s Ordnance. 1779. July 28. Placentia, Newfoun[land].

Hopes they will be pleased to grant him the usual allowance of twelve guineas for travelling charges, to defray the expenses of his passage from St. John’s to this place. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 158.

Requests him not to fail to call at his house and bring M. Darbault's books. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLVII, 159.


Resolution that the Commissioners and others in Europe, transmit their accounts, etc., to the Board of Treasury for settlement and that a suitable person be appointed to examine said accounts. D. S. Cha[yle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (In duplicate.) LXXV, 82a, and 83a.


From W[iillia]m Sharp to James Cuming.

Sends him $360 to invest in Brittany linens. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 160.


Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 27.


Account of a cruise of the American privateer, "Black Prince," in the Channel and off the coast of England. Brought into Brest the ship "Good Will," Capt. Power, which was condemned by the Admiralty at Brest, but, after six weeks, orders have not yet been given to have the vessel and cargo sold. The cargo is of a perishable nature and great loss is incurred by those who took the prize. Requests M. de Sartine to issue orders to allow the "Good Will" to be sold, also the packet boat "Dublin," from Bristol to Dublin, captured on another cruise. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVII, 161.

From ——— ——— to Cradock Taylor, Aix.
1779. August 17. Toulon.

Not surprising that he was treated as a prisoner of war, though an American subject, as he was captured in the English service. Can-
not release him unless he is claimed by the American authorities or exchanged for a French prisoner held by the English. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 125.

*From John Torris to Francis Coffyn, Dunkirk.* 1779. August 27. Dunkirk.

Necessity of hastening the condemnation of the prizes taken by the "Black Prince"; Dr. Franklin and the Minister of Marine have both been written to on the subject, but no answer has been received. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XV, 150.


Account of a cruise during which he fell in with the "Spy," tender, on the coast of Ireland, mounting fourteen nine-pounders and carrying 400 men. Gave chase and gave her five broadsides within the lighthouse of Waterford, but was unable to make a prize of her on that account; sprung his bowsprit in the chase. Brought eight ransomers to the amount of £2,125 10 s. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 163.


Greatly astonished that Dr. Franklin has not received his packet. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XV, 152.


M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] and Chevalier de la Luzerne, wish him to remain here some time longer. M. Gérard is leaving for France, will take this letter and will confer with the writer's father and the Ministers about his situation here. Will abide by their decision. Is in good health and has made some tried friends. His only regret is in being separated from his family and friends in France. The state of affairs in America. The army is becoming more disciplined and effective. Comte d'Estaing's victory and the declaration of Spain in favor of France, had a good effect. Restored confidence and determination to continue the war. The alliance with France is hailed everywhere as a sure augury of final and complete independence.
for the Colonies. The English army in America is now confined to New York and Rhode Island. Gen. [John] Sullivan attacking the Indians on the borders of the Canadian lakes. Blunder and ignorance of the English Generals; atrocities committed by their troops. The Continental navy becoming stronger and more daring, is anxious to meet the English navy in an equal contest. The political situation in Pennsylvania very complicated, dissensions of the several parties, Whigs, Tories, Quakers, etc. Resources of the Colonies in food stuffs, etc. Finances still in a very dilapidated state. Begs to be remembered to several persons in France and in particular to Chevalier [François Jean, Marquis] de Chastellux to whom he is indebted for many favors. L. 7 p. (In French. Copy.)

From Jno. G. Frazer to Cradock Taylor, Aix.


From James Sterling to George Mitchell, St. Meau, in Brittany.

Sorry to find he is still a prisoner. Thinks a protection is not easily got. His brother Harry [Mitchell], in Boston, in a very good way. The latter has made Mrs. Miller's son Captain of a very fine letter of marque, and would no doubt provide for him if he could get to him. Thinks if Mitchell could get a memorial to Dr. Franklin, he would obtain liberty for him to go to Boston. A. L. S. 1 p.

Memorandum. 1779. September 25.


By The Continental Congress. 1779. September 29 and October 4.
Appointement of Lieut.-Col. John Laurens as Secretary to the Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Versailles, and fixing the salary of the Minister Plenipotentiary and his Secretary. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. LXXV, 84.


By The Continental Congress. 1779. September 29.
Appointement of Mr. Joshua Johnson to examine the accounts of Commissioners. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (In duplicate.) LXXV, 82b, and 83b.

Sends him 60 livres with which he begs him to purchase in Paris, and forward, two double sets of crayons of the first quality, and to lay out the remainder of the money at his and Dr. Franklin's discretion. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLVII, 165.

By The Continental Congress. 1779. October 15.
In reference to supplying funds to the Ministers appointed to treat with His Catholic Majesty and with His Brittanic Majesty. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. LXXV, 85.
Printed in the Secret Journals of Congress, Boston, 1820, II, 279.

From John G. Frazer to Cradock Taylor, Aix.
Will write again to Dr. Franklin to convince him that he is a native of Virginia, and a good American. Advises him to insist on not being exchanged when the cartel comes for the "Zephyr's" crew; or else to enter the French service in a merchant ship to the West Indies in any capacity, and from there he may get home immediately. Sorry he cannot help him with any more money. Is to sail next week for America. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 167.
From Captain [Richard] Pearson to John Paul Jones.

Is sorry not to have been favored with either a call or line from him since his return from Amsterdam. Looks upon his behavior as a breach of that civility which his rank entitles him to. Wants to know whether steps have been taken towards the enlargement or exchange of him, his officers and people, or what is intended to be done with them. Thinks their being kept prisoners on board ship after being so long in a neutral port, a very unprecedented circumstance. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 168a.


Did not think him unacquainted with the English Ambassador's memorial of the 8th, to the States-General, and therefore thought it fruitless to pursue the negotiations for the exchange of prisoners of war now in his hands. Resents the charge of breach of civility. Knows not what difference of respect is due to rank between his service and theirs. Supposes the difference must be thought very great in England since he is informed that Capt. [Gustavus] Cunningham, of equal denomination and who bears a senior rank in the American service than his in the service of England, is now confined at Plymouth in a dungeon and in fetters. Has treated and will continue to treat the wounded with the greatest care. Encloses a copy of the Ambassador's memorial. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 168b.


Appoints him commander of the Continental frigate "Alliance." Instructions which he is to observe. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 169.

From P[ierre] Landais to John Paul Jones.
1779. October 22. Texel.

Has received orders from Dr. Franklin to go to Paris immediately. Will leave the frigate "Alliance" to-night, in the condition he told him when he met him at Mr. Hogland's and under the care of Lieutenant [James Arthur] Degge. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 170.
From James White to ————.

Has matters of consequence to communicate to Benjamin Franklin, for which he desires a safe messenger. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XVI, 105.

From R. Grey to John Evans, Angier in Anjou.

Efforts to secure his enlargement. Asks him to enclose this letter to Dr. Franklin immediately and he is sure he will aid him. Sir Edward Newenham and he will stand for his bail. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 171.


Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 22.

From I. Bell and Rob[er]t Lulman to David Hartley.


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Have the Admiralty’s directions for making an exchange of all the American prisoners in England. In order to facilitate this, they request him to negotiate the matter with Dr. Franklin and to procure information of the precise number of English prisoners in France; to furnish them with another pass, as they propose to send one vessel from Plymouth and another from Portsmouth, and to ascertain the name of the Agent at Morlaix with whom the exchange is to be transacted. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 172.

By George III. 1779. November 25.

Speech to both Houses of Parliament, respecting the present condition of the war, and the loyalty of the English people. 3 p. (Copy.) LIV, 60.

By The Assembly of Pennsylvanina.

An Act for vesting the estates of the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania in this Commonwealth. D. 7 p. (Copy.) LIV, 61.

In Reference to the Descent on Ireland. [1779. November.]
Mem. 1 p. LIII, 69a.

1779. December 1. Frankfort.

Is on his way to Holland. Wishes to purchase the two ships Mr. Boux built at Amsterdam. With his aid will equip them as vessels of war, and proceed to South Carolina or Virginia to take in rice, tobacco, indigo, etc. As Capt. [John Paul] Jones is now in Amsterdam, asks if they cannot unite all their interests, forces and funds so as to do something clever. Wrote to Dr. Franklin and trusts he and [Le Ray] de Chaumont may embrace the opportunity of once more aiding America. A. L. S. 3 p.

From John Paul Jones to Duc de la Vauguyon.

Reasons why he has refused the letter of marque offered him by the French Court; would esteem himself inexcusable did he even accept a commission of equal or superior denomination to his own; astonished that the Court should offer such an insult to his understanding; contrasts this treatment with that shown to French officers by the American Ambassador. L. 4 p. (Copy.) XVI, 162a.

From Thom[a]s Mullowney to John Paul Jones, Paris.

Giving an account of his sufferings since he went on board the cutter "Surf"; is destitute of everything; begs to be assisted in his distress. A. L. S. 2 p. XVI, 176.
1779. December 27. “Alliance” at Sea.
Concerning the loss of two anchors, by the “Alliance” getting foul of a Dutch merchant ship. Wishes them taken up. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 174.

From J. Gruel to P. Penet. [Circa 1779.] December 31. Nantes.
Arrival of Capt. Seth Paddack from America with news of the two armies in their winter quarters. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) LVIII, 89.

From Louis Anty, of Nantes. [Circa 1779.]
Presents his claim against the State of Virginia for supplies furnished by him, and advances of money. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LVII, 112.

From Gayault de Boisbertrand. [Circa 1779.]
Is Lieutenant-Colonel of Cavalry and served in the United States. Petitions to be appointed Brigadier-General in America, in consideration of his services. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LVII, 46.

By [Barbeu Dubourg. Circa 1779.]
“The Morals of Chess.” Dr. Franklin’s views of the question. Mem. 4 p. LVI(i), 54½.

By [Barbeu Dubourg. Circa 1779.]
Another view of the “Morals of Chess” as opposed to Franklin’s view. Sets forth its disadvantages, the evils it causes and its bad effects on the mind and heart. Contends that the best players of chess are good for nothing else in life. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 54.

From J[ohn] Penn to [James] Lovell. [1779.]
Desiring Franklin’s interest on behalf of a young Virginian, Cradock Taylor, who was pressed on board an English man-of-war; his subsequent capture and imprisonment in France. A. L. S. 1 p. XL, 114.

From [John D.] Schweighauser to John Paul Jones. [Circa 1779.]
Unable as yet to pay Capt. [John Paul] Jones his share of the prize-money; request that the plate [belonging to the Countess of Selkirk] should be valued. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLI, 181.
Sword of Honor Presented by the American Congress to the Marquis de la Fayette, 1779.

Description of the emblems and figures thereon. Mem. 1 p. (In French.)

By [Francis Hopkinson]. 1779.

"The battle of the kegs" [1779]. Humorous account of an incident which occurred while the British were in possession of Philadelphia. "A new ballad: Date obulum Belisario" or "a penny to the poor" [1777]. Political ballad referring to England’s defeat and difficulties after the war with the Colonies. A. Verses. 4 p. LI, 95.

Printed in "The Miscellaneous Essays and Occasional Writings of Francis Hopkinson, Philadelphia, 1792."

From Stephen Marchant to John Torris, Dunkirk.


Sends the name and quality of the prisoners he has taken and also the names of his men that were taken prisoners by the English on the six prizes that were retaken. The loss of his men will retard his cruise. Hopes he will use his influence to make an exchange of prisoners. Has a fine prospect before him of distressing the British. Location of their fleet. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 154.

From ——— to [Vicomte de Rochambeau. 1779?]

Note requesting the Vicomte [de Rochambeau] to see the Marquis de la Fayette and get him to obtain a prompt decision from Dr. Franklin as to the supplies of clothing for the American troops, as this is the most favorable time for buying cloth. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 132.

From The Governor of Guadalupe to William Bingham.


Received orders relative to the indemnification of the owners of the brig "Fair Play." Steps taken to determine the amount. L. 2 p. XLVII, 175a.

From The Commissioners of Commerce to The Governor of Guadalupe. 1780. January. Bassiture.

Opinion of the Commissioners of Commerce relative to the valuation of the brig "Fair Play." L. 2 p. XLVII, 175(b).

From William Temple to Peter Allaire.
[1780. February 15.]
His Grandfather does not choose to grant this request [for a pass to Brussels (see p. 30)]. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. CII, 23b.

From J. D. Van der Capellen to C. G. F. Dumas.
Complaining that his American letters are always opened, and giving an address under which he begs Dr. Franklin will forward his letters in future. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 149.

From Pierre Landais to Le Ray de Chaumont, Passy.
Concerning the recovery of his trunks and papers left on board the "Alliance"; desires seals put upon them. Wishes to see Franklin's answer to his letter, reclaiming his belongings. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XVII, 99.

By Thomas Hutchins. 1780. March 6. Passy.

By Benjamin Gale & Co. of Killingsworth, Conn. 1780. March 6.
Proposals made to any skilled manufacturer of pottery or French delph ware, who will come to America and manufacture such articles for them. Mem. 2 p. LVII, 30.

From Thomas Hutchins to Jonathan Williams, [Jr.].
Asking that twelve of his maps and pamphlets of the interior parts of North America may be sent to Dr. Franklin. L. S. 1 p. XVII, 137.

By Benjamin Carpenter. 1780. March 15. Passy.

Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 16.

From Jonas Belton to Joseph Belton, Paris.

Was informed by John Adams that he was in Paris. Was informed of his misfortune, by a letter from his friend, Mr. Wistmore. Would be glad of his return home. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 176.

From —— Benton to —— Bessière.

An account of the son of M. Prat de Figeac, who passed himself off in America as the Comte [Jules] de Montfort; procured letters from his father under this false title; determined to follow him up if possible. His principal reason for travelling in France has been to regain his strength after the wounds he received at Savannah; expects to sail from Bordeaux as soon as possible to join his regiment in America; begs for news of his friend. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XVIII, 3.

From Edmun[d] Dunkin to Isaac Cazneau.

The packet "Besbro," from Dublin to Iceland, was boarded by the Captain of the "Black Prince" who said he had an American commission and called himself [Patrick] Dowlin; he treated all the prisoners in the most savage manner; paid no attention to his order from the Massachusetts' Council; robbed him of a gold watch while his Lieutenant rifled his pockets. Asks him to inform Dr. Franklin of this, that he might be redressed. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 177.

From George Leopold Besson to The Secretary of Dr. Franklin,

Without some assistance he and his family must perish. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XVIII, 12.


From J. S. Lefebvre to J[ohn] Torris, Cherbourg. 1780. April 19.

With reference to a Dutch vessel claimed as a lawful prize. Has offered the Captain and four sailors their travelling expenses to Cherbourg. Captain refuses to go until he has received orders from Rotterdam. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XLVII, 178.


Is in possession of a bill for twenty-five louis, drawn on him by Dr. Franklin in the Chevalier’s favor; cannot pay the money unless the bill is presented and endorsed; recommends him to Mr. William Bingham, of Martinique, to negotiate the affair. A. L. S. 2 p. XVIII, 53.


A resolution of Congress for cancelling the two millions of dollars emitted by them, has been well received. The depreciation is stopped, and the paper money has advanced in value. Discusses the currency question. Trade and privateering are brisk, and there is a plenty of goods but no money to purchase them. It is much to be wished that the Court of France would order a squadron superior to the enemy to be stationed in some part of the United States, as the best and only means of putting a speedy end to the war. The losses to our privateers at present nearly equal their captures. L. 3 p. (Copy.) LIV, 110b and 120b.


Asks that a regular correspondence may be opened between the two societies. Refers to the close connection of arms between the two countries, and believes that the union should be as close in science. The case is committed to the care of Dr. Franklin. The request, if granted, will have a salutary effect upon the medical profession in the United States, and will assist the Society in its efforts to be recognized by the Legislators. A. L. S. James Potter, President. 1 p. LIV, 68.

Has no doubt of his right to a share in the prizes taken by the frigate “Boston.” Advises him to apply to Schweigauer & Dobré, of Nantes, who looked after the frigate’s business. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy.)

XLVII, 179a.


Commands him to hold the “Alliance” for him till the decision of Congress arrives, whereupon he expects to take charge himself; Franklin’s inability to prevent his taking this step. A. L. S. 1 p.

XVIII, 131.


Craving his assistance in collecting those American seamen in the different French ports, who are disengaged and desirous of returning home. Claims to be the superior naval American officer in Europe and in that capacity gives his opinion that Capt. Landais is the proper commanding officer of the “Alliance.” His intention of purchasing the prize-ship “Serapis” for the State of South Carolina, unless she is wanted by the French Government. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

XVIII, 133a.

From Alexander Gillon to Pierre Landais.

1780. June 12. L’Orient.

Acknowledging his favor of the same date. Strongly advises him to take and keep the command of the “Alliance,” and restore her only to those from whom he received his commission. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

XVIII, 133b.

From Arthur Lee to Captain John Paul Jones.


Saw the authorities under which Captain Peter Landais claims the right to command the “Alliance,” and states that since there is a resolve from Congress giving him the command of the “Alliance” and a letter of instructions for that purpose from the Marine Committee, it is clear beyond a possible doubt, that Capt. Landais commands that ship. The subjects of the United States who attempt to
divest Capt. Landais of the command he holds, or disturb him in the exercise of it, commit a high crime against the laws and sovereignty of the United States and subject themselves to a proportionable punishment. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 180½.


Encloses a newspaper and an extract from a letter from one of the Judges in Boston. L. S. 1 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) LIV, 109 and 119b.


He intends to furnish the "Alliance" with all necessary supplies while at her present moorings, and he has orders for that purpose from Captain [John Paul] Jones. Wishes some method would be taken to relieve him from the care of the two letters in his possession from Dr. Franklin. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 180a.


Moylan refused him the brandy which they had agreed to send on board the "Alliance," and their mode of supplying their ship must not be interrupted, and that he may follow the orders of Captain [John Paul] Jones, if he pleases, but it is Blodget's duty to obey Capt. [Pierre] Landais. Since Moylan has refused a receipt from Capt. Landais for the letters in his hands, he knows of no other method that can be adopted to relieve him of that charge. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 180b.


Directs him not to sail until he receives his, Jones's, special instructions for that purpose. Also directs him to send eighty of his best riggers with all the joiners from the "Alliance" to rig and prepare the "Ariel." L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 183.


Relates to Loan Office certificates. Accompanied by an extract from a letter from Elbridge Gerry to John Adams. L. S. 5 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) LIV, 110a, and 120a.

(Gerry letter, Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, III, 805 and 650; V, 52; Adams letter, ibid., V, 207.)
Relating to the redemption of paper money at 40 to 1. L. S. 4 p.  (Copy. In French. In duplicate.) LIV, 120c, and 122.  

Capt. [Pierre] Landais promised to let them go ashore should Capt. [John Paul] Jones make a demand for them; they beg him to do so. Tell him not to believe Capt. Landais should he write that they are willing to go to sea with him; they are determined not to do so; they have been kept below as prisoners for two days and Capt. Landais now wants them to serve under his command, which they refuse. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 181.

Since His Most Christian Majesty lent the frigate “Ariel” to the United States and since he, Landais, was charged to transport in her some public stores and clothing that are wanted for the American armies, he claims the seamen and crew that are on board the “Alliance” and that served under his command in the “Bon Homme Richard”; requests him to deliver them to the bearer, Lieut. [Richard] Dale, and also to deliver to him his baggage and stores, including his barge, all of which is his private property. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 182.

Relates to measures adopted by France against the Resolutions of Congress of March 18. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) LIV, 111, and 120d.  

Defense of the Resolutions of Congress to redeem paper bills at the rate of forty to one. L. S. 18 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) LIV, 112, 121a, and 123.  
(Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, III, 809.)

Relating to the Resolutions of Congress of the 18th of March, last. L. S. 3 p. LIV, 119a, 121b.

(Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, III, 828.)


Notice and programme of, to be held at St. Cloud. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LIV, 74.

From Pierre Landais to John Paul Jones. 1780. June 29. On board the “Alliance” in the Road of Groa.

Sends the names of the men whom he sends ashore at l’Orient, being such as he does not find necessary to the service of the United States on board the “Alliance.” A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 184.


Letter to an unnamed clergyman. Rumor that a certain Urdele was sick with pestilence. Wrote to Dr. Franklin who replied that Urdele had recovered from his wounds and will go to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Dutch.) LIX, 6.


Probable capture of the ship “General Mercer,” Capt. Robinson; list of sundry bills in the Captain’s possession on which payment should be stopped. A. L. S. 2 p. XIX, 5½.
From ——— to The Commissioners of Sick and Hurt.

Informed by Dr. Franklin that there are not sufficient prisoners in France, taken by American vessels, to exchange against those now prisoners in England. Proposes that they send the American prisoners to France and receive a credit for them, or that they be sent to New York to be there exchanged pursuant to the cartel entered into by the respective Commanders-in-chief. L. 2 p. XLVII, 185.


Observations upon the present condition of affairs in America, and an earnest plea for a powerful fleet to be sent to America. L. S. 18 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) LIV, 113 and 114.

(Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, III, 848.)

From John Manley to Jonathan Williams, Jr.

Has lost all hope of an exchange, but begs for some relief as the donation is at an end. American prisoners solicited daily to enter the English service; eight have done so since his arrival. Encloses letters which he begs may be forwarded. Capt. [Gustavus] Cunningham came there sick a few days before, but is now better. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XIX, 26.


Reasons why the announcement of his full powers would hasten peace. L. S. 6 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) LIV, 115.

(Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, III, 861.)

Papers Relating to the Brig "Fair Play."

Certificate as to the official character of Nicholas Pike, Justice of the Peace, and affidavit of Newburyport merchants relating to the ownership, and value of cargo, of the brig. D. S. 2 p. LIV, 77a.


Certificate of Joseph de Valnais, French Consul at Boston, that the depositions and affidavits connected with the case are made out in a lawful manner. D. S. 1 p. LIV, 77d.


(Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, III, 872.)

An answer to the Count's arguments against the announcement of Mr. Adams's full powers. L. S. 11 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) LIV, 117.

(Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, IV, 7.)

Criticism of the Count's letter of the 20th inst. L. S. 5 p. LIV, 118.

(Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, IV, 12.)

Petition for a commission as Captain of infantry. Record of his previous military services in France and in America. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LVII, 29.

From [Jules, Comte de] Montfort to Herbelot (Dr. Franklin's servant), Passy. 1780. August 23.
Deems it incredible that Dr. Franklin should refuse his request for a certificate of his services in the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XIX, 80.
From [Jules, Comte de] Montfort to François ———.

Dr. Franklin alone has proofs of his services to America; his debts in Paris were contracted in good faith with no intention of deceiving anyone. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

By The Continental Congress. 1780. August 30.

In reference to bills of exchange to be drawn on Benjamin Franklin. D. 1 p. Attested copy.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia, VI, 177.

From ——— Gerrard to ——— Jones, London.
1780. August 31. [London.]

Is willing to exchange any books purchased at Alleyne's sale for others. N. in 3d P. 1 p.

From Schweighauser & Dobrée to [Pierre] Roussille.

Proceeds derived from the sale of prizes taken by the "Boston" were handed over to Captain Tucker of that vessel who was to distribute to his crew their share. Advises him to apply to Captain Tucker for the share he is entitled to. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy. In duplicate.)


Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p.


Instructions to the Minister of the United States at the Court of Madrid [3 p.]. Accompanied by a letter explaining the instructions. 21 p. D. and L. S. Samuel Huntington, Pres[ident]. (Copy.)

(Printed in the Secret Journals of Congress, II, 323-325, 326-332.)

Depreciation of the paper money issued by Congress and the different States, and the loss which merchants in Europe will sustain. Indemnity of £5,000 which he received from the State of Virginia, for the loss of his ship “Senault l’Elégante” and cargo of tobacco, has dwindled to about 287 dollars in specie. Suggests that the insurance firms submit to Dr. Franklin a claim for the entire £5,000. Encloses a memorandum narrating how the French ship “Senault l’Elégante,” from Martinique, was beached in the Rappahannock river to avoid capture by an English frigate. Finally betrayed into the hands of the English, by the treachery of a company of Virginia militia of 400 men who prevented the crew from defending their vessel from the shore where they had landed and trained guns on the English boats. L. S. 7 p. (In French. Copy.) XLIⅡ, 186.


From —— Lavinier to [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.


Advises him to choose an honest tinker and not to drive too close a bargain. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) CII, 124c.

By Henry Bromfield, Jr. 1780. October 23.


By The Treasurer of Loans. 1780. November 1.


Extract from the London Evening Post concerning a lock of hair placed in a phial, where it remained untouched for twelve months, when it was found to have grown six inches and thus continued to grow yearly an equal length. Mem. 1 p. XLIX, 50.

Has been requested to rent a carpet for use at Passy. Is not accustomed to rent out carpets but, to please M. Grand, will do so in this case. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLVII, 187.

Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 10.


Their reasons for delaying the departure of a vessel for America, viz.: differences between M. de Chaumont and Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.,] and not having a full crew to man the vessel. L. 1 p. (In French. Copy by Dr. Franklin.) XLIV, 44.


With reference to a dispute about freight, between the latter and Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.,] of Nantes, for merchandise loaded on board the vessel "Marquis de la Fayette." Dispute referred to arbitrators, at Nantes, who decided that the freight only becomes due when the goods are really loaded on board the vessel. L. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVII, 188.

From V. and P. French and Nephew to Jonathan Williams, Jr.

Glad to learn of the approbation M. Rozée & Montaudouin's decision met with from M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont; had they been aware of what was going on, this decision would probably not have been passed. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XX, 114.
By The Continental Congress. 1780. December 23.

Instructions to John Laurens, as Minister at the Court of Versailles. Copy of D. S. Samuel Huntington, President. 4 p. (Press copy.)

LXXV, 4.

Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, IV, 205.


Wishes them a happy New Year; tells how much he enjoys it at Geneva; his pleasure in collecting butterflies. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

CII, 143.


Laneuville and his brother arrived at Yorktown without their papers. Congress did not give him his commission. After waiting some time, he joined [Gen. Horatio] Gates's army as an Inspector General which position he held until Washington's army joined Gates's. He then resigned and finished the campaign as a volunteer. He returned to Philadelphia to present his claims to Congress. Owing to the discontent of the American officers at having foreigners command them, he could not get a commission, only a brevet. He wishes now to return to America if he can do so in an honorable manner. His record can be found in the War Office. If he cannot return, he wishes Dr. Bancroft to do all in his power for his brother [Normiont de Laneuville] in America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

LXII, 64.

By Rey de Morande, of Cadiz. [Circa 1780.]

Form of agreement to deliver at a port in the United States, a cargo of 180 cannon and bring back a cargo of tobacco on the account of the Continental Congress. Mem. 2 p.

LXIV, 51.


Received a letter from Mr. D—— requesting him to advance to the prisoners one shilling per week from New Year's day to April. The French landed 7,000 men on the Island of Jersey and took it. Had no naval force there. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVII, 189.

Notarial deed by which they authorized Pierre Vernier & Cie, of Lyons, to withdraw 3,000 dollars in certificates of the Loan Office deposited with M. Oster, Vice-Consul of France, at Philadelphia. D. 4 p. (In French.) LIV, 98.


From Thomas Wren to William Hodgson, London.


Received his, with note, of Smith, Page & Smith for £60; concerning the sources from which funds are received. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLVII, 190.

From Lavabre, Doerner & Co. to [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.


Asking that the enclosed documents be endorsed by Dr. Franklin before they are forwarded to the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXI, 66.

By The King of France. 1781. February 16. Versailles.

1781. February 27. Portsmouth.

The gentleman who promised to contribute regularly to the relief of the American prisoners, requested him not to mention to anyone his allowance to the prisoners. Friends think it is improper to proceed any further on this gentleman's order, without any remittance. Thinks it will be regularly replaced. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVII, 191.

From Lord George Germain to James Simpson.

Is of the opinion that the wretched state of the rebel military force and the vast superiority of the British army, may tend to negotiations being solicited by the inhabitants of the revolted Provinces, if not by the Congress. Thinks his presence in America will be a great aid in the negotiating of peace. L. 2 p. (Press copy.) XLVII, 194b.


From Nathanael Greene to Samuel Huntington, President of Congress.


Not having finished loading his vessel, was unable to sail for Brest with the French squadron. Will soon be ready to sail and, owing to the importance of his vessel and cargo, asks to be convoyed to Brest by the American frigate "Alliance," Capt. [John] Barry, now in port, and if necessary the whole way to America. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVII, 195.

Received Messrs. Welsh, Rogers and Co.'s note he sent to him for £46 for the American prisoners. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVII, 196.


Description of an engagement between the English and French fleets on the 16th inst., near Cape Charles. Mem. 4 p. (In duplicate.) LIV, 100.

From John Laurens to The President of Congress. 1781. April 9. Versailles.

Informed by Comte de Vergennes that His Majesty determined to guarantee a loan of ten millions to be opened in Holland, in favor of the United States, in addition to the six millions granted as a gratuitous gift and the four millions appropriated for the payment of bills of exchange drawn by Congress on their Minister Plenipotentiary. Will endeavor to procure an advance from the Treasury of France, to be replaced by the proposed loan. Will renew solicitations for the supplies of Ordnance and military stores on credit, that the six millions may not be absorbed by those objects. Was assured by the Marquis de Castries that the naval superiority, in their favor, will be established on the American coast, in the ensuing campaign. Court of London refused the offer of mediation of Russia, between her and America. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 197.

[By John Laurens.] 1781. April 17.

Particulars as to artillery and ammunition needed and at what arsenals in France they can be obtained. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LXI, 115.


Memorial addressed by him as special Minister of the United States. Exposes the critical situation in the United States and the need of prompt and efficient help from her ally, France. Begs that the necessary artillery, munitions of war, equipments and stores be taken from the Royal Arsenals and sold on credit to the United States; that a sum
of 10 millions be advanced to them immediately, to be repaid eventually by the loan of 10 millions guaranteed by the King of France, which was to be raised in Holland, and that the French fleet in American waters be increased to maintain superiority over the English fleet and thus do away with the advantages hitherto enjoyed by the English forces in the United States. Points out, in conclusion, that in the interest of France, also, the opportunity should not be lost for curbing and humbling England's pride; as otherwise her ambition and greed would know no bounds. D. 4 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVII, 197b.


Relative to the method of conveying the borrowed money to America. Made arrangements whereby the "Indian," sold by the Chevalier de Luxemb[o]urg to the State of South Carolina for three years, should convey the money to America. Apprehends an unfavorable reply to the request that the military effects from the public arsenals should be obtained on credit. Encloses a copy of the military stores, No. 2, that can be obtained in the maritime places from the War Department. Difficulty in obtaining the howitzers and the trouble encountered in transporting shells from the interior of the Kingdom. Will proceed to Brest as soon as he accomplishes everything that requires his presence here, to hasten the departure of the frigate. Will, in the meanwhile, detail Capt. [William] Jackson, who accompanied him from America, to exert his utmost effort to get the "Indian" to sea without loss of time. A. L. S. 6 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 197a.


Has a new ship of twenty guns, ready to put to sea by the 5th of June. Desires any freight he has to send. Asks him to forward his letters and despatches in time to go by her. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVII, 198.

By George Greive. 1781. April 29. Passy.


From J[ohn] D. Schweighauser to John Laurens.

Articles he received and loaded on board the "Active," Capt. Barnes, consigned to the Board of War, Philadelphia. L. S. 2 p. 

XLVII, 199.

From Ban[astre] Tarleton to Lord [Cornwallis?].

Thinks la Fayette passed the South Anna or Pamunky for the mountain road at Bird's ordinary. Left the Three Notched Road for the benefit of forage and to communicate with him. Shall strike it again tomorrow and go by Napier's to Pier's Mill. La Fayette's design is to follow. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) 

XLVII, 200.


Letter to the King of France expressing the strongest sentiments of gratitude for the measures adopted by His Majesty to render the cause of the United States triumphant. D. S. Sam[uel] Huntington, President, and sealed. 1 p. (In duplicate.) 

LXXVI, 17 and 18.

From Capt. de Galatheau to James Moylan.

The capture of his ship, "Marquis de la Fayette," by three English war vessels while on his voyage to America. Set sail with the frigate "Alliance" as a convoy. Took two English privateers the first few days out. Became separated and lost sight of the "Alliance," during a violent storm. Was pursued by three English warships. Engaged in battle with one of them, the "Endymion," of forty-eight guns. After a combat at close quarters lasting over three hours was obliged to yield to superior force. Was hampered by a small crew, had sixty sick persons on board and had ninety English prisoners to restrain. His casualties were twenty killed or wounded, and his vessel was so badly battered that it had to be towed for twelve days by the English warship. The two other English vessels were standing by when he surrendered. L. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) 

XLVII, 194c.


Seeks the appointment of his cousin, Galart des Graux, as Consul at Bayonne. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) 

XXII, 58.

Resolution approving of John Barry’s conduct in releasing the ship belonging to the subjects of the Republic of Venice. D. 1 p. (Certified copy.)

XLVII, 200a.


Their bay continues in the same situation. Impossible to say whether a change may happen by the superiority of the French fleet this summer. The British make most rapid strides in Virginia and continue to destroy all tobacco in the public warehouses. L. 2 p. (Duplicate.)

XLVII, 201.

From The Admiralty Office at Dunkirk. 1781. July 2.

An extract from the records giving a declaration made by several French sailors who had formed part of the crew of the privateer “La Revanche,” Capt. Gustavus Conyngham, respecting their rights to a share in the prizes taken by the latter vessel. D. S. 2 p. (In French.)

LIV, 104.


Fears the vessel is lost which was bringing the newly appointed Consul-General to France. Thinks it better to have Frenchmen of good family as Consuls in the French ports; foreigners in that position would meet with slight consideration. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XXII, 71.


Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXXIV, 15.


Sends a quatrains composed on the spur of the moment by M. [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry on hearing M. Miromesnil’s name mentioned. It pays a tribute to the latter’s efforts and influence in the interest of French literature. Reply of M. Miromesnil thanking M. Oudet and M. Feutry. Hopes he will soon see false philosophy banished and human knowledge increase. L. 1 p. (In French. Copy.)

XLVII, 202.

Account of engagements with the enemy at Augusta, Georgia, and near Williamsburg, Virginia. Taken chiefly from letters from Marquis de la Fayette to Samuel Huntington and to General [Nathanael] Greene. 5 p. (Press copy.) LIV, 105.


The second bills of exchange on France intercepted. Requests him to write to the Commissioner at Paris to stop payment. L.S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVII, 203.


In reference to the exchange of Captain Cathcart, Commander of the "Essex," privateer, and crew. A.L.S. 2 p. XLVII, 204.


Account of the public chastisement of Maria de los Dolores Lopez, a native of Seville, on above date, convicted of having been in league with the Devil. D. 3 p. (In Spanish.) XLIX, 70.

By The Continental Congress. 1781. September 12.


From A. Butler to Col. Hugh Shields, Philadelphia. 1781. September 29. Williamsburg [Virginia].

Miscellaneous Papers

Sales Catalogue of the "Marquis de la Fayette."
1781. September 27, et seq.


From Alexander Gillon to John Jay.


From Richard Harrison to [David Salisbury] Franks.
1781. October 2. Cadiz.

Tells him not to give himself further uneasiness on the score of his shipper and his colleagues. Business relations. A. L. S. 8 p. XLVII, 206.

From C. W. F. Dumas to The Society Amore Patriae.
1781. October 7.

Concerning the editing and translating of their book, Considerations; regrets the necessity for secrecy on the part of such a Society. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XXXIX, 216.

From ——— Duvaudier to ——— Langlin, Paris.
[Circa 1781.] October 9.

Has been engraver and printer to the King of Portugal; desires work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLI, 18.


Showing in parallel columns the terms asked by the British, and the terms granted, amended or refused by the allied French and Americans. D. S. [Charles, Earl] Cornwallis and Thomas Symonds. 9 p. (Copy.)

List of Notes Accepted by John Adams.
1781, November 7 to 1782, February 27.
Mem. 1 p.

By Captain John Barry. 1781. November 17 to December 21.

From Robert [R.] Livingston to C. W. F. Dumas.

Asking for a continuation of his interesting letters, which in future will pass through the office of Foreign Affairs; regretting the inability of Congress to raise his salary for the present. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.)

From Andrew Limozin to Jonathan Williams, [Jr.], Nantes.

Congratulates him on the good news received at Brest, of the surrender of [Lord] Cornwallis. Asks him to procure the release, through Dr. Franklin, of the Captain and Lieutenant of an American privateer sloop in prison at Havre. A. L. S. 3 p.

From [René Georges] Gastellier to Mlle. ——.

Begging her to present two of his works to Dr. Franklin, as a feeble token of his regard and veneration. In commemoration of the brilliant victory at York and the way the regiment of Gatinais distinguished itself, desires Dr. Franklin to accord him a membership in the [American] Philosophical Society at Philadelphia, of which he is President. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
From J[ohn] Adams to John de Neufville and Son.

Has no authority to interfere in the direction of the Continental goods which Mr. [Alexander] Gillon contracted to convey to America, but such as is derived from the desire of Dr. Franklin to take the best care of them in his power. Dr. Franklin’s opinion of their not permitting Mr. Gillon to convey the goods to America. The damages the owners claim, to be stated and if they are such as cannot be agreed to, he is ready to arbitrate. According to another desire of Dr. Franklin, he offers to sell all the goods to Messrs. de Neufville and asks on what terms they will take them. Thinks this plan would settle all disputes at once. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)

From A[ndrew] Limozin to Jonathan Williams, Jr.

Request to recommend him to Dr. Franklin for the appointment as Consul for the United States at Havre.

From John de Neufville & Son to John Adams.
1781. December 5. Amsterdam.

Question of the Continental goods detained at Amsterdam for freight; surprised at Franklin’s avowed intention of refusing payment of the bills; explanation of their part in the shipping of the goods; injustice of holding them responsible for miscarriage of plans; the honor of Congress concerned; danger of undermining the public faith in America and her cause. A. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.)

From John de Neufville & Son to Van Arp and Co.
1781. December 5. Amsterdam.

In reference to the cargoes which they shipped in the frigate of Mr. [Alexander] Gillon and which afterward was taken out and shipped on the “Aurora” and the “Liberty.” A. L. 4 p. (Copy.)


In favor of Captain De Frey of Pulaski’s Legion. D. S. Joseph Nourse, Register. 2 p.
From Comte de Murinet to Princesse Sapieha.  

At her request made several efforts to learn something about M. Thaddeus Kosciuszko. Has now heard, through Chevalier de la Luzerne, that he is in good health. Several French officers who have returned say they saw the latter and that he was then with Gen. Comte de Grasse in Virginia; was employed as a military engineer. Is well thought of and enjoys consideration. L. 2 p. (In French. Copy.)  
XLVII, 209.

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld to ——— de St. Lambert, Paris.  
[1781?] 

Will be glad to see him and M. St. Jean de Crevecoeur; will await their visit. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)  
XLIV, 227.

By ——— ———. [1781.]

Song composed at Amsterdam by a Frenchman on hearing of the captures made from Admiral Rodney's fleet by M. de La Motte Pi[c]quet on March 15th, 1781. Verses. 2 p. (In French.)  
LI, 55.

By Gourlade and Moylan. 1781. L'Orient.

Form of book for entry of bills of exchange. Dr. of D. 2 p.  
LXIV, 35.

From Abbé Narduel to Abbé Arnoux, Paris. 1781.

Regrets he is unable to accept Dr. Franklin's invitation. Requests Abbé Arnoux to present his regrets and explain the situation. A. L. S. 1 p.  
LXXI, 135.

From Veuve Lalanne & fils to [John] Adams. [Circa 1781.]

Sending a packet, concerning the contents of which they beg Messrs. Adams and Franklin to confer and take suitable action. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)  
XL, 185.
By John Fennel. [Circa 1781.]

Report on the loss of the English brigantine which was captured at sea by the privateer "Thomas" [of Salem Mass.], and afterwards wrecked on the coast of St. George, one of the Azores. D. 3 p. (In French.)

LVI(i), 14.

By John Fennel. [Circa 1781.]

Report of a prize vessel taken from the English on the shipwreck of his vessel off the coast of the Azores. Mem. 4 p. (In French.)

LVII, 50.

By M. Bianchi. [Circa 1781. Paris.]

Programme of lectures and experiments in physics, to be given at the Hotel Notre Dame in Paris. Mem. 5 p. (In French.)

XLIX, 71.

From [Stephen D'audibert Caille?] to William Carmichael.
[Circa 1785.]

Thanks for requesting him to act as a correspondent for the United States in Morocco. Capture of an American vessel [brig "Betsy," of Philadelphia,] by a Moorish corsair; Captain James Erwin and his crew not maltreated but detained as captives at Mogador. Did all in his power to relieve their wants and be of service to them. The prisoners were grateful to him and showed their appreciation. The Emperor of Morocco is not inimical to the United States, but wishes to show that it is to their interest to seek his friendship and maintain diplomatic relations with him. The policy of the Moorish ruler towards all the Christian nations. He thinks the United States should not delay in accrediting a Consul or sending an Embassy to the Moorish sovereign to establish official relations and make a treaty or agreement with him, in order to protect and promote their commercial interests. L. 9 p. (In French. Copy.)

XLVIII, 76.

La Prise d'Yorck and de Glocester. 1781. Nantes.

Ode. Printed. 4 p. 4to. 973.3—q P 19.

From And[re]w Limozin to Jonathan Williams, [Jr.], Nantes.


In behalf of two American prisoners at Havre. A. L. S. 3 p.

CIV, 7b.
Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 12.

From Edward Nairne to John Hyacinth de Magellan.
1782. March 5. London.

He and Dr. [Sir Charles] Blagden appointed by the Royal Society to go down and collect all the facts connected with the accident to the House of Industry; gives a detailed account of their observations. A. L. S. 3 p.


Announcing the disgraceful news of the surrender of St. Christopher to Comte de Grasse. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In Italian.) [In Dr. Franklin's (?) hand-writing.]

From Michael Bright to James Cuming.

After he and four others made their escape from Forton Prison, and arrived at Havre de Grace, they were sent to Brest and put in the prison. Asks him to acquaint Dr. Franklin of their situation, that they may be released. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 1.

From The French Admiralty to Gerbier & Cie, of Nantes.


United States Treasury Certificate.

In favor of Baron d'Arendt for $2,997.37 bearing interest at 6 per cent. from March 18, 1782. D. S. Joseph Nourse, Register. 1 p.

LV, 1.


Congratulate him on the birth of a son. Hope his son will emulate his ancestors in adding to his titles the glorious appellation of protector
of the rights of mankind. Also hope he will preserve the alliance between France and America. A. L. S. John Hanson, Presid[en]t. 1 p. (In duplicate.)

LV, 3 and 4.

By The British Cabinet. [1782. May ?]

The reply of the Court (of St. James) to a verbal suggestion of M. [Jean Mathias, Baron] de Simolin, made on April 29th, 1782, with reference to a termination of hostilities between England, France and Spain, and respecting efforts being exerted by the Austrian Court to bring about peace. Mem. 4 p. (In French.)

LV, 2.


Enclosing a letter (XXV, 78½, see Vol. II, page 481) to be forwarded to Dr. Franklin; the writer, M. [Pierre] Saussine, requests Franklin's influence to procure the return to France of a young man called Boudon; reasons for this request. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XXV, 80.


Matters connected with the "Vengeance," and a reference to the new metal used for the bottom of ships. Sorrowful capture of the "Vengeance" as well as of the fine brig "Gates." A. L. S. 8 p. XXV, 94½.


Is a native of Rhode Island; was taken prisoner by the frigate "Recovery" and carried into Cork; sent from there to Kinsale; made his escape with five other Americans, took a boat and brought her into Brest; informed that if they sell their vessel before her condemnation, they will get but a small part of the profits; hears that M. [D'Albert de] Riou is one who takes advantage of strangers; begs him to write to Dr. Franklin and get their vessel condemned. A. L. S. 3 p. XXV, 98.


Obliged to work; chose that of instructing young ladies; anxious to settle in America under the protection of Congress, and be naturalized; would prefer South Carolina; if she cannot sail in September or Oc-
tober, desires a recommendation to a family in Paris who wish a
governess; account of Miss Lambert; her education little improved since


Recommending Baron de la Marck [et Stein] and his daughter, who
are embarking for Holland, in case their vessel should be taken and

From Ann Evans to Ann Loviel (her daughter), Paris.

Horrified at the vile behavior of Mr. Loviel; sends her her marriage
certificate (1 p.) and a bill to pay her passage money to America. A.
L. S. 2 p.

P. S. by James Anthony. Telling Mrs. Loviel of her mother's
wretched state of health and begging her to hasten to Virginia. En-
closed letter, from Christiana Vaughan (1 p.). XXV, 129a.

From Christiana Vaughan to Ann Loviel, Paris.

Sorry to learn that she has been used so barbarously; always thought
he was a deceiver. There are good things in store for her if she can
get here. Her mother (Ann Evans) is left a widow again. She has
sent the means to bring her [Ann Loviel] home. As for his denying
his marriage there were enough witnesses at the wedding to certify to
the truth of that. They all have been ruined by the British. A. L. S.
1 p. XXV, 129b.

From Christopher Codner to Messrs. Poreau & Co.

Acknowledging the kindness shown them during their long confine-
ment; their health very bad; Mr. Lambert is in a decline and cannot
live long; if their is any money coming in, hopes that some will be
sent them. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XXV, 133.


Oath of allegiance to the United States. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 32.
From Rosetta Broomfield to [Ann Loviel. 1782. Circa July.]
If she desires to see her mother [Mrs. Evans], she had better proceed home to Virginia immediately. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 62.


Desires Dr. Franklin to obtain for him the position of Agent or Consul in one of the Italian ports. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXVI, 8.


From —— —— to George Mason. 1782. September 30. Virginia in Council.
Did not know Mr. P. Penet had any powers to borrow money on the credit of the State, till he received a letter from him complaining of Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin’s refusing to authenticate his bonds; then he was immediately forbidden to act in any manner as Agent, and was ordered to send over a copy of his powers and instructions in order to a final settlement of his accounts. Thanks him for the steps he took to secure the ships and cargoes that were going to France. Hopes the destructive measure of foreign loans will be laid aside. Mr. [Philip] Mazzei’s powers recalled. Instructed Mr. [Thomas] Barclay to forward the arms, etc., which the Ministry of France loaned to them, under convoy of some men-of-war. Concerning a contract made by Mr. Colougnac with Mr. Penet for tobacco. L. 4 p. XLVIII, 3.

Regrets that his long absence from the United States prevents his being of service to his friend. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) CIV, 113b.

Sending the Almanac of Massachusetts and the Constitutions of each of the States. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) CIV, 114b.

From James Belt to [Whom it May Concern]. 1782. October 28.

Protest against the conduct and behavior of Chevalier de Quemy, Commander of the "Emeraude," frigate, a French vessel of 36 guns. Complains of the Commander for detaining and obliging him to wait with his ship and sail under a convoy, contrary to his desire and repeated remonstrances. An account of the Commodore's conduct while on the voyage, and his cowardly behavior in running away and leaving the ships "Matilda," "Jolly Tar," and others, to the mercy of the British frigate. An account of the "Matilda's" capture. A. D. 10 p.

LV, 10.

From Fay de Sathonnay to Abbés de Chalut and Arnoux. 1782. October 31. Chateau de Sathonnay.

Apologizes for being absent from Lyons during Sir [Edward] Newenham's stay there; any friend of Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin could not fail to be welcome. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXVI, 48.


Is very desirous to have Dr. Franklin's approval, but does not wish to show his press until it is entirely perfected. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 14.


Depositions relative to Jean Wallier and Jean Jacques Wallier, natives of Switzerland who reside at Edenton, N. C., and to the death of the former in 1780. D. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 125.


Parole. D. S. 1 p. LXXIV, 38.
From David Young to Sir Edward Newenham, Marseilles. 
Concerning Mr. [Henry] Wyld, who was one of those in Lancashire who entered into a combination to go to Philadelphia to erect a cotton and printing manufactory. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVIII, 5.

From Tristram Dalton to Jonathan Williams, [Jr.], Nantes. 
Acknowledging his two favors, with copies of letters concerning the loss of the brig "Fair Play"; thanking him for his kind attention in the matter; suggestions as to the best way to recompense the owners for his heavy loss; believes the appraisement sent to Dr. Franklin to be a just estimate. A. L. S. 3 p. XXVI, 114.

Regrets his inability to apply to his son [William Temple Franklin] in behalf of Major England. Has avoided all correspondence, either by letter or otherwise, with both him and his father ever since they went to France. A. L. S. 2 p. CIV, 146b.

By [Joseph] Bartoli. [1782.]
Description of the medal commemorating independence, struck by order of Congress, on the signing of peace. A. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 52.

By Capt. Fanning. 1782.

Contract for Freighting of Vessels. 1782. Brest.
Form of. Printed D. 4 p. (In French.) LXI, 56.

From Chevalier O'Gorman to [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine. [Circa 1782.]
Is a naturalized French subject, who married Mlle. D'Eon, petitions to be appointed Consul and Political Agent for France at Philadelphia.
Describes how his services could be useful to French commerce and to French interests in general. L. S. 2 p. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LVII, 105.

Explanation of a Medal Struck by the Americans in 1782.

Printed Mem. 2 p. 4to. French and English in parallel columns with a steel plate of the medal. 973.3—B 72.


Mem. 1 p. LXIV, 6.


Deposition relative to the conduct and cowardly behavior of [Chevalier de Quémy,] Commander of the French frigate "Emeraude." D. 2 p. LV, 15.


Deposition relative to the conduct of [Chevalier de Quémy,] Commander of the French frigate, "Emeraude," in detaining and searching the "Matilda" for French seamen. D. 1 p. LV, 16.


Official list of seven English trading vessels captured and sixty-six prisoners brought in by the American privateers "Buccaneer" and "Revolution." D. S. 2 p. (In French.) LV, 18.


Grief at her mother's death; expressions of devotion for her brother and reproaches at his silence and indifference. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXVII, 28.


Drawn on Robert Morris, Superintendent of Finances at Philadelphia. Mem. 4 p. LXIV, 81-82.

His deposition as acting partner of the House of Dorsey, Wheelen and Co., of Baltimore, relative to the orders given to James Belt, Captain of the "Matilda." D. 1 p. LV, 17.


Copy of the 1st and 22d preliminary articles, relating to orders to be sent to the land and naval forces of each country to cease hostilities, and fixing a certain day after which all captures or prizes taken on the seas will be considered unlawful. D. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) LV, 19.

From Abbé Morellet to his cousin. 1783. January 28.

Concerning Philippe Raillet, who solicited from Dr. Franklin the place of Agent or Deputy of Congress at Rouen; begs his cousin to remind Dr. Franklin of this affair and urge M. Raillet's fitness for such a position. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXVII, 56.


Substance of the declaration of the trust in England to aid the Indian Charity School in Lebanon County, founded by the Rev. Dr. Eleazer Wheelock. D. S. 2 p. (Copy.) LV, 21.

From Samuel White to —— Brailey. 1783. February 16. London.

Directions for delivering a package of letters, etc., to [Jonathan] Williams, Jr. A. N. S. 1 p. CV, 23.

By Jno. Wheelock, President. 1783. February 17. Paris.

Historical account of the rise and progress of Moore's Charity School and of the Institution at Dartmouth. Diss. 8 p. XLIX, 33.

Thanking her for the interest she has taken in their unfortunate business; begs her and her father to use their influence with Dr. Franklin to induce Mr. [Thomas] Barclay to give them something on account. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXVII, 124.

From [Baron] Rosencrone to ——— de Walterstorff.

Advises him, during his stay in France, to do all in his power to gain the confidence of M. [Benjamin] Franklin, with a view of coming to an understanding with him respecting a Treaty of Commerce and Amity between the United States and Denmark. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) LV, 23.

Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, VI, 26t.


Contract between the King of France and the United States by which the King agrees to make a new advance of six millions [livres tournois] under certain conditions accepted by Dr. Franklin. D. S. 5 p. (In French. Press copy.) LVI(ii), 3.

By Louis XVI, of France. 1783. February 24.

Proclamation with reference to the advances of money made to the United States and appointing Comte Gravier de Vergennes to draw up an agreement with the United States, defining the terms and conditions of these loans or advances. D. 3 p. (In French. Press copy.) LVI(ii), 2.

From Marquis de Castries to Comte de Vergennes.

Received the papers sent by Dr. Franklin, concerning the levy made by Forster Frères, of Bordeaux, on funds about to be paid to the American frigate “Alliance,” to compel payment of an account due by the United States. Declares the proceeding was irregular and has notified the above firm to that effect and has given orders to remove the seizure. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) LV, 25a.
From Col. de Préhu to Comte des Rosches, Paris.

Has a fortune of 240,000 francs. Is planning to go to Carolina, in the United States, with his whole family. Thinks he could make a future for his family there. Requests M. des Rosches to speak to Dr. Franklin and find out what he thinks of the plan. Would like to get information about the means of reaching Charlestown or Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 7.

From James Hunter, [Jr.,] to ——— ———.

Mrs. [Isabella] Strange desires him to continue addressing her to his care. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 8.


His is the only American house yet established here. Takes the liberty, by the desire of Mr. [John] Jay and Mr. [William] Carmichael, of offering his services as consul in this city. His fortune and situation in life is more than sufficient to support the dignity required to such a rank. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) LV, 31.


Asks her to see Dr. Franklin and get him interested in the manufactory which M. Reveillon intends to start in the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 9.

From Count d'Oeynhausen to Prince de Kaunitz-Ritberg.
1783. April 5. Vienna.

With reference to the appointment of Dominique F[rançois] Belletti, as Portuguese Consul at Trieste. Desires to know if said appointment would be agreeable to the Emperor of Austria. Reply, dated April 18, 1783, to the Portuguese Ambassador expressing the Emperor's pleasure at the appointment in question. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) LV, 28.
From Richard Oswald to Caleb Whitefoord.

1783. April 5. London.

Informed by Mr. [Henry] Laurens that David Hartley is appointed to go to Paris to finish what may be still depending for a settlement between Great Britain and America. There is no cause for his (Oswald's) going to Paris except to take leave of certain gentlemen for whom he has sincere esteem; requests him to present his compliments to those gentlemen, with the assurance that his best wishes shall ever attend them. L. 1 p. (Copy.)


Papers relating to the maltreatment of the crew of the brig "Aimable Elizabeth." 16 p. (Copy.)


Sending letter from M. Caccia and asking for William Temple Franklin's letter. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

From M. Pouchard to Mr. Caccia. [Circa 1783.] April 16.

Asking the name and rank of the persons for whom Mr. Caccia wishes letters of introduction from M. [Benjamin] Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

By The Court of Vice-Admiralty of Tortola. 1783. April 19.

Judgment in the case of the brigantine "La Justine" seized by the privateer "Lancashire Witch," declaring the seizure unlawful and ordering the vessel to be returned to its Captain and owners, in accordance with the terms of an article of the Treaty of Peace between England, France and Spain. D. S. 3 p. (In French.)


Receipt for customs duties paid by Dubois, on some clothing. D. S. 2 p.

Sends him the memorial containing the substance of the answers to his letters communicating his mission to him, which he delivered to him verbally on the 11th instant, and also the reply which he then made to it. L. S. 12 p. (Press copy.) LV, 32.

Printed in Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, VI, 411 (under date of May 8, 1783).


The British, contrary to the 7th Article of the Treaty, refuse to deliver the slaves who threw themselves under the protection of the British Government. This is a glaring piece of injustice and hopes Congress will take the matter in hand. A. L. S. 1 p. LV, 34.


Asked what means have been adopted by him for carrying into execution that part of the Treaty which relates to the evacuation of the posts now in possession of the British, and also what time it is probable these may be relinquished and the troops withdrawn. Relative to the embarkation of slaves to England and the justification thereof. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) LV, 35.


The substance of their conference relating to the setting at liberty of prisoners, the receiving possession of posts occupied by the British troops, and the obtaining and delivering of all negroes and other
properties of these states in the possession of the British. D. S. George Clinton, Jno. M[orin] Scott, Egbert Benson, Jona[than] Trumbull, Jr. 4 p. (Copy.) LV, 36.


Has appointed them Commissioners for obtaining the delivery of all negroes and other property of the inhabitants of the United States, in the possession of the British forces or any subjects of or adherents to His Britannic Majesty. D. 3 p. (Copy.) LV, 38.


The result of his conference with Sir Guy Carleton. The gentlemen present at this conference to put the substance of it in writing. Sends a copy of it. Has appointed Daniel Parker, Egbert Benson and William S. Smith as Commissioners to attend and inspect the embarkation of the British. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) LV, 39.

By The Continental Congress. 1783. May 8.

The Delegates for Virginia laid before Congress a letter of the 3d from Thomas Walke, ordered that a copy of the said letter be transmitted to the Commander-in-Chief for his information in carrying into effect the Resolution of the 15th of April, last. D. S. Cha[rles] Thomson, Sec[retary]. 1 p. LV, 37.


From John Gleesan to The Bishop of Rodez. 1783. May 9. Montpellier.

Is a graduate in medicine of the University of Montpellier. Wishes to emigrate to America to practice his profession there. Requests the Bishop of Rodez to obtain letters of recommendation for him from Dr. Franklin. L. S. 3 p. LXXI, 118.


Encloses a copy of his letter to Dr. Franklin. Requests him to write on the subject of a loan to the Comte de Vergennes, and to give his own sentiments and views of the financial distress of America. L. S. 1 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) LV, 41a and 42.
From Reuben Harvey to The Commissioners of the Revenue, Dublin. 1783. May 29. Cork.

Capt. John Gladin, of Bath, in North Carolina, sailed in the "Nancy," letter of marque, with a cargo of tobacco and lumber to Martinico, but on hearing peace to be concluded determined to proceed to Ireland and sell his cargo at Cork. The vessel detained, although no attempt was made to smuggle the goods. Asks for orders for the vessel to proceed. Further correspondence in relation thereto. L. S. 10 p. (Copy.)


Concerning the late Hector Bérenger de Beaufain, of South Carolina, and his property. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)


The Moorish Ambassador, now at Vienna, passed through Alicante about the middle of December, and expressed a great deal of friendship toward America. Wrote to Mr. [William] Carmichael to know whether it would be agreeable to his conduct, to enter into a Treaty of Commerce with Morocco. Mr. Carmichael approved of it but the Moor, in the meanwhile, left the city. When another Ambassador arrived, he advised him to write direct to the Emperor, on this subject. Sends a copy of his letter to the Emperor with the latter's reply. What the nature of the Treaty with Morocco may be. L. S. 2 p. (Press copy.)


Notifying him of the shipment of four boxes to his care, and giving a list of contents of each box to be delivered to Dr. Franklin and his grandson, Duke de Chaulnes, M. de Simon, Mr. and Mrs. [John] Jay, etc. A. L. S. 3 p.


Desiring him to send the enclosed to Dr. Franklin, with a request to read and forward them to Messrs. [John] Jay and [John] Adams.
In the boxes sent to his care are a pocket-globe and telescope, which are designed for M. [Barthélemy] Faujas de Saint Fond; has written M. [Pierre] Dessin about the damaged box. A. L. S. 3 p.

**From [Philippe Denis] Pierres to Comte de Vergennes.**

1783. June 20.

Sends a copy of the Constitutions of the Thirteen United States of North America, which he has printed for Dr. Franklin. Encloses a copy of a letter from the Keeper of the Seals to Dr. Franklin about the work. Its publication has been authorized by the Keeper of the Seals, on condition that it be previously submitted to Comte de Vergennes. Requests him to examine the book and send his approval. L. 1 p. (In French. Copy.)

**From Benj[ami]n Vaughan to Reuben Harvey, Ship “Inn,” Dover.**


Begs him to deliver the enclosed letter to Lord Daer, son of Lord Selkirk, if at Dover and to ask him to deliver the letter to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p.

**Form [Lieut.] John Sullivan to Col. [Stephen] Moylan.**


Not to blame him; had not the soldiers betrayed them they would have carried their point or perished in the attempt. Desires him to pay the small debts he owes. L. 1 p. (Copy.)

**Form [Lieut.] John Sullivan to Col. [Stephen] Moylan.**


Cause for his prosecuting the plan at all risks. His affection for America. Captain [Henry] Carberry’s good behavior. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)

**From Reuben Harvey to The Commissioners of the Customs at Dublin and others.** 1783. May, June and July. Cork.

Thirteen letters relating to the detention by the Customs Authorities at Castlehaven, Ireland, of the “Nancy,” letter of marque, Captain John Gladin of Bath, North Carolina, which sailed from thence in March, 1783, with a cargo of tobacco and lumber for Martinique, but, hearing there that peace had been concluded, determined to proceed to Ireland. L. 30 p. (Copy.)

Complains of the unjust treatment Capt. [John] Gladin received at the hands of the Revenue Commissioners at Castletown, where he is detained already six weeks and is charged with attempting to smuggle his cargo of tobacco into that port. Asks him to communicate these affairs to his brother Commissioners that they may seek redress from the British Court. A. L. S. 3 p.


Deposition relative to the retention at Cork, by the English, of the schooner "Nancy," from North Carolina, loaded with tobacco. D. 4 p.


Deposition relative to their marriage. D. S. James Brice, Mayor. 3 p.


A native of North Carolina; his services for America, his wounds, his capture and deportation to England and imprisonment there, and his present unhappy state. begs for assistance. A. L. S. 3 p.


Thinks it improper to restore Lady Nicolson's portrait to her husband; will only return it on condition that she send back his [W. T. F.'s] portrait. A. L. S. 3 p. (Press copy.) CV, 100b.


Introducing M. du Barry, who arrives from England and who may need some good advice; promised du Barry to present his memoir to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXIX, 110.
From L. le Févre Des Mars to St. Jean de Crevecoeur, Amblye.

Concerning the Irish prisoner, John Hannon, confined at Bicêtre, who had shipped as a sailor at Baltimore, was captured by the English, escaped to France, was arrested as a suspicious character and finally transferred to the Bicêtre Prison as a common criminal. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 16.

By The Admiralty Court of Tortola. 1783. September 2. Nantes.


Petition for aid from the people of France. A. D. S. Enoch Freeman, Jedidiah Preble, Timothy Pike, John Waite and Samuel Freeman, Committee. 6 p. LV, 62a, b and c.

From John Schaffer to Comte de Vergennes.

Has been confined in the Conciergerie prison for several months. Is an American citizen. Was arrested on trumped up charges of attempting a fraudulent bankruptcy. Cannot understand French and has been unable to defend himself. Claims he has considerable property in Philadelphia. Requests Comte de Vergennes to look into his case. L. S. 4 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVIII, 18.

From Thomas Barclay to The Secretary for Foreign Affairs.
1783. October 20. L'Orient.

Description of the situation and government of l'Orient. The probability that it may be made free for the general trade of America. L. S. 6 p. (Press copy.) LV, 63.


Expressing their willingness to enter into commercial relations with the Saxon manufacturers and giving a list of the goods which they desire forwarded; explaining the duties which they wish their correspondent to undertake in this affair; the amount of his commission. A. L. S. 3 p. (In English and French.)


Discourse pronounced before the Chamber of Accounts on taking office as Minister of Finances. Mem. 4 p. (In French. In triplicate.)

From Comte de Vergennes to The Underwriters of the Ship "Nancy." 1783. November 15. Fontainebleau.

According to Article 22 of peace preliminaries, places beyond the last of the Canary Islands are included in the two months' term. Copy of judgment given on January 26th, 1784, by the Court at Nantes, against David Gallwey & Co. owners of the "Nancy" in favor of the Underwriters. L. 3 p. (In French. Copy.)


On the Assembly of the States-General of Holland; their history, constitution, formation, mode of proceedings, etc. A. Diss. 10 p. (In French. In duplicate.)

Procès-Verbal de la Publication de la Paix, A Lille. 1783. December 13.

Printed. 7 p. 4to.

Invitation to the Te Deum, on the Occasion of the Peace. 1783. December 17. Paris.

Printed N. S. Delutre. 1 p. Small 4to.

From William Temple Franklin to [Daniel Marc Antoine] Chardon. [Girca 1783.]

Requesting an interview about matters relating to prizes. A. Dr. of N. (In French.)
Reflections on the life and death of Edward Drinker, a pioneer resident of Philadelphia, who died in 1782 at the age of 103. Some remarks on the faculty of memory in general. Impressions once made on our memory never completely obliterated. Some curious cases cited to prove this remarkable fact. Diss. 7 p. (In French. Press copy.)

Autograph draft of above. 8 p. (In French.)

Invitation to spend a day with her and bring her infant. Asks her to induce Dr. Franklin to join his son and come also, if his health permits. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p.

Proposals regarding trade with North America. Mem. 2 p. (In French.)

Proposed Articles for the Definitive Treaty of Peace with Great Britain. [1783.]
Not adopted. Mem. 3 p. (Press copy.)

Treaty Between the United States and Sweden. [1783.]
Articles I–V. D. 3 p. (In French. Press copy.)

The three degrees of Freemasonry. Composed for the inauguration of the Lodge of Patriotism. A. Poem. 4 p. (In French.)

Letter and certificate recommending John Wheelock, Esq., President of Dartmouth College, at the head of an institution worthy of the assistance of humane and charitable people in France and other European countries. D. S. 4 p. (In French. Copy.) LIV, 108½.

Inscription for a Memorial to King Louis XVI, of France, to be Erected by the American Congress and People, for his Assistance in the Revolutionary War. [1783.]
Mem. 1 p. (In Latin.) LV, 92.

From The Rhode Island College to The King of France.


Concerning his lawsuit about payment of the insurance premium on the "Nancy." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 19.

From Jam[e]s Milligan to The Superintendent of Finance.

Relative to the claims by Mr. John Holker, [Jr.,] as Agent for M. Le Ray de Chaumont, for sums due. A. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 22a.


Is greatly irritated by the constant delays, and requests him to authorize Mr. [Thomas] Barclay to admit the claim. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 22b.

From Robert Morris to [John] Holker, [Jr.]

The system of accounts is a business the details of which he does not interfere in. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 22c.

Acquaints him of the necessity of obtaining a settlement of their accounts abroad, before they can close them at home. L. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 22d.


Invitation to a public meeting. Printed N. 1 p.

LXXIII, 67 and 68.

By The Continental Congress. 1784. March 16.

Resolutions relative to the appointment of Consuls, to the humane actions of William Hodgson, of London, towards American prisoners, and to letters of the Danish Minister, of Mr. Robert Montgomery, and of Mr. Thomas Barclay. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 2 p. (Press copy.) LV, 68.


Account of the great question of Parliamentary Reform; the people lost by 159 to 85; no man of character and abilities on the winning side; believes the reform must eventually take place. Question of protecting duties which will come before Parliament. Account of the severe winter; charity of Dublin. The amazing emigration to America. Possibility of his visiting the United States. Affair between Mrs. Doyle and Lord Rawdon. Desires this letter communicated to Dr. Franklin and his grandson. Lady Newenham’s desire for la Fayette’s picture. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXI, 118.

From ——— to Graham and Simpson. 1784. March 26.

Concerning the loss of the ship "Matilda" and her cargo. L. 2 p. XLVIII, 20.
From Thomas Blackburn to John and Robert Barclay & Co.,

Requests them to acquaint General [Thomas] Mifflin, President of Congress, of the many misfortunes which happen to American vessels off the coast of the Baltic and Holland, and to urge the necessity of appointing a Consul at Ramsgate, Margate and the adjacent coast of the Isle of Thanet. Asks to be appointed as such Agent. A. L. S. 2 p.

By George III. 1784. April 9.


Resolution admitting John Perrin, a Frenchman, as a member of the Society, and lauding the French Nation for its support of America. D. S. Anthony Fox, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (Copy.) LV, 93.

By The Continental Congress. 1784. April 30.

Recommending to the States to grant the Congress power over foreign commerce. D. 3 p. (Press copy.) LV, 94.

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia, 1784, IX, 186.

By The Continental Congress. 1784. May 3.


Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia, 1784, IX, 188.

From A Gentleman in Portugal to His Friend in Paris.
1784. May 5. Lisbon.

Containing an account of an English sailor who deserted in China from Captain Cook’s ship. A. Dr. by Benjamin Franklin, of L. 8 p. \[L(i), 34\]

In October, 1781, sent a consignment of goods to Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.,] at Nantes, who shipped them to Bache & Shee, of Philadelphia. Only received a payment on account. Thinks he could secure a settlement if Dr. Franklin would write a letter about the matter to the parties concerned. L. S. 3 p. (In French. Copy.)

XLVIII, 24.


A circular letter addressed to the State Societies of the Cincinnati, by the General Meeting, convened at Philadelphia, May 3, 1784, recommending that the enclosed "Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, as altered and amended," should be adopted by their State Society. A. L. S. G. Washington, President. 16 p. (Copy. In duplicate.)

XLIX, 17 and LVI(ii), 10.

From The Royal Commissioners to Investigate Animal Magnetism to Baron de Breteuil. 1784. May 22. Passy.

Notifying him of the death of M. Borie, one of the Commissioners appointed by the King to investigate Animal Magnetism. Think it advisable that his place be filled by another physician. Suggest that M. Majault, one of the oldest and best reputed doctors of the Faculty, be appointed. L. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.)

LV, 71.


Would have been more satisfied if Dr. Franklin had written to Bache & Shee instead of to Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.]. Would like at least to get an accounting of the sale of the goods. L. S. 4 p. (In French. Copy.)

XLVIII, 25.


His meeting with the "Aimable Elizabeth" at sea on April 5th. Went on board and found it leaking badly. Has since been informed the cargo caught fire and was burned, except the salt, in sight of St. John's, Newfoundland. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Translation.)

XLVIII, 23.
From William Temple Franklin to John Adams.  
1784. August 1. Passy.

Encloses copies of communications between Dr. Franklin and the Count de Morey. Daily expectations of Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson’s arrival. No news from Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. (Press copy.)

LV, 74.

1784. August 1. Passy.


LV, 75.

From Lair De Lamotte to [James] Leveux.  

Advances made on behalf of American prisoners, for which Dr. Franklin begs him to send a bill. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.)

XXXII, 73½.

From Terrasson Frères & Cie to J. Baptiste Deumie Groc.  

Instructed by the Underwriters of the “Aimable Elizabeth” to claim the vessel and cargo. Have been unable to obtain any satisfactory information. Enclose a letter and certificate from Capt. [Robert] Shewell. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XLVIII, 27.

From William Temple Franklin to William Carmichael.  


LV, 97.


A tribute to Dr. Franklin. Verses. 1 p. (In French.)

LI, 14.

From William Vaughan to Benjamin Vaughan, [London].  
1784. September 6. [London.]

Extract from a letter from Dr. [Richard] Price, inquiring about William Temple Franklin’s sojourn in London; invitation for the latter to dine with Lord Fitzmaurice. A. L. S. 1 p.

Asks him to inquire at the Marquis de la Fayette's and inform him when he intends to return from America. A. L. S. 1 p.
XLVIII, 28.

From Jno. Barclay to Col. [David] Humphreys.

XLVIII, 31.


Oath of allegiance. D. S. 1 p.
LXXIV, 20.


Requesting the latter to deliver his carriage to Dr. Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIV, 75.


Giving information concerning M. [Pierre François] Chevallié's claim; supposes it must stand on the same footing as that of M. [Pierre Augustin Caron] de Beaumarchais; feels sure the Assembly will pay this debt in full; advises M. Chevallié to have an agent on the spot to press his claim. A. L. S. 3 p.
XXXII, 189.


M. Campan has arrived at Nice and presented his letter of introduction from Mme. Brillon. Assures her of his desire to oblige her and M. Campan. Many English people at Nice this season. Has seen also many Americans lately; the latter all come to him for information. Is sorry he cannot do more for them, but does not understand their language. Thinks there is great need for a Consular Agent for the United States at Nice. Knows of a fit person for the position, who speaks English and has all the necessary qualifications. Requests Mme. Brillon to broach the subject to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XLVIII, 30.
From The Continental Congress to Louis XVI.

Requested by William Temple Franklin, to inform him of a printing press sent to him for Dr. Franklin, at Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 32.

By The Chamber of Agriculture of the Cape. [Circa 1784.]
Protest against the Royal Ordinance of December 3d, 1784, concerning agents or managers of landed estates. Mem. 30 p. (In French.) LVII, 35.

By Captain N. Baudin. [Circa 1784.]
Record of services during the War of Independence (1778-1783). Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LVII, 91.

From [J.] Thiriot to ——— de la Salle, Chaillot. [Circa 1784.]
Concerning his memoir sent to Dr. Franklin by Comtesse de Beauharnois, who omitted to put her address on the letter; begs him to give it to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XL, 14.

Proposition to Reward Prince Mostowski of Poland. [Circa 1784.]
For his services to the United States during the Revolutionary War, by giving a large tract of land in Virginia, with numerous privileges, etc. Mem. 12 p. (In French.) LX, 118.

From Tho[ma]s Franklin to Sally [Franklin] Bache.
Asked his sister about the papers relative to the building of the house; the accounts as stated by Robert Smith and Samuel Rhoads [circa 1767]. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXIII, 11.
From [William Temple Franklin] to [Wm. Pyne].

Gives a description of his lands in [New] Jersey; makes two proposals to Mr. Pyne about them. A. Dr. of L. 7 p. CVII, 53.

From John Wetherhead to Charles Williamsos.

Concerning the payment of his indebtedness to him. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 33a.

From John Wetherhead to [Gov.] William Franklin.

Instructions in reference to collecting Mr. [Charles] Williamsos's indebtedness to him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLVIII, 33b.

From [Gov.] William Franklin to —— ——.

The collection of Mr. [Charles] Williamsos's indebtedness to John Wetherhead. Encloses a letter and memorandum from his friend, Mr. Wetherhead, and a bill payable to him on Mr. Williamsos. Heard Mr. Williamsos wishes to go to America and desires to recommend himself to Dr. Franklin for his interests there; supposes rather than Dr. Franklin should become acquainted with his conduct towards Mr. Wetherhead, he would pay the money; requests him therefore to collect the bill. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 33c.

From William Temple Franklin to Y. (de) Gouvion.

Returns him the original of the paper left at his house. Had a copy of it sent to M. [Joseph Matthias Gérard] de Rayneval to be inserted in the Gazette de France. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) LVI(ii), 13.

From Lair De Lamotte to [Jean Jacques] Caffieri.

Mr. Franklin extremely annoyed at the loss of the bust confided to M. de Lorme; he begs M. Caffieri to furnish another which he de-
sires sent at once to Mr. [John] Bondfield by some one more trustworthy and less expensive than M. de Lorme. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy and copy.) LVI(ii), 18 and XXXIII, 51.

From —— D’Escarano to William Carmichael.

The clerk of the post-office is unable to remember when the enclosed letter was delivered to Mr. Carmichael’s servant; the greatest care is taken of all letters belonging to the foreign Ministers. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXIII, 60.

From Rob[ert] Liston to William Carmichael.

Stating the complaint made by him to the directors of the post-office. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXIII, 63.

From B—— D—— L—— to Mme. D’orbelin.


Denies that [Jean Antoine] Houdon has been commissioned by Congress, to execute any statues or that Caffieri is entitled to any preference on account of having executed a bust of Dr. Franklin and the monument to Gen. Montgomery. L. 3 p. (In French. Copy.) CIV, 156a.


Asks him to acquaint his Grandfather [Dr. Franklin] that his Uncle [Alexander John Alexander] has received propositions of agreement (in the cause between him and [Thomas] Walpole) from his adversaries of which he has accepted, so that this great cause, which has lasted ten years, is now almost determined. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVIII, 34.

Relative to their baggage. A. L. (Conclusion missing.) 1 p. (Press copy.) LVI(ii), 16.


Informing them of Dr. Franklin’s departure for England in the packet-boat, “Southampton,” and desiring them to pay any bills he may draw on them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIII, 165.


Instructions with regard to his servant, Charles Hicks. His desire to have him in his service in America and plans to that end. The angora cat to be sent to [Gov.] William Franklin, London. Instructions about forwarding his cabriolet. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 200.


Introducing Mr. Levi Hollingsworth who is sending an agent to France to sell his lands. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 37a.


Introducing Mr. Levi Hollingsworth. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 37c.


Instructions regarding Dr. Franklin’s baggage. A. L. S. 2 p. CVI, 202.
From William Temple Franklin to Thomas Paine.

Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.], accompanied them to America. Left Mrs. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.,] and her sister at St. Germain, but they proposed shortly to return to England to live with their uncle, Mr. [Alexander] J[ohn] Alexander, who has entirely settled his affairs with Mr. [Thomas] Walpole and the Bank [of England]. The Marquis de la Fayette was well and about to set out on his excursion to Germany to visit the Emperor. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. XLVIII, 35.

From John Hurd to Jonathan Williams, Jr.


From Rachel Taylor to Thomas Franklin. 1785. November.

Concerning her Uncle Rhoads's legacy to her mother, and her mother's impoverished condition. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 36.

From William Temple Franklin to Blanchette [Mme. Caillot].

Tells of his trip to New York to see the members of the Congress about his appointment to a post in Europe; the matter not decided upon yet. Society and the country in general greatly improved. Is anxious to hear about his little son. Refers to Dr. Franklin's election as Governor of Pennsylavia; Le Ray de Chaumont's son in America on business for his father. A. L. 7 p. (In French. Press copy.) CVIII, 143.

From J. Ingen Housz to Samuel Vaughan, Jr., Philadelphia.

His trouble with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton and Mr. [Francis] Coffyn. Begs him to press Mr. Wharton to finish the business soon. Jon[athan] Williams, [Sr.,] placed in his name, in the Loan Office of Boston, $7,000 at 6 per cent. interest, in 1779 and sent him the copies of the certificates signed by Mr. [Francis] Hopkinson. Received a letter from Mr. Williams in 1782 stating that he is awaiting orders for the
disposal of the money; requested him to forward it to Dr. Franklin. Desires Dr. Franklin to employ part of the money in getting a copy of each coin, gold, silver and brass, which Congress ordered to be struck for the use of America. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVIII, 40.

From Dr. John Jeffries to The Royal Society, London.

An account of two aerial voyages made by Dr. Jeffries with the Sieur [François] Blanchard. The first was made on the 13th of November, 1784, from London Parish to Stowe. The second on the 7th of January, 1785, from Dover across the British Channel into the Forest of Gines in the Province of Artois, in France. Diss. 36 p. XLIX, 3.

Printed in 4to, London, 1786.

From William Temple Franklin to W[illia]m Pyne.

Best for them to visit the premises [in New Jersey] together before they make a final agreement. Arrangements for their going. Condition of the premises they are to observe. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. XLV, 206.


Changes the day for meeting at the Blue Anchor. A. Dr. of L. 1 p.

CVII, 57.


Promises to meet Mr. [William] Pyne at his house. A. Dr. of L. 2 p.

CVII, 60.

From Levi Hollingsworth to Richard Bache.

Sends him copies of the certificates he sent to Messrs. Le Couteulx and Co. who he desires to be his bankers and to confirm the sale of lands to be made by his agents, Messrs. John Baptist and Lawrence Huron.
A line from Dr. Franklin on this head will lay him under the greatest obligations. Has 200,000 acres of first and second quality land in the Kentucky country on the waters of the Ohio. A. L. S. 1 p.

From William Temple Franklin to [Louis Guillaume Le Veillard].


Their effects arrived in good condition after the three months’ journey. M. [Jean Antoine] Houdon suffered great inconvenience during the passage, not having his effects with him. The passengers had to give him some articles of clothing. He had to buy a complete outfit for himself and his workmen when he arrived. His bust of the General [Washington] a great success; he left, however, before his talents were fully appreciated. Thanks his friends for sending him the socks and wooden shoes. Wore them in the garden and will wear them in the country. Thinks if they were adopted by the country people here, it would be a great saving for them. A. Dr. of L. 4 p. (In French.)


On the discovery of Brazil, Patagonia and the South American continent by Martin Behem or Behenira, eight years before Columbus’s expedition. Mem. 20 p. (In French.)

From Josiah Flagg to Mrs. Jane Mecom, Boston.

1786. April 17. Philadelphia.

Announcing his safe arrival at Philadelphia. Account of the cordial reception given him by his Uncle [Dr.] Franklin; expects to be employed three or four months in writing for him; begs his Grandmother to send a favorable account of him to his Uncle, but not to mention his having worked as a shoemaker. A. L. S. 2 p.

From Elnathan Hammond to Capt. Isaac All, Philadelphia.


The address of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Arnold Hammond. Is eighty-four years old and no longer in business; owing to this and the losses experienced by him during the war, is unable to do for her as he would wish. His great regard for Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p.

Received his letter by Mr. Whital; Mr. Plunkett, the person at Havana whom Mr. Whital says is indebted to him, is neither a Spaniard, nor a resident at that place; will give Mr. Whital a passport, whenever a direct opportunity offers from New York to Havana. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XXXIV, 75.


Desiring him to lay the enclosed request before Congress; refers to his services and expenditures on behalf of America. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXIV, 115.


Soliciting his favor on behalf of his son who desires the position of American Consul at Marseilles; he wants no salary, merely craves the honor. L. 2 p. (Copy.) XXXIV, 116.


Applying on behalf of his son for the position of American Consul at Marseilles; references to his well-known friendship for America. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXIV, 117.


Does not know when he will be able to return to Europe; Congress, for lack of funds, not being willing to make new appointments. Is devoting all his time to his farm near Philadelphia. Inquires about all his former friends in Paris. A. L. 4 p. (In French. Press copy.) CVIII, 144.


Informs him of his election as a member of the American Philosophical Society and sends his certificate of membership. Was elected
himself at the same time, also M. [Pierre Jean Georges] Cabanis and
M. [Jacques Alexandre César] Charles. Requests M. Le Veillard
to send him different kinds of seeds and plants for his garden in the
country. Has already grown several kinds of vegetables hitherto un-
known in this country. Being a "gourmand" he is very anxious
also to receive the roebucks shipped to him but which have not arrived
yet. Asks M. Le Veillard to send certain books to his grandfather.
M. [Ferdinand] Grand will reimburse him the advances. Expects a
visit from his grandfather at his country place. The latter will make
the trip by water in a sloop belonging to the State. A. L. 5 p. (In
French. Press copy.)

From Richard Hillback to Charles Hardy, Philadelphia.
Desires to know if there is any opening in Philadelphia for a person

From Rodolp Valltravers to Captain James Lake, of the "Sally,"
Begs him to convey the small parcel to M. Zollickoffer, at Baltimore.
A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 39.

From William Temple Franklin to [George Morgan].
1786. September 17. [Franklin] Park.
Gives the reasons for the separation of Mr. [William] Pyne and him-

From William Temple Franklin to George Morgan.
Thanks him for his kindness and proofs of his friendship. A. L. S.
3 p. (Press copy.) CVII, 73.

From William Temple Franklin to Louis Guillaume Le
Thanks him for all the trouble he has taken; advises that the
roebucks be sent in the spring; arranges for the payment of their
expenses; offers to do anything he can for him in this country. A.
Dr. of L. 3 p. (In French.) CVII, 7a.
By The Continental Congress. 1786. October 21.
Relative to the raising of troops to suppress the insurrection in Massachusetts. D. 2 p. LV, 102.

Sending him the box of books which he kindly promised to take charge of, for Dr. Franklin. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIV, 182.

From [Col.] Charles Simms to The Legislature of Virginia. 1786. December 29.

From ——— Martin to Sarah [Franklin] Bache. [Circa 1786.]
Mr. Martin's absence prevents him from waiting on the President [of Pennsylvania]. A. L. S. in 3d P. 1 p. LVI(i), 84.

From General [Anthony] Wayne to The House of Assembly of Georgia. [Circa 1786.]
Recommendation of Reverend William Nixon to conduct a Seminary for the education of youth, accompanied by a copy of a report of the Committee of the Assembly thereon. L. 2 p. (Copy.) LVI(i), 77.

Sending him a printed copy of Dr. Franklin's letter on maritime matters together with his reply. His plan for the construction of a fast ship to ply between London and Paris; enclosing the list of subscribers; desires to put the Marquis's name at the head of the list. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXXV, 49.

Gives Dr. Franklin, Mr. [Richard] Bache and him the power to act as his attorneys in his trouble with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton and Mr. [Francis] Coffyn, and hopes they will soon bring the affair to a conclusion. A. L. S. 4 p. XLVIII, 41.


The military districts of the city of Philadelphia and the assignment thereto of the several companies composing the fifth and seventh battalions of the militia. Mem. 5 p. LVI(i), 41.


The man who made Dr. Franklin's bells is Mr. Romley, of Middle Moorefields. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 42.


Introducing William Temple Franklin, and Mr. de Chaumont [fils]. They are on a visit to some land they possess in the western country. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 43.

By Francis Dashwood, Postmaster-General of Jamaica. 1787. August.


Desiring to know the cause of the long delay in sending a certain remittance to Governor [William] Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXV, 120.


Certificate that Barthelemy Terrasson is a French merchant, who has always acknowledged the consular jurisdiction of France and who has a right to all the exemptions granted to French merchants. D. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 45.

Concerning the settlement of the accounts between the United States and John Ross. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 46.


Requests him to deliver the box to Dr. Franklin and the parcel, as directed, to Dunlap. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLVIII, 47.


Replies to enquiries about the manner of living here. Differs greatly in town and country. In large cities a few people live in opulence, the greater number modestly, and very many with the strictest economy. Style of living is generally very simple. People do not consider themselves obliged to make a certain show and appearance, as in Paris. Even people of means do not receive or entertain much here. Women seldom dine out, but give inexpensive tea-parties. Men's style of dress very simple, women's somewhat more costly. Carriages very seldom used. Gives prices of a few commodities, what a house can be rented for, etc. A. Dr. of L. 4 p. (In French.) XLV, 217.


Announcing a change in their firm. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 48.


Concerning a balance due them. Have heard that the Farmers-General have enough tobacco now. Uneasiness created in the business world by the preparations for war against Turkey, by two empires. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 49.

From Saugrain de Vigny to ——— de Lamize. 1788. April 16. Falls of the Ohio.

Left Paris with a companion and both arrived in good health at Pittsburg. Were delayed there four months owing to the ice on the
Ohio river. Left Pittsburg, with three companions, on March 19th. After six days' voyage were attacked and pursued by Indians in a flat boat. Replied to the Indians' fire and killed one. He was wounded in the hand and one of their party killed by the Indians' fire. Tried to escape by swimming towards land. His companion from Paris, M. Picque, was killed by the Indians on reaching the bank. Was himself taken prisoner but escaped by leaping into the river. After several days' wandering in the woods was taken up by a passing boat and reached the Falls of the Ohio safely. Copy of M. Picque's will is appended to the letter. L. 2 p. (In French. Copy.)

XLVIII, 50.

By William Marshel and John Scott.


Depositions relative to the seizure of a negro boy. D. S. 1 p. LV, 110.


Concerning a certain negro boy, brought into Pennsylvania by David Davis who, after his term of service expired, attempted to put his name on record again as a slave, but finding this impossible, hired him into Virginia. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVIII, 51.


Deposition relative to the theft of a horse. D. S. 3 p. LV, 111.

From [Caleb] Gannett to James Bowdoin, Boston.

1788. June 28. [Boston.]

The volume of [the American Philosophical Society's] Transactions not yet received, nor is the [American] Academy [of Arts and Sciences] in possession of the French work mentioned; both will be extremely acceptable; Dr. Franklin's generosity. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XXXVI, 63.


His Grandfather being ill in bed desires him to reply to his letter, delivered by M. Saugrain. Will be pleased to forward anything he receives from M. des Peintraux. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVIII, 52.
From ——— to Francis Hopkinson. 1788. August 17.

In reference to a meeting at Mess’s Tavern [Germantown?] at which was read a circular letter from Cumberland County, where patriotic meetings are established in all the towns, and these resolved to meet in Harrisburg on the third day of September, as well for wrath as for conscience sake, to consider amendments to the proposed [National] Government previous to its organization. States that similar letters are sent to all States to ascertain the number of antifederalists, and, if found sufficient, to make effectual opposition and to stand forth boldly in their cause. Is informed that bloody battles seem unavoidable unless speedily counteracted by sufficient authority. Hopes the Council of Pennsylvania will take immediate measures to remove the sinews of war and to seize the insurgents. Informed that Blair McClenachan and Dr. Fraly intend going to different parts of the country to incite the people. L. 2 p.


Sorry the New Jersey Land Society dissolved the association. Was told by him the last time they met that Dr. Franklin was suffering with the stone. Knows a method of dissolving the stone. Offers to go to Philadelphia to show how to apply this remedy. A. L. S. 3 p.


The Trustees of the Academy have a high sense of their obligation to Dr. Franklin not only for his generous donation, but for his recommendation of a tutor in whom they have the highest confidence. A. L. S. 1 p.


Introducing Mr. Gouverneur Morris. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

From [Rt. Rev. Dr.] William White to Robert Hare. 1789. April 15.

Thinks if there be a probability of their inducing any alterations in his proposal, it is best they should have a chance before their meeting. A. L. S. 1 p.
From [Louis Phillipe,] Comte de Ségur to Comte de Montmorin.

False reports circulated by the enemies of Rear Admiral [John] Paul Jones about the latter leaving Russia in disgrace. To counteract the effect of these on the public mind in France, would like the enclosed article to be inserted in the "Gazette de France" and other papers. The honors received by Paul Jones from the King of France, his bravery and services rendered to the common cause in the last war and the personal friendship of the writer for his former companion in arms, have impelled him to take lively interest in Rear Admiral Jones during his stay in Russia.

Copy of the article referred to is appended with note saying it was published in the "Gazette de France." The article states that Rear Admiral Jones, on leaving for France where private affairs required his presence, was received in audience by the Empress of Russia. A brief account is then given of his brilliant part in the American war, his services in Russia and the honors received by him. L. S. 2 p.

(In French. Copy.)

From The Bank of North America to Benjamin Franklin Bache.
1789. August 6. [Philadelphia.]

Desires him to print a number of tickets of the denominations of \( \frac{3}{4} \) and \( \frac{1}{3} \) of a dollar; this step taken for public convenience, at a time when the circulation of copper coin is suspended. L. S. Tho[mas] Willing, Pres[ident]. 1 p.

From [Louis Phillipe,] Comte de Ségur to Comte d'Esteins and Chevalier [Jean François] de Burgoing.

Introducing Rear Admiral [John] Paul Jones. Refers to his services in Russia in the last campaign there, the Order of St. Anne being conferred on him. Relates how he eventually fell into disfavor with the Court of Russia. False reports circulated about his private character by his enemies and rivals. The Empress deceived by these reports and Admiral Jones was forbidden to appear at Court. He alone (Comte de Ségur) defended him and championed his cause and with such effect that Admiral Jones was cleared of the charges made against him and was received in audience by the Empress. Asked
leave of absence, on the pretext of attending to some private business in France and Denmark. Real motive of his leaving Russia was resentment he felt against the way he was treated while there. Requests his two friends to render Rear Admiral Jones all the services in their power. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XLVIII, 56c.


There is a certain Mrs. Welsh who claims she is well acquainted with her and that Mr. [Richard] Bache was her guardian. Wishes to be informed if this is true. A. L. S. 2 p. XLVIII, 57.

Petitions to the Pennsylvania Assembly. 1799.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Inland Navigation. Mem. 1 p. LVI(i), 83.

By Jonathan Williams, [Jr. Circa 1810.]


From [Francis Adams] to The People of England.

Seven letters, to be inserted in the American newspapers, relating to political affairs in England and to the war with America. L. S., "An English Shepherd." 22 p. LVI(i), 60.

From Isaac All to Mrs. [Sarah] Bache.

Writes inquiring after the health of her father [Dr. Franklin]. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 69.

From "An American."

Arraignment of those Englishmen who virulently write and talk against America. L. 2 p. (Final part missing.) LVIII, 126.

From ——— Andrews.

Owner of the brig "Sally" which was seized as a prize off the coast of Martinique by a French privateer; presents his claim to the Council of Prizes at Paris for the release and return of his vessel. Mem. 8 p. (In French.) LVII, 70.
From Mrs. [Sarah] Bache to Mrs. [A. F. Burnett].

Will be extremely happy in seeing her and the rest of her agreeable friends that evening. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. XLVIII, 67b.

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft to ——— ———.

Suggests his procuring a few lines from Dr. Franklin to the Lieutenant of Police, which will obviate the necessity of a passport. A. L. S. 1 p.

From John Bard to [Gov.] William Franklin.

Case of Miss Mary Pinhorn who did not receive her share in the division of the Commons of Bergen. Prays for the appointment of a new Commission to examine her claims. A. L. S. 3 p. XLVIII, 148.

From Dr. David Barry and Ann Hellier Barry, his wife, to The Continental Congress.

Relative to their claim to certain lands near Wilmington, N. C. L. 3 p. (In French. Copy.) LVII, 92.

From [Mrs.] A. F. Burnett to Mrs. [Sarah] Bache. Thursday.

Was unaware she had been invited to her house for that day. Will dispense with her engagement with Mrs. Morgan, and accept her friendly invitation. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 67a.

From Mrs. Bousie to Edward Bancroft.

As the passport has been sent some time ago to Calais for Captain Meriton, Mrs. Bousie sends the enclosed letter from Mr. Audibert as a proof that the Court has granted a passport. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p.

By Captain Pierre Bouchet.


Request him to obtain information from Dr. Franklin, to correct the account of the post. Thinks it is altered since the time of inserting it in the map.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. In regard to the postal arrangements in the Colonies. A. L. S. 1 p. L(ii), 36.

Was surprised and sorry that Dr. Franklin did not come to the Palace (of Justice). Had secured a seat for him and his grandson. The hearing will be more interesting next Thursday when M. Brillon is to go more thoroughly into the case. L. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 133b.

From Pierre Buisson de Basseville to ——.

Account of his services in the navy of France for twenty years. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) LXII, 16.

By The Old Hermit of Buxœil.


From [Jean Jacques] Caffieri to ——.

The dispute between himself and W[illia]m Temple Franklin. Sends all the correspondence in the matter and requests him to communicate it to Mme. ——, so that she may know the truth. L. 3 p. (In French. Copy.) LVI(i), 18.


With reference to a piano. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 57b.

By —— Chenel.

Certificate of the efficacy of a powder discovered by Jacques Faynard, for stopping hemorrhage. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 32.

From M. de Coder's brother to [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine.


From Jean Jacques Coirard to Comtesse de Bourdic.

Requests her to obtain a letter of recommendation for him from Dr. Franklin, to the City authorities of Philadelphia. N. 1 p. (In French.) LVII, 127.
**Miscellaneous Papers**

By The First President of the Court of Aids to The Duke of Chartres.

Speech praying for intercession with the King, against the levying of further taxes. D. 3 p. LVI(i), 23.

*From Mr. and Mrs. W. Coxe to Mrs. [Sarah] Bache.*

Regret that they cannot accept her invitation. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLIV, 245.

*By ——— Crantz.*


Departure of Mr. Redford for Paris, the following morning; if Mr. Vaughan has any commands, desires to have them that evening. A. L. S. 1 p. XL, 211.

*From D'Acosta frères & Cie to Comte de Vergennes.*

Petition relative to their claim against the State of Massachusetts for arms, munitions of war and supplies furnished during the war of Independence. Mem. 32 p. (In French.) LVII, 64.

*From [Jean le Rond] D'Alembert to Comte de Milly,* Paris.

January 15.

Recommending a talented man who might be of service to Dr. Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXXXI, 113.

*By [Jean le Rond] D'Alembert and others.*


*From S[ilas] Deane to Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.].*

Sends a copy of the order he gave to Mr. Montieu on Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand, and of [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s award, on which it was founded. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 61.
Impromptu verses ridiculing the eagerness of the people of Paris to see Voltaire. Other verses on Louis XVI and the war with England. Poems. 1 p. (In French.)

By [Barbeu Dubourg?].

Remarks on political economy, how taxes should be levied and apportioned; high customs duties illogical and unjust especially to the consumer, ruinous to trade, etc. Mem. 12 p. (In French. Incomplete.)

From M. Fargès to Le Ray de Chaumont.

Thanks for sending him the Gazettes. A. L. S. (In French.)

From Ant[oin]e Terrasson to Mme. [de Chaumont?].

His approaching departure for America; desires her to obtain letters of recommendation from Dr. Franklin for himself and his brother, established in Baltimore. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

By [Aimé Ambroise Joseph Feutry].

Sonnets in imitation of fragments from the Latin poets Lucilius and Ennius.—Reflections on man, his complex nature, etc., after reading Young's "Night Thoughts." Poems. 3 p. (In French.)

By [Aimé Ambroise Joseph Feutry].

Epigrams, etc., on doctors. Verses. 1 p. (In French.)

By [Aimé Ambroise Joseph Feutry].

Epitaph to "Gros-laid" a tame toad. A. Verses. 1 p. (In French.)

By [Aimé Ambroise Joseph Feutry].

Advice to the people of Asia and Africa. Verses. 1 p. (In French.)


Concerning the purchase of hollow bullets, made in Sweden. L. 2 p. (Copy.)
From Geo[rge] Fox to ——— ———.
Arguments denying that the soul always thinks. A. Dr. of L. 4 p. XLVIII, 66.

Will have no part in the proposed settlement. L. S. 1 p. (First part missing.) LVIII, 43.


By William Temple Franklin.
Exercises in French grammar. A. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 46.

By William Temple Franklin.
Memorandum concerning the treatment of Loan Office bills. A. Mem. 1 p. LXIX, 120.

From [William Temple Franklin] to [Charles Biddle].
[1787. November 22?]
Thanks him for his trouble in this business. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. CVII, 36b.

From William Temple Franklin to [Jacques Alexandre César] Charles.
Asks leave to bring a few of his friends to hear his discourse and requests him to put his name down as a subscriber for his course of lectures. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 9.

From W[illiam] Temple Franklin to ——— ———.

From Twenty French Sailors to Marquis de Castries.
From Don Miguel Manuel de Gamon to Don Francisco de Sarratoe.


Is a merchant at Barcelona; requests the Masonic Lodge of Patriotism to secure his appointment as Consul for the United States at that port. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LVII, 107.

By M. Gellée.

Remarks on the present state of the Northern parts of Europe. Refers to the powerful alliance which may be formed between Russia and Sweden. Thinks this power will be more exorbitant than that of France and Spain, united in the house of Bourbon. An account of Russia's progress and the conquests she has made. Is using the same politics which made Rome mistress of the world. Cautions Southern Europe against that growing power. Diss. 12 p. XLIX, 26.

By [Comtesse de Golofkin].

Humorous and witty couplets on a certain pleasure resort compared to the Garden of Eden. A. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 72.


Sends thanks for a cloak. A. L. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 117.

From ——— Guérim to ——— Dalibard.

Request him to obtain Dr. Franklin's influence for his son, who wishes to secure orders for shipments of salt to the United States. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LVII, 108.

From ——— Guillard to ——— Dangeuil.

Sending a pamphlet and requesting him to read it and hand it to Dr. Franklin. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 119.

By Dr. [Edmund] Halley.

Life insurance observations. Mem. 1 p. LXVIII, 83.
From John Matthias Halstead to John Lafitte Cadet.


From David Hartley[?] to The Lords Commissioners for Sick and Hurt Seamen, London.

Protest against the ill treatment of American prisoners in England. Makes several charges against Cowdry, the Agent, who has charge of the prisoners, of robbing them, giving them insufficient and tainted rations, depriving them of fresh air, etc. The prisoners who attempt to escape are put into the black hole, upon the floor of which water always lies, and on half-rations upon which it is impossible for them to live. L. S. "Humanitas." 2 p. LVII, 63.

From John Herbergs to [Charles Theodore,] Elector Palatine Duke of the Two Bavarias.

Petition of the heir of Jean Striepers concerning his claim to a considerable lot of land in and near the city of Philadelphia. L. 2 p. (In French. Copy. In duplicate.) LVI(i), 85a and b.

By —— L'héritier.

An allegorical definition of calumny expressed in eight different languages, to which is appended some Latin verses on the same subject. Diss. 3 p. (In French.) XLIX, 32.


April 30.

Begs him to make use of the accompanying packet and to send him as definite a reply as possible. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. LXX, 116b.

By —— Jarry.


From Duc de la Rochefoucauld to [Barbeu] Dubourg.

Returns the "Extract des Journaux" and the Minutes or Proceedings of the Pennsylvania Convention. Asks if it would be possible to get a copy of the latter. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 223.
From M. de La Salle to Mlle. de Chaumont.

Requests her to read the enclosed letter and make use of the subjoined address, as desired by M. Thirion. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 240.

By Louis XVI.


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From Minister Luberien, of Germantown, Pennsylvania.

Certificate that Christian Rimshard was lawfully married to Marguerite Geisselin. D. 1 p. (Copy.) XLIII, 226.

From —— Marignié to —— Keay.

Requesting him to use his good offices with Dr. Franklin to have his uncle, M. Grangent, appointed Consul for the United States at Cette. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LX, 73.

By [Humphry Marshall].

Catalogue of trees, shrubs and plants, native to North America, collected for Mr. [Richard] Bache. Mem. 4 p. XLIX, 49.

By The Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Resolve concerning the annual grant to the Governor. D. 1 p. A. copy by Thomas Cushing. LVIII, 152.

From —— Mayor to [Louis Le Veillard].

Will send Mr. [William Temple] Franklin’s shoes as soon as done. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) CVII, 124.

By Jane Mecom.

By Abbé Pietro Metastasio.

Song composed on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke of Parma to the Archduchess of Austria, and sung in Vienna by Cecilia Davies. A. Verses. 3 p. (In Italian.)

From —— Montaudouin to [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.].

The arrival of the "Amphitrite" and the "Seine" in the United States. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

From [François Henry] Hervée De la Mothe to General ———.

Asks his interest to obtain for him a commission in the American army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

From George Nisbitt to David Nisbitt, Philadelphia. June 1.


By P[etrus] V[an] Noemer, M.D.

An inscription to be put under [Dr.] Franklin's portrait. Verses. 1 p. (In Latin.)

By "Philanthrope."

On the arbitrary and illegal acts committed by the British Ministry and Government, as shown in the case of the Colonies of North America and in other instances in England itself. Violation of the constitutional rights of the people. Mem. S. 14 p. (In French. Incomplete.)


Heard he is interested in the affairs of Wyoming and therefore begs to suggest the expediency of the Councils writing to the Executive of Connecticut, inclosing a copy of the act for quieting the claims of the Connecticut settlers, and desiring that Government, by some public act, to express its approbation or satisfaction in the measure, and enjoining the people of that State to give no countenance to persons who shall attempt to execute the late resolutions of the Susquehanna Company. A. L. S. 2 p.
From The People of Port Louis to The King of France.

Petition to make their port a free port for merchandise from the United States. Mem. S. 4 p. (In French.) LVII, 103.

From —— Poullard to —— Moutard.

Enclosing an acknowledgment from Abbé Morellet [1 p.] of certain books sent him; question of binding them for Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLI, 166.


Requesting him to hasten the sending of the copy of Mr. [John] Adams’s letters. L. 1 p. (In French.) XLIII, 228.

From —— Remé and —— de la Robole to —— ——.

Requesting some person (unknown) to go to Passy and see Dr. Franklin or his grandson, about a letter of recommendation which Dr. Franklin had promised for Prosper Mouret, a printer who was going to the United States. L. 2 p. (In French.) XLIV, 290.

By David Rittenhouse.

Explanation of the two scales on Dr. Franklin’s prismatic telescope or micrometer. Mem. 1 p. XLIX, 45.

From —— De St Maurice to Mme. ——.

Informed M. de La Motte of the impossibility of procuring him passage to Boston. He was not discharged but offers to go at once at his own expense, if given an appointment as Captain in the army, the rank he holds in France. Requests her to endeavor to secure for M. de La Motte assurances to this effect. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLVIII, 70.


Experiments upon the spatum phosphorescens. Diss. 4 p. LVIII, 21.

From Seventy-eight Persons to Arthur Noble.

Petition him to procure a more permanent settlement for them. The disadvantages of their present settlement. Benefits which he will derive from a new settlement in North America. A. L. 3 p. (Copy.) XLVIII, 75.
Miscellaneous Papers

By [Alexander] Small.
Translation (by [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy) of an account given by him of a visit made by him, Sir John Pringle and a party of friends from England to the large Hospital at Lyons, France.—Discussion by M. Le Roy on the danger to health from damp walls or floors and too much humidity in rooms. Notes and comments by him on a work by Dr. Franklin which he is translating. Diss. 8 p. (In French.)
LVI(i), 25.

By Capt. Silas Smith, Richard Briggs and Philip Howland.
Receipt for money advanced by Mr. [Francis] Coffyn. 1 p.
LXIX, 115.

From Le M[aréchal] P[rinçe] de Soubise to Le Comte ———.
Asks him to use his influence for Chevalier de La Motte. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
LXII, 55.

From Mary Standley to [Mrs.] Deborah Franklin.
Asks for interest now due. A. N. S. 1 p. XLVIII, 177.

By Chevalier Stourm.
On an imaginary or ideal kingdom. How the King would be elected by the people. His plan of a constitutional monarchy. Diss. S. 3 p. (In French.)
LVI(i), 76.

By The Royal Manufactory of Tulle.
Offer to furnish firearms to the United States, on the same terms as for those furnished to the French naval and Colonial troops. Mem. 4 p. (In French.)
LVII, 79.

By The Treasurer of Loans.
LXIV, 96.

By M. de Vaublanc.
“On the United States of America.” Poem. 4 p. (In French.)
LI, 59.

Regrets that, owing to the absence of his coachman and horses, they will not have the pleasure of going to Mr. Bass’s that evening. 1 p.
XL, 132.
[By Louis Le Veillard.]

Portrait of the charlatan made by himself. Verses. 3 p. (In French.)

By ——— Viel.

Plan for a National Academy for the education of the young, which might be established at Philadelphia. Diss. 4 p. (In French.)

From Nicolas A. Helman de Villebrouk, Lieut. of Infantry, to
[Phillipe Henri,] Maréchal de Ségur.

Petition for a place as Captain in the Royal Hotel des Invalides. D. 1 p. (In French.)

From V. Voisin to ——— Corgemont.

Advising him not to leave Pennsylvania to settle in Virginia but to return to Switzerland with his relatives. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)


Is too ill to give the proposed reception to Dr. Franklin and his colleagues. Requests Mme. Brillon to postpone it for a week. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

From Jo[h]n Welch to ——— Floyd.

Directions for obtaining assistance for him from Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p.

From ——— to Joseph Gray.

Informs him that there is a plantation adjoining McClev’s tavern, which is owned by Benjamin Franklin; advises him to rent it, provided an allowance is made for repairing the house and fence. L. 1 p.

From ——— to Madame [Melin] Dutartre.

Requests her to employ her credit with Dr. Franklin, to choose Mr. Owen O’Neill as Consul at Barcelona. L. 1 p.

From ——— to Mrs. Hawkesworth.

Relative to the advisability of purchasing land about 300 miles from this city. Grants of land which may be obtained along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. L. 2 p. (Copy.)
From —— to ——.

Doubts not that there are spies in the land; comments on what reports a French or Spanish spy may make. Repent for the sins they committed against the Lord Jesus. Mem. 2 p. XLIX, 61.

From —— to ——.

Letter purporting to be written to a newspaper. Hears that chemists are trying to find a lighter and less expensive gas for filling balloons. Suggests that they turn to Nature and utilize the air or light gas of which lovers' and courtiers' promises are made, widowers' sighs, good resolutions and praises in letters of recommendation, and which is ten times lighter than inflammable air or gas. L. S. Une Abonnée. 1 p. (In French.) A. copy by Benjamin Franklin. L(i), 51.

By —— ——.


By —— ——.

A hymn for the deserted children of the Foundling Hospital in Ireland, under the patronage of Lady Arabella Denny. Poem. 1 p. LI, 41.

By —— ——.

"The Oxonian in Town." A drinking song. Verses. 2 p. LI, 47.

By —— ——.

"I sing my plain country Joan." Toast to his wife. Song. 2 p. (Copy by Benjamin Franklin.) LI, 50.

By —— ——.

On Miss Winstanley who died April 8th[?]; lamenting her untimely death. Verses. 1 p. LI, 53.

By —— ——.

By ——— ———.

The Vision of Columbus. Describing the subject and scope of the poem and giving a few extracts from it. Mem. 12 p. (In duplicate.) Mem. 12 p. LI, 62.

By ——— ———.

Verses said to have been composed by an American prisoner in England. 2 p. LI, 64.

By ——— ———.

On the refusal of the ecclesiastical authorities to allow a monument to be erected over Voltaire's grave. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 68.

By ——— ———.


By ——— ———.

Tristan to Iseult. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 71.

By ——— ———.

Jesting couplets about a lady who was enceinte. Verses. 2 p. (In French.) LI, 73.

By ——— ———.


By ——— ———.

Inscription for the portrait of Marquis de la Fayette. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 84.

By ——— ———.


By ——— ———.

Lines on love copied [by Dr. Franklin] from a newspaper. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 88.
By ——— ———.

A merry song about murder. Refers to King George III. Verses. 2 p.

LI, 96.

By ——— ———.

Three Italian exercises. 3 p. (In Italian.) LVI(i), 30.

By ——— ———.

Notes to be added to the “work of the six days” recounting the events immediately preceding the outbreak of the French Revolution and the first massacres committed by the populace in Paris. Mem. 4 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 52.

From ——— ——— to ——— ———.

Requesting a friend to obtain from Dr. Franklin a letter of introduction for a young physician who is going to Philadelphia. L. 3 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 63.

By ——— ———.

An address expressing belief in the security of their liberties, the justice of the present Ministry, and the goodness of their Sovereign. Mem. 1 p. (Fragment.) LVIII, 111.

By Baron von P——n.

Preceded by a request, signed “Monitor,” to a German paper to publish this letter.


From ——— ——— to ——— ———.

A request for a letter of introduction from Dr. Franklin to Congress for [Lord] Edward Fitzgerald. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 44.
From —— —— to Mme. Brillon, Passy.

Recommending M. [François Philippe] Charpentier, a skilful machinist, who could make Dr. Franklin’s printing presses.  L. 1 p.  
(In French.)  LXXI, 132a.

From —— —— to —— ——.

Has received letters from Aleppo, reporting that the English have lost Madras.  N. 1 p.  
(In French.)  LXXI, 132b.

Note of the Bills of Exchange drawn upon John Adams.

Mem. 2 p.  
LXIV, 9, 10.

List of Bills that have been drawn upon [Henry] Laurens and Accepted by John Adams.

Mem. 4 p.  
LXIV, 11.

List of Bills of Exchange drawn by [Francis] Hopkinson on Henry Laurens and Accepted by John de Neufville & Son.

Mem. 1 p.  
LXIV, 12.

Bills of Exchange.

LXIV, 89; LXVII, 99a, b, 122.

Bills of Lading.

LXVII, 99c, 100-102.

Recipes for Cooking, for Making Spruce Beer, etc.

Mem. 16 p.  
(In French.)  XLIX, 72a.

Recipe for Making Orange Shrub.

Mem. 1 p.  
XLIX, 72b.

Recipe for Making Raisin Wine.

Mem. 1 p.  
XLIX, 72c.

Recipe for Making Crown Soap.

Mem. 4 p.  
XLIX, 72d.

Recipe for Making Soup Tablets in the English Style.

Mem. 3 p.  
(In French.  Press copy.)  LVI(i), 81.
Recipe for Making Bread, with Maize Flour and Wheat Flour Mixed.

Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LX, 126.

"How Not to Govern too Much."

Comments on a work by the late Marquis d'Argenson. A. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) XLVI(i), 65.

Formal Address of Count de Vergennes.

A. Mem. 1 p. XLVI(i), 66.

Thoughts on the West India Trade.

The Americans are beginning to be seriously alarmed about the West India Trade, because they see no provisions in the Treaty with France admitting them to a participation in it. The advantages which would immediately accrue to the West India Islands from a free intercourse with America and the benefits which France will derive therefrom. Diss. 11 p. XLIX, 14.

On Caladaron.

Observations on a drug commonly called Caladaron or Mozambron, composed of gum arabic, aloes and different other juices. Its composition and mode of preparation known only to the Arabian physicians. Has seen many wonderful cures effected by its use. Diss. 3 p. (In French.) XLIX, 23.

On a War Chariot.

Memoir on a war chariot or car mounted with guns and carrying gunners and sharpshooters, which the author has designed; the construction and armament of this car and how it could be used in warfare. Diss. 3 p. (In French.) XLIX, 7.


Diss. 11 p. XLIX, 10.

Plan for a Floating Battery or Fort to be Constructed on a Raft for use in Naval Warfare.

Diss. 4 p. (In French.) XLIX, 11.
On the Constitutions of the States Composing the United States.

Dangers to be guarded against. The people should always be watchful so as not to allow any abuses to be committed by those in power or their liberty to be curtailed. Points out some defects in the Constitutions of the new States. Diss. 12 p. (In French.) XLIX, 25.

Description of the Sculptured Figures Surrounding the Stage Front in the New “Comédie Française” Theatre.


Sketch of the Life of Benjamin Franklin.

The principal events in his career. Diss. 3 p. (In French.) XLIX, 30.

Remarks on a Proposal for Establishing Life Annuities in Parishes for the Benefit of the Industrious Poor.

Diss. 3 p. XLIX, 36.

Keir’s Hydrostatical Lamp.

The principles upon which it is based; these principles proved by experiments; the principles and experiments as applied to the lamp. Diss. 2 p. XLIX, 44.

List of Books.

Mem. (Endorsed Musschenbroek.) 2 p. XLIX, 43.

How to Find the Means of Forcing Water to Any Height by the Action of a Piston Compressing or Driving back the Water in Pipes.

Mem. 1 p. (In French.) XLIX, 46.


Experiments upon the spatum phosphorescens. Diss. 8 p. XLIX, 47.

From Voltaire’s Universal History.

The Duke of Luynes insisted on Louis XIII waging war on part of his subjects. Quotes part of the remonstrance which Duplessis Mornay made. Mem. 1 p. XLIX, 53.
Commission to be Given by the Congress of the United States to its Agent and Banker at Lyons, France.

Importance of that city as being in the leading manufacturing and exporting district of France. Advantage to the United States of having a special agent and banker there. M. Dainval being recommended for the position by Dr. Franklin, Congress has decided to appoint him, the question of his fees being left to Dr. Franklin to settle. Dr. of Mem. 4 p. (In French.) XLIX, 54.

Observations on the Laws, etc., Governing the Ancient Colonies Held by Greece and Rome.
Mem. 4 p. (In Latin.) XLIX, 67.

Argument Against Opinion that Matter is Infinitely Divisible.
Mem. 1 p. XLIX, 58.

The Rôle of M. Hachis, the Cook, in the Play Entitled “L’Enragé.”
A. Copy by William Temple Franklin. 7 p. (In French.) XLIX, 65.

Toasts at a Banquet on July 6.
2 p. (In English and French.) XLIX, 66.

Rules for Construing Latin into English.
Diss. Ms. 3 p. XLIX, 67.

Family Tree of the House of Holstein.
Mem. 1 p. XLIX, 73.

Method of Making Magical Squares.
Mem. 2 p. XLIX, 79.

Drawing Relating to Aerostation.
1 p. XLIX, 81.

The Marine of America.
Giving names of ships, and number and size of guns. Mem. 1 p. L(i), 48.

On Embargoes on Grain and on the Poor.
Section 2. A. Mem. 1 p. (In French. Incomplete.) L(ii), 41.
Report of the Lords' Committee on the Massachusetts Circular Letter in Relation to Imposing Duties upon that Province.

D. 1 p. (Fragment.) A. Copy by Dr. Franklin. L(ii), 42.

An Indian's Message from His Nation with Reference to Contemplated Measuring of Land.

Mem. (In Dr. Franklin's handwriting.) 1 p. (In French.) L(ii), 43.

A Dialogue.

Acted at Mme. Bertin's house on the subject of North America and her efforts to obtain freedom. Ends with a tribute to Dr. Franklin. 15 p. (In French.) LI, 28.

The Case of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Arguments against Parliamentary restrictions upon their trade. Diss. 3 p. LVI(i), 6.

Arguments in Favor of Concerted and Vigorous Action Against the French and Indians.

Diss. 4 p. LVI(i), 7.

Clary and Durimel.

Fragment of a scene in a play. Diss. 2 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 11.

Charter-party.

Of a vessel of 500 tons loaded with a cargo of merchandise for the State of Virginia. D. 4 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 13.

The de Graffenried Family.

Concerning a branch which settled in Virginia and South Carolina. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 17.

List of Books.

Mem. 6 p. LVI(i), 29.


Reflections. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LVI(i), 43.

From the Parish Records of the Catholic Church at Neuville, near Boulogne-sur-Mer.

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Article containing suggestions to the United States on this subject, and useless expenses which may be avoided. Diss. 6 p. (In French.) LVII, 67.

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Project for improving the same, and for freeing the State from the enormous debts contracted during the last war. Mem. 6 p. (In French.) LVII, 71.

Relief Map of France.

Project for making the same, and showing the principal ranges of mountains, the nature of the soil, etc. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) LVII, 72.

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Dedication and introduction. (Referred to in LIX, 14-18 and 21, see Vol. II, p. 235.) A. Diss. 61 p. (In German.) LIX, 64.

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Mem. 2 p. LX, 27.

List of Prize Crew on the Ship "John & Thomas" and List of Men taken Prisoners on the Prize Ship "Grace."
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Statistics of Population, etc., in Nantucket, 1786.
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List of French Officers and Men Taken Prisoners while Serving in the United States.
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Supposed to be directed against Philadelphia. Mem. 1 p. LX, 132.

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To individuals, in certain cases. D. 1 p. (In French.) LXXXIV, 103.

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LETTERS TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

From Mrs. Deane. [Circa 1758.] March 1. London.

Acknowledging the copy of [Poor] Richard's Maxims, which are so excellent that they ought to be framed and hung up in every house. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 1.


Notice of a Committee meeting to consider further the subject of Ship's Blocks. Printed N. S. Peter Templeman, Secretary. 1 p. I, 2.

From Miss Ralph. 1761. December 31. [London.]


From Mr. Mead. 1762. February 25. [London.]

Account of the good effects of electricity, sent by a curate of Dr. Douglass, which Lord Bath wished he might see; desires to know if Dr. Franklin has anything to add to it before publication. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 4.


Promising to send his carriage to convey him and Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson to Richmond. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 7.

Desiring his company at the "Letter Feast," at the King's Arms Tavern, Cornhill. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 8a.


From Colonel [Denny. Circa 1765.]
Invitation to dinner at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall, at a crown a head. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 9.

Invitation to dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 8c.

Concerning [apparently a land claim] which he is attending to for Dr. Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 10.

From [Messrs.] Hope. [Circa 1767.] Amsterdam.

Desiring another interview. The College affair lies dormant. Prophesies the destruction of the world; hopes they will be among the happy few saved. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 12.

From Thomas Pownall. [Circa 1769.] London.
Invitation to dinner. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 8d.
From Dr. [Richard Huck] Saunders. [Circa 1769.]
Invitation to dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 8e.


From Miss Jennings. 1771. March 20. [London.]

From [Richard] Jackson.

From [George Montagu,] Duke of Manchester. [Circa 1771.]

From [John] Walsh. [Circa 1771. London.]
Desiring Mr. [Edward] Bancroft’s address; wishes to make inquiries concerning the “torporifick eel.” A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 18.

From Mr. and Mrs. [William] Hewson. [Circa 1772.] March 22.
Reminding him of his promise to dine with them. N. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 19a.
Appendix

From The Associates of the Late Dr. Bray for Founding Libraries, and Instructing the Negroes in the British Plantations. [1772. May. London.]

Invitation to dinner at the King's Head Tavern, Holborn, on May 21. Engraved N. 1 p. I, 19b.

From [Jonathan Shipley,] Bishop of St. Asaph. [Circa 1772.]

Will wait upon him the following evening with his family and Lord and Lady Spencer. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. I, 20.


Invitation to dinner on June 10. Engraved N. 1 p. I, 19c.

From P[eter] Collinson. [Circa 1775.]

Enjoyed his "Vindication [and offer from Congress to Parliament]" very much; it must mortify [Chief Justice William] Allen, for it cuts him to the quick; wishes a copy sent to David Barclay, Jr. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 21.

From The King of Portugal. 1776. July 5. Lisbon.

An edict prohibiting all intercourse between his dominions and the Rebel American Colonies. D. S. Count de Azambuja, Pres[ident]. 2 p. (Copy. Translated into English.) XII, 1.


Prevented by his father's death and his own illness, from sitting in the Continental Congress. The South not as well prepared for defense as the North; Georgia's need of assistance. Indian massacres. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 22.


Pleased to hear of the unanimity prevailing in Congress and of the settlement of the boundaries of the various States; glad the Convention is engaged in founding a new Government; surprised at the evacuation of Long Island. Situation of the Americans on Lake Champlain; strength of the British; condition of his brigade. Question of enlistments. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 23.

Offering to come to Paris if he can be of any use. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

I, 24.

From The Continental Congress.

1776. December 23. [Philadelphia.]

Resolved that the American Commissioners to France, furnish exact information as to Portugal’s attitude towards America; orders to fit out vessels to prey upon British property; concerning a loan of 2,000,000 sterling. D. S. Cha[rl]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y, John Hancock, Pres-id[en]t. 2 p.

I, 25.


I, 26.


Offers for his use a vessel of 64 guns which can be ready to sail in a fortnight; makes a similar offer for the month of May. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

I, 27.


Concerning the offer of a vessel to transport goods to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

I, 28.


Account of monies paid by him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

I, 29.


Concerning the raising of troops in Hesse; can secure surgeons for the American army, if desired. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

I, 30.


Desires a personal interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) I, 32.

From —— Pillet. 1777. May 1 to August 6.
Bills of household expenses, receipted. 48 p. (In French.) I, 33-38; XII, 2-7.


Has leave of absence to go to Holland and England; desires some political news which may serve to keep his Royal Mistress in good humor. Reflections on the American revolt and England's probable attitude. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 41.

Does not fully understand the enclosed; has gone to consult M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] about it. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 42.

From —— Mercier. [1777.]
Desiring payment for his work of repairing arms. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) I, 43.

From —— Mercier. [1777.]
Begs for a reply to the two petitions he has had the honor of presenting. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) I, 44.
From —— Mercier to The American Commissioners. [1777.]
Appeal for payment for the work of repairing muskets. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

From —— ——. [1777.]
Defending Mr. [William] Hodge and requesting his release; [Capt. Gustavus] Conyngham alone to blame. L. 1 p. (In French.)

From —— ——. [Circa 1777.]
Desires employment in America as military engineer; need of secrecy in his case. L. 2 p. (In French.)

Begging him as an humane man to write to his friends in Pennsylvania to use their influence to prevent unauthorized attacks upon Bethlehem; account of an attack made on the village which was repulsed by convalescent soldiers who were in the military hospitals, and of another in which they dragged a man at a horse's tail from Bethlehem to Easton. A. L. S. 2 p.

Account of their flight before the British advance at the time of the battle of Brandywine. His wife gave birth to a daughter. Franklin's printing press sold to the State of Virginia. Acknowledges the receipt of the engraver's and potter's performances. The engraver he thinks has paid more attention to the fur cap than to the lines of the face. Theft of a package addressed by Franklin to Congress. Concerning the newspapers then being published. Family affairs. A. L. S. 5 p.

Desiring the position of Pastor at the German Reformed Church in Philadelphia; offers to come to Paris to see Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In Latin.) II, 4.

Stating the amount of Dr. Franklin’s debt for the rental of a carriage, and for wine used on the journey. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 5.


Lost his fortune in a law-suit; sends Dr. Franklin a book he has written; if he can be of use to the young American Republic, offers to emigrate there with his son and daughter. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 8.

In spite of his parents’ objections, desires to enter the American army; desires Dr. Franklin’s aid. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 9.

Writes on behalf of the prisoners, who desire a certain sum per week granted them for food; extortionate charges made by the person who furnishes their meals. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 10.

From Gautier fils. 1778. April 2. Au Cap [François].
Concerning a claim by a man called [Stephen] Ceronio, to be an Agent of Congress; if true, his inability to pay a certain debt reflects upon his Government. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 11.

Sending a letter for him, committed to her care. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 12.

Desiring the position of French Consul in America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

II, 13.


Sends the pretended reply of Great Britain to the Declaration of Independence; too long and erroneous to print; glad to publish any refutation Dr. Franklin may care to prepare. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

II, 14.

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. April 18. [Paris.]

Prevented by sudden business from waiting on him with Mrs. Melmoth. A. L. S. 1 p.

II, 15.


Asking for news of her son, who entered the American service in June, 1776. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

II, 16.


Introducing his son-in-law, M. Dobrée. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

II, 17.


Has been shamefully and designedly deceived; refers Dr. Franklin, for details, to the bearer, Dr. [James] Smith, well-known for his loyalty to America. His own imminent departure. A. L. S. 1 p.

II, 18.


As an experienced military engineer, desires to go to America and serve in the army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

II, 19.

From ——— Martin fils to The American Commissioners.


Desiring recommendations to merchants in the principal American ports, where he expects to sell his cargoes. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

II, 20.

From Gléyo La Chesnaïye. 1778. May 8. L’Orient.

About to sail for America; offers his services. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

II, 21.

Sending a work of his which is out of print; expects to meet him at M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont’s dinner; begs for a recommendation to Madame de Thélusson; desires her support for a certain petition. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 22.


Promising to use the Resolution of Congress of December 19th. Sends a list of eleven ships, ordered by the British to watch the movements of the French. Arrival of important dispatches at St. James’s [Palace, London] from France on May 3d, which were immediately sent to the King, at Portsmouth. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 23.


Writes on behalf of the Chevalier de Bazantin, who was captured by the English on his way to join the American troops; asks that he may be exchanged and given a position worthy of his talents. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 24.


Rejoices with him over the consummation of the two treaties with France; while still ignorant of this alliance, Congress passed resolutions which did them much honor. Acknowledging his kindness to the writer’s son [Thomas Cushing, Jr.,] now in France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) II, 25 and 26.


Congratulates him upon the consummation of the French treaties; gave public thanks from his pulpit; before this alliance was known, Congress had done itself much honor by its spirited rejection of Lord Howe’s peace proposals. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 27.


Arrival of the “Deane” on May 1st, also the two ships loaded by Mr. [John] Ross on account of Congress; the country rejoiced over the French Alliance; expense incurred through the late arrival of the clothing. Distress caused by the depreciation of paper money. Incidents of his voyage; difficulties and expense of travelling. Size of American army. High esteem in which [Marquis de] la Fayette, Count Pulaski, Chevalier de Bertail and Gen. [Thomas] Conway are held. A. L. S. 3 p.


His letter concerning Mr. [Silas] D[ean]e read in Congress; reasons why Congress regarded Deane’s recall as imperative; his services not under estimated; believes he may return with honor, on a mission to Holland. A. L. S. 3 p.


Promising, as far as possible, to avoid any dispute with Mr. [William] Lee’s deputy. Encloses a letter from Lieut. [Thomas] Simpson, who is under arrest and wishes to be sent to America for trial. A. L. S. 2 p.


Soliciting his support for the plan he intends presenting to the Academy on the morrow. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 32.

From Anisson Duperon. 1778. May 22. [Paris.]

Reminding him of his promise to dine with him and visit the Royal Printing Office. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) II, 33.


Just arrived from England; all the fleet in the Downs under way; the twelve ships of the line at St. Helen’s have probably sailed too. A. L. S. 1 p.


Desires to enlist his interest in behalf of [the Chevalier d’Abezac,] a young French Corporal who wishes to serve in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 35.

Desiring to know if the two vessels the "Lion" and "de Vaux" are among the number taken by the English. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 36.


Desiring letters of introduction to prominent people in Charleston, for M. Roulhac who intends to establish a commercial house in that city; withdrawing his previous request for letters for M. [Menedrieu] de Barcis. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) II, 37.


Enclosing a letter from M. [Thomas François] Busson, recommended to Dr. Franklin by M. Dalibard. Question whether hernia, especially umbilical hernia, is as common in America as it is in Europe; advisability of sending samples of bandages or trusses. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 38.


Account of a projected meeting on board the "Boston," to betray the frigate; with the consent of the Captain, he acted as a spy upon the conspirators. L. S. 5 p. II, 39.

From [Pahin Champlain de] la Blancherie.

1778. May 27. College of Bayeux.

Entreats Dr. Franklin to be present at the meeting of the Académie des Sciences, as he fears some hostile action on the part of his enemies, which would destroy the work of years. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 40.


Desiring information for the use of several young Frenchmen who intend going into business in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 41.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. 1778. May.

Requesting a letter of recommendation for a rich and worthy merchant of Bretagne, M. Lalande Robinot, who is ready to send a vessel to America. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) II, 42.
Desiring him to appoint a time when he may make his portrait. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 43.

Public honors paid to France. Conciliatory proposals by the British; at the same time they made a barbarous attack upon Bristol; rumored that the British are to leave Philadelphia. Spirit in the American army. Burgoyne tried by court-martial, a favor he did not deserve. The proposed Constitution rejected; reasons for this. Mr. [John] Adams sailed for France in February; the ship reported captured. A. L. S. 4 p. (A. Copy.) II, 44.

Free again after six months in a British prison; expects to serve in the Georgia troops under the command of one of his friends. Glad to learn of the Franco-American Alliance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 45.

Report circulated by the Gazette of Leyden that the American officers at Ticonderoga were bribed by the British; as this reflects severely on his father [Mathieu-Alexis de Rochefermoy], Brigadier-General at Ticonderoga, begs Dr. Franklin to deny the report. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 46.

Hears that he has received a bundle of newspapers from America; will be glad to translate and print any extracts he may deem desirable. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 47.


Desires to enter the American army; asks for a free passage. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 49.

Supporting a petition of Madame de Poulinet de Besançon; particular interest taken by M. de la Faye in the lady. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

II, 50.


Requesting information about Baron Hermann de Zedewitz, who stole a quantity of gems from the writer, in London, and then fled to America; Zedwitz’s subsequent career in the American army; since May, 1777, has heard nothing of him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

II, 51.


Desiring him to reply to an English attack on the Declaration of Independence; if he is too busy, will write it himself. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

II, 52.

From [Pahin Champlain de la] Blancherie.


Desiring his presence at the Academy to see the model of a piece of sculpture relating to North America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

II, 53.


Sends a package and letters received for him at Boston; refers him to them for American news. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

II, 54.


II, 55.


Desiring to go to America, under his patronage. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

II, 56.
About to leave [for London]; good wishes for Dr. Franklin’s welfare and for the glorious cause. Praise for the President de Saron and all his family. A. L. S. 3 p.

Lost all his fortune in a Colonial indigo plantation; applies for assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

Has made extracts for his paper and has then sent the letters to Comte de Vergennes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

Inviting him and his grandson to dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

Begging him to secure the release of her son who is held a prisoner by the British at St. Augustine. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

Distressing situation of himself and family; begs him to secure the payment of the debt mentioned in a former letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

Asking for the address of Mr. Samuel Adams. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

Requesting his presence at a meeting of the College of Bayeux; will read a poem, addressed to the King, on the hostilities of the English. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

Announcing a postponement of the public meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
Inviting him and his family to be guests of honor at a banquet to be given at Passy by La Loge des Neuf Soeurs. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 66.


From [Pahin Champlain de] la Blancherie.
Feels assured that the establishment for which he solicits aid will be a success, and that its income will always exceed its expenses. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 68.


From [Claude Caeloman de] Ruthiere. [1778.] July 3.
Reasons why he desires the immediate return of his History of Anarchy in Poland. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) II, 70.

Desiring the return of his Mss., History of Anarchy, sent for Dr. Franklin's inspection. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) II, 71.

Desiring the return of a letter from the Chevalier de Bazantin, together with one from the Comtesse de Lameth. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 72.

Accused of passing counterfeit money and sentenced to the galleys for life; declares his innocence; begs Dr. Franklin to procure his release and allow him to enter the United States navy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 73.

News from America; rumors of the evacuation of Philadelphia; announcement in the Courrier de l'Europe of a Committee appointed by Congress to treat with the English for peace; desires authority to stigmatize this report as a lie. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 74.


Returning the Chevalier de Bazantin's letter; forwarded Dr. Franklin's letter to Madame de Broglie, Comtesse de Lameth. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 75.


Expressing Mme. de Breget's acknowledgments and her regret at being unable to accept his invitation to dinner. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 76.


Desiring to know the truth of the report of the capture of the "Elégante" by the English ship "Emerald," and the decision of the Congress of Williamsburg to repay Capt. Collineau of the "Elégante," owing to treachery having been used in the capture. A. L. S. Le Fort. 2 p. (In French.) II, 78.


Expressing a desire for a personal meeting; sent letters to be forwarded to his relative, Count Sterling [William Alexander, Earl of Stirling]; thinks by this time the answers should have arrived. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 79.


Sends a bill of Henry Laurens for acceptance; M. Plombard going to America on business; offers his services. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 80.
From Comte de Conwa(i)[y]. 1778. August 3.

Wishes to call on Dr. Franklin and Mr. [John] Adams and present M. de Brion and the Chevalier Alexandre d’Hanache; M. de Brion about to start for San Domingo. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) II, 81.

From [Pahin Champlain de] la Blancherie.

Urging his presence at an approaching meeting of that establishment which he has so generously patronized. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 82.


Inviting him to a meeting on the following day. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 83.


Ardent desire to enter the American service as engineer; account of his previous work; begs Dr. Franklin to help him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "The Commissioners have no orders to send more engineers; when they have, his application will be considered."

II, 84.


His only son has disappeared with the money given him to take his degree in medicine at the University of Paris; has probably assumed a false name; begs Dr. Franklin to find him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) II, 86.


Requesting an answer to M. Ponteney’s proposal to furnish supplies for America.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Orders for America all filled; recommends M. Ponteney to correspond with Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.], at Nantes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 87.

Has had thirteen years' experience on board British vessels; wishes to secure a position on one of the ships at Nantes. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XII, 9.


Captured at sea in October, 1777; endured cruel treatment in a British prison until released on parole; desire to be exchanged. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 88.


Begging his influence to secure the release of the writer's brother-in-law, John Palmer, who has been a prisoner in England for eighteen months. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 89.


The King of England's speech, with an abstract of the debates in both Houses, will appear on the morrow; has treated the lie about Gen. Washington as it deserved. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 90.


From ——— Deinet. [Circa 1778.] Frankfort-on-Main.

Sends a book of which other copies may be ordered, if so desired. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 92.

From [Emmanuel Pierre] De La Plaigne. [Circa 1778.]

Introducing Messrs. [Charles] Armand and de Guay, two Captains of artillery whom he has enlisted in the service of Georgia; well pleased with his recruits. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 93.
From Jean Baptiste Dubois. Circa 1778.

His service in the French army; desires to be a Second Lieutenant in the United States army. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) II, 94.

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [Circa 1778. Paris.]

Concerning Dr. Franklin's indebtedness for books and for a sum sent to Mr. W[illia]m Hodgson on behalf of the American prisoners. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. II, 95.

From ——— Keay. Circa 1778. [Paris.]

Enclosing an account of an accident in Philadelphia; the lightning-rods upon the house were certainly put up subsequent to the accident. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. II, 96.

From W. Wildrik. 1778. Namur.

Begging him once again to reply to his letters. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 97.


Hails with delight the disputes and discussions in America; opportunity to accelerate the subjugation of the revolted Colonies. Sorry to report successes by the French privateers. Sketches Lord Shelburne's future policy with respect to America; his own ability to aid him. Concerning the offers made by the Administration [in England] to purchase French neutrality in the present contest. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 2.

From Mrs. Gibbes and Miss Stevens. 1779. February 2. Calais.

Prevented from paying their respects by the indisposition of Mrs. Gibbes; compliments to Mr. [John] Adams. L. in 3d P. 1 p. III, 3.

From Stephen Hills and five other Officers of the "Alliance." 1779. February 2. Brest Harbor.

Desiring to be furnished with clothing and money; their monthly pay wholly inadequate. L. S. 3 p. III, 4.

News from England; a fleet ready to sail from the West Indies. A regiment to be sent to Quebec to keep patriotic Canadians quiet. The British Ministry steering between peace and war; rumored changes in the Ministry. Stocks affected by reports of disunion in America; Americans expected to propose terms short of independence. No indication that [Arthur] Lee now has improper communications with Lord Shelburne. Exorbitant prices in America; suggestions for relief. A. L. S. 3 p.


Introducing Major Montford, who served with distinction in America under Count Pulaski. A. L. S. 1 p.

From Stephen Hills and six other Officers of the “Alliance.”


Desiring the money promised them for their necessary expenses when they should reach France. L. S. 1 p.

From Pierre Landais. 1779. February 8.

Asking that the French authorities may have everything ready in the harbor for repairing the ship. A. L. S. 1 p.


Certifying to his capture of the English privateer “Spy”; gives the parole of the “Spy’s” officers and crew. A. L. S.

From Nathan Blodget, Purser of the “Alliance.”

1779. February 27. Brest.

A list of articles ordered for transportation to America on board the “Alliance.” A. L. S. 2 p.


The return of bills from Congress would be more of a blow to the United States than the loss of Georgia. Question of the American Commissioners being allowed to draw upon French banks. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)

Complaining that Capt. [Pierre] Landais has not paid them their wages and has not furnished sufficient provisions; the petitioners in great need of clothing. L. S. 2 p. III, 9.


Enclosing an account of Mr. [John D.] Schweighauser, which he has found among his papers. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. III, 10.


Has invented a powder for stopping hemorrhages both internal and external; invites him to be present at a trial of it, to be made before some members of the Academy of Surgery. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) III, 11.


Invitation to dine with M. Amelot, President of the Académie des Sciences, on the day of the public meeting when Dr. Franklin will read one of the papers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) III, 12.


Has taken money with which he was entrusted; begs Dr. Franklin to keep this confession secret; promises to repay the money in six months and to show his repentence by his future conduct. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) III, 13.

From Chevalier de Keralio. 1779. April 17.


Hopes that he has received his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to France. [Silas] Deane’s recall necessary. Arthur Lee’s destruction determined upon by a party in America. Urges him to write frequently to Congress in order to show that there is more than one man [Deane] in the universe who can please the Court of France. In the bitter discussions in America, Franklin has not escaped censure. A. L. S. 3 p. (A. Copy.) III, 15.

Questions which must be answered before a passport can be issued for Messrs. [Sir William] Jones and [John] Paradise. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) III, 17.

From Stephen Hills and Joseph Adams.
Capt. John Paul Jones has tried in vain to influence [Capt. Pierre] Landais to do right; obliged to resign their position as officers, owing to the manner in which Capt. Landais governs the ship. L. S. 2 p. III, 18.


Released from an English prison, only to be recaptured and imprisoned by the French; beg to be sent home to their families in America. L. S. 3 p. III, 20.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs.
From The Continental Congress, Commercial Committee.

Requesting Dr. Franklin not to permit bills from Oliver Pollock, Continental Agent at New Orleans to be protested. L. S. Fra[ncis] Lewis. 2 p. (In duplicate.) III, 22.


Complains of the few letters received from him. [Silas] Deane's publication of December 5th, full of lies; believes he has ruined his chance of public usefulness. No longer any distinction in America between the Ministry and the people of England; from King to soot-boy they wish to say "Our Colonies." A. L. S. 4 p. (In triplicate.) III, 23.

From The Continental Congress.
1779. September 28. [Philadelphia.]


From The Continental Congress.
1779. August 6, September 29. [Philadelphia.]


From ——— Vines and other Officers of the "Vengeance."
1779. October 26. On board the "Vengeance."


From The Officers of the American Squadron.
1779. October 30. Texel.


Complain of having been cruelly confined for over two years; appeal to him for relief. L. S. 2 p. III, 29.


Urging him to be present at their public fête; nothing else could give the meeting such éclat. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) III, 30.


Tailor's bill receipted. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) III, 32.


Complaining of the conditions on board the “Serapis”; equipments, food and irons for the prisoners lacking; the ship unseaworthy. L. S. 4 p. (In French. Copy.) III, 33.


Moneys paid out for Dr. Franklin; cool attitude of Messrs. [John] J[ay] and [Arthur] L[ee]. American news in England; position of the British troops. Less talk of vigorously prosecuting the American war, in spite of Lord North’s speech; report that “through the wicked machinations of Dr. Franklin, a very good understanding exists between Ireland and the Rebel Congress.” A. L. S. 3 p. III, 34.

From Baron d’Arendt. [1779.]

Wishes to be paid the 25 louis d’or promised him by Mr. William Lee, as per enclosed letter [copy, 1 p.] for purchasing supplies; has overstaid his furlough from his regiment in Virginia, in order to discharge this commission; begs Dr. Franklin to give him a line explaining the delay. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) III, 35 and 36.
Appendix

From Le Ray de Chaumont. [1778–1779.]
A statement of the receipts and expenditures on account of the United States in France. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 13.

From Chaumont, Secrétaire General des Hussards.

Circa 1779.
Sends a petition from a German Prince, who wishes his name withheld until an answer is received. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) III, 37.


Description of the hats, shoes and hose to be purchased for Congress; desires to know what the uniform is to be. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 1.


Directing him to apply to the French Court for aid in securing the exchange of Henry Laurens. Similar directions sent to John Jay. A. L. S. Samuel Huntington, President. 1 p. XII, 14.

From The Admiralty Court of France.


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Testimony of François Fick concerning the capture of the prize “James and Thomas” by the “Black Prince”; [extract from the reports]. D. S. Ringuin and others. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 3.


Desiring information about the clothing for 15,000 men, which he is getting ready in accordance with the plan of Dr. Franklin and M. de Chaumont. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 4.
From The Admiralty Court of France.


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Testimony of Thomas Borch, a British prisoner, concerning the capture of the "Camden" by the "Black Princess." [Extract from the Minutes.] A. D. S. Le Ridelle. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 7.

From The Admiralty Court of France.

Testimony of Abraham Needam concerning the capture of the "Camden" by the "Black Princess." D. S. Le Ridelle. 4 p. (In French.) IV, 8.

From The Admiralty Court of France.
1780. January 18. [Morlaix.]

Concerning a protection from imprisonment of nine men and one cabin boy on board the "Camden." D. S. Le Bitter, Interpreter. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 9.

From The Admiralty Court of France.

Sends the testimony concerning the capture of the “James and Thomas” by the “Black Prince.” A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 11.

Concerning the proposal of a German Prince to furnish a regiment of soldiers for the American service. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 12.


Business of shipping goods to America; orders of Congress concerning the clothing, conflict with the orders given by [Marquis de] la Fayette. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 15.

Indignantly denies that he was in communication with the British Government, while in England; wishes to go to America and share the fate of his countrymen. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 16.

Begs Dr. Franklin to deny the report that his Uncle [John Williams] was in communication with the British Government while in London. Reported capture of six British transports bound from New York, with provisions for the garrison at Penobscot. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 17.

From —— Materre. 1780. February 29.
Requesting news of Jacques Materre who sailed from Bordeaux on March 22, 1777, for the United States in order to enter the army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 18.


Certifying to being present at a conversation between Mr. [William] Pult[e]ney and Dr. Franklin, when the former made proposals for a reconciliation with America. A. D. S. 2 p. (Copy.) IV, 21.

Writes on behalf of a person who wishes employment as Secretary. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 22.


Question of duties on goods sent to America. Desires a letter of recommendation to the President of the Congress for his Uncle [John Williams], who is about to sail, stating that he has not been employed by the English King since his commission in America, ten years ago; that he has been in France eighteen months and that Dr. Franklin wishes him to be received by his countrymen. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 24.

Desiring to know the whereabouts of a M. d'Orbrais, who went to America on a mission for Dr. Franklin; gave him a commission also, but has heard nothing from him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 25.
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The high esteem in which he holds both [Silas] Deane and Dr. Franklin; considers the former a martyr to the cause of America; his own embittering experience as a public officer. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 26.

Concerning the shipment of supplies at Brest. Report that the State of Maryland had taken some notice of him, as regards the management of their funds in England; desires further particulars. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 27.

Stating their destitute condition; have received neither wages nor prize-money; their debts unpaid, and the ship almost ready to sail. L. S. 2 p. IV, 28.

Petition to have their wages and prize-money paid in France, rather than in America. L. S. 3 p. IV, 29.

Stating what rights the two privateers, the "Monsieur" and "La Grandville" have in the distribution of prizes. L. S. 2 p. IV, 30.

Forwards a list of articles sent to Brest for shipment. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 31.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1780. April 22. Nantes.
News from America; [Gen. Sir Henry] Clinton has at last appeared in South Carolina. Fears for the fate of the "Mercury" which bore Dr. Franklin's despatches. The Farmers-General to make an arrangement with the writer concerning duties. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 32.

Useless to send any more clothing to Brest, until transportation to America can be secured. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 33.

Asking him to procure the exchange of a solitary English prisoner who was left out of the cartels. A. L. S. 2 p.


Desires a reply to his former letter, enclosing a memorial on the subject of American Independence. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)


Discusses ways and means of shipping the supplies for the American army; poor quality of French shoes. Report from Philadelphia that up to March 18th, General [Sir Henry] Clinton had done nothing; the American force opposed to him numbered 7,000. A. L. S. 4 p.


Objecting to the order of the French Government to pay export duties; desires such explanations made as will free him from payment. Capt. Kendrick, a prisoner, wishes his board paid so that he may return to America. A. L. S. 2 p.

From James Warren, et al., of the “Alliance.”

1780. May 31. L’Orient.

Asking for their wages and prize-money and requesting to have their ship sent back to America; begs to know the answer to Dr. Franklin’s memorial to the Court of Denmark, concerning the prize-vessels. Regretting that Capt. [Pierre] Landais is deprived of his command as his offense, as charged, reflects seriously upon his officers. L. S. 3 p.

From J. Watkins, et al., of the crew of the “Alliance.”

1780. June 1. L’Orient.

Sending an impudent paper, signed by 115 men of the “Alliance,” in which they demand their prize-money and Capt. Pierre Landais’s restoration to his command. L. 3 p.
Advising the purchase of a ship to carry the stores to America. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 39.

Asking to have Capt. [Pierre] Landais restored to the command of the "Alliance." L. S. 2 p.

Enclosing a petition from some French merchants who are charged with giving an erroneous estimate on tobacco shipped to them; desires him to sanction the petition and send it to M. [Jacques] Necker. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 41.

Transmits a copy of the Admiralty Proceedings upon the prizes "Le Pierre" and "L'Amité" taken by the American corsair, the "Black Prince." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 42.

Capt. [John Paul] Jones gone to Paris with news of the revolution on board the "Alliance." The "Serapis" to be sold; question of the French Government buying it and permitting it to be used to send supplies to America. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 43.

Has resumed command of the "Alliance"; sends a copy of his commission to show that he is within his rights; asks for orders concerning the arms on board the "Alliance"; offers to execute any commissions for Dr. Franklin in America. L. S. 2 p. IV, 44.

Introducing Dr. John Foulke and Mr. [George] Fox, of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 45.

Capt. [John Paul] Jones can regain the "Alliance" only by capture; question of transporting the 4,000 suits of clothes. Arrival of Marquis de la Fayette in Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 46.

Concerning the correspondence between himself and Mr. [John] Adams; desires it transmitted to Congress in order that they may judge of Mr. Adams's fitness for his present delicate mission. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) IV, 47.

From [Denis-Nicolas Cottineau de Kloguene. 1780. June–July?] Concerning certain observations of John Paul Jones, printed in the Gazette of Amsterdam and Leyden, relative to the encounter between the American ships and the English frigates, the "Serapis" and the "Countess of Scarborough"; contradicts many of Jones's statements; condemns his plan of battle and his treatment of the wounded. A. L. 5 p. (In French.) IV, 48.


No word from [Le Ray] de Chaumont concerning the purchase of the ship at Bordeaux. Promises to delay drawing bills as much as possible. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 49.


Introducing Mrs. William Blake, of South Carolina, and her children, and asking for passports to England for them. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 51.

From ——— Fournier le jeune. 1780. September 4.

Asking him to appoint a convenient time to go and hear the organ. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 52.


Detailed account of loading a ship at l'Orient with a cargo, including saltpetre, destined for America. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 53.


Requesting a passport for George Moore, son of Philip Moore, of Philadelphia, who wishes to visit his grandfather in the Isle of Man. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 54.

Question of how to transfer the saltpetre from St. Malo to l’Orient, for shipment on the “Breton.” Capt. Samson returned without doing anything. Extravagant ideas about the money to be borrowed in Europe. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 55.


Ship being loaded as quickly as possible. Desires the return of papers relative to the Spanish snow being recaptured by the “Hercules,” Capt. [John] Carey. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 56.


Description of a tremendous storm; his vessels unable to proceed to America for some time; the supplies for the United States to be carefully preserved; great courage displayed by the crew; enclosing an account of the storm, by the officers of the “Ariel” [2 p.]. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 17 and 18.


Introducing Mr. French, of Bordeaux. Anxious to hear of the great ship’s arrival at l’Orient. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 58.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1780. October 17. Nantes.

Introducing M. Zollicoffre, a Swiss, who has been for some time in America. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 59.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1780. October 17. Nantes.

Plan for utilizing the Massachusetts State ship, “Mars,” now at Nantes. Desires advice concerning the Portuguese Captain who was taken by Capt. [Simon] Samson. News of [John Paul] Jones’s disaster; this makes more goods to be shipped. A. L. S. 6 p. IV, 60.


M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont’s failure to pay his bills imminent; the writer’s own credit must be maintained at whatever cost; begs Dr. Franklin to see that all of his notes are promptly honored. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 62.


Sorry that Dr. Franklin has the gout. The “Mars” soon to be loaded. All difficulties concerning the saltpetre to be removed. Promises to send accounts in a day or two. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 63.

From ———. [1780.] November 21.

Question of the genuineness of certain bills. The heads of the British apparently turned by their success in South Carolina and by their acquisition of Gen. [Benedict] Arnold; seven-eighths of them in favor of continuing the war; belief that the Americans will quarrel with their allies. Trial of an American, named [John] Trumbull, for treason; belief that he will be convicted merely because he is of the same rank as the late Major [John] André. A. L. 2 p. IV, 64.


Invoice of fifty-six pieces of artillery shipped from Bordeaux to l’Orient on Dr. Franklin’s order. L. S. 1 p. IV, 65.

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Announcing the birth of a daughter. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 67.
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From Le Ray de Chaumont. [1780.]

Computation of the cost of clothing 15,000 men. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 68.

From Laurent Josselin. Circa 1780.

Has lost his position in the Royal Arsenal at Marseilles; anxious to secure work with the army in America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 69.


Sending him an “arrêt” just received for their free ports. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 70.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1780.]


Has an unpublished work on the American Revolution, which has been praised by Comte de Vergennes. He sends Dr. Franklin a list of questions, and desires permission to publish his answers. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 72.


Concerning a draft drawn by him on [Le Ray] de Chaumont and protested; money needed by him in case M. de Chaumont did not resume payment; his reputation as a merchant involved; enclosing list of his bills drawn on Dr. Franklin [1 p.]. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 2 and 3.


[Le Ray] de Chaumont approaching bankruptcy; before this occurs advises the purchase from him of a lot of goods ready for America. The ship at Bordeaux to be forced to go to l'Orient. A. L. S. 4 p.

V, 5.


Information received in a letter from Joseph Wharton, that Col. [John] Laurens is appointed Envoy Extraordinary to Paris, on particular business only; Mr. [William] Palfrey coming as Consul-General of France. Prisoners captured by the Americans. A. L. S. 3 p.

V, 6.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1781. February 1. Nantes.

Desiring to know what answer to make to the prisoners who are continually begging to be exchanged. Encloses a letter for M. [Jacques] Necker. A. L. S. 2 p.

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V, 8.


Concerning the arrest of Mark Anthony, the writer's black servant; encloses certificate of emancipation and asks that application be made to the French Ministers to secure his release. A. L. S. 3 p.

V, 9.


Enclosing a letter just received by the brig "Sally"; the English fleet still in Gardiner's Bay [New York] and the French in Rhode Island. A. L. S. 1 p.

V, 10.


Concerning a convoy for the vessel "Marquis de la Fayette," which will soon be freighted for America. A consul much needed at Nantes, in order to enlist American seamen in the American service. A. L. S. 2 p.

V, 11.
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From The Continental Congress. 1781. February 27. [Philadelphia.]

Concerning his protest against freight duty charged on the cargo of the "Aurora." Has his servant [Mark Anthony] back but is under bonds to send him away in six months; complains bitterly of the Procureur's attitude in this affair. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 13.

From The Continental Congress. 1781. March 1. [Philadelphia.]

Enclosing extracts from the minutes of Congress [February 27, 1781], and instructing Dr. Franklin to communicate them to the King of France. L. S. Sam[uel] Huntington, President. 1 p. (In duplicate.) XII, 19.

Sends a copy of an account [1 p.] received from l'Orient, contradicting the reported mutiny of the Pennsylvania troops, as published by the English. L. S. 1 p. V, 15.

On behalf of the officers and men of the "Alliance," urges the payment of the prize-money due them; the present Commander of the "Alliance," [Capt. John Barry], much liked. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 16.

The ship, "Marquis de la Fayette," ready to sail for America after the equinox; awaits Dr. Franklin's final orders as to her destination. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 17.

The "Marquis de la Fayette" and the "Alliance" have just sailed; the despatches to be sent by the "Aurora." A. L. S. 2 p. V, 18.

Encloses a letter from Mr. [Arthur] Lee; has promised that his board-bill shall be paid; would not trouble Dr. Franklin with this matter if his own circumstances were different. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 19.


Concerning an action which took place on May 2d between the French squadron and an English fleet, from St. Eustatius, of thirty-four merchant vessels, escorted by the "Vengeance" and other ships; twenty-two merchant vessels and two corsairs taken. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French and English.) V, 21.


Announcing his appointment as Minister of Finance; undertakes the work at a great sacrifice of his domestic happiness; Dr. Franklin's support will be highly esteemed; aware that anyone in a high station must be subject to bitter attacks. L. S. 3 p. V, 22.


Concerning the choice of a firm to receive the money granted by France to the United States; in favor of selecting Messrs. Couteulx & Co. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) V, 23 and 24.


Asking that the enclosed letter from Mr. Lowndes to his son, be forwarded to London. Dr. Franklin unanimously chosen Peace Commissioner; appointment of [Henry] Laurens unnecessary. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.)

Introducing the bearer, Major [David Salisbury] Franks, of the American Army, to Dr. Franklin's notice and friendship. A. L. S. 1 p.

Desiring Dr. Franklin to sound some of the eminent bankers in Paris, as to the credit they are willing to give to a United States bank founded upon the enclosed plan. A. L. S. 2 p.

A plan by which British prisoners may be procured and exchanged for Americans. A. L. S. 3 p.

From Rob[er]t Morris, S. J. of Finances.
Deplorable state of the country's finances due to the use of paper money. Money needed to start a bank and a Mint. Mr. [John] Jay instructed to negotiate a large loan at Madrid. Unfair to ask France for more money. Desiring Dr. Franklin to confer with leading bankers in Paris as to organizing a National Bank in America. Advising that the money loaned by France should remain in that country. Attempts made by Congress to raise the value of paper money. L. S. 13 p. (In duplicate.)
Sends money for the use of his son [Col. John Trumbull], then a prisoner in London. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 33.

Sends letters for Dr. Franklin which arrived on the brig "Sally," from Rhode Island. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 34.


From The Continental Congress. 1781. August 10. [Philadelphia.]

Feels the calamities of the war and among them the discontinuance of his intercourse with Dr. Franklin; has desired his friendship for a long time. Concerning the reported application of Congress for the return of his friend, Gen. [John] Burgoyne, to captivity in America; appeals to Dr. Franklin not to suffer this injustice to take place. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 38.

Printed in Burke's Speeches, II, p. 468.

Submits a proposal for the sale of arms; if he accepts the offer, asks to be appointed Agent. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 39.

Ready to ship a large amount of goods to the United States; beg that the French importation laws may be waived, in order to facilitate the shipment. Letter from Estris de Cornie endorsing this request. L. S. 3 p. (In French. Copy.) A. E. urging that this request be granted. S. B[enjamin] Franklin. V, 40.
Appendix

Desires a recommendation to M. de Fleury. Has tried to repay Dr. Franklin’s favors by turning over business to Mr. [Richard] Bache’s house. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 41.

Threatened with the loss of an American bill; appeal to secure its payment. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) V, 42.

Technical letter from a young printer. Enthusiastic over a perpetual motion machine, which he is planning. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) V, 43.

Recommending Gourlet Duplessis; account of the good services he has rendered the United States; certificates from army officers enclosed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 44.

On his recommendation, trusted William Williams and Augustin Morice; both have departed without paying their room-rent; sends the bill to him for payment. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 45.


Commission to procure him certain books on the public account. L. S. 1 p. V, 47.

Question of sending supplies to the Agent of Congress, in Boston. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 48.


From Etienne François, Marquis Turgot.
1781. September 25. Chateau de Bous.

Begging Dr. Franklin to secure from John Hancock an order for the shipment of certain seeds promised the writer by a Frenchman in Pennsylvania. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 50.


Explaining the matter of his expenses; wishes to demonstrate the rectitude of his conduct, and the justice of his demands on Congress; meets some of the accusations made. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 51.


Desires information concerning a certain O'Donnoghue, born in Philadelphia; said to be a Catholic; question concerning the social and political standing of the American O'Donnoghues. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) V, 53.


Expressing his belief that his brother, who has gone to fight in America, will be worthy of Dr. Franklin's letters of recommendation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 55.
Money furnished American prisoners; letter from John Adams stating that no more prisoners must be sent to Amsterdam; question of where to send them. Enclosing a letter from Tho[mas] Beer [2 p.] who is destitute and wishes to emigrate to America. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 56.

Thinks it is a mistake for American prisoners who have escaped from the British, to come to Holland; cites case of Mr. [Thomas] Beer. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) V, 57.

Question of drawing on Dr. Franklin for the payment of certain bills. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 58.

Her husband embarks for America, under the orders of Commodore [Alexander] Gillon; the Commodore's promise to send her 60 livres per month; no money has been received; appeals to Dr. Franklin for aid. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 59.

From John Hancock. 1781. October 27. Boston.

Desiring Dr. Franklin's advice as to removing his friend, Col. George Mercer of America, who is ill in a French inn; supposes that an order from Congress is necessary. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) V, 61.

Offering to send goods to the United States, to be sold at the same price as in France; encloses a memoir on the subject [3 p.]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 62 and 63.


Resolution, directing the Secretary of Foreign Affairs to prepare a sketch of emblems of the United States—French Alliance to be inscribed upon the marble column at York [Town]. Attested copy S. Lewis R. Morris, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. V, 66.


Begs him to forward the enclosed letter to her brother, who is fighting under [Gen.] Washington; if he is dead, wishes to know it in order to settle affairs of importance. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 67.


Departure of the "South Carolina," from Corunna on October 17th; Capt. [William] Jackson and Mr. [John] Trumbull gone to America. The goods for the American army still at Amsterdam; desires to know if a part had better be sold to pay the freight on the remainder; the soldiers will need them during the winter. L. S. 2 p. V, 69.

From William Knox.


Sends a letter from George Hancock and one from John Temple, also American newspapers with account of [Lord] Cornwallis's surrender. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 70.


From The Continental Congress. 1781. November 23. [Philadelphia.]

Resolutions concerning the Marquis de la Fayette's visit to France. D. 2 p. (Copy.) V, 72.


Recommend[ing] a further loan from France and the maintaining of a French fleet on the American coast. Desiring to know if any of Mr. [Silas] Deane's letters to persons in America have been intercepted and published in Europe. L. S. 11 p. (In quadruplicate.) V, 73.


From The Continental Congress. 1781. November 27. [Philadelphia.]


From The Continental Congress.


Resolutions allowing Marquis de la Fayette to return to France, appointing him American Agent there, and placing the European loan under the direction of Mr. [Robert] Morris. D. S. Peter S. Du Ponceau, Sec[retary]. 3 p. V, 75.

From The Continental Congress. 1781. December 3. [Philadelphia.]


Mr. [Silas] Deane’s letters have ruined him in the opinion of his countrymen; some suspicion cast upon Dr. [Edward] Bancroft. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 77.


Wilmington, a center of Toryism, evacuated, leaving the North Carolina tories to the mercy or resentment of their countrymen. Desiring a sketch for a memorial pillar to be erected at Yorktown. Encloses an ordinance of Congress prohibiting the importation of all British goods not captured. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate and triplicate.) V, 81 and 82.


Soliciting his aid for four young men who wish to enter the American Army; unknown to Dr. Franklin; gives references. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) V, 83.

Desires him to send his grandson [Benjamin Franklin Bache] to a Catholic Academy in which he is interested; describes the curriculum; Protestants frequently place their children in this school. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)


Begging that the enclosed letters may be forwarded to her grandson at Boston. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. [Circa 1781.]


Thanking him for accepting an invitation to a meeting of the Lodge [des Neuf Soeurs]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [Circa 1781.]

Sending an extract from a letter from Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.], of Nantes, concerning 6 per cent. Congressional Bonds payable in 1781, and deposited with him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

From Abbé Morellet. [Circa 1781.]

Sending him a part of his work upon the American Colonies. Leaves it to Dr. Franklin to say whether or not it shall be published. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)


Encloses speeches of Mr. [Charles James] Fox. The London paper honored the writer by recording that he breakfasted with Mr. [Henry] Laurens. Enclosing resolutions of the Volunteer Corps, showing their contempt for the treachery of Mr. [Francis] Dobbs. A. L. S. 1 p.
Regretting that he missed his visit; accepts his invitation for Thursday. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 91.

Desires his aid in finding and rejoining her husband. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) V, 92.

From The Secretary to the King. [Circa 1781.] Paris.
Announcement that the King will not see the Ambassadors on the day appointed. Printed N. S. De Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) V, 93.

From The Secretary to the King. [Circa 1781.] Paris.
Notice to meet Comte de Vergennes, in order to discuss affairs. Printed N. S. De Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) V, 94.

A history of his past and present situation; question of his private letters being intercepted, in which he had criticized America's policy; defends his own statements; accuses Dr. Franklin of having used greater freedom in his political writings; question of his accounts. A. L. S. 23 p.

Enclosing a letter, in cipher, from Robert Morris. L. S. 1 p. (In triplicate.) VI, 2.


His attachment to the United States has cost him his fortune; formerly conductor of the Public Ledger; in 1777, communicated to Mr. [William] Carmichael intelligence of the secret correspondence between [Comte de] Maurepas and Lord Mansfield. Is now visiting the Duchess of Kingston [Elizabeth Chudleigh], and may accompany her to the Court of St. Petersburg; desires to be of service to the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 3.

Refers to his two former letters and begs that his petition may be answered, and if possible, granted. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 4.


Money needed for purchasing supplies for the States; a further sum will have to be drawn on France; if necessary all French advances could be repaid at the end of the year; for this he pledges his personal honor. L. S. 8 p. (In cipher, with translation.) VI, 5.


Forwarding proof sheets and requesting the return of those previously sent. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 6.


Announcing the date of his departure. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 7.

From Robert Morris. 1782. April 17. Philadelphia.

Two million livres will need to be drawn on France; the Dutch loan will provide in part for the payment. L. S. 4 p. (In cipher, untranslated.) VI, 8.


Announcing the embezzlement, followed by the flight of the Ducal Cashier of Wurtemberg; reported as intending to secure Dr. Franklin's aid in passing to America; encloses a description of the offender, with a request for his apprehension; a similar letter sent to the Chief of Police at Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 10 and 11.
From [Mrs.] Mary Hewson. 1782. May 1. Kensington.

News of her son; her girl greatly pleased with Dr. Franklin's denunciation of stays. Her loss by the failure of Collinson's house. Description of a travelling coach fitted with [Thomas] Viny's wheels, if he wishes to buy one. A. L. S. 4 p. VI, 12.


Desiring information as to the best method of reaching America; has determined to emigrate there with his family. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 13.


Sends a book written by a man who saved his wife's life; he will find it full of valuable knowledge. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 14.

From The Continental Congress. 1782. May 7. [Philadelphia.]


Dr. Franklin's letters of the 22d and 23d ult. have determined him to come to Paris; the French Ambassador not averse to the step; the Count de Florida Blanca will refer the instructions intended for M. Del Campo to the Count d'Aranda at Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 16.


Sending the proof of his new work [Essais historiques et politiques sur les Anglo-Américains]; his poor health has retarded the printing and prevented him paying his respects to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 17.


Concerning the Dutch ship "Berkenbos(ch)"; explains his actions regarding her. Prize-money still due the crew of the "Bon Homme Richard." 6 p. (Copy.) VI, 18.
Sends proof-sheets; hopes that the third part of his work will be completed the following week. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 19.

Encloses Dr. Franklin's letter upon the insect Ephemera; copied it for Miss [Bethia] Alexander. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 20.

Report that America has declared war against Portugal, that six rich Brazil ships have been captured and that Capt. [John] Paul Jones is the hero; all Portuguese Captains at Bordeaux ordered to await instructions at Lisbon; the insurance of Portugal vessels raised. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 21.

Paid for the passage to America of William Stevenson and George Cabot, who had been prisoners in England. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 22.

Asking the immediate return of the proof-sheets; sends more. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 23.


Joy in America over the birth of the Dauphin. Firmness of the United States unshaken by England's conciliatory attitude. The people disappointed at the French fleet's departure the year before at a time when a month's stay would have relieved either New York or Charles-
Question of an exchange of prisoners. L. S. 5 p. (In triplicate.)


Gives his reasons for requesting that none of the six millions appropriated by the French for the use of the United States, be applied to the payment of M. [Pierre Augustin Caron de] Beaumarchais's claim. L. S. 3 p.


Concerning his wife’s desire to have painted a medallion of Dr. Franklin, with permission to wear it pendant from her collar. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

From David Barclay. 1782. May 27. London.

Sending by Baron Dimsdale two attempts on the character of their late valuable friend, Dr. [John] Fothergill. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 29.

From The Continental Congress. 1782. May 28. [Philadelphia.]

Resolution relative to settling the accounts of the public servants of the United States, in Europe. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 2 p. (Copy.) VI, 30.


Sends a sample of his wonderful curative powder; heals wounds readily and keeps the ranks of an army from being depleted. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 31.


From [François] Félix Nogaret. [1782. May.]

Desiring Dr. Franklin to support his application for the position of reader to the Duc de Berry; enclosing a copy of a letter from M. Amelot to the Marquis de Séréns endorsing his request [1 p.]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 35 and 36.


Have drawn on him for money owed by Mr. John Adams, crediting the same to the account of the United States. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 38.


Owing to the plague all the plans of the Philosophical Society of Toulouse are abandoned; Dr. Franklin therefore relieved from his part in the ceremonies. Reminds him of his promise to call on the Comtesse de la Marck. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 39.


Desires to emigrate to America, with his eight children; believes the absence of luxury there would enable him to live more cheaply than in France; asks for letters of introduction. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 41.


Sends a book and a letter from M. Ingen Housz; will take charge of any reply. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 42.


Sends proof-sheets; desires their return as soon as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 43.

Desiring letters of recommendation for Henri van Eupen, merchant at Antwerp, who is about to send a vessel to Philadelphia, under the Imperial flag. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 44.


Concerning a letter received from [Le Ray] de Chaumont relative to Mr. [Augustin?] Morice. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 45.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1782. June 22. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Tardy, of his counting house, who can give Dr. Franklin full information of affairs at Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 46.


Having at last got sunshine, is prosecuting his experiments; these are inconsistent with M. [Antoine Laurent] Lavoisier's supposition that there is no such thing as phlogiston. Is sorry that peace is so long delayed and hopes soon to see Dr. Franklin in England. A. L. S. 3 p. (Fac-simile by American Photo-Lithographic Co., N. Y., in duplicate.) VI, 49.


Delighted with his approbation of his Remarks on the Treaties between the United States and France; these same observations severely condemned by the Department of Foreign Affairs. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 50.


Offering to carry to Philadelphia, despatches, goods or other effects. L. S. 3 p.
A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "Refused." VI, 51.

Reminding him of his promise to secure the exchange of Capt. Christopher Codner, an American, who had suffered much in English prisons. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 52.


Desiring a letter of recommendation for a merchant named La Coste, who is going to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 53.


Announcing a party of people who will wait upon him at Passy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 54.


Thanking Dr. Franklin for the letter he wrote in her husband’s behalf. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 1.


Transmitting a letter from Congress to the King of France, and a resolution [1 p.] on the subject of Mr. William Lee’s demands. L. S. 1 p. (In triplicate.) VII, 2.


Introducing Mr. Benjamin Savage, a young Jewish Tory from South Carolina; lacks nothing except conversion by Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 4.


Introducing an English traveller. Late experiments interrupted by cloudy weather; the political sky also overcast. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 5.

Reminding him of the letter he promised them; hope to pay their respects to him upon their return from America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. VII, 7.

Account of his imprisonment by the English, and subsequent shipwreck; has in his care a fifteen year old daughter; begs for aid. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 8.

Introducing Dr. [John] Shuttleworth. Account of the struggle to support herself made by Mrs. Wilkes; chance of an opening for her to teach English in France. Acknowledging the book he sent her; praises Madame de Genlis but detests her sophistry, especially with regard to suckling and stays; delighted with Madame de Forbach’s little piece. A. L. S. 4 p. VII, 9.

Desiring his seal in order to affix it to the Convention agreed upon between him and Comte de Vergennes on July 16th. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 10.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to grant an interview to a friend of his, who has made an important discovery in physics. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 11.

From [Mrs.] Margaret Stevenson. 1782. July 24. [London.]
News of mutual friends. Desires to see him once again before she dies. A. L. S. 3 p.
A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Noting her death on Jan. 1, 1783. VII, 12.


From Félix Nogaret. 1782. July.

Acknowledging with every mark of gratitude and pleasure his gift of his medallion portrait. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 14.

From George Chaimley. 1782. August 7. Brest.

Escaped from a British prison; asks for money to enable him to return to Boston; his uncle, Dr. Chaimley, will repay it. A. L. S. 2 p.


Two years before sent him his work entitled "Observations sur les Poètes Italiens"; has been ill since then and unable to work; applies to him as a patron of literature, for pecuniary assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 15.


Introducing [Pierre Marie Auguste] Broussonet. Has never entered the doors of the House of Commons; congratulates himself on escaping many weary hours. Hopes for peace on such terms as will be advantageous to both parties. A. L. S. 3 p.


At the request of James Hunter, begs him to deliver the enclosed letter to Mrs. [Isabella] Strange. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 22.

Account of his five campaigns in America, his capture by the English and his subsequent shipwreck; desires a loan of money and a position in the French army. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) VII, 23 and 24.

Informed by M. [John D.] Schweighauser that his account against the “Alliance” has been allowed by Congress; desires to know when it will be paid. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 25.

From John Shuttleworth. 1782. August 17. [Paris.]
His servant will wait for the promised papers, and for any letters Franklin may commit to his care. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 26.

From —— De Ferrière. 1782. August 26. L’Orient.
Concerning the capture of a vessel, containing his household goods, first by the English and then by the French; only able to reclaim his goods after paying an exhorbitant sum; appeals to Dr. Franklin for redress. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 27.

From Charles Grant, Vicomte de Vaux. 1782. September 2.
Complains bitterly of receiving no reply to his petition; asks for an interview; lost a fortune supporting the American cause. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 28.

From The Continental Congress. 1782. September 3. [Philadelphia.]
Resolution to give the ship “America” to the King of France to replace the “Magnifique,” lost in the harbor of Boston. D. 1 p. (Copy.) VII, 29.

Censuring all the American Agents for their remissness in writing. Possible evacuation of Charleston. Loss of the French ship, “Magni-
Matters to be remembered when negotiating peace with Great Britain. Loan from France necessary. L. S. 3 p. (In triplicate; partly in cipher.)


Enclosing passports for Mr. Harford and his son, for London, and for Mr. Hill, for Spain. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 33.


Concerning Dr. Franklin's promise to pay for one hundred copies of M. de la Faye's work, after they should have been sold in America; begs for information of their sale. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 34.

From The Continental Congress. 1782. September 9. [Philadelphia.]

Resolve not to issue any more interest bills. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. XII, 21.


M. [Alexander] Gillon's departure for America, without repaying the money advanced him by their firm; this omission has seriously embarrassed them; apply to Dr. Franklin for assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 35.

From Lamarque, Fabre & Co. 1782. September 10. [Paris.]


From La Veuve Dubois and Mesdames Laneorlon. 1782. September 12. L'Orient.

Money due them for supplies furnished the officers and seamen of the "Bon Homme Richard," the "Pallas" and the "Alliance"; ask him to see that the bill is paid. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 37.


From **The Continental Congress.** 1782. September 14. [Philadelphia.]

Resolutions concerning the proposed loan. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (Copy.) VII, 42.


Begging him to forward a letter to Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 43.


Announcing the birth of a seven months' daughter—a new American citizen; likens this premature delivery to the premature outbreak of the Revolution; thinks of naming the child Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 44.


Refusal of Congress to accept Mr. [Henry] Laurens's resignation; alterations made in Dr. Franklin's powers. Need of money. L. S. 2 p. (In quadruplicate; partly in cipher.) VII, 45, 46, 47 and 48.


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1782. September 14, 23. [Philadelphia.]

From The University of Dartmouth. 1782. September 24.

Introducing Mr. John Wheelock, President of the University, and Mr. James Wheelock, and begging him to further the cause of their trip to Europe. A. L. S. Besa Woodward, Secretary. 4 p. VII, 49.

From ——— Marcel. 1782. September 29.

Application for work by a surgeon, who had been made prisoner and thereby lost everything. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 50.


Concerning the arrival of an American vessel with a cargo of tobacco; their efforts to obtain a good sale for it. Possible that their large woolen manufactory in Languedoc may furnish some goods useful to the Americans. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 51.


Introducing Mr. Laurent Josselin, who wishes to go to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 52.

From [Mrs.] Jane Mecom. 1782. October 6. Warwick, R. I.

Has not heard from him for two years and a half; sorry if the politeness of the French ladies has lessened his old American acquaintances in his esteem. Death of her granddaughter; other family news. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 25.

From Williams, Moore & Co. 1782. October 9. L’Orient.

Arrival of the American vessel “Cicero” with two prizes; thirty French prisoners on one of the prizes set free without an order from Dr. Franklin. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 53.


Desiring a letter of recommendation to the Governor of Virginia, that he may obtain his assistance in collecting a debt. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 54.

From Camusar et C. Lerouge. 1782. October 12. Troyes.

Desiring to know the commercial standing of Jean André Stockolm, recently established in Nantes, and reported to be known to him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 55.
From —— De Castella. 1782. October 12.

Requesting a private interview and asking that his name be kept secret. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 56.


Sending a letter from Prof. Ingen Housz, and offering to deliver the reply. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 57.


Acknowledging the “Observations” which will appear in his next volume. Desires Dr. Franklin to recommend him for the vacancy in the Académie des Sciences. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 58.


Transmitting a receipt from the Commandant of l’Orient for prisoners of war delivered to him. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 59.

From Camusar & C. Lerouge. 1782. October 23. Troyes.

Desiring his opinion as to the amount of credit that can safely be accorded to Mr. [Jean André] Stockolm. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 60.


Were private passengers on board an English ship; captured and brought to a French prison; wish either to be released or exchanged; have with them an orphan child of three years, George Lewis, whose father died in prison. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 61.


Mrs. Williams not well enough for him to leave at once for Passy; hopes to see Dr. Franklin in a few days. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 62.


Requesting his signature to a claim against the State of Georgia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 63.

America’s European policy. Concerning the exchange of prisoners. Affair of Mr. [Henry] Laurens. Execution of [Captain] Huddy [of New Jersey]; retaliation only prevented by the interference of their Majesties. Election of Mr. [Elias] Boudinot [as President of the Congress]. L. S. 5 p. (In triplicate.) VII, 64, 65 and 66.


Sends Dr. Franklin’s salary; desires to know what allowance he made his Private Secretary. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 67.

From Baron d’Arendt. 1782. November 15. Frankfort.

Concerning his claims on Mr. Robert Morris; asks that they may be paid to the Prussian Minister at Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 68.

From Destouches frères. 1782. November 15. Roubaix.

Enclosing a letter to be forwarded to Mr. [Matthew] Ridley of Baltimore; sends samples of goods and request a recommendation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 69.

From Baron d’Espagnac. 1782. November 19. [Paris.]

Obliged, owing to illness, to decline his invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 70.


Concerning the relations of Lamarque & Fabre with Mr. [Alexander] Gillon. Opportunity for Dr. Franklin’s grandson to open a correspondence with the Office of Finance. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) VII, 74.


Regrets having been prevented from calling during Dr. Franklin's recent illness; begs him to be present at the opening lecture of his course. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 75.


The British on the point of leaving Charleston, and the French troops soon to embark. A. L. 1 p. (In cipher; in triplicate.) VII, 76, 77 and 78.


Offers to give one half the capacity of his ship, for the transportation of goods to America. Asks for a passport and letters to American commercial houses. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 79.


Concerning the payment of a sum of money to Richard Bache by Mr. [Christian] Schneider of Germantown; appeal of Mr. Auer to have this sum transmitted to the widow Hoeckl[er]in in Ebingen. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 80.


Recommending M. Saudot to Dr. Franklin's generosity. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 81.


Regrets that his creditors have been annoying Dr. Franklin; has assured them that Dr. Franklin has nothing to do with his engagements. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 83.
From David Barclay. 1782. December 27. Youngsbury.

Dr. [John] Fothergill's biography being written by Dr. [John Coakley] Lettsom, a physician of London; desires his advice as to inserting in the work, the paper entitled "Basis of a Plan of Reconciliation, etc." Religious scruples of Friends in Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 4 p.


Concerning the payment of certain bills. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 84.

From [Henry] Laurens. 1782. December 30. [Paris.]

Inviting Dr. Franklin to dine with him on January 2d. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

From The Continental Congress. 1782. December 31. [Philadelphia.]


From —— Favier. Circa 1782.

Begs for a written statement which will give the lie to the calumnies against him circulated by his enemies. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 86.

From [Ferdinand Grand?] Circa 1782.

If England's offer of peace is refused, means of continuing the war must be found; a fleet is needed; impossible for America to build one; France must do nothing which is not to her true interest; the approaching campaign would require twenty-four millions of French money. Terrible consequences of a union of the savages with the English. A. Mem. 1 p. (In French.)


His intention to ship supplies to America; desires letters which will give him free access to certain American ports. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XII, 26.

From Williams, Moore & Co. 1782.

Enclosing papers relative to the capture of a prize-ship by an American vessel. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 88.
From de Thurn. [Circa 1783.] Metz.

Comes of an old and respectable family in Alsace; his trade as vintner; has decided to emigrate with his only child to America; encloses a project for trading in wine which will enrich any American firm. L. in 3d P. 4 p. (In French.) VII, 91.


Recounting in detail the doings of the little Baches. A. L. S. 3 p.


Begs him not to forget her in 1783, as he did in 1782; prevented seeing him in Passy owing to his being engaged at the time; urges him to dine with her. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 6.


Thanking him for past favors and congratulating him upon the conclusion of peace. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 9.
From N. Reboul. 1783. February 4. La Ciatot.

Comte de Vergennes's disregard of Dr. Franklin's request for an increase, and his adherence to the six million already granted for the current year; terms of the contract; willing to use his personal credit, but that would not suffice; possibility of aid from Holland; Comte de Vergennes's appreciation of the importance of supporting American credit. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VIII, 11.


His opinion of the terms of peace. Trouble with the army. Question of salaries. Dr. Franklin's desire to be relieved from office. Acknowledging the receipt of his journal. L. S. 7 p. (In duplicate.) VIII, 13 and 14.


From The Royal Society of Medicine. [1783. March. Paris.]

Arranging an interview between Dr. Franklin and the Comte de Vergennes. Message for Arthur Young. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 16.

Anxious for the treaty of peace. Finances still greatly embarrassed; question of a loan. As yet no estimate of the losses sustained by the States from Great Britain. All prisoners will soon be delivered at New York. United States ports swamped with foreign goods. L. S. 3 p.


Congratulating him upon the birth of a new republic; asking that his son be appointed American Consul in the town where he holds the French Consulship. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VIII, 18.

From [Henry] Laurens. 1783. May 19.

Acknowledging the American newspapers. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. VIII, 19.


Introducing Dr. [Sir Charles] Blagden, a noted physician, who is in a position to tell Franklin all the latest doings in science. Congratulating him on the return of peace. A. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 20.


Nothing has been done as to the acceptance of his resignation. Decision in the case of the Portuguese ship “Nostra Signora.” The affairs of the “Alliance” and “Bon Homme Richard” not yet settled. Desirability of an increase in the French loan. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 21.


Notifying him of the transmission of his account with the United States. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 23.


Sorry that another engagement prevents his dining at Passy. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. VIII, 24.


Has heard that Comte de Vergennes and others at Versailles have the strongest resentment against him; desired to be assured of his personal safety, if he comes to Paris to settle his accounts. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 25.

Sorry that his copy of the Transactions of the Royal Society has been delayed; the Society anxious to hear of the balloon experiments of M. [Joseph Michel] Montgolfier and his competitor. Gen. Washington compared to Cincinnatus. Hopes that Dr. Franklin can soon leave politics for philosophy. A. L. S. 3 p. VIII, 27.

From Mme. d'Enneville, Comtesse de Choiseul and M. du Buc. 1783. August.

Acknowledging a sum of money to be placed to Dr. Franklin’s credit. L. S. 2 p. (In parallel, French and English.) VIII, 29.

His successful plea for the repeal of a sentence abolishing lightning rods; his speech upon that occasion printed; sends a copy to the illustrious inventor of the lightning rod. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 30.

From Ducarne De Blaugy. 1783. October 3. Hirson.
Incensed at Dr. Franklin daring to call his balloon an infant just coming to birth; certain that if the balloon had been invented earlier, Gibraltar would have been taken; several trips made from Calais to Dover. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 31.


Acknowledging a copy of the Constitutions of the United States. Sends essay on hygrometry. Landriani, Professor of Physics at Milan, deputed by the Austrian Government to have lightning rods erected on all public buildings in Austrian Lombardy; also to write such an essay as shall show the people the utility of the rods; desires data as to the use of lightning rods in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VIII, 33.


Defends himself against the charges of intimacy with Benedict Arnold, and of furnishing Lord Sheffield with most of the facts and principles in his recent work on the Commerce [of the United States]. A. L. S. 5 p.


At a meeting of the Royal Society, he read Dr. Franklin's two recent letters on balloon experiments in Paris; the Society hailed with delight his return to philosophical pursuits; desires to know whether he would choose to have these letters printed in the Philosophical Transactions. A. L. S. 3 p.


Endeavoring to get the restrictions on American trade with the West Indies modified or removed. Has written long letters to Mr. [Thomas] Barclay and to Col. [Jeremiah] Wadsworth concerning the settlement of his accounts. A. L. S. 2 p.


From W[illia]m Lee Perkins.


The diploma electing his father a corresponding member of the Royal Society of Medicine at Paris, arrived after his decease; hopes that this honor may be transferred to him. Enclosing a printed treatise, in Latin, on Influenza [16 p.]. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) VIII, 38.
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From ————. 1783.

Poem addressed to Dr. Franklin on the occasion of his receiving from the Comtesse de Deux-Ponts, a bâton of thorn-wood, surmounted by an apple of gold and representing a liberty-cap. 1 p. (In French. Printed by Didot l'aîné.) VIII, 39.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1783.]

Read with great pleasure Franklin's hypothesis concerning the extraordinary motions of the earth; comments thereon. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 40.

From Baron de Savagnac. [Circa 1783.] Paris.

Preparing for publication a list of the Ministers and Ambassadors of all Nations; desires a complete list of those accredited by the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 41.


Has scarcely ventured out since his great bereavement but will come to Passy for a few days; desires a recommendation for M. Philippe Aribert, who wishes the American Consulship in Languedoc. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 42.

From [Jacques] Finck. 1783, January; to 1784, January.

Account of Dr. Franklin's family expenses. 1 vol. 4to. 90 p. 973.3 D. F 85.9 F.


Movements of meteors; Dr. [Sir Charles] Blagden's general thoughts thereon. [Sir William] Herschel's observations on the planet Mars. Dearth of aerostatic experiments. A history of the construction of Ed[dy](i)stone Lighthouse soon to be published. A. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 43.


Account of his twenty-eight years of military service in France and America; desires Dr. Franklin's assistance in obtaining a position in the Island of San Domingo.

  Introducing Mr. [Nathaniel] Tracy of Massachusetts Bay. A. L. S. 1 p.  
  VIII, 44.

  VIII, 45.

From [Joseph Ange] C[om]te De Saluces [De Menusiglio].
  Application of keys to the harmonica, by the Abbé Perno Piémontois; desires information on this point. The Academy soon to publish the first volume of its new works; begs Dr. Franklin to contribute. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)  
  VIII, 46.

  Accepting his invitation to dinner on August 4th. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.  
  VIII, 47.

  Presenting him with the gold medal struck by the Royal Society in honor of Capt. [James] Cook; acknowledging his gracious reception of Capt. Cook’s Voyage, which was sent him by the King’s direction. Experiments with balloons in England. A. L. S. 4 p.  
  VIII, 48.

  Receipted tailor’s bill. Mem. S. 1 p. (In French.)  
  VIII, 49.

From M. le Curé and Madame Le Veillard. 1784. [August.] Passy.
  A notification of a meeting at which a collection for the poor will be taken. Printed N. 1 p. (In French and Latin.)  
  VIII, 50.

  Desiring to know if he ever received a letter from him, as well as a paper on Influenza. A. L. S. 2 p.  
  VIII, 51.

  VIII, 52.


From Messrs. Jackson, Tracy, Donnaldson and Temple.


Requesting passports for themselves and their servants. L. in 3d P. 1 p. VIII, 54.


From De Pachelbel de Gehag fils. 1784.


Asking his help to recover some land in New York, lost in a lawsuit by her father. A. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 60.


Bill for household expenses. Mem. 8 p. (In French.) VIII, 62 and XII, 28.

From La Société Royale de Physique, d'Histoire Naturelle et des Arts d'Orleans. 1785. April 5. Orléans.

Certificate of his election as honorary member. Diploma S. Huet de Froberville. 1 p. (In French.) Framed.

From Huet de Froberville. Sec[retair]e Perp[etu]el.

1785. April 7. Orléans.

Announcing Dr. Franklin's election as Honorary Member of the Société Royale de Physique, d'Histoire Naturelle et des Arts d'Orleans. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 63.
Expressing their gratification at his consenting to become a member of their Lodge. L. S. [Anquetin] De Beaulieu, Premier Surv[ellular]t, et al. 2 p. VIII, 64.

List of the officers of the Lodge. L. S. Le Bourgeois de Belleville, Sec[retar]y. 4 p. (In French.) XII, 29.


His intention to join Dr. Franklin at Cowes, and go with him to America. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 66.

Desiring a certificate of the indemnity offered Denmark for certain prizes restored to the British. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 67.

Glad to hear that he has reached Rouen, without being much fatigued; precautions he has taken to protect his baggage. A M. Duplessis wishes a long memoir on some animals of South America copied for Dr. Franklin; does he care to have it? A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 68.

Announcing a meeting of their Society; list of candidates for membership. Printed N. S. Colson, Agent. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 69.

Petition against the abolishment of his salary as Judge of Admiralty; begs Dr. Franklin to favor his petition when it comes before the Council. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 70.
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From ——— Boux.
Concerning money due M. Boux, who entered the United States service with the understanding that his passage money and certain other specified expenses should be paid in addition to his salary. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 73.

From ——— ———.

A New Year's greeting. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 30.

Application for assistance from a poor widow with several children. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 31.

From ——— ———.
Bill for work done in the wine cellar. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 75.
LETTERS FROM BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.


Resolution concerning the attitude of the United States towards France or Spain, in case either of these nations should conclude a Treaty of Amity and Commerce with the United States, and in consequence enter into a war with Great Britain. D. S. B[enjamin] Franklin, Silas Deane and Arthur Lee. 1 p. IX, 1.


Resolved to defend and support the public cause at all hazards and, for such purpose, to pledge their persons or hazard the censure of the Congress by exceeding their instructions, and to cheerfully risk their liberty or life. D. S. B[enjamin] Franklin, Silas Deane and Arthur Lee. 2 p.


Acknowledging their favor of October 29th with news of Burgoyne's defeat and surrender. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. IX, 4.

To Le Ray de Chaumont. [Circa 1777.]

Arrangement by which he and his grandson had their dinners at M. de Chaumont's house. A. Dr. of N. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 5.

From [The American Commissioners to Comte de Vergennes]? [1777.]

Denying complicity in the conduct of Capt. [Gustavus] Conyngham. Dr. by Ferdinand Grand of L. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 8.


Testifying to the worth of Silas Deane and expressing a belief that his recall was due to misrepresentations. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) IX, 6a.

Asserting his belief that orders given by any two of the Commissioners are sufficient; reasons why Lee was not consulted in this particular instance. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) IX, 6b.


Glad to learn that Mr. [Silas] Deane is likely to return, with honor, on a mission to Holland. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) IX, 6c.


Mem. 1 p. IX, 7.

From The American Commissioners to [Simeon] Deane. [1778.]


To Horneca, Fizeaux & Co. 1779. April 20. Passy.

An order to replace certain goods sent by mistake from Nantes to the United States; enclosing copy of the invoice. (2 p. In French.) Dr. of L. S. 1 p. IX, 16.

To Comtesse de Forbach. [1779. June.]

Acknowledging her gift of a pair of scissors; constant reminders of her at every turn; she has impressed him as one of the best, wisest and most amiable of women. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. IX, 17.

To Mrs. [Elizabeth] Partridge. 1779. October 11. Passy.

An amusing account of French politeness and the agreeable manners of the French ladies. Bad print of the Boston newspapers. Sends her his miniature on china. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. IX, 18.

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To Whom it May Concern. 1780. March 29. Passy.
Certifying to the genuineness of the signatures of Thomas Jefferson and P[atrick] Henry. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. IX, 19.

To Whom it May Concern. 1780. April 14. Passy.
Certifying to the genuineness of the signature of Lombard de Laneuville. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. IX, 20.

Leaves the propriety of Landais's conduct to other judges; waives any further dispute, but charges him not to meddle with the command of the "Alliance" or to create any disturbance on board of her. L. S. 2 p.

To ——— ———. [1780.]

Offence given to the French Court by Mr. [John] Adams's letters to the Comte de Vergennes; difficulties due to having more than one Agent at one time in one place; unwise remarks made lately by certain Americans in Paris; believes America would gain by a courteous attitude towards France. L. 3 p. XII, 32.

To ——— ———. 1780. Passy.
Form to be issued by Dr. Franklin as a passport to American travellers. Printed D. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 33.

Memorandum. [1780.]
List of papers relating to the frigate "Alliance." A. Mem. 2 p. IX, 22.

To [Etienne-François,] Marquis de Turgot. 1781. May 1. Passy.
Technical description of a new stove, accompanied by a diagram. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. IX, 23.

Memorandum. 1781, September 31 and 1782, January 8.
List of Dr. Franklin's books moved from his chambers to his office. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 24.
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To Baron de Thun. 1782. April 24. Passy.
Promising to have arrested on sight any person answering the

To Leopold M. A. Caldani, President of the Academy of Sciences,
Accepting his election as honorary member of the Academy of
Sciences, Letters and Arts of Padua; promising to send them natural
history specimens, on his return to America. A. Dr. of L. 1 p.
IX, 26.

To Marquis de la Fayette. 1782. September 17. Passy.
Pleased to learn that Madame de la Fayette has another daughter;
recommends naming his children after the States, beginning with the
oldest and running through the thirteen; hopes that such States as
Massachusetts and Connecticut will change their names before they
are needed; advantages of giving birth to seven months' babies. A. L.

Memorandum. 1782. September.
The British ships "Luxford" and "Will" declared lawful prizes
1 p. IX, 28.

To Le Ray de Chaumont. [Circa 1782.]
Question of M. de Chaumont's account against the United States;
most of the doubtful items to be left to M. [Ferdinand] Grand to de-

Invitation to dinner. Printed N. 1 p. IX, 30.

Account of balloon experiments in France; M. [Joseph Michel]
Montgolfier's invention; pleasantries concerning the future utility of
balloons. A. Dr. of L. 5 p. IX, 31.
Sending an account of two balloon ascensions; Messrs. [Jacques Alexandre César] Charles and Robert soon to make important experiments. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. IX, 32.

Animated account of a balloon ascension which had recently taken place near the residence of the Dauphin; the balloon inflated with hot air produced by burning straw. A. Dr. of L. 4 p. IX, 33.

Sends him, as President of the Royal Society, M. [Jacques Alexandre César] Charles's account of his balloon ascension. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 34.

To The Farmers-General. [Circa 1783.]
Advising them to present their accounts to Mr. [Robert] Morris, Superintendent of Finance; suggestion that tobacco be sent to France in part payment. A. L. 1 p. (Press copy.) IX, 35.

Mentioning other attempts to apply keys to the harmonica; none very successful. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. IX, 36.

To _______.
Explaining Mr. Merckle's position with regard to his contracts with Congress. Release of duties, by the Court of France, on these goods. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. IX, 37.

To Madame _______.
Introducing l'Abbé de la Roche, Chaplain to the Comte d'Artois. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 38.

To _______.
Answers to hypothetical questions regarding a citizen's duty, should the chief of a Civil Society resolve the ruin of a part of that Society. A. Mem. 1 p. IX, 39.
MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS.


Denies the justice and truth of his complaints; accuses him of breaking his promises and of neglecting the rights of the Friends; the Colony's wish that he should remain its Proprietor and that he should continue to furnish a Lieutenant to rule in his stead, but that this Lieutenant should not have power to prorogue or dissolve the Assembly; defends the [Pennsylvania] Assembly against Penn's attacks. A. L. S. 13 p.

From James Logan to Horace Walpole. 1732.

A memorial of the state of the British plantations in America; compares them with those of France. Trade with the Indians. D. 14 p. (Copy by Benjamin Franklin.)

From T[omas] Penn to T. Jackson. 1740.

Quarrel between the Governor [George Thomas] and the Assembly; machinations of the Friends. The French threatening to make a settlement within fifty miles of the western boundary. Praises the actions of the Governor. L. 3 p. (Copy.)


Accusing the present Proprietors of a disposition to deprive them of Charter privileges; they appear to forget that the first settlers of Pennsylvania were neither criminals nor paupers, but men who came to America for conscience sake. Power of the Friends in the Legislature. The Friends in England asked to have a personal conference with the Proprietors of Pennsylvania; difficulties of the Province recently set forth in an address to the King. L. S. John Armitt, Sam[ue]l Powel, Thomas Rose, John Reynell, Sam[ue]l Preston Moore, Isr[ael] Pemberton, Antho[ny] Morris, Hugh Roberts. 4 p. (Copy.)

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By "Obadiah Honesty." A Remonstrance. [1757.]

By ——— ——— to The Author of "The Chronicle." [1758.]
Poem, entitled "Labour in Vain, or An Attempt to Wash the Black-Moor White." Printed broadside. (Illustrated.) 1 p. XII, 37.

From Coyendahi [Indian Tribe] to ——— ———.
Refusing to grant the white men's petition for a road through their country, because it would mean the driving away of all game, and their own extinction. L. 1 p. (Copy.) X, 3.

From Joseph Galloway to The Public.

By [David James Dove?]. 1764.
The addition to the epitaph, without the copper-plate. A prayer to Satan. Printed broadside. 1 p. XII, 38.


Wish of the Proprietaries that their located, uncultivated lands in Pennsylvania shall not be taxed at any higher rate than any other similar land in the Province. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) X, 5.

From James Wilkinson to George Wilkinson, Bladensburg, Md.
Advising him not to return to England until his time is out; his wife and child well. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 6.
Six Arguments Against Choosing Joseph Galloway an Assemblyman. [Circa 1766.]

Addressed to himself by one heretofore his friend. Printed broadside. 1 p. XII, 39.


Confessing to having violated the non-importation agreement. Printed broadside. 1 p. XII, 40.

From A Pennsylvanian to The Inhabitants of Philadelphia.


From Benjamin Towne to The Public.


From William Goddard to The Public.


A most abusive arraignment of his former partners in the "Pennsylvania Chronicle," Joseph Galloway and Thomas Wharton, [Sr.]; begs the public to suspend judgment until he can lay his case before them. Printed broadside. 1 p. X, 8.

From Francis Hopkinson to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin.


Bill for goods bought from him. A. Bill. [Written on back of engraved advertisement of Francis Hopkinson, dealer in Cloths and Suitable Trimmings.] X, 9.


Northern-Liberties [Philadelphia].

Appeal to them not to permit a few men to repeal the non-importation agreement of Pennsylvania. Printed broadside. 1 p. X, 10.
From Isaac Elizer to [Whom it May Concern].

Certifying to the integrity and ability of Capt. Richard Grinnel, of Newport. D. S. 1 p.

From Lewis Johnston and Thirty-one Others to Governor William Franklin. [Circa 1772.]

Petition to the Council and Legislature to forbid the practice of "Physick and Surgery" except by such persons as should pass an examination. L. S. 1 p.

From A Philadelphian to The Freemen, Citizens of Philadelphia.
1773. June 16.

Warning them against the City Council's arrogation of certain powers not given them by the Charter. Printed broadside. 1 p.


Warning the Delaware Pilots not to permit Capt. Ayres, of the ship "Polly," to reach Philadelphia with his cargo of tea from London; warning Capt. Ayres not to land his cargo. Printed broadside. 1 p.

From Civis to The Inhabitants of Pennsylvania.
[Circa 1773.]

Answer to Publicus who has written in favor of the Excise Law. Printed broadside. 1 p.

From Civis to The Public. 1773.

Unjustly reviled by Titus Ironicus and Publicus in a controversy over the Excise; challenges his defamers to make known their identity. Printed broadside. 1 p.

From Jacob Rush, Sec[retar]y pro tem.
1774. December 6. Committee Chamber, [Philadelphia].

Resolves concerning the auction of imported goods. Printed broadside. 1 p.
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Acknowledging his proposal of the 8th inst. for taking advantage of the present situation of the British Colonies; rejects it however, owing to the good feeling between France and Great Britain. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 13.


A table of the rates of postage. Printed broadside. 1 p. XII, 45.

From The Committee of Inspection and Observation [of the City of Philadelphia]. 1776. February 5. [Philadelphia.]

Declaring John Drinker, Thomas and Samuel Fisher enemies to their country and precluded from all trade or intercourse with the inhabitants of these Colonies, owing to their refusal to receive bills of credit emitted by Congress. Peter Z[achary] Lloyd, Sec[retar]y. Printed broadside. 1 p. X, 14.

Respecting the Hiring of German Troops. 1776. December.

Memoir. 4 p. (In French.) X, 15 and XII, 46.


Appointing Robert Robinson on officer on board the sloop “Hornet.” D. S. John Hancock, Pres[ident]. 1 p.


From The High Court of Admiralty of England. 1777. March 27. Court of St. James.

From Thomas Hood to [Whom it May Concern].
Deposition, made before Silas Deane, of the unjustifiable treatment meted out to an American prisoner by the English. A. L. S. 3 p. (Attested by Silas Deane.)

By Richard Swift. 1777. April 1.
A humorous imitation of a Muster-roll. Printed broadside. 2 p.

By The Continental Congress. 1777. April 11, 12. [Philadelphia.]
Resolution relative to saving the stores in Philadelphia from being captured by the British. Printed broadside. 1 p.

Expressing the greatest indignation at the conduct of the Commissioners in giving public letters to Congress, containing damaging accounts of his brother [Thomas Morris]'s actions as American Agent in France; does not deny the charges but resents the unnecessary publicity given the affair. Report that Dr. Franklin was willing to dismiss Morris in order to make a place for a nephew and a partner [Jonathan Williams, Jr.]. L. 4 p. (Copy.)

Orders concerning the snow's cargo. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.)

Orders to captains of all prizes to address themselves to the writer. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.)

Orders concerning the "Sally's" cargo. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy.)
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Declaration. Promising amnesty to all who should return to their allegiance. Printed broadside. 1 p. X, 24.

Philadelphia.
A remonstrance against their unjust imprisonment. Printed L. 1 p.
XII, 48.

Protesting against being sent to prison without a trial. Printed broadside. 1 p.
XII, 49.

From Montieu and de Francy to [Pierre] Landais.
Concerning the cargo of the “Flamand”; orders to receive no army officers on board. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 25, 26 and 27.
From Mercier to [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.].


The Number of Foreign Troops Engaged by Great Britain for the Campaign of 1777 in America. [1777.]

As agreed to in the treaty, signed December 11, 1776. X, 29.

From An Officer in New York to His Friend in Dominica.

[Circa 1777.]

Concerning the trouble between the British and Hessian troops. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) X, 30.

Memorandum. [1777.]

Minutes of the last despatch; battle between Generals Howe and Washington; treachery on the part of the Quakers; Howe's entry into Philadelphia. 1 p. (In French.)

A. N. by Dr. Franklin. Applications to go to America; sale of vessels in Holland; prizes; complaints of Spain and Holland; financial matters.

From —— Mercier to Jonathan Williams, Jr. [1777.]

Itemized account of expenditures on behalf of the United States. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) X, 32.

From [Jonathan Williams, Jr.], to —— Mercier. [1777.]

Accusing him of leaving his work unfinished and breaking his contract; referring him to Dr. Franklin for a settlement of his account. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 50.


A stirring call to arms to defend the City of Philadelphia from the imminent attack of the British army. S. Thomas Wharton, Jr., President. Printed proclamation. 1 p. (In duplicate.) XII, 51 and 52.
From ——— Boux to His Uncle. [Circa 1777.]

Complaining of the insulting treatment offered him on board the "Lion"; given a passage on this ship by Jonathan Williams, Jr.; rails against the manners of American seamen. L. 2 p. (Copy translated into English.) XII, 53.

By [William Alexander]. Circa 1777.


From [Jonathan] Williams, Jr., to ——— Mercier.
Concerning his debt to Mercier. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) X, 34.

From The Navy Board, Eastern Department, to Sam[u]el Tucker.

Advising him not to settle in l'Orient in order to transact public business for the American Commissioners, because it had been reported that his purpose was to promote the private interests of said Commissioners. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) X, 36a.

Stigmatizes as false the report mentioned in his letter of the 17th inst.; thinks the source of his information should be divulged. L. 2 p. (Copy.) X, 36b.


From The Navy Board, Eastern Department, to Abraham Whipple. 1778. March.


From The Navy Board, Eastern Department, to Abraham Whipple, Commander of the Ship "Providence." 1778. April 25. Providence.


From John Paul Jones to Thomas Simpson. 1778. April 26. On board the "Ranger."

Appointing him Commander of the prize-ship of war "Drake" and giving him his instructions. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XII, 54.


From The [Continental] Congress to The People of the United States. 1778. May 9.

Recounting the cruelty with which Great Britain has waged the war; adjuring them not to accept their offers of peace and urging them to be firm. Printed proclamation. 1 p. Yorktown, printed by Hall and Sellers. (In duplicate.) XII, 55 and 56.


Desiring a letter of recommendation for his nephew who goes to join the army in America; begs him to obtain permission from Dr. Franklin for his nephew to go on board the "Boston." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 41.


Obliged to go to England; promises to pay him what he owes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 42.
From ——— to Chevalier de Beauteville.

[1778. May ?]

Asking for letters of recommendation from Dr. Franklin and others for M. d’Abezac. L. 1 p. X, 43.


Accepts his offer of letters of recommendation from Dr. Franklin for the Chevalier d’Abezac. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 44.


Entrusting him with letters for the American Commissioners at Paris. Minute orders as to his future procedure; secrecy enjoined. L. S. Jeremiah Powell, President. 2 p. X, 45b.


His parole as a British prisoner of war. D. S. 1 p. X, 46.


Official notice to produce certificates of discharge for certain vessels within a given time. D. S. 1 p. (In French. Partly printed.) X, 47.

By The Continental Congress.

1777. March 1. 1778. May 9, June 19.


Unjust and illegal duties levied by the Farmers-General on goods sent by him to America; desires to obtain Dr. Franklin’s influence with
the Comte de Maurepas to have these abolished; enclosing a memoir on the subject [3 p.]. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 49 and 50.

1778. July 1. [Paris.]

Sending one of the five installments of notes promised to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 51.

From ——— Brisbois to [Whom it May Concern].

Certificate by the Mayor and Alderman of Dunkirk as to [François] Jean Coffyn’s honesty and trustworthiness. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 52.

From Tho[mas] Hutchinson to Dr. [James] Lloyd.

Sending him a power of attorney to collect the rent on his sister’s estate on Slocum’s Island; confers power of attorney for his own estates at Milton and Dorchester. L. S. 3 p. (Copy attested by Jona[than] Loring Austin.) X, 53.

From Dr. [James] Smith to William Temple Franklin.

Reminding him of his Grandfather’s promise to secure passage through France for the writer and his baggage; the latter detained at Calais for three months; demands that his goods be released at once. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (Copy.) X, 54.

From William Temple Franklin to Dr. [James] Smith.

Takes exception to the tone of his letter; points out the formalities needed before his baggage can be released. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) X, 55.

From ——— ——— to ——— ———.

Account of an incursion into Rhode Island by the American troops, supported by the French fleet. L. 2 p. (Copy.) X, 56.
From —— —— to —— ——.

1778. October 1. Nantes.

Announcing the retreat of the Royalists from Rhode Island to Long Island; Comte d'Estaing's position off Sandy Hook. L. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) X, 57.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to —— de Montieu.


Acknowledging the receipt of a quantity of clothing and military stores. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 58.

From [Jacques] Necker to Louis XVI. 1778. [Paris.]


From —— —— to [William] Carmichael.

[Circa 1778.] Paris.

Proposal to meet him at an appointed time near the statue in the Rue Vendome; a signal is described and secrecy is enjoined. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

By Pierre Landais, President.

1779. February 2 and 3. On board the "Alliance."

Proceedings of a Board of Inquiry, held to investigate a conspiracy to take the "Alliance" by force and carry her into England or Ireland. Mem. 8 p.

X, 60.

From [John D.] Schweighauser to John Paul Jones.


Pursuant to Dr. Franklin's orders, he will deliver the [Countess of Selkirk's] plate deposited in the King's warehouse; asks him to bring a silversmith that the plate may be valued according to law. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p.

X, 61.

From [Louis Guillouet, Comte] d'Orvilliers to John Paul Jones.


Offers his services and those of the Commandant at Brest. Question of the transference of Lieut. [Thomas] Simpson from the prison ship to a prison on land. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 62.
From Edward Lloyd to [Richard Bennett Lloyd].
1779. March 5. Annapolis.

Proposed shipment of tobacco delayed by the presence of the enemy's privateers. Question of sending him bills of exchange. Peace expected soon. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) X, 64.

From ——— ——— to ——— ———.


From Richard Lloyd to His Nephew. 1779. March 30. Farley.

Upon the advice of Gen. [John] Cadwalader, J. H. Hallyday and James Tilghman, he agrees to let his nephew draw upon him for funds. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) X, 66.

From Louis Sazerac l'ainé & fils to John Bondfield.


From John Paul Jones to The Court-Martial, on board the "Bon Homme Richard." 1779. August 8.

The decision of the Court-Martial for the trial of Lieutenant [Robert] Robinson returned for consideration; recommends that disqualification be added to the sentence. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XII, 57.

From ——— ——— to ——— ———.
1779. August 11. Rotterdam.

News of the defeat of the British army near Charlestown; losses of the Americans and English; Pulaski's Cavalry made 180 prisoners. L. 1 p. X, 68.
From J. Craig to John Ross, Paris.
1779. August 11. Rotterdam.

X, 69.

From —— Taillot and other Officers of the “Vengeance” to John Paul Jones. 1779. August 12. Groa.

Desertion so rife that the remaining crew are unable to execute military manoeuvres; nineteen raw recruits; beg that this state of things may be remedied. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy attested by Jno. P[aul] Jones.)
XII, 58.


XII, 59.

From The Chamber of Commerce of Dunkirk to The Farmers-General. 1779. August.

Objections to the proposed duty on tobacco from prize cargoes entering Dunkirk from French ports. Diss. 22 p. (In French.) X, 70.

From John Paul Jones to Capt. Pierre Landais.
1779. September 2 and 5. On board the “Bon Homme Richard.”

Desiring his immediate presence on board the “Bon Homme Richard.” L. S. 1 p. each. (Copy.)
X, 71a and c.

From Pierre Landais to John Paul Jones.
1779. September 2 and 5. On board the “Alliance.”

Declining to obey Captain Jones’s orders. L. S. 1 p. each. (Copy.)
X, 71b and d.
From George III to John Langley and William Denham.  

Letter of Marque, permitting them to fit out the vessel "Chambers" as a man-of-war and to go forth as a privateer. D. 1 sheet. (On parchment. Framed.)

From The Officers of the "Alliance" to Capt. Pierre Landais.  
1779. September 23.


His position as commander in the United States army; [Marquis de] la Fayette served under him, and was wounded at the battle of Brandywine; glad of the American-French Alliance. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 73.

1779. October 10. On board the "Serapis."

Desiring to return to America in his former capacity as engineer. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
A. E. by John Paul Jones, begging Dr. Franklin to grant the above request. X, 74.

By Lieut.-Col. [Antoine Félix] Wuibert.  
1779. October 22. On board the "Serapis."


From John Paul Jones to Richard Pearson.
1779. October 31. On board the "Pallas."


XII, 60.

1779. November 1. On board the "Serapis."

Permission having been given the Americans to use one of the Dutch forts for the purpose of guarding and caring for the wounded British prisoners, Col. Wuibert is ordered to convey the same to the fort and to guard them there. L. S. 2 p. (Copy attested by Jno. P[aul] Jones.)

XII, 61.

By The Admiralty Court of Great Britain and Ireland.
1779. November 17.


X, 77.


Setting forth the charges against him, and the evidence presented by the defendant. D. 9 p. (Interlined by Dr. Franklin.)

X, 78 and 79.


Quarrel between himself and Capt. [John Paul] Jones; criticizes Jones for abandoning the wounded on the "Bon Homme Richard." Number of men and prisoners to feed on the "Serapis." A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

X, 80.

By The General Assembly of Maryland.

An Act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by Act of Assembly. A trustee to be appointed to go to England and sell the shares in the Bank of England owned by the State of Maryland. D. 6 p. (Copy.)

X, 81 and 82.
From Marc François Gauthier to ———. 1779. Brest.

Begging to be released from imprisonment and given work; wishes this petition presented to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) X, 83.

From Lieut. James Lynd, et al. [1779.]

Certifying that certain articles have been taken out of the prize ship “Serapis” and brought on board the “Alliance.” 2 p. XII, 62.

From Robert Robinson to John Paul Jones,
On board the “Bon Homme Richard.” [1779.]

Asking for his warrant, his discharge from the ship, and an order for the wages due him. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 84.

By Arý de Neef.


Certifying to his cargo being British property. D. S. 1 p. (Copy attested by [John] Paul Jones.) XI, 1.

From ——— Mar to Le Ray de Chaumont, Passy.


Announcing his approaching departure for America; offers to carry any letters or packets for M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont or Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by [Le Ray] de Chaumont. “Neglected purposely to apprise Dr. Franklin of this offer.” (In French.) XI, 2.

From [Sir] Henry Clinton to Lord George Germain.


Account of affairs in America; danger of New York being taken by the Colonists; harm done by the French fleet the year before; negroes enlisted by South Carolina; Charlestown strongly entrenched; mistaken idea that the Colonists are bankrupt; failure to destroy their paper money. L. S. 24 p. (Copy [of an intercepted letter], translated into French.) XI, 3.
From [Madame] Verdelin to [Madame] ——.

Asking her to obtain from Dr. Franklin letters of recommendation for the V[icom]te de Veneur, who is about to join Comte de Rochambeau. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XI, 4.

From —— Monplaisir to John Paul Jones.
1780. April 5. L'Orient.


From Joseph James to —— Shore.

Introducing Mr. George Fox. A. L. S. 1 p. XI, 6.


Letter of Marque against Spain issued to William Abrams, Commander of the “Friendship.” 1 p. (Copy by Rob[er]t Jenner, Proctor at Doctors’ Commons.) XII, 63.

From John Paul Jones to [Antoine Jean Marie] Thevenard.

His authority as Commander of the squadron denied by Capt. [Pierre] Landais, who has seized the ship “Alliance”; desires to be restored to his rightful position; insubordination among the crews imminent. L. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) XI, 7.

From —— Monplaisir to [Le Ray] de Chaumont.

Resumption by Capt. [Pierre] Landais of the command of the “Alliance,” after being deprived of that position by Dr. Franklin’s orders; the crew on his side. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XI, 8.

From —— —— to —— ——.

Certifying to having received from James Moylan, a letter addressed to himself and other officers of the "Alliance." Mem. S. 1 p

From ______ to ______. 1780. June 18. L'Orient.
Account of the measures adopted to prevent the departure of the ship "Alliance" from l'Orient. L. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 64.

From Pierre Landais to John Paul Jones. [1780. June.]
Will deliver his baggage; refuses his other requests. A. L. 2 p, XI, 11.

From ______ to ______. [1780. June ?]
Account of the quarrel between John Paul Jones and Capt. [Pierre] Landais; favorable to the latter. L. 4 p. (In French.) XI, 12.

Resolutions concerning the health of the prisoners confined in the King's House, Winchester, and the measures for relief taken by the doctor and other officials of the prison. Printed D. 4 p. XI, 13.

Advises constant communication between the French Ministry and the American Commissioners; suggests sending French reinforcements to America. Hopes of inducing Spain to keep the West Indies open to France and the United States. Corrects Comte de Vergennes's statement that the measures taken by the King of France to help the Americans had been unsolicited. L. S. 5 p. (Copy.) XI, 14.

Stating that all his official communications must be made privately to Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin who alone is accredited to France for that purpose by the United States. Explains the passage in his letter criticized by Mr. Adams. L. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) XI, 15.
By John Paul Jones. 1780. September 23.

From ——— to ———. [1780. September ?]

From ——— to ———. [1780. September ?]
List of volunteers belonging to the ship "Ariel." Mem. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 67.

Bill for cannon bought from Louis Sazerac l'ainé & fils, and shipped on the "Marquis de la Fayette." A. Bill S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 16.

By [Le Ray de] Chaumont?. Circa 1780.
When one of two nations at war loses its credit, the domination of the other is assured; if America loses her credit she must accept peace. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 17.

By [Le Ray de] Chaumont?. Circa 1780.

By [Pierre Landais?] 1780.]

By ——— ———. [1780.]
List of petty officers on board the "Alliance." Mem. 1 p. XI, 20.

By ——— ———. [1780.]
List of officers and men on board the "Alliance" under the command of Peter Landais. Mem. 10 p. XI, 21.
By ——— ———. [1780.]


By ——— ———. [Circa 1780.]


Certifying that he has not sold any of the certificates which Mr. [John] Shee gave him power of attorney to sell, and that he has deposited the power of attorney with Dr. Franklin. D. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XI, 24.


The “Marquis de la Fayette” preparing to carry munitions of war and supplies to America; asks for orders to the officers at l’Orient to assist these preparations; asks for a convoy to Rhode Island. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XI, 25.


Itemized account against Congress. Mem. 6 p. XII, 68 and 69.


Plan for the establishment of a National Bank for the United States of North America. Printed broadside. 1 p. XII, 70.


An order to pay sixty livres a month to Madame Virth, whose husband is a volunteer in the service of South Carolina. D. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 27.


From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to —— ——.

Proposal to furnish arms for the use of the United States. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

By The Continental Congress. 1781. September 12. [Philadelphia.]

Resolved that Mr. [Silas] Deane's accounts be examined by a Vice-Consul and that Mr. Deane be informed of the appointment of said Vice-Consul. D. S. George Bond, Deputy Secretary. 1 p. (Copy.)

From Thomas Beer to [Francis] Coffyn, Dunkirk.
[1781. October.]

Needs a letter of recommendation in order to transport himself and family to America. Could not get work in town because rope-making was slack and he was regarded as a spy. A. L. S. 2 p.


[Silas] Deane mistaken in his gloomy picture of American affairs; explains what he believes to be Spain's attitude. L. S. 4 p. (Press copy.)

1781. December 27. Withersfield.

Concerning the interception and publication of a letter said to be addressed to him by Mr. [Silas] Deane, in which union with Great Britain is advocated; shows how groundless are the arguments used; believes in ultimate independence. L. S. 7 p. (Press copy.)


Passport for Mr. Fox to be used in France. D. S. 1 p. (In French.) Signed also by J[ohn] Thaxter, Sec[retar’y]. XII, 71.

From Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth to ______ Brentano.

Pained at parting with him. Sends him two letters to Mr. [Silas] Deane, one from Major [Benjamin] Tallmadge, the other from himself. XI, 32c.

From ______ Brentano to William Temple Franklin.
[1782. Circa February. Paris.]

Desires to know what he shall do with the letters delivered to him by Col. [Jeremiah] Wadsworth, just returned from Germany, and is to go back to the army in Virginia. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (Press copy.) XI, 32d.

From Robert Morris to Messrs. [Jean] de Neufville & Sons,
Advising them to follow Dr. Franklin’s orders as regards the goods belonging to the United States, in their possession. L. S. 1 p. XI, 33.


Announcing his appointment as Commander of the British forces on the Atlantic; deputed to act with Admiral [Robert] Digby on the Peace Commission; transmits papers to show that the British desire peace. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XI, 34.

From [Gen.] George Washington to Sir Guy Carleton.

Concerning his requests for a passport for Mr. Morgan. British flags of truce will be received only at Dobbs’s Ferry, so long as the armies occupy their present position. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) XI, 35.

From The Continental Congress to Louis XVI.

From ——— Bonnefoux to Miss Bethia Alexander.


She kindly undertook to induce Dr. Franklin to accept the dedication which was presented to him by one of their Professors of Philosophy, and he realizes that this act of condescension of this illustrious man is due to her. Begs her to communicate to Dr. Franklin that it will be necessary for him to write to the Academy of Sciences of Toulouse, requesting it to represent him in this public act, and enclosing a form for such a request. A. L. S. 2 p. XI, 37 and 38.


Lord Grenville has gone to Paris with full powers to treat for peace; offer of independence to America; probable concessions to the American loyalists. Mr. [Henry] Laurens’s release; question of the exchange of prisoners. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) XI, 40.

From G. S. Mumford to William Temple Franklin.


Introducing M. Le Grand Cannon and his companion, Mr. Russell. Concerning a letter from Dr. Franklin to Dr. [David] Hartley, containing a dialogue between some wreckers and a captain of a ship. A. L. S. 2 p. XI, 41.

From ——— Lamarque to Lair De Lamotte, Passy.


Account of the use he has made of the money advanced to him by M. [Alexander] Gillon; begs him to call Dr. Franklin’s attention to the matter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XI, 42.

From ——— Vernet to Madame [Brillon?].


Asking her influence with Dr. Franklin to procure a passage to America for M. [Laurent] Josselin, a civil and military engineer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 43.
From Henry Wyld to Ferdinand Grand.

Desiring to secure a passage to Philadelphia, on a French vessel. A. L. S. 1 p.

By The Continental Congress.
1781, October 5, to 1782, October 12.

Thomas Barclay’s commission as Consul to France; the King’s Exequatur. Copies. 3 p. (In English and French.)

From Charles Grant, Vicomte de Vaux to Marquis de la Fayette.
[1782.]

His fortune lost in aiding the American cause; desires as a sort of indemnity, a tract of land on some navigable river in America. A. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.)

From Sir Edward Newenham to Governor William Franklin.
[Circa 1782.]

Glad to learn of the Governor’s safe arrival in England; offers to carry to Dr. Franklin, in Paris, any messages not political. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p.

From Baron de Thun. [1782.]

Copy of a receipt signed by Richard Bache, Administrator of the estate of Frederick Hoeckl[er]in, for £200 received from Christian Schneider. A. D. 1 p. (In French and German.)

Explanation of a Medal Struck by the Americans in 1782, in Honor of the Capitulations of Saratoga and York Town.
[1782.]

Shows France guarding the infant Republic from Great Britain. Printed Mem. 2 p. (In French and English, in parallel columns.)

1783. February 17. London.

Speech in the House of Lords, on the King’s address on behalf of peace. [See Hansard’s Parliamentary Debates, XXIII, 407-420.] 17 p. (In French.)
From William Temple Franklin, Gustavus H. Temple and Samuel Vaughan le jeune to ——— Hoffman.

Thanking him for his courtesy in permitting them to see his important invention of the "polytype." L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 49.

From Samuel White to William Temple Franklin, Passy.

Mr. [Charles James] Fox's proposal to admit American vessels on the basis of 1763, until a Commercial Treaty can be concluded. Desires to know if his grandfather can give American papers for a ship bought in England by an American. Family affairs. A. L. S. 2 p. XI, 50.


Desiring Dr. Franklin's assistance in securing a Captain's license for M. de la Ville. A. L. S. 2 p. XI, 51.

By "M. Lavoisier, Desmaret, L'Abbé Bossut et moi."

Description of an ascension made in the aerostatic machine invented by the brothers [Joseph Michel and Jacques Etienne] Montgolfier. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) XII, 74.

From Benjamin Vaughan to William Temple Franklin, Passy.

Concerning a note received from Jonathan Williams, [Sr.?], which did not prove good. A. L. S. 2 p. XI, 52.


Dr. Franklin's bust packed ready for shipment; only the name of its destination needed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 53.

Enthusiastic description of an ascension made in M. Montgolfier's aerostatic machine; it carried two passengers, the Marquis d'Orlandes and M. Pilâtre de Rozier. Mem. 3 p. (In French. Copy.)

XI, 54.

From Silas Deane to The Continental Congress. [Circa 1783.]

His bill against Congress; three charges cited as having been wrongfully made; reimbursement sought. A. L. 1 p. XI, 55.

"An Ode in Imitation of Alcæus." 1783.


From [Madame] Devillier Pechigny to William Temple Franklin, Passy. [Circa 1783.]

Terms upon which his protégé may be received into the writer's school. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 57.

By ——— Hoffman. 1784. August 2.

Page with ornamental heading, showing the new art of polytype invented by M. Hoffman. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 58.

From ——— to Benjamin [Franklin] Bache.

1784. October 14 and July 2, 1785.

By ———. Circa 1787.

List of boys in his Excellency's, Dr. Franklin's, Charity School. Mem. 1 p.


Ode in honor of the day. Printed broadside. 1 p. XII, 75.
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By —— ——.

Project for the formation of two picked companies under the title, “Volunteers of Franklin.” L. 3 p. (In French. In duplicate.) XI, 61 and XII, 76.

By —— ——.

An essay on the evils of paper currency. Diss. 4 p. XI, 62.

By —— ——.

Plan to carry on all commerce of the United States by ships of war; advantages of this method. Diss. 16 p. (In French.) XI, 63.

By —— ——.

A scheme to pay four hundred millions of American indebtedness by the sale of American timber. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 64.

By —— ——.


By —— ——.

Instructions to Postmasters of France as to the method of keeping their records. Printed broadside. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 77.

By —— ——.

List of eighteen American toasts given at a dinner in honor of Major-General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney. Printed broadside. 1 p. XII, 78.

By —— ——.


By —— ——.

Miscellaneous Letters

By —— Finck.
Expense account. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 75.

By —— ——.
Bill for expenses incurred in capturing and confining seven sailors. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 68.

By —— ——.
Pictorial plan of an air ship. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 69.

By —— ——.
Water-color drawing of a blunderbuss. 1 p. (In French.)

E. "At Mr. Cassan's at Charleville, to be sent to Mr. Clonitz."
XI, 70.

From —— —— to —— de St. Marc. Paris.

By —— ——.

By —— ——.
Directions for using a medicinal powder, guaranteed to cure all wounds, and to prevent gangrene. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) XI, 73.

From Baron Behr.
Visiting card. XI, 74a.

By [William Temple Franklin?].
Quality of gun barrels purchased for use in America, so poor that it is useless to ship them. Mem. 2 p. XI, 76.

From Marguerite Guevelin.

From Mr. Hammet.
Visiting card. XI, 75b.

From Mr. Lee.
Visiting card. XI, 75c.

From The Bishop of St. Asaph.
Visiting card. XI, 75d.

By Swayne & Clifford [Iron mongers].
List of articles sold at their warehouse. Printed circular. 2 p. XII, 80.

Enclosing a letter to be forwarded to America. A. L. in 3d P. XI, 80.

From —— Williams (Limner).
Engraved card. XI, 75e.