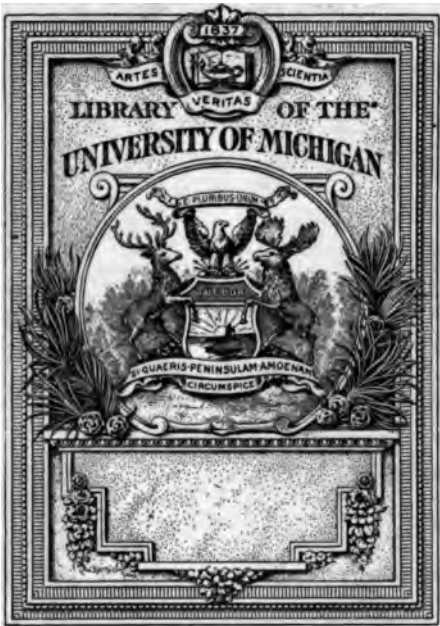


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PREFACE.

Dr. Franklin seems to have contracted, early in life, the habit of preserving his correspondence, drafts of letters, and memoranda of all kinds, and the mass which he accumulated during his long and active career was very large. In his last Will, dated July 17th, 1788, he bequeathed his manuscripts and papers to his grandson, William Temple Franklin, who used them in the preparation of "The Life and Writings" of his grandfather. These manuscripts and papers William Temple Franklin stored at Champlost, the country seat near Philadelphia, of his friend George Fox. A portion of them he subsequently took to Europe for use in the completion of this work which he published in six volumes in London in 1817-1818.

William Temple Franklin died in Paris on May 25th, 1823, and by his Will gave the papers and manuscripts which he had inherited from his grandfather to George Fox, and upon the death of the latter, his children, Charles P. Fox and Mary Fox, in July, 1840, deposited the collection with The American Philosophical Society, and later, on September 17th of the same year, formally gave them to this Society.

In the transfer there was overlooked a small portion of the Franklin papers which had become mixed with the Fox family papers also stored in the loft of the stable at Champlost. About twenty-two years later, when this loft was being cleaned out and the papers therein were being carted off to the paper mill, a small lot of them, most of which had originally belonged to the Franklin collection, was rescued from destruction by Mrs. Holbrook, a friend and at the time house-guest of Miss Fox, to whom they were then given. In 1903 these were purchased from her descendants by friends of the University of Pennsylvania, and presented to its Library.

Before making the gift to the American Philosophical Society, upwards of one hundred letters, for the most part to Dr. Franklin from members of his family, were separated from the collection and presented by Charles P. Fox to Dr. Franklin Bache, a great-grandson of Dr. Franklin, and are now in possession of his son, Dr. Thomas Hewson Bache. Most of these were printed by William Duane in an octavo volume of one hundred and ninety-five pages, published in New York in 1859, by C. Benjamin Richardson.

The papers taken abroad by William Temple Franklin have a less clear history. For some years they were in the possession of a tailor in St. James's Street, London, over whose shop he had lodgings, and in the year 1840 were found by a gentleman who had been a fellow-lodger there with him, "roughly bundled-up" on the top shelf of a closet in an upper room which William Temple Franklin had occupied. This gentleman, an officer under the British Government, kept these manuscripts for ten or eleven years, according to Henry Stevens, and from time to time offered them in bulk to the British Museum, Lord Palmerston, and to the successive American Ministers at the Court of St. James, from 1840-1851. In the latter year they were offered to Hon. Abbott Lawrence, at that time American Minister in London, who, having no authority to purchase them for his Government, referred the owner to Henry Stevens as a likely buyer, and he, three days later, purchased the entire collection.

Mr. Stevens repaired and arranged the papers, and added to them a number of Dr. Franklin's printed works and imprints, and finally in 1882 the entire collection was purchased from him by the Government of the United States, at the instigation of the then Secretary of State, the Honorable James G. Blaine, and was deposited in the Library of the Department of State. Later, under the Executive Order of March 9th, 1903, all the manuscripts and papers in this collection, with the exception of the diplomatic records, were transferred to the Library of Congress. A Calendar of the Stevens collection was prepared under the direction of Mr. Worthington C. Ford, Chief of the Division of Manuscripts, and was published in 1905 by the Library of Congress.

So far as is known, these four collections constitute the whole of the remaining papers of Dr. Franklin, although others may be in existence, for before Philadelphia was occupied by the British in 1777, a large chest filled with his most valuable early papers, including the drafts of his letters for twenty years, covering the whole period of his residence in England, was sent for safe keeping to Joseph Galloway's home at Trevoise, near Bristol, Pennsylvania. During the military operations around Philadelphia, the British visited Mr. Galloway's house, broke open this chest and rifled its contents. After the evacuation of this part of the country by the British forces, Richard Bache, Dr. Franklin's son-in-law, hearing of the condition of these papers, went to Trevoise and collected the scattered, mud-bespattered, and much injured remnants of the contents of the chest, and removed them to Philadelphia. It seems

most likely that all of the papers that were then lost were ruthlessly destroyed, for if any of them were still in existence they would probably have come to light before this time.

The collection, as it now stands, is divided up approximately as follows:

The American Philosophical Society...	13,800 pieces (78 per cent.)
The Stevens Collection in the Library	
of Congress	2,938 pieces (16.6 per cent.)
The University of Pennsylvania.....	840 pieces (4.8 per cent.)
Dr. T. Hewson Bache.....	100 pieces (.6 per cent.)
Total	16,678 pieces (100 per cent.)

This completes the history, so far as is known, of the papers preserved by Dr. Franklin, and with the publication of the present Calendar all of them are made readily available to the student of American history.

In preparing this Calendar the Editor has adhered to the spelling of proper names as given in the original manuscripts and has, when it seemed desirable, endeavored to supply omissions in the letters so as to promote the clear understanding of the text, all such additions have been enclosed within [], while in the Index he has sought to give such information as would enable the reader to identify the authors of the letters and the persons mentioned therein. Letters which have been published in full elsewhere, have been scantily calendared in these volumes, and a footnote reference given to the publication in which they appear *in extenso*.

The very full Index, which accompanies these volumes, it is hoped will render their contents readily available for reference.

The Editor takes pleasure in acknowledging his indebtedness for valuable assistance received from many sources in the preparation of this Calendar, and especially to Mrs. Lightner Witmer for the admirable manner in which she had calendared a very considerable portion of the correspondence, and to Miss Rebecca Edmiston Kirkpatrick for the conscientious and painstaking labor with which she has assisted in the passage of the work through the press, and in the preparation of the Index.

I. M. H.

PHILADELPHIA,
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TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS.

A.	= Autograph.
D.	= Document.
Diss.	= Dissertation.
Dr.	= Draft.
E.	= Endorsement.
F. R. S.	= Fellow of the Royal Society, of London.
L.	= Letter.
M. A. P. S.	= Member of the American Philosophical Society.
M. C. C.	= Member of the Continental Congress.
Mem.	= Memorandum.
Ms.	= Manuscript.
N.	= Note.
P.	= Person.
p.	= Page.
S.	= Signed.
[]	= Addition by the Editor.
[?]	= Doubtful reading or information.

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CHRONOLOGY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

- 1706. Born at Boston, January 17 (old style, January 6).
- 1718. Apprenticed, as a printer, to his brother James.
- 1723. Migrated to Philadelphia in October.
- 1724. Arrived in England on December 24, to get a printer's outfit.
- 1726. Left England, on July 23, to return to America, and arrived at Philadelphia, October 11.
- 1728. Formed a partnership in the printing business with Hugh Meredith.
- 1729. Purchased the "Pennsylvania Gazette."
- 1730. Appointed Public Printer by the Pennsylvania Assembly.
Married Deborah Reed, in September.
- 1731. Founded the Library Company of Philadelphia.
- 1732. Began the publication of Poor Richard's Almanac.
Elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons.
- 1736. Chosen Clerk of the Pennsylvania Assembly.
Organized the first fire company in Philadelphia.
- 1737. Appointed Postmaster at Philadelphia.
- 1741. Established a printing office in New York, in partnership with James Parker.
- 1742. Invented the Franklin Open Stove.
- 1743. Founded the American Philosophical Society and served as its Secretary.
- 1745. Began his experiments in electricity.
- 1747. Propounded his theory of electricity.
- 1748. Chosen a member of the City Council of Philadelphia.
- 1749. Retired from active business as a printer.
Established the identity of lightning and electricity.
Published his "Proposals relating to the education of youth in Pensilvania" which led to the formation of the University of Pennsylvania.

1750. Elected to the Assembly of Pennsylvania and reelected annually for 14 years.
Appointed a Commissioner to make a treaty with the Indians.
1751. His "Experiments and Observations on Electricity" was published in London.
Promoted the founding of the Pennsylvania Hospital.
1752. Aided in establishing the first company in America, for insuring houses against loss by fire.
A French translation of his "Experiments and Observations on Electricity" was published at Paris.
Made his kite experiments in June and discharged electricity from the clouds.
1753. Appointed Deputy Postmaster-General for the Colonies.
Recommended that lightning rods be placed on buildings to prevent their being struck by lightning.
The Royal Society awarded him the Copley Gold Medal, and Louis XVI directed his thanks to be sent to him for his useful discoveries in electricity.
Harvard and Yale Colleges conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts.
1754. Represented the Province of Pennsylvania at the Albany Congress held to devise means for the common defense.
1755. Sent by the Pennsylvania Assembly to confer with General Braddock for the defense of the Pennsylvania frontier against the French and Indians.
By request of the Governor took charge of the defense of the frontier.
1756. Elected Fellow of the Royal Society, April 29.
1757. Sent to England by the Assembly of Pennsylvania as their Agent to urge their rights. Sailed on June 5, with his son.
1758. A German translation of his "Experiments on Electricity" was published at Leipzig.
1759. The University of St. Andrews conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

1761. Visited Belgium and Holland.
1762. The University of Oxford conferred upon him the degree of D. C. L. on April 30.
Returned to America and arrived at Philadelphia, November 1.
1763. Made a tour of the Northern Colonies inspecting and regulating the post offices.
1764. Elected Speaker of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, in May.
Again sent to England as the Agent of the Province of Pennsylvania. Left Philadelphia, November 7.
1765. Opposed the passage of the Stamp Act.
1766. Examined in the House of Commons relative to the repeal of the Stamp Act—February.
Went to Germany June 15, returned August 13.
1767. Visited Paris August 28, returned October 8.
1768. Appointed Agent in England of the Colony of Georgia, April 1.
1769. Elected President of the American Philosophical Society.
Visited Paris July 14, returned August 24.
Appointed Agent in England for the Colony of New Jersey, November 8.
1770. Appointed Agent in England for the Colony of Massachusetts.
1771. Made a tour of Scotland and Ireland.
1772. Elected one of the eight foreign members of the Royal Academy of Sciences, of Paris.
1773. A French translation of his "Experiments in Electricity" edited by Dubourg, in 2 vols., 4 to., was published at Paris.
1774. Examined before the Privy Council on the petition of the Massachusetts Assembly for the removal of Gov. Hutchinson.
Dismissed by the British Ministry from the Office of Deputy Postmaster-General in North America.
Presented to the King the petition of the First Continental Congress.
1775. Returned to America, leaving London March 20 and arriving at Philadelphia, May 5.
Elected Delegate to the Continental Congress, on May 6.

- Elected Chairman of the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania.
Proposed in the Continental Congress "Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union."
Appointed Postmaster-General of the United Colonies.
1776. Signed the Declaration of Independence.
July 16, elected President of the Convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Pennsylvania.
Appointed one of the Commissioners to the Court of France.
Sailed in October and arrived in France December 4.
1778. Negotiated a Treaty of Amity and Commerce and also a Treaty of Alliance with France, February 6.
Appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of France, September 14.
1779. An edition of his "Works," edited by Vaughan, was published in London.
1780. A German translation of his "Works" was published at Dresden in 3 vols., 8 vo.
1781. Appointed one of the Commissioners to negotiate a Treaty of Peace with Great Britain.
1782. Negotiated a Preliminary Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, November 30.
1783. Concluded, April 3, a Treaty of Amity and Commerce with the King of Sweden.
Negotiated the Definitive Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, September 3.
An Italian translation of his works was published at Padua.
1784. Negotiated a Treaty of Amity and Commerce with the King of Prussia.
After having taken farewell leave of the King of France, left Paris, July 12, and arrived at Philadelphia, September 14.
Elected President of the State of Pennsylvania, October 26.
1787. Chosen a Delegate to the Convention to frame the Constitution of the United States.
1790. Died at Philadelphia on April 17.

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LETTERS TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

From Hugh Meredith. 1730. July 14.

Dissolution of partnership. All printing material in the office and debts owing to the partners to be the property of Benjamin Franklin.
D. S. 1 p. LII, 14.

From Joseph Morgan. 1735. July 7. Maidenhead.

Concerning the printing of a new edition of "The Temporal Interest of North America."¹ Writes out two paragraphs to be added to the manuscript. Amount of money he has paid him. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 1.

¹ See Hildeburn's Issues of the Penna. Press, No. 496.

From James Franklin. 1740. November 5. Philadelphia.

Indenture as apprentice to Benjamin Franklin, printer. D. S. 1 p.
LXVI, 5.

From Constant Reader, A. B. [Circa 1740.]

Requests him to insert the accompanying note in his next paper. The note is a letter to a friend, giving some distinguishing characteristics of a certain species of Gospel-preachers, who would have brought more credit to themselves and good to their fellow-men if they had continued in a secular employment. L. 3 p. XLIV, 94.

From G[ilbert] Tennent. 1741. September 22.

Acknowledging his kindness in sending him certain dissenting remarks on his Sermon on Justifications, likewise in sending the "Quer-

ists,"¹ lately printed by Franklin; intends to write an answer to the former, which will deal with the principal matters in the "Querists." Had the pleasure of discoursing with Franklin's brother in his pass through his place. Trusts that notwithstanding Mr. Franklin's gifts of Nature, he may be kept humble and be enabled to improve his uncommon genius for God's glory, his own and others' benefits. A. L. S. 1 p.

¹ See Hildeburn's Issues of the Penna. Press, No. 647. I, 2.

From Jacob Spicer. 1742. September 20. Cape May.

Asking him to insert the enclosed advertisement; will pay also for his subscription to Mr. Franklin's Gazette. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 3.

From W[illia]m Dames. 1746. March 16.

Asking that all his letters may be forwarded to him. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 4.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1747. June 1. London.

Books sent by Elias Bland. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 49.

From [Rev.] G[eorge] W[hitefield]. 1747. June 23.

Thanks him for the preamble to the subscription which has for its purpose the raising of funds for the support of the orphan house in which he is personally interested. [Mutilated.] A. L. S. 4 p. XLIV, 1.

From James Turner. 1747. July 6. Boston.

Sends a seal ordered for Mr. Read; apologizes for having kept him waiting so long but has been involved in large, unprofitable silver-smith's work. Regrets the price he mentioned for the seal, the work being far more than he expected; however, will stand strictly to his bargain, and trusts to his generosity to pay the extra amount. Would be glad of an opportunity to do any engraving. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 5.

From G. Row—. 1747. July 21. North East.

Requests Dr. Franklin to forward to him any letters which he may have or which may arrive for him from Virginia in his care. A. L. 1 p. XLIV, 2.

From Jonas Green. 1747. July 25. Annapolis.

Concerning two packets sent him from the Barbadoes by Mr. James Bingham. Increase in his salary and also in his work. Begs Mr. Franklin to send him a parcel of paper and some other small articles by Mr. Daniel Rawlings. The Virginian's speech caused a deal of laughter; well-approved of by some in that colony; has not heard how the Baronet himself liked it. Weather very hot; has been troubled with fever. Sends their hearty respects to Mrs. Franklin and Miss Sally. Rejoiced to see that his brave countrymen are to be rewarded for their expense in taking Cape Breton. A. L. S. 1 p.

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From Joseph Dawse. 1747. July 27. Boston.

Writes on behalf of Mrs. Steel, to acknowledge the many kind acts of friendship she hath received from Mr. Franklin, also to solicit the cause of his displeasure with her since her departure from Philadelphia. Mrs. Steel's great esteem for him. Requests him to sell her horse and chair and to let him know the sum of her indebtedness. A. L. S. 1 p.

I, 7.

From Dan[iel] Cheston. 1747. August 2. Chester, [Md.].

Acknowledging his favor of the 23d ult.; applied to Mr. Edward Scott for the money; will do everything in his power to get it as soon as possible and send it up. A. L. S. 1 p.

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From Mary Franklin. 1747. August 21. Newport.

The loss of Capt. Grubb's vessel with a great deal of his cargo. Acknowledging a book sent her some time before, called Pamily [Pamela]. Her daughter, Sarah, has two sons; has taken the elder to keep for a time, both parents being weakly and poor. Heard Mr. Whitfield preach. A. L. S. 1 p.

I, 9.

From James Parker. 1747. September 7. New York.

Knows of no one who has any Spanish paper to sell cheap. The Engraver he applied to about the plate, is an idle, lazy fellow, always making excuses; despairs of ever getting him to do it. His Long-Primer almost worn out; asks his advice about sending home for a new one. Received the Pocket Companion; is the Young Man's Companion almost done? His son is recovered but his wife is poorly. A. L. S. 1 p.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d s., XVI, 189.

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From James Parker. 1747. September 21. New York.

Concerning a debt of Mr. Franklin's he is to pay to Mr. De Lancey; Sympathizes with him over his frequent losses. Mr. H. deprived of his position as Councillor, and out of the Governor's favor. Certain materials and their prices. The new type he has used in 'The History of the Rebellion.' Various articles he wishes sent to him. Thanks God the sickness has greatly abated. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 11.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d s., XVI, 190.

From Dan[iel] Cheston. 1747. September 28. Chester, [Md.].

Concerning the order drawn in favor of Mr. Edward Scott; has been unable to procure anything but promises. Suggests that Mr. Franklin should write a threatening line or two, which he will take care to deliver and enforce. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 12.

From Cadwallader Colden. 1747. September 28. New York.

Acknowledging favor of the 29th ult. Is particularly desirous of seeing "The Indian History"; gave Mr. Collinson certain papers on that subject with no thoughts of their being published; the publisher, Mr. Osborne, desires some work; recommended Mr. Franklin to him for trade in that line. Delivered Mr. Franklin's piece on Electricity to Mr. Darling. Asks his aid in the matter of a servant-man, who ran away from him the previous summer; either agree for his time or send him back. Desires news of Mr. Ermet. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 13.

From William Strahan. 1748. September 2. London.

Power of attorney to Benjamin Franklin to collect money from James Read. D. S. 1 p. LII, 22.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1750. February 5. London.

Sends him all the electrical books and papers he can find. His curious pieces relating to electricity and thunder have been read before the [Royal] Society. Is making a collection of his articles and letters on electricity to put into the hands of the printer to communicate to the public. Account of an earthquake felt on the 8th inst. A. L. S. 4 p. LXIX, 50.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1750. March 27. London.

Death of the Prince of Wales. A. L. S. 3 p. LXIX, 51.

From Peter Kalm. 1750. September 2. Albany.

Containing a detailed description of Niagara Falls, his journey there, his reception by Commandant Beaujeu and his French officers; if he finds this letter worthy of being printed in his newspaper, prays him to turn it into better English. A. L. S. 5 p. **I, 14.**

From ——— ———. [Circa 1751.]

An account of the courtship and marriage of Mr. Hubbard in his eighty-first year (our Speaker's¹ father). L. 3 p. **XLIV, 91.**

¹ Thomas Hubbard, Speaker of the Massachusetts House, 1750-1758.

From John Perkins. 1752. February 17. Boston.

Acknowledging his bill, also the pamphlets sent the summer before. Pleased with Dr. Hamilton's generous defence of good Dr. Thompson. Begged Mr. Franklin's "Plain Truth" of Mrs. Mecom, as he had never seen it. Mr. Kinnersley well-received; through him, has seen some of Mr. Franklin's entertaining experiments. His opinion of this new found element [electricity]. Thinks Mr. Franklin's Rationale on Clouds and Rain, and also on the Aurora Borealis, appears extremely probable. Would transmit his own observations on the 'Fulmen' if he has the leisure to look at them. Has had a cold winter. Boston threatened with epidemic of small-pox; Some persons trying tar-water as a preventive; would gladly try anything Mr. Franklin may have heard of, but differs from his brethren in the affair of diet. Wishes him all the happiness in his son that his genius and accomplishments seem to promise. A. L. S. 2 p. **I, 15.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 118, Note).

From P[eter] Collinson. 1752. June 3. London.

Acknowledges receipt of letters. New colonial maps being made. Sends books on electricity. A. L. S. 4 p. **LXIX, 52.**

From P[eter] Collinson. 1752. July 7. London.

Publication of book on Franklin's electrical experiments. Purity of style of Bolingbroke's letters. Pleased with the Dissertation on the Increase of Mankind. Account of books purchased. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXIX, 53.**

From John Perkins. 1752. August 3. Boston.

Inquires the number that died of inoculation in Philadelphia. Proportion of deaths much fewer than in 1730; thinks this due to the purging method designed to prevent the secondary fever. Decrease in inhabitants. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 16.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 118).

From [Peter Collinson]. 1752. August 12.

Hints on the incorporation of the Germans in Pennsylvania with the English and to check the increase of their power. Diss. Ms. 2 p. LXIX, 54.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1752. August 12.

Has given Mr. Franklin's account of the Germans to Mr. Pelham and Lord Halifax, with his own seven suggestions on the incorporation of the Germans with the English, and Parliament will take some measures to remedy the situation. French expedition to the Ohio. Mr. [William] Smith a very ingenious man; pity that he is not more solid and less flighty. Disappointed at the bad luck that attended the transit of Mercury. Franklin's zeal to promote that observation is not enough to be commended. Has not yet heard any account of it from any of the colonies. A. L. S. 2 p. LXIX, 65.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1752. September 27.

Cannot understand the miscarriage of his letters. Is glad the new seminary of learning is so promising. All Europe is in agitation verifying electrical experiments on points. All commend the thought of the inventor. A. L. S. 3 p. LXIX, 55.

From John Perkins. 1752. October 16. Boston.

Acknowledging his favor of Sept. —, containing certain observations. Delivered his papers on the weather to his brother [John] Franklin; sorry for his bad state of health. Takes exception to his article on the Water-Spout; hopes to hear from him on the subject. A. L. S. 2 p.

Printed, for the most part, in Works (Sparks, VI, 136). I, 17.

From John Perkins. [1752. October 20. Boston.]

Relative to water spouts and his reasons for believing that they descend rather than ascend. Extract from a voyage which seems to have been made by a Mohammedan in 851, relative to water spouts in the Indian ocean. A. L. 13 p. **XLIX, 4.**

Printed, in small part, in Works (Sparks, VI, 139).

From John Perkins. 1752. October 23. Boston.

Enclosing all he has to say on the matter; his motives for expressing these opinions; has not been able to differ with Mr. Franklin in any other of his suppositions, even in this is open to conviction. Announces death of Dr. W. Douglas of an apoplectic fit; left large estate and one child whom he acknowledged as his son but never adopted; no will has been found. A. L. S. 1 p. **I, 18.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 138).

From P[eter] Collinson. 1753. January 14. London.

Disheartened at the loss of Captain Davis. The Proprietor has given him assurance that he will support a rectorship. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 63.**

From P[eter] Collinson. 1753. January 27. London.

Dress goods sent to Mrs. Franklin; electrical books to him. His laudable public spirit. Increased hopes of a discovery of the Northwest Passage. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXIX, 58.**

From P[eter] Collinson. 1753. March 21. London.

Sends books by this ship and the next. Duke of Richmond inquired very particularly about the Proprietor. Richard's son. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 59.**

From James Mitchell. 1753. May 19. York.

Acknowledging his favor of 28th ult. The order on him in favor of Mrs. Benger for \$100 shall be punctually paid when presented. By next post will send an acct. of the stoves paid and those on hand. Asks him to forward the enclosed to his son-in-law, if he has arrived at New York. A. L. S. 1 p. **I, 20.**

From Samuel Holland. 1753. June 14. Lancaster, Pa.

Bond for £100. D. S. 2 p.

LXVI, 6.

From Samuel Holland. 1753. June 14. Lancaster, Pa.

Agreement between Samuel Holland and Benjamin Franklin, printers,
as to rent for printing press. D. S. 1 p.

LXVI, 7.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1753. July 3. London.

Acknowledges receipt of letters. Orders eight boxes of seeds from
J[ohn] Bartram. A. L. S. 2 p.

LXIX, 60.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1753. July 20. London.

Glad to hear of the success of Mr. Peters's sermon. The Proprietor's
bounty to the Academy. Account of Abbé Nollet's attempt at Paris to
declare that Franklin's electrical discoveries could not be verified, and
the frustration of the attempt by a nobleman. A. L. S. 3 p.

LXIX, 61.

From Harvard College. 1753. July 25. Cambridge.

Diploma of Master of Arts. D. S. 1 p.

Portfolio.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1753. September 15. London.

Has recommended Mr. [William] Smith to Mr. Penn, who he hopes
will endow a professorship in the Academy. A. L. S. 2 p.

LXIX, 62.

From [Cadwallader Colden]. [1753. November 19.]

In reference to water spouts.

XLIX, 5.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 177).

From John Franklin. 1753. November 26. Boston.

Furnace stands well; the glassmen fully employed in making window-
glass and bottles, expects the former will be thought good enough to
glaze the church. Reasons for the small profits incident to the position
of General Postmaster; dishonesty of post-riders. Brother Peter in
town and talks of writing to Franklin. Progress of the buildings; a
tenant has bespoke one of them. A. L. S. 1 p.

I, 22.

From John Perkins. [Circa 1753.] Boston.

Sends an inclosure relative to a new thought in natural philosophy.
A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 10.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1754. January 26. London.

The Proprietor is ardent in promoting schools for teaching the Germans and solicitous about the prosperity of the Academy. A gold medal to be presented to Mr. Franklin by the Royal Society for his electrical discoveries. The aggressions of the French. Hearty wishes that Reverend [William] Smith may have a safe return passage. A. L. S. 4 p.
LXIX, 56.

From Cadwallader Colden. 1754. February 13. Coldenham.

Acknowledging his favors of Dec. 6th and Jan. 1st. The value he places on Mr. Franklin's approbation and esteem. His political opinions; his admiration for the English Constitution; thinks America in greater danger from Popular Licentiousness than from any abuse in their governors, though some of them have been bad enough. Lord Halifax's approval of his conduct. Exceedingly pleased with Franklin's observations on "The Increase of Mankind"; the last paragraph being the only one liable to exception, thinks it a pity it should end the discourse. Has been revising his own Principles in order to challenge all opposition. His son David pleased with Mr. Franklin's notice of his performance. Sends Pike's book by his son, Alexander. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 23.

From Will[iam] Smith. [1754. February. London.]

Sent a long letter to Mr. Penn containing the scheme for Franklin's Academy and the arguments for it. Mr. Penn has come into every part of it and will give a yearly sum for some time, and when he comes to Pennsylvania intends to give a manor to the Academy for certain purposes. The Proprietor had a design in view of his own, of which he intended to be the founder, but after argument, agreed to ingraft his scheme upon Franklin's in the two foundations proposed, provided Mr. Smith would be the person to execute them. To this he agreed, trusting that it would be welcome to the trustees. Sees a great deal of Mr. Penn, who consults him on every point that relates to literature in his country. His letter laid before the Society entrusted with the moneys for the Germans, and they are satisfied that the education of youth ought to be their more immediate object. The management of this important trust

should devolve upon men of the first rank of Pennsylvania and not upon clergy who depend on Dutch synods. Hopes to see all such dependence shaken off once they can supply the Germans with ministers from the Academy. Outline of the scheme which he has laid before the Society. Smelled out and broke the neck of Mr. Tennent's scheme, which was for the benefit of the Jersey College, by monopolizing the education of German clergy. His proposition of a German professor of divinity at the Academy to prevent this scheme of drawing the Pennsylvania Germans to the Jersey College. The Proprietor has agreed to give ten or twelve acres of land to every schoolmaster. Has drawn out a short memorial of the case of the Germans without any reasonings or education, which is to be distributed and collections solicited in both houses of Parliament. He doubts not the contributions will amount to a great sum, his Majesty having given £1,000 and the Princess Dowager £100. The Archbishop has greatly encouraged him. Col. Martin, of Antigua, if Mr. Smith returns, will send his youngest son to the Academy, and Mr. Penn talks of sending out a nephew. He (Smith) will return with a formed scheme and an appointment of trustees. A. L. S. 4 p. XLII, 43.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1754. March 7. London.

Miscarriage of letters sent by Captain Mitchell. Increased interest of the Proprietor in the Academy. The gold medal from the Royal Society is being sent by [William] Smith. Disturbances in the Assemblies of Virginia and New York. Prof. [Peter] Kalm is publishing his American travels in Swedish. Further electrical experiments. A. L. S. 4 p. LXIX, 57.

From Richard Jackson. 1754. March 17. Inner Temple.

Has ventured to commit to paper certain thoughts on the subject of a Medium of Commerce including a plan of a provincial bank; explains his views. Favorable impression, his friend, Mr. Smith, created at Cambridge. Concerning the new model of the Administration, made necessary by Mr. Pelham's death, though the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Newcastle and most of the old friends of Sir Robert Walpole, hold together, yet they find it difficult to satisfy Mr. Fox, Secretary at War; Mr. Fox's powerful connections, said to extend even among the Royal Family; his refusing the office of Secretary of State; discovered it would curtail his powers in the House of Commons; rumor that he is to quit everything; Public Service cannot but suffer by this dissension. A. L. S. 4 p. (See page 12, LII, 23.) I, 24.

From James Logan. [Circa 1754?] March 30. London.

Quoting a paragraph from his brother's letter, concerning the strange attitude of their Governor in not taking certain measures to make peace with the Indians, in accordance with his instructions. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 180.**

From [Thomas-François] Dalibard. 1754. March 31. Paris.

Franklin's name justly revered in France by all, except a small number of electricians, like l'Abbé Nollet, who are jealous of his discoveries. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **I, 25.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 193).

From Pet[er] Timothy. 1754. June 14. Charles Town.

Acknowledging favor of Apr. 28th by Capt. Robeson which caused him great concern though its severity was probably merited; explains why he did not send the money. Sends \$65 by Rudeman Robeson; thinks that will about balance his account. Can send no paper as yet. For 4 months has been the sole occupant of his printing-office, except a negro boy; discharged his villainous apprentice, who might have been of vast service to him had he not been addicted to drink, play and scandalous company. A. L. S. 3 p. **I, 26.**

From William Daniell. 1754. June 25. Kingston.

Desirous of dealing with him for paper; asks for certain samples and prices. A. L. S. 1 p. **I, 27.**

From William Daniell. 1754. June 29. Kingston.

Since his last, has received Mr. Franklin's letter, telling him the paper has not arrived; will give more particular directions to the captain that carries them. A. L. S. 1 p. **I, 28.**

From John Franklin. 1754. September 2. Boston.

Expected to hear complaints from Philadelphia of hot weather. Concerning Blanchard's Remedy for the Stone; thinks it might be serviceable in his disorder; means he has taken to procure some. Messages his wife sends. The enclosed is to be forwarded to Mr. Beacham's son, who is sick. A. L. S. 1 p. **I, 21.**

From William Daniell. 1754. November 16. Kingston.

Acknowledging the receipt of 10 reams of paper, and asking for fifty more, as he is really much in want. A. L. S. 1 p. **I, 30.**

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From Richard Jackson. 1754.

Observations upon a medium of commerce. (See I, 24.) 11 p.
LII, 23.

From Peter Kemble. [Circa 1754?] New York.

A request to forward an inclosure. A. N. S. 1 p. XLII, 9.

From ————. [Circa 1754.]

Schemes for uniting the strength of the Colonies; puts Mr. Davenant's, published in 1698, ahead of all others; emphasizes its good points. A. L. 4 p. (Final part missing.) LVIII, 115.

From Pet[er] Timothy. 1755. June 8. Charles Town.

Acknowledging receipt of paper. Begs again for statement of his account. If his study of the Electrical Arcana, and public affairs leave him any leisure, begs for a line or two. Wretched management of Indian affairs by the Governor of South Carolina; effect on his press. Announces birth of 6th child and only son. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 33.

From Rich[ar]d Brooke. 1755. June 27. Maryland.

Thanking him for his hospitality during his visit to Philadelphia last year. A detailed account of the effects produced on Mrs. Addison's house in his neighborhood by a stroke of lightning at the end of last May. The noise awakened Mrs. Addison who observed two balls of fire in her room, about the size of a pigeon's egg, which soon went out and left for a considerable time afterward a strong sulphurous smell in the room. Asks numerous questions suggested by this incident. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 34.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1755. June 28. Philadelphia.

Nothing worth communicating since the week before, except a paper published by Chattin, which has made a great stir; conjectures as to its author; if certain rumors are true, there is no occasion for sending him the enclosed copy. As requested, has shipped the paper to Jamaica. Holland hopes to finish the whole of the Almanack by the middle of August; has sent him vermilion and paper. Trusts his father may have no cause to regret leaving him the arrangement of the Post-office. Asks to have his name entered as subscriber for the second volume of Prince's Chronology. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 35.

From William Daniell. 1755. July 4. Kingston.

Asking to know how much paper he has received and what his indebtedness amounts to. Encloses some newspapers. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 36.

From Dan[iel] Claus. 1755. September 11. Lake George.

Containing a detailed and graphic account of the expedition against Crown Point, led by Gen. Johnson [afterwards Sir William Johnson, Baronet], ending in the defeat of the French. Number of dead and wounded; Gen. Johnson wounded in the thigh; Baron de Dieskau brought in wounded; details a conversation he had with him; declared 600 Indians and 200 white had defeated Gen. Braddock. Hopes to go forward with utmost despatch. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 37.

From William Shipley. 1755. September 13. London.

Read with great pleasure Mr. Franklin's Plan for promoting Useful Knowledge among the British plantations in America. Introduces himself as Secretary of the Premium Society in London; invites Mr. Franklin to become one of their Correspondent Members; explains the purpose of the Society; fine results expected from this organization; encloses list of members (4 p.). A. L. S. 3 p. I, 38.

From William Shirley. 1755. September 17. Oswego.

Acknowledging favors of the 1st and 4th inst. Concerning the payment due Franklin for engaging the wagons and horses for the use of the late Gen. Braddock's army; importance of that service; has written Gov. Morris to appoint three good men to liquidate and adjust those accounts. Greatly pressed for time; expects to move in a few days for Niagara. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 39.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 94).

From E. Hubbard. 1755. December 1. Boston.

Containing expressions of great affection and regard; likens him to one of the noble Romans; begs him to refrain from such an excess of goodness, otherwise he will occupy Heaven alone. Her father suffering much, though patiently, from his disorder; disappointed in the bill he hoped to send. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 40.

From ———. [Circa 1755?]

In reference to a train of milk-white spots observed in the skies.
L. 3 p. XLIX, 6.

From Lieutenant-Governor Robert Hunter Morris.

1756. January 5. Reading.

Commission of Benjamin Franklin, giving him military authority
over the county of Northampton. D. S. 1 p. LII, 25.

From Thomas Lloyd.

1756. January 31. Fort Allen at Gnadenhutten.

Giving an account of a portion of their campaign; describes in detail the difficult journey from Bethlehem to Gnadenhutten [Ohio]; safe arrival there; engaged in building a fort; scenes of horror and destruction where lately flourished a peaceful village. Mr. Wm. Franklin's justice, humanity and patience in dealing with the people. Defeat of a party who left Bethlehem on the same day they did. Hopes to come up with the enemy and convince them that Pennsylvania can defend their frontiers; for himself is determined to scalp all he lays his hands on, with unrelenting rage. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 41.

From E. Hubbard. 1756. February 16. Boston.

Enclosing catalogue of her Papa's library; the books will not be sold until Mr. Franklin decides whether he wants any or all of them. He will see by the copy of her Papa's will that she has received five volumes; her father offered her the whole collection, but she refused, thinking that the estate could not afford such a legacy. Remits him \$239 in prize-tickets to be credited to her account. Also sends two specimens of sand thrown up by the late earth-quake. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 42.

By Lieutenant-Governor Robert Hunter Morris.

1756. February 24. Philadelphia.

Commission of Benjamin Franklin as colonel of the regiment of the city of Philadelphia. A. E. that on February 28, 1756, Benjamin Franklin took the prescribed oath before Richard Peters, Secretary. D. S. 2 p. LII, 25½.

From The College of William and Mary in Virginia. 1756. April 2.

Diploma of master of arts. D. S. 1 p. **Portfolio.**

By The Mayor of Norfolk, Virginia. 1756. April 10.

Certificate that on that day the freedom of the Borough of Norfolk was conferred on Benjamin Franklin. D. S. Rich[ar]d Kelsick, Mayor. 1 p. **LII, 27.**

From P[eter] Collinson. 1756. April 25. London.

Electrical papers at last came to hand and are now on press under the inspection and direction of Dr. Fothergill, for they thought it a great pity that the public should be deprived of the benefit of so many curious experiments. The papers communicated to the [Royal] Society, which was greatly pleased with them. Abbé Nollet has traveled to Turin, Venice and Bologna to see certain experiments verified, but the ingenious men of those cities had been too premature in publishing for facts experiments that could not be depended on to succeed, to his no small disappointment. Is obliged to him for the Constitutions. Have had the warmest winter and spring that ever was known. It may have furnished materials for earthquakes of February and March. Speculations thereon. A. L. S. 4 p. **LXIX, 64.**

From C[atherine] Ray. [Circa 1756?] June 28. Block Island.

Expressions of affection; sends him sugar-plums sweetened in the way he used to like. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 54.**

From R[obert] Charles. 1756. August 12. London.

Acknowledging Mr. Franklin's letter of 4th ult.; will endeavor to make the best use of the seasonable intelligence therein contained. Proofs of zeal given by the Assembly of Pennsylvania; injustice of certain imputations. Asks for a statement of certain accounts in Pennsylvania since the commencement of the present troubles, that the colony may receive proper consideration when the matter comes before Parliament. Gov. Morris has at last communicated his instructions; cannot say what will be thought of the claim; hopes the Assembly will not be divested of a privilege. Sorry for the unhappy state of affairs in Europe; greatly concerned at news of the military reinforcements sent from France into North America. A. L. S. 2 p. **I, 43.**

From William Shipley. 1756. September 1. London.

His election as corresponding member of the Society for the Encouragement of Arts. Their desire to make Great Britain and her colonies mutually serviceable. The advantage to the mother country of giving premiums in America. Thanks him for his generous present of 20 guineas. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 44.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 124, Note).

From Richard Peters. 1756. December 24.

(Memorandum.) Col. Bouquet waited on the Governor in the presence of the Mayor and demanded that certain supplies and good quarters be provided for the remainder of the 1100 men and 51 officers before Jan. 1st. A. L. S. 1 p. (Attested copy.) I, 46.

From L. S. Ourry. 1756. December 26. Philadelphia.

After visiting the quarters of the First Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, reports lack of bedding and covering; no quarters fit for officers nor any provided for recruits. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 47.

From Benjamin Mecom. 1756. December 27. Philadelphia.

Bond for £50. D. S. 1 p. LXVI, 9.

From [Joseph Galloway? Circa 1756.]

Difficulty in inducing the Governor to grant commissions to certain men in Philadelphia chosen to act as military officers in their respective wards; the Governor hanged in effigy. L. 3 p. (Several pages missing.) LVIII, 117.

From John Waring. 1757. January 24. London.

Announcing the death of a worthy clergyman, Mr. Henry Wheatley, whose executor he is; in his will, appointed Mr. Franklin trustee for his heirs; if, however, these legatees be dead the money is to revert to the residuary legatee. Is a member of an association for the conversion of the negroes on the plantations to Christianity; asks his advice and assistance in this matter. (Parts missing.) A. L. S. 3 p. I, 48.

From The General Assembly of Pennsylvania. 1757. March 31.

Instructions to Benjamin Franklin, as one of the Commissioners for the Province in England. (Incomplete.) D. 1 p. LVIII, 1.

From Jacob Duché, Jr. 1757. May 6. Philadelphia.

Begs him to take charge of the enclosed letters which are directed to gentlemen with whom he [Franklin] is personally acquainted; wishes him the highest success in his laudable undertakings. A. L. S. 1 p.
I, 49.

From ————. 1757. May 10. Philadelphia.

Desires this letter containing a minute account of a new clock he has invented laid before the Royal Society of London. A. L. 2 p. (Final part missing.)
LVIII, 99

From Isaac Norris. 1757. October 17. Philadelphia.

Pleased to hear of his safe arrival, by a letter from Exeter. Concerning Indian affairs; proprietary purchases; conduct of certain gentlemen at the last Treaty of Easton; Geo. Croghan their tool; minutes tampered with; thinks the deed of 1718 was suppressed during the conferences. Indians exasperated; Delawares acting openly against the Mohawks and those they apprehend to be their oppressors in Pennsylvania. Sales of land made by John Penn about the year 1734; dispute over titles. Late elections. New Castle Convention likely to meet during the year. The House dissatisfied with Richard Partridge [Agent at Court for New Jersey]. No word from Gen. Stanwix since his election. A. L. S. 6 p.
I, 50.

From ————. [1757.]

Acknowledging Franklin's excellent Observations on the Increase of Mankind. Some observations on the influence manners have always had on the numbers of a people and their political prosperity. L. 2 p. (Final part missing.)
LVIII, 98.

From W[illia]m Hunter. [Circa 1757?] Wednesday.

Desiring drafts for three or four hundred pounds on Franklin's banker. His sister wants one of twenty pounds for marketing. A. L. S. 1 p.
XL, 2.

From William Dunlap. 1757-1764.

Post-office accounts. Mem. 7 p. LXVII, 105-108.

From Alexander Gordon. 1758. March 15. Portsmouth.

Left London on the 5th inst., was taken ill of a fever on the road and has been ill ever since; his pitiable condition without money or friends; must go to jail unless he can pay the physician, apothecary and landlord; aware that Mr. Franklin was once well acquainted with his father; begs for a small sum, for which he will give his bill upon his father. Was clerk on the ship "Vulture"; if he recovers hopes to get another berth. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 51.

From Richard Jackson. 1758. April 24.

Opinion as to alteration of the charter of the Province of Pennsylvania and the power of the Crown, in connection therewith, in case of surrender of the powers of government by the Proprietary. A. D. S. 8 p. LXXVI, 1.

From [Joseph Galloway]. 1758. June 16. Philadelphia.

Trade restrictions. Pitt's appointment is disheartening to the Proprietary party. Military affairs. L. S. 2 p. (Incomplete.) LVIII, 31.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1758. September 3. Tunbridge Wells.

Acknowledging favor of 30th ult. In a fortnight will set out with Mr. Jackson on their Norfolk tour. Thanks him for his care in supplying him with money as well as for other proofs of paternal affection. Mr. Hunter's fondness for Tunbridge Wells increases with the growth of his acquaintance. His father's letter with the agreeable news of the King of Prussia's having defeated the Russians was very acceptable; contained some particulars not yet known. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 51½.

From David Colden. 1758. Oct. 26. Coldenham.

Sends by his cousin, Alexander Colden, a copy of a paper, written by himself, explaining the phenomena of electricity; prevented from sending it before; had Mr. Franklin not been absent from America, these papers would have been much more correct; unwilling to have it appear in print without his approbation; begs him to make any corrections he may think fit. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 52.

From Allen and Joseph England. [Circa 1758?]

Asking what steps are necessary to revoke the power of attorney for the management of their estate in the County of Newcastle, granted to Israel Pemberton. L. in 3d P. 3 p. LXIX, 94.

From Rebecca Haydock. [Circa 1758?] 20th inst. Philadelphia.

Concerning a piece of silk which must be manufactured to match her pattern. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 1.**

From [Sir] John Pringle. [Circa 1758?]

Asks Dr. Franklin's assistance in treating a lady patient with electricity. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXVIII, 72.**

From The University of St. Andrews.

1759. February 12. St. Andrews.

Doctor of Laws Diploma; also contemporary copy with translation of same. D. S. 1 p. **Portfolio.**

From B[enjamin] Wilson. 1759. April 8. [London.]

Concerning an experiment of Mr. Colden's in electricity; reasons for not thinking it either surprising or curious. Will satisfy him of the fact by an experiment or two when next they meet. A. L. S. 1 p. **I, 53.**

From P. V. Musschenbrock. 1759. April 15. Leyden.

Concerning various writers on electricity than which none excel Franklin in the explanation of certain mysteries; urges him to fresh experiments. The writer's interest in life is to promote physical and natural science; thinks they might gain mutual advantage from a correspondence. A. L. S. 2 p. [In Latin.] **I, 54.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 186, Note).

From J. Sargent. [1759.] June 19.

Will be glad to see Franklin at his place at all times. Bewails the capture of Quebec. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 106.**

From Isaac Norris. 1759. July 31. Fairhill [near Philadelphia].

On the 14th ult. received an order from the Commissioners for some public money to discharge agents' salaries, also a supply for Franklin. Encloses copies of five important papers, the first four concerning the Remitting Act, and the fifth, a speech of Gov. Denny's concerning the act for recording warrants and surveys; hopes Mr. Franklin will use his best endeavors to get them confirmed in England, the influence this may have in settling their differences with the Proprietaries. Assures

him that no person whatever had or could take a copy of a paragraph in a former letter of his relating to the Proprietaries. A. L. S. 4 p. [Copy.] I, 55.

From Isaac Norris. 1759. August 11. Fairhill.

Acknowledging letter of June 9th. Uncertain when this letter will leave, so wishes merely to acknowledge his kindness in looking after his money. Successful expeditions everywhere against the French; Niagara, Ticonderoga and Crown Point being reduced, thinks the same results may be expected at Quebec; the French intimidated by such rapid conquests. Sends affectionate remembrances to Billy. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 57.

From Isaac Norris. 1759. August 22. [Fairhill.]

Enclosing Nos. 1, 2 and 3. No. 1, copy of I, 55, with additional postscript, dated Aug. 5th, announcing the reduction of Niagara and Ticonderoga; forces bombarding Quebec. No. 2, copy of letter I, 57. No. 3, dated Aug. 22, 1759. Sent these letters before but the ship sprung a leak and returned to port, will forward them by Capt. Hamet, who is to sail the next day. Thanks him for the care he has taken on his account in money matters; the situation of the public money. [Incomplete.] 4 p. [Copy.] I, 56.

From The City of Edinburgh. 1759. September 5. Edinburgh.

Certificate of admission as Burges and Gild brother of Edinburgh. D. S. 1 p. Portfolio.

From The University of St. Andrews. 1759. October 2.

Certificate of admission. D. S. 1 p. Portfolio.

From W[illia]m Callender. [1759-60?]

Quotations from the letters of Benjamin Franklin, Isaac Norris and William Callender concerning the state of affairs in the province of Pennsylvania; dispute over the passage of a bill to insure a state militia; bill for conciliating the Indians and holding them to the English interests; antagonistic attitude of the Governor. Dr. of L. 3 p. (First part missing.) LVIII, 100.

From John Waring. 1760. January 4. London.

Informing him that the Associates of the late Dr. Bray have unanimously elected him a member of their Society; they have resolved upon opening three schools for negroes with all convenient speed; requests his attendance at a meeting to be held at Mr. Bird's on the 17th. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 58.

From Isaac Norris. 1760. September 26. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging various letters received in June and July. Concerning a bill sent up to the Governor, to enable the agents to receive monies, which have been or may be allotted to this Province upon the Parliamentary grants. Stormy state of affairs; everything in the present crisis depends on Franklin; if only the principal Acts be confirmed, their future controversies with the Proprietaries will be made more easy. Encloses copy of the aforementioned bill with the Governor's amendment. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 59.

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 204).

From William Thomson. 1760. November 18. Worcester.

Pleasure Mr. Franklin's short stay in Worcester afforded him. Thanks him for the entertainment he is confident he owes to him, after reading "The Interest of Great Britain with respect to her Colonies"; hopes it will be taken to heart by those who are intrusted with the property, liberty and life of a people. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 60.

From Thomas Taunton. [Circa 1760. London.]

Account of his health during the past winter. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 38.

From Thomas Taunton. [Circa 1760. London.]

Appeal for assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 12. LXIX, 89.

From Tho[mas] Taunton. [Circa 1760.] December 29. [London.]

Thanks for favors received. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 40.

From Henry Potts. 1761. May 6. Gen'l Post Office [London].

Read the letter left by him to Lord Bessborough, who ordered him to acquaint Mr. Franklin that he desired Mackrath might be removed directly and the person recommended by Gov. Littleton appointed postmaster at Charlestown. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 61.

From [Sir John Eardley?] Wilmot.

1761. May 8. Grey's Inn [London].

Informed by Mr. Penn that the £100,000 Act passed by Mr. Hamilton, has been transmitted to Franklin under seal, with the intention, he presumes, of presenting it to the Council; begs for a quarter of an hour's conversation with him before that Act is presented; has something material to say to him. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 62.

From Isaac Norris. 1761. August 19. Fairhill.

Acknowledging favors of May 9th and June 13th; well pleased with additional purchase of stock on account of the Province. The Parliamentary grant for 1759 apportioned by the Lords of the Treasury; presumes the House will empower some persons to receive it; hopes it will be appropriated to the lessening of the taxes and sinking the Bills of Credit. Hopes the address of the Assembly sent over at the accession of his present Majesty may have escaped the enemy. Concerning a letter of credit to Col. Lloyd. Bills of exchange sent by him. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 63.

From Thomas Ronayne. 1761. August 26. Corke.

Communicates a few experiments and observations on electricity and desires to have Franklin's opinion of them. Certain queries concerning thunder [answered in red ink on opposite page of manuscript by Dr. Franklin]. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 64.

From Isaac Norris. 1761. September 30. Fairhill.

Acknowledging favor of July 10th, which was read in the House; members all satisfied with the succinct account therein contained of the situation of the public money under Franklin's care; House decided to draw bills of exchange on him for the net proceeds of the First Parliamentary Grant; appointment of certain persons to receive these and other monies. Three bills of exchange sent. Certain discoveries concerning practical surveying.—Oct. 19th. His letter of Sept. 30th missed the packet. Since then received Franklin's favor of Aug. 7th. Concerning the settlement of certain accounts. Reasons for Assembly's decision to draw bills of exchange for the First Parliamentary Grant. Robert Charles's refusal of the agency of Pennsylvania; matters connected with this. Some investments he would like Franklin to make for him. A. L. S. (Duplicate.) 4 p. I, 65.

From P[eter] Collinson. [1761.] October 17. Mill Hill.

Expresses pleasure on Mr. Franklin's safe arrival [from the Continent] in the happy land of liberty, and hopes to see him soon. There is a new large coach on springs that comes every day from the Bull Inn in Holborn. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 66.

From The Society for the Encouragement of Arts, etc. 1761 and 1762.

Notice of meetings of committees. Printed N. S. 1 p.

LXVIII, 14 to 16.

From [Thomas-François] Dalibard. 1762. February. Paris.

Acknowledging favor of Dec. 9, 1761, by Dr. Shippen. Their correspondence interrupted for many years by the war; delayed answering his letter in hopes of hearing some new discovery in electricity that he might impart; since the last edition of Dr. Franklin's works, has given up all electrical experiments; gives four reasons why; M. Le Roy of the Royal Academy of Sciences has long upheld Franklin's theory of electricity against M. l'Abbé Nollet. Defense of the latter's theory by M. Dutour. Recalls the letters printed in 1753 by l'Abbé Nollet in opposition to Franklin's. Delighted with Dr. Shippen; politeness he has shown him. M. de Buffon begs him to ask Mr. Collinson to send him seeds of trees in Pennsylvania for the Jardin des Plantes; suggests applying to John Bartram. [Here MS. is badly mutilated.] Begs him not to leave Europe without a visit to Paris; offers to get him passports. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 66.

From R. Hippiisley. 1762. April 19.

Begs Franklin, as an encourager of the arts and sciences, to subscribe to his work, entitled "An Analysis of Oratory." A. L. S. 1 p. I, 67.

From David Hume. 1762. May 10. Edinburgh.

Acknowledging Mr. Franklin's goodness in sending him an exact description of the method of preserving houses from thunder; communicated it to their Philosophical Society; Mr. Russel read a paper on it; repeats two suggestions he made. Sent his letter to Lord Mareschal; his Lordship busy settling the controversy about the eternity of hell-torments which has upset the little kingdom of Neuf-Chatel. Synod of divines making themselves ridiculous. Franklin the first great man of letters sent them by America, loth to let him go. Sir William Dick desires his compliments sent. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 68.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 243; Bigelow, III, 189; Smyth, IV, 153).

From Sargent, Aufrere & Co. 1762. August 12. London.

Sends him two gold medals to be applied, as a mark of their good wishes, to Franklin's College. Enclose letter of credit. L. S. 1 p.
I, 69.

From Lady Dick. [1762?] October 12. Prestonfield [England].

Sends an empty purse. Expresses hopes for a good journey and happy return to his family. N. in 3d P. 1 p.
XLII, 31.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1762. October 21. London.

Impatiently awaiting news of Franklin's safe arrival; his friends regret his absence but hope to enjoy his correspondence and share in his discoveries. Mr. Fox extremely obliged to Dr. Franklin for his letter; this draws a similar request from Mr. Hamilton. Congratulates him on his son's promotion; thinks he has a sensible and agreeable wife. Account of certain monies enclosed. A. L. S. 2 p.
I, 70.

From ——— Fitzgerald and Dr. [Charles] Morton.

[Circa 1762. London.]

Will call on Dr. Franklin, Friday evening, with two ladies. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XLIII, 175.

From Isaac Garrigues. [1762? London.]

Asks for particulars concerning the late Mr. [James] Ralph. A. L. S. 1 p.
XLII, 15.

From John Mills. 1763. March 2. London.

Begging his acceptance of the first volume of his "Husbandry." A. L. S. 1 p.
I, 71.

From J[ohn] Whitehurst. 1763. March 18. Derby.

Congratulates him on the appointment of his son to the Governorship of New Jersey. The bearer, Mr. Tunicliff, is a neighbor of his and a farmer; he desires to purchase two or three thousand acres in America and bring over his family; hopes Mr. Franklin will give him any assistance or advice in his power. Parliament in possession of Mr. Harrison's improvement for measuring equal time at sea; thinks he will receive a handsome reward; the King has ordered this improvement to be made known to all his foreign ministers. The King's policy all for the general good and benefit of his subjects. Concerning a "General Theory of the Earth," which he will send him. A. L. S. 3 p.
I, 72.

From R[ichard] Jackson. 1763. April 4.

Glad to hear of his safe arrival. Has been chosen to Parliament for Weymouth. Expects to complete his work during the summer. The Speaker frequently inquires after Franklin. Can get no satisfactory information about Mr. Barker or his family; if the heir was in the East India service, can easily procure intelligence of him. Not surprised at the joy universally expressed on Mr. Franklin's arrival in Philadelphia. His letter, containing an account of Maderia, most welcome, he being one of the committee to inquire into its state. Concerning the Act of Assembly received from Mr. Moore.—Question of certain monies allowed Pennsylvania by the Treasury for her defence in 1760 and 1761. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 73.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 249).

From P[eter] Collinson. 1763. April 6. London.

Expressing his own and his family's great satisfaction at the news of Franklin's safe arrival. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 74.

From [Sir John Pringle]. [1763. May ? London.]

Reasons why Franklin should return to England. Put into Lord Bute's hands Franklin's proposals as to the preservation of gun-powder, as well as the best means for securing the health of the garrison at Senegal. Shells for Lady Bute. Meetings at his house Sunday evenings. Will send Franklin's account of the paper currency to Lord Shelburne. Dr. Watson's cure of tetanus by electricity. A. L. 2 p. (Mutilated.) LVIII, 49.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1763. June 8. London.

Sends box by Capt. Friend in the Carolina; in it are books and catalogues for The Library Co., some for J. Bartram and the History of Florida for Franklin. He and Franklin both fortunate in their family connections. Encloses receipt for box of books and one for box of seeds. P. S. From a New York newspaper, sees a new colony called New Wales is to be settled on the Ohio; asks him to forward any work relating to this expedition. A. L. S. 5 p. I, 75.

From Anthony Armbruster. 1763. June 13. Philadelphia.

Urged by the greatest necessity, or else would not trouble him. Begs Mr. Franklin to send orders to procure him that sum he gave him

hopes of, before commencing his journey; his distress very great and if Mr. F. does not rescue him, he will be a great sufferer in his business. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 75½.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1763. June 28. London.

Acknowledging letter, with inclosure to be forwarded to Mr. Hamilton. Mentions box of books again, its contents, etc. Mr. Edwards has published 7th volume of 'Birds and Animals, etc.'; if The Library Co. want to complete their set, let them send in time. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 76.

From [Alexander Small]. 1763. July 5. London.

Sending him six pounds of burnet seed and explaining its manifold advantages. Promises him the seeds of an uncommonly good cabbage, which grows in Anjou. Description of the new hemp machine. A. L. 4 p. (Final part missing.) LVIII, 50.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1763. August 23. London.

Entertainment given to Pennsylvania's new Governor [John Penn]; to judge by appearance, he lacks striking abilities, he'll be the easier governed by his uncle; Proprietor Thomas was there and anxious to know if Mr. Franklin was coming over to solicit a revival of Dr. Coxe's grant for lands on the Mississippi. Loss of Lord Egremont, hopes they may be as happy in the new appointment. Concerned at the new rupture with the Indians, reasons for it. Mr. Canton thinks he is forgotten. Mr. Clark, chaplain to the Earl of Bristol, has published a modern history of Spain. Their friend Hamilton sends thanks for instructions and hopes Franklin will be tempted over soon. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 77.

From Sam[ue]l Engs. 1763. September 3. Norfolk, Va.

Recalls meeting Mr. Franklin at the house of his worthy partner, Mr. Collins, of Rhode Island. Lately arrived from England, but finds climate of Virginia so disagreeable, has decided to go to Philadelphia. Compliments Franklin on his discoveries, experiments and signal services. Having occasion for a trifle of cash, took the liberty to draw on Mr. Franklin for a small amount for travelling expenses to Philadelphia; will remit the money as soon as he arrives in that city. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 78.

From P[eter] Collinson. 1763. September 9. London.

Acknowledging his letters from Boston. The enclosed were drawn up at the breaking out of the Cherokee War; a few hints drawn from them might have prevented these cruel recent depredations. News just arrived of their defeat, much concern felt. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 79.

From James Bowdoin. 1763. September 20. Roxbury.

Thanking him for his communication of the 19th inst. Quotes a request [in Latin] by Father Beccaria. Congratulates him upon the honors conferred on him. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 80.

From G[riffith] Jones. 1763. October 6. London.

Though Mr. Cumming's letter will inform him of the motive, which induced the friends of the bearer to send him to Philadelphia, yet, as the father of the boy, desired to state his reasons for the step. The lad has been carefully brought up; has been an apprentice for two years, but had too much liberty to go out after the business of the day was over; afraid of his being led into irregularities and extravagances, so, by Mr. Cumming's advice, decided to send him abroad; hopes Mr. Franklin will be so good as to accept him for the remainder of his time; sets forth his attainments; asks that he may be kept closely at work. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 81.

From Thomas Cumming. 1763. October 7. London.

Sends this letter by Capt. Stout. Already greatly in Mr. Franklin's debt, but intends to contract a fresh one; Mr. Griffith Jones, a printer in Fleet St., has already written about this matter [I, 81]; advised him to send his son abroad; thought first naturally of Franklin; why he thinks it wiser for him to pay for the boy's passage; hopes the lad will be under the supervision of David Hall; trusts he will make a man like his father. Lord Shelburne's interest in Franklin; on his being appointed Lord of Trade, desired any information Franklin could impart, relative to the public good of his Province; since then a turbulent routish faction occasioned his resignation; he is still the King's favorite and must always have interest everywhere; advises Franklin to write to him and to ignore his resignation. Messages to his wife, son and daughter,—is the last-named married? A. L. S. 4 p. I, 81½.

From J. Sargent. 1763. November 8. London.

Has not had a line from him since his letter of Aug. 8th. His son brought home ill from Eton, but all that is happily over. Lord Egmont's preferment and Lord Hyde's appointment in his place; will carry out his wishes with the latter if possible. Party feeling running high. The Ministry sure to carry their point in Parliament regarding Wilkes; the result in Westminster Hall less certain. Concerning money matters. His interest in Franklin's son, now Governor of New Jersey. Messages from various friends. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 82.

From R[ichard] Jackson. 1763. November 12. London.

Greatly concerned to hear of Franklin's misfortune but hopes by this time the cure is perfectly effected. Concerning some business connected with a grant which he is negotiating for Dr. Franklin with the Messrs. Coxe; search for original draught. Parliament meets on Tuesday, Mr. Wilkes' business will come up then; House of Commons will probably express resentment at the use he has made of their privilege; session likely to be one of great heat and animosity; fears something relative to America will be done, very much against his opinion. Question of duty on molasses; will oppose all inland duties laid by Parliament on the colonies. Province of Pennsylvania excluded from all share of the money granted by Parliament for the service of 1761; fears this is not the only ill office the General has done the Province. Mr. Penn on his (Jackson's) side in this matter. A. L. S. 7 p. I, 83.

From James Parker. 1763. November 15.

Bond for £178 18s. given to Benjamin Franklin. Endorsement by the latter. D. S. 2 p. LXVI, 10.

From Henton Brown. 1763. November 26. London.

Acknowledging the receipt of several letters and transmitting a statement of their account with Mr. Franklin. Asks him to recommend them to Richard Jackson, Esq., as bankers for the Province of Pennsylvania to which he is agent. Various failures; fall of stocks. Unsettled state of the Ministry. Question relative to Wilkes; majority in the House; duel fought between him and Sam Martin, late of the Treasury; Wilkes wounded in the body, but not fatally; the paper is voted to be burnt by the hands of the common hangman; and 'tis thought the author will be expelled. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 84.

From R[ichard] Jackson. 1763. December 27. London.

Has had only one letter from him in a great while; hopes he is effectually cured; with such news, could make one thousand people happy. Lord Hyde to take Lord Egmont's place, Lord Halifax has now the administration of American affairs; this mutability no proof of an unstable Ministry. Has a good deal of access to Mr. Grenville, who is at the head of it. American affairs in a critical situation. Thinks Maj. Barker at Manila is the gentleman sought after by Franklin; expects him in England in February or March. Difficulty of the work connected with Messrs. Coxe's application; various other claims to the land. His opinion that the mother country is mistress of the trade of its colonies, that she may prohibit foreign trade and may therefore tax; dreads internal taxes. Messages to Mr. Galloway. Mr. Allen's stand on behalf of the Province. Discusses Indian war. Agrees with Franklin about a plethora of money. People's estimate of Col. Bouquet. Encloses list of Acts sent him by the Agent for the Proprietors. Dr. Pringle's reasons for declining any concern in their scheme. A. L. S. 8 p. I, 85.

From Richard Jackson. [Circa 1763.]

Mr. Coxe's claim; project for a settlement on the Mississippi. Paper currency. (Fragment.) 2 p. LVIII, 114.

From Caty Greene. [1764?] January 13. Warwick.

Misfortunes of Dr. Franklin's sister. Family affairs. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 16.

From R[ichard] Jackson. 1764. January 26. Inner Temple.

Has written him by every packet. Maj. Barker's arrival in England, his intention to sail for America in April, then to take possession of and cultivate his estate; has recommended him to certain friends in America. Several American questions coming before Parliament; constantly occupied combating dangerous errors in American politics; results not commensurate with his efforts. Has long since given up hope of preventing some Parliamentary tax on North America for the maintenance of troops kept there; his aversion to internal taxes. Customs and prohibitions in trade date from the Long Parliament; wishes this to be the rule of England's conduct on this occasion. A bill in embryo for restraining the paper currency of North America within certain limits; will undoubtedly be carried. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 86.

From G. Price. 1764. March 7. Fort Prince George.

Thanking him for the flattering letter he wrote on his behalf to Messrs. Timothy and Limprie. Describes the situation of Fort Prince George and its means of defense; it has been besieged more than once and almost starved into surrender before succor arrived. Number of Indians in the vicinity; two thousand warriors in the Cherokee Nation who desire peace; also anxious to aid in any movement against the Creeks, who number three or four thousand fighting men. A report that the Creeks have refused to give up the late murderers as demanded by the Governor; more mischief expected from that quarter. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 87.

From Thomas Moffat. 1764. May 12. Newport, R. I

Acknowledging favor of 9th ult. Highest degree of heat and cold at Newport, curious about the same in Philadelphia. Causes which produce yellow or bilious fever. His views as to their College. Agitated by imperfect rumors from England about their Charter. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 88.

From Jno. Canton. 1764. June 29. London.

Acknowledging favor of March 14th. Mr. Kinnersley's first experiment in electricity truly a beautiful one; what it proves; his second experiment an extraordinary one; has endeavored in vain to make it in England. Mr. Bowdoin's telescope in Mr. Nairne's hands, who is making a pedestal for it. Describes certain experiments he has made, showing the difference in the compressibility of water, in winter and summer. Other members of the Club send their compliments. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 89.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 256).

From John Mills. 1764. July 12. London.

Acknowledging his favor of March 10 by Mr. Shadwell. Thanks him for presenting to Col. Elliot the first volume of his 'Husbandry'; requests his acceptance of the rest of that work as a mark of esteem for the memory of his father, Dr. Elliot. Delay in getting the remaining volumes. Sends the fourth volume to Franklin. Greatly obliged for list of American book sellers; will make use of it when his fifth and last volume is completed. Various American seeds he is sending to the Society of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences at Rennes. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 90.

From ———. 1764. August 8. Philadelphia.

Interested in reading Dr. Pringle's account of the meteor; efforts he has made to obtain an accurate account of the one which appeared in Philadelphia on the 20th of July, 1764. L. 1 p. (Mutilated.)

LVIII, 101.

From T. Becket. 1764. August 10. London.

Acknowledging favor of June 17th; confesses that Franklin's resentment against him is just; reasons for his delay in sending certain promised articles; assures him it will not happen again. Sends him two packets of reviews, magazines and four pamphlets. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 91.

From [Col.] Henry Bouquet. 1764. August 10. Carlisle.

Desertion has reduced his two battalions to about 750 men; cannot spare so many from his small force; is therefore obliged to apply to the Governor and Commissioners for money to recruit the number lost; begs him to use all his influence with the Board to obtain this favor speedily. Situation quiet, neither disturbed by their active enemy, nor assisted by their indolent frontier friends. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) I, 92 and 93.

From Henry Bouquet. 1764. August 22. Fort Loudoun.

Expressing his gratitude to Franklin and his sincere affection for him. Sorry to hear his sentiments concerning the government have raised him up enemies; wishes the unhappy disputes in the province might be amicably adjusted. Points out certain errors in the Government. Ministry appear averse to Proprietary governments. Board of Trade has just overset the fine superstructure raised by Lord Egmont, upon the expectation of a grant for the Island of St. John; sends his plan which is much approved of in England. Perused with pleasure the papers, Mr. Franklin sent him; wishes the plan of a military frontier could be put in execution. Expects no disturbance until the Ohio is crossed. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 94.

From Henry Bouquet. 1764. August 22. Fort Loudoun.

Acknowledging favor of 16th inst. with the welcome account that his request to the Governor had been granted; grateful for Franklin's warm support. Recapitulates various times when Franklin has promoted the service, rendering timely aid to Gen. Shirley, Gen. Braddock, Lord Loudoun and finally to himself in the execution of the present Act. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) I, 95 and 93.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 262).

From H[enry] B[ouquet]. 1764. August 27. Fort Loudoun.

Has the mortification to inform him *privately* that Bradstreet has granted peace at Presqu' Isle to the Delaware and Shawanese, without visiting on the least satisfaction for their murders and insults; intends taking no notice of this, but will proceed to the Ohio prepared to treat as enemies every villain of those nations, unless contrary orders come from the General. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 96.

From Thomas Moffat. 1764. September 24. Newport, R. I.

Thanks him for sending Dr. Heberden's method of inoculating the small-pox, which bears every mark of judgment, candor and benevolence; attention shown to this treatise in New England. At the anniversary meeting of their University, mentions various elections made, to show the progress of learning. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 97.

*From The House of Representatives of the Assembly of
Pennsylvania. 1764. October 26.*

Appointment of Benjamin Franklin as agent to Great Britain to assist Rich[ar]d Jackson. D. S. Cha[rle]s Moore, Clerk. 1 p. LII, 46.

From James Parker. 1764. October 27. Woodbridge [N. J.].

Acknowledging favors of 20th and 25th inst. Concerning certain debts he owes to Mr. Strahan and Mr. Franklin; discusses ways and means of paying them off. Business of the post-office. Will send him the law relating to the division line, but doubts if it contains the information he wants. Discusses the Virginia affair; whether to go there himself, in case of Mr. Royle's death, in order to secure the printing business to Mr. Hunter's son; reasons for and against Mr. Holt's going; for himself is resigned either to stay or go, according to Mr. Franklin's desire. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 98.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Series, XVI, p. 192.

From Lewis Jones. 1764. October 30. Woodbridge [N. J.].

Hears from Mr. Parker that he is going to England; begs him to deliver the enclosed letter to his father or Mr. Cummings; has several times written to his family, but never received any answer. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 99.

From John Smith. 1764. November 2. Burlington.

Expressing pleasure at his appointment as agent of the Province; no one better qualified for the position. Wishes him success and a safe return. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 104.

From Baynton & Wharton. 1764. November 3. Philadelphia.

Describing two tracts of land; one on the east side of Lake Champlain, the other on the north side of the Bay of Chaleur; advises a speedy petition to their Lordships for the land, as everything is being taken up. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 105.

From Edm[und] Quincy, Jr. 1764. November 5. Boston.

His wife's death together with several avocations has prevented his writing for some time past. Published in Edes & Gills paper last post-day a letter from his brother Huske to the Committee of Merchants; a reference in this paper was supposed by some to point to Franklin, assures him that it referred to a person residing in London whose treatise on the subject he hopes to send him. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 106.

From Samuel Eckerling. 1764. November 5. Philadelphia.

His brethren, Israel and Gabriel Eckerling, were taken by the French and Indians from the Allegheny Mountains in August, 1757, and some time after sent to Rochelle in France where he is informed they died in the hospital. Asking Franklin to inquire whether this information be true and to let him know. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 107.

From Thomas Wharton. 1764. Nov. 13-20. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of 9th inst. Concerning Franklin's "Remarks on the Protest";¹ W[illiam] A[llen]'s attitude in the matter. Determined to have the 'Remarks' translated into Dutch. Information received from Col. Bouquet, concerning a request for peace from the Shawanese and Delaware Indians. A. L. 1 p. I, 100.

¹ [Remarks on a late protest against the appointment of Mr. Franklin an agent for this province. Philadelphia, printed by B. Franklin and D. Hall. 1764.]

From Mar[tin] Howard, Jr. 1764. November 16. Newport, R. I.

Hearing of his speedy departure for London, embraces this opportunity to write him by a steamer bound thither. Flatters himself that Franklin's zeal will not be exclusively devoted to the correction of abuses in

his own Province. Rhode Island but a burlesque on order and government, and not likely to improve unless the Constitution is altered; a petition to the King now in the hands of Jos. Harrison who sailed three weeks back; thinks it may be in Franklin's power to facilitate this matter. Has lost a valuable and affectionate wife. A. L. S. 2 p.
I, 108.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.] 1764. November 17. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Charles Russel, son of the Hon. James Russel of Charlestown. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 1.

From R[ichard] Jackson. 1764. November 18. [London.]

Mischief and danger to America and Pennsylvania likely to ensue from the disturbances and dispute in the latter Province. His high opinion of Mr. Allen's honesty and good sense; this and other reasons induced him to open his mind to him more freely than he should, on the subjects of Pennsylvania's privileges, the Proprietary Government, the power of the Crown, etc.; had no idea that Mr. Allen would make these sentiments public; intended chiefly for Franklin's ear. Has just heard of the event of the election; not sorry for Franklin, but only for the Province; looks upon all hopes of reconciliation as vanished. Messages to the Governor of New Jersey. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 101.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 272).

From Joseph Galloway. 1764. November 23. Philadelphia.

Wrote him from New Castle the substance of the Address of the Lower Counties' Assembly, in which they inform the Crown that, although they are governed under the same charter as the people of Pennsylvania, their laws are different; proves this to be wrong, as well as certain other acts of theirs. Proprietary party still industriously endeavoring to prevent their design to change the government; petitions to this effect, from the Corporation of the City and also from the Presbyterians, to go over with Mr. Hamilton. Debility of the Proprietary Government; instances the case of a Dutchman appointed sheriff at Lancaster and the refusal of the Irish Presbyterians to serve under him, ending with his forced flight to save his life; no measures taken to bring the offenders to justice. Hostile attitude of the Governor towards all, supporting the measures in favor of the Crown. [Conclusion missing.] A. L. 4 p. I, 102.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 276).

From James Parker. 1764. November 23. Woodbridge.

Details of a business transaction with Dunlap. Left Philadelphia before the arrival of his letter from the Capes, supposes by this time he is well on his voyage. On returning home, sent off his son to bring back Lady Jane; Mrs. Franklin had some thoughts of coming, but decided not to. His debt to Mr. Strahan. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 103.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 195.

From [Samuel Wharton]. 1764. November 23. Philadelphia.

Provincial politics in Pennsylvania in regard to the relations of the Proprietary and the Royal parties. The re-emitting act. Military affairs. A. L. 8 p. (Incomplete.) LVIII, 32.

From [Thomas] Osborne. 1764. November. Gray's Inn, [London].

Has taken the liberty to send him the 15th volume of Modern History with some of his catalogues, which he does not doubt Dr. Franklin will distribute to the best advantage. Would give him infinite pleasure if a certain intricate account were settled. A. L. 1 p. I, 109.

From Alex[ande]r Small. 1764. December 1. London.

Concerning the best means of pickling sturgeon. The best machine for uprooting trees; Franklin's idea of pulling them down by a force applied to a straight rope appealed strongly to the writer's namesake, the Virginia professor. Must have seen by the newspapers the death of Mr. Bliss, the Greenwich observer; Mr. Mitchell has unsuccessfully offered himself as a candidate; thinks the Tory interest will get it for an Oxonian who never made an observation. Rival geniuses apt to be highly jealous of one another; cites the case between Cumming, the watch-maker, and Mr. Harrison. The affair of the £5000 which was to have been given to Mr. Harrison; the law says that he is entitled to £20,000 for his discovery. England's relation to America; Franklin's friends hope he will put on paper his thoughts on this subject. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 110.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1764. December 4. Philadelphia.

James Hamilton and his nephew sailed on the 28th with Capt. Friend. Letter received from Col. Bouquet announcing a peace with the Shawanese and Delawares; terms of surrender. Rumors that an answer to Franklin's 'Remarks on a Protest' will shortly be published; satisfied that J. D. [John Dickinson?] has been applied to for his name, but

his warmest friends strenuously oppose his placing it there; mentions the chief points they intend to answer. Names of men left out of the Commission and one or two put in. After careful reflection, thinks nothing can contribute to their freedom so much as a Legislative Council; reasons for this. Has just seen Col. Bouquet's letter to Gov. Penn, dated at the Forks of Muskingham, Nov. 15, 1764; quotes from it the conditions of peace, the attitude of the Indians, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 111.

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 281, Note).

From Cha[rles] Thomson. 1764. December 18. Philadelphia.

Urgent business called him away and so prevented him from waiting on Franklin at Chester; hopes ere now he is safe in London. The first day of his journey traveled about thirty-two miles up the Lancaster Road and passed nineteen taverns; thinks to this fact is due the widespread debauchery and useless dissipation of time and money; cites the story of Cyrus and the Lydians to prove this; much better if the Governor could have a handsome fixed annual salary, instead of perquisites arising from tavern licenses. Wm. Moore put at the head of the Commission in Chester Co.; other changes made show the effect of party spirit. Reason to fear that the Indian war is not at an end; six Shawanese hostages have made their escape; trouble expected. Before Mr. Hamilton sailed, heard rumors that the Presbyterians had signed a petition to the Proprietaries requesting their influence to prevent a change of Government. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 112.

From Sam[uel] Wharton. 1764. December 19.

Account of the escape from Pittsburg of the Shawanese hostages; this tribe independent owing to being supplied by French traders with clothing and ammunition; no permanent peace possible until that country is taken and an English garrison established at the Illinois; one, Owens, was sent by Col. Bouquet to invite the hostages to return; an altercation ensued and Owens shot one of them dead on the spot. Delawares and Mingos desirous of having the peace confirmed. First division of the Pennsylvania forces to be disbanded, the other on its way to Carlisle. Faction at present in high spirits, declares openly that there is not the least fear of a change of Government; his father praying for that change, which only can restore peace to the distracted province. A. L. S. 7 p. LVIII, 33 and I, 113.

From [Samuel Wharton]. 1764. December 19. Philadelphia.

Reply of the Protestors in the Assembly to Dr. Franklin's Remarks.
Relation of the Chief Justice [William Allen] and Mr. [John] Dickinson to the Protestors. LVIII, 33.

From David Hall. 1764. December 20. Philadelphia.

Mrs. Franklin, Sally and his son all well. Sends him that day's paper in which there is an article on Franklin's behalf by John Hughes, desiring the author or authors of an "Answer" to Franklin's "Remarks" to publish his or their names. Gives him a full account of the escape of the six Shawanese hostages and the reasons for it. A very bad gang about town, who every night rob houses or attack people, so expects another hanging bout soon; road also infested by highwaymen. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 114.

From John Ross, 1764. December 20. Philadelphia.

The most important matter since Franklin's departure has been the issuing new Commissions of Peace for this county and the counties of Chester and Bucks; various appointments made; names of men omitted. Opinions concerning change of Government; thinks the majority of people desire "their dear Sovereign" to rule over them if their present liberties granted by Charter are preserved. Persuaded that Franklin together with Mr. Jackson, will do everything to promote the happiness, prosperity and peace of the colonies in general, and this province in particular. L. S. 1 p. I, 115.

From [Springett] Penn. 1764. December 22. Dublin.

Congratulates Dr. Franklin on his safe arrival in London; asks him to consult with Mr. Life in regard to putting in his claim in case his Majesty takes the government of Pennsylvania on himself; wants to be informed whether the intail at Pennsbury is barred. L. 1 p. XLIV, 3.

From Marg[aret] Stevenson. [Circa 1764? London.]

Asks Dr. Franklin to bring his family to England. Has had poor health. Her lodgers. Thanks for cranberries sent. A. L. S. 4 p. XLII, 21.

From Bernard Ogden.

1765. January 9. Sunderland in the County of Durham.

Asking for information concerning the daughter of one Thos. Cookson, deceased, who married one Galloway. There are two daughters of Mr. Cookson's only sister, who have been offered a sum of money for their right to their uncle's effects; would greatly appreciate any advice as to the steps the heirs must take to come at the true value of the effects. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 116.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1765. January 13. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favors of Sept. 26th and Nov. 9th. Confident that everything has been done to obtain the desirable object,—a Royal Government; hopes the presentation of the petitions will bring forth the desired issue. Thanking him for the notice taken of the piece signed *Americanus*; has nearly finished a pamphlet on the same subject entitled "Political Reflections on the dispute between Great Britain and her Colonies respecting her right of imposing taxes on them without their assent"; if Franklin's son approves, will publish it; something needed to allay the violent temper of the Americans; difficulty of getting it published; printers take everything inflammable but nothing cool and rational. Concerning a petition to the Commons for the repeal of the law prohibiting paper money from being lawful tender in the colonies; reasons why Parliament would do well to grant it. Impatiently awaiting the resolution of Parliament respecting the Stamp Act; mischief caused by the delay. Thinks there is a wide-spread intention to throw off all connection with the mother country; is confident this will meet with little sympathy in Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 116½.

From James Parker. 1765. January 14. Woodbridge [N. J.].

Details of a business transaction with Dunlap and McNott. Mr. Foxcroft will not be up from Virginia until the beginning of February. Severity of the weather; anxious to hear of his safe arrival. Sends the last four Philadelphia newspapers. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 117.

Printed in *Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc.*, 2d Series, XVI, p. 196.

From James Parker. 1765. January 22. Woodbridge [N. J.].

Concerning his two former letters dated Nov. 23d and Jan. 14th; repeats some of the news contained in them. Matter of Dunlap's deed.

Heavy fall of snow; enough sheep killed by it to put an end to the talk of woollen manufactures. Benny Mecom's accounts still unpaid. Hopes Franklin will pay his (Parker's) debt to Mr. Strahan. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 118.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1765. January 23. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a copy of a letter or mandate sent down by the Governor to the Provincial Commissioners of Appeal, concerning the assessment of the people's lands and those belonging to the Proprietors, the latter to be taxed at a much lower rate; asks if the Governor thinks he has the power of the Pope. The majority in the Assembly continue firm in their resolve to get rid of the Proprietary Government, the minority make no attempt to oppose it. Mr. Croghan, attended by an army officer and one hundred of the troops from Fort Pitt, is about to set off for the Illinois country to take possession on behalf of the Crown. Franklin's family well. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 119.

From Tho[ma]s Franklin. 1765. January 28. Lutterworth.

Heard that Franklin was at Lutterworth not long before and had inquired after him. Informed that he is now in London; begs for a line or two as he is anxious to come to London to see him. Sends him a hare. His wife joins him in sending love. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 120.

From Isaac All. 1765. February 5. Edinburgh.

Heard only the day before of his arrival in London, owing to the irregularity of the newspapers. Hopes his aunt and his cousin Sally are in good health. Is now loading his ship for London, where he hopes to have the pleasure of seeing his kinsman personally. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 121.

From Jno. Truslen. 1765. February 6. London.

Enclosing a plan of the Literary Society and requesting the honor of Franklin's name as a subscribing member. Engraved L. S. 1 p. I, 122.

From Ezra Stiles. 1765. February 20. Newport.

Enclosing a letter to the Sieur Somonozow at Petersburg which Franklin is to read and suppress if he likes. Curious to have an account of the discoveries of the polar voyage. His endeavors to obtain thermometrical observations from each one of the sixteen Continental

provinces; fears it will be a failure owing to lack of thermometers. A detailed account of certain experiments, after M. Braunius, in the congelation of mercury. The winter one of intense cold. Hopes he will not forget to recommend that ingenious gentleman, Mr. Professor Winthrop, to the honors of the Royal Society. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 124.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 260).

From Peter Franklin. 1765. February 21. Philadelphia.

Hopes to hear from him by the January packet. The winter so far has been terribly cold. Mr. Foxcroft's visit to Philadelphia postponed until May. Have decided not to let Ephe Brown leave, but if Franklin consents, he would like to hire the office now in Mr. Parker's hands. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 125.

From Rich[ar]d Stockton. 1765. February 23. New York.

Concerning certain letters and packets directed to Franklin, and by whose hands they have been forwarded. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 123.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1765. February 27. Philadelphia.

Enclosing extract of a letter from Thomas Penn to his nephew; the account therein contained of the petitions for a change of Government from Proprietary to Royal has struck their friends with the utmost consternation; if it be true, the King has refused to listen to their complaints against Proprietary oppression and injustice; this letter is industriously circulated all over the Province by the Proprietaries and their friends; has quoted many extracts from Franklin's letter respecting the petitions, to counteract the effect of this and to allay the despair of their party; the Assembly anxious to know the result of the petitions; results to be expected, if it is true they were rejected without a hearing. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 126.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 284; Bigelow, III, 372; Smyth, IV, 364).

From Isaac All. 1765. March 12. [Edi]nburgh.

Acknowledging favor of 3d inst. Has just undergone an operation for the cure of a fistula; expects to leave for London in about three weeks; when they meet will give him an account of his sojourn in Honduras. Desires some information about lightning rods, as a friend of his wishes to erect one on his country house. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 127.

From Jos[eph] Hope. 1765. March 15. Edinburgh.

Acknowledging favor of 25th ult. as well as the box of seeds; makes suggestions as to collecting and packing them; will write to Mr. Collinson soon to thank and pay him for the seeds, also to Mr. Bartram, who, if he wishes, can supply them yearly with seeds. Announcing the birth of a daughter to Sir Alexander and Lady Dick. A. L. S. 3 p.
I, 128.

From C[adwalader] Evans. 1765. March 15. Philadelphia.

How they celebrated the good news of Franklin's safe arrival in London the 13th of Dec.; Dr. Thos. Bond's tedious indisposition has occasioned the sole care of the hospital to fall on him. Account of certain scurrilous attacks on them by their enemies, which they met and routed with the same weapons. Inhabitants of Cumberland County guilty of an act of rebellion ten days previous; a full account of the whole affair will be transmitted to him. Rumors from Third Street, that the Proprietor had yielded to the importunity of the Pomfret family to sell the Government to the Crown for a peerage; not anxious about the means, if the end is obtained. A. L. S. 3 p.
I, 129.

Printed, in part, in *Works* (Sparks, VII, 283, Note).

From James Parker. 1765. March 22. Woodbridge.

No word from Franklin; has written him several times since his departure. Work he did in Philadelphia on the accounts. Samuel Smith of Burlington has been composing a history of New Jersey; has planned to go there and print it for him; intends sending Ben Mecom's printing materials there; will pay Franklin for them if he wishes it. Intends leaving the printing office and little post office at Woodbridge to his son. Hopes he will be able to pay off his debts before his death. Has had a smart attack of gout. Excessively cold winter; great poverty throughout the country. Question of his losing the comptroller's office, unless he moves to New York; reasons why he cannot live there; hopes the place of comptroller will not be taken from him; if it is, he is unwilling to keep the post office at Woodbridge, as it does not pay him. A. L. S. 4 p.
I, 130.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1765. March 25. Philadelphia.

Concerning the act of rebellion by the inhabitants of Cumberland County in destroying certain goods designed for the treaty at Pittsburg;

attempts made by those concerned to palliate this atrocious act; impossible to hold a treaty with the Indians without giving them the articles they stand in need of; disagreeable consequences likely to ensue. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 131.

From Geo[rge] Mercer. 1765. April 4. London.

Asking Franklin to appoint an hour in which to talk over certain queries sent him from the Stamp Office, which he is incapable of answering. L. S. 1 p. I, 132.

From [Capt.] Nath[anie]l Falconer.

1765. April 5. Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica.

Announcing that he has sent him a turtle and two pairs of Spanish birds. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 133.

From D[eborah] Franklin. [1765.] April 7 and 12. Philadelphia.

Is glad to hear of his safe arrival in London. Family affairs. A. L. S. 4 p. XLII, 42.

Printed in Works (Bigelow, III, 374).

From E[phraim] Brown. 1765. April 12. Philadelphia.

Congratulating him on his safe arrival in England. Going on well with the post office. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 134.

From Trevor Newland. 1765. April 17. Holt.

Reasons why he was prevented waiting on him for the memorandum relative to Lecock; is only distant five or six miles from there and will gladly make any inquiry Franklin may direct. Dr. Clark and Mr. Clutterbuck have letters from a person in Philadelphia inquiring for one Carinton; does not know if this is the person Franklin wants to inquire about. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 135.

From John Whitehurst. 1765. April 23. Derby.

Expressing pleasure at his safe arrival in England and acknowledging his courtesy to Mr. Tuncliff. The bearer, Mr. Paschall, is going to reside at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and desires to know how to get some cash remitted thither. Has just heard alarming news of a Governor being lost, supposed to be Franklin's son; will be unhappy until he hears a better account. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 136.

From James Parker. 1765. April 25. Burlington.

Repeats various remarks made in his letter of March 22, 1765, concerning his business in Burlington and his fear of losing the office of Comptroller. To please the Governor, Mr. Foxcroft and he decided to attempt to have the post go through Burlington. Effect of the cruel stamp duty on his business; thinks the people's lot in America only a trifle better than that of the French peasants. The past winter the hardest since 1740. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 137.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1765. April 27. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging his letter of the 13th inst., with the pamphlet wrote in vindication of the measures pursued by P[it]; the Colonies load of debt to England; the heavy duties, etc. The men who destroyed the goods at Pittsburgh have been acquitted by the grand jury of Cumberland Co.; unless the King interferes, nothing can be done. It is said that W[illiam] A[llen] has a letter from the Proprietor, declaring his intention to hold the Government and quoting the King as his authority; does not believe this, but it has added new spirits to their party. The affair of spiking the guns; accusations against various parties; the one man apprehended is probably innocent. Aversion shown by most people to having representatives in Parliament; reasons for it. Case of a small compact settlement about 30 miles from Pittsburg on land not yet purchased from the Indians; unless these persons are removed, it may cause another Indian war. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 138.

From Isaac All. 1765. April 30. [Edin]burgh.

An accident to his ship has delayed his departure; consults him again about a lightning rod for a friend's house. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 139.

From Jno. Lloyd. 1765. May 2. Wilmington, N. C.

The Assembly of that colony having voted £100 towards the establishment of a post through the Province, he wrote Franklin's colleague, Mr. Foxcroft of Virginia, to that effect. If Franklin thinks proper to comply with the request of the Province, offers his services to conduct the affair. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 140.

From Mar[tin] Howard, Jr. 1765. May 14. Newport, R. I.

Wrote Franklin some time before concerning a petition possessed by Jos. Harrison, signed by a few who wish for a Royal Government. Dr.

Moffat sent Franklin a pamphlet entitled, "A letter from Halifax"; this has involved him (Howard) in a paper war, in which he has taken the side of the Mother Country, against her ungrateful sons, and published "A defence of the Halifax letter." Being now made not a little obnoxious, would like Franklin to use his influence to procure him the office of Receiver of the Stamp Duties. Mr. Ward elected Governor of the Colony by a great majority. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 127.

From Isaac Norris. 1765. May 18. Fairhill.

Acknowledging his favor of Feb. 18th, with a pamphlet vindicating the power of Parliament to make general colony laws. Concerning some business with C. & O. Hanbury. Sends by the hand of Wm. Dickinson, Baskerville's two volumes of Milton's works to be neatly bound; as he has a very good edition of Milton's works printed in 1720, will chiefly value Baskerville's edition for its elegance and neatness. His health still delicate. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 141.

From John Ross. 1765. May 20. Philadelphia.

Presumes by this time, Franklin can pretty nearly judge what is to be the issue of their application to His Majesty for protection; at present they have only the form without the power of Government. Acquittal of those persons who destroyed the goods at Pittsburg; since then another extraordinary affair has happened, even His Majesty's troops have been attacked and fired upon, as he will perceive from the enclosed account; in short, if His Majesty will not accept and take care of this flourishing Province, it is hard to tell where these lawless mobs will end. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 142.

From Hugh Roberts. 1765. May 20. Philadelphia.

Franklin's family well, although not quite settled in their new house. Goes to Chester the next day to accompany his friend Samuel Neave, who sails thence to England; praises this friend in the highest terms; hopes he and Franklin will meet. Franklin's and the Government's enemies are foiled, nay, drubbed with weapons. Visits sometimes the worthy remains of the Junto, but the political, polemical divisions have contributed to lessen that harmony, formerly enjoyed there. Concerning a pamphlet called an "Address" wherein is portrayed in striking colors, a quondam friend of theirs. Hopes Franklin will ever stand above the reach of malice and calumny. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 143.

From [Samuel Wharton]. 1765. May 27. Philadelphia.

Expresses thanks for attention to his personal affairs. Need of a firmer government in Pennsylvania. Account of the destruction of supplies en route to the frontier troops. A. L. 4 p. (Conclusion missing.)

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From James Parker. 1765. May 29. Burlington.

Complains of not having a single line from Franklin; at a loss what to do in the Dunlap affair or in anything; Mr. Foxcroft momentarily expected in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p.

I, 144.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, p. 197.

From Baynton, Wharton and Morgan.

1765. May 30. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of March 9th; will certainly transmit the note for a thousand pounds by the June packet; reasons why they had not sent it earlier. Expressing sincere appreciation of the proofs of friendship shown them by Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p.

I, 145.

From James Parker. 1765. June 14. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a general statement of accounts, and acknowledging a short letter from Franklin by Capt. Robinson. Discusses some money matters in which he seems to have expected a more generous treatment at Franklin's hands. The use he made of B. Mecom's printing materials he is willing to pay for; Mecom's effects remain in store house in New York, awaiting Franklin's orders. His health failing but endeavors to be resigned, knowing that it cannot be long before he goes hence. A. L. S. 1 p.

I, 146.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, p. 197.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1765. June 18. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging his letter by Capt. Robinson; the case of the Duke of Athol a curious one; still more curious are Mr. Pownall's reasons for refusing the Government, though they do credit to that gentleman. Sends the enclosed Resolves of the Lower House of Assembly of Virginia, on the Stamp Act and the right of the British Legislature in forming that law; after they were passed, the Governor procured the original minutes, tore them up and instantly dissolved the Assembly.

The hopes of a change contained in Franklin's last letter give great joy. Thanks him for his efforts to set aside the intended application for the Delaware Islands. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 147.

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 298).

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1765. June 24. Philadelphia.

Dissatisfaction in Pennsylvania respecting the Stamp Act. A Congress at New York proposed. Virginia resolutions. A. L. S. 2 p. Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 297). I, 148.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1765. June 28. Philadelphia.

Introducing Mr. John Williams, a gentleman lately come over on business of the Treasury, by order of the Ministry. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 149.

From [Sir] Alexander Dick. 1765. July 5. Prestonfield.

Acknowledging favor of 2d ult.; expressing the obligation he and his friend, Mr. Swinton, are under to Franklin for certain information. His willingness to serve Franklin's young friend, [Samuel] Bard; can obtain board for him with that excellent gentleman, Mr. Blacklock, the blind poet; advantages incident to such a position. Inoculated his son and three little daughters for small-pox, from which they emerged very happily. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 150.

From [Capt.] Nath[aniel] Falconer. 1765. July 14. Off Dover.

Concerning several packets which he is to deliver with his own hand to Franklin as soon as his ship gets up to London. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 151.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1765. July 16. Philadelphia.

The Resolves of the House of Virginia, enclosed in his letter of the 15th June, were not the ones entered into by them; encloses a copy of the right ones which are much more consistent with their duty to the Crown. Cumberland County inhabitants determined to hinder any supply going out to Pittsburg, and thereby bring on another Indian war; cites instance of their burning the goods belonging to one Joseph Spear. Especially impatient to hear from Franklin, as their election draws near. Governor Franklin and his spouse with Joseph Galloway, gone to Shrewsbury. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 152.

From Alex[ande]r Lunech. 1765. July 31. Philadelphia.

Gilbert Elliot, Esq., is his friend; and his cousin, Lord Pitfour, one of the Senators of the College of Justice at Edinburgh, has promised his interest to any gentleman who will point out to him anything whereby he can serve him (Lunech); would beg this favor of Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 153.

From James Parker. 1765. August 1.

Bond for £65 12s. given to Benjamin Franklin. Notes and receipt by Deborah Franklin and B. Franklin. D. S. 3 p. LXVI, 11.

From James Parker. 1765. August 8. New York.

Acknowledging commission as Land-Waiter at New York; thanking Franklin for this favor. Difficulties in moving to New York before May. Engaged in printing the votes of the New Jersey Assembly, also a History of New Jersey, by Samuel Smith, of Burlington. Would prefer to continue in the service of the post-office; asks if Franklin could transfer the office of Land-Waiter to his son, who has greatly reformed. Their old friend, Hugh Hughes, ruined. Arrival of Mr. Royle from Virginia. No hopes of B. Mecom's succeeding in New Haven. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 188.

From Thom[a]s Penington & Son. 1765. August 10. Bristol.

His favor of 3d inst., concerning one Mrs. Bigelow; her penniless position. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 154.

From Jere[miah] Miller. 1765. August 13. New London.

Concerning the office of Comptroller, which Col. Dyer wishes to transfer to the writer's son, John Still Miller; asks Franklin to mention his or his family's name to Mr. Grenville. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 155.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1765. August 14. Philadelphia.

Conduct of the frontier inhabitants who have just murdered an Indian lad; Delawares assert that unless they receive satisfaction, and a stop is put to other abuses, they will declare war. Account received from Geo. Croghan, who is pursuing his passage down the Ohio; was set upon by Indians belonging to Pontiac; lost three of the Shawanese chiefs; he and his nephew were slightly wounded; finding out who they were, the Indians promised not to molest them further. A charge against Franklin, read for some Sundays past in several Dutch churches, that he had expressed publicly his enmity to the Dutch and obtained additional taxes on Dutch paper, etc. Death of William Plumstead; nature

of the disease; question of who will succeed him in the office of Probate for Wills. An advertisement, published by John Dickinson, informing the electors of this county of his determination to decline the service. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 156.

From John Balfour. 1765. September 2. Edinburgh.

Acknowledging favor of 9th ult. giving an account of Mr. Mecom's affairs; thinks that young gentleman is much to be pitied; considers that Franklin has acted generously in suffering Mr. Mecom's effects to be equally divided among his creditors. Asks him to recommend an honest attorney in New York, as one James Parker owes him a good deal of money. Mr. Robert Alexander stands as candidate for the borough of Anstrather in the place of Sir Harry Erskine. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 157.

From James Parker. 1765. September 22. Burlington.

Acknowledging favor of July 6th; will send him tables of rates of postage as soon as he can print them. Mr. Hall's accounts. Concerning the possibility of procuring that place in the custom house for his son, who has mended his ways. Saw Mr. Hughes in Philadelphia, who is poorly. Will doubtless hear from many quarters of the commotions related to the Stamp Act; thinks one-half the Americans will die rather than yield. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 158.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Series, XVI, p. 199.

From Mary Hopkinson. 1765. October 1.

Expressing her intense gratitude to Franklin after his kindness in tracing out her family; of all her husband's old friends, but one gentleman besides himself has been good enough to extend their regard to his wife and children; sends him an order on Messrs. Barclay & Sons for the expense he has been at in this affair. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 160.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1765. October 5. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of 13th July. Result of the elections; got in every man they proposed: I. Norris, J. Fox, J. Galloway, J. Richardson, R. Evans, T. Livezey, M. Hillegas and Henry Pawling; thus it has fared throughout the Province, except in Berks, where they lost their worthy friend John Ross. Arrival of the vessel with the stamped paper created much confusion and disorder; inhabitants gathered at the State House by beat of drum; their object, the destruction of J. Hughes

or the surrender of his office; it ended in his promising to resign. J. Dickinson, G. Bryan, and J. Morton now in New York in consultation with the Committees from the other Colonies relative to the Stamp Act. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 161.

From [Dr.] John Morgan. 1765. October 10. Philadelphia.

Expressing the warmest gratitude to Franklin, not only for the kindnesses he has shown to him but also to his relations and friends; thanking him for advancing the fees necessary to admit him to the fellowship of the Royal Society. His appointment as professor of medicine in the College. Announces his marriage on the 5th ult. to Miss Molly Hopkinson. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 162.

From James Parker. 1765. October 10. Woodbridge.

Difficult job he has had printing a table of rates for the post-office; has had neither time for Mr. Hall's accounts nor for Samuel Smith's History. His intention of going to New York in the Spring. Black cloud hanging over America; people are running mad and declare it is as good to die by the sword as by famine. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 163.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, p. 200.

From [Samuel Wharton]. 1765. October 13. Philadelphia.

Events in Philadelphia upon arrival of the news of the change of Ministry. Jubilant attitude of the Proprietary party and renewed attacks upon Dr. Franklin. A. L. 2 p. (Conclusion missing.)

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From John Whitehurst. 1765. October 20. Derby.

Since Mr. Ludlam's report of Mr. Harrison's time keeper has been made public has formed a plan for rendering such a machine of general use; explains the means by which he hopes to accomplish it. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 164.

From Hannah Walker. 1765. October 26. Westbury.

Confessing some offence [not mentioned] on her own and her husband's part against Franklin, and begging most humbly for forgiveness; tells a pitiful tale of hard work, ill health and poverty. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 165.

From James Parker. 1765. November 6. Burlington.

Acknowledging favor of Sept. 17th. Dreadful commotions in this country. His visit to New York postponed. Desires to know what disposition he is to make of the printing materials, when he leaves Burlington. Has gout in his right hand, so must be brief. A. L. S. 1 p.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, p. 202.

I, 166.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1765. November 7. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of 19th August. Meetings like the one relative to the Stamp Act, held in New York, may in future be of great service to America. Refers him to his letter of the 5th ult. to see the result of the elections. In the new election for the city held to determine whether J. Pemberton or G. Bryan was elected, the former was chosen by a large majority; reasons for this. An association formed and articles signed by a great number of merchants, declaring they will not import from Britain any goods or merchandise until the Stamp Act is repealed; thinks this method far more eligible than the imprudent and unwarrantable steps taken by several Colonies. Account of the populace in New York having assembled to the number of thousands, burnt the Governor's coach and obliged him to give up the Stamp papers, which they are determined to send back to London; seeing the multitude resolved, G. Gage advised the delivery; they also destroyed all the furniture belonging to Major James, who had said he would enforce obedience to the Act. Hourly expect some person to call on B. Chew; will then know what part he will act; he is considered as Probate of Wills, King's Attorney and Recorder of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p.

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From William Franklin. 1765. November 13. Burlington.

Hard pressed for time owing to a vessel's sailing early the next morning; is obliged to write to the Lords of Trade to acquaint them with the situation as regards the Stamp Act; has found it difficult to steer safely between the people in America and the Ministry in England; none of the Governors have received the least directions with regard to their conduct at this critical time. Congratulates himself that the Proprietary party published those lies against him, thereby giving him an opportunity, by a seasonable answer, to remove the prejudices of the people; stands well with them now; their resentment directed against the Speaker; gives reasons for this. At the last meeting of the Council, Mr. David Ogden moved that he (the Governor) should call the Assembly with-

out any application on the part of the members; means he took to avoid this; thinks Gov. Bernard and Gov. Colden, by unnecessary officiousness, have made matters much worse; considers any man who sets himself up as an advocate of the Stamp Act in the Colonies, is guilty of a mere piece of quixotism; discusses the feasibility of ignoring the Stamp Act. [Conclusion of the letter is missing.] A. L. 4 p. I, 168.

From Edw[ar]d Penington. 1765. November 14. Philadelphia.

Four years ago, his correspondence with Springett Penn began, concerning his affairs in America; faithfulness with which he has attended to his concerns; hears from a gentleman of undoubted credit, that the Proprietor has been treating with his nephew for the purchase of Pennsbury Manor; thinks this unfair; not only would he (Penington) lose his commission, but is sure Mr. Penn will not get the worth of his lands. Has reason to believe that Thos. Penn has prejudiced his kinsman against him; asks Franklin to rectify this. Need of surveying the land accurately before selling; mean artifices practised to cheat the elder branch of the Penn family. A. L. S. 3 p. I, 169.

From John Balfour. 1765. November 21. Edinburgh.

Concerning the debt due him and Mr. Hamilton by James Parker; would like it paid without the trouble of prosecuting; asks Franklin's good offices in this matter. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 171.

From Jos[eph] Galloway to Messrs. Jackson & Franklin, London. 1765. November 29. Philadelphia.

Transmitting a memorial from the merchants of Philadelphia to the merchants and manufacturers of Great Britain. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 172.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 302).

From Baynton, Wharton & Morgan.

1765. December 6. Philadelphia.

Concerning a tax on a cargo of rum sent by them to Quebec; if judgment is passed against their agent there, who has declined to pay it, will appeal it to the King in Council; considers the action of Mr. Murray, Governor of Quebec, in taxing spirituous liquors, a high encroachment on their rights as Englishmen. Case of Mr. Cunningham, an attorney at Quebec, who was suspended by the Governor without any stated cause; the real reason was his opposition to the Governor on this same question; asks Franklin to give him an audience on this subject, when he arrives in England. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 173.

From T. Goolding. 1765. December 7. Brewer Street [London].

Concerning some damask curtains for the Governor [Franklin] and his lady. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 174.

From Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1765. December 13. Philadelphia.

Esteem themselves very happy in having a friend like Franklin, who will represent their characters in a favorable light, to their relation, the Bishop. Franklin's advice to send Mr. Burrows a present of sturgeon or apples with their letter of thanks, came too late, the letter having gone; however, will ship them at once. Concerning Miss Sally's harpsichord whose machinery is so complex that no one could keep it in order but the man who made it; as Miss Sally plays so well, suggests the advisability of buying her a new one. Has finished the translation of the Psalms of David to the great satisfaction of the Dutch congregation at New York. A. L. S. 4 p. I, 175.

From James Parker. 1765. December 20. Burlington.

Acknowledging favor of the middle of September, with invoice of goods sent to Mr. Hughes of New York; disposition to be made of them. Has had a prolonged and severe attack of the gout; his son also has been very ill, at death's door, but is a little better; all this has delayed his accounts with Mr. Hall, also his departure for New York. B. Mecom's affairs. A. L. S. 2 p. I, 176.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1765. December 30. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of Sept. 26. Overjoyed that the Petitions are presented and that there is a good chance of their success, notwithstanding the contradictory assertions of the Proprietary party. Stamped paper not allowed to land, some of it sent on board Captain Hawker. No business done in the courts, nor is the Port of New York opened. A. L. S. 1 p. I, 177.

From Peter Franklin. [1765?]

Request to send money by the first opportunity and to ask for a letter for him at the post office. A. L. 1 p. (Incomplete.) LVIII, 81.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. [1765.]

Democratic notions in America may lead to the independence of the Colonies from England. Distress on account of the Stamp Act. An address of the merchants of Pennsylvania to the merchants of London. Proceedings of the Stamp Act Congress. A. L. S. 4 p. (First part missing.) LVIII, 36, a, b.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. [1765.]

Success of the Royal party against the Protestors in the autumn election. Resignation of Mr. [John] Hughes as stamp distributor. Stagnation of business on account of the Stamp Act. A. L. S. 2 p. (First part missing.)

LVIII, 36, c.

From [Richard] Jackson. [1765?]

Opinion as to the power of Parliament over the Colonies. 3 p.

LVI(i), 5.

From Sam[ue]l Salt. [1765.]

The death of his wife, Dr. Franklin's relation. Shall be proud to see him at Bermingham. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLII, 39.

From Hum[phrey] Senhouse. 1765. January 25. Carlisle.

Afflicted with a gradually increasing deafness; desires Franklin's opinion as to the possible benefit to be derived from electricity. A. L. S. 2 p. (Mutilated.)

LVIII, 51.

From [Thomas] Whately. [1765.] Parliament St. [London.]

Asking Franklin to call upon him at the Treasury the following morning. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

XL, 81.

From ————. [Circa 1765?]

A few hints relative to a general theory or natural history of the earth, principally calculated to prove that fossil shells were originally the offspring of the sea. L. (Incomplete.) 4 p.

XLIX, 48.

From ————. [Circa 1765.]

Wretched condition of affairs in America; debts and heavy taxes; trouble with the Indians; heavy duties on all goods, especially wines; proofs of their being no longer freeman. L. 2 p. (Fragment.)

LVIII, 118.

From James Parker. 1766. January 4 and 11. Burlington.

Accounts connected with the post-office. Concerning the disposal of the goods sent by Franklin to J. Hughes; that gentleman unable to take them; has not surrendered his estate, but keeps a school and avoids the sheriff; he has offered to give up everything, but his creditors wish him sent to jail. B. Mecom's accounts and debts. Detailed reasons for thinking £150 of the money Mr. Holt is sued for in New Haven belongs to him. A. L. S. 6 p.

II, 1.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 202.

From Ben[jamin] Kent. 1766. January 19. Boston.

Still challenges the honor of being Franklin's friend. Describes the late discovery by an Indian of a small wilderness root, which, taken steeped in Madeira, has not failed to carry off any fit of the gout in a few hours' time. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 2.

From Jno. Beveridge. 1766. January 20. Philadelphia.

Sends three copies of 'Familiar Epistles,'¹ which he has printed, two for Dr. Pringle and one for Franklin; asks his good offices in procuring orders from his friends or the book sellers. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 3.

¹ See Hildeburn's Issues of the Penn. Press, No. 2107.

From Jos[eph] Chew. 1766. January 24. New London.

Increased confusion of the times; Mr. Ingersoll so far intimidated as to give up his letters public and private. Although he [Mr. Chew] "disapproved in the most modest manner of the Stamp Act," is looked upon with disfavor by the advocates of extreme methods. In New York the stamp papers were burned. Read a letter from Mr. Conway, Secretary of State to the Governor of Rhode Island, couched in the strongest terms, demanding the people's submission to all acts of the English Legislature and calling upon Gen. Gage and Lord Colville, in case force is needed, to maintain order and good government; trembles for the consequences. Finds himself in hard straits for money; would be much indebted to Franklin if he could procure him a place in any department in a Colony north of Carolina. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 4.

From W[illiam] Dunlap. 1766. February 1. Falmouth.

An account of his affairs in Barbadoes; desires to live there but has not sufficient income; heard of a vacancy there for the office of Searcher of His Majesty's Customs for the port of Bridgetown; begs Franklin's interest on his behalf in this important matter; encloses an application to the Secretary of the Treasury on the same subject. Has a very advantageous offer for the disposition of his interest in Philadelphia, which, if closed with, would enable him in time to pay off his debts. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 5.

From Geo[rge] Read. 1766. February 7.

Advising the sale of a piece of land, belonging to Mrs. Franklin, lying about 20 miles from him; reasons against renting it. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 6.

From Tho[mas] Crowley. 1766. February 8. London.

Denying the authorship of a paragraph in the *Gazetteer* of Feb. 1st, that the taxes in America do not amount to more than eight pence per head, whereas in England, to pay the interest only of money spent in Great Britain to defend America, they amount to twelve shillings. Strongly advocates conciliatory measures. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 7.

From Springett Penn. 1766. February 12. Dublin.

A long time ago desired him to ask Mr. Life for enough of his mother's money to purchase a lottery ticket. Mr. Jackson gives him no hopes of succeeding in his claim to the Government. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 8.

From Amelia Evans. [1766. February] ?

Is about to sail for America. Asks for a loan of money. A. L. S. 3 p. XLII, 22.

From Phil[ip] Syng. 1766. March 1. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging the present of Dr. Lewis's new work, wherein the management of gold and silver is so well treated. The Junto fainted in the heat of the preceding summer and has not yet revived; Franklin's presence needed to reanimate it. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 9.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1766. March 2. Philadelphia.

Proprietary party say openly that there will be no change of Government; all he and his friends can urge are Franklin's integrity, capacity, and his assurance that the petitions are not rejected. Certain men on the Court side only lie in wait to augment the least omission on Franklin's part; the December packet having brought two letters from Franklin to Joseph Galloway and none to the Committee of Correspondence, they declare it contrary to his instructions and are endeavoring to prejudice members of the Assembly against him. Parson Millenburg denies that the letter mentioned before was read in the Dutch church. James Tilghman's appointment to the land office in place of William Peters, gives general satisfaction. Informed that the Courts are to be opened that week. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 10.

From Amelia Evans. 1766. March 6. Portsmouth.

Apologizing for not waiting on him before she left town; expects to sail on the *Aeolus*; Sir William Erskine among the passengers, who is

"going to visit the remains of ancient magnificence in the African World." Telling him where to send for a copper plate of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc., belonging to her father; thinks he might find it of use some day. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 11.

From Joseph Priestley. 1766. March 25. Warrington.

Describing certain experiments in electricity; progress he is making in his treatise on electricity; wishes Franklin would procure for him the *Histoire d'Electricité* he mentions, and certain other books; has decided to relate Mr. Wilson's experiments just as he published them with very few remarks. (Lower part of sheet missing.) A. L. 3 p. II, 12.

From Tho[mas] Hutchinson. 1766. March 26. Boston.

His son bound for London; expected to have gone himself, but his friends dissuaded him; hopes his son will obtain for him some relief under his great sufferings; asks Franklin to caution the young man against the snares and temptations of London. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 13.

From James Parker. 1766. March 27. Woodbridge.

His son convalescent; is preparing for New York with all possible expedition. Can get no settlement nor any money from Holt. Disposition made of Franklin's box of books. Has not received a penny from Benny Mecom nor any reply to his letters. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 14.

Printed in *Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc.*, 2d Ser., XVI, 207.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1766. April 13. Warrington.

Acknowledging favor of 10th inst., also the parcels of books, from the perusal of which he expects to make valuable additions to his *History*; this work will come into Franklin's hands in an imperfect condition; hopes he will correct any errors in the French words, etc. Would be glad of Franklin's opinion on his experiments with vanes; has been wholly employed lately constructing an electrical machine upon a new and improved plan. Mr. Boulanger's remarks on experiments with condensed air. Sends various messages to Mr. Canton. Hopes he can procure him Beccaria's work; sorry that Wilkes' piece is not complete. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 15.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1766. April 26. Philadelphia.

Many contradictory reports circulated until the true account arrived of the Stamp Act being repealed; hopes peace will be restored. Compares number of Presbyterian meeting-houses in America with number of churches belonging to the Church of England; ten times as many of the former; disapproves of this. All trade at a standstill; neither can they pay their debts unless Great Britain allows general free trade. In order to relieve their distress, nearly two hundred poor women employed in spinning flax in the factory. Announces the birth of a son, whom they have taken the liberty to name Franklin Wharton; hopes this proof of their regard will not be disagreeable to him. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 16.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1766. April 30. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of Feb. 25th; fears his letter of the 16th was lost at sea; begs for a copy, if he has it. Keen satisfaction afforded Franklin's friends by the accounts of his examination at the bar of the House of Commons; prominent part played by him in the repeal of the Stamp Act; every merchant writes home as if he alone had accomplished the affair. Sensible letter from the Committee of Merchants in London, but all such advice is frustrated by the people's indiscretion. Is not surprised at Franklin's disapproval of his speech against the Proprietary officers, in answer to the Lodge paper; at such a distance, does not think a right judgment can be formed; all his friends think he acted rightly; Gov. Hutchinson thought the attacks on him *beneath notice*; the consequence was his house and effects were destroyed and his life endangered. Encloses two applications for favors from the Ministry: one from Col. Croghan, the other from Mr. Geo. Reed. Account of a company formed by himself and others to purchase from the French certain lands at the Illinois. Does not want the Chronicle stopped. Betsy sends a cordial thanks for the notice taken of her nephew. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 17.

From James Parker. 1766. May 6. New York.

Has arrived in New York and accepted the place of Land Waiter; his state of health improved but precarious. Reasons against printing a newspaper himself; his rival in the business would be Mr. Holt who owes him a great sum of money and will probably pay it in time if not interfered with; Holt is aided and abetted by the Sons of Liberty, who carry all before them; everyone afraid to speak against them. Must take the box of goods himself, and will allow Franklin interest from the

present day. Benny Mecom promises everything but does not pay a farthing. Acknowledging his favor of Feb. 26, just received. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 18.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 209.

By The Assembly of Pennsylvania. 1766. May 7.

That the Agents of the Province be directed to address their business letter to the Committee of Correspondence. D. attested by Cha[rle]s Moore, Clerk. 1 p. LII, 56.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1766. May 9. Philadelphia.

Receipt of the news of the repeal of the Stamp Act. Eminent services of Dr. Franklin acknowledged. Pennsylvania Hospital. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 20.

Printed, with the exception of two unimportant paragraphs, in Works (Sparks, VII, 313).

From Isaac Hunt. 1766. May 21. Philadelphia.

Concerning a contest for the best essay, written on "The reciprocal advantages of a perpetual union between Great Britain and her Colonies"; the reward, a medal, was won by Dr. Morgan; the writer was a contestant and considers himself unfairly used by the Trustees of the College; sends both papers to Franklin for judgment; by advice of his friends will publish his essay with a dedication to Franklin, whom he trusts will forgive so great a freedom. On applying for his Master's Degree, an honor he was entitled to, his printer, a poor ignorant man, was summoned and examined as to political pamphlets he (Hunt) had written; later his application was refused, without hearing what he had to say; his ambition greatly checked by this cruel behavior. Praises Franklin's great work in connection with the repeal of the Stamp Act. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 21.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1766. May 22. Philadelphia.

Joyous and satisfactory news of the repeal of the Stamp Act; universal pleasure it diffused. Illumination took place on the evening of the 20th; on the 21st a handsome dinner was provided at the Stadt House and concluded with much decency. There it was agreed that all who (from a patriotic spirit) had procured suits of home-made cloth should give them to the poor, and on the King's birth day appear in new

suits of broadcloth made in England. The intention on the part of a few to introduce in the Address to the King, Lords and Commons some remarks against the Proprietary Government. A plan conceived by himself and four others to purchase a chain of lots belonging to Springett Penn, which lie between 2d Street and the river Schuylkill; asks Franklin to find out Mr. Penn's price for these and also for Pennsborough Manor. Mentions names of those elected as managers for the work house, which is to be erected. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 19.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1766. May 23. Philadelphia.

Proceedings in Philadelphia on the repeal of the Stamp Act. The part acted by Franklin in procuring the repeal highly commended. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 22.

Printed, with the exception of the concluding six lines, in *Works* (Sparks, VII, 317).

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1766. June 7. Philadelphia.

Transmitting a letter from the Committee of Correspondence, enclosing an Address from the Assembly to His Majesty; their objections to the Proprietaries not due to personal resentment, but to the unhappiness and injury their government has caused. Great opposition shown to a resolve giving His Majesty assurances of granting aids for the defence of the colonies; reasons for and against; finally passed. Describes the Governor's conduct during the late trouble; evident from Secretary Conway's letter to the Governor, approving of his conduct, "that his honor deceived Mr. Conway by a eulogium on himself which he did not deserve." Malevolence of the Chief Justice against Franklin, as shown by his public accusation in the House that Franklin was the greatest enemy to the repeal of the Stamp Act. Assembly's grateful sense of the firmness and integrity with which Franklin has served his country. Various considerations which point to the policy and wisdom of changing the Government from Proprietary to Royal. The Assembly, not suspecting that the petitions are rejected and being in debt, are anxious to push them to a conclusion. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 23.

From James Parker. 1766. June 11. New York.

Acknowledging favor of Apr. 6. Unjust treatment he has suffered at Mr. Holt's hands; recounts in detail every transaction he has had with Mr. Holt since their first meeting, at present it stands thus:

if Holt will settle his debt to him within three months, well and good; if not, he will arrest him and start to print a rival newspaper. Complaints of the amount he earns as Land-Waiter, of the misfortunes he has had to struggle against, of Mr. Colden, his assistants in the post-office, and of many other things. Bulk of people still dispute authority from home; notwithstanding the late Act of Parliament directing every Captain of a vessel to carry all letters to the post-office, the moment a ship comes in, the letters are seized by force and carried to the coffee-house where they are cried out and delivered. A. L. S. 8 p. II, 24.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, p. 212.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1766. June 12. Philadelphia.

Sentiments of Dr. Franklin's friends in Pennsylvania respecting his manner of executing his agency in England. Great honor due Dr. Fothergill for his piece written on the Stamp Act. A. L. S. 1 p.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 318).

II, 25.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1766. June 16. Philadelphia.

Fine qualities of those worthy men now at the head of public affairs. Great relief caused by Franklin's letter to the Committee of Correspondence, announcing that the petitions will be proceeded on. Infamous and groundless charge preferred against Franklin by the Chief Justice. Regulations in American commerce. Currency. Proprietors determined to give their friends twelve months' notice before surrendering the government. A. L. S. 3 p.

II, 26.

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 321).

From John Read. 1766. June 17. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a copy of a letter to reinstate him in the King's service; chance of his being appointed Commissary of the Southwest or Pennsylvania district. Mr. Allen's assertion in the House that Franklin was the great cause of bringing on the Stamp Act. Dr. Smith's remarks relative to an American Bishopric resented by the Presbyterian clergy. A. L. S. 1 p.

II, 27.

From G[eorge] Wythe. 1766. June 23. [Virginia.]

Begging Franklin to recommend his promotion in the House of Burgesses; promises to be an exception to a quotation from Tacitus regarding ingratitude. (Partially mutilated.) A. L. S. 1 p. II, 28.

From Hannah Walker. 1766. June 28. Westbury.

Thanking him for his goodness in freeing her letters; wishes them sent to Boston. Her son happily situated with a good master and a good trade; excellent accounts of him. [Note from Thos. Walker on back of MSS. to the same effect.] A. L. S. 2 p. II, 29.

From James Parker. 1766. July 1. New York.

The Assembly of New Jersey broken up; Gov. Franklin and Miss Sally at Newark. Commotion excited by the Stamp Act not yet subsided. Complains of a complication of sickness, infirmities and wrongs; no money from B. Mecom; no business in his shop; expense of living in New York; inadequate pay he receives as Land-Waiter. Reasons for business being so excessively dull throughout the colonies. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 30.

From Sarah Broughton. 1766. July 1. Philadelphia.

Concerning a feather bed which she sold to Mrs. Franklin, and which that lady refused to pay for; appeals to Franklin for justice. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 31.

From W[illiam] F[ranklin]. 1766. July 10.

Indian murders. Resolutions of Parliament relative to commerce. Assembly troubles in Virginia and Massachusetts. His victory over the New Jersey Assembly. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 2.

From James Parker. 1766. July 15. New York.

Acknowledging favor of May 9th; delays printing a newspaper in hopes of getting a settlement with Holt. Reasons for the dull and gloomy outlook in New York, and the high prices for everything. Mr. Hall's accounts. Electrical machine not yet delivered. Goes over again all his crosses and hardships; would be glad of a better allowance in the post-office. His types all worn out; asks Franklin to aid him in getting some new ones. Thinks Mr. Colden rather too much of a gentleman for the due execution of the post-office duties. His son stronger. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 32.

From James Balfour. 1766. Aug. 1. Virginia, Little England.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to him while in London; embraces every opportunity to set forth publicly Franklin's eminent services to America; his great qualities certain to confound his enemies. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 33.

From E[phraim] Brown. 1766. August 25. Philadelphia.

Having previously announced the death of Franklin's worthy brother [Peter], must now inform him of the death of his widow; nothing to hinder him now from embracing Franklin's generous offer to put him into a printing office in London. Is going to resign the post-office to Mr. Thos. Foxcroft; intends working with Mr. Hall until he hears from Franklin. Mrs. Franklin having left no will, her promise to leave him the little she possessed is of no value. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 34.

From James Parker. 1766. August 27. New York.

His son's sickness and his own ill health. Holt's promise to pay him on the first of next month not to be depended on. Every farthing of his allowance goes in the necessities of life; wishes his salary as Comptroller could be made more nearly adequate to his services. Very little stationery sold in his shop; too much competition. Benny Mecom generous in promises but never in payments. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 35.

From Sam[uel] Wharton. 1766. August 30. Philadelphia.

Introducing Dr. Jonathan Potts, son of Franklin's friend, John Potts, Esq., who goes to Europe to continue his studies in medicine. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 36.

From Anth[ony] Tissington. 1766. August 30. Alfreton.

Trusts Franklin's German town was pleasing to himself and useful to Sir J. Pringle. Account of his wife's recent illness. Hopes he has received his paper on Mineral Customs. Desires a visit from Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 37.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. [1766. August. Philadelphia.]

Introducing Jonathan Potts. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 5.

From W[illia]m Sturgeon. 1766. September 1. Philadelphia.

His health so poor that he has been obliged to retire into the country. The mission of Burlington being left vacant by the death of Mr. Campbell, asks Franklin to intercede with the Society on his behalf. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 38.

From James Parker. 1766. September 11. New York.

Thinks Holt a villain; is now applying to a lawyer to sue him. Both his boys sick. Times unfavorable for printing a newspaper. Hot summer; sickness prevalent. Engaged in printing an almanac. Complains of his salary as Land-Waiter; no chance of promotion. Expense of living in New York; doctor's bills, etc. Temper of Benny Mecom and Mr. Holt as compared with his own. Reported death of his nephew at Cape Fear. Inconsistency in being afflicted with gout and poverty. Troubles of his friend, Hughes. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 39.

From A[nn] Penn. 1766. September 16. Dublin.

Writes instead of her son, Springett, who has been very ill, but is now recuperating in the country. Hopes Franklin has recovered from his late fatigue and indisposition. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 41.

From Hannah Walker. 1766. September 17. Westbury.

Acknowledging favor of 13th [name of month torn out]. Sorry to hear of his loss; promises to be frugal and industrious. Intense gratitude for past and present favors. Begging his acceptance of some small offerings for himself and Mrs. Stevenson. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 40.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1766. September 21. Warrington.

Relating to a History of Electricity, which he is writing. Curious experiments with an electrified chain. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 42.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 273).

From Benj[ami]n Kent. [1766. Circa September. Boston.]

A new cure for the gout. Would like to see Dr. Franklin commissioned as Governor of Massachusetts Bay. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 13.

From Tho[mas] Franklin. 1766. October 11. Lutterworth.

Expressing deep appreciation of Franklin's kindness to himself and daughter; overjoyed to hear of the latter's convalescence; thanks Mrs. Stevenson for her extraordinary goodness to her. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 43.

From James Parker. 1766. October 11. New York.

No settlement with Holt. Obstacles in the way of publishing a newspaper. Had the wettest summer ever remembered; universal sickness and distress, especially in his own family; his expenses more than his income. Asks once more if his allowance in the post-office cannot be enlarged a little. "A little more struggling through life will probably carry him out of it." A. L. S. 4 p. II, 44.

From Jonathan Potts. 1766. October 22. Liverpool.

Letters Franklin will receive introducing the writer and his friend, Mr. Benjamin Rush; requesting him to write to any gentlemen in Edinburgh in their favor. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 45.

From Tho[mas] Ronayne. 1766. October 22. Cork [Ireland].

Acknowledging favor of April 20th, with his book on Whirlwinds, Waterspouts, etc. Describes various electrical experiments. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 46.

From Benjamin Rush. 1766. October 22. Liverpool.

Has procured some letters of introduction from Franklin's friends in Pennsylvania, whose import, he hopes, will gain Franklin's favor for him; begs him to write to such of his friends in Edinburgh on behalf of his friend Mr. Potts and himself as will be most useful to them in the prosecution of their studies. Franklin's merit and learning held by him in high esteem. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 47.

From James Parker. 1766. October 25. New York.

No prospect of bringing Holt to a settlement; has therefore started a newspaper; small number of subscribers. Continual sickness and distress in his family. Expense of living. Question of having his salary increased. His accounts with Holt and B. Mecom. Electrical machine in his store-house; Mr. Hughes will not take it until he can pay for it. Lewis Jones has left his service to become a flogger and drummer in the army. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 48.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1766. October 28. Philadelphia.

News of a change of Ministry received with real concern; fears that it will prevent a change of Government; asks Franklin's opinion. Chief Justice declared publicly in the House that Secretary Conway had rebuked Franklin when he applied for a hearing on the petitions, and assured him that they were laid aside by His Majesty never to be resumed; does not believe this but would like the power to deny it. Uneasy about their poor friend H., who, owing to his having written many indiscreet things, is much disliked by both parties; wishes means could be found to raise him above the malice of his unrelenting enemies. The last election a complete victory; new mode of electing approved by both parties; prevents perjury and fraud. Joseph Wharton sends kindly remembrances. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 49.

From [Sir] Alexander Dick. 1766. October 28. Prestonfield.

Acknowledging his favor of 11th inst. Expressing gratitude on behalf of his friend Mr. Swinton for Franklin's great kindness to him. Lord Kames's admiration for Franklin; great accession to his estate by the death of Lady Kames. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 50.

From F. W. de Monchy. 1766. November 4. Rotterdam.

Acknowledging his favor of the 23d ult. Questions concerning a fire-engine. Compliments to Sir John Pringle. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 51.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1766. November 11. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging his favor of the 13th Sept. Will give him particular pleasure to receive the "Police of Amsterdam"; orderly government of that city. Good results expected from the erection of the work-house. Glad of Franklin's approval of the Illinois scheme. Will receive from Galloway the Resolves of the Assembly and their instructions relative to the change of Government. Informed that Sir William Johnson has had a treaty with Pontiac and a great number of southern Indians at Oswego, and has settled matters to their satisfaction. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 52.

From James Parker. 1766. November 11. New York.

Acknowledging favor of Sept. 1st. Nothing has prospered with him. Continual sickness in his family. No news of his son since he went to sea in a small schooner ten weeks earlier bound for North Carolina. Poor success he has met with in printing his almanac and his newspaper. Lewis Jones has repented and returned to him. H. Hughes is a Son of Liberty and is greatly displeased with his brother and Franklin, whom he will believe favors the Stamp Act. Holt grown popular by his appearance against the Act. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 53.

From W[illia]m Franklin. [1766?] November 13.

The office of agent for the province of New Jersey. Appointment of Mr. Wilmot under a misapprehension; his intended removal. Goddard's printing business in Philadelphia in opposition to Hall. Hall unfriendly to Franklin. Goddard to publish a newspaper. Has rented Franklin's press and the Market street house to him. 4 p. XLII, 3.

From Benj[ami]n Gale. 1766. November 15. Killingworth.

Describes the case of a patient of his, who is a sufferer from dropsy; saw in a magazine an account of the effects of the meadow saffron by Dr. [Wm.] Stark; would like Franklin to ask Dr. Pringle's opinion of this drug, and if it has been successfully tried, to send him a sufficient quantity. Begs Franklin to correct a misstatement concerning his experiments in inoculation, made by Dr. Huxham in the Gentlemen's Magazine for August. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 54.

From James Parker. 1766. November 15. New York.

Enclosing two or three of his newspapers; small number of subscribers. Heard from his son, whom he had given up for lost; was detained by violent gales. Sickness in his family still continues. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 55.

From T[homas] Pownall. 1766. November 20. Westrop.

Scarcely forgiven by Lady Fawkener for not bringing him down to this place. Has promised her that he will come at Christmas. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 83.

From Jonathan Potts. 1766. December 10. Edinburgh.

Fears that he did not receive a former application for letters to friends of his in Edinburgh in favor of Mr. Benjamin Rush and himself; since their arrival, finding that such letters would be of infinite service, he takes the liberty to repeat the request. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 56.

From Rich[ar]d Price. 1766. December 15. Newington Green.

Received the enclosed letter from Dr. Priestley concerning a list of books on electricity, which he is in a hurry for. Regrets not meeting Franklin at St. Paul's Coffee-house. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 57.

From James Parker. 1766. December 15. New York.

Thanking Franklin for the extra allowance of £20 per annum. Continues to print a newspaper without the least appearance of success; compares his failures with Holt's successes; has had a warrant out for his arrest for three months but he keeps close and cannot be taken; Mecom's and Holt's debts to him. His son returned, having spent all his money, and in debt for his passage home. His type all worn out; asks Franklin for new ones. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 58.

From John Tunnicliff.

1766. December 21. Langley Lodge, near Derby.

Describing the kind of plantation he would like; if Franklin knows of such a one in Pennsylvania or New Jersey would be glad to hear of it. Begging his acceptance of a woodcock and a partridge. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 59.

From James Parker. 1766. December 22. New York.

Acknowledging favor of October 11th. Thinks Col. Hunter ought to see that justice is done in his affair with Mr. Holt. Objects to Franklin's remark that his "voluminous complaints hurt" him; never had that intention; accustomed long since to poverty and distress. Will not avail himself of Franklin's kind permission to let him leave New York; thinks it his duty to continue printing his newspaper. His gratitude to Franklin. His increasing years and failing strength. Repeats contents of preceding letter, II, 58. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 60.

From The Committee of American Merchants.

[1766?] Monday 29. [London.]

Requesting Franklin to attend their meeting at Kings Arms, Cornhill. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLIII, 159.

From The Associates of Dr. Bray. 1766.

Notice of meeting. Printed N. 1 p. LXVIII, 17.

From Jno. Canton. [Circa 1766.]

Desiring to know whether Franklin, in writing to Dr. Priestley, mentioned a book which he desires for Mr. Cavendish. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XL, 215.

From [John] Huske. [1766?]

Thinks the use of the account of the exports and imports may be of greatest service to the northern colonies. The members for Scotland who are directors of the Bank, India and Hudson's Bay Companies, and the Irish and West Indian members may be convinced that if they do not assist in extinguishing the flames in their neighbor's house, their own may be next to burn. L. 1 p. XLIV, 110.

From [John] Huske. [1766?]

In reference to statistics of imports from the West Indies to the ports of Great Britain and their application in favor of the northern colonies. A. L. S. 3 p. XLIV, 278.

From [John] H[uske. 1766?] Tuesday evening.

Begs him to omit the postscript to the papers he has previously sent him, should he care to bring them before the public eye, as the mention would do great injury to private property. A. L. S. 1 p. XLIV, 90.

From [Thomas] Osborne. [Circa 1766.]

Relative to a request to be made to Dr. [John] Fothergill. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. XLII, 14.

From Sir John Pringle. [Circa 1766?]

Introducing Dr. [Wm.] Stark who has made some curious experiments on living on bread and water, and wants to make a pair of scales for weighing himself in the prosecution of these experiments. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. LXVIII, 72a.

*From Miss Rich, Joseph Sherwood, W. Small, [William] Strahan, Dr. [Peter] Templeman and [Samuel] Wharton.
1766-1767.*

Requests for engagements, letters of introduction, advice, etc. LXVIII, 73-79.

From The Royal Society. 1766-1768.

Notices of meetings of the Council. N. S. 1 p. LXVIII, 3-11.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1767. January 4. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of Nov. 8th. Plentifully bespattered by the malice of their enemies; the effect of this abuse to raise them in the estimation of many people. If anything of importance should arise in the present sitting of Assembly will communicate it. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 61.

From F. W. de Monchy. 1767. January 9. Rotterdam.

Concerning the making of an ice boat for Franklin; its cost. Comparative cost of coal consumed per day by the fire engines in New York. Begs him while in London to speak to Mr. Benjamin Martin about two microscopes which he paid him for but never received. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 62.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1767. January 14. Philadelphia.

Hopes within the coming year to congratulate him on a change in Government from Proprietary to Royal. Assembly now sitting; petitions from the whole province praying that an act may pass to oblige the judges of the Supreme Court to ride the circuit and not force the country to attend in Philadelphia. Acknowledging favor of Nov. 8th. Safe arrival of George Croghan from the Illinois; has settled everything with the Indians to his entire satisfaction; Baynton, Wharton and Morgan will have a profitable trade there this winter. Actions of the Assembly of Maryland. (Lower third of sheet lost.) A. L. S. 3 p.
II, 63.

From James Parker. 1767. January 16. New York.

Has received no word from Franklin by the packet; sorry he is so displeasing to him. Asks him to thank the gentleman to whom he owes his place in the Custom-House. Thinks of having his son come and work with him. Begs for stationery and two fonts of new letter. A. L. S. 1 p.
II, 64.

From Anth[ony] Tissington. 1767. January 20. Alfreton.

Snow has rendered roads impassible. Hopes to pay Franklin a visit in a few days. Death of Mr. Gell, their attorney. A. L. S. 1 p.
II, 65.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1767. February 7. Philadelphia.

Hourly expecting the December packet with news relative to the affairs of the Province. Court party's expressions concerning a change of Government. The sober and religious inhabitants of the city have requested the House to offer to the Governor a bill for the putting a stop to the exhibition of plays in the Province; thinks the Governor will be puzzled how to act, as he constantly attends the plays and has had the players to dine or sup with him. Various acts passed by the Assembly; the Act for obliging the judges to ride the circuits. Failure of W[illiam] A[llen] to give the usual trouble to the House. Committee formed to consider the means of paying off the public debt. William Goddard's paper established; has 700 subscribers; sends him two numbers. A. L. S. 2 p.
II, 66.

From James Parker. 1767. February 13.

Office of Hartford rider revived. Landing of vessel from Holland with no news of Miller's arrival. Other ships sailing to and from London. A. L. S. 1 p.
II, 67.

From James Parker. 1767. February 23. New York.

Concerning the kind of type he needs. His dunning of B. Mecom has occasioned that gentleman's resignation from the post-office. His newspaper progresses slowly. Has a slight attack of gout. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 68.

From Thomas Pownall. 1767. March 4.

Asks for information as to Mr. Dimsdale, who died in Pennsylvania in 1764 or 1765. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. LXIX, 84.

From R—— A——. 1767. March 8. London.

Sends a locked portfolio containing his papers; shall send for them again betwixt 12 and 1 in order to convey them to one other friend who keeps himself disengaged through the day in order to give them serious perusal. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 86.

From T. M. Luther. 1767. March 15. Frankfort.

Acknowledging favor of September 9th, 1766, as well as various purchases he made for him; thanking him for his trouble. Begs to know date of Franklin's departure for America; puts in his hands certain affairs of his there. Sends his compliments to Mr. John Pringle.

March 16th.—Asking Franklin to procure him a microscope; describes the kind he wants; refers him to Messrs. Jas. Des Cotes and Co. for whatever sum he expends. His services always at Franklin's disposal. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) II, 70.

From Tho[ma]s Franklin. 1767. March 16. Lutterworth.

Begs his acceptance of ten pounds of butter, two chickens and a sago cheese. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 69.

From Pomeroy and Hodgkin. 1767. March 18. London.

Enclose two sermons of the Reverend Mr. [Samuel] Cooper's, from Nicholas Boylston, to be forwarded to Glasgow in order to get the degree of doctor of divinity for him. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 80.

From H[enry] Potts.

1767. April 2. General Post-Office. [London.]

Sends Franklin's commission, signed by his Majesty's Postmaster General. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 81.

From Edw[ar]d Penington. 1767. April 5. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of December 13 enclosing a copy of Springett Penn's will. Has received the power of attorney to sell the lands, for which he thanks Franklin. Encloses letter to Ann Penn, whose estate he will endeavor to dispose of on the best terms. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 71.

From James Parker. 1767. April 5. New York.

Acknowledging favor of Jan. 10. Has appointed Mr. Luke Babcock in place of B. Mecom in the post-office. Desires some English papers. Has had a writ out for Holt above six months, with no result. Cannot trust his son alone in Woodbridge; expects him in New York in May. Concerning a request from Mr. Foxcroft to send Franklin a bill for £300. Wisdom of keeping certain unpaid letters separate in the post-office accounts. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 72.

From David Barclay & Sons. 1767. April 21. London.

Relative to a letter from Charles Read and an affair with M. Morgan. L. in 3d P. 1 p. LXIX, 47.

From James Parker. 1767. April 29. New York.

Enclosing the first of a bill for £300 he got from Mr. Colden. The affair with Holt; he still escapes arrest; is evidently waiting for his [Parker's] death to trump up what account he pleases. Bemoans his son's folly; has no hopes that he will ever see his erroneous ways. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 73.

From James Parker. 1767. May 2. New York.

Enclosing the second bill for £300. Concerning the best means of getting his pay for his year's work in the Custom-House. Thinks Holt a downright villain; the accounts he exhibited to the auditors at New Haven a proof of this. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 74.

From The Duke of Marlborough, et al., Stewards.

1767. May 5 and 7.

Choir tickets. Printed card. 1 p.

LXVIII, 23-24.

From Mr. Millar. [1767?] May 11.

Sends packet to Joseph Galloway and hopes to meet Mr. Hume and Dr. Franklin at Mr. Strahan's this day. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

LXIX, 77.

LETTERS TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

From W[illiam] Shippen, Jr.

1767. May 14 and November 15. Philadelphia.

Relative to two children joined firmly together at the breast-bone. Sends a wax model and an account of the dissection for the Royal Society. A. L. S. 3 and 2 p. **LXIX, 87, 88.**

From James Parker. 1767. May 15.

Bond for £160 10s. to Benjamin Franklin. Partial receipts by Deborah Franklin. D. S. 2 p. **LXVI, 12.**

From F. W. de Monchy. 1767. May 15. Rotterdam.

Thanking him for the accurate information concerning the fire-engine and also for the microscope. Sends two drawings of an ice-boat; would have finished his part of the work sooner had he not been prevented by the death of his mother. A. L. S. 2 p. **II, 75.**

From Rich[ar]d Price. 1767. May 15.

Inviting Franklin to dine with him at St. Paul's Coffee-house in company with several gentlemen. A. L. S. 1 p. **II, 75½.**

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1767. May 16. Burlington.

Asking Franklin's advice and influence in the case of one Mr. Francis, who is deeply involved in the failure of Mr. Hagen, and who embarks the following day for London. A. L. S. 2 p. **II, 76.**

From Anth[ony] Tissington. 1767. May 17. Alfreton.

Desires to hear of Franklin's health, his movements and his time of stay in England. Enclosing copies of two estimates of fire-engines as erected in Derbyshire. Looks forward to pursuing his favorite studies in peace and quiet, after their mineral liberties are preserved in entirety, A. L. S. 1 p. **II, 77.**

From James Parker. 1767. May 23. New York.

Acknowledging favor of Feb. 28 and one per packet of March. Enclosing the first of a bill of £200 got of Mr. Hubbart. Repeats several items mentioned in letter II, 74. Holt still at liberty; hopes nothing from him. His own strength failing him. A. L. S. 2 p. **II, 78.**

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1767. May 26. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a bill of exchange for £250 sterling, in part payment of his two years' salary, amounting on the whole to £1000; will remit the residue by the first opportunity. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.)
II, 79 and 80.

From F[rancis] Hopkinson. 1767. May 31. Hartlebury Castle.

Describing his pleasant stay at Hartlebury Castle, as well as his movements after he left London. Looking forward to embarking for 'dear Philadelphia' the latter end of July. Compliments to Franklin, Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 81.

From Messrs. James Des Cotes & Co. 1767. June 2.

Requesting to know the sum of Mr. Luther's indebtedness to Franklin, also how long he proposes to stay in London, and whether he has procured the spy-glass for Mr. Luther. A. L. 1 p. II, 82.

From James Parker. 1767. June 12. New York.

Introducing to Franklin, the bearer, Dr. Nicholas Falck, an inhabitant of New York, who has made some remarkable discoveries in mathematics and other sciences. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 83.

From James Parker. 1767. June 13. New York.

Concerning the books that Franklin sent over; never received as much money for them as he has paid out; Holt responsible for the profits from those sold, but declines to come to an account; 'books an excessive dull article in trade.' A. L. S. 1 p. II, 84.

From James Parker. 1767. June 13. New York.

Mr. Foxcroft back from Virginia. Business in books and stationery dull; mentions various firms who are doing almost nothing. Complains of not hearing from Franklin and of not receiving any newspapers. B. Mecom still at New Haven, but can get nothing from him. His own health excellent. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 85.

From James Payne. 1767. June 25. Brackley.

Concerning the purchase of a house at Wappenham by Mrs. Stevenson; desires her instructions in the matter. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 86.

From James Parker. 1767. August 8. New York.

Mr. Chew's claim against Franklin for a rider he hired to Hartford in 1755 and 1756. Illness of his son. A letter from London to him got lost through "the vile practice of calling off letters at the coffee-house." A. L. S. 2 p. II, 87.

From W[illiam] F[ranklin]. 1767. August 22. Burlington.

Interested in perusing the few pages he received of Franklin's journal; promises to keep it an inviolable secret; Mr. G.'s¹ opinion that if the people did but know one half of Franklin's work in their behalf, they would go near to deify him. Question of paper currency; doubtful whether they will get permission to make any this year. Inadequate salaries of officers; from all his fees of office, has never made more than £300 per annum. Discusses the advisability of making the Governors independent of the Assemblies. Approves of the Governor's right to grant Crown lands with advice of Council, but deprecates sharing that power with the Assemblies. Collection of quit rents. Wishes the resolution Franklin drew up for Governor Pownall could have appeared on the minutes of the House of Commons; it must have opened their eyes to the impropriety of taxing the Colonies without giving them representation; thinks everything has been done to prejudice the people in America against this plan, especially by the Presbyterians; these latter in favor of an American Parliament, in order to advance their own interests. A. L. S. 5 p. II, 88.

¹ [Joseph Galloway.]

From James Parker. 1767. August 24. New York.

Acknowledging favors of April 14, May 23 and June 12, and congratulating him on the renewal of his commission. In receipt of the *Chronicles*. Makes but slow advance with his newspaper, but continues to swim against the tide. Illness in his family. Will send power of attorney by next packet. Summoned by Mr. Ingersoll to come up and give evidence the beginning of October. Holt keeps close or else their sheriff is dishonest. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 89.

From James Parker. 1767. August 27. New York.

Sends the day's paper which contains nothing of importance; one of his best apprentices sick. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 91.

From Will[iam] Strahan. [1767.] August 27.

Encloses a receipt for books. Reminds Franklin of his engagement to dine with him. A. L. S. 1 p. XLIII, 229.

From James Parker. 1767. September 1. New York.

An attack of gout prevented his executing a power of attorney. Thinks Mr. Chew has failed; his claim on Franklin for a sum expended in hiring riders; neither he nor Mr. Foxcroft know anything about this. A. L. S. 1 p.

II, 92.

From John Michell. 1767. September 6. Newark.

Just returned to Newark from a visit to Thornhill, where he expects to remove in three weeks; describes the house there. Concerning a kind of candle-stick desired by Mrs. Stevenson, which he thinks he can procure for her. Sees by the papers that Sir John Pringle has gone to France; hopes it is for his pleasure and not for his health. A. L. S. 3 p.

II, 93.

From Thomas Wharton. 1767. September 21. Philadelphia.

Concerning the affairs of Baynton, Wharton & Morgan; the statement they made to their creditors. Election close at hand; no change in their ticket expected, except perphas one owing to the illness of John Potts. Mentions some changes in office. Some reason to believe that W[illiam] A[llen] will lose his election in Cumberland County. A. L. S. 2 p.

II, 94.

From John Frederick Hartmann. 1767. October.

Often recalls the first time he met and spoke with Franklin; sorry he was unable to show him some of his experiments in electricity. Prince Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, hearing of Franklin's proposed visit to Germany, was extremely anxious to see and speak with him; with this purpose in view, sent a friend to Göttingen to greet Franklin, but unfortunately arrived too late; the Prince anxious to have lightning rods placed on his houses; desires Franklin to describe accurately the method used in America, thereby gaining for himself honors and profit in Germany. Contemplates writing a history of electricity, in which work he wishes to print certain experiments and inventions of Franklin's; aware of the audacity of this request. A. L. S. 4 p. [In Latin.]

II, 95.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 326, Note).

From James Parker. 1767. October 1. New York.

Reason for not sending the power. Set out for New Haven the following morning to give his evidence. Times are dull, but "will not cease to struggle until he either gains the port or sinks forever." A. L. S. 1 p.

II, 96.

From Geo[rge] Croghan. 1767. October 2. Lancaster.

Acknowledging favor of April 18. Has spent three months with Sir William Johnson, where they had several conferences with the Six Nations; these express great uneasiness that the boundary between this hunting country and the middle British colonies was not confirmed; since the agreement made two years before with Sir William Johnson the English have made more encroachments on their country than ever before, and have killed several of their warriors. In consequence, a great meeting of the Indians is to be held in the Shawanese country, and he, Croghan, leaves at once for Fort Pitt to divert, if possible, this Council. The result likely to be war, unless the boundary is confirmed. Sir William Johnson has written of it to His Majesty. L. S. 4 p.
II, 97.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1767. October 9. Philadelphia.

Election over; all the old members returned as representatives in Assembly; in place of the few who resigned, warm supporters of a change of Government have come in; thinks Franklin will soon receive further instructions from the new House respecting that important measure. Concerning the several bills which he has remitted Franklin in payment of his salary. Has seen the Act of Parliament laying certain duties on paper, etc., imported into America, and appropriating these duties to the payment of Governors' and judges' salaries; thinks this measure may assist the desired change; his opinion of it. If the Governor and judges are to be independent of the people, as they are, it is best they should also be independent of the Proprietors. A. L. S. 3 p.
II, 98.

From T[homas] Pownall. 1767. October 12. Westthorp.

Is revising his "Administration of the Colonies." A. L. S. 1 p.
LXIX, 85.

From James Parker. 1767. October 16.

Appointing Benjamin Franklin his attorney to receive from the Receiver-General of his Majesty's Customs, his salary as Land-Waiter.
II, 99½.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.] 1767. October 19. Boston.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter and the kind condolences contained therein on his late losses by fire. Death of Mrs. Mecom's daughter,

Polly. Death of his own youngest daughter, Sally, about the same time. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 2.

From James Parker. 1767. October 24. New York.

Has sent power of attorney [1 p.] by Capt. Miller. Account of visit to New Haven, and the evidence he gave before the auditors; he and Mr. Ingersoll both thought the auditors inclined to favor Holt; that gentleman to stay some weeks at New Haven; desired Mr. Ingersoll to attach his house there. Rumor in town that Weyman won't print any more newspapers; his own progress slow. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 99.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1767. November 3. Burlington.

Begs leave to recommend the bearer, Daniel Cox, of Trenton, to Franklin's civilities and good offices. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 100.

From Tho[mas] Collinson. 1767. November 12. London.

Returns letter. Inquires concerning the house at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 67.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1767. November 17. Philadelphia.

W[illiam] A[llen] received a letter from T[homas] P[enn], no doubt intended, had it arrived in time, to have facilitated Franklin's rejection as an agent; mentions various remarks in it. Sends him a supplement of Goddard's paper that he may see the steps the people in Boston Government are taking; fears consequences if England should act with her usual spirit; his opinion as to what would advance the interest of both countries. Stamp Act has raised a great spirit, especially to the eastward. At present, about 150 sail in port, but business very dull, and must grow worse. Asking Franklin's assistance in purchasing the rights from William Royden's heirs, of certain lands in the Province, for the heirs of Jonah Smith. Recommends to Franklin the bearer of this letter, Enoch Story, as an honest, worthy man. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 101.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1767. November 18. Philadelphia.

Enclosing letter from Thomas Livezey; has delivered for him to Capt. Falkner twelve bottles of wine. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 102.

From Tho[ma]s Livezey.

1767. November 18. Roxbury Township, Philadelphia Co.

Informing him that he has sent him by Captain Falkner twelve bottles of wine made from wild grapes on his own place; hopes it may warm the hearts of all who taste it with a love for America. Despairs of a change of Government until after the death of Thomas Penn; wishes he could be prevailed on to die for the good of the people, and thus make his name as immortal as Samson's death did his. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 103.

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 103).

From C[adwalader] Evans. 1767. November 20. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of August 5th and also Dr. Baker's ingenious investigation of the cause of Devonshire colic; he deserves the thanks of that county in particular and of all the world where wine and cider are drank; compares their own tendency to colic with that of other nations. Sends him a catalogue of the medical books in their library; thanks Franklin for the interest he has taken in the scheme. Account of the annual election; none now so hardy as to speak against Franklin. Question of the colonies manufacturing articles to rival other nations rather than Great Britain. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 104.

From James Parker. 1767. November 24. New York.

The affair at New Haven terminated by Holt having to pay Mr. Ingersoll £48, which he has since done. If he can but hold out a year or two, expects to bring his newspaper through successfully; at present it's a hard struggle. Price of writing-paper higher, owing to the new duty, also his labors in the custom-house increased. Weyman continues in public service; his paper, a jumble of lies and truth, expressed in the vilest language. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 105.

From James Parker. 1767. December 24. New York.

Issue of trial of Post-Office *vs.* Holt. Has suffered lately with a fever and gout, but is now better. Concerning the payment of his salary in the Custom-House. The Thursday's post by way of Hartford to Boston is to be stopped; a rider from Hartford to New London will answer all purposes. Intends altering his paper to Monday; every day sees a slight increase. The new duties make a great noise on the continent, but not so much at home; the poor people complain much, and yet

there is much luxury. Benny Mecom's failure to get along; expects nothing from that quarter. Assembly sitting, but ignorant what they are doing; Weyman still prints for them; thinks him an object of pity and contempt. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 106.

From Tho[ma]s Cumming. [1767?] December 30. [London.]

Introducing a gentleman who wishes to become librarian of the Royal Society. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. LXIX, 69.

From Mr. Chambers. [Circa 1767? London.]

Disappointed at not meeting Franklin at the Philadelphia Coffee House. Requests him to send letters for him, by bearer, as he is going to set out for Portsmouth next morning. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLIII, 157.

From William Franklin. [1767. Burlington?]

Mr. B[ache] informs him that he has [given] you an exact account of his misfortunes; bills have come back protested, but his brother is bound with him for their payment. His brother becomes his surety until he can contrive to pay them. Mr. R——s says that Mr. B. had often attempted to deceive him about his circumstances, and he was convinced, before this unlucky affair happened, that Mr. B. was not worth anything at all if his debts were paid; he is a mere fortune hunter. If Sally marries him they will both be entirely dependent on Dr. Franklin for subsistence. Asks him to burn this letter. L. 2 p. XLIV, 108.

From ——— Garth. [Circa 1767.] London.

Announcing Mr. Grenville's consent to give audience to the deputation. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XL, 35.

From ——— Garth. [Circa 1767?] London.

Relative to despatches to be sent to the South Carolina Assembly. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLII, 30.

From Lord Morton [James Douglas]. [Circa 1767?]

Relative to chimneys and lightning conductors to be placed on his house. 3. N. in 3d P. Each 1 p. LXVIII, 69-71.

From The Royal Society. 1767 and 1768.

Notices of meetings of the Committee on Papers. N. S. 1 p. LXVIII, 12-13.

From William Strahan. [1767? London.]

Asks permission to see him that evening. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 281.**

From Will[iam] Strahan. [1767? London.]

Reminds him of his appointment for the following day. A. L. S.
1 p. **XLIV, 282.**

From Ben[jami]n Vaughan. [1767-68?]

Comparison between boiling and evaporation. Sends Dr. Priestley's History of Electricity. A. L. S. 2 p. (First part missing.) **LVIII, 53.**

From Eleanor Morris. 1768. January 18. Westbury.

Wishing him many happy returns of his birthday (Jan. 17th), which she and the children celebrated by having a plum-pudding for dinner, and drinking his health in tea. Her own health good though the weather is very severe; Henry goes every day to school. Asks him to pardon her writing as she may never live to see another of his birth-days. A. L. S.
1 p. **II, 107.**

From James Parker. 1768. January 21. New York.

Altered the day of his paper to Monday. The Hartford rider suppressed. Question of his pay in the Custom-House. Weyman has dropped his paper and has resigned his government work in favor of Hugh Gaine, who allows him one year's salary; his (Parker's) name was mentioned by some of the members, but it was objected that he was a Custom-House officer. Holt still avoids arrest. No hope of getting a copper of rent from Benny Mecom. A. L. S. 2 p. **II, 108.**

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1768. January 22. Burlington.

Has only time to acknowledge his favors of Oct. 9th and Nov. 13th. Doubts whether it will be good policy to drop the superintendencies, at least until the new colonies are got into some forwardness. A. L. S.
1 p. **II, 109.**

From Martha Johnson. 1768. January 26. Letchlade.

Just arrived at Letchlade with her brother-in-law; expects to get into her shop in a week or so. Her son Sammy very ill. Begs Franklin's acceptance of a cheese. A. L. S. 1 p. **II, 110.**

From James Parker. 1768. January 30. New York.

Holt denies that he ever sent to Mr. Strahan for any books; begs Franklin to ask Mr. Strahan if he ever received any orders for books in Holt's handwriting. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Franklin. Asking Mr. Strahan to peruse this and enable him to send a proper answer. II, 111.

From Tho[mas] Wharton. 1768. February 9. Philadelphia.

The horrid murders committed by Frederick Stump; account of his capture. The House improves every opportunity to urge the Governor to do his duty by bringing those wretches to the just test of the law. Prevalence of a disposition in the inhabitants of Cumberland Co. to support all persons who kill Indians; while this lawless disposition continues, there is little hope of peace with the natives. Patterson's life in danger. A proposition that the Assembly shall give about £3000 to the northern tribes and the western Indians for the wiping away the blood of their warriors and relatives spilt at a time of peace. Their party stronger in the House than ever before; great hopes of a change of Government. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 112.

From Martha Johnson. 1768. February 15. Letchlade.

Hopes Nancy behaves herself; trusts Franklin will chide her if she doesn't. Begs him to think of poor Sammy and get him provided for if possible. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 114.

From Henry Home [Lord Kames]. 1768. February 18. Edinburgh.

Has bought a house in Edinburgh; most complete in every respect, except that one of the chimneys smokes; applies to Franklin for a remedy; has been thinking lately of adopting his Philadelphia grate, as it promises to save coal. Will give him great joy to entertain Franklin. L. S. 1 p. II, 113.

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 106).

From James Parker. 1768. February 25. New York.

Acknowledging favors of Dec. 2d and 12th. A detailed account of the New Haven affair and the stoppage of the Hartford rider; this latter action has caused a general outcry against him; gives Franklin a true statement of the case. Concerning his responsibility for the books he had of Hamilton and Balfour. Longs to bring Holt to a settlement before he dies. Struggles hard but cannot support himself in this very dear town. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 115.

From J[oseph] Galloway. 1768. March 10. Philadelphia.

State of affairs in Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 116.

Printed, for the most part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 387); (Bigelow, IV, 126).

From J[ospeh] Priestley. 1768. March 20. Leeds.

Begging him to transmit the two enclosed copies of a paper to Dr. Kippis and Mr. Price. Preparing for the second edition of his History of Electricity; difficulties in the way; at present reading the History of Electricity, written by A. Grelett of Dantzic. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 117.

From Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1768. March 28. Philadelphia.

Thanking Franklin for his advice and encouragement, which induced him to accept his cousin, Mr. Warren's, offer; the unusual success he has met with already. Sent Mr. Waring a full account of the negro school in Philadelphia. Hopes he will see the Lord Bishop in London. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 118.

From William Saunders, et al. [1768. March-May. London.]

Solicitations for his vote at an election for physician to the London Hospital, 1768. Printed. N. S. 1 p. LXVIII, 18-21.

From Henry Walker. 1768. April 1. Westbury.

Presenting his and his family's humble duties to Franklin; his mother hopes that Franklin's name will be perpetuated by the Boston branch of the family. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 119.

From Charles Lee. 1768. April 7. Barton.

In case Mr. Durden should write him concerning the Springsborough estate, begs Franklin to forward the letter to him at Sir Charles Bunbury's and to forgive the liberty of the request. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 120.

From The Province of Georgia. 1768. April 11.

Ordinance appointing Benjamin Franklin its Agent in Great Britain. Attested copy, 2 p. LXXVI, 8.

From James Parker. 1768. April 18. New York.

Issue of suit against Holt at New Haven. Revival of the Hartford rider. Details of the way Holt undermined a venture of his in the newspaper line. His dealings with B. Mecom. The coldest, backward-est spring ever known. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 121.

From James Parker. 1768. April 25. New York.

Has not had a line from Franklin since December. Wishing him a safe and speedy return home. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 122.

From The Royal Society. 1768. April. London.

Notice of a Council meeting on April 28, 1768. Engraved N. S. J. Robertson, Ch[airman]. 1 p. II, 122½.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1768. May 8. Paris.

Acknowledging treatise on the small-pox by Mr. Dimsdale; discusses new method of treating this disease. Pays Franklin many compliments on the style of his writings in the periodicals; anxious to have these translated together with Franklin's examination, to be published in the "Ephemerides du Citoyen." Has announced the rough draft of this translation in the honorable assemblies at the house of the Marquis de Mirabaud. Sends explanation of his Chronological Chart, which Franklin was good enough to ask for. Acknowledges the Biographical Chart of Mr. Priestley. Thanks him for the strange nuts,—walnuts and hickories. Wants to know if the liberty of the press in London or Philadelphia would permit of his printing an article on Deism, and if so, would Franklin take charge of it? A. L. S. 4 p. [In French.] II, 123.

From [Pierre Samuel] Du Pont [de Nemours].

1768. May 10. Paris.

Heard from Dr. Quesnay, when it was too late, of Franklin's visit to Paris; regret at not having seen him; has long known him as the savant, the mathematician and the philosopher; has taken the liberty of translating some of his papers on the affairs of the Colonies, in which he is revealed as the citizen-philosopher, occupied for the good of his brothers and the interest of humanity. Sends him two books: one a collection of Dr. Quesnay's writings, the other his own treatise, "La Physiocratie," a résumé of Dr. Quesnay's principles. Introducing the bearer, Mr. Reboul, Secretary of the Economical Society. A. L. S. 4 p. [In French.] II, 124.

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 153).

From Martha Johnson. 1768. May 10. Letchlade.

Sorry to hear that Franklin is about to leave England; cannot leave her shop to bid him good-bye. Begs that with so much influence at his command he will do something for Sammy, as she cannot afford to apprentice him. Hopes Nancy behaves herself and makes progress in her French; would be obliged if Franklin would always address her in that tongue. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 125.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1768. May 10. Perth Amboy.

Acknowledging favors of Jan. 9, 29, Feb. 13 and March 13. M[aurice] Morgan not yet arrived. Concerning Franklin's lands in Nova Scotia and his scheme of returning home via Halifax. Goddard has not yet published Franklin's paper on Smuggling in the Chronicle, but has printed the one relative to disputes in America¹; both much admired, the latter far more than the Farmer's Letters. Concerning the experiment of setting water on fire. Reported by Mr. Foxcroft that Franklin was to be appointed one of the Under Secretaries of State to Lord Hillsborough; doubts the truth of this, but it is much wished for. Assures his father that in spite of great provocation, his one endeavor has been to avoid family quarrels. Question of paper currency. Evil consequences of the Ministry abandoning the posts in the back country, and leaving them to the colonies to garrison. Glad that the boundary is at last to be completed. Sent an exact account of the manufactories carried on in his province to Lord Shelburne; therefore cannot understand Mr. Grenville's complaints. Proves by statistics that there is not wool enough in the colonies to make each person a pair of garters. Act of Assembly for supplying the King's forces. Agreeable dinner he had with Mr. Bayard, meeting there Gen. Gage and Sir Henry Moore. Has just seen that Franklin has been chosen agent for Georgia; anxious to know if he will accept it. A. L. S. 6 p. II, 126.

¹ See Ford's Bibliography of Benjamin Franklin, p. 135, No. 302.

From Mar[tin] Howard, Jr. 1768. May 14. Newport, R. I.

Wrote to him some time past and mentioned the petition signed by a few here for a Royal Government. The pamphlet entitled "A Letter from Halifax" has involved him in a paper war and he has taken the side of the Mother Country against her ungrateful sons. Has lately published "A Defence of the Halifax Letter." His attitude has rendered him not a little obnoxious. Asks his influence to have him appointed

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Receiver of Stamp Duties. Party is high in Philadelphia and every measure of decency is renounced by the antagonists there. Mr. [Samuel] Ward elected Governor of Rhode Island. A. L. S. 2 p.

II, 127.

From James Parker. 1768. May 14. New York.

His son about to embark for London; durst not recommend him to Franklin's regard; ignorant if he will even wait on him. Nothing pleasing to write about. A. L. S. 1 p.

II, 128.

From James Parker. 1768. May 15. New York.

Sends this with his unhappy son; leaves to Franklin's discretion how far he may be an object of his regard; nothing else to say in his favor. A. L. S. 1 p.

II, 129.

From William Saunders. 1768. May 20. London.

Notice of the day of the election for a physician to the London Hospital. Printed N. 1 p.

LXVIII, 22.

From [Thomas François] Dalibard. 1768. June 14. Paris.

Acknowledging his favors of March last. Prevented by various incidents from reading Dr. Priestley's History of Electricity. Death of M. Camus of the Academy. Begs to know when Franklin intends paying Paris a visit; Dr. and Mrs. Dubourg and Mesdemoiselles Basseporte and Bihéron are greatly desirous of seeing him before his return to America. New arrangements of the museums in the Jardin du Roi. A. L. S. 4 p. [In French.]

II, 130.

Printed in part in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 15.

From Hannah Walker. 1768. June 16. Westbury.

Thanking Franklin for his favor to her son Henry. Has been in great trouble owing to her son Johnny's eyes; after being prevented some time by her husband, finally took him to Banbury to consult a famous gentlewoman there, who takes nothing for her services, but she said it was too late to do anything. Damage done by the late heavy rains to their present abode; hopes that Franklin and Mrs. Stevenson will not disappoint them about providing them with a better dwelling; mentions one in the middle of the town, in every way suitable. A. L. S. 2 p.

II, 131.

From ———. 1768. June 16. Versailles.

Giving an account of two incidents which recently happened in which the young Dauphin displayed good qualities and a high sense of justice. Thinks the young Prince gives promise of being a wise and just King. L. 2 p. (In French.) (Copy by Franklin.) L(i), 29.

From James Parker. 1768. June 17. New York.

Acknowledging favor of April 16, with Mr. Strahan's memorandum about Holt; unfortunate that he (Parker) has to pay for books which he never received. His son probably arrived in England; wishes he had sown his wild oats while single; hopes he will be preserved from utter ruin. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 132.

From James Parker. 1768. June 29. New York.

Hears Franklin is about to embark for home; wishes him a good passage. Durst not ask any favors for his son, but trusts to Franklin's kindness. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 133.

From Sam[uel] F. Parker. 1768. July 1. Deptford.

Bring engaged at Deptford, has been hindered from delivering his letter, which he now sends. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 134.

From Capt. Nath[anie]l Falconer. 1768. July 3. Off Dover.

Announcing his landing, after a passage of five weeks and three days. Franklin's family all well when he left home; will wait on Franklin with his letters as soon as he gets to London. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 135.

From James Parker. 1768. July 12. New York.

Sends this line on the chance of Franklin not having yet left England. Continues to rub along in the old way, but thinks he is almost at the end of his journey. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 136.

From George III. 1768. July 20. New York.

Commission for deciding the boundary line between New York and New Jersey. 1 sheet, parchment.

L. Notice that the first meeting will be held on July 18th, 1769. 2 p. Parchment. LXXVI, 7.

From John Alleyne. [1768. August 13.] Fachiney.

Returns thanks for congratulations upon his marriage and for his advice. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 23.**

In answer to Dr. Franklin's letter of Aug. 9, 1768, printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 413; Bigelow, IV, 196).

From John Swinton, Jr. 1768. August 29. Edinburgh.

Begging him to transmit the enclosed letter to Governor Franklin who was good enough to advance for him four guineas, for which he herewith sends Dr. Franklin an order. A. L. S. 1 p. **II, 137.**

From James Parker. 1768. September 1. New York.

Acknowledging favor of April 20. Concerning the unhappy affair of the books sent him by Franklin; how much money he has already lost through that transaction; cheated by both his kinsman and Holt, to whom at different times the books were confided; has collected all that are left; will do what he can to repair Franklin's loss. A. L. S. 2 p. **II, 138.**

From Pet[er] Timothy. 1768. September 3. Charleston, S. C.

The bearer is the young man Franklin desired him to inquire about; sketches his history. Mr. Spencer happily settled, owing to Franklin's recommendation. He (Timothy) is the most unpopular man in the Province, since taking a place in the post-office at the time of the Stamp Act. Flourishing condition of South Carolina; many improvements in Charleston. Lawyers, doctors and planters grow rich, merchants do not so well. Great confusion however prevails; people in the back settlements, calling themselves regulators, are in arms and acknowledge no authority; they owe their origin to "Grenville's hellish idea of a Stamp Act." A. L. S. 4 p. **II, 139.**

From James Parker. 1768. September 10. New York.

Has not had a line from Franklin for many months; has heard nothing from his unhappy son, whether he be dead or alive; some mention of him by Franklin would have been appreciated. A. L. S. 1 p. **II, 140.**

From James Parker. 1768. September 25. New York.

Sends Franklin news of his son and daughter. Complains of the Nation being in debt, yet five or six commissioners are sent to Boston with

a salary of £3000 sterling per annum; thinks this absurd, as they do nothing but ape their superiors in a haughty bearing. A. L. S. 3 p.
II, 141.

From James Parker. 1768. October 17. New York.

Hardly able to hold a pen, owing to gout in his right hand. Acknowledging his favor of Aug. 9, giving an account of his (Parker's) son's base behavior in attempting to get money of Mrs. Cummings; his wife died on the 7th inst., leaving a girl of three years old; hopes he may be spared until she arrives above the reach of want of a little education. A. L. S. 1 p.
II, 142.

From J[oseph] Galloway. 1768. October 17. Philadelphia.

Affairs of Pennsylvania. Two regiments arrived in Boston. Governor Franklin attending an Indian treaty at Fort Stanwix. The retirement of Mr. Hughes to the country, disgusted with his friends and all the world. A. L. S. 4 p.
II, 143.

Printed, for the most part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 416); (Bigelow, IV, 210).

From James Parker. 1768. October 24. New York.

Distressed at his son's meanness and viciousness; hopes Franklin will admonish him; distressed enough in other quarters; bad attack of gout; no settlement with Holt, but thinks he wearies of his confinement. A. L. S. 1 p.
II, 144.

From Anth[ony] Todd. 1768. October 31. Gen. Post Office.

As Lord Le Despencer cannot get at his oats in time for Franklin to send them to America, herewith sends his last year's produce, having added a little more Swiss barley. A. L. S. 1 p.
II, 145.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1768. November 1. Leeds.

Introducing the bearer, Mr. Lee of Lincoln's Inn, who is very desirous of making his acquaintance; if Franklin will give him the plates of his last work he will deliver them safely. Concerning a certain experiment in electricity which he describes, and on which he desires Franklin's opinion. Proposes to make a few experiments to refute what M. l'Epinaſſe has advanced in the last volume of 'Transactions,' concerning loss of force occasioned by interruptions in the electric circuit; expects to draw up another paper of original experiments for the Royal Society. A. L. S. 2 p.
II, 146.

From John Bartram. 1768. November 5. [Philadelphia.]

Peter Collinson having died, applies to Franklin as the most intimate and capable friend he has left, to take charge of a box, which he is sending to the King, at His Majesty's request, containing some roots of arums. Expects daily to hear from some one of his correspondents how his affairs stand, through whom, now, the King's bounty will come to him, whether he must send annually more plants to the King, and how to address them. Franklin's picture still hangs by his bed to remind him of their friendship. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 147.

From The Library Company of Philadelphia. 1768. November 5.

Enclosing two bills of exchange, respectively £50 and £100, for account of the Philadelphia Library Company; the directors desire Franklin to deduct the amount kindly advanced by him to the company, and to lay out the remainder in books agreeable to the enclosed list. Asks for his opinion on an expensive work entitled British Zoology, published lately under the inspection of the Cymmrodorion Society. A. L. S. Cha[rles] Thomson and Thomas Mifflin. 2 p. (Copy.) II, 148.

From Rich[ard] Bache. 1768. November 6. Philadelphia.

Received from Mr. Bayard of New York two exemplifications of His Majesty's commission, appointing Franklin with Mr. Allen and several others, commissioners to settle the line between New York and New Jersey; the meeting will be held in July next; hopes Franklin will be there. Expects to make another trip to Jamaica this winter; would be happy to be honored with a line from Franklin while there. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 149.

From The Merchants of Philadelphia.

1768. November 10. Philadelphia.

Have forwarded a copy of the memorial to the Merchants and Manufacturers of Great Britain. Earnestly request his aid to obtain the repeal of the Revenue Acts. A. L. S. John Reynell et al. 1 p. LII, 60.

From James Parker. 1768. November 22. New York.

Arrival of the Inspector-general of the Customs from Boston; question of his salary in the custom-house, by whom it will be paid, if at all; what per cent. he must lose, and in his opinion the general mismanagement of the entire matter. Enclosing a line for Mr. Strahan, on behalf of his poor son. Not much hope of ease or prosperity until he rests in the grave. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 150.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1768. November 28. Leeds.

According to his promise sends Franklin the other paper containing an account of experiments, which he desires him to lay before the Royal Society. Has materials for another short paper of miscellaneous experiments, but thinks it better to wait until he has completed his study concerning magnetism. Hopes American affairs have assumed a better aspect. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 151.

From [Thomas Wharton]? 1768. December 2. Philadelphia.

An account of Sir William Johnson's conference and treaty with the Six Nations. (Incomplete.) L. 4 p. XLIX, 77.

From Samuel Fayerweather. 1768. December 5. Cambridge, N. E.

Pays Franklin many florid compliments on his greatness and learning. Asks his influence in procuring the title of LL.D. at one of the universities of Great Britain for his friend, Mr. Winthrop, professor of mathematics at Cambridge, N. E.; the inestimable advantage this will prove to Mr. Winthrop. His own sphere a small one; takes charge of a small flock in the sacerdotal way; for divertisement, enjoys a chase of beagle hunting. Gives Franklin news of his old friend, Harry Babcock. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 152.

From James Parker. 1768. December 12. New York.

Times dull and melancholy. Concerning the disposition of books sent him formerly by Hamilton and Balfour of Scotland. Not able to bring Holt to an account; thinks he is using his wife's money to live. Enclosing a letter for his son. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 205.

From William Robertson. 1768. December 12. Edinburgh College.

Acknowledging his favor of the 26th ult. recommending Mr. Rogers of New York to a degree in divinity; his absolute confidence in Franklin's opinion, confirmed, however, in this case by other testimony; accordingly, the degree is conferred upon Mr. Rogers and his diploma will be sent by the first opportunity. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 153.

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones.

1768. December 24. Savannah, Ga.

With an address from the Assembly of Georgia to The King. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 154.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 425).

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1768. December 24. Savannah.

Relative to the Assembly's petition to the King, of the same dat.
A. L. S. 2 p. LVII, 76.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 425).

From The Selectmen of Boston. [1768?]

Protesting against the treatment accorded Boston by interested and designing men; affirming their loyalty to Britain and asking Franklin's attention to their interests in England. A. L. S. Joshua Henshaw, Joseph Jackson, John Ruddock, John Hancock, Samuel Pemberton and Henderson Inches. 2 p. (First part missing.) LVIII, 83.

From George Croghan. [1768.]

Sir William Johnson to have a conference early that spring with the Six Nations; he himself expecting orders to go to Fort Pitt and call all the western nations together; necessity of hindering the meeting of the western and northern Indians. L. S. 2 p. (First part missing.) LVIII, 82.

From W[illiam] Dunlap. [1768?]

Relative to disorders in his post-office accounts. Denies insinuations and appellations bestowed on him. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 28.

From W[illiam] Dunlap to [Benjamin] Franklin and [John] Foxcroft. [1768?]

Is willing to make over all his property to them (about £600) in satisfaction for a debt. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 27.

From W[illiam] F[ranklin]. [1768?]

Wishes some more pictures of Dr. Franklin. Family news. If Temple comes home he might assume his proper name and what explanation should be given. Assistance given to Ben and John Mecom. A. L. S. 2 p. (Incomplete.) LVIII, 46.

From Mrs. [Elizabeth] Montagu. [Circa 1768.]

Gets nourishment from Franklin's writings as well as from his bread; desires the recipe for the latter. The condition of her poor neighbors in Berkshire tempts her to lead a colony of them to Pennsylvania. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLI, 55.

From Mrs. [Elizabeth] Montagu. [Circa 1768.] London.

Begging Franklin to dine with her to meet the artist, Mr. Bolton.
L. in 3d P. 1 p. XL, 182.

From S[amue]l Wharton. [1768?]

Attitude of the Proprietors. Peace conference held by Mr. Croghan at Fort Pitt; convinced that he will safely reach the Illinois and conciliate the minds of the Indians there. A. L. S. 1 p. (First part missing.) LVIII, 88.

From James Parker. 1769. January 4. Woodbridge.

Still in Woodbridge, about the Jersey laws. Sent bill of exchange for £200 for Franklin to New York. Expects to return to New York in two weeks; has resigned his office in the custom-house. Never remembers to have seen Franklin's 'Examination' in a Quebec paper. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 155.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1769. January 31. Burlington.

Sees a number of pieces in the Chronicle, which he is sure are from Franklin's pen, especially two signed 'A Briton,' and one signed F. B., concerning the trade between England and the colonies; this latter Bradford has printed in his last Journal, also a letter from London wherein Franklin is said to have spoken in a large company against the right of Parliament to tax the colonies; thinks Bradford printed this to incense Parliament against Franklin. Enclosing copy of the lost Chronicle, containing two pieces signed Amor Patriae, said to be by one Crawley in London, also Lord Hillsborough's letter to himself and his answer unsealed. Same spirit still prevails in the colonies as before the sending of troops to Boston; nothing will make them acknowledge the right of Parliament to tax them. Notwithstanding Mr. Foxcroft's assertion, denies having said to anyone that Franklin continued in England this winter "at the solicitation of Lord Gower." Begs Franklin to send him Gov. Pownall's History of his Administration of the colonies and any other new publications. Mentions one or two petty instances of Lord Hillsborough's want of politeness to himself. Mr. Hughes retired to his farm where he writes letters of advice to the Ministry. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 156.

From Tho[ma]s Gordon. 1769. February 5. Philadelphia.

Begging Franklin to recommend his son-in-law, Henry Benbridge, to such of his acquaintance as may employ him; he has been several years in Italy studying printing and is now going to London for business. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 157.

From James Parker. 1769. February 17. New York.

Concerning some bills of exchange. Asks Franklin to send some horns for the riders, who have lost and broken nearly all of theirs. Has a bad fit of the gout. New York a very dear place to live in. Weyman is dead; a young Scotchman has got his tools and in the spring will publish a newspaper. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 158.

From Moses Franks. 1769. February 20. London.

Requesting Franklin to deliver to Mr. Dagge the account and papers relative to the sufferers by Indian depredations in 1754. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 159.

From John Foxcroft. 1769. February 21. Williamsburg.

On hearing that their Lordships had granted him leave of absence for a few months, set out at once for the Colony in order to put the riders on a good footing during his absence; this he has done and thereby saved £100 to the revenue. Looks forward to visiting his native country and seeing his aged parent after a lapse of sixteen years. Uneasy at Mr. Todd's letter of Nov. 2d; fears he has incurred the displeasure of their honorable masters by not allowing the packet to sail before the appointed day; hopes Franklin will be able to prevent any disagreeable consequences. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 160.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1769. February 24. Leeds.

Has decided to confine himself to the inscription; therefore asks Franklin to throw the dedication he sent him into the fire. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 161.

From Kath[arine] French. [1769?] February 26.

Sending her book to Franklin, together with Dr. Grey Sharpe's letter on the subject. A. L. S. 2 p. XLI, 197.

From [Père Joseph Etienne] Bertier. 1769. February 27. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for directing Captain Houry to him, and thereby giving him an occasion of expressing for Franklin his attachment and esteem. France, Franklin's country as much as England; avows himself with pride a 'Frankliniste.' A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) II, 162.

From James Parker. 1769. March 1. New York.

By Mrs. Franklin's desire, now sends him two small kegs of nuts. Has had a bad attack of gout. Concerning some bills of exchange he is sending Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 163.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1769. March 2. Burlington.

✓ Reasons for thinking Franklin's letters have been intercepted. Boston people continue their attacks on Governor B[ernard] and the Commissioners, and have lately begun in the Journal of Occurrences to attack the military. A piece, signed Francis Lynn, supposed to be by Franklin, and much admired, has appeared in answer to Crawley's letter. Interested in a History of Electricity he saw at a friend's house, by Dr. Priestley; who is the author? Anxious to see the new edition advertised of Franklin's experiments; wonderful that he can find time for those studies. Employed reading books of husbandry as he expects soon to move to his farm; desires some books on that subject, as well as certain others. Concerning a new plough lately invented for cutting trenches and making drains; urges its introduction into America. Best means of rooting up trees. Wants a good hand-mill. Young Dunlap has published an edition of the "Sermons to Asses" and to give them a sale has had the impudence to attribute them to Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 164.

From James Parker. 1769. March 4. New York.

Nuts he sent him. Bills of exchange. Will be thankful if he doesn't lose his place, by reason of his wicked gout. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 166.

From James Parker. 1769. March 20. New York.

Enclosing a bill of exchange for £55; explains what he wants done with it. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 167.

From James Parker. 1769. March 29. New York.

Acknowledging favors of Dec. 22d and Jan. 4th; arrival of his son, who knew not of his wife's death until he came within the Hook; account of his son's many back-slidings; at present he has gone to Woodbridge and married again a young woman of good character, who, with her sister, has a plantation worth £700, which will enable him to spend his days in idleness and dissipation. Account of his brother's death, leaving a wife and eight children to his care; has placed them in his house at Woodbridge. Times are very distressing; everything very dear and his own ill health a drawback. The scheme to publish a New York Chronicle as large as Goddard's. Describes in detail all his dealings with Benny Mecom; Mrs. Franklin blames him (Parker); appeals to Franklin to decide the matter. Concerning certain bills of exchange. His affairs with Holt. Won't resign from the custom-house in spite of his unpopularity. A. L. S. 4 p. II, 168.

From John Bartram. 1769. April 10. [Philadelphia.]

Acknowledging favor of January 9, and thanking him for his kindness in taking care of the King's box. Has heard from Michael Collinson, his old friend's son and from Dr. Fothergill; but still at a loss to know whether he must send any more plants or seeds to His Majesty and whether he is pleased to continue his bounty. Sent over his journal containing observations on the soils, rivers and natural vegetable productions in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, with which his friend Peter Collinson expressed much satisfaction. Mentions the appearance of the Borealis. Much moved by Franklin's kind letter. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 169.

From James Parker. 1769. April 14. Philadelphia.

Sends him the second bill of exchange. Still in poor health. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 170.

From M[ichael] Hillegas. 1769. April 15. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of January 5, and thanking him for having the glasses made for his 'Armonica.' Nova Scotia adventurers expecting Franklin's answer to their letter. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 171.

From T[homas] Coombe. 1769. April 17. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of January 5, and expressing the keenest appreciation of Franklin's kindness to his son, and his good opinion of him. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 172.

From The Merchants of Philadelphia. 1769. April 18. Philadelphia.

Relative to the revenue policy of Great Britain. A. L. S. Jere[mi]ah
Warder et al. 2 p. LII, 66.

From James Parker. 1769. May 12. New York.

Hopes by this time Mr. Foxcroft has arrived safely. Concerning
bills for various amounts of money. Necessity for new portmanteaus
to carry the mails, which he took the liberty of ordering in one or two
instances. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 173.

From James Parker. 1769. May 22. New York.

Franklin has never told him whether he has received any pay from
the custom-house; if he has, begs him to pay out of it his two years'
subscription to the Chronicle. Concerning a box of books which has
never been opened for five years; desires an order from Franklin to that
effect, that they may be cleaned and the saleable ones gotten rid of. Will
write again by Mr. Robertson, who is preparing to go to England.
A. L. S. 1 p. II, 173½.

From Amelia Evans. 1769. May 23. Tunis.

Acknowledging his two obliging favors by Mr. Stuart, who arrived
a few weeks before; satisfaction experienced by Mr. and Mrs. Traill at
supplying a fatherless, friendless young man with the long lost blessings
of parental care. Her own early inclinations toward frivolity; checked
however by calamities of the heaviest kind. Congratulating him on the
marriage of his daughter. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 174.

From Hannah Walker. 1769. May 24. Westbury.

Apologizing for the shortness of her husband's letter to Mrs. Steven-
son; lack of time the cause; they agree to Mrs. Stevenson's proposals
in everything; her kindness in offering to go as far as £150, they are
ready to meet the remaining expense and pay her six pounds a year.
All her family well. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 175.

From James Parker. 1769. May 30. New York.

Has decided, with Franklin's permission, to resign from the custom-
house; the duties too arduous for a man of his age, and the salary in-

adequate in such a dear place as New York. Post-office affairs; question of appointing him traveling surveyor. Offers to measure the roads, if it is thought expedient to have it done. Never expects to do much with his printing; mentions many rival papers; of advertisements, which are the life of a paper, he only gets a few. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 176.

From James Parker. 1769. May 31. New York.

Concerning bills of exchange sent to Franklin. Has got almost all the locks and keys on the several mails; many of the riders don't like it. Mr. Luke Babcock, Post-Master at New Haven, wishes to resign in favor of Mr. Christopher Kilby; desires Franklin's opinion. Question of appointing Mr. Robinson assistant in the post-office. His printing materials at Woodbridge are being used by his son; he seems to have reformed a little; his health injured by his folly. Hard times in general. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 177.

From John Shippon. 1769. June 3. Southwark.

After perusing the enclosed letters from his father, hopes Franklin will assist him to return to America, to accomplish his scheme of reading lectures on natural history. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 178.

From [Dr.] Th[omas] Bond. 1769. June 7. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of March 9, concerning some business transaction between Mr. Cowell and Bond & Byrn. Mrs. Franklin was affected with a partial palsy in the tongue and a sudden loss of memory; better now, but constitution seems impaired. American Philosophical Society again united and with the aid of Franklin's presence, might make a figure. The telescope he procured was used in the late observations of Venus's transit; hopes to transmit these in a fortnight. Hospital and School of Physic flourishing; manufactures of necessity take place more and more; Maryland and Virginia examples of industry and patriotic spirits. L. S. 2 p. II, 179.

From C[adwalader] Evans. 1769. June 11. Philadelphia.

Enclosing some remarks made by O. Biddle and Joel Bailey at Cape Henlopen on the late transit of Venus. Has not attended the meetings of the Philosophical Society since the two were joined and Franklin was elected President; thinks the eagerness the professors of the College showed for the union was to avail themselves of the labors of others

and filch reputation from their knowledge; what confirmed him in this opinion. Gives data concerning parts taken in observing transit. A year previous sent Franklin, at the request of Wm. Henry of Lancaster, a draft of a register he had invented to regulate the heat in fire-works. Mr. Galloway's health. Capt. Dowell's widow, daughter of Franklin's old friend, Oswald Peel, sails for London. Recommends temperance, amid luxuries, to Mr. Wharton. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 180.

From Anth[ony] Tissington. 1769. June 13. Alfreton.

For three weeks after leaving London lay ill of its smoke. Enclosing letter from Richard Parkin, the young gentleman who dined with Franklin; directs him where to send his answer. His wife much stronger. Glad to learn American affairs are to be settled to Franklin's liking. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 181.

From James Parker. 1769. June 18. New York.

Mr. Chew's insolvency; his omission to pay the rider £33 98s., due him; cannot let the poor rider suffer. Concerning his purpose to resign from the custom-house, but will continue till he hears from Franklin; thinks the position would be an excellent one for Mr. Robinson. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 182.

From James Parker. 1769. June 28. New York.

Enclosing two bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 183.

From James Elphinston. 1769. July 4.

Receipted bill for the board and education of Master William Temple [Franklin] for a half year. D. S. 1 p. LII, 67.

From C[adwalader] Evans. 1769. July 15. Philadelphia.

Sent him Owen Biddle's and Joel Bailey's observations of the Transit of Venus, at Cape Henlopen. Choice of Franklin as president of the Philosophical Society. Recommends the culture of silk in America; how to defray the expense of a trial. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 184.

From Hannah Walker. 1769. July 17. Westbury.

Has been ill for six weeks with an intermittent fever; begs Franklin's forgiveness, with tears, for having offended him; prays daily for his good health and well-being. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 136½.

From Smith, Wright & Gray. 1769. July 27. [London.]

Sends him forty guineas to his debit in account.¹ Shall pay for the corn mill for his son, also buy two lottery tickets and advise ye numbers to Jonathan Williams at Boston, as ordered. Franklin so well known in Paris, a letter of credit may be needless, but his drafts will be honored with the utmost punctuality. Wishing him an agreeable tour.
A. L. S. 1 p. II, 185.

¹ See Hale's Franklin in France, Part I, p. 17.

From James Parker. 1769. July 22. New York.

Concerning bills of exchange. Has had Mr. Scott's book of Upper Marlborough returned to him by Mr. McGruder who is afraid nothing will be got of him, though there is a considerable balance due. Fears nothing ever will be got in Mr. Huske's affair. The same case is Mr. Walker's of Hartford, who is still in jail. Also despaired of Mr. Chase of Providence' arrears as he is next to a bankrupt. All other affairs in the [Post] Office seem to go on pretty well. Still determined to resign from the Custom-House. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 186.

From Sutaine de Bourez (?). 1769. July 28. Champagne.

Concerning the papers of his nephew, du Coudray, who was drowned in the Delaware. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) II, 187.

From William Hunter (to be opened by Miss Franklin,) Philadelphia.
1769. August 4. Williamsburg, Va.

Wishes two Dilworth's School Master's Assistant sent him. A. L. S.
1 p. XLVIII, 109.

From James Parker. 1769. August 12. New York.

Bills of exchange he has sent Franklin. Question of the right of Lord Botetourt of Virginia to frank his letters. Never expects to get anything out of Holt. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 189.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1769. August 12. Philadelphia.

Recommending the bearer, Mr. James Adair, to Franklin's notice and encouragement; his design is to publish a History of the American

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Indians; this, he thinks, he can execute better in England; well assured of his capacity. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 190.

From James Parker. 1769. August 14. New York.

Enclosing the second bill for £200 sterling. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 191.

From John Alleyne. 1769. September 5.

Asks Franklin's advice on behalf of a reverend friend who has the chance of accepting a living in the Island of St. John; high character of this friend. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 192.

From James Parker. 1769. September 12. New York.

Death of the Governor, Sir Henry Moore, of a bloody flux; expected that old Mr. Colden, though weakly and infirm, will administer the government again; wishes Franklin had the inclination and interest to procure it for himself. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 193.

From E[phraim] Brown. 1769. September 15. Oxford.

Acknowledging his favor of the 13th inst., and accepting his loan of three guineas, which must go towards the doctor's bill; his apothecary's bill unpaid. His wretched state of health; advisability of going to a hospital in London. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 194.

From James Parker. 1769. October 5. New York.

Has been laid up with an excruciating fit of the gout. Mr. Babcock has left the New Haven Post-office; has sent a commission to Mr. Kelby, in his stead, who has qualified; has hinted to Mr. Colden, who is a good deal in arrear again, that as bills are low now, it would be agreeable to send, but he has not regarded it. Anxious to hear from Franklin, that he may resign his position in the custom-house in Mr. Robinson's favor. Sends book of accounts, also bill of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 195.

From James Parker. 1769. October 6. New York.

Scarce able to creep about; has not touched B. Mecom's books as yet. Enclosing two bills from Mr. Hubbart. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 196.

From [Sir] Grey Cooper. 1769. October 13. Kew Cape.

Will come to town on Monday next and will take him back, if he is disengaged. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 68.

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From Tho[mas] Clifford. 1769. October 21. Philadelphia.

Introducing Thomas Clifford, Jr.; desires Franklin's friendly notice of him. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 198.

From Henry Elwes. 1769. October 22. Plymouth.

Has letters for Dr. Franklin which are to be delivered in person. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 70.

From Committee of the Town of Boston. 1769. October 23. Boston.

Transmitting a correspondence with Gov. Bernard, Gen. Gage and Com. Hood. L. S. Thomas Cushing et al. 2 p. (Copy.) II, 198½.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 459).

From Anth[ony] Tissington. 1769. October 27. Hercules Pillars.

Arrived safely. Hopes to see Dr. Franklin soon. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 71.

From James Parker. 1769. October 30. New York.

Still weak from his last severe fit of the gout; scarce able to write. In daily expectation of letters from Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 199.

From William Strahan. 1769. November 22. London.

Informs him that his Majesty's servants have in contemplation, first, to relieve the Colonies from the taxes complained of; and secondly, to preserve the honor, dignity and supremacy of the British legislature over all his Majesty's dominions. Begs him to answer his queries respecting American affairs. L. S. 2 p. (Copy in French.) XLV, 36a.

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 236).

From M[ichae]l Hillegas. 1769. November 25. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind letter of July 13th to the Nova Scotia adventurers. Asks Franklin's opinion about roofing houses with copper instead of shingles, and about how much it would cost. Reminds him of his old troublesome commission, to wit, the glasses for his Armonica. A. L. S. 2 p. II, 200.

From C[adwalader] Evans. 1769. November 27. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favors of September 8th and 9th, together with four French memoirs on the Education of Silk Worms and the Culture of Mulberry Trees. Has not attended a meeting of the Philosophical Society for ten months; did not wish to be a solemn witness of transactions inconsistent with his judgment. States in detail why the other observations of the transit of Venus were not sent to Franklin. Characterizes certain members of the Society as liars and filchers of reputation. Saw Charles Read's wife in Burlington just before she died; Gov. Franklin and his wife in good health and much beloved and esteemed. A. L. S. 3 p. II, 201.

From John Bartram. 1769. November 29. [Philadelphia.]

Acknowledging his favor of July 9th. Sent his journal of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida to Peter Collinson, who approved it; is willing for Franklin to print it with certain corrections. Thinks of giving Dr. Fothergill's nephew orders to dispose of his seeds and receive and remit money, in place of his dear friend Peter Collinson. Asks for the seeds of a certain rhubarb mentioned by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 202.

From Seth Paddack. 1769. November 29. London.

Has a quintal of codfish from Tim[othy] Folger, of Nantucket, for Mr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 79.

From James Parker. 1769. November 30. Woodbridge.

Acknowledging his favor of Sept. 9. Still unable to work owing to the gout. Will write in a day or two and resign office in the customs. Mr. Colden's delay in sending certain bills to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. II, 203.

From Committee of the New Jersey Assembly.

1769. December 7. Burlington.

Relative to his work as the Agent of the Province. A. L. S. Cort-[lan]d Skinner et al. 4 p. LII, 68.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 460).

From Jer[emiah] Miller. 1769. December 11. New London.

Thanking Franklin on his son's behalf, who has taken Mr. Chew's place in the post-office; asks that certain expenses incidental to the

office may be allowed him by the Comptroller. Has sent two pamphlets to Dr. Johnson on the Susquehanna disputes; encloses a petition printed in type made in 'this colony.' No American insensible to Franklin's assiduity and important services in this critical era. A. L. S. 2 p.
II, 204.

From [Joseph Chew]. 1769. December 12. New London.

Concerning a dispute between [James] Parker and himself relative to the post-office accounts. A. L. 2 p. (Final part missing.) LVIII, 104.

From James Parker. 1769. December 16. New York.

Concerning a bill of £200 sterling, which he will send by Capt. Davis in eight or ten days' time. Feels a little stronger. A. L. S. 1 p.
II, 206.

From Rich[ar]d Stockton. 1769. December 22. Princeton.

Congratulating him on his late appointment as agent to the Province of New Jersey. Begg his particular attention to an Act of Assembly, entitled "A Supplementary Act to an Act entitled an Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several rights, titles and claims to the common lands of the township of Bergen and for making partition thereof in just and equitable proportion among those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be entitled to the same"; strong opposition to this act by William Bayard; asks Franklin to take the bill under his especial protection, and pledges the proprietors of Secaucus to compensate Franklin for any expense which may attend his opposing Mr. Bayard. A. L. S. 6 p.
II, 207.

From James Parker. 1769. December 23. Woodbridge.

Reasons why bill of exchange promised in his last was not sent. Forwarded him a power to recover any of his wages in the customs that may be due; has written resigning his office. Has recovered his strength a little. A. L. S. 1 p.
II, 208.

From Alex[ande]r Colden. 1769. December 23.

Concerning certain bills which were promised to be made out and signed. A. L. S. 1 p.
XLI, 41.

From James Parker. 1769. December 26. Woodbridge.

Enclosing the bill for £200 sterling just received from Mr. Colden.
A. L. S. 1 p. II, 209.

From Committee of Merchants of the Town of Boston.

1769. December 29. Boston.

Concerning an agreement entered into by the merchants and traders of Boston not to import any goods from Great Britain until all the revenue acts should be totally repealed; reasons why the merchants at New York, Philadelphia and other colonies could not concur with them in this; realizing the importance of all the traders acting upon the same plan, they have agreed to conform to the agreement entered into at New York and Philadelphia. Endorsing some observations of the merchants on the Acts of the 4th and 6th George the Third, and also on the conduct of the custom-house officers. L. S. 2 p. II, 210.

From W[illiam] Masters. [Circa 1769.]

Requests that Dr. Franklin would assist an English soldier to obtain his discharge. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 29.

From Gov[ernor] [Thomas] Pownall. [Circa 1769.]

Introducing Mr. Wilson who desires Franklin's advice as to the state of his lands. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLI, 170.

From Alex[ander] Small. [1769?] Paris.

Inquires if Captain Nairn gave him a paper on ventilation. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 70.

By Peter Henry Tesdorpf. 1769. Lubeck.

Translation of German verses in praise of Franklin for his invention of lightning conductors. Mem. 1 p. LI, 91.

From John Ewing. 1770. January 4. Philadelphia.

Ordered by the Philosophical Society to draw out an account of their observations of the Transits of Venus and Mercury and transmit it to Franklin as their President, through whose hands it may be communicated to the learned societies of Europe. Asks Franklin to use his influence to have a fixed observatory established in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 1.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 326).

From T[homas] Viny. 1770. January 13. Tenterden.

Pays Franklin many compliments. Has sold that part of his estate he mentioned to Franklin. [MS. mutilated.] Account of 'a tender scene,' which so sensibly affected him that he doubts he has 'philosophy enough to encounter so passionate a farewell'; nothing short of stubborn persecution can steel his fortitude. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 2.

From Dr. [John] Blair. [Circa 1770.] January 13.

Acquaints him that Lady Irwin and one or two ladies with her, propose visiting him [in Craven street]; if agreeable, Mr. George Lewis Scott and Mr. Strahan will be of the party. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLIV, 208.

From John Whitehurst. 1770. January 18. Derby.

Asking Franklin's favor on behalf of a young artist, named Powell, who is desirous of studying art under Mr. West. Concerned at Franklin's intention of leaving London in the spring; expects to wait on him 'ere that time. Hopes he received a ham by the Derby stage. Desires his sentiments on what will be done about the duties imposed on North America. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 3.

From James Parker. 1770. February 2. New York.

Concerning certain bills of exchange he has sent Franklin. Has resigned his place in the Custom-house. B. Mecom's effects to be sold at auction. The *New York Chronicle* flourished a while, but was soon dropped. Hopes by degrees to work out of debt, if he shall retain his place in the Post-Office. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 4.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 220.

From Jos[eph] Smith. 1770. February 6. Burlington [N. J.].

Enclosing printed copies of Acts passed at last session of Assembly; one among them is the Act for striking £100,000 in bills of credit; wishes the King's assent may be obtained to it before the breaking up of Parliament. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 5.

From Sam[uel] Potts. [Circa 1770?] February 15. London.

Have no North American boat on this side consequently no mail was made up last Saturday night for New York. The general post-office does not supply horns; they are purchased by the post boys. A. L. S. 1 p. LXIX, 82.

From James Parker. 1770. February 20. New York.

Referring to matters in his letter of the 2d inst. Has resigned the Custom-House business and received his pay. Absurd manner in which the money is paid. Concerning the sale of B. Mecom's books. His health still poor. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 6.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 222.

From The Assembly of Georgia.

1770. February 21. Savannah.

Is directed by the Assembly to ask its Agent to purchase a mace for the use of the House, and two gowns suitable for the Speaker and the Clerk. A. L. S. Noble Wimberly Jones, Speaker. 2 p. LII, 80.

From Daniel Roberdeau. 1770. February 27. Philadelphia.

Concerning the sale of his estate in St. Christopher's; if Franklin will take charge of it, he will save him a trip to England; does not sell from necessity, but partly to remove the temptation of slave-holding from his children. Commits himself and his affairs to Franklin's prudent and careful management. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 7.

From The Province of Georgia. 1770. February 27.

Ordinance appointing Benjamin Franklin its Agent in Great Britain. Attested copy, 3 p. LXXVI, 9.

From Dr. [John] Blair. [Circa 1770.] February 28.

Desires to know if Friday will be equally agreeable to him, being more convenient for the Bishop of Peterboro and the ladies; the party will not exceed nine. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLIV, 209.

From James Parker. 1770. March 8. New York.

Sends certain bills of exchange, one an account of B. Mecom's books sold at auction. Mr. Hughes has applied to him for the electrical machine Franklin sent, designed for him. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 8.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 223.

From John Perkins. 1770. March 12. Boston.

Enclosing some papers of his; one, a small tract on Epidemic Colds. Something unnatural in philosophic speculations at a time when the nation is involved in such disorder and confusion. Gratitude for Franklin's past favors to him. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 9.

From John Perkins. 1770. March 12. Boston.

Concerning a notion he has that pit-coal is a vegetable production; these thoughts occasioned by accounts the Irish give of using peat as fuel; anxious to visit the coal mines. A. L. S. 2 p. **III, 10.**

From R[odolph] E[ric] Raspe. 1770. March 17. Cassel.

Recommending Mr. Lichtenberg, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Giessen, who is very desirous of his acquaintance. Received the compliments Franklin was kind enough to send him by Mr. Merk. Hopes the new edition of his Electrical Letters will soon be finished. A. L. S. 2 p. **III, 11.**

From The Freeholders and Inhabitants of Boston.

1770. March 22. Boston.

Resolution that the news of the recent massacre by the soldiery in Boston be sent to Benjamin Franklin. D. S. William Cooper, Town Clerk. 1 p. **LIII, 1.**

From A Committee of the New Jersey Assembly.

1770. March 27. Burlington.

Ask Dr. Franklin to do all in his power to overcome opposition to a bill just passed, entitled "An act to provide a more effectual remedy against excessive costs in the recovery of debts." Wish to hear the latest resolutions of Parliament in regard to the laying of duties. A. L. S. Hend[ric]k Fisher et al. 1 p. **LIII, 2.**

From [Jean Baptiste LeRoy. 1770.] April 22. Paris.

Plans for seeing Franklin in England before the end of the year. Has sent him his brother's [Pierre LeRoy] work on the determination of longitude at sea. Promises to send him Abbé Galiani's work, *Sur les Commerces des Blés*. Project to raise a statue to Voltaire before his death. Recommending his brother, the physician [Charles LeRoy], to Franklin and Mr. Pringle. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLII, 179.**

From James Parker. 1770. April 23. New York.

Concerning certain bills of exchange. Prospect of a settlement between himself and Holt. Wrote to Quebec for the papers containing Franklin's examination; herewith sends them. Account of the trial

of one, Lewis Jones, for counterfeiting bills; he was assigned to him by Franklin and after serving his time left; for his father's sake, gave all the testimony he could in his favor; his final acquittal. A. L. S. 2 p.
III, 12.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 224.

From F[rancis] Hopkinson. 1770. April 23. Philadelphia.

Lord North's favor instrumental in obtaining something for his benefit; has written to the Bishop of Worcester on the subject. Has thought if Beckford should complete what he has been so long about,—and really die, he might, with the influence of his friends, gain the office of Collectorship of Philadelphia. Asks Franklin's interest and attention in this matter. Contemplates a trip to England. A. L. S. 2 p.
III, 13.

From James Parker. 1770. April 25. New York.

Enclosing bill of exchange. Lewis Jones has just been to thank him for the help he gave him in his trial; entreated him not to write the news to his father; promised amendment; has Franklin's name to thank for the Judge's favorable verdict. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 14.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 226.

From The D[eputy] Postmaster General.

1770. April 26. General Post-Office, North America.

A circular letter enclosing the rates of postage. Printed. L. 1 p.
LVIII, 54.

From Robert Rogers. 1770. May 4.

Encloses an estimate and account of the peltry and fur trade of the district of Michilimakinac. The estimate gives the probable cost of carrying on the trade with the outposts as £60,898. If the trade be confined to the one post at Michilimakinac the cost would be much smaller but the Spaniards would work up the outposts. Greatly favors extension of the trade and recommends a plan of civil government for the district. 27 p. A. L. S. 1 p.
LIII, 4.

By The Commons House of Assembly, Georgia. 1770. May 10.

Instructions to their Agent in Great Britain. Attested copy. 2 p.
LII, 78.

From The Province of Georgia. 1770. May 10.

Ordinance re-appointing Benjamin Franklin its Agent in Great Britain. Attested copy, 3 p. LXXVI, 10.

From James Parker. 1770. May 10. New York.

Concerning certain bills of exchange. Wishes he could get into some warmer climate in his old age. Contributed as much as he could towards getting Lewis Jones a passage to South Carolina. Sale of B. Mecom's books amounted to £175. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 15.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 226.

From The Committee of the Assembly of Georgia.

1770. May 11. Savannah.

Notification of re-appointment as Agent in England for the Province. L. S. James Habersham et al. 1 p. (Original and copy.) LII, 78½ and 83.

From The Committee of the Assembly of Georgia.

1770. May 23. Savannah.

Explanation of the instructions of the Assembly to its Agent in Great Britain. A. L. S. James Habersham et al. 4 p. LII, 79.

From Hum[phr]y Marshall. 1770. May 28. Chester Co., Pa.

Question of whether the merchants will hold out in their resolve to import nothing from England. Spirit of industry among the people of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia; great noise about the manufacture of silk. Thanking Franklin for sending him a small reflecting telescope. Hopes if England does take off the duties the American people will not forget the cause of their past resentment, but will manufacture those articles necessary for their own consumption. Prophesies bloodshed. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 16.

From John Ewing. 1770. June 14. Philadelphia.

Concerning the observations of the Transit of Venus. Question of erecting an observatory in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 17.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 330).

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Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 224.

From F[rancis] Hopkinson. 1770. April 23. Philadelphia.

Lord North's favor instrumental in obtaining something for his benefit; has written to the Bishop of Worcester on the subject. Has thought if Beckford should complete what he has been so long about,—and really die, he might, with the influence of his friends, gain the office of Collectorship of Philadelphia. Asks Franklin's interest and attention in this matter. Contemplates a trip to England. A. L. S. 2 p.

III, 13.

From James Parker. 1770. April 25. New York.

Enclosing bill of exchange. Lewis Jones has just been to thank him for the help he gave him in his trial; entreated him not to write the news to his father; promised amendment; has Franklin's name to thank for the Judge's favorable verdict. A. L. S. 1 p.

III, 14.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 226.

From The D[eputy] Postmaster General.

1770. April 26. General Post-Office, North America.

A circular letter enclosing the rates of postage. Printed. L. 1 p.

LVIII, 54.

From Robert Rogers. 1770. May 4.

Encloses an estimate and account of the peltry and fur trade of the district of Michilimakinac. The estimate gives the probable cost of carrying on the trade with the outposts as £60,898. If the trade be confined to the one post at Michilimakinac the cost would be much smaller but the Spaniards would work up the outposts. Greatly favors extension of the trade and recommends a plan of civil government for the district. 27 p. A. L. S. 1 p.

LIII, 4.

By The Commons House of Assembly, Georgia. 1770. May 10.

Instructions to their Agent in Great Britain. Attested copy. 2 p.

LII, 78.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.]. 1770. August 27. Boston.

His son Josiah to go to London under his brother's care; his desire to study music under Mr. Stanley. Business very poor, owing to the unfortunate difference between Great Britain and her colonies. Governor wanted for Massachusetts; general desire for Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 3.

From Fra[nci]s Panton. [1770. August.] ?

The will of James Parker. Mrs. Parker wishes Dr. Franklin to be paid as soon as possible. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 105.

From Robert Alexander. 1770. September 3 [Scotland].

Concerning a harpsichord for 33 guineas, which he desires Franklin to send him. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 25.

From John Borthwick. 1770. September 8. New York.

Visited Burlington, where he found Franklin's family in good health. Asks Franklin to procure some office for him. Concerning a manuscript entitled "An examination into the value of Canada and Guadeloupe, with an impartial account of the latter in answer to a late pamphlet, entitled 'The interest of Great Britain considered in regard to her Colonies.'" said to be written by one Mr. Kennedy, alias Scott. The old Duke of Wharton has a duplicate of the plan of Philadelphia, the same the writer gave Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 26.

From Thomas Fitzmaurice. 1770. September 10. Isle of Wight.

Promised Dr. Hawkesworth that he would acquaint Franklin how eagerly they looked for him; expected him the previous day with Sir Charles Knowles, who purposes to make a very curious experiment of the force and direction of the winds upon one of the high neighboring downs. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 27.

From J[oseph] Galloway. 1770. September 27. Philadelphia.

Speculations about the coming election; his own fate uncertain; has always received a great deal of abuse and calumny instead of grateful returns for the most faithful services. Hears from many that Gen. G[a]ge has sent to the Ministry a copy of Franklin's letter to Ch. T[homson]; cautions him against writing of private matters to that man; thinks him void of principle and virtue. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 28.

From Tho[ma]s Gilpin. 1770. September 28. Philadelphia.

Transient thoughts on the subject of the duties imposed by England on the Colonies. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 29.

From Mary Parker. 1770. October 6. New York.

Concerning the Comptroller's books in Mr. Foxcroft's possession. Promises to send a general account of the Post-Office affairs. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 30.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, 228.

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1770. October 9.

Acknowledges receipt of mace and gowns ordered last February 21st, and encloses bills of exchange in part payment. Also acknowledges receipt of pamphlets and speeches. Assurances of the Assembly's esteem. A. L. S. 3 p. LII, 81.

From Thomas Fitzmaurice. 1770. October 12. Isle of Wight.

Expressing his own and Dr. Hawkesworth's disappointment at not seeing Franklin. Concerning Sir Charles Knowles' experiment to ascertain the force and direction of the wind; plans to bring him and Franklin together. "Aspersions thrown upon the Doctor's Maggy." Warlike preparations growing fainter. A. L. S. 4 p. III, 31.

From Tho[mas] Foxcroft. 1770. November 10. Philadelphia.

Has just received the enclosed bill of exchange from the Quebec office. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 32.

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1770. November 16. Boston.

Congratulating their cousin Nancy on her marriage to Capt. Clark. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 4.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1770. November 21. Leeds.

Rectifies a mistake in the catalogue of books wanted; very anxious to get De la Hire's "Différents Accidents de la Vue" and Du Hamel's "History of the French Academy"; must purchase the Petersburg Memoirs, though they will cost above £20; has not yet received Boyle's Works; studying up the subject of light and color. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 33.

From John Bartram. 1770. November 24. [Philadelphia.]

Acknowledging the pamphlet and picture of his dear Peter Collinson, which he has added to those of Linnaeus, Franklin and Edwards; desires to add a picture of Dr. Fothergill to the collection. Can hear nothing of the continuation of the King's bounty; William Young blusters stoutly of *his* being the botanist to their Majesties, the King and Queen of England. Sends a box of seeds. Begs Franklin to "squeeze out a few lines" as often as convenient. A. L. S. 1 p.

III, 34.

From [Barbeu Dubourg]. 1770. November 25. Paris.

Has received copies of the English translation of his little "Code." The translation might well pass for the original, it is so well done. The work did not cause much sensation in Paris, but it was very well received in London, and a second edition is about to be published there. Has made many changes and additions since the first edition, which he hopes his translator will render into English. Requests Franklin to send a copy of the second edition in English to Miss Pitt, sister of the Earl of Chatham, to whom he is indebted for many kindnesses. Intends to publish also soon a "Digest of Humanity" or a commentary on the "Code," under the assumed name of M. Tone, of Philadelphia. Thanks Franklin for his kind reception of his friend, M. Frey, when the latter was in London. A. L. 4 p. (In French.)

XLIV, 4.

From [Thomas] Life. 1770. November 30. [London.]

Acquaints Franklin that the Georgia Acts are referred to Mr. Jackson; wishes to have an attendance on Mr. Jackson before he makes his report. A. L. in 3d P.

III, 35.

From Tho[ma]s Life. 1770. November to 1771. February.

Account for legal services to Dr. Franklin as Agent for the Colonies. Mem. S. 2 p.

LXIX, 108.

From Jos[eph] Smith. 1770. December 8. Burlington.

Has received his favors of March 19, April 10 and 12, and June 11, and communicated them to the Committee of Correspondence, who laid them before the House of Assembly, where they gave general satisfaction. The House determined not to allow Sherwood the balance he

mentions to be due him. The Committee anxious to know whether two Acts, mentioned in his letter of April 12, gained the Royal assent. Thanks him for Gov. Pownall's speech. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 36.

From Benj[amin] Gale. 1770. December 10. Killingworth.

Mentioning a gold medal granted him by the Society of Arts for an improvement on the drill-plow; expresses his grateful acknowledgments to the Society for the honor they have conferred upon him. Ignorant who is Dr. Templeman's successor in the Society; sent specimen of white iron ore at the same time with his model of the drill-plow. Interest taken in the culture of mulberry trees; makes suggestions which he thinks would aid this work. A. L. S. 4 p. III, 37.

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1770. December 13. Savannah.

Encloses second set of bills of exchange in payment for mace and gowns. The Assembly holds in highest approbation the conduct of its Agent, and is about to pass an ordinance of reappointment. A. L. S. 1 p. LII, 82.

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1770. December 13. Savannah.

Asking his assistance for Mr. Cornelius Winter, who intends taking holy orders. A. L. S. 2 p. LII, 82, a.

From Tho[ma]s Crowley. 1770. December 17. [London.]

Concerning a pamphlet by J. Otis which contains sentiments exactly similar to his own; thinks it deserves another edition; in that case, promises to take a dozen or two copies; concerned at the thought that a man of such just sentiments should have met with so much oppression. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 38.

From Anth[ony] Tissington. 1770. December 29. Alfreton.

His movements since July; hopes soon to return to his more pleasing studies. Glad to see by the papers that the affairs in America do well, and that Franklin settles with the Ministry, not with the Parliament. Illness of his wife. Has gathered some materials for a philosophical paper. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 39.

From Count Carburi. [Circa 1770?]

The Duke of Marlborough would be delighted to have Dr. Franklin at Marlborough House and see him make the experiments in electricity. Asks him if he can come and if he needs to see, beforehand, the electric machine which would be used. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

XLII, 11.

From Sam[ue]l Claphamson. [Circa 1770? London.]

Cabinet maker. Asking for the discharge of his bill delivered some time before. A. L. S. 1 p.

XL, 214.

From [William] Franklin. 1770?

Relative to New Jersey politics and trouble with the Assembly. Threat to destroy the iron works in New Jersey as contrary to law. The Americans ought at least, before they attempt to evade this law, use all their endeavors to obtain a repeal; for the interest of both countries, that all partial Acts of that nature were abolished. His salary and expenses. A. L. S. 3 p. (Incomplete.)

LVIII, 44 and 80.

From W[illia]m Franklin. [Circa 1770?] June. Perth Amboy.

Encloses a bill of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLII, 3½.

From Mrs. [Katharine] French. [Circa 1770.]

Called at Dr. Franklin's house to invite him to dinner, to meet Mrs. Payne and to play a game of chess. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

XLIII, 171.

From Dr. [Thomas] Percival. [Circa 1770.] King St. [London?]

Will call on Franklin in half an hour; desires his company at supper that evening. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

XL, 144.

From Sir John Pringle. [Circa 1770?] Wednesday morning.

Wishes to know at what hour Dr. Franklin can meet him at Mr. Hewson's. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

XLIII, 220.

From ————. [Circa 1770.]

Sends money to pay expenses of bringing certain books to his country.
Asks for data of the lives of the most eminent members of the Royal
Society. L. 2 p. L(ii), 26.

From Jno. Hawkesworth. 1771. January 5. Bromley, Kent.

Mr. Ackland is a candidate for the afternoon preachership at the
Foundling Hospital; recommends him to Franklin's assistance. A.
L. S. 1 p. III, 40.

From John Foxcroft. 1771. January 14. Philadelphia.

Introducing his brother, whom he hopes Franklin will take cordially
by the hand; his brother's business in London; shares with Franklin
his fondness for chess. Quite happy at hearing that there is a favorable
disposition in England towards the Colonies. Trade beginning to look
up; an Act to encourage and extend the trade of America would be an
act of grace indeed, worthy of the British Senate, and productive of
great results at the time. Concerning certain accusations made against
him; their probable source; account of a conversation with Mr. Black-
burn in which the latter abused Franklin; some warmth occasioned by
the writer's calling himself an American; stated his belief that a good
American and a good Englishman were synonymous terms. A. L. S.
4 p. III, 41.

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1771. January 19. Boston.

Happy to learn of his son's and brother's safe arrival. Will send to
Mr. Pease for the bond and shall recover the money. Shall take pleasure
to encourage his benevolent scheme. Answered his letters in regard
to the lottery; decided to risk the two tickets and gave his account
current credit for the balance as he directed in the past. Has not yet
been able to let his house. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 5.

From [Thomas] Life. 1771. January 24. London.

Has arranged for a conference of Dr. Franklin, Mr. Jackson and Mr.
Life, for the 30th inst. in reference to the Georgia Acts. Would like
a previous meeting with Dr. Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. LII, 84.

From The Library Company of Philadelphia.

1771. January 25. Philadelphia.

Appointed by the Directors of The Library Co. to acknowledge Franklin's favor of July 7, 1769; prevented from answering it sooner by the confusion arising from the union of the several libraries. They concur with Franklin in his opinion of the propriety of having, in some of their public libraries, all the transactions of every philosophical society in Europe; before deciding, they desire to know the price of each set and also of the French Encyclopædia. Sends catalogue of books wanted. L. S. M[ichael] Hillegas, Nicholas Waln and R. Strettell Jones. 1 p.

III, 42.

From Humphry Marshall. 1771. January 27. West Bradford.

By all accounts the colonies have gone into the importation of goods more largely than ever; instances of great spirit, however, remaining among the farmers. Manufacture of china; of double flint glass; of silk, which, mixed with worsted, forms a material of which they make clothes. Has sent him some observations on the spots appearing on the sun's disk; asks him to show them to his old friend, John Fothergill, and after a perusal, to present them to the Royal Society, in his (Marshall's) name. Offers to furnish seeds, young plants, etc., to any gentlemen in England who may desire them, at lower prices than common; has done this work for his cousin, John Bartram, for many years. A. L. S. 2 p.

III, 43.

From Will[iam] Knox. 1771. January 29. London.

Encloses plan and papers in reference to the lands claimed by W[illiam] Batner's representative. A. L. S. 1 p.

LII, 86.

From W[illiam] Henly. 1771. January 29. [London].

Thanks Franklin for the improvement of his electrometers; if he has been able to produce any experiment in electricity upon which Franklin can bestow the epithet 'curious,' his highest ambition and vanity in that science is fully satisfied. Drawings and description of an experiment. A. L. S. 1 p.

III, 44.

From Isaac Gamgius. 1771. January 31. London.

Left Capt. Dalrymple's ship because his station was not a suitable one; hoped Franklin could have gotten a berth for him in another ship. A. L. S. 1 p.

III, 45.

From Theodorus Swaine Drage. 1771. March 2. Salisbury, N. C.

A long account of the religious, social and political conditions existing in his present parish. A. L. S. 11 p. (Pages missing.)

LVIII, 55.

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1771. March 4. Savannah.

Informing Franklin of how their [Georgia] Assembly was dissolved by order of the Governor; same fate attended them in December, 1768. Cause for it: their having committed the Deputy Secretary, Mr. Moodie, for refusing to give evidence to the House in the case of the Deputy Surveyor-General for taking double fees in his office; this the Governor said the Assembly had no right to do. Trusts he has received the bills of exchange. A. L. S. 2 p.

III, 46.

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1771. March 7. Savannah.

Sends the last two *Gazettes*, as they mention the matters respecting the dissolution of the Assembly referred to in his letter of the 4th inst.

A. L. S. 1 p.

III, 47.

From Rob[er]t Crafton. 1771. March 11. London.

Concerning an agreement to dine every Thursday at the Dog Tavern on Garlick Hill; reproaches Franklin with being there only once; expects to take the chair next Thursday and commands him, under pain of his greatest displeasure, to appear in person and bring with him several young sucking Americans, who probably attend Franklin's levees. A. L. S. 1 p.

III, 48.

From [Charles-Guillaume-Frederic] Dumas.

1771. March 22. The Hague.

Engaged in tutoring two young Dutch noblemen; the rest of his time employed in translating Anderson's *Historical and Chronological Deduction of the Origin of Commerce*. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

LVIII, 56.

From [William Franklin]. 1771. March 30. Burlington.

Enclosed a letter to L. H. Heard from Mr. W. Logan that Dr. Franklin was well the first of January. L. 1 p.

XLIV, 5.

From Alex[ander] Wilson. 1771. April 14. College, Glasgow.

Concerning some fonts of printing types; the price and quality; these terms proving agreeable, will be much obliged for orders. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 49.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1771. April 23. Philadelphia.

Recommending Mr. Nicholas Biddle to Franklin's advice and assistance; the merchant service has hitherto claimed his attention but his ambition incites him to some more honorable pursuit; either the navy, or, should peace continue, a berth in the East India Co. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 50.

From Eliza[be]th Empson. 1771. April 23. Poole.

Returning thanks for the money Franklin was kind enough to allow her; afraid that he is displeased with the freedom she has taken; her miserable situation without friends or money; disappointed that he is unable to do anything for Mr. Empson. A. L. S. 1 p. [Mutilated.] III, 51.

From [Thomas] Life. 1771. April 26. London.

Expressing regret that owing to business of very great consequence he has not been able to wait on Franklin about the Georgia affair; makes an appointment for Monday. L. in 3d P. III, 52.

From J. G. Lottilby. 1771. April 27. Dublin.

Question of printing-presses, forms, types, etc. An invention he has made which will alarm the whole fraternity of printers. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 53.

From John Bartram. 1771. April 29. [Philadelphia.]

Not a line from any of his correspondents concerning the matter of the King's bounty; William Young styles himself their Majesties' botanist. His daughter, Elizabeth, has saved several thousand silk worms which she expects will hatch in a few days. His sight failing him; has handed all his business over to his son, John, except part of his garden. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 54.

From Sam[uel] Rhoads. 1771. May 3. Philadelphia.

Limestone.—Trade of Baltimore.—Project of a canal from the Susquehanna to the Schuylkill.—Pennsylvania Hospital. A. L. S. 2 p.
III, 55.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 518).

From William Smith. 1771. May 3. Philadelphia.

Agreeable to the directions of the Philosophical Society, has sent Franklin, as their President, eleven copies of the first volume of the Society's Transactions, which he is requested to deliver to the persons mentioned in the letter; will send more copies later; would like the Astronomer Royal to have his as soon as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 56.

From C[adwalader] Evans. 1771. May 4. Philadelphia.

His account of Mr. Walpole's valuation of the samples of silk sent, gave them spirits; account of the condition in which the eggs arrived from Spain; advises a different manner of transportation; the experiment in America takes beyond their most sanguine expectations. Transactions of the [American Philosophical] Society sent by Dr. Smith. Departure of Gov. Penn for England immediately on hearing of his father's death; his brother, Dick Penn, who is to take his place, said to be illiterate, arbitrary and vindictive. Apologizes for not writing to [Samuel] Wharton, whose father has been ill all winter 'with a slow fever, an inveterate cough and a pertinacious refusal of all medicines'; saw a good deal of Wharton's friend, David Darrach. Sends Franklin a snuff-box made out of the root of laurel. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 57.

From A. Clarke. 1771. May 5. Barbadoes.

Acquainting him with their arrival on December 9; very kindly received by Capt. Clarke's mother and relations; Capt. Clarke in Grenada; his family one of the first on the island; his brother very rich and a great traveller and keeps open house. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 58.

From [Thomas] Pownall. 1771. May 7. Whitehall.

Asking Franklin if he can inform him who will take out the warrant appointing [Daniel] Coxe one of the Council of New Jersey. L. in 3d P. 1 p. III, 60.

From Tho[mas] Percival. 1771. May 16. Manchester.

Enclosing an attempt of his to account for the different quantities of rain which fall at different heights. Hope of seeing and interviewing Franklin at Manchester. A. L. S. 2 p. **III, 61.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1771. May 27. Paris.

Has not heard from Franklin for several months. Nine numbers of the "Citizen's Ephemerides" have appeared within the last five months. Sends them to Franklin and also to Mr. Rush. His "Manual of Humanity" is finally being printed at Bouillon. His work on the "Peerage of France" has been delayed and altered by the Censor. Although the present Government is bad enough, fears a change to worse. Thinks the judges and magistrates have too much power and are more arbitrary than a despot. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 6.**

By William Franklin. 1771. May.

Remarks on Benjamin Franklin's account against William Franklin, dated London, April 20, 1771. A. Mem. 3 p. **LXVII, 24.**

By J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1771. June 1. London.

Joint expense account of Dr. Franklin, Mr. Canton, Dr. Ingen Housz and J. Williams, [Jr.]. Mem. 1 p. **LXVII, 26.**

From The Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital to Dr. John Fothergill, Benjamin Franklin and David Barclay.

1771. June 3. Philadelphia.

Send them duplicates of the law and letters of attorney empowering them to receive on their account the money arising from the unclaimed shares of the Pennsylvania Land Company, also informs them that the necessities of their institution are very urgent. Ask to be informed of the receipt of money that they may embrace the very first opportunity of selling the bills of exchange which will relieve their pressing necessities. L. S. John Reynell, Sam[ue]l Rhoads, Jam[es] Pemberton. 2 p. **XLVII, 53.**

From The Bataafsch Genootschap der Proefondervinderlijke Wijsbergeerte. 1771. June 11. Rotterdam.

Certificate of Corresponding Membership. D. S. 1 p. **Portfolio.**

From Step[he]n Crane. 1771. June 22. Elizabethtown.

Late debate between the Governor and Assembly of New Jersey relative to the granting supplies for His Majesty's troops; reluctance on the part of the House to enter into a measure likely to pain the Governor; forced to it, however, by the inability of the inhabitants at this time to pay any additional taxes; hopes, if His Majesty insists on this tax, he will permit a bill for striking a paper currency; begs Franklin's services in obtaining this bill, which will give general satisfaction. A. L. S. 2 p. [In duplicate.] III, 63 and 64.

From [Thomas Cushing]. 1771. June 29. Massachusetts.

His favor of February 5th was laid before the House; right of Parliament to tax the Colonies; danger of Britain's forcing a free people, by oppressive measures, into a state of desperation; Massachusetts will never submit to the authority of an absolute government. A. L. 2 p. (Final part missing.) LVIII, 57.

From Alex[ande]r Colden. 1771. July 2. New York.

Has taken such steps as will put the accounts in a proper state before Mr. Foxcroft returns. Concerning an advertisement about Elizabeth Holland, and why he failed to insert it. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 66.

From [Dr.] Th[omas] Bond. 1771. July 6. Philadelphia.

Introducing Mr. Daniel Kheun, brother of Dr. Kheun; he goes to Sweden to study divinity, preparatory to taking charge of some Swedish congregation. His son Richard's progress in the study of physic and surgery; takes his examinations next year, and will then finish his studies in Europe; discusses the respective merits of the medical schools in Edinburgh, Paris, London, Leyden and Vienna; would like Sir John Pringle's advice on this matter. Thanking Franklin for a new picture, a striking likeness of himself, presented to him by good Mrs. Franklin. On June 28 had a commencement in the College; the farce prettily played. Certain medical dissertations. A correspondence with the learned societies of Europe would prove an advantage to the [American] Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 67.

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1771. July 8. Savannah.

Amazed that the objection to Mr. Winter's ordination was his regard for or connection with Mr. Whitefield. Concerning what Franklin mentions from Mr. Mauduit relative to the dissenters. The Governor's reasons for dissolving the first Assembly; personal enmity against himself. Franklin's solicitations on behalf of the Negro law will be gratefully acknowledged by every well-wisher to the Province. Hopes all difficulties will be overcome respecting Sir William Baker's claim; warns him not to count on the Governor's assistance. Wishes Franklin had written to the Committee of Correspondence relative to public matters. As they were not dissolved with the House as Franklin imagined, his letters containing some matters of a private nature, he did not choose to send to them, and some of the Committee being those that assisted the Governor in using him (Jones) ill, he could not well in person communicate them; however he will contrive some method to acquaint them with what they have a right to know. A. L. S. 4 p. III, 68.

From J[ohn] J[oachim] Zubly. 1771. July 9. Savannah.

Finds that Mr. Jasper Mauduit has applied for Franklin's kind assistance to remove some grievances imposed on protestant dissenters; dispute between himself and the rector; encloses copy of letter published on that occasion; question of sexton's fees. Bill sent by the upper house to the lower, in which a rate is fixed on all dissenters to be paid to the rector, though his attendance is not required nor any duty performed; this received not a vote in the lower house. Refusal of upper house to hear a second reading of a bill passed in the lower to lay out a burying ground for protestant dissenters; expects a like bill in favor of the Jews will meet with the same fate. Unlucky in being a dissenter in political as well as religious matters. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 69.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.]. 1771. July 12. Boston.

Arrival in town of Mr. Foxcroft and his lady. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 6.

From John Whitehurst. 1771. July 25. London.

Hopes Franklin will be pleased with the two clocks he sent; had not time to engrave the plates. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 71.

From John Whitehurst. 1771. August 1. Derby.

Sends the bill for the clocks; the other one Franklin was kind enough to order will soon be completed; alteration he deemed necessary to make in Mr. Ferguson's plan. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 71½.

From W[illiam] Franklin. 1771. August 3. Burlington.

Just returned from Philadelphia where he has been for some days with Betsy in order to see her brother Downes, his wife and daughter, who arrived there from Barbadoes; he is in bad health, so took him home with them to escape the heat of Philadelphia. Sally's [Mrs. Bache] determination to accompany her husband to England in the fall; thinks the expense of such a trip will not suit Mr. Bache's present circumstances nor consistent with justice to his creditors; if she does go, wishes his mother might have some clever body to take care of her; her memory has failed much; daily becomes more unfit to be left alone. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 72.

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1771. August 5. Boston.

Settlement of accounts. News of the family. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 7.

From Alex[ande]r Colden. 1771. August 6. New York.

Has lost Mr. Jesser's letter. Enclosing the second set of those bills, sent by Mr. Foxcroft by the last packet; Mr. Foxcroft and Lady both well. Gov. Tryon has arrived and taken the administration of the government; his amiable disposition promises good things; Lord Dunmore has sent his seals and baggage to Virginia, but is at present on a tour to Lake Champlain. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 73.

From J[onathan Shipley, Bishop of] St. Asaph.

[1771.] August 13. Twyford.

Desiring Franklin to deliver his letters to Primate and Mrs. Jackson; his loss keenly felt at Twyford. Concerning the probable behavior of his younger daughter, Franklin's fellow-traveler. A. L. S. 2 p. XL, 122.

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1771. September 19. Boston.

His belief that Hall will pay the money. Franklin's kindness to his sons; glad Josiah is remaining in London; safe arrival of Jonathan,

who is just entering into business in Boston. Question of an indorsement on Franklin's bond, received by John Cooke. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 8.

From John Holt. 1771. October 2. New York.

A true account of an unhappy difference between his neighbor, Mr. Hugh Hughes and his brother John; the cause was the espousal of the Stamp Act by Mr. John Hughes; his haughty and imperious character. Unhappy situation of Mr. Hugh Hughes' affairs; by being security he became insolvent; for years made himself a voluntary prisoner in his own house to avoid arrest; supported a numerous family by teaching school; his health impaired; anxious to get some other occupation; offers of assistance from his brother, such as no man of spirit could accept. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 74.

From T[homas] Cushing. 1771. October 2. Boston.

William Storey will deliver to Franklin the votes of the last sessions of the General Court. Account of a difficulty Mr. Storey is in; took Mr. Wheelwright's note of hand at the direction of the Surveyor-General; Mr. Wheelwright's subsequent failure; Mr. Storey goes to England to apply for relief to the Commissioners there. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 75.

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1771. October 3. Boston.

Concerning certain bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 9.

From Ann Clay. 1771. October 4. Newcastle.

Recommending her son to Franklin. Has been a widow four years; is neither rich nor poor; has eleven children, which she regards as an addition to her happiness. If necessary, begs him to advance 200 guineas to her son, for the payment of which she will be his security. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 74½.

From [William Henly]. 1771. October 7.

Electrical experiment from which he infers the necessity of making the conductors erected to secure buildings from damage of lightning, both of the best materials and of a very sufficient substance. L. 1 p. XLIX, 60.

From Pet[er] Timothy. 1771. October 20. Charleston.

Concerning a bill finally passed in the Assembly on the question of carrying the £1500 into the estimate under the expedient of including the same in the treasurer's accounts; opposition to it finally overcome; if the Governor gives his consent, public credit may be restored and universal harmony revived. Mr. Hughes' wretched state of health; fears the worst. Rice and indigo crop. Dr. Haly having surrendered himself, the trial is to take place; his numerous and powerful friends; supposes the verdict will be manslaughter; he was compelled to fight, contrary to his inclinations. A. L. S. 3 p. **III, 76.**

From John Foxcroft. 1771. November 5. Philadelphia.

Hopes Franklin has returned safely and in good health from his trip to Ireland. Expects the two casks of flour. A. L. S. 1 p. **III, 77.**

From John Balfour. 1771. November 5. Edinburgh.

Asking Franklin to transact a debt due him by the late Mr. Parker; is willing to compromise the matter on easy terms, as he thinks Parker an honest man; leaves the entire affair to Franklin and will abide by his decision. A. L. S. 2 p. **III, 78.**

From Penuel Bowen. 1771. November 6. Boston.

Expressing the most fervent gratitude to and admiration for Franklin; thanking him for the picture of himself lately received through the hands of Mr. Samuel Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **III, 79.**

From Edw[ar]d Penington, et al., to Drs. Franklin and Forthergill.
1771. November 8. Philadelphia.

The subscribers, Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in Pennsylvania, having 155 pounds of raw silk ready for exportation, have decided to commit this first adventure to Franklin's care and disposal. Hopes of this industry becoming an object of general attention in Pennsylvania, and in time a considerable remittance to the Mother Country; mentions the number of pounds to go to the Queen, to Lady Juliana Penn, to the relict of Archibald Penn, and to the lady of the Hon. John Penn. L. S. 1 p. **III, 80.**

From Samuel Noble. 1771. November 11. Philadelphia.

Franklin being his neighbor in his infancy and a fellow-citizen, he makes free to write him and present him with a pair of soles made of leather of his own tanning; gives history of aforesaid leather from the time it was part of a steer on Carpenter Island. Trade improving. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 81.

From Isaac Hunt. 1771. November 12. Philadelphia.

Acquainting him with the death of the Attorney General of the Bermudas, and soliciting Franklin's offices to procure him that place; makes this application from absolute necessity. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 82.

From Joseph [Stiles]. 1771. November 13. Philadelphia.

On behalf of a committee of tradesmen, acknowledges Franklin's favors of July 29th and August 28th, 1770. Convinced that the pamphlet sent them will be of infinite service to the American colonies. A. L. S. 2 p. (Mutilated.) LVIII, 58.

From [Jean Baptiste] LeRoy. [1771.] November 27. Brest.

Presumption and ignorance of two pseudo-scientists who have written against lightning rods. Account of his placing the first lightning rod on a French vessel; desires Franklin's observations on the method employed. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XLII, 183.

By The House and Council of New Jersey.

1771. December 11 and 20. Burlington, N. J.

Resolutions appointing Dr. Benjamin Franklin Agent of the Colony in Great Britain. D. S. Cha[rle]s Pettit, D[eputy] Cl[er]k of the Council. 2 p. LIII, 8.

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1771. December 13. Boston.

Probabilities of Mr. Hall finally paying Franklin the money. Introducing Mr. John Milliquet, who married Mr. Cushing's niece. Fears Josiah's infirmity will render him too troublesome. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 10.

From Jona[than] Williams [Jr.]. 1771. December 13 (?). Boston.

Introducing Mr. John Milliquet. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 11.

From Cort[lan]d Skinner, Aaron Leaming, Abr[aha]m Hewlings
and Joseph Smith. 1771. December 21. Burlington.

The House of Assembly's opinion not to push the farther consideration of the Septennial Act until a favorable opportunity arises; confidence placed in Franklin. Concerning a law for the recovery of small debts; hopes Mr. Jackson may be induced to give it a favorable report. The law to enable persons not naturalized to hold lands; similar to one in New York to which the Royal assent has been given; reasons why it is a just law; hopes Franklin will endeavor to enforce its application by every means in his power. Differences between the House and Government touching the subsistence of the troops have been happily settled. Expressing the thanks of the House. L. S. 3 p. III, 83.

Statement of William Franklin *in account with* Benjamin Franklin.
1771.

A. Mem. S. 2 p.

LXVII, 25.

From W[illiam] Henly. [Circa 1771.]

Accounts of electrical experiments. A. L. S. 8 p. XLII, 32-37.

From [William Henly. Circa 1771.]

Effect of a thunder storm upon the electric rod. Mem. 1 p.

XLIX, 75.

From William Henly. [Circa 1771.]

Description and use of a new prime conductor for experiments in electricity. With drawing. A. Mem. 3 p.

LVIII, 29.

From R[ichar]d Jackson. [Circa 1771.] Thursday. London.

Read d'Anquetil's voyage attentively; remarks the author's evident carelessness, ignorance, and his palpable malignity against the whole English nation. Will dine with Franklin at the Mitre. A. L. S. 2 p.

XL, 190.

From R[ichar]d Jackson. [1771.] Saturday night. London?

Query as to when it will suit Franklin to go with him to Ireland. Wishes to see him before he leaves London. A. L. S. 1 p. XL, 191.

From Daniel Roberdeau to Benj[ami]n Franklin, John Fothergill and Charles Pearce. [Circa 1771. Philadelphia.]

Authorising the reduction in the selling-price of his property in the West Indies. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 17.

From [Benjamin Rush. Circa 1771.]

Discusses the origin of catarrh. A. L. 4 p. (Incomplete.) LVIII, 62.

From ————. [Circa 1771.]

Instructions in regard to obtaining copy of patent for Secretary of New Jersey, granted to Christopher Coates and to Maurice Morgan. D. 2 p. LVI(i), 4.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1772. January 6. Burlington.

Has carried two points in the late sessions of the Assembly, with which he expects the Ministry to be not a little pleased; one is the supply for the troops; the other, the leaving out those words in the Support Bill which the Board of Trade looked upon as meant to establish the Assembly's claim of the sole right of appointing an agent. Messrs. Galloway and Foxcroft have written fully with respect to the grants made by the Government of Virginia of lands which will fall in the new colony; question of Lord Botetourt's right or authority to grant lands on the other side of the Allegheny Mountains. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 84.

From Anth[ony] Tissington. 1772. January 15. Alfreton.

Hopes Franklin is back again in London after a summer of rambling in which he has been so unfortunate as to miss seeing him twice. Sends him a turkey. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 85.

From Hannah Walker. 1772. January 15. Westbury.

Wishing him many happy returns of his birthday; all her family join in begging Franklin's acceptance of their humble duties, with prayers for his long life. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 86.

From [Capt.] W[illia]m Outram. 1772. January 17. London.

Commissioned by Rev. Mr. Dunlap to purchase for his son, Benjamin, organist of his father's church in Virginia, a good armonica; asks where such may be had. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 87.

From Sargent, Chambers & Co. 1772. January 25. [London.]

Agreeable to Franklin's instructions, have drawn out his account, which amounts to £149 16s. 1d.; beg that Franklin may signify his pleasure about its disposal. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **III, 88.**

From [Jonathan Shipley,] Bishop of St. Asaph.

[Circa 1772.] January 25.

Inviting him to dinner. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 230(1).**

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1772. February 2. Savannah.

Greatly concerned at not hearing from Franklin for so long; affairs in the same state as when he last wrote; no House of Representatives; at a loss to conceive what their arbitrary rulers mean by it, unless to terrify weak-minded people into their measures; the coming election will disclose a part of their motives; would be glad to hear from Franklin, if anything occurs concerning the Province. A. L. S. 2 p. **III, 89.**

From W[illiam] Franklin. 1772. February 28. Burlington.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of April 20th, containing his London account against the estate of Mr. Parker with the request to assist in securing the debts; enclosing a copy of Mr. Parker's account against Franklin, also a memorandum to enable Franklin to state his account properly against Mr. Parker's estate; the sooner this is done the better; Mrs. Parker very infirm; leaves everything to Jenny, who is about to marry a young fellow not of age, an apprentice to a lawyer. A. L. S. 1 p. **III, 90.**

From [Jonathan Shipley,] Bishop of St. Asaph and Mrs. Shipley.

[1772. February.]

Inviting him to dinner on Sunday. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 230, (3).**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy. [1772?] March 5. Paris.

Reproaching Franklin with his year's silence. Recommending the bearer, M. de Bassue, to Franklin's kind notice. Arctic exploration planned for May; desires any advice Franklin can give their new argonauts. Messrs. Banks's and Solander's proposed antarctic trip; his admiration for scientific explorers. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

XLII, 162.

From [John] Huske. 1772. March 10. Paris.

The bearer's plan and views will be fully disclosed by the enclosed letter; this, pruned and dressed by Franklin's pen, together with his accompanying Mr. O'Gormand to Lord Clare's, must produce a favorable reception; if the plan is relished by the Ministry so far as to give this gentleman encouragement to go to America, begs Franklin to give him advice, and letters to his friends in the different provinces; knows he will give every assistance in his power to such a laudable undertaking. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 91.

From Noble W[imberly] Jones. 1772. March 18. Savannah.

Introducing to Franklin's kindness Mr. William Stephen, an attorney-at-law. Elections going forward, but results doubtful. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 92.

From Jona[than] Williams [Jr.]. 1772. April 10. Boston.

Acknowledging the receipt of the gum; will inform Franklin of his success in making the rubbers. Business poor, owing to the hard winter. Message to Josiah to hasten his home-coming. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 12.

From [Alexander Small]. 1772. April 13. New York.

Full account of storms, electrical disturbances and other incidents of his voyage from Jamaica to New York. A. L. 4 p. (Final part missing.) LVIII, 59.

From J[ohn] Michell. 1772. April 13.

Returning his book together with Mr. Winthrop's letter. Will not have the pleasure of seeing him until the next winter unless Franklin honors Yorkshire with his presence. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 93.

From The Library Company of Philadelphia.

1772. April 27. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of April 16, 1771; concerning certain accounts between the Library and Franklin. In receipt of his favor of June 5, enclosing invoice of books which arrived in good order. The Directors agree with him that £300 is too much to lay out for the transactions of the European societies, but they desire the new improved edition of the French Encyclopædia. Enclosing catalogues of books wanted. L. S. Matth[ew] Clarkson, Fra[n]cis Hopkinson and R. Strettell Jones. 2 p. III, 94.

From Anthony Benezet. 1772. April 27. Philadelphia.

Looking forward to holding converse with Franklin in the winter evenings on past dangers and better future prospects. Concerning the grievous iniquities practiced towards the negroes; asks him to consider whether he may not be able to do something effectual towards the removal of that terrible evil; at the same time that he sent the tracts on the slave trade to Franklin, sent them to the most weighty of their friends in London; desired them to consider whether it might not be their duty to lay the iniquity and dreadful consequence of the slave trade before the Parliament. Realizes the opposition they are likely to encounter from those "who sell their country and their God for gold"; pleads the cause however with great eloquence and fervor; number of slaves in English colonies; many opposed to it in New England, and also in Virginia, who will add their weight to any reform. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 95.

From ————. 1772. May 1. Philadelphia.

Remarks and suggestions relative to the settlement and government of the new grant. L. 4 p. LVIII, 37.

From William Smith. 1772. May 16. Philadelphia.

On receipt of Franklin's obliging letter was preparing to embark for Carolina where he was lucky enough to get 1000 guineas for their College, which is in high repute. Enclosing sheet missing in Dr. Fothergill's book. Sends also a box containing copies of the [Philosophical Society's] Transactions for those societies whose names he gives; any more copies can be had by applying to Dilly, the bookseller; only forty copies left for the use of the Society; £200 in debt; reason for having the title-page of the Transactions in English instead of Latin; the Society in receipt of a letter from Mr. White, treasurer of the Foundling Hospital; great work he is carrying on entitled *Musæum Britannicum*; he desires some knowledge as to American animals; asks Franklin to give him the enclosed. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 96.

From Tho[ma]s Foxcroft. 1772. May 16. Philadelphia.

Enclosing bill of lading for two barrels of flour; his brother-in-law in Virginia; all Franklin's family well. Had the misfortune to break his arm six days previous. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 97.

From John Whitehurst. 1772. May 21. Derby.

Describing the mechanism of a clock which he has made especially for Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 98.

From The Library Company of Philadelphia.

1792. May 28. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a draft of £125 to pay for the books ordered for the Library Co. by Sparks. L. S. Sam[uel] Rhoads, Josiah Hewes and R. Strettell Jones. 1 p. III, 99.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1772. May 29. Boston.

Arrival of his brother Josiah; state of his health most alarming. Promising to sell Dr. Priestley's works, on their arrival and give the money to Mrs. Mecom. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 13.

From S[amuel] Rhoads. 1772. May 30. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging papers and pamphlets on canals sent by Franklin. Project of a canal between the Susquehanna and the Schuylkill. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 100.

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 519, Note).

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1772. May 31. Paris.

Not like certain bad Catholics who having failed one year to make their Easter duties, dare not return to confess; much concerned at the past two years' dreary silence. Acknowledging his kindness to Mlle. Bihéron as well as himself. Concerning the progress made in the translation of Franklin's works. Considerably increased his little 'Bible of Humanity' (Petit Code de l'Humanité), but they refuse him the approbation necessary for printing it; restrictions on the press; they are afraid even of the shadow of evil. Any volumes of "The Ephemerides of a Citizen" that Franklin may lack, is prepared to send him. A. L. S. 3 p. [In French.] III, 101.

From ————. 1772. May.

Statement of Benjamin Franklin's proportion of expenses and charges incurred from June, 1769, to May, 1772, on the application to the Crown for a grant of lands on the River Ohio in North America. 2 p. LXVII, 31.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1772. June 12. Burlington.

Concerning a grant of lands in Pennsylvania to Major Robert Thompson; in the enclosed letter Mr. Galloway has written out what he knew of the affair; possible that Major Thompson may have disposed of his rights; thinks if there is any heir living, he ought to put in his claim at once. Map of the original purchasers. A. L. S. 2 p.

III, 102.

From W. Brownrigg. 1772. June 12. Armathwaite.

Has just received a letter from Sir John Pringle, in which he speaks of paying him a visit and of the possibility of Franklin's accompanying him; will esteem himself highly obliged by the favor of Franklin's company, and therefore adds his solicitations to those of his good friend Pringle. A. L. S. 1 p.

III, 103.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1772. June 13. Leeds.

Thanking him for the paper entitled 'The Native of New England';¹ much struck with it, before he knew "Poor Richard" was the author. Experiments on air. A. L. S. 4 p.

III, 103½.

Printed in Works (Sparks, ~~VII~~^{VI}, p. 344).

¹ Probably alluding to a piece entitled 'Toleration in Old England and New England.'

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1772. June 13. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Adam Winthrop, son of Dr. Winthrop of Cambridge. Mr. Bancroft's stay in Boston too short to enjoy much of his society. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXVII, 14.

From [Baron] Francis Maseres. 1772. June 17. Inner Temple.

Comments on a Parliamentary Act for relief of the poor. Sends him a copy of a draught of an Act of Parliament for settling the laws of Quebec, which he has prepared merely of his own accord in order to expedite the settlement of that province, where everything seems to be in suspense. Discusses question of the Dutch scheme. Something like the alms-house in England. A. L. S. 7 p.

III, 104.

From John Walsh. 1772. June 21. Paris.

Has procured two copies of Genneté's book for Franklin; various civilities shown him by M. Le Roy, M. Trudaine and others; has

attended two meetings of the Academy of Sciences, where he had a polite and obliging reception. Has made no secret of his intention to prosecute experiments on the torpedo [a species of ray-fish]; they are found in great numbers at La Rochelle; just starting for that place. Low ebb of electricity at Paris; account of an electrical experiment made by the Duc de Chaulnes. A. L. S. 4 p. (In duplicate.)

III, 105 and 106.

From [Earl of] Stirling, [William Alexander].

1772. June 30. New York.

After his arrival in America, bought a great quantity of land, with a view to disposing of it again to his advantage; sudden change that took place rendered lands almost unsaleable; to extricate himself from debt, has devised a scheme to sell some of the land by way of a lottery, which has met with considerable success in most of the Colonies; asks Franklin to give it his countenance among his friends in England. A. L. S. 2 p.

III, 107.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1772. June 30. Burlington.

Various accounts between himself and his father. A. L. S. 2 p.

III, 108.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1772. June —. Boston.

Concerning his account with Mr. Warren. His father has received Hall's bond and desires a power of attorney. A. L. S. 3 p.

XXXVII, 15.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1772. July 1. Leeds.

Curious experiments on air, and discoveries of various properties. A. L. S. 3 p.

III, 65.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 346).

From John Walsh. 1772. July 12. La Rochelle.

Experiments for ascertaining the electrical properties of the torpedo. A. L. S. 5 p. (In duplicate.)

III, 109 and 110.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 348).

From J[ohn] Robertson. 1772. July 14. London.

Notice to attend the Royal Society's Committee meeting, to consider the request made by the Board of Ordnance for directions how to apply electrical conductors to the powder magazine at Erith. A. L. S. 1 p.
III, 111.

From E[rasmus] Darwin. 1772. July 18. Lichfield.

Account of an experiment he tried of filling a bladder with unmixed air from the muddy bottom of the creek, then pricking the bladder with a pin and applying a candle to it; showed no tendency to catch fire. Would be glad of any observations of Franklin's on the alphabet. Is there any truth in the report that somebody has attempted to make a speaking machine? A. L. S. 4 p.
III, 112.

From Dr. [Richard] Watson. 1772. July 31. Lincoln's Inn Fields [London].

Concerning an expedition to Purfleet; hopes Franklin will call to arrange a time before the summer is too far advanced; whenever the meeting is fixed their President is willing to be of the party. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
III, 113.

From Pat[rick] Wilson. 1772. August 3. [London.]

On the point of leaving for Glasgow; will take care to deliver the volume of the American [Philosophical Society's] Transactions to the questor of their library. A. L. S. 1 p.
III, 114.

From John Whitehurst. 1772. August 4. Derby.

Has that day delivered Franklin's clock to Mr. Clark; gives him certain directions as to unpacking it. A. L. S. 1 p.
III, 115.

From Jean Baptiste Toderini. 1772. August 15. Forli.

Giving an account of a work, published by him, entitled "Filosofia Frankliniana." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
III, 116.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 351).

From Will[iam] Strahan. 1772. August 21. New Street [London].

Asking Franklin to remind Mr. Galloway of the money due him for types and newspapers sent to Mr. Goddard; hard that he should suffer for the madness and ingratitude of Goddard, when he only obeyed Mr. Galloway's order. A. L. S. 1 p.
III, 117.

From Pet[er] Timothy. 1772. August 24. Charles Town.

Has not heard a word from Franklin, in answer to his letters for over a year; enough to discourage further correspondence; is ready for any employment in His Majesty's service. Recommends Capt. Elias Vanderhorst to Franklin's friendship. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 118.

From John Walsh. 1772. August 27. Paris.

Congratulating Franklin on his being elected by the French Academy of Sciences to be one of its eight foreign members. Concerning his experiments with the torpedo. A. L. S. 8 p. III, 119.

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1772. August —.

Franklin's kindness to his son, whose loss they feel deeply. Execution obtained against Hall. Messages to the family. [Badly mutilated.] A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 16.

From [Capt.] Nath[aniel] Falconer. 1772. September 2. Downes.

Asking Franklin to call on Mr. Samuel Wharton when the grant is made for his right to 40,000 acres, and if more money is necessary, to kindly advance it for him. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 120.

From [Mlle.] Bihéron. 1772. September 10. Paris.

Seizes the occasion of Mr. Walsh's departure to send Franklin a speech in their "Cour des Aides" by their celebrated M. Malherbe. High consideration in which Mr. Walsh is held. Begs Mrs. Stevenson to hand a little package of powder to a poor linen draper who has had trouble with his eyes. A. L. S. 2 p. In French. III, 121.

From Rich[ard] Price. 1772. September 30. Newington Green.

Enclosing Dr. Priestley's letter; at a loss whether to be glad or sorry at his rejection of Lord Shelburne's proposal. Thanking Franklin for mentioning him to Sir John Pringle; afraid they will both be disappointed in him; hours at which he preaches. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 122.

From Count of Belgioiso. [Circa 1772.] September 30. London.

Desiring to know where the person lives who makes the glasses for the Armonica. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLI, 136.

Obliged to defer giving him a particular answer, as the French Ambassador does not return from Scotland till November. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLI, 114.

From Joseph Smith. 1772. October 1. Burlington.

Present Assembly met the previous month at Amboy; understands they have continued Franklin as Agent; has received for his use £275, being two years and nine months salary as agent. A. L. S. 1 p.
III, 123.

From ——— Jesser. 1772. October 7. College Hill.

Governors of the London Hospital will be much obliged to Dr. Franklin if he will write to Mr. Colden and Mr. Dixon what he thinks to be necessary on the state of the case which Mr. Jesser left for him. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
III, 124.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1772. October 9. Paris.

Returned from the country, to find the manuscript of the translation of Franklin's works by M. Lesqui, awaiting him; will not quit the work now until he has finished it. Difficulties in the way of publishing his "Petit Code de l'Humanité"; if the same obstacles exist in England will have it printed secretly at Caen. Has sent him the new volume of the "Ephemerides du Citoyen." Mlle. Bihéron is occupied with Mrs. Stevenson's commission. A. L. S. 3 p. In French. III, 125.

From Abbé Morellet. [1772.] October 9. Whycomb.

Acknowledging the letters sent him for Birmingham; expects to go to Oxford first; will make every effort to meet Franklin in Birmingham. Message to Dr. Pringle. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XL, 90.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1772. October 12. Philadelphia.

Encloses bills of credit for £500, last year's salary as Agent for the Province. Is again elected to the Assembly. Recent changes in political conditions. A. L. S. 3 p. (Mutilated.) LVIII, 38.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1772. October 13. Philadelphia.

Failed to receive his favor of August 3d; suspects the same person who broke open his letters to his father has kept this one; question of who it can be; reasons against suspecting Lord Hillsborough; thinks it may be Wharton. Question of the Virginia grants. Has just heard that Gov. Spry of Barbadoes is dead, and that Capt. Williams, the engineer, has

just taken his passage for England in hopes of being appointed Captain of Needham's Fort. Wishes he could be appointed Governor in Spry's place; is now the oldest governor in America; knows he stands no chance of promotion or increase of salary, while Lord H. is at the head of the American Department and while he is so displeased with Franklin. Desires his father to send him a handsome tea-urn; cannot afford a silver one. Has dined with Gov. Penn, with whom he has become very sociable. A. L. S. 4 p.

III, 126.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1772. October 13. Boston.

Death of his brother. Henry's unfaithfulness; thought best not to bind him as apprentice until he heard from Franklin. Fears he intends to break through his intention of visiting Boston every ten years. A. L. S. 2 p.

XXXVII, 17.

From [James] Hutton. 1772. October 23.

Concerning a great work [Monde Primitif] by a friend of his [Antoine Court de Gébelin]; longs to see it finished; Franklin and Dr. Moreton the first in England to give him encouragement; he is charmed to hear that an Englishman, Mr. Bryant, is prosecuting the same work in England. Bishop of Vilna has left for Poland by way of Vienna, his great family estates being in that part which voracious Austria has seized. Marquis de Pezay just returned from his tour; Lord Lyttleton, whom he visited twice, was much pleased with him. A. L. S. 4 p.

III, 127.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1772. October 28. Paris.

Hard at work revising the translation of Franklin's works; difficulties he encounters; asks the meaning of "orreries," "surf," "spray," "jostled." Various questions relating to his experiments. Advisability of sending him some sheets of the translation before proceeding further; concerning some new engravings for the work. Mlle. Bihéron's intention to go to London about the end of November; her health not good and fears her expenses will be heavy; begs Franklin to let him know if this voyage promises as little success as the last; if so, he will insist on her remaining in France for the sake of her health. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

III, 128.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1772. October 29. Burlington.

Acknowledging letters of various dates from August 3d to September 3d. Concerning the Virginia grants; begs his father to pay no heed to what Mr. Wharton may say, but to give it his particular attention; should the extent of country claimed by Virginia as its boundary be confirmed, the small tract remaining for the Proprietors of the new colony, will not be worth the purchase money; encloses letters respecting Mr. Penn's western boundary, which if true, will be most advantageous to the Proprietors of the new colony. A. L. S. 3 p. III, 129.

From [Baron] F. de Westerholt. 1772. November 12. Hacforth.

In the second volume of the "Ephemerides du Citoyen" read Franklin's plan for benefiting distant unprovided countries, and was filled with admiration of such universal benevolence; though he has not the advantage of being an Englishman, hopes he may have the honor of contributing to such a laudable design the sum of four Holland ducats; is but a poor gentleman, burdened with a large family of children, but trusts Franklin will not scorn his small contribution. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) III, 130.

From [Capt.] Nath[aniel] Falconer.

1772. November 15. Philadelphia.

Has sent him one barrel of Newtown pippins, one cask of shell-bark hickory nuts and two kegs of bread. Has concluded to stay at home this year, so must forego the pleasure of keeping Christmas with Franklin. Concerning a grant of land which he asked Franklin to see Mr. Wharton about. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 131.

From Abel James and Benj[ami]n Morgan.

1772. November 17. Philadelphia.

The newly elected Managers of the Filature have requested them (the undersigned) to forward Capt. Lutton's bill of loading for two trunks of silk, the produce of this year, with a certificate from their Custom-house to recover bounty; also, to beg Franklin's acceptance of four pounds of the silk sent. L. S. 1 p. III, 132.

From Joseph and William Danton, Aaron Lopez, Sam[uel] Fowler.

1772. November 18. Newport.

Recommending Capt. Richard Grinnell, of Newport, as qualified to command any vessel in the merchant service. A. L. S. 1 p. LVIII, 60.

From [Barbeu Dubourg]. 1772. November 28. Paris.

Is about half finished with his translation of Franklin's works in quarto. Is very anxious to receive some copies of the second edition of his little Code printed in London. In order to avoid paying excessive charges for postage, gives Franklin directions how to send the packages. Tells how he translated one passage in Franklin's works about silk worms. Sends his magic square of 11,000 numbers. Has verified Franklin's magic square of 16 and found but two mistakes in it. A. L. 4 p. (Mutilated.) (In French.) XLIV, 7.

From [William] Henly. 1772. November 28.

Description and use of a new conductor for experiments in electricity contrived by Mr. Henly and executed by Mr. Edward Nairne. A. L. in 3d P. 3 p. XLIX, 24.

From Sir John Pringle. [1772.] ? December 6.

Inviting him to dine, to meet Mlle. Bihéron and Dr. Ingen Housz, before his departure. L. 1 p. XLIII, 221.

From H[annah] Walker. 1772. December 22. Westbury.

Thanking him for his present. Sorry to hear of Mr. William's death; and the consequent removal of her son; begs Franklin to direct her letters [under his frank] to him, as he may now have nothing with which to pay for them. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 133.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1772. December 26. Boston.

Settlement of his accounts for the year very satisfactory; can pay all his debts and have clear profits left. His affairs with Mr. Warren. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 18.

By J—— C——. [Circa 1772.]

Reasons for establishing a colony at the Illinois. (Incomplete.) D.
4 p. LVIII, 4.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. [Circa 1772.]

Question of colds and their causes. Effect of white walls in the cultivation of fruit. Acknowledging his letter of December 30th containing an explanation of the word chain. M. Dalibard's electrical experiments. Anxiety felt on account of Mlle. Bihéron's state of health. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French. Mutilated.) LVIII, 65.

From Dr. [John] Fothergill. [Circa 1772? London.]

Political and moral reflections. L. 8 p. LVI(i), 12.

From J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom. [Circa 1772.] Tuesday. London.

Begging Franklin's acceptance of a French hare. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XL, 125.

From [Baron Francis] Maseres. [1772.]

Sending him two more copies of the collection of Quebec instruments, and the draft of a toleration act; desires one set sent to Governor Franklin, of New Jersey, and the other to Mr. Galloway, of Philadelphia. Begs for another copy of his tract called *Squire Richard*. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XLI, 65.

From Major [Robert] Rogers.

[Circa 1772?] Thursday evening. [London.]

Informing Dr. Franklin that his petition for a tour through the North American continent comes on before the Committee of Council on Tuesday. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XLIII, 222.

From [Thomas] Ronayne. [1772.] Friday.

At Mr. Henly's instance, writes for his paper on the effects of lightning on the Tabernacle¹ in order to render it more correct for publication. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XL, 59.

¹ Philosophical Transactions, LXII, 131.

From [Jonathan Shipley] Bishop of St. Asaph. [Circa 1772.]

Inviting him to dinner. N. in 3d P. 1 p. XLIII, 230(2).

From [Chevalier] O'Gorman. 1773. January 4. Paris.

Asks pardon for his delay in acknowledging Franklin's many civilities to him while in London. Has been busy preparing his eldest son to be a page to the King, and nursing the other two boys through the small-pox. Has had a good vintage this season, and has marked a hogs-head of his best burgundy to be sent to Franklin. Their friend Mr. Huske expects soon to return to London. Asks Franklin to write and 'hint to him with caution' their friends' thoughts upon a certain subject they have talked of. A. L. S. 3 p. **III, 134.**

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1773. January 5. Burlington.

Acknowledging his letters by the October and November packets; the former came opened; suspects now that the villainy is on this side the water; suggests a different seal and handwriting. Glad to find that Lord D[artmouth?] has spoken so favorably of him; has written to him concerning an increase in the salary of Mr. Skinner, the Attorney General, and took that occasion to say a word in his own behalf; asks his father's influence in this matter. Encloses a copy of a letter from Lord Stirling *a propos* of the Virginia grants. A. L. S. 2 p. **III, 135.**

From The Trustees of the Burlington Free School.

1773. January 5. Burlington.

His assistance asked in presenting a petition to the King. The application of Lord Rockford for a grant of the islands in the Delaware, although thrown aside, makes the petition necessary at the present time. The income from the rents of the island supports from 25 to 30 poor children in the Free School. Hope that this income will not have to be used in obtaining a confirmation of the title. Suggest that an instruction to the Governor to grant a patent would incur the least expense. Have no private interests to promote. A. L. S. John Hoskins et al. 2 p. **LIII, 9.**

From Alex[ande]r Colden.

1773. January 7. Gen[era]l Post-Office [New York].

Enclosing certain bills of exchange; will send by next packet the printed papers, containing the advertisement about Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, and his proceedings thereon. A. L. S. 1 p. **III, 136.**

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1773. January 13. Savannah.

Has not yet seen Mr. Bryan, but when he does, will take care that Franklin's and Mr. Ellis' request is fulfilled. The present Assembly has elected him Speaker, a proceeding which gave him real pleasure, but must have galled certain arbitrary men; determined, however, owing to private business, to decline accepting it. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 137.

From Rich[ar]d Bache. 1773. January 20. Philadelphia.

Met several gentlemen while in Jamaica who had a smattering of electricity and were great admirers of Franklin's publications on that and other philosophical subjects; never heard any report there of a building with two conductors being struck by lightning; will ask his friend Mr. Grant of Kingston to make inquiries. Fears he will have to sue Sheets' estate for the amount of Franklin's note. Concerning the expiration of the insurance on Franklin's two houses in Market Street. Mr. Hall's death much lamented. Hopes to hear soon of the completion of the Ohio grant. A. L. S. 4 p. III, 138.

From Jenny Bedford. 1773. February 2. Woodbridge [N. J.].

Concerning her father's (James Parker's) affairs; his estate only encumbered with those bonds to Mr. Franklin, which they wish could be discharged, as the interest is daily accumulating. Writes on her mother's behalf, who is old and afflicted and would willingly live in peace. Consults him about other accounts left by her father. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 139.

Printed in Proc. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2d Ser., XVI, p. 228.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.]. 1773. February 15. Boston.

Concerning the proposal made by Hale's friend for the payment of the debt. Disposition of certain moneys desired by Mrs. Mecom. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 19.

From [Horace-Bendict] De Saussure. 1773. February 23. Naples.

Conductors of lightning. Project of the Royal Society to ascertain the attraction of mountains. Volcanic eruptions. Experiments on the torpedo. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) III, 140.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 371).

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1773. February 24. Paris.

Work of printing the translation goes steadily on; asks some questions concerning experiments in electricity; desires to know what Franklin considers the simplest and best among the different electrical machines. Concerning the best manner of forwarding to him one or more sheets at a time of Franklin's new edition, as well as the pamphlet of M. Dupont, who sends him a thousand compliments, as does the Marquis de Mirabeau and M. Dalibard. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) III, 141.

From [Prof. John Winthrop].

1773. March 4. Cambridge, New England.

Returns thanks for Dr. Priestley's article on the impregnation of water with fixed air; very important discovery. Dr. Priestley's excellent character. Memorandum relating to lightning bells with report of observations of their behavior during thunder storms. Account of the damage done in a cornfield by lightning during a thunder storm on July 2, 1768. Requests Dr. Franklin to ascertain all the circumstances relative to the security of persons in an open field during a thunder storm. Thanks the Rev. Dr. Price for sending him papers on aberration, and sees clearly the source of the fallacy. A. L. 4 p. XLIV, 8.

Printed, for the most part, in Works (Sparks, VI, 375).

From Samuel Cooper. 1773. March 15. Boston.

Lord Dartmouth. Measures adopted by the towns in Massachusetts. Conduct of the Governor. Administration in England universally disapproved. A. L. S. 4 p. III, 142.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 36).

From [Anthony] Todd.

1773. April 6. Gen[era]l Post-Office [London].

Understands that Franklin has received his accounts by that day's mail; would be glad if the Accountant-General could have them to examine. L. in 3d P. 1 p. III, 143.

From D[eborah] Franklin. 1773. April 6. [Philadelphia.]

Acknowledging his favor of January 6th. Intended to say something about Benjamin Franklin Bache, but Billy told her he had written to Franklin about him; all their children in town. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 144.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1773. April 11. Paris.

Concerning the Leyden experiment. Has a specimen of the *phytolacca*; believes it to be poke-weed; there are at least three kinds; which is the best? He and a friend have agreed to translate the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society. Thanks Franklin warmly for all his kindness in having his "Petit Code" printed; expresses satisfaction with the result. Could not Franklin bring Mlle. Bihéron back with him? Sends kindest remembrances to Mrs. Hewson. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) III, 146.

From W[illiam] Henly. 1773. April 18. [London.]

Relative to the new prime conductor (see page 128, LVIII, 29). Also to proceedings at a meeting of the Royal Society. (Incomplete.) A. L. S. 2 p. LVIII, 30.

From [Jean Baptiste] LeRoy. 1773. April 19.

Thanks for having been elected a member of the American Philosophical Society. Appreciates the honor. Discusses at length electricity and Franklin's work on the subject. His idea about lightning rods and how they should be made. His brother [Pierre] has been awarded a prize by the Academy for his calculation of longitude. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) XLIV, 102.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1773. April 20. Boston.

News of Franklin's family in Philadelphia. Concerning his own and his father's business; hears that the East India Co. are to be allowed to send two ships directly to America; obliged if Franklin would recommend them to his father and himself. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 20.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1773. April 22. Boston.

Enclosing a letter from Henry [Walker?]. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 21.

From James Hunter. 1773. April 24. Philadelphia.

According to instructions, drew upon him for the sum mentioned; disposition he has made of the bill. In his low sphere of life has not the power to make Franklin any restitution, but wishes him all happiness. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 147.

From Daniel Wister. 1773. April 30. Philadelphia.

Having incurred debts in his business amounting to £30,000, has been a prisoner in his own house for nearly three years; impossible in his present situation to make any attempts toward paying the debts; begs Franklin to intercede for him with his creditors in London, a list of whom he encloses; wants them to give him a letter of license for a certain number of years that he may have a chance to pay every man his due. A. L. S. 4 p.

III, 148.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1773. April 30. Philadelphia.

Surprised to find nothing in his favor of March 15th about the Ohio grant, as the Whartons are quite elated with the glad tidings they have received from Mr. S[amuel] Wharton. Absurd behavior of old Wharton in sending one of his sons to ask him to sell his share of the lands on the Ohio. Extraordinary conduct of Lord Dunmore in granting land on the Kanawa, after what he told Lord Stirling. Has small hopes of Dr. [Cadwalader] Evans' recovery. Thought he had satisfied Haynes of there being no such estate as the one he came in search of. A. L. S. 2 p.

III, 149.

From Benjamin Rush. 1773. May 1. Philadelphia.

Dr. Priestley's experiment with fixed air; his observations thereon. Sending Franklin a pamphlet of his against the importation of negro slaves into Pennsylvania. Desires to see Franklin's treatise on colds; Dr. Cullen's observations on catarrhs and colds. Marriage of Rev. Mr. Coombe. A. L. S. 3 p.

LVIII, 61.

From D. Blunt. [1773?] May 1. London.

Begging him to dine that day at Sir Charles Blunt's to meet Dr. Hawkesworth. A. L. S. 2 p.

XLI, 125.

From Geo[rge] Morgan. 1773. May 4. Philadelphia.

Asking Franklin to converse with Mr. Wharton on the subject of the enclosed letter, and serve Mr. Baynton's family therein. A. L. S. 1 p.

III, 150.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1773. May 6. Boston.

Has received a letter from Mrs. Walker expressing great uneasiness as to the welfare of her son; has endeavored to remove it by the enclosed answer. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXVII, 22.

From Jenny Mecom. 1773. May 9. Boston.

Expressing great affection for Franklin, and the keenest gratitude for his generous present to her; the ardent wish of her life to be a credit to her Uncle. A. L. S. 2 p. III, 151.

From [Capt.] Nath[aniel] Falconer. 1773. May 13. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging his favor of February 4th. Concerning a certain claim to which he has sold his right; if Franklin has paid any money prior to the receipt of this, they are to repay it before the deed is made out. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 152.

From Rebecca Garrigues. 1773. May 20. Philadelphia.

Offering thanks for the silk which came safely to hand. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 153.

From D. Blunt. [1773?] May 23. London.

Desiring permission to have the piano forte, lent him by Franklin, removed to Streadham, where he spends more time and sees more company. A. L. S. 2 p. XLI, 126.

From W[illiam] Franklin. 1773. May (?). Burlington.

Relative to [Josiah Franklin] Davenport and his desire to do something to aid him. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 1.

From Alex[ander] Colden. 1773. June 2. New York.

Wrote Franklin the 5th ult. and sent him the Office accounts and sundry bills of exchange; encloses a second set. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 154.

From Edward Rowe Mores. 1773. June 7. Leyton, Essex.

Mrs. James is so teasing that he is obliged to apply to Franklin for relief. Concerning the business of the foundry; his plan to induce Her Majesty of Russia to purchase the foundry; wishes this design kept secret; Mrs. James angry at his reticence; begs Franklin to assure Mrs. James that he knows the design and approves of it. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 155.

From [Samuel Cooper]. 1773. June 14. Boston.

Concerning the letters from Governor Hutchinson and the proceedings thereon in the House. A. L. 2 p. (Closing lines missing.)

LVIII, 63.

Printed in *Works* (Sparks, VIII, 49; Bigelow, V, 148; Smyth, VI, 57).

From [Thomas Cushing].

1773. June 16. Province of Massachusetts Bay.

Containing the Resolves of the House of Representatives relative to the Hutchinson letters. A. L. 4 p. (Incomplete.)

LVIII, 64.

Printed in *Works* (Sparks, IV, 426).

From [Mlle.] Bihéron. 1773. June 26. Paris.

Delivered to M. Dubourg the papers concerning the translations of Franklin's works. Various messages from Franklin's French friends, and to her English friends. Account of her journey to Paris. M. Dalibard enchanted with the acquisition which Franklin sent him. Recommends to Mr. Hewson's kindness a young surgeon, who goes to London to study. Warns Franklin against Mlle. Guion de St. Marie; she is little known in Paris and is said to have deceived "le père Bertier." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

III, 156.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1773. June 28. Boston.

Franklin's letter delivered to the Speaker. Encloses *Gazette* with the Resolves and Proceedings of their Council relative to the Governor's conduct. Commissions Franklin to get him a hand-organ like the one he had made for Mrs. Foxcroft. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXVII, 23.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1773. June 29. Boston.

Concerning his account with Mr. Warren. Books desired by his father. Obligated to Franklin for delivering his letter to Mrs. Barwell; messages to her and other friends. A. L. S. 3 p.

XXXVII, 24.

From John [Jean-Baptiste] LeRoy. [1773. June ?]

Will carry out Franklin's wishes as regards the transaction. Question of the mortality in certain hospitals owing to impure air. A. L. S. 1 p.

XLII, 175.

From Alex[ande]r Colden. 1773. July 7. New York.

Enclosing several bills of exchange. His father [Cadwallader Colden] in a surprising state of health and glow of spirits. A. L. S. 2 p.
III, 157.

From [Louis Jean Marie] Daubenton, Jr. 1773. July 20. [Paris?]

Is requested by the Comte de Buffon to add to the colored engravings in the box this little memoir on the manner of preserving birds and other objects in natural history; and to beg him to send the natural productions of Pennsylvania for the Cabinet of the King, especially birds, as the Comte de Buffon is completing his work on ornithology. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
III, 158.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1773. July 29. New York.

Surprised that when he wrote the grant was not completed; hears that as soon as the grant has passed the seals Wharton would receive enough money for land in the new colony to discharge all the demands of Baynton and Wharton's creditors. Gov. Hutchinson made very unhappy by the publication of his letters to Whately; believed by some that Franklin sent these letters, by others Mr. Temple; the Governor says the party against him are much elated by receiving some letters from Franklin wherein he goes so far as to advise them to insist on their independence. On his way to Albany with Mrs. Franklin, who wanted a jaunt on account of her health. A. L. S. 2 p.
III, 159.

From J. Cuthbert. 1773. July 30. Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A long time since he saw Franklin at the Royal Society and received his commission in regard to the furniture of their colliery; found one, Mr. Bielby, an ingenious drawing-master, who undertook it; gave the finished drawings to Lady Bewick, who promised to send them to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p.
III, 160.

From [Louis Jean Marie] Daubenton, Jr. [1773. July.]

Sending Dr. Franklin the new colored engravings of birds to complete his collection. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
LXX, 79.

From C. Jackson. 1773. August 4.

Inviting him to Hampstead to breakfast and dinner. A. L. S. 1 p.
III, 161.

From L. Fevre. 1773. August 4. London.

Sent him two parcels containing the Acts relating to America, and five letters or parcels. Concerning a receipt for £800, paid to Franklin's account. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 162.

From L. Fevre. 1773. August 5. London.

Mr. Hay desires to know if there is any addition to the Psalms, as they have only six pages more to finish the work. Prof. Allamand desires him to tell Franklin that he is to be three weeks in town, and that Count Bentick has arrived. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 163.

From M[arqu]is de Condorcet. [Circa 1773.] August 20.

Acknowledging, on behalf of the Academy, Franklin's handsome gift; will give it a prominent place in their library. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLII, 132.

From John Baskerville. 1773. August 24. Birmingham.

Engaged in enlarging his foundry in order to sell types abroad, but first to their own Colonies; begs Franklin's good offices in sending them to any printing-houses in North America which he may approve of. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 164.

From Cha[rle]s Wilcox. 1773. September 13. Bristol.

Has been applied to by the heirs of Colonel William Cole who had an estate in Maryland and Philadelphia, to recover the same for them; asks Franklin if he knew any such person; he died thirteen years before at Cole Creek, in Maryland. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 165.

From Seth Paddack. 1773. September 21.

Very well received by their kinsman and family. Advice he gave to a number of gentlemen farmers who intend to settle in America. Asks Franklin to endorse the enclosed letter to Mr. Benjamin Stead, asking his assistance for a ship in the Carolina trade. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 166.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1773. September 26. Calne.

New experiments on air. Report that Franklin intends leaving England. A. L. S. 4 p. III, 167.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 404).

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1773. October 14. Calne.

Experiments on alkaline air. Possibility of Franklin's visiting him.
A. L. S. 2 p. III, 168.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 409).

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1773. October 17. Boston.

Safe arrival of Mrs. Mecom's goods. Prize of twenty pounds drawn by one of his lottery tickets. Death of his brother's son. Thanking him for his offer to serve him and his son in the commission way. A. L. S. XXXVII, 25.
1 p.

From Jos[eph] Galloway. 1773. October 21. Trevoze, Bucks [Pa.].

Recommending to Franklin's notice and advice Mr. John Coxe, who goes to England to finish his study of the law at one of the Temples.
A. L. S. 1 p. III, 169.

From [Baron] F[rancis] Maseres.

1773. October 26. Inner Temple [London].

Having occasion, in his "French Mémoire," to quote from the Abbé Raynal's account of the European colonies, he sent him a copy. Hears from the Abbé in reply, that a new and accurate edition of his works is now being printed, and asking him for an exact account of the population, shipping, agriculture, etc., relating to the British colonies in North America; cannot give this information but begs leave to refer him to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 170.

From R[ober]t Hare. 1773. October 28. Philadelphia.

Thanks for the recommendations he favored him with; they have been of inestimable value to him in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 171.

From D[eborah] Franklin. 1773. October 29. [Philadelphia.]

Accounts of their fine grandchildren. Bad luck with the squirrels.
A. L. S. 1 p. III, 172.

Printed in Bigelow's Life of Franklin, 3d Ed., II, 167d.

From S[arah] Bache. 1773. October 30. [Philadelphia.]

Account of her two fine boys. Reasons why she is no longer house-keeper. Dining-room wants new paper. Squirrel sent in Mungo's place. A. L. S. 2 p. **III, 173.**

Printed in Bigelow's *Life of Franklin*, 3d Ed., II, 167*e*.

From Cha[rle]s Wilcox. 1773. November 8. Bristol.

The Concord, Capt. Valans, will sail for Philadelphia about January 12th; any letters will be duly taken care of. A. L. S. 1 p. **II, 174.**

From Grey Elliott. 1773. November 8. Hammersmith.

Encloses a statement of the produce of the Province of Georgia and gives explanation of the varying amounts of different commodities exported in each year. States the affair of the Barony. Offers of composition by the claimants to the holders of land. A. L. S. 6 p. **III, 175.**

From D[eborah] Franklin. 1773. November 16. [Philadelphia?]

Such a task to write a line! Movements of various members of the family. Sends two barrels of apples; will send Indian meal and buckwheat flour by the next opportunity. A. L. S. 1 p. **III, 176.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1773. November 25. Paris.

Acknowledging the packet Franklin was kind enough to send him, containing the *Philosophical Transactions* of Philadelphia, the life of M. Collinson, and the two latest publications by Franklin; read them all with great pleasure. M. Collinson's reflections on country-life. Cultivation of the *Corona solis*. Asks Franklin's opinion on the subject of a machine for raising chickens from eggs without the aid of hens. Criticisms on Franklin's works. Change of address but not of residence. Number of people and learned societies to whom he sent copies of Franklin's works. Will send the dozen portraits with the six copies Franklin asked for. A paper read by M. Le Roy, at the re-opening of the Academy of Sciences, on Electricity. Dined with the Marquis de Courtanvaux; he has a magnificent electrical machine. Hopes that the extract from the old Almanac of Pennsylvania will not only be applauded but will bear fruit. Mlle. Bihéron, Mlle. Basseporte, and his wife all invalids. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **III, 177.**

From R[ichard] Bache. 1773. November 30. [Philadelphia.]

Sends the enclosed paper, that Franklin may see the disposition of the good people in Philadelphia respecting the tea that is hourly expected; the paper designed more as a scare-crow than anything else. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 178.

From [Capt.] Nath[aniel] Falconer.

1773. December 2. [Dover.]

His safe arrival at Dover; left all Franklin's family well. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 179.

From ——— Caspère, l'ainé. 1773. December 6. Calais.

Sends him a case of books, mark *MF Libri* which he received by way of Paris from M. Pancoucke. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) III, 180.

From [Henry?] Ellis. 1773. December 8. Gray's Inn [London].

Has seen Dr. Fothergill, who is very urgent to have Franklin's thoughts on the subject of coffee; what advantages it will be to the Government to encourage the growth of coffee by lowering the duties. Begs Franklin to return the French book on coffee, which he lent him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. III, 181.

From J[onathan Shipley, Bishop of] St. Asaph.

[Circa 1773.] December 10. Twyford.

Begging him to spend Christmas with them; directions for his journey. A. L. S. 2 p. XL, 121.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1773. December 11. Boston.

Enclosing a letter for the Rev. Dr. Mather. Acknowledging the receipt of the organ. Unable to remit money to Mr. Warren; bills of exchange too scarce and dear. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 26.

From Sam[ue]l Franklin. 1773. December 17. Boston.

Acknowledging his kind letter with book of advice enclosed. Account of the throwing overboard of the tea. A. L. S. 1 p. III, 182.

From [Henry?] Ellis. 1773. December 25. Gray's Inn [London].

Begs for the return of the French book on Moca coffee. Dr. Fothergill being very anxious that the remarks upon coffee should speedily go to press; hopes Franklin will remember his kind promise of assisting therein. L. in 3d P. 1 p. III, 183.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1773. December 29. Paris.

M. le Prince de Conti anxious to see the description and the diagram of Franklin's chimney, which he promised to send. A prize to be offered for the best paper on the means of protecting houses and individuals from thunderbolts. Experiments of one Comus, a juggler, much in vogue on the Boulevards. Translation of Franklin's works much read by men of taste and discernment, but, lacking the favor of the libraries, they are not yet known to the public; has already received more compliments on his preface than on all his other works; of such value is it to soar in the shadow of Franklin's wings. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) III, 184.

From D. Blunt. [1773?]

Expects to call the following week. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 25.

From D. Blunt. [1773?]

Expressions of pleasure in the friendship of Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 26.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. [1773?]

Tells of the arrival of an abbé from Perpignan who is reported to have cured six paralytics by means of electricity. Is treating three patients in Paris. The Faculty of Medicine has appointed a committee to observe his methods. Describes his treatment. Encloses a note from a friend asking for information about America and an incident connected with Newton. Has not yet received the package sent by Mr. Rush. Sends compliments to Mr. Pringle. Regrets he cannot go to England; would like to have met Mr. Maty, of whom Franklin speaks. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XLII, 6.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. [1773?]

Alludes to Mlle. Bihéron and his wife, who esteem Franklin very highly. If his wife's health were good, she could be easily induced to go to London to see Franklin and Mrs. Pringle. Hopes Franklin's stay in England will be prolonged and that he will cross the channel to France once more. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLII, 7.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. [1773?]

Wants Mlle. Bihéron to purchase, while in London, a dozen or more bottles of peppermint water and to send them to him by public conveyance. Asks that the bottles be wrapped up in pages of Franklin's writings or in leaves of his (Dubourg's) little Code. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 8.**

From The Translator [——— Lesqui]. 1773. Paris.

Being engaged in translation and compiling Franklin's works, has learned much about electricity. Many accidents by lightning have happened recently which could have been avoided by proper precautions. Has given much time and thought to the subject of how to avoid being struck by lightning under certain circumstances. Has designed a paratonnerre, resembling in shape a parasol, to be used while out of doors during a thunderstorm. A. Dr. of L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 9.**

From The Translator [——— Lesqui]. 1773. Paris.

Letter written from the foregoing rough draft. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 10.**

From [——— Lesqui. 1773?]

On the selection of a glass bottle, or jar, for the Leyden experiment. Explains why all kinds of glass do not possess the same properties, but differ greatly. Some kinds of glass are good conductors of electricity, whilst others are non-conducting. How glass can rarely be manufactured evenly and of uniform thickness, due to the uneven action of the heat in furnace. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 52.**

From I. Smith, Jr. [Circa 1773. London.]

Asks for advice and directions concerning a trip to France. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLII, 20.**

From [Anthony] Todd. [1773? London.]

Thanks for certain paragraphs furnished him. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 19.**

From Rich[ar]d Bache. 1774. January 1. Philadelphia.

Will show the Alcocks every friendly civility in his power. Much gratified that the 'Edict' was of Franklin's writing; charged likewise with being the author of "The Method to make a Little State of a Great One"; Gen. Lee the only man who differs from this opinion. Concerning the accounts which Mr. Thomas Foxcroft transmitted to Franklin. Sent Mrs. Barry's letter to Mr. Cox. Can get no tidings of the Dutchman for whom Franklin forwarded a letter. A. L. S. 3 p.
IV, 1.

From S[arah] Bache. 1774. January 2. Philadelphia.

Praises her lovely boys; sure Franklin will see them with pleasure. The word 'positively' in his letter in connection with his coming home, gave them all spirits. A. L. S. 1 p.
IV, 2.

From W[illia]m Ansell. 1774. January 5. Snetterton, Norfolk.

Has taken the liberty of sending him a turkey; wishes to trouble him with one hour of his company before he sails for America. A. L. S. 1 p.
IV, 3.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1774. January 5. Burlington.

Has sent him two half-barrels of pork and a keg of dried apples; one of the barrels is for Mr. Sargent, with thanks for his present of wine; the keg of apples is for Sir John Pringle, for whose opinion on his case he is greatly obliged. A. L. S. 1 p.
IV, 4.

From E. Henckell. [Circa 1774.] January 5. Hampton [England].

Desires to send thanks for compliance with a former request. Good wishes for the New Year. A. L. S. 1 p.
XLII, 18.

From Eras[mus] Darwin. 1774. January 24. Lichfield.

Transmitting a medico-philosophical paper to be communicated to The Royal Society. Has another very curious paper containing experiments on the colors seen in the closed eye after having gazed some time on luminous objects, which he will also send, if it is likely to be acceptable to that Society. Hopes he shall sometime again have the pleasure of seeing him in Staffordshire. A. L. S. 1 p.
IV, 5.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 410).

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1774. January 24. Boston.

His debt to Mr. Warren; hopes to pay the balance in full in the spring. Some business which will shortly bring him to England. A business scheme which he and Mr. Joseph Russell wish to put into execution; if Franklin approves, desires his kind interest with certain manufacturers. A. L. 6 p. **XXXVII, 27.**

From John Whitehurst. 1774. January 30. Derby.

Miss Moresby, the young lady whom Mr. West is so obliging as to take under his tuition, is rendered extremely happy by Franklin's intercessions; she takes pleasure in nothing but drawing, therefore hopes she will prove worthy of notice and encouragement. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 6.**

From Josh[ua] Babcock. 1774. February 15. Westerly [Mass.].

Concerning the fate in Boston of the India Company's 342 chests of tea; many towns in the Colonies entering into agreements and forming resolutions to quit all dutied tea. Question of appointing an agent for their little colony [Rhode Island]; inconsiderable salary; if, however, Franklin would forget his real dignity and be so unconscious of his intrinsic worth as to deign to write Governor Wanton, feels sure he would be solicited to accept the agency. He is often toasted in Connecticut. Tells him of a noted subterraneous prison (once a mine) in Limsbury, appropriated for the confinement of felons; calls it a hell. A. L. S. 3 p. **IV, 8.**

From [Dean] J[osiah] Tucker. 1774. February 21. [London.]

Partially retracting certain charges against Franklin relating to his conduct about the Stamp Act. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 7.**

Printed in Bigelow's *Life of Franklin*, I, 461.

From [Dean] J[osiah] Tucker.

1774. February 24. Gloucester [England].

Concerning the authority on which he based his charges against Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **IV, 9.**

Printed in Bigelow's *Life of Franklin*, I, 462.

From David Finney. 1774. February 27. Newcastle.

Necessity of prosecuting an appeal to the King and Council respecting some lands in Kent County, Delaware; puts it under Franklin's management. Favorable opinion of his appeal expressed by John Dickinson and other eminent lawyers; offer of a considerable sum on the part of his opponents to check the prosecution. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 10.

From The Assembly of Georgia. 1774. March 13. Savannah.

Communicates the high opinion which the members of the Assembly of Georgia entertain for their agent in London. A. L. S. Will[ia]m Young, Speaker. 1 p. LII, 87.

From T[homas] Viny. 1774. March 29. Tenterden.

Acquainting him with his resignation of his Agency for the colonies. In case he has to find shelter for himself and his two boys, desires to know if there is any choice among the colonies; is there any study or particular branch of science he would recommend? Can he depend on the authority of Gov. Hutchinson's and Lieut.-Gov. Oliver's letters, etc., printed in Boston? A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 11.

From Tuthill Hubbard. 1774. March 31. Boston.

Forwarded him the appeal on Huske's affair with the Post-Office, but has not had the pleasure of a line for a long time. Unhappy disputes now subsisting; fears the consequences; thinks Franklin's last letter to the Speaker bears a melancholy aspect. Concerning the attack made on the Post-Office, originating probably with Mr. Goddard. Rumors that Franklin is threatened with being displaced from office. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 12.

From Rich[ard] Nicholls Colden. 1774. April 6. New York.

Acknowledging favor of January 5th and promising to prepare the accounts. Enclosing bill of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 13.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1774. April 16. Paris.

Recommending M. Macquart. Encloses a copy of six verses, composed by the Abbé des Prades, underneath Franklin's portrait. Bill passed against Boston; Lord North a man of brains but of little sense; England's erroneous attitude. Experiment of drowning flies in Madeira in

America, and resuscitating them in London; could this be done with bees? M. Delor not at all surprised at Mr. Walsh's experiments with barometers, they are known to all natural philosophers; when are his experiments on the torpedo to appear? A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

IV, 14.

From [Earl of] Buchan. 1774. April 22. Kirkhill, West Lothian.

Recommending an honest farmer's son, who intends going to America to teach, if he can get a situation in one of the North American seminaries. A. L. S. 2 p.

IV, 15.

From [Lord] Le Despencer.

1774. May 3. Hanover Square [London].

Sending Franklin an extract from Mr. Jackson's bill for the vase stove. A. L. S. 1 p.

IV, 16.

From W[illiam] F[ranklin]. 1774. May 3. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging his favor of 18th ult. Betsy and he on a visit to their mother. Franklin's growing popularity. The people propose burning a certain unpopular counsellor in effigy. Attitude of Franklin's friends in Boston in encouraging Mr. Goddard with the new Post-Office. Lord D[artmouth]'s sentiments respecting his conduct have made him easy as to his office. A. L. S. 1 p.

IV, 17.

From Richard Bache. 1774. May 5. Philadelphia.

His bill on Ropes came to hand. Will pay proper respect to Franklin's recommendation of Brown and Adams; Mr. Adams has got employment, but wishes a farm. Received sixteen boxes of type. Encloses epitaphs of Gov. H[utchinson] and Mr. S——ll——r W——n; both burned in effigy. A. L. S. 2 p.

III, 59.

From Jos[eph] Smith. 1774. May 13. Burlington.

Enclosing him the second bill of exchange. Recommending Mr. Dillwyn of Burlington to his kind notice. A. L. S. 1 p.

IV, 18.

From Hump[hr]y Marshall. 1774. May 14. West Bradford, Pa.

Sorry to hear how matters are misrepresented at home concerning the poor Americans and also for the abuse Franklin has received in his faithful services to his King and country. If England sends over an

army, believes force will be met by force. Wishes their good sovereign, King George, would take the advice of such counsellors as Lord Chatham. In all ages the consequence of oppression has been revolution. Let the Parliament only take ye duty off tea and not use any coercive measures to obtain satisfaction for the loss of it, and never turn their thoughts on taxing us in future. When the Crown wants assistance from her Colonies let her call upon them to raise men and money in their own way for the King's use, which he has no doubt will be cheerfully done as heretofore, and then harmony between the mother and her children will subsist. His observations of the spots on the sun. The money bill. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 19.

From R[ichard] Jackson. 1774. May 31.

Opinion on the case of the lands in America bequeathed by Robert French, late of Newcastle, on the Delaware. D. 5 p. LXXVI, 14.

From Harvard College. 1774. May 31. [Cambridge.]

On behalf of the Corporation of Harvard College, expresses a vote of thanks to Franklin for presenting their library with a French translation of his philosophical works in 2 vols. quarto. A. L. S. Nath[anie]l Appleton. 1 p. (Attested copy.) IV, 20.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 408, Note).

From Tho[mas] Percival. 1774. June 21. Manchester.

Acknowledging a packet of papers on American affairs, which he presumes came from Franklin; has distributed the pamphlets amongst persons of the first consequence and they cannot fail to make some useful impressions. Principles of despotism in the governors and of passive obedience in the people advance in the most alarming progression. Encloses a paper of his on the number of people in Manchester, which is an extract of a long memoir he intends sending to Dr. Price, for the Royal Society. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 21.

From ——— Gros. 1774. June 21. London.

Just arrived at London; desires to wait on Franklin and inform him why his brother cannot profit by Franklin's advice. Anxious to settle in South Carolina and become a vine-grower. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 91.

From ———. 1774. July 5. London.

Was very desirous to see Franklin's [grand] son, the latter was, however, detained in Paris until the summer. Treats of current political events in Canada; intrigues and false promises of the British Government. The latter now wants to use the Canadians against the people of the United States. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 11.**

From James Parker. 1774. July 5. Perth Amboy.

Concerning the confirmation of the Act of New York confirming the division line; presumes Franklin's letter enclosing this Act has miscarried; should be glad of a duplicate. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 22.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1774. July 18. Manchester, [Eng.].

His success so far in a business way. Asks for a letter of introduction to Leeds. General attitude towards America; all wish for an amicable settlement. **XXXVII, 28.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1774. July 20. Lancaster.

Informing him of the favorable reception he met with in Lancaster. Successful business arrangements he made in Liverpool. Has been very economical. His intention to go to Glasgow and Edinburgh. All this pleasure he has experienced is due to his alliance with Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **IV, 23.**

From Charles Joseph Campi. 1774. July 24. Milan.

Sending some selections from Franklin's works which he has translated into Italian; hears a new edition of Franklin's works is about to appear at Cambridge; begs to know if it contains writings not found in the preceding edition, as he burns with desire to translate into Italian other philosophical tit-bits. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IV, 24.**

From A Committee of the Assembly of New Jersey.

1774. July 26. Burlington.

Appointed by the Assembly to secure the latest news which may in any way affect the liberties or privileges of America. Ask Dr. Franklin's help. Have the highest esteem of his integrity and abilities. L. S. Sam[ue]l Tucker et al. 2 p.

Also a letter asking assistance in obtaining the Royal assent to recent

Acts of the Assembly, especially an Act to institute a suit against the late Treasurer, a subject which had raised hard feelings between the Governor and many of his real friends. Hear with concern of Dr. Franklin's difficulties, and would be glad to contribute to their alleviation. 1 p. L. S. Sam[ue]l Tucker, *et al.* LIII, 15, 16.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1774. July 27. Glasgow.

Advantage derived from his travels. Account of his business in Glasgow. Messages to friends and relations in London. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 29.

From Tho[ma]s Potts. 1774. August 1. Pottsgrove [Pa.].

Feels that the old friendship between himself and Franklin still continues. Conversation he had with their friend, good Mr. Philip Syng. Gives Mr. Joseph Brewer the best of characters and begs Franklin to endorse this opinion, should inquiry be made of him. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 25.

From Tho[mas] Foulger. 1774. August 1. London.

So unfortunate as to come to town in Franklin's absence; hopes he will give the bearer his opinion on certain questions. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 26.

From [Jean-Hyacinthe de] Magelhaens [Magellan].

1774. August 2. Paris.

Recommending a son of Mr. Ludwig, scholar and physician at Leipsic; he travels to improve his mind and expects to pass some time in London. Intends returning to England toward the end of the month. Messages from Franklin's many friends in Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 27.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1774. August 10. Edinburgh.

Account of the hospitable reception given Mr. Boyd and himself by Lord Erroll. Expects to dine that day with Mr. Alexander. Reasons for prolonging his absence. XXXVII, 30.

From Sam[ue]l Cooper. 1774. September 9. Boston.

Popular excitement in Massachusetts. Action of Gen. Gage. Military force. Wild rumors and much apprehension. Refers him to the bearer, Josiah Quincy, Jr., for further particulars. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 28.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 132; the postscript omitted).

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From ——— *de la Rivière.* 1774. September 21. Paris.

A proposition to import from America a very large quantity of flour, and to load the returning vessels with wine, made on his own place; discusses the details of this speculation; prevented from going to London by ill health; question of the person through whom the arrangements shall be made. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IV, 29.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1774. September 22. Paris.

Acknowledging his favor of August 10th. Prospect of his going to London or of Franklin's coming to Paris. Franklin's departure at this crisis for America, will give umbrage to the British Government; begs him to come to France, which place has never been more tranquil. Confidence of the King and the people in M. Turgot, the new Comptroller-General; liberty of commerce; liberty of the press almost re-established; religion an exception to this rule. Concerning a series of papers he proposes to publish entitled "Le Correspondant de Philadelphie"; relies principally on Franklin to forward and enliven it. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IV, 30.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1774. October 10. Paris.

Will be delighted to receive Franklin's nephew [Jonathan Williams, Jr.] and overjoyed to accompany him on his return to England. His paper on the stilling of waves by means of oil has been translated; refers him to the use made of vinegar in Pliny. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 31.

From [Mlle.] Bihéron. 1774. October 10. Paris.

Her poor health the sole cause of her delay in answering his letter. Takes a vivid interest in the present affairs of America. Sends messages to Mrs. Stevenson and other friends in England. Expresses her own and Mlle. Basseporte's thanks for the beautiful gift delivered to them by M. Dubourg. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 32.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1774. October 28. London.

Important news from America; resolutions passed in Milton by the delegates from the County of Suffolk refusing to obey the late Acts of Parliament or to have any connection with Great Britain whatsoever until the Acts be repealed, and recommending the mustering and train-

ing of militia; these Resolves approved and adopted by the Continental Congress. Entertainment given by the City of Philadelphia to the Congress and other gentlemen; Franklin one of the spirited toasts. The Court at Springfield obliged to sign a declaration not to act under the present form of government. Town of Marblehead to muster militia four times a week. A. L. S. 4 p. XXXVII, 31.

From J. Warner Phipps.

1774. October 28. Doctor's Commons [London].

Inviting Franklin to dine with a society of gentlemen, friends to the cause of liberty, who for many years past have been wont to dine at the Paul's Head Tavern on November 4th, in commemoration of King William's landing and of the glorious revolution that ensued thereon. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 33.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1774. October 29. [London?]

Experiments showing the amount of air obtained from a piece of ice. Is rising into fame among the Grub Street votaries of the muses; his song dubbed a grand federal edifice; sends Franklin several copies. XXXVII, 32.

From Jane Mecom. 1774. November 3. Boston.

Cannot understand why he has received no letters from Boston. Thanking him for the pamphlets; thinks it no profanity to compare Franklin to the "blessed Savior." Is as happy as the present state of affairs will permit, owing to Franklin's bounty. The unity of the colonies and the remarkable fruitfulness of the season seem like miracles wrought in their favor. Boston full of profligate soldiers; account of their shocking behavior. Thinks the Congress address to the people of England is a "grand performance," and does them honor. Mentions a "horrid lie" told and published about Franklin's son; had soon the pleasure of hearing it contradicted. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 34.

From [David Hartley.] 1774. November 29.

The intended speech for the opening of the first session of Parliament wherein the advisability of reducing the American colonies to unconditional submission is discussed. A. L. 3 p. XLIV, 12.

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From M[arqu]is de Condorcet. [1774.] December 2. Paris.

Mentioning five questions which he wishes laid before the American Philosophical Society; begs Franklin to send him their replies. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XLII, 130.

From J[ohn] Almon. 1774. December 6. [London.]

Would be glad if Franklin would point out any errors in the pamphlet he sends; probable that it will be re-printed. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 35.

From W[illia]m Van Lehsveld. 1774. December 9. Leyden.

Read with particular pleasure a French translation of Franklin's letter to Mr. Brownrigg, upon the property of oil in stilling the waves; desires to make a Dutch translation of this paper, which, however, is not sold in Leyden or Amsterdam; Prof. Allamand promises to lend him a copy. Discusses this experiment with the oil; what nations have used it. March 11, 1775. Informing Franklin that the above is a copy of a letter he once wrote him and to which he received no response. Sends him six copies of the above-mentioned translation. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 36.

From Cha[rle]s Wilcox. 1774. December 17. Bristol [England].

Communicated the contents of Franklin's favor to Capt. Spain of the Chalkley; repeats what the Captain said concerning his terms. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 37.

From C. G. F. Dumas. [1774?]

Giving two renderings in Latin, by a young poet, of an English quatrain inserted in the London Evening Post, à propos of Franklin's treatment in the Privy Council in January, 1774. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 230.

From Dr. [John] Fothergill. [Circa 1774. London.]

Desiring Franklin's company that evening about five o'clock. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLI, 152.

From W[illia]m Franklin. [1774?]

Relative to the proposed [First Continental] Congress, and the actions of Massachusetts. A. L. S. 2 p. (First part missing.) LVIII, 45.

From Dr. [William] Hunter. [Circa 1774.] London.

Has some preparations to give away; if they would be acceptable, appoints an hour for him to call. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 6.**

From [Granville Sharp. 1774?]

Extract from a letter to Mr. Pecuezet, dated January 7, 1774, concerning the gradual enfranchisement of slaves already in the colonies. A. L. 2 p. (Final part missing.) **LVIII, 66.**

From [Samuel] Wharton. [Circa 1774.]

Requests him to explain to Governor Pownall, Abraham Mitchel's base conduct. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXIX, 90.**

From S[amuel] Wharton. [Circa 1774.]

Sends letters for him which he found at the New York Coffee House. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 91.**

From J. Früs. 1775. January 2. Philadelphia.

Returning his letter which he was so kind as to let him read. Invokes a blessing on him and the whole Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 39.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy. 1775. January 3. [Paris.]

Does not doubt that the Parliament will come around to Franklin's views and will finally appreciate the part he has played in reconciling England to her colonies. Heard with pleasure that Franklin had been again nominated Agent of Pennsylvania; interest he takes in the struggles of the worthy Americans for their liberty. M. de Malherbes at present the idol of Paris and of the nation; his election to the French Academy. Messages to Dr. Pringle, and to Mr. Walsh, to whom he returns thanks for his present. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **IV, 39½.**

From Dr. [Thomas] Percival. 1775. January 10. Manchester.

Sends him the enclosed extract from Bede's ecclesiastical History. The experiment of stilling waves with oil tried at Manchester with success. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **IV, 40.**

From Rich[ar]d Bache. 1775. January 31. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging favor of November 17th. Civilities he has shown to Franklin's friends, Messrs. Foulger and Rant, with their families, who arrived in good health on the 27th inst. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 41.

From [Capt.] Nath[aniel] Falconer.

1775. February 20. Portsmouth.

Detained by contrary winds. Directs him where to send any letters to go by him. Should any new pamphlets come out before the "Lovely Lass" sails for Philadelphia, would be greatly obliged for them. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 42.

From Thomas Cushing. 1775. February 20. Boston.

Acknowledging his favor of November 12th. In receipt of the King's speech and the answer of both Houses; these have made no alteration in the sentiments of the people; the Association of the Continental Congress sacredly adhered to through all the Colonies. Assembly of New York has agreed to petition the King, address the House of Lords and remonstrate to the House of Commons relative to the American grievances. Enclosing a small pamphlet entitled "Calculations on American Population," which may convince the English people what an amazing source of commerce they will deprive themselves of if, by any intemperate and rash measures, the connection between Great Britain and America should be dissolved. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 43.

From John Kent. 1775. February 22. [London.]

Presenting him with a work, "De la Félicité [Publique]," by Chevalier de Chastellu[x], who, having joined the multitude in applauding Franklin, would like him to read his sentiments. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 42½.

From Thomas Pain[e]. 1775. March 4. Philadelphia.

Account of his wretched trip across the ocean; six weeks on shore before he was well enough to wait on Mr. Bache. Observations induced by a perusal of Dr. Priestley's late experiment on air. Franklin's countenance has obtained him many friends and much reputation; has been applied to by several gentlemen to instruct their sons on very advantageous terms. His connection with a magazine published by Robert Aitken. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 44.

Printed, in part, in Bigelow's *Life of Franklin*, II, 248, Note.

From The Library Company of Philadelphia.

1775. March 4. Philadelphia.

Directed to acknowledge his favor of April 7th and July 25th with the books sent for the use of the [Library] Company; the directors were preparing an order for books, but from the present unhappy state of public affairs, it must be postponed. A. L. S. 1 p. Andrew Robeson, Secretary. 1 p. IV, 45.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1775. March 19. Paris.

Delighted with Franklin's nephew, Mr. Williams; he is very popular with both men and women; hopes to keep him with them a long time. Spurred M. Stanley on to speak to M. Le Roy about the affair of the clock. Concerning the taxation of the colonies. His letters, signed "Un Tremblant," though approved by the Royal Censor, were absolutely suppressed by "Le Garde des Sceaux." Condoles with Franklin on the death of his wife. Honors bestowed on Dr. Pringle and Mr. Walsh. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IV, 45½.

From J[ames] Kinsey. 1775. March 26. Burlington.

Transmitting the votes and laws of the last session of the Assembly, and a duplicate of the petition to the King. Hopes Mr. Wilmot will exonerate the Colony from all blame and will speedily receive his money. Hopes Franklin will acquaint the Committee of Correspondence should there be any opposition against the law for instituting a suit against the late Eastern Treasurer. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 46.

From William Lee. 1775. April 3. London.

Enclosing Mr. Oliver's letter respecting a hundred pounds which the Constitutional Society had orded to be given for the relief of the poor sufferers in Boston. Presumes he is fully informed of all public transactions in England. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 47.

From John Foxcroft. 1775. April 4. New York.

Thanking him for promising to become his security should the need arise. So far the Post-Office seems to escape the political storm. What has become of the Ohio scheme? Virginians settling that country very fast since the peace which Lord Dunmore concluded with the Indians. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 48.

From [Alexander] Dalrymple. 1775. April 17. Soho Square [London].

Mr. William Whitehurst finding his health much impaired has been induced to make a voyage to America; if he can find suitable employment, he will remain at Philadelphia; believes Franklin is not unacquainted with his works as a writing-engraver, and hopes he will give him his advice and countenance. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 49.

From S[amuel] Wharton. 1775. April 17. Portsmouth [Eng.].

Informs Franklin, at Lord Camden's request, that the Chancellor's decision in his case was entirely *political*; his lordship will move for a total repeal of the Quebec Act; Lord Chatham will probably second the motion; in the House of Commons, Sir George Saville moves to amend this shameful Act. Really grieved at the publication of Mr. Galloway's extraordinary pamphlets; points out the indiscretion of these papers. Major Trent carries out with him the Restraining Act for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc.; efforts made not to have New York inserted therein. The Generals Burgoyne, Howe and Clinton waiting only for a favorable wind to sail for Boston; spies are to be sent to each province; Major Skeene goes for that or some other servile and dishonorable purpose. Advises the inviolable maintenance of the non-exportation and non-importation plans; the magnitude of these measures will force their own way. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 50.

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 151.

From D. Blunt. 1775. April 17. [London.]

Assuring Franklin of his profound regard. Called on Mrs. Stevenson; thinks she would be inconsolable without the animating hope of spending the remainder of her days with Franklin. News of the Hewson family. Just going to Bath; will not remain long at Kensington as he dislikes the situation there. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 51.

From [Mrs.] Marg[are]t Stevenson. 1775. April 24.

Hoping he has arrived safely in America. News of Franklin's friends in London. Will rejoice at the happy day when Franklin returns. Has taken two Americans as lodgers. Has sent all his letters and papers. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 52.

From Colonel Chevalier de Champigny. 1775. May 18. Amsterdam.

Sent him the first two volumes of his History of England, also the first two volumes of his History of Denmark, but has received no acknowledgment and especially no money; reminds Franklin of his promise to subscribe to them. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 53.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1775. May 20. London.

Received from the Duchesse de Villeroy the plan of Franklin's harmonica improved. Reflections on the failure of the New York and Quebec petitions as well as those from Congress; thinks this must surely cure the New York dissension, if any remains. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 33.

From Richard Oliver. 1775. May 31. London.

Concerning the payment of £100 from the Constitutional Society into the hands of Franklin's bankers, towards relieving the distressed inhabitants of Boston. Recent accounts from America tell of an unprovoked attack by the detachment of regular troops at Boston on the provincials, which reflects as little honor on the British military as their politics do on the British legislature. Hopes with the aid of Franklin's wisdom the Americans will maintain the rights of free though loyal subjects. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 54.

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 153.

From [Mrs.] Mary Hewson.

1775. June 10. Craven Street [London].

Sending Franklin all the domestic news. Is as much as ever an American at heart. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 55.

From Sam[uel] Vaughan. 1775. June 24. Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Congratulations on his safe arrival in America; wishing the Colonies success equal to the justice and importance of their cause. His intention was to make a tour of North America with his son, but now that the sword has been drawn, thinks it more prudent to wait until the spring when he may throw his small mite with more advantage into the public weal. Asks Franklin's favor in procuring settlements for his sons, who will not disgrace even his recommendations. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 56.

From C[harles] G[uillaume] F[rederic] Dumas.

1775. June 30. The Hague.

Acknowledging the receipt of English edition of Franklin's works, as well as the American Gazettes. Reflections caused by the declaration of war. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 2.**

From A[rthur] L[ee]. 1775. July 6. [London.]

The two defeats near Boston seem to have made little impression on the Ministry. Information to be drawn from the single word *rebels* used in the *Gazette*. Lord Germain is the dictator in all military operations. A report that Sir John Murray's regiment of Highlanders are to be sent over; believes the Scotch will fight with more rancor and less bravery than the English. Dissatisfaction of the public. Asks him to obtain a list of numerous petitions which have been presented in vain; may need it in the future. Concerning the heat and cold of mineral bodies. A. L. S. 4 p. **IV, 57.**

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 154.

From [Barbeu Dubourg]. 1775. July 13. Paris.

Intended to send a letter by Messrs. Magellan and Priestley when they were leaving for London, but waited for a relative of M. LeRoy's to bring the 8 louis which he owed Franklin. Comments on his experiment of pouring oil on the waves at sea. Many people here interested in it, especially sea-faring men. Has recently received two letters from Dr. Rush. Is going to publish a periodical in the form of letters supposed to be written by a Quaker called Samuel Tone, from London, in which he will treat freely of all kinds of subjects. Has applied for permission to have these letters printed. The Royal Censor who examined the work was not severe on it. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 13.**

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1775. July 19. London.

Account of his interview with Lord Dartmouth respecting the petition presented to the King from the Assembly of New Jersey. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **XXXVII, 35.**

The same. A. L. 2 p. (Final part missing.) **LVIII, 67.**

From S[amuel] Smith. 1775. July 29. Cecil Street [London].

Glad to hear of Franklin's safe arrival. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 58.**

From G. B. [David Hartley]. 1775. July 31. Golden Square [London].

Both countries at the mercy of the Ministry for all their information; they permit none but the most violent libels to be sent over to America. Stories of atrocious cruelties, practiced by the rebels, appear in the *Gazette*; begs him, however, to believe that the general disposition of the English people towards the Americans is favorable; still a chance of reconciliation; incredible that those of the same blood should be alienated. Entreats him to furnish his friends in England with all possible materials to do justice to their cause. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 59.

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 156.

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft. 1775. August 7. [London.]

Concerning the title of the Indian tribes to the property and jurisdiction of their territories; sending a pamphlet on that subject by Mr. Wharton and himself. Probability of the British inciting the Indians to butcher the inhabitants. Thinks the affection of the Indians might be unalterably secured if Congress should publicly assert and maintain the right of the natives to sell and convey their lands to the highest bidder; pernicious views of Government as manifested in the Quebec Act. Five regiments, containing in all 1,500 men, are soon to proceed from Ireland to America; hopes a future change of Ministry will bring about a reconciliation. A. L. S. 7 p. IV, 60.

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 158.

From Benj[amin] Gale. 1775. August 7. Killingworth.

Concerning a marvelous invention by a Yale student of a boat which can stay under water and contains a machine so contrived that on striking another vessel it grapples to the keel and, at a given time, explodes. Recommends certain gentlemen for positions in the Post-Office. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 61.

From Geo[rge] Morgan to W[illiam] F[ranklin] for B[enjamin] F[ranklin]. 1775. August 8. Philadelphia.

Concerning the Indian grant of land to the sufferers in 1763; would be glad of Franklin's sentiments on the propriety of a sale under the

Government of Virginia; would like to undertake the sale himself; value of the lands. Has the honor of accompanying Dr. Franklin to Pittsburg the following week and will then have further information to impart. L. 3 p. (Copy by W[illiam] T[emple] F[ranklin].)

IV, 62.

From Henry Tucker. 1775. August 12. Bermuda.

Thanking Franklin on behalf of himself and also of their four deputies for presenting their Address to Congress; hopes they will obtain their reasonable request. Will endeavor to secure for America whatever powder comes to Bermuda. Reasons for the law passed in Bermuda to prohibit the exportation of provisions. Greatly shocked on hearing of the terrible carnage in the late battle; hopes some expedient will be found to prevent further bloodshed. A. L. S. 3 p.

IV, 63.

From M[artin] Howard, [Jr.]. 1775. August 12. Newbern.

Concerning a debt of his to Franklin which, owing to bad times, he is unable to pay. A. L. S. 2 p.

IV, 64.

From Tho[ma]s Bromfield. 1775. August 12. London.

The Ministry still seem determined to pursue rigorous measures; more troops and men-of-war are going over; believes it to be impracticable to force these measures by the sword; results to be expected from the stoppage in the trade to America. Since the battle of June 7th their reproach of cowardice, however, is wiped off. Death of their friend, [Josiah] Quincy [Jr.]. A. L. S. 2 p.

IV, 65.

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 162.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1775. August 14. Perth Amboy.

Enclosing a copy of Mr. George Morgan's letter on the subject of the Indian grant of land (see IV, 62) with his answer thereto; would be glad of Franklin's opinion respecting the contents. Read Messrs. Walpole and Sargent's letter to Franklin; thinks it impossible to keep such transactions as secret as they deem necessary. Discusses business of Major Trent and Mr. Tilghman. A. L. S. 2 p.

IV, 66.

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 163.

From Will[iam] Strahan. 1775. September 6. London.

Takes exception to Franklin's remark,—“all tends to a separation.” Represents the evil consequences to America of a break with England; enumerates the many past privileges enjoyed by the Colonies; terrible evils of war; hopes on the reassembling of Parliament something may be found to stop the progress of such an unnatural and destructive quarrel. In the Declaration of Congress he sees “that foreign assistance, if necessary, is undoubtedly attainable”; supposes this is merely a threat; evils of foreign interference. Probable suffering in store for America. Comments on the last petition of Congress to Great Britain. Prophecies future trouble from the arming of the provincials. A. L. S. 4 p. **IV, 67.**

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 165.

From W[illia]m Franklin. 1775. September 6. Perth Amboy.

Enclosing a copy of the exposition of the Resolution of the House of Commons and also the minutes of the two last sessions of the New Jersey Assembly, containing his remarks on the present unnatural dispute between Great Britain and her colonies. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 68.**

From John Foxcroft. 1775. September 15. New York.

Received a most friendly and polite letter from their mutual friend, Lord Le Despencer, who approves of every step he (Foxcroft) has taken in these troublesome times. Hears that some people have had the curiosity to pry into his correspondence with Franklin. Encloses His Majesty's answer to the City Address. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 69.**

From The Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania.

[1775. October 21. Philadelphia.]

Meeting of the Committee of Safety and of the Committee of Assembly, also of the Board at which the appointment of a commodore will be considered. A. L. S. W[illia]m Govett, Secretary. 1 p.

XLIII, 190.

From Horatio Gates. 1775. November 7. Head Q'rs.

Giving accounts of the capture of several vessels with cargoes of wine, dry goods, rum, sugar and fruit respectively; evident that “wine and punch will not be wanting to the Sons of Liberty.” Asks how the pulse of the politicians is beating. Cannot write for interruptions; no peace possible for him until he gives the ambassador from Marblehead two barrels of powder for the defense of that port. A. L. S. 2 p. **IV, 70.**

From W[illia]m Greene. 1775. November 13. Westerly [R. I.].

Acknowledging Franklin's favor from New Haven. At a loss to express his gratitude to Franklin for taking his little son under his care; consults him as to the best means of making him a useful member of society. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 71.

From Caty Greene. 1775. November 13. Westerly [R. I.].

Cannot express how pleased she is to have her boy with Franklin; hopes he may deserve such goodness. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 71½.

From Marg[are]t Stevenson.

1775. November 16. Northumberland Court.

Expressing the deepest devotion to Franklin and mentioning all the friends who come to her house to talk of him and lament his absence. Mr. Strahan sorry to differ from Franklin, but it is a matter of principle. Does not know if he will ever get this letter; expects it will be opened, but is sure they will be puzzled to decipher it. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 72.

From Horatio Gates. 1775. December 5. Headquarters.

News received of the capture of Quebec by their troops, assisted by 6000 Canadians. Burgoyne sails for London that very day; thinks if there is an honest mob left in London he and Gage cannot ride the streets in safety. Franklin will hear in Congress of their success at sea. Insists upon the condemnation of the Glasgow ship; every tittle of clothing on board needed for the soldiers. Trouble in retaining the Connecticut troops. Anxiously awaiting the results of the committee sent to Montreal; wishes Franklin could have been one of them. Splendid conduct of Gen. Montgomery and Col. Arnold. A play-house established in Boston, which opened with a tragedy; very possible it may conclude with one. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 73.

From Horatio Gates. 1775. December 7. Headquarters.

Enclosing a copy of General Lee's letter lately sent to Gen. Burgoyne, if Franklin approves it may be published in the newspapers. Longs to send him his and Lee's opinions of the military measures to be pursued in Canada. Deprecates so much wrangling about forms of government; let them first establish their freedom; let them not tarnish the glorious and successful Continental arms by timid conduct; Franklin does not need these arguments; they are for certain others. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 74.

From Charles Lee. 1775. December 10. Camp.

Concerning the publishing of his letter to Gen. Burgoyne. A good deal surprised and a little shocked at the proceedings of the Assembly; considers the "injunction of these gentlemen to their delegates to dissent from any resolve leading to independence ill-timed, impertinent and impolitic"; bad results to be expected from such a declaration. Wishes Franklin would send some man who has the reputation of being a soldier to Virginia, which is the weak point; explains the prejudice of the common people against any man who has not seen service; cites anecdote to prove their blind faith in the latter. Enlistments go on swimmingly; let them but get powder and Boston shall be theirs. A. L. S. 4 p.

IV, 75.

Printed in *Journal of Military Service Institution*, July, 1903, p. 72.

From Mary Hewson. 1775. December 12. Kensington.

Her mother [Mrs. Stevenson] not very well; describes the various attractions of her children; her son William struggling with the difficulties of orthography, which she begs Franklin as the future sovereign and law-giver in the empire of America to render less difficult. Rails against the present fashion of small waists; longs to be in America where she may appear without distortion; comments on the extravagant manner of dressing the hair. Concerning a number of sheep and hogs which are to be sent to Boston to feed—the fishes, she hopes. Lady Blunt has a son. A. L. S. 4 p.

IV, 76.

From Catharine Mead. 1775. December 16. Sun(s)bury [Penna.].

Is the daughter of John Croker and was once at Franklin's house when she was little; is at least a head taller since the receipt of Franklin's letter. A. L. S. 1 p.

IV, 76½.

From ———. 1775. December 23. London.

Introducing Mr. Wrixon, a gentleman of character and connections in Ireland, to Franklin's friendship, civility and protection; as his late publications will show, he has not been an indifferent spectator of the present unhappy dispute. Dares not say a word on public affairs; he will hear all about them from the bearer. L. 1 p.

IV, 77.

From [Edward Bancroft]. 1775. December 23. London.

Recomends Mr. Wrixon, a young man possessing valuable military

knowledge to Dr. Franklin's friendly acquaintance and assistance. Wishes to refrain from discussing politics through the mail. Lord Howe anxious to restore peace with America; has gone to the country to see whether the Ministers can gratify his demands respecting the marines and extend his powers. A. L. 3 p. (Signature torn out.)

XLIV, 14.

From Israel Gilpin. 1775. December 29. Wilmington.

Informed by his kinsman, George Gilpin, that several of the manufacturers are likely to suffer from want of coal; mentions various places where he thinks coal could be found. A. L. S. 1 p.

IV, 78.

From [Thomas Cushing. 1775?]

The exportation of gun powder or any sort of arms or ammunition prohibited by order of the King. The Colonies apprehend that this forebodes the most vigorous exertion of martial force and are adopting the most effective measures to defend themselves. Military stores in Rhode Island and New Hampshire removed to places of safety. L. 1 p. (First part missing.)

LVIII, 107.

From Charles Lee. [1775?]

Suggestions as to the best measures to be taken to prepare for war with Great Britain. A. L. S. 3 p.

XLII, 45.

In Committee of the Pennsylvania Assembly. 1776. February 24.

Appointing a deputation to request Dr. Franklin to take his seat in the House, if consistent with his other duties. If not, that he would be pleased to resign that another Burgess may be elected. D. S. J[onathan] B. Smith, Secretary. 1 p.

LIII, 20.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1776. February 13. London.

Dr. Price's pamphlet. Conduct of the Ministry. Philosophical experiments. Fixed air. A. L. S. 4 p.

IV, 79.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 171), also in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 169.

From [Capt.] William Goforth.

1776. February 22. Three Rivers [Canada].

Poverty and distress of the people in that province; afraid to join with either side; his opinion as to the best measures to be adopted.

Anxious as commander of Three Rivers to know what forces are coming to his assistance; neglect of the Northern Department. A. L. S. 3 p.
IV, 80.

Printed in Journal of Military Service Institution, July, 1903, p. 74.

From Horatio Gates. 1776. February 23. Headquarters.

Introducing Baron de Woedtke; his tyrannical treatment by the King of Prussia; hopes America may continue to embrace with her wonted cordiality every oppressed subject from every quarter of the globe. Convinced that the enemy intend to commence their operations from New York. A. L. S. 2 p.
IV, 81.

From G. B. [David Hartley]. 1776. February 24. London.

Urging measures of reconciliation between Great Britain and the Colonies. A. L. S. 3 p.
IV, 82.

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 171.

From Jona[than] Williams [Sr.]. 1776. March 1. Worcester.

Agreeable to Franklin's desire, encloses his account. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVII, 37.

From Sam[ue]l Cooper. [1776. March 17. Boston.]

British have left Boston in disgrace before the Colonial forces. Most of them just sailed this morning; where to is a secret. Our bombardment was unexpected, and the occupation of Dorchester Hill completed their consternation. Boston stands, but is much plundered. His own house looted. "Common Sense" is eagerly read and greatly admired. Colonies cannot be subdued by force. A. L. S. 2 p.
IV, 82½.

From Dr. [Benjamin] Rush. [1776. March 20? Philadelphia.]

Mentioning the hour when the members of the Canadian Committee will wait on him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XL, 52.

From David Barclay. 1776. March 31. London.

Persuaded that it will not be for want of inclination in Lord Howe should the olive branch not rise superior to the din of war. A. L. S. 2 p.
IV, 83.

Printed in Penna. Magazine of Hist. and Biog., XXVII, 175.

From Eben Hazard. 1776. May 3. New York.

The "Roebuck," of 44 guns, on shore on the east bank of the Brandywine; eight row galleys, the Province ship and "Reprisal" have gone down to take her. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 84.**

From Rich[ard] Bache. 1776. May 7. Philadelphia.

Consternation caused by the firing of the alarm guns, on account of three men-of-war which were descried coming up the bay. The "Roebuck" got off without sustaining any damages. Franklin will see by the papers what a formidable armament to expect; 45,000 commissioners at least, of various nations, commanded by Lord Howe. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 86.**

From R[ichard] Bache. 1776. May 14. Philadelphia.

The action between their armed boats and His Majesty's ship, the "Roebuck," of 44 guns, and "Liverpool," of 28 guns, off Wilmington; the latter got a severe drubbing. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 87.**

From [Gen. George Washington]. 1776. May 20. New York.

Transmits enclosed letter, the others he received with this he forwarded to Congress. On the 17th received news of our troops being obliged to raise the siege of Quebec, with the loss of their cannon, a number of small arms, provisions, etc. Had hoped that the troops would maintain their position and, on the arrival of the two brigades detached from hence, consisting of ten regiments, our blockade, bravely kept up for a long time by a handful of men, would terminate in the reduction of Quebec and our consequent possession of the important country to which it belongs. Regrets its effect on his mission in that country. A. L. S. 3 p. [S. torn out.] **IV, 88.**

From Eben Hazard. [1776. May.]

Will watch the sloops from Albany and forward the Doctor's bedding as soon as it comes to hand. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 234.**

From W[illiam] Prichard. 1776. June 10. Philadelphia.

Has applied to several printers for work, but in vain. Begs Franklin to allow him the use of his types and press for a short time, as he is offered the printing of several small things; promises to return them whenever required and to pay for their use. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 89.**

From Lois Killceys. 1776. June 10.

Reminding him of their ancient friendship. Recommends [name illegible] to Franklin's notice. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 90.

From Chevalier de Kermorvan. [1776.] June 27. Philadelphia.

Sending Franklin the three volumes entrusted to his care by M. [Barbeu] Dubourg, and a present of books from himself. Gave Franklin's letter to Mr. Rush. Outside of the Members of Congress, wishes to keep his communications secret. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XL, 200.

From Th[omas] J[efferson]. [1776. June] ?

Encloses a paper which, with some small alterations, has been approved by the Committee; asks him to peruse it and suggest such alterations as his more enlarged view of the subject will dictate. The paper has been returned to him to change a particular sentiment or two. He proposes to lay it again before the Committee [to draft a Declaration of Independence?] . A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. XLII, 73.

From Tho[mas] Hartley to Benjamin Franklin and the other Delegates of the Province of Pennsylvania in Congress.

1776. July 3. Crown Point.

Detailing the losses of the sixth battalion of Pennsylvania in the engagement near Three Rivers. Account of a small party of officers and men being surprised while fishing, by the Indians; two of the party murdered and inhumanly scalped, the rest, with two exceptions, made prisoners. Begs them to think of some plan whereby these men may be exchanged. It is the wish of the army that Gen. Thompson should be restored to them immediately. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 92.

From [Frederick William, Baron de] Woedtke.

1776. July 3. Crown Point.

Account of his march to Sorel. Council of war with Generals Arnold and Thompson; opposition on his part to their plan of quitting Sorel; prevented Col. de Haas from pitching two of their cannon into the water in his desire to precipitate their march. Council of War called at St. John, where it was decided to cross Lake Champlain. Arrival at Crown Point; neglect of hospitals; bad food. Has many enemies,—all Tories. Anxious to do honor to Franklin's recommendation, but fears they will not be able to hold Crown Point. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) IV, 93.

From [Frederick William, Baron de] Woedtke.

1776. July 4. Crown Point.

Their difficult situation; need of experienced soldiers. Criticizes Generals Arnold and Sullivan; considers the latter ignorant of his profession. Does all in his power for the well-being of his troops. Heard at Chambly that the English had offered 500 guineas for his capture; naturally much flattered. Begs him to give the position of aide-de-camp general to an experienced man; recommends Col. St. Clair(?). The four vessels of war on the lake in very bad condition. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 94.

From J. M. Lawrence and William Smith.

1776. July 19. Burlington.

Informing him that Mrs. Mecom's husband is at times very dangerous, being often deprived of his reason; asks Franklin's help in placing him in the hospital at Philadelphia, or in confining him in some other way. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 95.

From William Alexander. 1776. July 20. Dijon.

Introducing M. de Convez, a great traveler who has seen and knows a country at present the object of so much attention in Europe; asks Franklin's assistance in procuring for M. de Convez a proper settlement. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 96.

From Ch[e]v[alier] de Kermorvan. 1776. July 26.

Works hard to render himself worthy of Franklin's recommendation and esteem. Advice he gave Gen. Mercer about the necessity of guarding the Jersey coast. Concerning a plan for defending the coast of America which he has submitted to Mr. Hancock. Account of small engagements between their batteries and the enemy's boats; fine behavior of the soldiers. Begs Franklin to plead with Congress for slowness in counsel and swiftness in action. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IV, 97.

From Ant[hony] Wayne. 1776. July 31. Ticonderoga.

So far removed from the seat of government that very little intelligence reaches them. Informed that Lord Howe has joined the General before New York; expresses certain fears for the brave and generous sons of America. In high expectation of shortly seeing Burgoyne; he

will find an enemy small in number yet brave by nature and longing to revenge the unfortunate affair at Three Rivers. Account of the troops under Col. St. Clair and himself. Strength of their naval force as compared with the enemy. His soldiers destitute of almost every necessary—shoes, stockings, shirts and soap—essential articles in an army; pleads for some method of sending on these things. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 98.

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From Le Président de Goll. 1776. August 3. Montbéliard.

Asking Franklin to interest himself in Geo. Leopold Besson, bourgeois of Montbéliard, originally of Switzerland; his honesty and his misfortunes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 99.

From Ray Greene. 1776. August 4. Warwick [R. I.].

Acknowledging the many obligations he is under to Franklin; had a pleasant journey home; his relations and friends thought him much altered; concluded from their smiles that it was for the better. [Enclosure to Grandma Mecom.] Expressing a high sense of her goodness to him; out of his power to return it; hopes she will be pleased with Cousin Jenny's match, which they tell him is to be one, as he comes pretty often. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 100.

From W[illiam] Dunlap. 1776. August 10. King and Queen.

Has just received a distressing letter from his son Ben informing him that the unknown benefactor who has contributed to his education so far, can do so no longer and that he must shift for himself; asks Franklin to take the poor boy under his patronage and so encourage his ardent thirst for knowledge and save him from the plough or spade. Gives an account of the other members of his family. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 101.

From Mehetable Newland.

1776. August 12. Stafford, Monmouth Co. [N. J.].

Asking whether he has heard anything of Mr. Newland since he embarked from New York for Quebec; from the different reports of the success of their troops at that place is under the greatest uneasiness for his welfare. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 102.

From W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.

1776. August 17. Philadelphia.

Arrived in Philadelphia after spending a night at Mr. and Mrs. Duffield's and waiting on Mr. Galloway. Mrs. Bache's son William very well. According to his Aunt Mecom's request, waited on Mrs. Van Vordice. Mrs. Turner and her husband in London, the latter to have a commission in the Guards. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 103.

From G[eorge] Washington. 1776. August 18. New York.

Encloses a letter from Lord Howe, sent out by a flag the day before; with it comes a letter for Lieut. Barrington, who, if not among those who broke parole and went off to Canada, is in York, Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 104.

From J. K. Read. 1776. August 18. Williamsburg.

Though belonging to branch of the family so far removed from Franklin, has always retained an affection for him and would like much to hear sometimes from him. Recommending Col. Read, who commands the 1st regiment on its march to New York, and also Dr. Skinner, a gentleman eminent in his profession. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 105.

From George Ross. 1776. August 18. New York.

The Phoenix and Rose have just passed "our" batteries, without much damage; the visit they had from the fire-ships made them sick of their station and they have joined the fleet at the Narrows; every countenance cheerful and if the enemy dares attack they will undoubtedly procure themselves a severe drubbing. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 106.

From ——— Pliarne. 1776. August 22. Elizabethtown.

Being so near the scene of action has visited the various works raised for the defense of liberty; at Amboy saw the militia in the greatest disorder, though commanded by good men; at New York found the fortifications excellent, but not enough men for their defense; however, expects their ardor will make up for all deficiencies. Rumors of an attack which so far has not materialized; trusts it will be soon. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IV, 107.

From De Watteville de Belp. 1776. August 25. Berne, Switzerland.

Acknowledging favor of 11th inst., containing the petition of poor George Leopold Besson; is commissioned to send the two enclosed new louis d'or, but to say that this Besson is not a subject of their Canton. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 108.

From Marg[are]t Stevenson.

1776. September 3. Northumberland Court.

Acknowledging favor of March 29th; finds few opportunities to send him letters. Has his sword and all other things which shall be carefully preserved. Account of a little jaunt to Cambridge with some friends. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 109.

From Mary Hewson. 1776. September 3. London.

Concerning the settlement of her money matters. Has just arrived in London with her three children to visit her mother [Mrs. Stevenson]. Hopes this horrid war may be ended soon so that they can come to America. Account of her son William proposing a toast to Dr. Franklin. Glad that Temple has received the surname of Franklin; always knew he had some right to it. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 110.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1776. September 3. London.

Unable to marry from lack of means. Mr. A[lexander]'s offer; his hopes for the future. Indignant at being called a Tory. Agent appointed by New Jersey. A. L. 2 p. XXXVII, 38.

From Mary Hewson. 1776. September 8. Kensington.

Giving an account of the doings of his various friends in London. A. L. S. 4 p. IV, 111.

From Eliza[beth] Partridge. 1776. September 17. Boston.

Ill health and want of spirit the reason for her long silence. Begs his kind assistance for Messrs. Austen and Barrett; they go on business about a quantity of goods taken from her and others by Gen. Howe when he left Boston, and afterwards captured by a United States vessel. Trusts heaven may smile upon his endeavors to save his country from ruin. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 112.

From Sam[uel] Cooper. 1776. September 17. Boston.

Expressing pleasure at Franklin's being appointed by Congress to confer with Gen. Howe; not sorry the enemy appears so eager for negotiating; suspects France has made some motion that alarms Britain; doubts not that Franklin will show the world that America has negotiators as well as soldiers. Many captures made of British ships richly laden. Regrets that the American fleet is not in a state of greater forwardness. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 113.

From W. Barker. 1776. September 18. Rotterdam.

Recommending as an officer of trust, Mr. Charles Frederick Beaulx, a Swiss gentleman, who was lieutenant of grenadiers in the service of England; anxious now to use his sword in the cause of liberty. The writer does not expect Franklin to recollect his name, but he had the honor to dine with him and Sir John Pringle at the house of Mr. Davidson, whose partner he is. Has employed his pen in the cause of civil liberty and against the violent measures of the Ministry, but these and other greater efforts were in vain. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 114.

From Jonathan Williams, Jr. 1776. September 19. London.

News of Franklin's friends; the good Bishop [of St. Asaph] and his family gone to Wales. Mr. A[lexander] with his lovely daughters are in France. Business promises well. Concerning an edition of Franklin's political works to be published by the son of Franklin's philosophic friend at Wanstead. A. L. 3 p. XXXVII, 39.

From W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.

1776. September 21. Perth Amboy.

Sorry to find that his intended visit to his father in prison does not meet with Franklin's approbation; his mother knows not what to do without his father's advice and assistance; assures Franklin of his entire ignorance of public affairs, in case he imagines he would give his father improper information. Thinks his mother will keep him with her, unless she can hear from her husband concerning her removal. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 115.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. September 24.

Instructions to Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane, and Arthur Lee,
Commissioners to France. D. S. John Hancock, Presid[en]t. 6 p.
LXXV, 2.

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, Washington, 1906, V, 813.

By The Continental Congress. [1776.] Sept[embe]r 26 and 28.

Selection of the Commissioners to the Court of France and their in-
structions. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (With
copy.) LXXV, 8 and 9.

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, Washington, 1906, V, 827, 833.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. September 30.

Commission of Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane, and Arthur Lee,
as Commissioners to France. D. S. 1 p. (Copy in duplicate.)
LXXV, 1 and 10.

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, Washington, 1906, V, 833.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. September 30. Philadelphia.

Commission of Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane and Thomas Jefferson
as Commissioners to France. D. 1 p. (Last lines missing.)
LXXVI, 16.

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, Washington, 1906, V, 833.

From M. Fadeville to The Continental Congress.

1776. October 7. Bordeaux.

Congress by its course in defending liberty and property in America
has made its cause the cause of mankind. Regrets that he cannot give
his services in the field, but sends a present of four dozen woolen socks
for the army, and will do this every year as proof of his sincerity.

(Endorsement by L. V. Potiens that he has received and will deliver
the stockings as directed.) A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 115½.

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From ——— Pollard. 1776. October 11. Montreal.

Everyone, priests and lordlings, prostrating themselves before the idol of tyranny; the few honest men who sigh for the return of the troops are persecuted. The printer, M. Mesplet, the workmen and himself were dragged to prison and kept there 26 days without a trial. If Franklin thinks his sorrows worthy the attention of Congress, begs that it may be directed towards his friend, M. Mesplet. Obligated to quit America for London; leaves a translation of 'Common Sense' in the hands of M. Mesplet, and a letter on the affairs of the time; like the Jews who concealed their children from Herod, these must be hidden from the tyrant. Would willingly pour out blood as well as ink for the success of the child of virtue and liberty. Posterity will place Franklin's name with Pompey, Brutus and Cato. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 116.

From John Fraser. 1776. October 15. Reading [Pa.].

Unfortunately received his second leave for Canada when he could make no use of it, owing to indisposition; as soon as his health permits will journey to Philadelphia and thank Franklin in person. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 117.

From The [Continental] Congress to The American Commissioners.
1776. October 16.

Additional instructions relative to treating with ambassadors of foreign states at the Court of Versailles. D. S. John Hancock, President. 2 p. LIII, 22.

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, 1906, VI, 884.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. October 22.

Instructions to the Commissioners to the Court of France to procure eight line of battleships, manned and fitted for service. D. S. John Hancock, Presid[en]t. 1 p. LXXV, 11.

Duplicate of above. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y, John Hancock, Presid[en]t. 1 p. LXXV, 12.

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, Washington, 1906, VI, 895.

From The Continental Congress, Committee on Secret Correspondence to The American Commissioners.

1776. October 24. Philadelphia.

The ship of war, called the Reprisal, has been allotted to carry Dr. Franklin to the port of Nantes; the Reprisal is then destined to proceed against their enemies, and send any prizes captured to the ports of France; therefore asks Commissioners to make immediate application to the Court of France to grant the protection of their ports to American men-of-war and their prizes; if this application is crowned with success, he must then obtain leave to make sale of certain parts of those prizes; directions in case these requests are granted, also in case they are not. Recommends Captain Wickes of the Reprisal as a worthy man; he will treat prisoners with humanity and do honor to his appointment. A. L. S. Rob[er]t Morris, Richard Henry Lee, Jno. Witherspoon, Will. Hooper. 4 p. IV, 118.

From J. Ingen Housz. 1776. November 15. Vienna.

Shocked that America has become the seat of horror and bloodshed, a country destined for the abode of tranquility and the asylum for the persecuted. Finds himself often obliged to defend Franklin before persons who ascribe to him, in a great measure, this unhappy contest. Begs Franklin to let him hear some news of him. Dr. Priestley's second volume on air is full of new matter and opens a large field to philosophers. Describes in detail the new electrical machine by one Volta, over which there is much discussion. Announces his marriage to a Dutch lady only five years younger than himself. Hopes Franklin may be the means of bringing to an end this bloody contest. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 119.

From Jean François Ubetius. 1776. December 10. Turin.

Almost seven years since he had the pleasure of meeting Franklin in London at the Café Smyrna; Recommending a young man of Milan, who is inflamed with zeal for the cause of liberty; any attention shown him will oblige the Rev. Père Beccaria. Would like much to see Franklin again and to pass the rest of his days in America, but the sea-trip is extremely disagreeable to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 120.

From Abbé Desprades. [1776?] December 10. Paris.

Requesting a letter of recommendation for a young surgeon who is going to offer his services to the allied armies in the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LX, 100.

From Mottin de la Balme. 1776. December 14. Bordeaux.

Was just about to send him two letters of recommendation to Philadelphia when he was informed of Franklin's arrival at Nantes; sends them now and begs him to repair the loss by substituting some other protector. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 121.

From C[harles Frederic] Bedaulx.

1776. December 16. Havre-de-Grace.

Takes the liberty of sending the enclosed letter, which was given him by Mr. Barker at Rotterdam, three months before. Embarked at that time for America, but having been taken by the English, found an opportunity to return to France. Is about to set out again to use his sword in the cause of liberty against oppression. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 123.

From C[harles Frederic] Bedaulx. 1776. December 16. Paris.

Devoted to the cause of America but wishes to do more than make useless avowals. Hesitated at first to go to America, fearing to be taken for one of the numerous adventurers; after his first attempt, has still enough money left to cross the ocean, but desires Franklin's advice as to ways and means; anxious to arrive before the opening of the next campaign in order to take part in the operations. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 122.

From Phil[ip] Thicknesse. 1776. December 16. Calais.

Being an indirect sufferer in the cause of American liberty, ventures to write to Franklin. His misfortunes due to his having spoken and sometimes written his honest sentiments relative to Franklin's public ones. By the defeat of Lord Camden in the House of Lords he lost £10,000, as Franklin will see by the enclosed papers. Is now publishing by subscription "A Journey Through France," and entreats the honor of his name as well as those of the Continental Congress as subscribers. His motives not mercenary; they spring from a desire to have those names associated with his for future generations to see. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 124.

From Jane Mecom.

1776. December 16. Goshen, Chester Co., Pa.

Distressed at his leaving the country. Retired for safety to the above place on hearing that the enemy were advancing towards them. Return of her son-in-law, Collas, who has obtained command of a Continental ship and expects to go to France. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 125.**

From J. Gruel. 1776. December 16. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Roslin, Farmer General, in charge of all the details which concern the affairs of America. Asks Franklin's influence with Mr. Roslin in the matter of reducing the tax on spermaceti oil from Rhode Island. Account of the arrival in port and the unloading of the Success; dispositions to be made of the cargo. Arrival of the Reprisal; account of the sale of her cargo. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **IV, 126.**

From C[harles] G[uillaume] F[rederic] Dumas.

1776. December 17. Leyden.

Overjoyed at his arrival in Paris. The minimum expenses of a young man studying law at Leyden would be fifty guineas per annum. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 3.**

From C[harles] G[uillaume] F[rederic] Dumas.

1776. December 17. Leyden.

Sketches the great work ahead of Franklin; certain that it will be consummated with honor; when it is completed will expect a long visit from both him and Mr. Deane. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 4.**

From J. Gruel. 1776. December 18. Nantes.

Announcing the arrival of the ship Concord, Capt. Harris. Recommending M. de Basmurieu, brother of his nephew to Franklin's kind attention. Just informed of the arrival of the Mary Elizabeth, Capt. Young. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IV, 127.**

From Bérard, Frères & Co. 1776. December 20. L'Orient.

Making proposals for the purchase of a parcel of tobacco, which they hear he has the disposal of; can offer him the best of terms and will engage to take any quantity he may import in the future. Have it in

their power to ship any article the Colonies may be in want of. Would like to have a conversation with Franklin in order to make certain proposals not to be trusted on paper. A. L. S. 4 p. **IV, 128.**

From ——— Montaudouin. 1776. December 21. Nantes.

Disappointed at being deprived of the pleasure of Franklin's company at dinner. Will write recommending Franklin to M. Beudet, who has been a long time employed in Ministerial affairs and may be of use to him. Also has a cousin in Paris, Madame Dubocage, who would be delighted to welcome him. Encloses a poem which expresses but feebly the sentiment Franklin inspires. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **IV, 129.**

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence to The American Commissioners.

1776. December 21. Baltimore.

Present state of affairs in America. No accommodation with Great Britain will be made except upon the recognition of the complete independence of America. A. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 6 p. **LIII, 24.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres. Wharton, II, 226.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence to The American Commissioners.

1776. December 21. Baltimore.

Copy of preceding, with an added note by Rob[ert] Morris, dated Philadelphia, February 26, 1777, saying that he had just written Mr. Bingham a full state of intelligence up to the present time; desiring him to transmit a copy to the Commissioners. L. S. 7 p. **LIII, 25.**

From J. Gruel. 1776. December 21. Nantes.

Encloses bill of lading of the ship Mary Elizabeth. Arrival that morning of the Fanny, Captain Sir William Jokely; account of her cargo. News of the capture by the American privateers of 11 transports destined for the army of General Howe. Capt. Wickes dined with them the previous evening; expects to depart immediately. All Franklin's orders carried out. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **IV, 130.**

From William Alexander. 1776. December 22. Dijon.

Greatly surprised on hearing of Franklin's arrival, although he will not believe the motives assigned for that journey, such as safety, etc. Invites him to visit them, just himself and his two young girls; offers him various inducements; at liberty to remain incognito if he so desires. Offers his services to Franklin, who may command him in anything but high treason. A. L. S. 4 p. **IV, 131.**

By The Continental Congress. 1776. December 23.

Resolution authorizing the American Commissioners to borrow £2,000,000, at 6 per cent. interest, to be repaid if possible in the products of North America. 1 p. (Copy.) **LIII, 26.**

By The Continental Congress. 1776. December 23.

Instructions to the Commissioners at the Court of France to borrow money. D. S. John Hancock, Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LXXV, 17.**

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By The Continental Congress. 1776. December 23.

Instructions to the Commissioners at the Court of France. D. S. Char[le]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y, John Hancock, Presid[en]t. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **LXXV, 14 and 15.**

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, Washington, 1906, VI, 1035.

From J. Gruel. 1776. December 24. Nantes.

Hopes Franklin arrived in Paris without accident. Concerning the sale of certain prizes. Disposition made of the thirty-six quarts of Indigo. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IV, 132.**

From S[ilas] Deane. 1776. December 24. Paris.

Sends to his care a letter for Comte de Vergennes. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 133.**

From W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.

1776. December 24. Versailles.

Mr. Gérard not being in town, waited upon Count de Vergennes and delivered him the letters, which he put in his pocket and desired him to call for his answer the next morning at 9; therefore purposes to stay in town all night. A. L. S. 1 p. **IV, 134.**

From N[athan] Rumsey. 1776. December 24. Nantes.

Acknowledging his favor of the 15th inst., the contents of which shall be fully and punctually observed. Trouble between Mr. Delamain and Capt. Wickes concerning a prize which the former says is French property; hopes Franklin's presence at Court will soon decide such affairs in their favor. A. L. S. 2 p. IV, 135.

From Capt. James Pratchell. 1776. December 24.

Report concerning the bark La Vigne, hailing from Hull, England, meeting with the 'Anglo-American' armed vessel, Reprisal, Capt. Lambert Wickes, from Philadelphia, and of the vessel and cargo being seized and brought into Quiberon, France, as a prize. Had loaded a cargo of brandy and wine at Rochefort and was bound for Hull. Saw Mr. Franklin on board the Reprisal. His cargo sold at Quiberon to private parties and does not know what was done with his vessel. D. 2 p. (In French.) LIII, 27.

From ————. 1776. December 25.

A person living in the country who has a favor to ask of Dr. Franklin inquires what time he can be seen. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 107.

From Ralph Izard. 1776. December 27. London.

Heartily congratulating him on his arrival in Europe. The bearer, a son of Mr. Henry Laurens of South Carolina, is warmly attached to the cause of his country and is desirous of being presented to Franklin. A. L. 1 p. IV, 136.

From J. Gruel. 1776. December 28. Nantes.

His bankers in Paris anxious to present their respects to Franklin. Concerning the capture of the ship La Vigne, by the Reprisal; her cargo. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IV, 137.

From J. Gruel. 1776. December 28. Nantes.

Recommending Messieurs Tourbon & Bauer, his bankers in Paris, to Franklin's kindness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 138.

From Francis Mackay. 1776. December 28. Paris.

Would be glad to have the pleasure of meeting Dr. Franklin or Mr. Deane, incognito; asks him to name the place and hour that he may acquaint him with things not proper to commit to paper. A. L. S. 1 p. IV, 139.

From Chevalier Hamilton. 1776. December 28. Paris.

Sends his compliments to Dr. Franklin on his safe arrival in Paris. Would have waited on him personally but has been very ill. Inquires how the former Miss Grahme and her husband, of Philadelphia, are doing. N. in 3d P. 2 p. LXX, 113.

From [Père Joseph Etienne] Bertier.

1776. December 29. Paris.

Regrets that a cold prevents him from marking in person his respect and attachment for Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IV, 140.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence to The American Commissioners.

1776. December 30. Baltimore.

Gen. Washington's success at Trenton. Propositions to be made to France. A. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 3 p. LIII, 28.

Printed in Diplom. Corres. Wharton, II, 240.

By The Continental Congress. 1776. December 30.

Informing the Commissioners at the Court of France of the sending of Commissioners to the Courts of Vienna and the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and to solicit the interference of the Emperor and the Duke of Tuscany to prevent Great Britain from sending foreign troops to this country. D. S. John Hancock, Presid[en]t, Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retary]. 1 p. LXXV, 20.

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, Washington, 1906, VI, 1057.

From Nathan Rumsey. 1776. December 31. Nantes.

Arrival of a brigantine loaded with tobacco from Georgetown in Maryland; on her came one Mr. Robert Maise, of Philadelphia, who sups with him that evening; he brings news of Major Rogers' defeat in

Connecticut; the royalists have retired into New York to winter quarters; no word from the Lakes since the defeat at Crown Point. Arrival of certain vessels; would be glad of Mr. Morris' presence; M. Gruel speaks no English and the writer has no directions or power to act. A. L. S. 3 p. IV, 141.

From J. Mosueron. 1776. December 31. Nantes.

Asks Franklin's advice concerning a plan for fitting out a French ship to trade with America; his doubts as to the ultimate success of such an expedition; if Franklin approves would like some information about the ports of America and the nature of the cargo required; advantage to him to have some letters of introduction in Franklin's hand. Impresses on him the necessity for secrecy. Less self-interest than a desire to be useful to brave men, which animates him in this affair. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IV, 142.

*From [Louis Le Bègue Duportail] to The American Commissioners.
[1776. December.]*

Offers his services to the United States. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 95a.

From [Louis Le Bègue Duportail.] [1776. December.]

He adds certain conditions to those of yesterday. Begs that great precaution be taken in seeking his recommendations. Were it known that he was going to America, the Minister would not let him leave France. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) LXII, 95b.

From Cha[rle]s Biddle. [1776. Philadelphia.]

Asks that Dr. Franklin recommend him for a position on the new Navy Board. A. L. S. 1 p. XLII, 95.

From Le Ray de Chaumont. [1776?]

Has seen, with Franklin's grandson, a boarding house which may suit. A French gentleman who commanded a troop of volunteers in Poland offers to go to America with his troop and fight for the Colonies. Strongly recommends him and his troopers. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLIV, 275.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg to The American Commissioners. [1776?]

Offers to furnish a certain quantity of guns or woollen clothing in exchange for Maryland or Virginia tobacco. Mem. 1 p. (In French.)
LVI, 62.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. [1776?]

With reference to negotiations with the Farmers-General about a contract for supplying them with tobacco from Virginia. Mem. 3 p. (In French.)
LVI, 21.

From W. Fergusson. [1776?] Paris.

Congratulates Franklin on his arrival in Paris; desires to pay his respects and make a few domestic inquiries. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XLI, 195.

From ——— Gadolle. [1776?]

Sending him a prospectus of his school. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XL, 32.

From ——— Gadolle. [1776?] Bel-air.

Offers to take Franklin's two grandsons into his school. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XL, 25.

From Field Marshal Comte de Vienne. [1776.]

Asking for a letter of introduction to General Washington for his son the Marquis de Vienne who has served for 20 years as officer in a regiment of dragoons. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIV, 285.

From ——— ———. [1776?]

Informs him of the great pleasure with which their Friendly Society heard his letter to him. Mr. Raspe, whom Franklin saw in Germany, joined the Society. Major Dawson, another member, is made Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man; rejoiced that the Major will not be called upon to fight the Americans. They consider all absent members as still belonging to their little club and cherish affection for them. Was exceedingly affected by the letter Congress sent to the people of England. L. 3 p. (Torn.)
XLIV, 95.

From E. Thornton. 1777. January 1. Paris.

Enclosing a letter to Franklin and requesting an acknowledgment of same. A. L. S. 1 p.
V, 1.

By The Continental Congress. 1777. January 2. Baltimore.

Commission of Benjamin Franklin as Commissioner to the Court of Spain. D. S. John Hancock, with seal. 1 p. **LXXV, 5.**

From [Louis Le Bègue] Dup[or]t[ai]l. 1777. January 2. Versailles.

Requesting Franklin to send him a reply with reference to his proposition relating to a corps of troops. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 20.**

From Major [Henry Emanuel] Lutterloh. 1777. January 3. Paris.

Giving particulars about himself and his previous services. Secrecy of his mission to Paris. His offer to raise troops in Germany or Northern Europe. L. S. 3 p. **LX, 51.**

From J. Ingen Housz. 1777. January 4. Vienna.

Surprised to hear of Franklin's arrival in Paris; hopes his coming has for its object a happy reunion between the mother country and her colonies. If he had known earlier of Franklin's arrival would have accompanied his Imperial master to France; Franklin will probably see and talk with him in the disguise of a private man. Proposes various schemes to enable him to come to Paris, one of them, the desire on the part of some family of distinction there to have him inoculate their children. A. L. S. **V, 2.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. January 4. Nantes.

Acknowledging his favor of 26th December; will immediately proceed to Port l'Orient and execute that business; will come to Paris on his return, if Franklin thinks it absolutely necessary. L. S. **V, 3.**

From [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] to The Deputies [American Commissioners]. 1777. January 6. Versailles.

Desires them to postpone the communication of the memorial containing particular requests. Will advise them when it can be opportunely presented; might confine themselves for the present to the memorial explaining the state of affairs in America. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVII, 70.**

From Jer[emiah] Ferry. 1777. January 7. [Paris.]

His principal business in Paris is to get a more satisfactory account of his countrymen in America than he has been able to do in England, for which purpose he will wait on Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 4.

From Jer[emiah] Ferry. 1777. January 8. [Paris.]

Asks for half an hour's private conversation with Franklin previous to his departure for London; will also be glad of Mr. Deane's acquaintance. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 5.

From Major [H. E.] Lutterloh. 1777. January 8. Paris.

With reference to his proposal to raise a corps of troops in Germany for service in the United States. L. in 3d P. 1 p. LX, 50.

From [Major] H. E. Lutterloh to The American Commissioners. 1777. January 8. Paris.

Plans and conditions under which he will enter the American Army. A. L. S. 2 p. LXII, 74.

From [Thomas François] Dalibard. 1777. January 8.

Introducing M. de Roussille who wishes to confer with Dr. Franklin about some expeditions he proposes to make in North America. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 76.

From The Farmers-General. 1777. January 9. Paris.

Memorandum with reference to shipments of tobacco to be made to the Farmers-General by Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee for account of Congress. Questions and replies as to terms, manner of shipment and delivery, payment, etc. Mem. 4 p. (In French.) LIII, 29.

From W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin. 1777. January 9. Passy.

News received from Mr. Montaudouin of the arrival of a Scotchman at Nantes who says that Gen. Howe had embarked ten thousand men to attack Philadelphia; Montaudouin also mentioned an unexpected meeting he had with Du Coudray, who sailed from Havre December 14. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 6.

From The Continental Congress, Secret Committee to The American Commissioners. 1777. January 9. Baltimore.

Minute account of Gen. Washington's movements against the enemy at Trenton and Princeton, and the numbers captured and slain; this information gathered from a gentleman who was in the action; supposes the General has been too busy to write and waits the final issue. L. S. Benj. Harrison, Richard Henry Lee. 2 p. **V, 7.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 97.

From Le Ray de Chaumont. 1777. January 9.

Can procure 200,000 pounds of East India salt-petre at 60 livres the hundredweight; asks for a prompt decision. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 8.**

From Nathan Rumsey. 1777. January 10. Nantes.

Jealousy between the Admiralty officers of Vannes and M. Guérin of Auray about the latter's having ventured on such a purchase without their consent, and they seem determined to give as much trouble as possible; hopes Franklin can prevail with the marine officers to order those officers of Vannes to desist troubling M. Guérin as if these matters are carried too far they may injure the sales of our prizes hereafter. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 9.**

From ——— Gloro. 1777. January 10. L'Orient.

Asks if Franklin knows anything of one Benjamin Salter; tells of a transaction he had with him at the Ascension Isles; he sold him goods and received in payment two bills of exchange; one of them drawn on William Carothorne in London, who is a prisoner for debt in the King's Exchange prison and will say nothing to it. His desperate financial difficulties. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **V, 10.**

From ——— de Vallenais. 1777. January 10. Paris.

M. de Chaumont's ship, in which he was to embark, has lately set sail. Several others ready to set sail in two or three weeks. Asks for a letter to Mr. Grouet so that he may treat with him for their passage on them to America; will take a relation along with him; their intention not only to get in the American service, but to settle for life in that free country. A. L. S. 3 p. **V, 11.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. January 11. Nantes.

Has no opinion of the 60-gun ship; thinks the frigates better for his purpose. Recommends the St. John. Can get other ships but fears they are too ancient. A. L. S. 3 p. **V, 13.**

From Juliana Ritchie. 1777. January 12. Cambray.

Warns Franklin that he is surrounded by spies who watch his every movement; motive for this espionage. She resides at present at Cambray, taking charge of five young ladies of fortune. Her great friendship for Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. **V, 13½.**

From ——— Blondel. 1777. January 13.

His sympathy with the Bostonians in their revolt against tyranny. Served for eight years in the King's guard, but after their disbandment has been unable to find a military opening. Asks Franklin to obtain for him a position in the American army suitable to an officer of his experience. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **V, 14.**

From Michaël Kováts. 1777. January 13. Bordeaux.

Details experience as private and officer in Hungary, and states that he is sailing from Bordeaux [for America]. Asks assistance for himself and friends. A. L. S. 4 p. (In Latin.) **LXX, 88.**

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence, to The American Commissioners.

1777. January 14. Philadelphia.

Transmit resolves of Congress of the 19th and 29th of November, last, relative to the purchase of supplies in France. L. S. Rob[er]t Morris, Chairman. 2 p. **LIII, 31.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 246.

From The Continental Congress, Secret Committee to The American Commissioners. 1777. January 14. Philadelphia.

Enclosing two resolves of Congress concerning the purchase of brass cannon, arms and equipage. Disposition of the Court of France as regards their views. A. L. S. Rob[er]t Morris, Chairman. 3 p. **V, 15.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 246.

From Nathan Rumsey. 1777. January 14. Nantes.

Has put the papers respecting the prizes in Mr. Morris's hands. Concerning Capt. Cod's offer to purchase his vessel of Capt. Wickes. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 16.**

From Meschinet De Richemond fils.

1777. January 14. La Rochelle.

Begging Franklin to send some American traders to La Rochelle; its fine haven and its excellent market; their brandy almost as good as that of Cognac. L. S. 2 p. **V, 17.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. January 14. Nantes.

His arrival in Nantes; has seen M. Montaudouin and Mr. Schweighauser; will collect the best information on every subject affecting American interests; will send a proper report later. Capt. Wickes waiting to know if prizes are admissible into French ports. A. L. S. **XXXVII, 40.**

From ——— Fadeville. 1777. January 14. Bordeaux.

Sends a letter written by a late major of a regiment of Hussars with the King of Prussia; he sails for America on the Catharine of Dartmouth; if some Prussian officers he expects fail to arrive before he sails, desires to know what steps he must take to enable them to follow. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 18.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes to The American Commissioners.

1777. January 14. Nantes.

Concerning Captain Nicholson; advisability of having his assistance in Paris; his qualifications as a commander of a ship of war. A. L. S. 4 p. **V, 19.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 112.

From ——— Guérin. 1777. January 15. Paris.

Concerning the affair of his brother and the Admiralty officers. [See V, 9.] A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **V, 20.**

From ——— **Ternant.** 1777. January 15. Bordeaux.

Just arrived in Bordeaux after a dangerous illness; his hasty departure renders doubtful the receipt of the letters Franklin promised him; has left directions for forwarding them. The new Spanish Minister, Count Florida Blanca, will undoubtedly serve his cause with unremitting ardor. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 21.**

From [**Louis Le Bègue Duportail**]. 1777. January 16. Versailles.

He asks to know, as soon as possible, the result of his application. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 96.**

From **Chevalier D'Anmours.** 1777. January 17. Bordeaux.

Received from Madame la Marquise de Saineville a letter written by Franklin in his favor to Mr. Morris in Philadelphia; sentiments of gratitude and veneration towards Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 22.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.**
1777. January 17. Nantes.

Description of the ship Mercury; her cargo, time of sailing, etc. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVII, 41.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1777. January 18. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter which he leaves to Franklin's judgment whether to send or not. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 42.**

From **Comte Macdonald.** 1777. January 18. Pau.

Wishes to know what encouragement he can give to capable officers who offer their services to the United Provinces; his character well-known; originally from Scotland, now settled in France. Criticises the American tactics so far; has a plan of operation for America. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 23.**

His services and his plan of discipline for training soldiers, if his services are accepted by Congress. Mem. 3 p. **LXII, 76.**

From **Recholier Frères.** 1777. January 18. Bordeaux.

Forwarding a letter from M. Ternant who left Bordeaux on the 15th; will forward him any letters from Franklin with great care. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 24.**

From Henry Echlin.

1777. January 18. Prison of the Abbaie St. Germain.

Not personally known to Franklin, but ventures to address him, not as a countryman but as a fellow creature reduced by a captivity of nearly three years, by illness and every sort of evil, to the last degree of unhappiness. Was once a lover of liberty and an enemy to oppression. The bearer will receive Franklin's commands. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 25.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. January 18. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter and an inventory of the frigate Count de Maurepas; concerning the fitting out of the ship; recommends Mr. Gourlade for this service. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 26.**

From [Louis Le Bègue Duportail]. 1777. January 19. Paris.

Because he does not know sufficient English to read it when written, he is not sure that he has understood the answer sent to him at Versailles. As his friend, who understands English, is away, he writes that he thinks his request to enter the American service has been refused. If this is correct no answer is necessary; but, if he has misunderstood, he asks the answer to be written in Latin or French. Requests that all letters and writings from him be destroyed. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 97.**

From [Louis Le Bègue Duportail] to The American Commissioners.

1777. January 21. Paris.

He is very sorry to have understood exactly the opposite to what was written. He will leave that evening for Versailles to learn the Minister's intention. He will write also to 'our gentlemen' to know their decision, then he will give their names. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 98.**

From [Major] H. E. Lutterloh to The American Commissioners.

1777. January 21. Paris.

He proposes another plan for recruiting; if it is not approved of, he goes to Nantes as agreed upon. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXII, 75.**

From C[harles] G[uillaume] F[rederic] Dumas *to*
The American Commissioners. 1777. January 21. Leiden.

Business relative to his position as American agent; quotes certain correspondence he has had with a great commercial house. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 5.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. January 21. Paris.

Concerning the affair of supplying tobacco to the Farmers-General; formation for this purpose of a society, the result of which he hopes will be a market for commodities and merchandise, to the mutual advantage of two nations, and also to the individual members. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) V, 27.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], *to* The American Commissioners. 1777. January 21. Nantes.

Finished the examination of the Mercury's cargo; other matters still to be attended to. Arrival of the Chevalier Duplessis; will do all he can to assist him. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 43.

From ——— Montaudouin. 1777. January 21. Nantes.

Recommending to Franklin's notice M. de L'Ehombre, member of the Superior Council of Port au Prince; his keen desire to meet Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 28.

From ——— Du Buat. 1777. January 21. Ploermel.

Desire of Chevalier de Louvigny and Chevalier le Fer to enter into the service of America. Wishes to know what treatment they would have if they entered the army, one as colonel, the other as captain of infantry or cavalry, and what advance money they would receive at the moment of departure. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 29.

From Will[iam] Strahan. 1777. January 23. London.

Asking about Franklin's welfare. Sees Sir John Pringle often; he is quite well, barring insomnia. Hopes that peace, unity and happiness may be soon restored. Hears Franklin saw his colleague, Mr. Charles Fox, frequently; he will find him one of the cleverest fellows of his years he ever knew. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 30.

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From ——— Paulze. 1777. January 23. Paris.

Sees no difficulty in the matter of Mr. Franklin's taking an interest in the Society for furnishing tobacco to the Farmers-General. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 31.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.
1777. January 23. Nantes.

Date of the Mercury's sailing; unless he receives further commands, will then set off for Paris. Trusts the Amphitrite got off from L'Orient. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 44.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. January 23.

Requesting Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee to give an interview to M. Bayard, on important business. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 85.

From Jo. Pfeffinger et al. 1777. January 24. Strassburg.

Attesting the wholesomeness of a beverage similar to beer, manufactured by Anton Holper and Frantz Xaverius Deck, in Landsor, upper Alsace. D. S. 1 p. LIX, 33.

From [Captain] Garanger. 1777. January 24. Havre.

Has a letter of recommendation to Franklin from M. Brisson; his twenty-one years' service in the artillery; his desire to enter the service of America; his friends obtained for him from the King the rank of captain of artillery and for his brother that of lieutenant; only expected to wait at Havre six days, and it is now six weeks; their money exhausted, having received no advance on their appointments; asks Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) V, 32.

From [Louis Le Bègue Duportail] to The American Commissioners.
1777. January 25. Paris.

The Court permits him to carry out his plan. Because of this voyage and to recompense him for a great work for the corps, just terminated, he is given the title of Lieutenant Colonel of the Royal Engineer Corps. His first condition for entering the American service was that he should have a rank higher than he held in France at the moment of leaving. He makes the same request for his companions, M. de Laumoy and M. de Gouvion. He urges great caution

in making inquiries about these two. If these conditions are accepted he will come immediately to make the final arrangements. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 99.**

From [Comte de] Sarsfield. 1777. January 25.

Will always remember his meeting with Franklin in London some years ago; expects to be in Paris in a few weeks and will wait upon him; in the meantime recommends to Franklin's notice his brother, who is, also, his best friend. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 33.**

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. January 25. Nantes.

Treated like the nephew of a prince; hears that the ladies of Nantes are making an addition to their heads in imitation of Franklin's hair cap, which they intend to call "a la Franklin." A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 45.**

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners. 1777. January 25. Nantes.

Departure of the Amphitrite. Letters received from M. Du Cou-dray, who has sent him seven officers and their baggage for the Mercury; number of officers he has been forced to refuse; encloses protest made by M. Du Coudray against the Captain of the Amphitrite. Difficulty of procuring charts of the American coast. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVII, 46.**

From Jeanne Franklin. 1777. January 26. Saint Mal.

Concerning the relationship of herself and her son to Franklin; entreats his aid in their present distress and indigency. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 34.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 145.

From [Louis Le Bègue Duportail]. 1777. January 26. Paris.

He leaves for his home to arrange for his departure in a fortnight; has received the permits from the King for himself and his companions. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 100.**

From ——— Paulze. 1777. January 27. Paris.

Notifying him that the King's Library will be open for his visit on January 30th, and that the librarians will be prepared to receive him. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 63.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1777. January 27. Nantes.

Arrived from Paris in 56 hours; will give his best protection and safe conduct to the squadron now nearly ready to sail, until they are at some distance from the coast of Europe; this will afford him an opportunity to prove the sailing capacity of the Ranger, whereof he is in great suspense. Expediency of ordering prizes containing clothing, warlike or naval stores to America instead of to the European ports. A. L. S. 3 p.
V, 35.

From Benj[ami]n Vaughan. 1777. January 27. Essex.

Has decided to cancel the whole impression of Franklin's political works and wait for the additional pieces; has not yet received his remarks upon paper currency; advisability of having the American edition of Mr. Galloway's speech accompany the dialogue on slavery. All letters to and probably from England are opened. Expects Dr. Price's pamphlet out soon. A. L. S. 3 p.
V, 36.

From Briaut de Peinquelein. 1777. January 27. Quimperlé.

Desires to serve in the American army; wishes to know what treatment he may expect from Congress; has served for six years as captain of Infantry. Does not wish to be confounded with those adventurers animated merely by sordid interest. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 37.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to Messrs. Franklin and Deane. 1777. January 27. Paimboeuf.

Eleven officers claiming the right to take passage on the Mercury; cannot take but four; M. Du Coudray the most insistent; refusal of M. Peltier to take him; claims of the Chevalier de [la] Barre; finds his situation very disagreeable. A. L. S. 4 p.
XXXVII, 48.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. January 27. Paimboeuf.

Uneasy lest his adhering strictly to orders and refusing the officers will be misinterpreted. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXVII, 47.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. January 27. Nantes.

Proposes to send the Chevalier Mauduit Duplessis in the Mercury. Explains his reasons for speaking ill of Mr. P[eltier]. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVII, 49.

From Prince Dmitri de Galitzin. 1777. January 28. La Hague.

One of Franklin's most sincere admirers; his love of science his excuse for writing to him. Lays before him certain conclusions he has formed on the subject of electricity; begs to hear frankly whether he approves or disapproves of his ideas. His residence always at the Hague where he is the ambassador of the Empress of Russia. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.) V, 38.

From ——— Montaudouin. 1777. January 28. Nantes.

Concerning the purchase and equipment of a ship bound for America. Surprised at seeing M. Du Coudray whom he imagined had sailed in the *Amphitrite*; causes of his return; hopes Franklin will see him at once; lack of circumspection on the part of the agent at Port Louis. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) V, 39.

From Buisson de Basseville. 1777. January 28. Quimperlé.

Desirous of having a post in the service of America; was detained a prisoner for four years in England in the last war and has thereby acquired the English tongue. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 40.

From Henry Echlin.

1777. January 28. Prison of the Abbaye St. Germain.

According to Franklin's instruction, the bearer will wait to receive his orders. Begs him to return the list with whatever he is pleased to join to it. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 41.

From Arthur Lee. 1777. January 29. Bordeaux.

A letter received from London which says that ships are actually sent for the 10,000 Germans; that the English hope for great advantages from dissensions in Pennsylvania and that Burgoyne's destination is changed from Virginia to Boston. Cornwallis's defeat in New Jersey generally credited. Question of lightening the duties on exports and imports to and from the United States. A ship lying at Nantes is costing the Congress \$100 freight per month; recommended her immediate sale, which Mr. Morris ought to have seen to long before. Mr. Myrcle's reputed character very bad. Repeated accusations made by the English that the Americans have wantonly hung some Hessian prisoners; thinks

Congress should publish an authentic contradiction, that such an infamous imputation shall not go down to posterity. Badness of the roads; does not expect to reach his destination till March. A. L. S. 4 p. **V, 42.**

From J. Ingen Housz. 1777. January 29. Vienna.

Entrusted by the Emperor with the erection of conductors upon the gunpowder magazines and some other buildings; Venice has applied to the Emperor for aid in a like matter, and he has been asked to undertake the work. Thinks Father Beccaria is against the use of conductors; would like to prove him wrong. Will journey to Ratisbon about the 12th of April to inoculate the two sons of the reigning Prince of Tour and Taxis, after which would be glad to take a trip to Paris and enjoy Franklin's society. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 43.**

From W[illiam] Dodd. 1777. January 29.

Requesting Franklin to convey the enclosed letter to a worthy young woman in America. Concerning the present struggle; chances of reconciliation. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 44.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 199).

From J. Gruel. 1777. January 30. Nantes.

Discusses various business matters. Franklin's nephew, Mr. Williams, gave him a little book containing the Articles of Confederation of the thirteen United States of America; read it with great satisfaction. Exchange of civilities. Invitation to visit them at Barbérie. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **V, 45.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. February 1. Paris.

MM. Dubourg, Debout & Co. announce their intention of furnishing the Farmers-General with tobacco in exchange for various articles wanted, and implore the favor of Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee and the protection of Congress to facilitate their venture. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 46.**

From Thomas Walpole. 1777. February 1. London.

Concerning the Erie enterprise. Franklin's testimony of Lord Chatham's conduct. States the position of the friends of America in England; their attitude towards the Declaration of Independence. A. L. S. 4 p. **V, 47.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 94.

From ——— **Ruthefaud.** 1777. February 1. Bordeaux.

Saw in the public papers that Franklin had given a remedy for dropsy to the physicians of Paris; as the papers merely mention the use of "tobacco ashes," begs to know the quantity and how to use it; it would be a service rendered to humanity. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 48.**

From [Louis Le Bègue] **Duportail.** 1777. February 1. Pithiviers.

Asks for a private interview for M. de Laumoy. They will be ready to embark about the 15th of the month from whichever port is considered best; will be in Paris on Wednesday. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

LXII, 101.

From **The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence, to The American Commissioners.**

1777. February 2. Baltimore.

Severe conditions in America. Vigilance of the British cruisers. New supplies needed. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 3 p.

LIII, 32.

Printed in *Diplom. Corres.*, Wharton, II, 258.

From **Richard Peters.** 1777. February 3. Baltimore.

Leaves the enclosed open and begs Franklin if he can to kindly assist him on the subject. Thinks an inquiry would disclose what part of England Mr. Penn is in. A. L. S. 1 p.

V, 50.

From J[onathan] **Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.**

1777. February 4. Nantes.

Concerning his attempts to procure a vessel to be used as a packet boat. The Mercury despatched on the 30th ult. A. L. S. 3 p.

XXXVII, 50.

By **The Continental Congress.** 1777. February 5.

Directing the American Commissioners to procure clothing and other military supplies. D. S. 1 p. (Copy.)

LXXV, 21.

Printed in part in *Journals of the Continental Congress*, Phila. [1778], III, 51.

From ——— *de Bruni*. 1777. February 6. Paris.

Enclosing a note touching M. de Chaumont's military experience. Expressing a desire to go to America with a friend and serve in the army with a higher rank than that held by him in France. If he no longer desires officers, how about citizens? His friend and himself are no adventurers, but men of fortune and family. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
V, 51.

From ——— *Girardot*. 1777. February 6.

A friend of his in Holland anxious to know if Mr. Adams of Philadelphia was originally from the Hague. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
V, 52.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. February 6. Nantes.

Description of a ship which would answer for a packet boat. Awaits with impatience instructions as to his future movements; possible danger in his returning to England. Anxious to serve his country. A. L. S. 3 p.
XXXVII, 51.

From Mrs. Emma Thompson. [1777.] February 6. St. Omer.

Gossip about old friends in England. Life in St. Omer. Hopes to have a visit from him. A. L. S. 2 p.
XLII, 49.

Dr. Franklin's answer is printed in Works (Bigelow, VI, 66; Smyth, VII, 23).

From [Louis Le Bègue] Duportail. 1777. February 7. Paris.

Asks for an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
LXII, 102.

From [Louis Le Bègue] Duportail. 1777. February 8. Paris.

Decides to leave for Nantes unless Franklin wishes otherwise; asks for certain necessary instruments; requests an interview to sign the papers. If the papers are made out before hand, a place should be left beside the real names to put the assumed names. M. du Corps is not to know of their departure. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

LXII, 103.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. February 8. Nantes.

Concerning a possible business connection with Mr. Schweighauser; advantages of an intimate acquaintance in so agreeable a family; likes Nantes very much. Endeavoring to procure lodgings for Mr. Lee. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXVII, 52.

From Thomas Walpole. 1777. February 10. London.

Mr. Wharton is unable, in the present unhappy state of affairs in America, to be of any use in the further application to Government for lands on the Ohio river; therefore he has closed his account; concerning Franklin's part in this. L. S. 1 p.

V, 53.

From M[ary] Stewart. 1777. February 10. Calais.

Begging Franklin to lend her fifty pounds, which she promises faithfully to pay on her arrival in Paris; disappointed of money due her in England. A. L. S. 1 p.

V, 54.

From Georgiana Shipley. 1777. February 11. London.

Writes without her father's knowledge, he deeming it imprudent in the present state of affairs. Franklin's many friends in England. Advises him to read Smith's Wealth of Nations and Gibbon's History of the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire. Franklin's likeness to Socrates. Description of a new electrical machine invented in Italy. A. L. 4 p.

V, 55.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 91.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1777. February 12. Nantes.

Reasons which determined M. Peltier to purchase The Count de Vergennes; expects to despatch her in three weeks. A. L. S. 2 p.

XXXVII, 53.

From Elizabeth Wright. 1777. February 13. London.

A minute account of the case of [Ebenezer Smith] Platt, now a prisoner in Newgate on a charge of high treason committed in America. Through Franklin's influence hopes his friends may be made acquainted with his situation and thereby take some steps towards his acquittal; severities of his imprisonment. Mr. Platt's uncle one of the members of Congress. A. L. S. 7 p.

V, 56.

From Louis Simon. 1777. February 14. Marseilles.

Is about to fit out and command a new ship bound for the West Indies for purposes of trade; desirous of placing an electrical conductor on his ship, but was informed that the method had not yet been adapted to the navy; begs Franklin to instruct him in such an important part of his discoveries. A. L. S. 2 p.

V, 57.

From Arthur Lee. 1777. February 14. Nantes.

Informed of the agreement between Mr. Morris and the Farmers-General; the price good but the uncertainty of arrivals will continue the same difficulties as regards funds. Du Coudray said to have sailed for St. Domingo. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 58.**

From Marquis d'Osmond. 1777. February 14.

Has called at the Hotel d'Hambourg many times, but has never been fortunate enough to see Mr. Franklin or Mr. Deane. Begs him to mention an hour when he will be visible. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 59.**

From C—— W—— K—— and J—— H——. 1777. February 14.

The bearer, I. Patten, was taken prisoner on board the Washington and carried into Pouchmouth from whence he escaped; is a man of valor and sent to Dr. Franklin to ascertain the true state of affairs and it is desired that he return as soon as possible. They assure Dr. Franklin that he has a great many friends in England. A. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 15.**

From —— Boux. 1777. February 14. Paris.

Concerning the Marquis de Bouillé, who, on account of his attachment to him, has determined to go into the service of America and transport all his family thither; his honorable record in the King's service for 42 years; the only condition he makes is that he shall enter the American army with a higher rank than he now holds. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 60.**

From —— Boileau. 1777. February 14. Paris.

An order to give the bearer certain military belongings of M. Boileau. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 61.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes to The American Commissioners.

1777. February 14. Port Lewis.

Account of his cruise; prizes taken; men wounded; concerning exchange of prisoners. List of vessels and cargoes taken. A. L. S. 3 p. **V, 62.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 114.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. February 16. Nantes.

Leaves it to Franklin's judgment whether to send the enclosed to Mr. Blunt or not. Desires his assistance as to the best way to answer Mr. Alexander's letter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 54.**

*From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.
1777. February 16. Nantes.*

Prize taken by an American frigate, supposed to be commanded by Capt. Wickes. Concerning the cargo of The Count de Vergennes. Report of the Americans having gained a great advantage over the English. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 55.**

From [Lieut.-Col. de] Girard. 1777. February 17. Philippeville.

Begging for news of Mr. Penn and asking for directions that he may forward a letter to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 63.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes to The American Commissioners.

1777. February 19. L'Orient.

Safe arrival of all his prizes; necessity for repairing his ship. Dishonorable conduct of the captains of the different prizes. Mr. Perrit's ill-will towards him (Wickes). His wounded officers doing well. A. L. S. 4 p. **V, 64.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. February 19. Nantes.

Desires to know his future movements; takes it for granted that he is not to return to England. Has given up all hope of marrying Miss A[lexander] on account of the war; thinks Miss S[chweighauser] worthy of pursuit. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 56.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1777. February 19. Nantes.

The fitting out of The Count de Vergennes. Prizes taken by Capt. Wickes; his heroic behavior. Afraid the arms are not worth having. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVII, 57.**

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. February 20. Nantes.

Concerning the disposition of prize ships and their cargoes. English spies everywhere around. Desires to know the truth of the report of the American successes in New Jersey. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 58.**

From J. J. Garneuld. 1777. February 21. Paris.

Offers of service from the house of M. Meschinet de Richmond et fils at La Rochelle. They have written to the houses in Philadelphia whose addresses Franklin gave them; anxious to enter into business relations with America, whose cause they deem just. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **V, 65.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes to The American Commissioners.

1777. February 21. L'Orient.

Summoned to appear before the Intendant in regard to the destination of the prisoners on board his ship. It was finally agreed to wait till Sunday for Franklin's answer, and then deliver the prisoners to Captain Newman. In receipt of a notice from the Admiralty office to depart the port in 24 hours with all his prizes; this does not tally at all with Franklin's instructions. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 66.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1777. February 22. Nantes.

Report of English men-of-war cruising off Brest; has informed Capt. Wickes. News of their successes in New Jersey confirmed; eighteen hundred Hessians surprised and taken at Trenton; nine hundred said to have been killed in the action. News of the Spanish fleet. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 59.**

From Nathan Rumsey. 1777. February 22. Nantes.

Enclosing an agreeable piece of news. Concerning the prizes taken by Captain Wickes. Captain Pratchell has obtained a summons against himself and Mr. Penet to appear at the first audience and state the reasons for detaining his property. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 67.**

From The Farmers-General to [The American Commissioners].

1777. February 23.

Cannot accept proposition made to send vessels with supplies for Congress and bring back the tobacco in their own vessels. Hold to the offer previously made by the Plenipotentiaries of Congress to deliver the tobacco in France at a fixed price. The Farmers-General would advance 2,000,000 (francs or livres) as payment to enable Congress to carry out the contract. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LIII, 34.**

From ——— Du Breuil fils. 1777. February 24. Calais.

Having become useless to his Government by the reform of the provincial regiments, is very desirous of taking service in America; desires to know the necessary means to effect this end. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 68.

From ——— Guirant. 1777. February 25. Bordeaux.

A vessel containing three casks of vinegar belonging to him was taken by an American corsair and conducted to the port of L'Orient, where it is held as a prize; being a Frenchman, believes he has the right to reclaim his goods and applies to Franklin to this end. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 69.

From J[ohn] Bradford. 1777. February 25. Boston.

Concerning the purchase of a set of ballast for the schooner. Goods sent to France. Agreeable news of Franklin's arrival at the Court of France diffused a joy throughout the continent. Ever since December 25th they have been gaining advantages over the enemy, who are in a miserable plight. Gen. Howe has irrevocably stained and blasted his character by cruelly treating his prisoners; the Americans too generous to retaliate. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 70.

From A[melia] Barry. 1777. February 25. Tunis.

Greatest affection for Franklin. Her pleasure at hearing of his arrival in France. Mr. Barry and herself are considering the advisability of putting their little daughter Amelia in a French convent for a few years; chance of seeing him then; news of her other children. A. L. S. 4 p. V, 74.

*From St. Jean [Charles Guillaume Frederic Dumas] to
The American Commissioners.* 1777. February 25.

Urges certain precautions in order that his correspondence with them may remain a secret; advises that the Congress send cargoes of tobacco and rice to Rotterdam. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 6.

From Arthur Lee. 1777. February 26. Victoria.

Concerning the Committee's [of Correspondence] letter to him of October 23d; asks if there is any particular plan relative to Spain. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 71.

Printed in R. H. Lee's *Life of Arthur Lee*, I, 74, also in *Diplom. Corres.*, Wharton, II, 275.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. February 26. L'Orient.

Concerning the extraordinary orders from the Intendant of the port demanding him to leave in 24 hours; ship in sad need of repairs. Expects to run into Nantes and enter a protest. Congratulates him on the victory at Trenton. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 72.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 115.

From Samuel Cooper. 1777. February 27. Boston.

Happy change in the face of affairs since the 26th of December last. Washington's important services. New levies received. Enemy in sad straits. Attitude of France. A. L. 2 p. **V, 73.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 104.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.

1777. February 27. Nantes.

In order that they may judge of the quality of the arms, sends a sample of each. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 60.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. February 27. Nantes.

Glad that Franklin approves his desire to settle in France; proposal of a partnership for him by M. Montaudouin. Introducing their countryman, Mr. Jones, who is going to Amsterdam and will take charge of any letters or papers. English frigates cruising off the coast. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVII, 61.**

From The Council of Massachusetts Bay to The American Commissioners. 1777. February 27. Boston.

Despatch of certain letters. Spirited attitude of Congress. Account of Washington's movements at Trenton and Princeton. Need of assistance from France. Ticonderoga to be strengthened. Position of enemy in Canada. Importance of sending on the fire-arms. A. L. S. James Bowdoin, President. 3 p. **V, 75.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 100.

From [Prof.] John Winthrop. 1777. February 28. Cambridge.

Great results hoped for from Franklin's abilities and influence at the Court of France; attitude of that nation at the present crisis. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 76.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 106.

From ——— **Gourlade.** 1777. February 28. L'Orient.

Gave the letter from Franklin to Lambert Wickes and encloses his answer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 77.

From **Thomas Cushing.** 1777. February 28. Boston.

Congratulating him on his safe arrival in France, and wishing him success in his negotiations. Need of assistance from France, especially if Great Britain sends any considerable reinforcement to Gen. Howe. Any news from Franklin's part of the world very acceptable. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 78.

From **Thomas Cushing.** 1777. February 28. Boston.

Copy of preceding with additional intelligence that the bearer, his son, is employed by the Council of Massachusetts to deliver certain letters to Franklin. Recommends him to Franklin's care and patronage and offers him his services in any employment for the public weal, also recommends his nephew, Mr. Henry Newman, who goes to France in the same vessel. L. S. 3 p. V, 79.

From **Lamb[er]t Wickes.** 1777. February 28. L'Orient.

Finally obtained the consent of the Intendant to remain in the above-mentioned port until his ship is repaired. Difficulties he has experienced; thinks it best for Franklin to order him home as soon as possible. All the prizes are gone. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 80.

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.** 1777. February 28. Nantes.

Four of the prizes sold by Mr. Morris. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 62.

From **J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.].** 1777. March 1. Nantes.

Determined to remain in Nantes; partnerships offered him by M. Montaudouin and M. Schweighauser. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 63.

From ——— **Bergere.** 1777. March 1. Coligny.

Great desire on the part of three of his sons to enter the service of America; applies to Franklin to know if it is true that they will enter the American army with a rank higher than they hold at present. The nobility of Champagne, to which he has the honor to belong, is not rich and therefore he can only pay for his sons' equipment and the cost of the voyage. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 81.

From W[illiam] Alexander. 1777. March 1. Dijon.

Arrived safely at Dijon and made the girls happy with the prospect of a visit from Franklin. Suggests to Franklin's grandson that a little absence is a good thing in courtship. Concerning a business matter with Dubourg. Begs Franklin not to leave his papers lying about so loosely; warns him that he is surrounded by spies. Understands that he has been put in the English papers for his visit to Franklin. Will send him M. de Morveaux's book in which the iron and steel is treated. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 82.

From ——— Coder. 1777. March 2.

Suggesting various plans in which he may be useful to America. Concerning a tax for the clothing and equipment of the troops and the manufacture of raw material. Character of M. de Cairol; cause of his bankruptcy. Project for establishing a depot at St. Domingo. Would not hesitate to leave his mother and his native land to encounter the ferocity of the English if Franklin judges his services would be useful to America. L. 3 p. (In French.) V, 83.

From Buisson de Basseville. 1777. March 3. Quimperlé.

Concerning a vessel at L'Orient taken by the Americans and fit to be armed as a privateer; anxious to have the command of it. If this is agreeable to Franklin he must obtain leave of absence for him and a power to engage Frenchmen to go with him. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 84.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. March 3. L'Orient.

His ship ready for necessary repairs. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 85.
Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 116.

From [Mrs.] Patience Wright. 1777. March 4. [London.]

Concerning the imprisonment of young Mr. Platt in Newgate for rebellion committed in Savannah, Ga., in 1775 [see V, 56, written by her daughter, Elizabeth Wright]. Her vanity prompts her to believe that she can entertain Franklin if permitted to write to him. Lord Dunmore has just been trying to convince her of the wickedness of the American rebellion and the impudence of Capt. Wickes in capturing the King's ship and selling it at public auction in France. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 86.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. March 4. Nantes.

His business plans; friendship of Mr. Schweighauser and his family. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 64.

From Jn. P. Grandam. 1777. March 4. Bordeaux.

A friend of his, aged thirty-two, of good German family, desires to quit France on account of an unfortunate affair and embrace the cause of the Americans. Wishes to know what advantages he can hope for in that country either in the military or civil service. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 87.

From Anna Maria Clifton. 1777. March 4. Philadelphia.

Congratulating him on his safe arrival in France; would be glad to be with him in Europe away from the dreadful, terrifying consequence of war. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 88.

From Edward Bancroft. 1777. March 4.

Has paid Mr. Hood the twelve guineas; will send Mr. Deane a continuation of his set of monthly reviews; in the last number Franklin will find some further remarks on the Dean of Gloucester's misconduct towards him. Enclosing two letters from Thomas Walpole. Certain people jealous of his being the channel through which Franklin forwards certain letters. Government despatches arrived the night before, but nothing is given out. A. L. 2 p. V, 89.

From Arthur Lee. 1777. March 5. Burgos.

Has been desired to stop at Burgos, which is half-way to Madrid, in order to negotiate with more secrecy; timidity evinced greater than in France. Asks Franklin's opinion about the wisdom of insisting on pushing on to Madrid. A. L. 1 p. V, 90.

From Thomas Walpole. 1777. March 5. London.

Cause of delay in sending the enclosed letter; has at last closed his accounts with his associates in the Ohio purchase. Encloses Franklin's account. The best friends of England only meet to lament its misguidance. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 91.

From de St. Georges. 1777. March 5. Carhaix.

Stating what his services have been in the French army for twenty-five years; if these services are agreeable to Franklin, begs him to procure him a place in the American cavalry. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 92.

From L[ambert] W[ickes]. 1777. March 5. L'Orient.

Reasons against cruising in the Sound for the Baltic ships; prefers to cruise on the coast of Guinea; difficulties in the way concerning the purchase of the Maurepas. Plan of stationing a swift cutter at Dunkirk; recommends Capt. Hinson for that service. Captain Nicholson deserving of confidence. Officers on parole. A. L. 3 p. **V, 93.**

From Nathan Rumsey. 1777. March 6. Nantes.

Obliged to him for the agreeable news contained in his favor of the 2d inst. Concerning the disposal of the prizes. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 94.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1777. March 6. Nantes.

Arrival of Major Lutterloh; his expectation of a free passage; desires advice on this point. Assistance rendered the Messrs. Duportail, etc., who sail next day. Begg to know what officers are to go on The Count de Vergennes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 65.**

From Charles Frederic Bedaulx. 1777. March 6. Paris.

Expects to set out for America on the 8th inst. by order of Mr. Deane. Begg Franklin to recommend him to some of his friends in America; with such an aid cannot fail to be employed with distinction in the service of a country for which he is ready to give up blood and life; his fear of being confounded with officers who have been forced to leave their country. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 95.**

From Rob[er]t Morris to The American Commissioners.

1777. March 7. Philadelphia.

Congress has adjourned from Baltimore to Philadelphia; judges the time improper, as Gen. Howe is forming another expedition against Philadelphia. Militia lacks clothing; hopes they will negotiate the loan and send out the articles wanted; the produce of America, if it could only be exported freely, would soon discharge the debt. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 96.**

From W[illiam] Alexander. 1777. March 7. Dijon.

Concerning the contract between M. Dubourg and the Farmers General. The risk of the voyage to and from America. Recommends Franklin's friend from South Carolina to Messrs. John Black & Co.,

Bordeaux. Increase in the circulation of bank paper. The opinion of the Privy Councillor of the Empress of Russia that England will not get a man from that Empire; recruiting goes on heavily in Germany. Sends first volume of M. de Morveaux's Elements of Chemistry. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 97.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. March 7. L'Orient.

Would be glad of a line from Franklin concerning his further destination; all ready to heave down and only waiting for good weather. If Capt. Nicholson can be spared, the sooner he comes the better. Informed that the Admiralty of Vannes will clear all their prizes out under the French colors. L. S. 1 p. V, 98.

From Elié de Beaumont. 1777. March 8. Paris.

Introducing his friend M. de Villiers, one of the most honored members of the "Société d'Emulation," who does not think it possible to put his talents to a more noble or patriotic use than in making a bust of Franklin. Begs him to accord his friend this favor, and for himself desires Franklin's portrait to hang in his library among the friends of their country and humanity. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 99.

From Nathan Rumsey. 1777. March 8. Nantes.

Just received confirmation of the affair at Trenton and the particulars of Gen. Lee's being taken, as he will find by the enclosed *Gazettes*. Numbers of killed and wounded and prisoners. Movements of Congress. Gen. Lee's capture has greatly enraged the populace; Gen. Washington informed the enemy that if Gen. Lee was sent to England he would hereafter give no quarter. Order of Congress for 100 battalions to be enlisted for three years. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 100.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1777. March 8. Nantes.

Concerning the purchase of M. Montieu's muskets. Sale of Capt. Soakly's brig recommended by Mr. Schweighauser. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 66.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. March 8. Nantes.

Eagerness of many persons to fit out privateers; if Franklin can give cruising commissions, could soon have several at sea; if it is necessary to

have an American present in any such enterprise, offers his **services**.
News from America; capture of Gen. Lee true; details of their **successes**
in New Jersey. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 67.**

From Elié de Beaumont. 1777. March 9. Paris.

Introducing M. de Champigny, an officer of distinction and **nephew**
of a man held in high esteem in years past, who wishes to lay **before**
Franklin certain views which may be useful. A. L. S. 1 p. (In
French.) **V, 101.**

From E[lizabeth] W[right]. 1777. March 10.

Concerning the case of young Mr. Platt; his efforts to obtain a **trial**;
Lord Mansfield's opinion that if he should petition the King and **take**
the oath of allegiance he would be set at liberty; the petition has **been**
written and signed; her fear that they might have urged the **young**
man to do wrong; wishes there had been time to consult **Franklin**.
A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 102.**

From Ebenezer Smith Platt. 1777. March 10. Newgate. [London.]

Stating certain details which were not thought proper to be inserted in
his case. Ineffectual efforts to obtain a trial; chances for and **against**
his being set free. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 103.**

From Tho[ma]s Morris to The American Commissioners.

1777. March 11. Nantes.

Informing him of the safe arrival of the ship **Jenifer** in **35 days**
from Baltimore with despatches for him, which the bearer, **Capt. Ham-**
mond, will deliver. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 104.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. March 11. Nantes.

Account of the business he proposes to enter into with Mr. **Schweig-**
hauser; begs Franklin to write a line to him relative to the proposed
connection; flatters himself that the want of a proper establishment is
the sole objection to a still closer union. **XXXVII, 68.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.
1777. March 11. Nantes.

Business connected with loading The Count de Vergennes. Arrival of a little schooner express from Congress; the Captain and Mr. Rumsey gone to Paris. Rumor that General Washington has cut off the English retreat in New Jersey. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 69.

From St. Jean [Charles Guillaume Frederic Dumas] to The American Commissioners. 1777. March 11.

Congratulating them on the American success in New Jersey; troubled at the capture of the brave General Lee. Memoir presented to the King by the English Ambassador, demanding the punishment of the Governor of St. Eustache for favoring the Americans, and ordering that the sale of arms to them shall cease. Recommends the sending of American news to the French Gazette of Leiden. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 7.

From P. Penet. 1777. March 11. Nantes.

The bearer, Mr. Rumsey, accompanies Capt. Hammond to Paris with letters from the Secret Committee at Philadelphia. All the transactions confided to him have been carried out with the greatest exactitude. Mr. Thomas Morris busy from morning to night. The sale of prizes at L'Orient conducted with prudence and discretion. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 105.

From Arthur Lee to Franklin and Deane.
1777. March 12. Victoria.

Greatly elated over the joyful intelligence enclosed; the militia so exasperated by the past cruelty of the enemy that they fought with irresistible fury; afraid Gen. Lee is a prisoner; loss sustained by the enemy; upwards of a thousand of the prisoners in New York have died of famine and cruel treatment; destruction by these "Saracen invaders" of the philosophical apparatus at Princeton. Awaiting the arrival of Count de Grimaldi with news from the Court. Means he has taken to publish an account of the late intelligence in various countries, especially among the German troops. Considers Holland has broken her strict neutrality by agreeing to let the mercenaries, notoriously hired to desolate the States of America, have a passage. If Mr. Deane should go to Amsterdam, advises him to be on his guard against Mr. Paul Wentworth. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 106.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. March 12.

Begging him to send by bearer the original treaty between the Farmers-General and himself, which he forgot, and which he has actual need of. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 107.**

From [William] Wilkinson. 1777. March 12. Paris.

Informing Dr. Franklin that he knows a gentleman going to London who may be depended on to carry any letters there carefully; if Dr. Franklin will state when the letters will be ready, he will call for them himself. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **V, 108.**

From ——— Baud. 1777. March 13. Paris.

A person, concerning whom M. le duc de la Rochefoucauld could furnish information, desired him to make certain propositions to Franklin which he believes would cause him pleasure; requests the honor of an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 109.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. March 13. L'Orient.

Extraordinary orders he has just received from the Commissary of the above port to get his ship cleaned, put everything on board and leave immediately and not to enter any French port again. Wishes to know the meaning of this order and how he is to proceed. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 110.**

From Alex[ande]r Small. 1777. March 15. St. Philips, Minorca.

Thinks Britain is hurting herself by an enormous increase of her debt, but considers the war a just scourge on America for her excessive luxury and dissipation, which will be checked now before too late. Paper he has written and sent to Sir J. Pringle on the ventilation of hospitals; will send Franklin a copy and begs him to put the finishing touches to it. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 111.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. March 15. L'Orient.

Concerning the proceedings against him of Mr. Gonnett, Commissary of the Port; desires Franklin's instructions; his anxiety to leave a place where he has received such treatment; no conduct on his part has merited such behavior. L. S. 2 p. **V, 112.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 119.

From The Farmers-General to [The American Commissioners].
1777. March 15.

Are now ready to make and sign the contract with the Commissioners from Congress on the basis of the latter's offer to deliver to the Farmers-General, in France, 4,000 bales of tobacco at a net price of 8 francs per pound. The Farmers-General will advance 2,000,000 francs as payment. Cite the articles of agreement. L. 3 p. (In French.)

LIII, 36.

From — Paulze. 1777. March 15. Paris.

Sending Franklin a draft of the contract proposed by M. Grand. If Franklin and his colleague approve the provisions thereof, they are requested to notify M. Paulze. A. L. in 3d P. (In French.)

XLV, 113b.

From Arthur Lee. 1777. March 16. Vittoria.

In receipt of an answer through the Duke of Grimaldi; the reasons for wishing him not to come to Madrid are insuperable; amount of aid Spain is willing to render the Colonies. Arranging with the house of Gardoqui for three vessels of supplies to be despatched as soon as possible. Reports of Gen. Washington's offer to exchange three Hessian officers for Gen. Lee; Gen. Howe's refusal; disgust among the Hessian officers. The Duke of Grimaldi's opinion relative to the Americans' right to demand vessels betrayed to England, and to Holland's right to give the German mercenaries a passage through their country. A. L. S. 2 p.

V, 113.

From [Baron] La Neuville. 1777. March 16. Paris.

Emboldened by a desire of glory and a wish to be serviceable to a nation fighting for her liberty, he and his brother have decided to go to Boston and offer their services. His rank as major, his youth, good-will, health and enthusiasm, all the recommendations he has; if he cannot get the rank of colonel he will take the field as a volunteer. A. L. S. 2 p.

V, 114.

From — Gastebois. 1777. March 17. Lauzun.

In receipt of a letter from the Duc de Duras, who informs him that he asked Franklin for two companies for his (Gastebois') two sons, and that Franklin inquired if they spoke English; at this precise moment they do not, but promises that they shall speak it in three months, if that is the only obstacle; his sons worthy of Franklin's protection. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

V, 115.

From Debusson de Saxey. 1777. March 18. Saint Quentin.

Congratulating himself on the happiness of meeting Franklin during his last stay in Paris; reminds him of his promise to give them orders when he receives his commissions from America. The pleasure he derives from Franklin's success and prosperity. L. S. 1 p. **V, 116.**

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.
1777. March 18. Nantes.

Shipping news. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 70.**

From Tho[ma]s Morris. 1777. March 19. Nantes.

Presumes by this time Franklin has received the sundry despatches from America by Captain Hammond; will be greatly obliged for any intelligence Franklin may think proper to communicate. Arrival of the ship Versailles, 40 days from Boston, which brought the enclosed letter; very important that it be safely delivered as directed. Report of Gen. Howe having sent a flag of truce to General Washington, requesting a cessation of arms for a few days. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 117.**

From William Gordon. 1777. March 21. J[amaica] P[lain, Mass.].

Troubles him with a packet for their friend, Dr. Price; asks him to peruse the letters and papers before forwarding; wished to put both parties out of conceit with Mr. Hutchinson, a man whose only supporters should be "two upright posts with one across it." Continental lottery likely to succeed. Ten thousand would probably go off in Massachusetts very soon. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 118.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. March 21. Paris.

Begs him to accord an audience to the Baron de Fray whose demands are very reasonable and his offers of service very important. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 119.**

From ——— Baudin. 1777. March 21. St. Martin, Isle de Ré.

Writes to offer his services in the above-mentioned isle, which by its position is suitable for a market of commodities. The excellent quality of the brandy made in the island. Begs Franklin for some orders; asks only the ordinary commission. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **V, 120.**

From Messrs. de Germany and Girardot. 1777. March 24.

Request Dr. Franklin to send them his reply to a letter from Strasbourg which they received for him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
LXX, 102.

From Rob[er]t Morris to The American Commissioners.

1777. March 25. Philadelphia.

Commanded by Congress to transmit copies of their resolve of the 13th inst. to their ministers and agents abroad; many gentlemen in the service of America useless, owing to ignorance of the language; thinks this the best means to save others the charge and trouble of the voyage as well as the mortification of being disappointed. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 122.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. March 25. Nantes.

Extremely uneasy at not hearing from him relative to Mr. Schweighauser's proposals; afraid his silence will create an unfavorable impression. Beset with politicians who are forever asking for news. Arrival of an order from the English Ambassador which would have obliged Major Lutterloh's return to his regiment had he not already embarked. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 73.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.

1777. March 25. Nantes.

Arrival of supplies for The Comte de Vergennes; officers applying for passage; desires instructions as to answering them. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 74.

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld. 1777. March 26. Paris.

Begs Franklin to cast his eyes over the translation of the Constitution of Delaware and send it to him at Rouen, with the corrections, so that it may be published on his return; if he has a copy of the Constitution of Maryland begs him to send it also; he will translate that as well as the Constitution of Virginia. Inquires if he has heard whether the different Colonies have accepted the Act of Confederation just as it is or with changes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) V, 123.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. March 27. Nantes.

Concerning a plan proposed to him by M. Dubourg; referred him to Franklin; would first wish to know Franklin's opinion of Mr. Schweighauser's proposals. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 75.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1777. March 27. Nantes.

Concerning the increase in the cargo of The Comte de Vergennes.
A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 76.**

From Rob[er]t Morris to The American Commissioners.

1777. March 28. Philadelphia.

Gen. Howe's army in the Jerseys inactive and greatly distressed for want of forage and fresh provisions; thinks they will not be content with their situation much longer; desertions frequent. The summing up of what General Washington has done with an army half the size of the enemy's and consisting chiefly of raw militia. The bad results attending short enlistments; Congress busy reforming their systems respecting the army; this being done, has great hopes for the summer, especially if Franklin effects a European war to employ the British navy. Possibility of Gen. Howe attacking Philadelphia; if he does get it, prophesies that it will prove his ruin. L. 4 p. (Copy.) **V, 124.**

From Col. Tissot Grenus. 1777. March 28. Geneva.

Expressing his sincere appreciation of the conversation he had with Franklin; if Franklin's sons should visit the country where he is at present, he would like to show his appreciation of their relationship to such a great man. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 125.**

From ——— de Jousserant. 1777. March 28. Route de Bordeaux.

Offering his services to the colonies; his experience as assistant major of grenadiers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 126.**

From Will[iam] Alexander. 1777. March 29. Dijon.

A story is current that the British ministry have applied to France to have Mr. Deane delivered up, on the pretext that he was concerned in the burning of Portsmouth; proves, by quoting a precedent, that they do not need to comply with this request. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 127.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. March 29. Nantes.

Application for a passage to America by Capt. Paddock who will also serve as a pilot. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 77.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Sr. 1777. March 29. Boston.

All well and in good spirits in spite of the war. His son John anxious to go to France and see his brother, who might help him to some employ. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 78.

From [Mrs.] Patience Wright. 1777. March 29. London.

Mr. Platt's marriage to her daughter and their return to America have already been laid before Franklin. A dream she had several years ago about Dr. Franklin, which so far is only half fulfilled, but she believes it will be completed. Intends coming to France to make a bust of Franklin in wax; also one of the Queen, and any others he may approve of. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 128.

From S[ilas] Deane. 1777. March 30.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Williams which appears to have been opened. Reminds him of the letter and deposition for Lord Stormont and the memorial for the Portugal Ambassador. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 129.

From Samuel Cooper. 1777. March 30. Boston.

Anxious to hear from Franklin. Welcome arrival of arms, powder, woolens, etc., from France. Burning of some stores left at Peekskill by the enemy. Account of skirmish not far from Amboy, the enemy retreating with a loss of 500 killed, wounded and taken. Gen. Washington thinks it probable that Philadelphia will be attacked and a considerable part of the army in Canada will come down the St. Lawrence river to join him. Expects Washington will soon be able to take the field with an adequate force. Price of everything greatly advanced. Lottery tickets have a surprisingly rapid sale. Cruelties perpetrated by the enemy have increased the numbers and zeal on their side. France cannot long avoid a war with Britain; she never had a fairer opportunity for taking a decisive part. Sends this by Mr. Cushing, a young man much esteemed at home, who goes to France on business. A. L. 4 p. V, 130.

From Reinier Arrenberg. 1777. March 31. Rotterdam.

In his quality of 2d Secretary of the Physical Society at Rotterdam he has long wanted to send Franklin the two volumes of the "Actes de la Société." In his character of journalist is anxious to know some one who can give him some news of America. Holland's interest in and sympathy

with America renders it necessary to procure real American news; willing to pay such a person well. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **V, 131.**

From The Council of Massachusetts Bay to The American Commissioners. 1777. March 31. Boston.

Copy of letter V, 75. They have employed Mr. Thos. Cushing, Jr., to carry three letters to him from the Secret Committee and to await his orders. L. S. James Bowdoin, President. 3 p. **V, 132.**

From [William] Wilkinson. [Circa 1777. March. Paris.]

Requests Dr. Franklin to send him the letter for Nantes, as he is about to leave Paris for that place. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 95b.**

From P. Penet & Co. 1777. April 1. Nantes.

Announcing the arrival of two ships; will forward any letters there may be for him. Mr. Williams still at Nantes; according to instructions, continues to pay him all the money that he asks for. His interest and zeal in the service. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 133.**

From J. Ingen Housz. 1777. April 2. Vienna.

Franklin's letters delayed. Sets out for Ratisbon on April 12 and will remain there with the Prince of Taxis during May and a part of June; his plan to go from there to Holland, England and France, if his Royal mistress permits; his desire to see Franklin; the Emperor's departure for Paris is a convincing proof of a peaceful disposition among the European powers. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 134.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1777. April 2. Nantes.

Arrival from Boston of Capt. Adams who has set off with his packets for Paris. Has begun the inventory. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 79.**

From ——— La Barberie. 1777. April 2. Paris.

Reminds Franklin of his promise to give his son some letters of recommendation should he enter the service of the Colonies; the young man expects to leave with M. de Galvan, and he would count it a real kindness if Franklin would procure for him the acquaintance of his friends. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **V, 135.**

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. 1777. April 5.

Will call on Franklin the next day; outlines of a letter which he begs Franklin to write to Madame Hubert in his (Feutry's) favor, containing a request for an interview with M. Necker. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) V, 137.

From P. P. Burdett. 1777. April 5. Rastatt.

Wrote Franklin on his arrival in France at the particular request of their Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Baden; imagines the letter never reached him. Is himself a strong well-wisher for the American cause; has inspired a certain officer in the service of his Serene Highness with a strong desire of embarking on the American side; his friend's fitness for the work; recommends him to Franklin. Would be unwilling to have all the subject of this letter known to his Prince. A. L. S. 3 p. V, 138.

From ——— Montée. 1777. April 5.

Request for his son to enter the American army. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 84.

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. 1777. April 7. Paris.

Sending him a copy of various mémoires relating to instruments of war. His pleasure in knowing a great man like the Marquis de Puységur, Lieutenant-General; the Count d'Heronville honors him likewise with his kind interest. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 139.

From W[illiam] Alexander. 1777. April 7. Dijon.

The bearer of this is M. de Montarché, formerly Intendant of St. Domingo. Encloses his answer to M. Dubourg with his contract; if he goes into the affair, mentions the terms he would be willing to accept and his reasons for it. Story of a new treaty being arranged between France and Britain. Discusses the absurd habit of the commanders of fleets engaging in the center of their squadron, where they can neither see nor know what passes at any distance. "American plan of debauching seamen to carry in ships" explained in Lloyd's book. Has seen his correspondence with Lord Howe in the English papers and likes it much. Compares loss by sickness and desertion in ancient and modern warfare. His views on the opening campaign in America. A. L. S. 8 p. V, 140.

From ——— **Boux.** 1777. April 7.

Concerning the building of certain ships; advantages of the port of L'Orient. Strict espionage maintained on every side by the Marshal's Court. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **V, 141.**

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. 1777. April 8. Paris.

Sending Franklin a dozen of his new fables which appeared with twenty others in the second volume of his "d'Opuscules poetiques et philologiques." Considers the day he met Franklin the happiest of his life. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **V, 142.**

From C. Rybot. 1777. April 8. Paris.

Did not imagine Franklin would have hesitated to pay him the trifling sum he disbursed for Mr. Wood; is aware he has no immediate claim upon him, but as a man of known integrity did not think Franklin would let him (Rybot) be a sufferer by an act from which he reaped the benefit. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 143.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. April 8. Nantes.

Any business thrown in the way of Williams & Co. will be carefully executed. With regard to the alderman, perhaps that might be made agreeable on all sides by his joining them in the business of Franklin's contracts, especially as he hears Mr. Morris is engaged with Mr. Gruel and M. Penet. Concerning a passage for M. de Chantay. The *Public Advertiser* and the *London Evening Post* ordered regularly sent to Congress; the former strictly for the Government; the latter strongly against it. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 80.**

From Countess de Marancourt. 1777. April 8. Paris.

Requesting him to appoint a time when she and her brother-in-law, Chevalier de Marancourt, can see him about an important matter. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 5.**

From ——— **Suard.** 1777. April 9. Paris.

Sending a letter received from M. Arrenberg of Rotterdam. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 69.**

From L'Abbé Georgel. 1777. April 9. Paris.

Introduces himself as a member of the household of Prince Louis de Rohan, and ex-minister to the Court of Vienna. Begs Franklin's good offices on behalf of a young man of noble family and fine education who desires to enter the American army. A. L. in 3d P. (In French.)

V, 144.

From ——— Butor. 1777. April 9. Saint-Savin.

Recommending a distinguished officer for service in America; wishes to know what rank Congress will allow him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

V, 145.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. April 12. Nantes.

Suggestions as to shipping goods to America. A. L. S. 3 p.

XXXVII, 81.

From John Whitehurst. 1777. April 12. Derby.

Miss Moresby, for whom Franklin so kindly applied to Mr. West, is now at a loss for an introduction; would esteem it a singular favor if Franklin would do her that friendly office. A. L. S. 1 p.

V, 146.

From ——— de la Maucherie. 1777. April 12.

Desires the honor of his presence after the meeting of the Academy; awaits this favor as the Israelites awaited the manna from heaven. A. L. in 3d P. (In French.)

V, 147.

From ——— de Gailhard. 1777. April 13. Pamiers.

His son forced by reduction of pay to quit the French army; applies to Franklin to get him a position in the American army; hopes much from Franklin's kindness and magnanimity. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

V, 148.

From [Antoine] Court de Gebelin. 1777. April 14. Paris.

Takes the liberty to recommend M. Guez, of Lausanne, son of a famous surgeon; would introduce him himself, but he is engaged in preparing his fifth volume of the "Monde Primitif," so his brother-in-law will replace him; also recommends M. Pierre Dutilh, of Bordeaux, who would be extremely flattered to be honored with commissions. Sends him the fourth volume of the "Monde Primitif," for which he was kind enough to subscribe. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

V, 149.

From Paul Veron. 1777. April 14. Paris.

Concerning an important letter which Monsieur Mouge, of Beaune, requested him to put into Franklin's own hand, but that is impossible as he is ignorant of his address; will send it to Monsieur Grand, whom he hears knows Franklin, with a request to deliver it to him. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **V, 150.**

From [Comtesse] D.B. [de] Conway. 1777. April 14. Ville d'Avray.

Is just learning to read and write in English; begs him to mention when she can pay her respects to him; is the wife of [Gen.] Thomas Conway who departed in the Amphitrite to aid his brother Americans. A. L. S. 1 p. **V, 151.**

From Nathan Rumsey. 1777. April 15. Nantes.

Arrival of the dispatches by Mr. Cunningham. Has his faults and perhaps they are conspicuous; doubts not but his enemies have made a handle of them to rob him of Franklin's esteem; still desirous to serve his native land; hopes his general behavior will be such as to merit again Franklin's approbation. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 153.**

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. April 15. Nantes.

Arrived at Nantes; found the cutter a fine stout vessel; what guns she will be mounted with; has engaged already nine Americans for seamen, hopes in seven days she will be ready to launch; will then return to L'Orient; thinks it would strengthen their little squadron if Captain Johnston of the Lexington could join them; recommends the giving of the King's pass to all persons who come from Paris with despatches, in order to avoid delays; would not be at Nantes yet had they not forced the post-boys to proceed by threats and beatings. A. L. S. 2 p. **V, 154.**

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. April 15. Nantes.

Begging his opinion on the enclosed articles drawn up by Mr. Schweighauser. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 82.**

From [Comte de Sarsfield]. 1777. April 15. [Paris.]

Sending two gazettes and requesting him to return them when he sends for the others. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 99a.**

From ——— **Baptestin.** 1777. April 16.

Requests an interview about a project for advancing the knowledge of sciences and arts in the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

LX, 95.

From ——— **Franquelin.** 1777. April 16. Paris.

Requesting to see Franklin that he may learn if they are descendants of the same family. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

V, 155.

Translation in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 146.

From **Louis Givanetti Pellion.** 1777. April 16. Turin.

No infidelity to his own King (of Servia) is the cause of his desire to serve the American cause, but a hope that by experience and travel he will be more worthy of his Sovereign. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

V, 156.

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1777?] April 16. Paris.

Asking positions in the American army for two excellent officers (Messrs. de Gueyssac); their reasons for quitting France well known. Quotation from Sir John Pringle's letter. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XLII, 155.

From [**Aimé Ambroise Joseph**] **Feutry.** 1777. April 17.

Had the pleasure of sending him some memoirs the day before; when his other works, which number seven to eight volumes, are ready will have the honor of sending them to him. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)

V, 157.

From **Chevalier de Basserode.** 1777. April 17. Tonnay-Charente.

His desire to enter the American army; begs Franklin to obtain permission from the King for him to leave the country for several years and also to pay his pension to his wife during his absence; if his services are accepted, wishes to know what treatment he may expect; thinks his past services entitle him to demand the rank of Lieutenant-colonel. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

V, 158.

From ——— **de Brahm.** 1777. April 20. Coblenz.

His son, once an officer in the services of the Elector of Treves, is now a captain of artillery in the American army; his leave of absence was only for two years, and he has written to the Elector for an ex-

tension, which is here enclosed with letters from his family, which he begs Franklin to forward with all speed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
V, 159.

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. 1777. April 20. Paris.

Had the honor of sending Franklin a part of his feeble productions, and in return receives Franklin's scientific works, an advantageous exchange for him. Awaits from Flanders his "Choix d'Histoires Morales" and his "Mémoires de la Cour d'Auguste," to lay at Franklin's feet. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
V, 160.

From ——— De Bragelonne de filley, de la Barre.

1777. April 21. Bordeaux.

Invention he has made of a new gun-carriage; encloses a memoir with a full description of it; has other propositions to make more advantageous to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
V, 161.

From Benj[ami]n Sowden. 1777. April 21. Rotterdam.

Is minister of the English Presbyterian church at Rotterdam; knows many of Franklin's friends there. Writes this to ask permission to send his letters to the Rev. Mr. Gordon of Jamaica Plain, directed to Franklin's care; will leave them open in case he may want to read them. Offers to forward any letters for Franklin to friends in England by a safe and secret conveyance. A. L. S. 3 p.
V, 162.

From De Bragelonne de filley, de la Barre.

[1777. April 22.] Bordeaux.

Advantages of a new gun-carriage proposed to Franklin for use in the war with England. Mem. 3 p. (In French.)
LXI, 100.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. April 22. Nantes.

Concerning a passage for Mr. Hood; desires to know if he is to assist him with cash. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVII, 83.

From Jos[eph] Cauffman. 1777. April 23. Vienna.

Was born in Philadelphia and sent abroad to study, particularly medicine at the University of Vienna; his desire to serve his country; sends the enclosed attestations to prove his proficiency in anatomy and

surgery; if Franklin thinks he could be of use in the army as a surgeon, is ready to return to his native land at once; remittances from his father delayed by the war; desires to know what he can do. Many Austrian officers desirous of entering the army, providing they could get some intelligence of the treatment they would receive. A. L. S. 4 p. V, 163.

From [Rodolph] Valltravers. 1777. April 25. Passy.

Called to inform him what steps he has taken since their last interview. Goes to Versailles for a day or two on business; his ladies leave Paris the next week on account of Mrs. Valltravers' health. A. L. S. 1 p. V, 164.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. April 25. L'Orient.

Captain Johnston's arrival at Nantes; order from the Commissary for him to quit L'Orient in twenty-four hours; will meet Johnston at St. Auzeau; three British ships of war cruising in the bay. Arrival of prize sloop loaded with fruit and wine taken by Capt. Thompson of the brig Rising States from Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. V, 165.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 120.

From ——— Saint Martin. 1777. April 26. Bordeaux.

A long account concerning four bills of exchange drawn on Mr. Thomas Morris, one of the Commissioners of Congress, which he refuses to pay; begs Franklin to use his influence in the matter. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) V, 166.

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. 1777. April 26. Paris.

Asking Franklin to accept the accompanying work; will certainly appear on Sunday in answer to his gracious invitation. A. L. in 3d P. (In French.) V, 167.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Duparquet.

1777. April 26. St. Esprit, Languedoc.

Request to enter American army, if given a suitable rank. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 36.

From ——— Bachelier. 1777. April 27.

M. Parens expects them at Sèvres for dinner on Monday, April 28; begs him to inform M. Le Ray de Chaumont of this. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) V, 168.

From ——— **Eyraut.** 1777. April 27. Nantes.

Begging Franklin to procure him a place on some battle-ship; knows America, having made frequent voyages there; will not tire Franklin with details; Monsieur Flamenque will explain in a few words what sort of a man he is. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **V, 169.**

From **Lamb[er]t Wickes.** 1777. April 27. L'Orient.

Mutiny among his people; will desert unless paid immediately on their arrival at Nantes. Ordered by Mr. Gonnott to leave L'Orient. Recommends Mr. Gurlade to Franklin's particular notice; his confidence in his integrity. A. L. S. 3 p. **V, 170.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 121.

By [**Aimé Ambroise Joseph**] **Feutry.** 1777. April 27. Passy.

Verses, in praise of Franklin, to be put underneath his portrait. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LI, 24.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.].** 1777. April 28. Nantes.

Returned the articles to Mr. Schweighauser for the additions suggested; wishes Franklin to send them to Mr. Alexander, in whose sagacity he has the greatest confidence. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 84.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.**
1777. April 28. Nantes.

Sailing of the *Thérèse*. Prizes captured by a privateer from Boston commanded by Capt. Thompson. Recommends renewing the lease of the magazine and outhouses. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 85.**

From **Jarente de Sainneville.**

1777. April 30. Chateau de Vincennes.

Asks his protection for an officer who wishes to enter the American service, also for news of his relative, Chevalier Dannemours, who had letters to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXII, 117a.**

From **Daniel Roberdeau.** 1777. May 1. Philadelphia.

Being one of the Committee for Foreign Applications, paid immediate attention to Franklin's recommendation of Chevalier de Mauduit du

Plessis, and through the favor of Congress, procured him a commission as captain of artillery, and on his arrival he was forwarded at once to General Washington. Death of his dear Mrs. Roberdeau has been such a source of affliction that he will not attempt to send any news. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 1.

From G. B. [David Hartley]. 1777. May 2. London.

Impossibility of reconciliation between Great Britain and America on the terms proposed; possibility of establishing peace; the admission of American independence an absolutely necessary preliminary. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 2.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 148.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. May 2. Philadelphia.

Necessity of interesting the French in the American trade. Falsehoods of the English press. Present favorable condition in America. A. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison, Rob[er]t Morris, Tho[ma]s Hayward, James Lovell. 4 p. (In duplicate. In the second copy the signature of Jo[h]n Witherspoon is added.) LIII, 38.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 313.

From Goueslard de Champigny. 1777. May 3. Paris.

Concerning his proposal to bring over skilled workmen and establish a foundry for making fire-arms and cannon. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 98.

From W[illia]m Carmichael. 1777. May 3. Nantes.

Cannot go with Mr. Lee or any individual to Berlin without being jointly employed by the representatives of America; his sole view in wishing his appointment as secretary is that he may feel himself a servant of the public and not of any individual; offers to bear the expense himself. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 3.

From Tho[ma]s Morris. 1777. May 3. Nantes.

Arrival of Capt. John Robarts, of the schooner Mary, from Charlestown; William Machmaster, one of the sailors, detained a prisoner in Nantes, charged with having drowned one John Hoggins belonging to the same vessel; they were both drunk at the time. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 4.

From J. de Sparre. 1777. May 3. Strasbourg.

Has written Franklin and Mr. Deane several letters; thinks his offers merit a reply. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VI, 5.**

*From Mme. [Ferdinand] Grand to The American Commissioners.
[1777?] May 5.*

Asking them to name a day on which they will do her the honor of dining at her house. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 181.**

From [Lieut.] Ziegler. 1777. May 6. Grave.

Account of a visit he made to America in 1772, with recommendations to Col. Henry Laurens; his desire to serve America; the conditions on which he is willing to enter the army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **VI, 6.**

From Ch. de Brus. 1777. May 6. Bordeaux.

His great desire to go to New England; begs Franklin for a letter of recommendation to that country; prefers to go with a captain of a privateer now at Bordeaux, which will most likely be attacked, than with his brother. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VI, 7.**

From P. Penet to The American Commissioners.

1777. May 6. Nantes.

Mr. Thomas Morris has communicated to him their letter; they must be misinformed concerning him and his associates; knows he has many enemies in Paris as well as Nantes; begs to be informed who they are that he may justify himself. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 8.**

From Ebenezer S[mith] Platt.

1777. May 6. Newgate Prison [London].

Is a prisoner in Newgate, not knowing when he will obtain his liberty; begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his partner in Savannah, Ga., asking for a small remittance; requests Franklin to receive it, as it will probably come in the shape of rice or tobacco, and send the proceeds thereof to Mrs. Patience Wright in London. A. L. S. 1 p. **VI, 9.**

From [Mrs.] Patience Wright. 1777. May 7. London.

Begs him to aid Mr. Platt, who still lies in irons in Newgate. A. L. S. 2 p. **VI, 10.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. May 7. Nantes.

Concerning the plan proposed by M. Dubourg and Mr. Alexander; if it is made reasonable would willingly take a part in it. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVII, 86.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. May 7. Nantes.

Desiring a letter of introduction for M. Tardiveau, who proposes to settle in Philadelphia; his connection in business with M. Tarvouillet. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVII, 87.

From ——— Montaudouin. 1777. May 7. Nantes.

Has read with great pleasure Franklin's response to Lord Howe in the "Gazette de Leyde"; the Admiral soundly beaten. Exorbitant prices asked by captains of vessels to transport persons to America; compliments Franklin on his nephew. Has an invitation from M. de Chaumont to pay him a visit at Passy. The bearer of this is M. Tardiveau, who desires to establish himself in Philadelphia; would be obliged if Franklin would give him a word of recommendation, merely attesting his honesty. A. L. S. 3 p.
VI, 11.

From ——— Pierres. 1777. May 7. Saint Malo.

Concerning a debt due him by Captain Cornelius Haight, who gave him a draft for the amount on Messrs. David Strahan & Co. of London; has received so far only a small percentage of the amount; encloses a copy of the bond; begs Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
VI, 12.

From W[illiam] Alexander. 1777. May 9. Dijon.

Introducing le Comte de Fontelle; trusts that the nature of his business will prove sufficiently agreeable to excuse the trouble he is giving him. A. L. S. 1 p.
VI, 13.

From Abbé Tardieu. 1777. May 9. Nyons.

Begging him to forward the enclosed letter to Gen. Washington. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
VI, 13½.

*From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to
The American Commissioners.* 1777. May 9. Philadelphia.

A fast sailing frigate to be purchased in Europe and assigned for command to the bearer of this message, Captain John Paul Jones. L. S. Robert Morris et al. 3 p. (Copy.) **LIII, 40.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 317.

From Lt.-Colonel Duparquet. 1777. May 10. St. Esprit.

Request to enter American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 37.**

From ——— Paulze. 1777. May 10. Bercy.

Encloses a copy of a letter which he received, signed by Mr. Lee; refrains from answering it until Franklin verifies the signature; sent a copy of it to Comte de Vergennes, and begged him to take such precautions as the circumstance appeared to warrant. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VI, 14.**

From Goueslard de Champigny. 1777. May 13. Coutances.

Had to leave Paris hurriedly on urgent private business. Requests Franklin to communicate with him through M. Dudouit. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 99.**

From ——— Pliarne. 1777. May 13. Charlestown, S. C.

Heard with pleasure of his arrival in France, as did all the true lovers of America. Arrival of vessels from France with dry goods and ammunition raised the spirits of the people and encouraged recruiting for the army. Many men enlisting with Washington; was at his headquarters in March, then he was not strong, but upon the way home he met several thousand men going to the camp from Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. No important motion in the army of Howe, but six or seven men-of-war with some transports were in Delaware Bay on April 16. In Philadelphia they were much disposed to defend the city. Begs Franklin to continue his friendship for their house; uncertain value of money makes speculation in trade dangerous. A. L. S. 3 p. **VI, 15.**

From ——— O'Meara. 1777. May 14. St. Martin, Ile de Ré.

His great desire to serve the American cause; if Franklin is pleased to give him any encouragement he will throw up his commission in France and set out immediately for the Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. **VI, 16.**

From Abbé Tardieu. 1777. May 15. Near Montelimar.

The circumstances which led up to his composing a sonnet in behalf of the Americans. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 17.

From Lt.-Colonel Duparquet. 1777. May 15. St. Esprit.

A note enclosing some "Military Reflections" (LXII, 38). A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 39.

From Lt.-Colonel Duparquet. [1777. May 15. St. Esprit.]

How the Americans should conduct the war against England. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 38.

From Chevalier Perford [Duportail].

1777. May 15. Au Cap, St. Dominique.

The same thing happened here as at Nantes, not able to find a vessel to take them to their destination. Mr. Carabas has fitted out a small vessel loaded with such commodities as will not render them liable to arrest. Obligated to leave one of the party who is ill with a disease of the country. When he recovers Mr. Carabas promises to see that he has the means of rejoining them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

LXII, 94.

From Roger Rossard des Naudins. 1777. May 16. Chateaudun.

His son, Rossard de Villié, has entered the service of New England; they know neither his whereabouts nor what he is doing and are much worried; encloses a letter which he begs Franklin to get to him if possible. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 18.

From C. J. Van Mulbraght. 1777. May 16. Ruremonde.

Begs Franklin to establish him in the service of America as a cadet. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 19.

From Chevalier de Savari Demronti (?). 1777. May 17. Thouars.

Willing to enter the American army as a volunteer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 20.

From S[ilas] Deane. 1777. May 18. Paris.

Enclosing letters to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 21.

LETTERS TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

From John Prichard. 1777. May 21.

Begs Franklin to buy his discharge from the Minister at Paris for about eight guineas, so that he may serve the American cause either by sea or land; his father owns a farm near Boston; knows the American coast well. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 22.

From Wilhelm Bayle. [1777?] May 21. Jena.

Offers to enter American army. A. L. S. 4 p. LIX, 11.

From ——— Bachelier. 1777. May 22. Paris.

M. de Laffaye desires to present him with his memoir on the manner in which the Romans built and their habit of employing lime to make mortar as hard as stone. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 23.

From ——— Bourdin. 1777. May 22. Paris.

Writes on behalf of a friend, who desires to get his son in the American Army and who is willing to equip him and send him to whatever port Franklin may name. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 24 and 43.

From Lt.-Colonel Duparquet. 1777. May 22. St. Esprit.

Fearing that his former letters have not reached Franklin, he makes another request to enter the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 40.

From ——— de Préville. 1777. May 23. Auch in Gascony.

Offering him the services of two French gentlemen for the new republic; their military services; all they ask is the commission of captain of dragoons, and a leave of three years with the assurance of having their old position on their return to France; neither misconduct nor debts causes them to take this step; all they ask is to have the expenses of their voyage defrayed. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) V, 121.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas]. 1777. May 23. Leyden.

Acknowledging the extract, which shall be published; will also print an article on the kindness of the Americans to their Hessian prisoners as contrasted with the behavior of the Royalists. Advisability of receiving the Journal of Congress regularly. Suggestions for an American currency. Begging him to visit them. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 9.

From ——— **Montant.** 1777. May 23. Ile de Noirmoutier.

Offers his services as surgeon; if he can be useful, is ready to leave at once for Bordeaux or whatever port Franklin may indicate; will accompany M. Tardeville who leaves for Paris to join Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 25.

From **L. Bicker** (Secretary de la Société de la Philosophie Expérimentale à Rotterdam). 1777. May 23. Rotterdam.

The bearer, his brother-in-law, Mr. Caarten, is going to France and Italy; he desires to pay his respects to Franklin and to present him with the first two volumes of their "Collections Académiques." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 26.

From **E. de Baussay.** 1777. May 23. La Haie.

A native of Amsterdam; has been thirty-four years in the service of La Cour de Trèves, and has a perfect knowledge of the government of Holland; aware of everything which has passed between Franklin and the Ambassador of Holland. A visit from Franklin or Mr. Deane would be greeted with enthusiasm, but does not think it would result in any real advantages, the Ambassador of England's influence being too strong. Suggests the advisability of Franklin having a secret agent in Holland; offers his services. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 26½.

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1777. May 24. Dijon.

Not surprised that M. Dubourg thought his terms too high; doubts not that he will get many cheaper undertakers. Sees his old friend Lee has been made Minister at Madrid; thinks he has much the air and manners of a Spaniard, when he is not angry; does Franklin know of his friend, the Comte de Rostaing, an officer of artillery? He claims to know a method of destroying ships in any river or roadstead, where there is no tide nor current. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 27.

From ——— **Ledoigt.** 1777. May 24. Louviers.

Hears that America is in need of carpenters, especially for the construction of mills; offers his services. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 28.

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From Reinier Arrenberg. 1777. May 24. Rotterdam.

As he prints a Dutch newspaper, has copied and sent to the "Gazetteer Français de Leide" an account of the cruel treatment of the Americans by the English; begs to be informed of any important news from America. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 29.

From De Bragelonne de filley, de la Barre.

1777. May 24. Bordeaux.

Offering a new invention for use in war. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXI, 103.

From De Bragelonne de filley, de la Barre.

[1777. May 24.] Bordeaux.

Advantages of a new gun-carriage proposed to Franklin for use in the war with England. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) LXI, 100.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. May 25. Paris.

Begs an audience for Mr. Coder, who has several models of costumes, ets., which merit special attention. A. L. in 3d P. (In French.) VI, 30.

From Comte de Sarsfield. 1777. May 26. Paris.

As he has received no answer from Franklin to his last note, is still in suspense about the books he may wish to have; Mr. Oudin will send them to Mr. Deane's upon receiving any note from Franklin written in French. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 31.

From N[oble] W[imberly] Jones. 1777. May 26. Savannah.

Many difficulties experienced by the State of Georgia, owing to their situation and their being destitute of shipping and seamen; have been unable to procure certain articles essentially requisite for their defense; writes by order of the Honorable House of General Assembly, who have deputed Captain de la Plaigne as their agent, to proceed to France and to procure such articles as are specified in their instructions to him. Important services rendered by Captain de la Plaigne to the American cause; recommends him to Franklin's particular notice. L. S. 2 p. VI, 32.

From [Jean-Baptiste] LeRoy. [Circa 1777.] May 26. Paris.

Wishing to borrow a letter from M. Burck [Burke?] to the Sheriff of Bristol, urging the necessity of making peace with the American Colonies. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLII, 153.

From ——— Coder. 1777. May 27. Paris.

Sends him the rest of the models, which M. Dubourg had intended to bring the day before; grievous state of Madame Dubourg's health; will call upon him to ascertain his decision. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 33.

From Will[iam] Strahan. 1777. May 27. London.

News of Franklin's friends in London; Small's opinion that his stay in Paris is to pave the way to a reconciliation; his great desire for peace on reasonable terms. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 34.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. May 27. Paris.

Can do nothing at present for Franklin but pray; his wife is feebler than the day before and it is impossible for him to leave her; recommends a conference between Franklin, Deane and Bayard; believes that the affair can be turned to the satisfaction of all. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 34½.

From James Shanly. 1777. May 28. Paris.

Left Ireland about six weeks before to wait on Franklin and offer his services to the American cause; many staunch friends of that cause in Ireland, but they dare not declare themselves openly; would have brought large packets for Franklin from home had it not been dangerous to carry them. Understands that officers are needed; his own experience in disciplining troops; should Franklin give him an encouraging answer, there are many people waiting only for that to follow him. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 35.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. May 30. Philadelphia.

Loan to be raised in France. France, Spain, and America, together, could expel the British fleet from the western seas. A. L. S. Benj-amin] Harrison et al. 3 p. (In duplicate.) LIII, 43.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 327.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], *to* The American Commissioners.

1777. May 31. Nantes.

Hindrances in the way of loading the Mère Bobie. Report that Hammond is taken. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 88.**

From [James] Shanly. [1777. May.]

Called on Dr. Franklin at Passy this Thursday morning; will call again to-morrow. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 65, a.**

From ——— Coder. 1777. June 1. Paris.

Advised by M. Dubourg to send him the blue coat exactly like the model he showed him. Describes the rest of the uniform. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VI, 36.**

From Chevalier de Richoufftz. 1777. June 1. Douay.

Without occupation or fortune; begs Franklin to take pity on him and agree to his proposition to cross to Boston with the rank of captain and a salary of 2,400 livres in addition to the cost of his voyage. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 37 and 38.**

From ——— Bruslé. 1777. June 1. Paris.

Writes on behalf of a young man of good family, aged twenty-one, who desires to follow the profession of arms; heard that Franklin has procured for many soldiers the means of passing to America; begs that he may receive a like favor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 39.**

From ——— Burette. 1777. June 1. Madrid.

The success of the Americans proves the justice of their cause; his desire to enter their army with the same rank he held in France; asks what are the necessary steps to be taken. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VI, 40.**

From P. P. Burdett. 1777. June 1. Carlsruhe.

The bearer is Baron Steuben, a gentleman of family, merit, and great experience, well known to some of the first personages in Europe; he comes all the way from Germany to make the acquaintance of Dr. Franklin. Apologizes for having troubled him of late with so many letters, but his communications of too great importance to trust to the common post. A. L. S. 3 p. **VI, 41.**

From Cosson de la Sudire.

1777. June 1. Chateau de la Sudire en Périgord.

Desires to enter the American army; his rank as captain. A. L. S.
3 p. (In French.) VI, 42.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1777. June 3. Portsmouth, N. H.

Has received orders from the Secret Committee of Congress to proceed in the French ship *Amphitrite* to Charlestown, S. C., and thence to Paris, put a letter in Franklin's hands, and take command of a "fine frigate"; refusal of the commander of the *Amphitrite*, M. Fautrel, to permit him to accompany him in any other capacity than as a passenger; Col. Langdon's proposal that he should proceed to France in a new Continental ship of war which he is now fitting out; probability of this proposition being adopted. Ardently desires to be again in active service; though personally unknown to Franklin, the prospect of being shortly under his direction affords him a singular pleasure. L. S. 3 p.
VI, 45.

From ——— Coder. 1777. June 3. Paris.

Arranging for an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 46.

From ——— Ruault. 1777. June 3. Paris.

Sends six copies of Franklin's works translated. N. in 3d P. 1 p.
(In French.) LXXI, 51.

From ——— de Lauron. 1777. June 3. Paris.

Requests to be made a Colonel of infantry, in the American army.
A. L. S. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 67.

From ——— de Lauron. 1777. June 3. Paris.

In every effort to enter the American service he has failed. As a last resource he calls on Franklin but could not see him, so is now compelled to send him this letter requesting to be made a Colonel in the American army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) LXII, 68.

From Recules de Basmarin et Raimbaux. 1777. June 4. Paris.

The bearer is M. Vanhammé; possesses many secrets which might prove useful to America, among them an easy and inexpensive manner

of making salt-petre; wants to obtain a passage gratis and to carry certain letters of recommendation. Arrangements being made by them for two vessels to sail once a month for America; will take anyone Franklin recommends without any expense, if he so wishes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 47.

From Josiah Smith. 1777. June 4. London.

Born in Massachusetts, educated at Cambridge and studied physic and surgery until January, 1777, when he took ship for Bordeaux; gives an account of their capture by the English and their confinement in Plymouth; after two months obtained his freedom; treatment of the ship's company who, though they swore they were subjects of the United States, were forced into the service of the King. Two hundred Americans prisoners at Plymouth and as many more at Portsmouth; is coming to France to report their miserable condition to Franklin; his destitute state; begs Franklin to procure him a place as surgeon on some vessel; a friend of his, Capt. Brown, lately commander of a privateer, has just escaped and also would be glad of assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 48.

From M[ichael] Hillegas to The American Commissioners.

1777. June 5. Baltimore.

Supposes they are already acquainted with Congress having established a Continental Loan Office, taking money on interest; they will see by the late papers that far from being crushed, affairs look better than could have been expected. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 49.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.

1777. June 5. Nantes.

Books on Cavalry to go by the Massachusetts; Count Pulaski and his two companions to embark on this ship; money advanced for their passage. Terms on which he can procure suits of clothing, shoes, saddles and holsters. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 89.

From John Porter. 1777. June 6. St. Malo.

Account of his capture, imprisonment at Plymouth and escape; is in a strange country and destitute of every necessary of life; desperate circumstances of his poor countrymen who are treated like felons in the prisons of Plymouth; English worse than the Turks; promised to tell Franklin of Capt. John Adams's capture. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 50.

From Caleb Lownes (son of John Lownes). 1777. June 6. London.

Giving an account of his time since he left Philadelphia till his arrival in London; the cause of his leaving America and his reasons for tarrying in England; wishes to know whether by staying he will hazard either his father's or his own reputation. A. L. S. 4 p. VI, 51.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. June 7. Nantes.

Concerning his proposed partnership with Mr. Schweighauser; strongly attached to this gentleman's family; stands extremely well with the second daughter; believes his present lack of means the only bar to a union. Account of his connection with a poor girl in England by whom he had a son; intends providing for the boy and later taking him altogether. A. L. S. 4 p. XXXVII, 90.

From ——— Massequan. 1777. June 7. Nice.

Read in the London Evening Post that Franklin had already accorded letters of marque to thirty vessels of France in charge of American captains; a proposal he made to one Francis Fowler, a Scotchman, to take command of a vessel belonging to him, and to cruise against the "Tamisiens" [English?] in the Mediterranean. Requests Franklin to give a commission to this new patriot, whose honesty, courage and knowledge of the sea he can guarantee. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VI, 52.

From B[enjamin] S[owden]. 1777. June 7. Rotterdam.

Extracts from Mr. Gordon's letter to Dr. Price, published by Mr. Arrenberg in his Courant; subsequently copied in most of the other Courants of Holland. Concerning a French piece entitled "Avis aux Hessois" which has had a great vogue. Sir Joseph Yorke's bullying memorial to the States has given great offence in Holland; generally believed to have been composed by the King himself. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 53.

From Francis Fowler. 1777. June 7. Nice.

Is a subject of Great Britain, born in Aberdeen, and has served in different ships of his Majesty; describes the ship he has under his command, and asks Franklin for a commission, so that, unlooked for, he may cruise in the Mediterranean and fall upon the avowed enemies of the Royal Congress of America.¹ A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 54.

¹ See VI, 52.

From ——— *de Cardone.* 1777. June 8. Paris.

Sending a memoir, intended for Congress, on the advantages to America of having large flour mills and building up an extensive export trade in that and similar articles. L. S. and Mem. 4 p. (In French.)
LX, 121.

From S[ilas] Deane. 1777. June 8. Paris.

Expects M. Coder, who has proposed to furnish the clothes the following morning; asks Franklin to breakfast with him then. The letter to Mr. Jay is a summary of what they last wrote, but written in secret ink and to all appearance about unimportant matters. A. L. S. 1 p.
VI, 55.

From [Antoine Laurent] Lavoisier. 1777. June 8. Paris.

They are going to repeat several of Dr. Priestley's principal experiments on different kinds of air; if these will interest Franklin, will be honored with his presence. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 55½.**

From Matthew Mease. 1777. June 9. Paris.

Writes on behalf of some gentlemen who are desirous of Franklin's advice, to ask if he will grant them an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. **VI, 56.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.
1777. June 10. Nantes.

Capture of Adams verified by Captain Porter who has just arrived; assistance given this captain; his intention to go out on some armed vessel and revenge his losses; thinks Wickes or Johnson would find him a valuable acquisition. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 91.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.
1777. June 10. Nantes.

Asking their interest on behalf of a poor American sailor who has been falsely accused of murder; gives the affair in detail. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVII, 92.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. June 10. Paris.

If he likes the model that M. Coder showed him, advises him to decide on it at once, as in a few days prices will go up. Concerning the muskets which he spoke to him about before. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VI, 57.

From ——— Cavalier. 1777. June 11. Lyons.

His admiration for the Americans; wishes to fly to their defense. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 58.

From Baron de Thuillières. 1777. June 11. Paris.

Requests Franklin to appoint a time when he can receive Mme. Denneville and Vicomtesse de Choiseul, from Martinique, who wish to see him. Asks about a balsam remedy offered to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 71.

From ——— De Brétigny. 1777. June 12. Paris.

Asking for a letter of introduction to Franklin's nephew [Jonathan Williams, Jr.], for three officers, leaving for America, via Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 11.

From Pet[e]r Timothy. 1777. June 12.

Congratulates him on the honors conferred by "The Thirteen United Free and Independent States." His many positions on committees and congresses and his active interest in public affairs left him no time for private correspondence. Wishes some instruction on a plan of education for his son, Benjamin Franklin, aged six. A. L. S. 4 p. VI, 59.

From ——— Coder. 1777. June 12. Paris.

Concerning the models in cloth; will not rest until he is en route for America; hopes to merit the praise of Congress and the confidence and esteem of the generals and the friendship of the Americans. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 60.

From W[illiam] L[ee]. 1777. June 13. Paris.

Informing Franklin that Mr. Deane and himself will do themselves the honor of breakfasting with him on Sunday at 9 o'clock. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 61.

From Cot d'Ordan. 1777. June 13. Lille.

Wishes to devote himself to the cause of America; has been employed in the Commissary Department and would like a similar position, if possible, in America; ready to serve such a cause with either pen or sword; if he receives a favorable reply will set out at once for Paris. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) VI, 62.

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From [Jean-Jacques] Caffieri. 1777. June 13. Paris.

Wishes to know various details concerning Gen. Montgomery, the dates of his birth and death, his most famous actions and how and where he was killed in the attack on Quebec. Intends making a model of the monument for the next salon, and wishes to give a description of the tomb and of the person for whom it was made. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 63.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. June 13. Philadelphia.

General Washington's successes in New Jersey. Everything still quiet in the Northern Department. Favorable aspect of affairs. A. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 2 p. (In duplicate.) LIII, 44.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 336.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1777. June 14. Nantes.

Arrival of the Anonyme; poor opinion of her ability either to fight or run away; officers claiming passage on her; question of her destination. Reported blowing up of Mr. Chaumont's ship Captain Rotch at the entrance of the Delaware. Ships at present for sale. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 93.

From Ph. F. Thiérin. 1777. June 14. Paris.

Had the honor to give Franklin a letter from one of his friends of St. Malo; reminds Franklin of his promise to answer it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 64.

From Lieut.-Col. de Girard. 1777. June 15. Paris.

Desires an interview with Franklin; has received a letter from Cherbourg with information of the capture of an English vessel. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 65.

From — Courreget, fils. 1777. June 15. Bayonne.

Writes on behalf of a young Frenchman, aged twenty-five years, who wishes to enter that glorious company and perish, if need be, with Franklin's brave compatriots. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 67.

From ——— Coder. 1777. June 16. Paris.

M. Dalibard seeks an interview concerning the muskets; expects to be at Passy himself at 8 o'clock the next morning. Madame Dubourg's dangerous condition. Copy of four lines, written by M. Dubourg at the foot of Franklin's picture. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VI, 68.**

From D. Laville. 1777. June 16.

A letter of recommendation for one Bumel. A. L. S. 1 p. (In Latin.) **LXX, 128a.**

From The Royal Society of Medicine of Paris.

1777, June 17. Paris.

Certificate of membership.

Portfolio.

From Chevalier de Basserode. 1777. June 17. Tonnay-Charente.

Fears that his letter of April never reached Franklin; sends copy of it. (See V, 158.) A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VI, 69.**

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. June 17. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Frerot, a cannon-founder of Nantes, who hopes to obtain permission of the Ministry to make what quantity of cannon he pleases; advantages of obtaining them at the place of shipping. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 94.**

From ——— De Brétigny. 1777. June 18. Paris.

Asking permission to call to present his officers, to say good-by, and to get letters of introduction for himself and officers to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 12.**

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. June 18. Philadelphia.

Skirmishes in the Northern Department. Military affairs in New Jersey. A. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 4 p. (In duplicate.) **LIII, 45.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 344.

From Archibald Douglas. 1777. June 18. Cherbourg.

Is now lying in Cherbourg with the same prize that Capt. John Burnell informed Franklin of; does not know what to do with her

owing to the loss of their captain and the impossibility of selling her; two King's cutters cruising off the harbor on purpose to take them should they venture out; wishes to know how he shall act. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 70.

From R. Haines. 1777. June 18. Paris.

Assured by his sister (Sarah Evans) that Franklin will not be offended at his writing to him. Concerning the sale of some land in the northern part of the province of New York belonging to a Mr. Lydius, who thought Franklin might know of a purchaser. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 66.

From [John] Paradise. 1777. June 18. Homburg Vor-der-Höhe.

Is secretary of the Patriotic Society of Homburg; desires to add Franklin's name and those of some of his brave and learned compatriots to the membership. Concerning the memoirs that the society proposes to publish. In Germany there are certain writers in the employ of Lord North to abuse the Americans, French and Spanish. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 71.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners. 1777. June 19. Nantes.

Can obtain an old French frigate, which could be fitted for a privateer, and enough Americans to man her, in case they care to encourage an operation of a warlike nature. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 95.

From Edward Bridgen. 1777. June 19. Antwerp.

Sends him a letter from Dr. Price; gives his address in case Franklin wishes to send back an answer. Places the Bishop's sermon, printed in the enclosed newspaper, at Franklin's service. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 72.

From ——— Coder. 1777. June 19. Paris.

Concerning the models he sent to Mr. Deane which have been appropriated by the "regisseurs"; begs him to write a line to Mr. Deane in order that he may recover his models. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 73.

From Abbé d'Antrecourt. 1777. June 20. Paris.

His brother desires to enter the American army; his brother's knowledge of mathematics and war. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 74.

From ——— De Brétigny. 1777. June 21. Paris.

Sends him a letter from M. de Beaumarchais; begs him to give the bearer the letters he promised. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 75.

From G. B. de Krohne. 1777. June 23. Hamburg.

Is minister plenipotentiary of the Duke of Saxe-Hildburghausen; has the requisite talent to serve America, being equipped with a full knowledge of business and politics; admirable position of Hamburg as a center of news and commerce; all he asks as a reward besides the payment of his expenses, is a promise from the Congress to declare him their minister as soon as the Colonies obtain their independence. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 76.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. June 23. Nantes.

Enclosing an extract from a letter of W. Alexander [2 p.] relative to the proposed partnership with Mr. Schweighauser. Has assumed certain powers on account of his situation as Franklin's agent and at the request of Mr. Ross; on Mr. Lee's arrival will resign this power to him. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 96.

From John [Jean-Baptiste] LeRoy. [Circa 1777.] June 23. Paris.

Accepting his kind invitation for dinner; in doubt whether Mme. LeRoy is included. Complete letter-foundry for sale, if Franklin wishes to purchase. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 157.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. June 24. Nantes.

His feelings for Mr. Schweighauser's second daughter; if he stays in Nantes must either hazard a refusal or not see her any more. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 97.

From Comte de Tressan. 1777. June 24. Paris.

Writes on behalf of his eldest son, who desires to enter the service of America; enumerates his son's claims to consideration and position; refers him to his old friends, Messrs. Elié de Beaumont and de St. Lambert. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VI, 76½.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. June 25. Paris.

The condition of Mme. Dubourg does not permit him to leave her a moment. In spite of the rise in prices the uniforms will be well made of the best cloth; the gaiters and cartridge boxes will be satisfactory; is not yet content with the hats or helmets. Concerning the question of muskets. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 77.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. June 25. Paris.

Sends him a letter so carefully sealed, that he cannot tear the first envelope without destroying the second; does not know Mr. Thomson's address; begs Franklin to forward it to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 78.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777, June 26. Philadelphia.

Retreat of General Howe's forces from Somerset Court House to Amboy. A. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 2 p. (In duplicate.) LIII, 46.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 349.

From Elié de Beaumont. 1777. June 26. Paris.

The accompanying letter is from the Comte de Tressan, Lieutenant-General of the armies of the King, who desires to give his services to the American cause; his rank, his services and his talents; begs him to write to Congress on the subject. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 79.

From [Col.] Tissot Grenus. 1777. June 26. Geneva.

Circumstances prevent his return to Paris; the bearer will make Franklin a proposition concerning two small works which he desires to give to the printers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 80.

From ——— de Weyss. 1777. June 27. Lionville.

Reminds Franklin of a visit he paid him in March to offer his services to the American cause; left his address, but has heard nothing. Resemblance between Switzerland and America. Five or six officers anxious to go over with him. His experience and skill. Discusses the advisability of negotiating a loan with his country. Desires to hear what Congress is willing to do for him. A. L. S. 7 p. VI, 81.

From ——— Duplessis. 1777. June 27. Hennebont.

Concerning the copy of a letter in the Leyden Gazette purporting to be from "Le Sieur Mauduit Duplessis" to his brother at l'Orient. Assures him that the letter is a fraud, and that the person who wrote it evidently does not know "le Sieur Mauduit Duplessis," whose correspondents are not in the habit of publishing his letters. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 82.

From W[illiam] Lee. 1777, June 27. Frankfort.

Denying the report that a contract had been made with a French firm for arms and ammunition, on account of the State of Virginia, and again requests him to endeavor to procure the same from the French Ministry. A. L. S. 3 p. LXI, 29.

From J. Ingen Housz. 1777. June 28. Tissingen.

Still on the estate of the Prince de la Tour et Tassis, whose two sons he has successfully inoculated. His intention to go to Amsterdam, thence to London and finally to Paris, once more to enjoy Franklin's society. His opinion of the present war; his hopes of an ultimate reunion of the two countries. Franklin's greatness as a philosopher; hears that the Emperor called upon him. Gives him directions for the safe conduct of any letters he may wish delivered in England. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 83.

From Gautier fils. 1777. June 28. Au Cap [Haytien?].

The drafts of M. Ceronio have been accepted and paid. Capture of the ship "Le Meulan," commanded by Captain L'Aguehay; Franklin's packet discovered by the Royalists, one of the French sailors having been bribed to reveal its whereabouts; the captain and the two engineers sent to London. Six frigates needed along the coast to aid the Americans. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VI, 85.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1777. June 28. Nantes.

Happy return of the Mercury. Safe arrival of the Amphitrite at Portsmouth, and also of M. Du Coudray. News from America; people full of ardor and high expectations; the prospects of the English extremely wretched. M. de Bretigny and his corps to take passage on the Anonyme. Desires their opinion concerning his plan for a privateer. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 98.

From **Lamb[er]t Wickes**. 1777. June 28. St. Malo.

Announcing his safe arrival in company with Captain Nicholson; details of their late cruise; account of being pursued by a man-of-war. Advice concerning Capt. Nicholson's ship. Praises Capt. Johnston. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 86.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 123.

From **Comte de ———**. 1777. [June ?]

Offers to raise and furnish, to the United States, a corps of from 2,000 to 10,000 trained troops, fully armed and equipped. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LX, 48.

From **Comte de ———**. 1777. June 29. Spa.

On the same subject as the preceding letter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LX, 49.

From **[Jean Jacques] Caffieri**. 1777. June 30. [Paris.]

Desires a sketch of General Montgomery. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. LXX, 41, a.

From **[Jean Baptiste] LeRoy**. [1777? June.]

Sends a letter from M. Caffieri. Franklin's gift received with gratitude at the Academy. Dr. Home, a young Scotch physician who is about to start for Vienna, will gladly take Franklin's letter for Dr. Ingen Housz. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLIV, 160.

From **———**. [1777. June. Paris.]

Rank, age, titles and description of the nine officers that went to America with M. de Brétigny in June, 1777. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 14.

From **Berthon [de Maissonneuve]**. 1777. July 1. Brussels.

Requesting him to forward a letter to Mr. [Stephen] Sayre. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 26.

From **——— Mehl**. 1777. July 1. Schorndorff, Würtemberg.

His love for America. Was going thither in 1754, but vessel was wrecked. Is desirous of establishing a tobacco agency at his place. Mentions Christopher Lochner, of Philadelphia, as reference. A. L. S. 3 p. LIX, 38.

From Comte O'Donnell. 1777. July 1. Lemberg.

Desires to enter the service of the Colonies; his military experience, first in Austria, now in Poland, where he possesses the rank of lieutenant-colonel. His knowledge of the English language. If Franklin looks with favor on his plan, begs to know the conditions he may expect. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 87.

From S[ilas] Deane. 1777. July 2. Paris.

Captain Wickes's safe arrival. Word of the day in London is that Howe is not ordered to attack Philadelphia, but to join Generals Carleton and Burgoyne; "taut mieux pour nous." A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 88.

From Chevalier D'Archambault. 1777. July 2. Chartres.

Hears that Franklin has accorded to many officers a position in the American army suitable to their services and rank in France; begs for the like favor; his military experience; can furnish the best of references. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 89.

From Henri van Laaschet. 1777. July 2. Crefeld.

His three brothers and one sister are settled in Pennsylvania; not being able to send his letters to them as usual *via* England, begs Franklin to forward the enclosed. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 90.

From Comtesse de Caire. 1777. July 2. Versailles.

Asking for an interview on behalf of the Canadian widow of a French Officer who desires to come to France. A. L. in 3d P. 3 p. LXX, 41, b.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. July 2. Philadelphia.

Retreat of the British to Staten Island. Commissions for Ralph Izard and William Lee enclosed. A. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 2 p. (In duplicate.) LIII, 47.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 361.

From Rod[olph] Valltravers. 1777. July 2. Passy.

Has called to see Dr. Franklin on several interesting matters. Asks Franklin to appoint a time when he can see him. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. LXXI, 78.

From Sam[uel] Nicholson. 1777. July 3. St. Malo.

Safe arrival of Capt. Johnston. Desires Franklin's orders concerning the refitting of their vessels. Just heard of the arrival of three of their prizes at Nantes; hopes they will fall into the hands of Mr. Williams. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 91.

From [C. G. F. Dumas] to Franklin, Deane and Carmichael.
1777. July 3.

Acknowledging letters of the 20th and 23d ult.; published them as desired in the Leyden Gazette; their habit of altering and cutting such contributions. Account of the purchase of certain houses at Flushing by unknown parties who allow them to remain empty; possibility of their being asylums for the English Ministers in case the King is obliged to sacrifice them. Suggestions made to Manson concerning the advantages likely to accrue to Pomerania and Prussia from the free admittance and protection of Americans at Emden; favorable reception given this idea. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 10.

From Amelia Barry. 1777. July 3. Tunis.

Her admiration for Franklin's character and sentiments; may his valuable life be extended until peace is attained and may cool and dispassionate posterity rank him with those worthies of antiquity who have served as models for succeeding ages; gets a melancholy comfort from Franklin's portrait; his little god-daughter kisses his hands. A. L. S. 4 p. VI, 92.

From W[illia]m Lee. 1777. July 4. Paris.

Sorry to miss seeing Franklin the other day. Is about to set out for Havre. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 93.

From Dumas & Mallet. 1777. July 4. Geneva.

Thinks the commercial interests of two republics like Switzerland and America could be joined with great advantage to both countries. Various kinds of merchandise which his firm could supply. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 94.

From James Lovell. 1777. July 4. Philadelphia.

Discontent among the American officers at the influx of foreigners who supersede them in command. Brigadier-General Knox beloved by

his corps; confusion caused by M. Du Coudray's treaty; resignation of Brigadier-General Conway on finding Chevalier de la Barre ranking above him. The instruction passed in Congress respecting foreigners who do not understand English. Must not be construed as a patent for those who do. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 95.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 79.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. July 4. St. Malo.

Safe arrival in port of Capt. Johnston in the brig Lexington; would be glad to know where he is to proceed to next, also if he is to purchase guns and arm the Reprisal; advises the sale of the Dolphin; thinks there is little prospect of doing anything more on that coast; in hopes that Franklin will order him and Capt. Johnston to proceed to America; their kind reception by the principal people of St. Malo. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 96.

From W[illiam] L[ee]. 1777. July 5.

Number of vessels taken by Wickes and his little squadron. The capture of the Seine and another French vessel is announced by the Admiralty; knows not how this will be received at Versailles. English papers also mention that Cornwallis is in great jeopardy and not expected to escape. Intended movements of Burgoyne and Carleton. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 97.

From Chevalier de Richoufftz. 1777. July 5. Douai.

Has had no answer to his two former letters; cannot believe that Franklin received them; begs him to agree to his former proposal [VI, 37 and 38; see page 250] and put an end to his misery. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 98.

From ——— Richard. 1777. July 6. Paris.

Hears that there is need in the Colonies for gunsmiths; has been at the head of one of the most important manufactories of arms in France; offers his services to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 99.

From ——— David. 1777. July 6. Bordeaux.

The person of whom he spoke to Franklin is frightened by the number of vessels captured by the English and has decided to wait until the war is over before sailing for America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 100.

From Comte d'Escoardeck. 1777. July 6. Orleans.

On his various inventions in arms and weapons. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LXI, 102.**

From ——— Gourlade. [1777?] July 7. L'Orient.

Informing Franklin of the arrival, at St. Malo, of *The Two Sisters*, one of the prizes taken by Mr. Wickes; will arrange an immediate sale. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 27.**

From Silas Deane. 1777. July 7. Paris.

The gentleman from Portugal has arrived; wishes Franklin to see him. A. L. S. 1 p. **VI, 101.**

From [Abbé] Nicoli. 1777. July 7. Paris.

Sends him a letter from Ingen Housz; if he desires to send an answer will provide him with a safe conveyance. A. L. S. 1 p. **VI, 102.**

From ——— Franchessin. 1777. July 7. Paris.

His brother left for Philadelphia in March, 1776, to serve in the American army; heard lately that he had been charged with despatches in France; begs for some information concerning this and his brother's position in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 103.**

From E. Cayrol. 1777. July 7. Amsterdam.

Would not venture to offer his services to Franklin had not M. Coder commissioned him to complete, with M. Dubourg, the equipment of two thousand men on the models agreed upon; his terms, fabrics, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 104.**

From ——— ———. 1777. July 8.

Introducing Mr. Brown. N. 1 p. **LXXI, 105b.**

From Rod[olph] Valltravers. 1777. July 8. Paris.

Requested by Count D'Eyk, envoy of the Elector of Bavaria, to entreat the favor of the Messrs. Franklins' company at dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **VI, 105.**

From P. Penet. 1777. July 8. Nantes.

Sends a cheese, entrusted to him by Captain Hamor for Franklin. Expects to come to Paris before long, and by recounting certain things justify himself to Franklin and reinstate himself in his regard. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 106.

From J. Cole. 1777. July 8. Paris.

Desires to devote the rest of his days to the service of America; various certificates he can produce in his favor; wished employment on board an American privateer. An Englishman by birth but has reasons for writing in French. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 149.

From Silas Deane. 1777. July 9. Paris.

Suggests the advisability of writing to Mr. Williams on the subject of his last. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 107.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. July 9. St. Malo.

Acknowledging his favor of 3d inst.; desires more particular instructions as to sale of the Dolphin. Question of mounting the Reprisal with brass or iron guns; wishes to know where Capt. Johnston is to be ordered. Three large English privateers are to be sent to cruise off Nantes and to take all American vessels bound thither. Only three of their prizes arrived and those of the least value; concludes that the rest are taken. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 108.

From [Ferdinand] Grand. 1777. July 10. Paris.

A receipt for a certain sum of money. A. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 109.

From J. Temple. 1777. July 11. Richmond Green.

Sends him this letter by their old friend, Mr. Garnier; congratulates him on his success; has often determined to go over and see him, but was always deterred by prudence; should a war with France take place, would cross over at once with his little family. Condemns England's policy for the last two years. Messages from his wife. Encloses a "letter to Lord Chatham" which is much read. Gives him directions how to address his answer, which he desires him not to sign. A. L. S. 4 p. VI, 110.

From ——— **De Casson.** 1777. July 11. Armentières.

Desires to enter the service of America; refers Franklin to his sister, Madame de Siguenot, in Paris, for an account of his military services. Would like a recommendation to Gen. Washington. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 111.**

From **Lamb[er]t Wickes.** 1777. July 12. St. Malo.

Mentioning a French ship now at St. Malo which is out of repair but would answer their purpose very well; she is well known to be a fast sailor; the character of the captain. A. L. S. 1 p. **VI, 112.**

From ——— **de Fechter.** 1777. July 13. Landrecies.

Anxious to serve under the flag of the new-born republic; his military services; begs Franklin to procure him a leave of absence for some years. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VI, 113.**

From **William Gordon.** 1777. July 13. Newburyport.

The present state of affairs; Gen. Gates's refusal to serve under Gen. Schuyler; news of the loss of Ticonderoga and Fort Independence afterwards contradicted; rumors that Gen. Howe intends visiting the New England states; all his troops are embarked and dropped down to Sandy Hook. Gen. Prescott surrounded and made a prisoner. Account of the capture by Capt. Manley of the frigate "Fox" of 28 guns; her Captain and two Lieutenants killed. A. L. S. 2 p. **VI, 114.**

From **Lamb[er]t Wickes.** 1777. July 13. St. Malo.

Acknowledging favor of 4th inst., concerning the disposal of the prizes; his own destination; disposition to be made of the Dolphin. Three of his people have run away and carried off a French pilot boat,—is he responsible for it? A. L. S. 2 p. **VI, 116.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 125.

From **Elié de Beaumont.** 1777. July 15. Paris.

Begs Franklin to give an immediate answer to the request of M. le Comte de Tressan [see VI, 79]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VI, 117.**

From S[ilas] Deane. 1777. July 15. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. [Arthur] Lee; the first he had heard of Mr. Lee's misfortune; thinks it must be attended with serious consequences. Invites Franklin to dinner the next day. A. L. S. 1 p.
VI, 118.

From Berthon [de Maisonneuve]. 1777. July 15. Brussels.

A friend of Mr. Sayre's, who addressed a letter to him in Franklin's care, wishes to know if it was forwarded. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
VI, 120.

From Recules de Basmarin et Raimbaux. 1777. July 15. Bordeaux.

Complaints against American captains have not been substantiated by the facts; probably the work of Royalists. Account of a battle at Brunswick between Generals Washington and Putnam and Generals Howe and Cornwallis, resulting in victory for the former. Other news, less authentic, of the complete destruction of the united armies of Howe and Cornwallis. Quotes from a letter of Washington's to the people of the neighboring provinces, urging them to enlist. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
VI, 121.

From Comte de Scordeck. 1777. July 15. Orléans.

Sent Franklin on the 8th inst. an abstract of a military scheme which will render the Americans victorious in two campaigns and will force the English to renounce forever the conquest of Boston. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
VI, 122.

From Le Bègue de Presle. 1777. July 16. Paris.

Concerning a strange occurrence caused by thunder which happened at Purfleet; the facts in the case communicated to the Academy. Wishes for news of his brother who crossed the sea to join Washington's army; encloses a letter for him. A work on electricity by M. Cavallo. Gives a long quotation in Latin from Nathaniel Hulme's History of a Person Afflicted with Stone. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
VI, 123.

From Comte de Vergennes to Franklin and Deane.

1777. July 16. Versailles.

Complains that the American privateers take refuge in the French ports; this constitutes a breach of their treaty with England, which

forbids them to allow privateers free access to their ports unless through pressing necessity, and also forbids the deposit and sale of their prizes. Asks the American Commissioners to make these intentions known. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VI, 124.

Printed in *Diplom. Corres.*, Wharton, II, 364, also in *Hale's Franklin in France*, I, 132.

From ——— Paulze. 1777. July 17. Bercy.

His friend, Mr. Martin, wishes to purchase a little vessel, called the Jason, and commanded by Mr. Hutchinson, which was captured by the Americans. Begg Franklin for information as to her whereabouts. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 125.

From the Marquis de Mirabeau. 1777. July 19.

Has been prevented, by unfortunate circumstances, from going to see him. Wishes to know when he could see him at Passy and what day Franklin could dine with him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 9.

From J. Gruel. 1777. July 19. Nantes.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to visit him in the present month. Congratulates him on the engagements at Brunswick and Amboy; hopes the end will be as glorious as the beginning. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 126.

From de Gueydon Desdoit. 1777. July 20. Villefranche de Lauragais.

Desires to serve under the American flag; begs Franklin to tell him what advantages he may expect as an officer in America; his family and his military experience; born an American. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 127.

From Henriette du Mesnil de St. Pierre. 1777. July 20. Isigny.

Owing to an unfortunate affair, her father was obliged to retire twelve years before to South Carolina; in 1774 he was lieutenant at Fort Charlotte on the Savannah River; for three years they have received no tidings of him; begs Franklin to ask the Governor of that province to make inquiries as to her father's fate. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 128.

From D. Louis. 1777. July 20. Du pont de l'arche.

Hears that the Americans offer to procure honorable positions for priests who wish to cross the seas; desires to have a part in the glory won by Franklin's brave fellow-citizens. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

VI, 129.

From Joseph Ceronio. 1777. July 21. Genoa.

Writes for news of his son, Stephen Ceronio, who shipped on board a vessel bound for Philadelphia; carried recommendations to Messrs. Willing, Morris & Co., who took him into their counting-house; has received no letters from him since December, 1775; begs Franklin to forward him the enclosed, and if possible to let them know whether he has been taken prisoner. A. L. S. 3 p.

VI, 130.

From S[ilas] Deane. 1777. July 22. Paris.

Sends him certain letters; concerning their correspondence with the Comte de Vergennes. A. L. S. 1 p.

VI, 131.

From ——— Paillier. 1777. July 22. Paris.

Wishes to make a contract with Franklin to supply any amount of shoes or leather goods for the soldiers; supplies his Majesty's troops with these articles. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VI, 132.

From ——— de Cardone. 1777. July 23. Paris.

Congratulates him on the success of his armies; wished to know his opinion of the memoir he left at his house on a previous visit. What dishonor for England to be beaten by those whom she stigmatized openly as cowards. Considers Franklin a prophet in politics. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VI, 133.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. July 23. St. Malo.

They are allowed to go on and refit their ship, but very slowly; expects to be ready to sail by August; Capt. Johnston arrested by orders from the Minister at Paris; has given his parole not to leave port without permission; he awaits Franklin's orders. Advises the purchase of the ship Prince of Conte, but not above a certain price. A. L. S. 1 p.

VI, 134.

From Abbé de Charronnes. 1777. July 23. Sorbonne.

Sending a letter by M. de Chalut which was delivered to him by mistake. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 52.**

From J. Lafargue. 1777. July 24. Paris.

Enclosing a letter and certificate of a friend; begs for an answer to his request. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VI, 136.**

From [Lieut.] Soleau. 1777. July 24. Besançon.

France being at peace, offers his services to the Colonies; his military rank and service; his only conditions are a leave of absence, the command of a company of cavalry and the cost of his voyage. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VI, 137.**

From Le Connu [E. de Baussay]. 1777. July 24. La Haie.

Heard with pleasure that his letter of May 22d was delivered to Franklin. Account of affairs in Holland relative to the Colonies. Sir Joseph Yorke's attempt to gain over to England two regiments belonging to the Prince de Waldeck; reasons why this is likely to prove unsuccessful. Amsterdam entirely in favor of the Americans; her late petitions to increase her navy. Death of his old friend, Mr. Jacob Henry Chabanet. Rupture between England and France regarded as inevitable. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **VI, 138.**

From A[melia] Barry. 1777. July 25. Tunis.

Fearing that he had not received her last letter of July 3d, sends a copy of it by a sure hand. [See page 264.] A. L. S. 4 p. **VI, 140.**

From ——— de Lalaisse. 1777. July 25. Toul.

Desires to go to America and serve in the army; his reasons are not mercenary; wishes to know the conditions, treatment, etc. Many of his comrades desire to follow him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 141.**

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. July 25. Nantes.

Desires the enclosed letter sent to Mr. Holker if Franklin approves it. Reminds him of his intended visit to the salt works at Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 99.**

From O'Reilly de Quâne. 1777. July 26. Aumale.

Though unknown to Franklin, has the greatest admiration and affection for him. Has made a translation of "Considerations on the Measures Carrying on with Respect to the British Colonies in North America"; desires to dedicate it to Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 142.

From Jno. Valentz. 1777. July 26. Paris.

Was formerly an inhabitant of Pennsylvania; compelled ten years before on account of his debts to quit the province; his hard struggle ever since; desires to return and throw himself on the mercy of his creditors, also wishes to take a commission in the Continental service; has been an officer in the provincial service; personally acquainted with General Washington. Has not a sou in the world; begs Franklin to assist him in procuring a passage; his claim on Franklin's kindness as a fellow Mason; member of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, in Philadelphia. VI, 143.

From P. Penet. 1777. July 26. Nantes.

The accompanying letter is from his associate, M. Pliarne; much regrets that Franklin does not deem his letters worthy of any reply. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 144.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. July 27. St. Malo.

Acknowledging favor of the 22d inst. The Dolphin will not be suffered to leave the port until further orders from Paris. Captain Johnston arrested at Morlaix and cannot get away without permission; desires a line from Franklin. Question whether the French soldiers will be suffered to ship with them. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 145.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas]. 1777. July 27. The Hague.

Concerning Holland's refusal to cede to England the two regiments of the Prince de Waldeck; intrigue on the part of Sir Jos[eph Yorke]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX. 14.

From ——— Coder. 1777. July 27. Paris.

By September expects to deliver to any specified port the 1,300 completed uniforms that have been ordered. Desires no salary, but merely the opportunity of serving the United Colonies, where he has decided to live or die. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 135.

From [Lieut.] Wommrad. 1777. July 28. Mannheim.

Studied engineering since his earliest years; his military services; desires to fight for the American cause; wishes to know what arrangements must be made. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 146.

From Col. Tissot Grenus. 1777. July 28. Geneva.

Concerning two volumes of military works which he cannot afford to have printed. Asks Franklin's help; every soldier ought to have a copy of his work. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VI, 147.

From ——— Cavoleau. 1777. July 28. Luçon.

Begs Franklin to save him from the horrors of despair and procure him a position in the American army or at least to tell him the means of carrying out his desire. Tells a long tale of misfortune; loss of money; perfidy of friends. M. Tardiveau, who is about to leave for America, under Franklin's auspices, is the only relation and friend he has in the world. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VI, 148.

From ——— Lecoq. 1777. July 28. Paris.

A friend of his anxious to know to whom he must apply to procure a commission as captain of a privateer; his friend's vessel equipped with ten cannon, arms and men in proportion. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 150.

From J. Temple. 1777. July 29. Richmond Green, Surrey.

Mr. Izard goes with his family to reside in France till a chance offers to cross to America; he has been detained for two years, like himself, in the hope that England would not remain so "madly blind" to its own interests. Consults Franklin on the advisability of following Mr. Izard's example, with his wife and two boys. Gloom caused by late accounts from America; report of the total destruction of the Newfoundland fisheries has reduced the citizens to sullen silence. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 151.

From ——— Dehaistre. 1777. July 29. Paris.

Having heard that M. Deane has been commissioned to make purchases for the Colonies, offers his services for the kitchen utensils. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 152.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1777. July 29. Nantes.

Concerning a complaint against Capt. Wickes by certain of his crew, who claim prize money; encloses the Captain's explanation [2 p.]. The capture of Brunswick confirmed. General Tryon and Colonel Walcott dead of wounds received at Danbury. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 100.

From ——— Guérin. 1777. July 30. Paris.

Sends him an extract of a letter, which he received from his brother; begs Franklin to take immediate action in this matter with M. de Sartine so that by his prompt orders the mischief may be averted. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

The extract concerns a misunderstanding with the Minister of the Marine. 2 p. VI, 153.

From Comte de Rânes. 1777. July 30. Auch.

A friend of his desires to serve the American cause and has asked him to find out from Franklin the means necessary to carry out this plan; his rank is high and he will inherit a large fortune. Le Marquis de Lafayette is not the only example of a man of the first quality crossing the sea to devote his life to the American cause. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 115.

From ——— Massequan. 1777. July 30. Nice.

Wrote Franklin on the 7th of June and sent him the petition of one Francis Fowler who desired a commission to command a privateer; has received no answer. Wishes to know what Capt. Fowler may expect. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 154.

From Frederic Le Merle. 1777. July 31. St. Dieppe.

Sends him some verses in praise of their brave islanders; trusts Franklin may find them worthy of being offered to their brother insurgents. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 155.

From F. Van Lelyveed. 1777. July 31. Leyden.

Had the honor to write Franklin December, 1774, touching his letters to Mr. Brownrigg, upon the use of oil to still the waves, and in April 1775, sent him six copies of a paper he published on the same subject; believes that he never received either letters or papers. His friend, Professor Tollins, is at present in Paris and will present Franklin with a copy of his Dutch piece translated into French. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 156.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. July 31. St. Malo.

The bearer is M. le Baron de Cadignun, who has rendered him every service in his power; this is merely to introduce him to Franklin, as he has no favors to ask, and does not desire to go to America. A. L. S. 1 p.
VI, 157.

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. 1777. July 31. Passy.

Desires to be associated in some way with the Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, if only as a correspondent. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
VI, 158.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. August 1. St. Malo.

Acknowledging his favor of July 25th. French seamen now in jail; gave themselves up voluntarily. Steps he has taken relative to the prize brig. Will be ready for sea as soon as permission is given them to start; Capt. Johnston in a like situation at Morlaix. A. L. S. 2 p.
VI, 159.

From Capt. de Caranténé. 1777. August 1. Dieuze.

Desires to offer his services to America; his age, military experience and rank; conditions on which he will join the army; understands German as well as French. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VI, 160.

From ————. 1777. August 1. Paris.

Proposed contract for purchasing a vessel. Mem. 1 p. (In French.)
LXI, 84.

From [Pierre Samuel] Dupont [de Nemours].

1777. August 1. Paris.

Opened the accompanying packet which was addressed to him, but intended for Franklin; no longer enjoys, as he once did, the confidence of Government, and letters sent to him are no longer postage free; is only too glad to be of any service, but suggests that Franklin's correspondents should put some mark on their letters so that he will know them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VI, 161.

From Seth Paddack. 1777. August 2. Marseilles.

Came over from Philadelphia with the promise of having a good ship at Nantes, fitted out in a warlike manner, to go back in; found it all a farce; after various vicissitudes, is now anxious to get a private ship to

return home in; should be glad of Franklin's assistance to obtain a commission for him in his country's service; will never bring disgrace on his family; devoted to his country, though Franklin once doubted it. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 162.

From F—— N——. 1777. August 3. St. Omer.

Is an officer in the British army; desires to know if his services will be acceptable to the United States; positions he has held in the English army; desires, on landing in America, to receive a regiment with the rank of colonel, and the expenses of passage for himself and servants. Gen. Gates a great friend of his. Expects Franklin to observe the greatest secrecy on this matter. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 163.

From Mme. Haineville. 1777. August 3.

Her son, in the American army, has been taken prisoner by the English; begs Franklin to allow her an interview that she may tell him her trouble. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 164.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. August 3. St. Malo.

The bearer is M. Becard, of St. Malo, who desires to enter into the American trade; as he has been of great service to him (Wickes) hopes Franklin will render him any service in his power. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 165.

From W. Wildrik. 1777. August 5. Namur.

Surgeon in the service of the Low Countries; desires to give his services to the American army and take a position in one of their hospitals. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French and Latin.) VI, 166.

From Mlle. de Quane. 1777. August 6. Paris.

Begs Franklin to answer the enclosed. L. in 3d P. 1 p. VI, 167.

From Marquis Devienne. 1777. August 6. Doullens.

Desires to joint the Marquis de Lafayette to whom he carries the best recommendations. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 168.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners. 1777. August 6. Nantes.

Giving Capt. Hereaud, commander of the Mercury, the highest praise in the performance of his duty. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 101.

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From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.

1777. August 6. Nantes.

Introducing M. de Foliqué, commander of a French frigate belonging to M. Montieu. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 102.

From ——— Duvaunoel. 1777. August 6. Gaillon.

Offers his services in the line of business in France and other countries; has letters of recommendation from M. Turgot. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 170.

From W[illia]m Bingham. 1777. August 7. Saint Pierre.

Introducing M. de Karsaint who commands one of his Majesty's armed vessels that has been some time past stationed in 'these seas'; circumstances would not permit him to refuse this letter. L. S. 1 p. VI, 171.

From Laiquel Sauvage. 1777. August 7. Calais.

A shoemaker offers Franklin 2,000 pairs of shoes at three francs, twelve centimes a pair. Concerning a debt due him by an officer in the service. Cheapness of shirts in his province. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 172.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. August 7. St. Malo.

Ready to sail; their powder will not be delivered without a positive order from the Minister; Capt. Johnston only waiting for Franklin's orders to depart from Morlaix; the bearer is anxious to sail with him to America; promised not to take any French persons on board and carry them off without permission from the Judge of the Admiralty; is in the same quandary with regard to the Chevalier de Cheffontain, recommended by Franklin. Has manned his vessel from the crew of a disarmed American privateer; cruel treatment of their captain in England. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 173.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. August 7. Philadelphia.

Military affairs in America. Loss of Ticonderoga. L. S. B[enjamin] Harrison, R[ober]t Morris, James Lovell. 3 p. (In triplicate.) LIII, 50.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 373.

From — Ponteney. 1777. August 7. Versailles.

Asks for an interview to arrange certain business matters. A. L. S.
1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 121.

From M. de Germany. 1777. August 8. Paris.

Requests Dr. Franklin to forward an enclosed letter to its destination.
N. in 3d P. 1 p. LXX, 103.

From [Jean Simon David de] Foucault.

1777. August 8. Plombières.

Health of his wife much improved. Good news from America; defeat of Cornwallis by General Putnam and the abandonment of Brunswick with a loss of 3,000 men; pursuit of the fleeing army by General Putnam. Short of money, his stay being unexpectedly long; asks Franklin for an advance of one hundred louis. Expects to go to Switzerland; asks for Franklin's orders. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
VI, 174.

From Col. Chevalier de Champigny. 1777. August 8. Amsterdam.

Franklin subscribed to his History of England. Sends the first volume; reasons for dedicating it to Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick. Offers him the first two volumes of his translation of the "Histoire des rois de Danemark de la Maison d'Oldenbourg." A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
VI, 169.

From — Réal. 1777. August 9. Calais.

Concerning the unfortunate circumstances of two sailors from Boston, Joseph Peach and William Smith, who were taken prisoners by the English; they escaped, seized a boat and arrived finally at Calais; desires Franklin's permission to enable them to sell the boat they arrived in, which the officers of the port have made them abandon. Calais very often a refuge for Americans who escape from prison. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VI, 175.

From John Bondfield. 1777. August 10. Bordeaux.

Has a small sloop called the Montgomery, which he proposes to send back, armed, to America; not having a commission, applies to Franklin for one. Has two vessels that will sail direct for the continent in fifteen days; any commands that Franklin may care to transmit by them shall be duly attended to. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 176.

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From ——— **Bérard.** 1777. August 10. Paris.

Has a letter to deliver from Captain Wickes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 177.

From **Mme. Haineville.** 1777. August 10. Paris.

Begs Franklin to take her son under his protection. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 178.

From **Dr. [Jean François Clément] Morand.**

1777. August 10. Paris.

Has examined the list of descriptions of arts and trades sent him by Dr. Franklin. Sends him his work, "L'Art d'exploiter les mines de Charbon de terre." Is making a collection of engraved portraits of the scholars composing the Academy of Science; desires Franklin's portrait for this work. L. in 3d person. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 179.

From **W[illia]m Bingham.** 1777. August 11. St. Pierre.

Important news received; junction between Gen. Howe's and Gen. Cornwallis's troops at Brunswick; marched as far as Somerset, then retraced their steps; Gen. Washington attacked them, whereupon they retreated to Amboy and thence embarked for New York; they pillaged and destroyed almost the whole town of Brunswick; advantages to be derived from this affair. Destruction of the Newfoundland fisheries by two Continental frigates and a number of privateers. Capture of the frigate "Fox" by Capt. Manley. Reasons why he supplied Mr. Davis and M. Baussancourt with money. Encloses a letter relative to the differences between British and Hessian troops. Ultimate destination of the sloop of war, the Marie Catherine.

1777. September 9.—News of Gen. Howe's departure from New York; speculation as regards his ultimate destination. Thinks the New England States will have to bear the whole weight of the winter's campaign. Capture of Capt. Manly and his prize. L. S. 4 p. VI, 181.

From **Sam[uel] Nicholson.** 1777. August 11. Nantes.

Just setting out for St. Malo where Mr. Williams thinks he had better spend about three weeks in order to be out of the way while the new ship is being built; has promised Capt. Tanner the master's berth and a lieutenantcy to Mr. Dillaway; can easily get a crew. Desertions from the Randolph on account of sickness. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 182.

From James Bedout. 1777. August 11. Bordeaux.

Asks for a commission from the Congress to empower him to cruise against the English; describes his vessel; references he can furnish. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 183.

From Lieut. Martin. 1777. August 11. Ile de Ré.

Is a lieutenant in the Fifth South Carolina Battalion. Has orders to wait on Franklin and receive his commands before returning. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 184.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners. 1777. August 11. Nantes.

Some foundation for the reports from America concerning the affair at Brunswick. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 104.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. August 12. Nantes.

Will settle the affair between Capt. Wickes and his men. Concerning M. de Kerquelin's plan to fit out a vessel of war in the service of the United States; has given a letter to the Baron de Gessé who will open the whole plan to him. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 105.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. August 12. Nantes.

Introducing the Baron de Gessé. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 106.

From Charles Whitehead. 1777. August 12. Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Thoroughly convinced of the justice of the American cause. As a member of the Corporation of London, has constantly voted in opposition to a profligate and corrupt Court. Lost the greater part of his fortune in the present war; has only his person, therefore, to offer; is a descendant of the great Admiral Benbow; begs for a commission in the service of America with instructions how to act. His only tie is a young daughter dearer to him than life. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 185.

From ——— Verseuil. 1777. August 12. Mézières.

Wishes to know Franklin's direct address before he reveals his object in writing. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 186.

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From Ch[arles] Carroll, of Carrollton.

1777. August 12. Anne Arundel County, Md.

Requesting him to send the enclosed letter to Mr. Carmichael. Events resulting in the loss of the posts of Ticonderoga and Mount Independence. Inaction of Gen. Howe incomprehensible; thinks they will eventually direct their entire force against the state of New York. Hopes for the ultimate success of their struggle for independence, provided they receive the necessary assistance from abroad; greatest apprehensions arise from the depreciation of paper money. Every member of Congress anxious for a confederacy of states; advantages to be derived from such a step. Question of introducing foreign mercenaries. Certain artisans very much needed; have been greatly distressed for want of salt; means being taken to obviate this; high prices paid for the necessities of life. State of the weather and the crops. A. L. S. 6 p. VI, 188.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. August 12. St. Malo.

Orders from the Judges refusing to let him take cannon, powder or stores on board, or to depart without further instructions from Paris; his indignation at such treatment. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 189.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 126.

From Thomas Jefferson. 1777. August 13. Virginia.

Recommending to Franklin's kind offices Mr. Thos. Shore, a native of Virginia, who goes to France to establish a proper mercantile correspondence. Virginia has deposited the monarchical and taken up the republican government with the greatest ease; thinks their cause is safe if they can support the credit of their paper; steps to be taken to achieve that result. Outlines the consequences should the British Court come to their senses in time and acknowledge the independence and sovereignty of America. [Conclusion torn off.] A. L. 1 p. VI, 190.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. [1777?] August 14. Paris.

Sends M. de Vic to Franklin; his son, M. de Bois Bertrand, crossed to America in July, 1776, as lieutenant-colonel, and was taken a few days afterwards with Gen. Lee; M. de Vic will explain what happened after that; desires that his son shall return to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 191.



From R[udolph] E[ric] Raspe. 1777. August 14. London.

Letters he has written to Franklin; with the last he sent a copy of his latest literary production. Treated in a despicable manner by certain persons in Germany and England; if he comes to Paris, can Franklin rescue him from that ruin which knaves have attempted to bring upon him. Sends a copy of his late English edition of Born's Mineralogical Letters. A. L. S. 3 p. VI, 192.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas]. 1777. August 14. "From My Desert."

Account of a visit he paid to Amsterdam and of his conversation with the Factor and M. Van Berkel; England's desire to force Holland into an alliance she wishes to form with Russia and Prussia; has M. Van Berkel's word that Amsterdam will never consent to it; his own opinion as to the relations of Holland, England and France; believes the time to be ripe for working and intriguing at Amsterdam. Report received that the houses at Flushing were purchased by some merchants of Dunkirk; their reasons for this. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 15.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. August 15. Nantes.

Concerning a request from M. Flobergue de la Rocatelle [in French, 1 p.] to forward two packets to America, one to Congress, the other to Gen. Washington; will forward them unless he forbids. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXVII, 107.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. August 15. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Henry Newman and Mr. Thomas Cushing. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXVII, 108.

From Sam[uel] Nicholson. 1777. August 15. St. Malo.

Arrived at St. Malo. Mr. Elliot recommended by Capt. Wickes to go out with him as captain of marines; asks for a commission for him; wrote before for a commission for M. de Manay, at present master of the Dolphin. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 193.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. August 15. St. Malo.

Recommends Mr. Beaugear and his son to Franklin's kindness; aid they have rendered him in arming and fitting his vessel. Capt. Nichol-

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son's arrival at Nantes with a fine new ship; recommends Mr. Elliot for his captain of marines. Wishes to know how far he may be justifiable in complying with the orders of administration for his governance. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 194.

From ———. 1777. August 16. Bilbao.

Have had no reply to memorandum of goods shipped on schooner Neptune and of advice as to the Success's departure. Captains Sinclair and Williamson arrived at Boston with naval stores after short and prosperous passages; but have not heard from Honorable Elbridge Gerry to whom they were consigned. Schooner Lively, Captain Nicholas Dupee, twenty-seven days from Newburyport, has arrived with seal oil and whale fins consigned to them. Forwards the enclosed sent through Captain Dupee in their care. English troops have evacuated Brunswick with precipitation; General Howe may proceed against some of the New England settlements. L. 1 p. XLIV, 16.

From. [Lieut.-Col.] de Girard. 1777. August 16. Versailles.

An experienced officer anxious to join the American army; his knowledge of the frontiers of Virginia and Canada. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VI, 195.

From ——— de Clermont. 1777. August 17. Bordeaux.

His desire for glory and his love of war induces him to leave his regiment and throw in his lot with the insurgents; discovered that he could do nothing without express permission from Franklin, which he now craves. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 196.

From Dr. Jalouzet. 1777. August 17. Chatillon.

Wishes to know if he could obtain remunerative employment as physician and surgeon in the United States. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) CI, 26.

From A. E. Braam Houckgeest.

1777. August 17. Zutphen in Gelderland.

As a member of the same society of Harlem, to which he belongs, he requests Franklin to obtain commissions for three young men. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 59.

From Chevalier Francois de Rabier de La Baume.

1777. August 18. Portsmouth, on board "La Princesse Amélie."

Received a commission in the service of Congress and set sail with letters of recommendation; taken prisoner near Philadelphia; detained two months in New York and then sent to England; begs Franklin to interest himself in his sad state and to make known his intentions through the channel of his sister and brother, who will call on him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 197.

From [J. H. Bernardin] de St. Pierre. 1777. August 19. Paris.

Has known Franklin a long time by reputation; desires exceedingly to have the pleasure of an interview; thinks he could interest Franklin in favor of his brother, who has gone to share the glory of the American cause. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

[Note in English on back of letter.]—An autograph letter of the famous J. H. Bernardin de St. Pierre, author of *Paul et Virginie*, etc. The brother, called Dutailly de St. Pierre, entered the American army and after some disgraceful adventures was sent a prisoner to France and locked up in the Bastille; his release obtained by Franklin; soon after this lost his reason and ended his days in a mad-house. L. 1 p. VI, 198.

From ——— Fayenberg (?). 1777. August 19. Aubague.

Has read in the papers of the wretched food distributed to the army in America,—worm-eaten biscuit and tainted water. Sends him a history of these worms and if this proves of service to the Colonies will forward him a pamphlet concerning weevils and one on the ways of keeping water pure. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 199.

From Comte de St. Lambert. 1777. August 22. Termonde.

Recommending a friend of his to Franklin who desires a position in the service; his former services and his knowledge of the American coast. Recommends also a young lieutenant now in the Emperor's service. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 200.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. August 22. St. Malo.

Desires to know his future destination and how he is to act in regard to the proceedings of the Admiralty officers at this Port; if he is not despatched soon, it will be necessary to clean his hull again. Recommends Capt. Green, of Philadelphia, if Franklin has any employment

for him; as he will do everything in his power to serve the American cause and is very capable of commanding a vessel. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 201.

From ——— de Latour. 1777. August 23. Bergerac.

Cannot obtain employment in France; implores Franklin to procure him a position at Boston in whatever regiment he thinks suitable. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 202.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. August 24. St. Malo.

Will strictly comply with the orders from the Minister at Paris; very anxious for his present unhappy detention to cease; it hurts him very much to be treated as he is by the Admiralty officers of this Port; if he lives to get back to America will never be persuaded to return to France. Is treated with great civility by the gentlemen of this place. Very grateful for Franklin's approbation. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 203.

From ——— Rolland. 1777. August 24. Bellême.

Two worthy families of his acquaintance desire to settle in Pennsylvania; begs Franklin to give them recommendations and their passage to Philadelphia free. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 204.

From C. P. Geltier. 1777. August 24. Paris.

Wishes to know why, if dry, cold weather produces the most electricity, the greatest storms should occur in a hot, moist temperature. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 205.

From De Cliniac de la Bastide. 1777. August 24. Toulouse.

His great desire to serve under the flag of Franklin's republic and under a general covered with such immortal laurels. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VI, 206.

From Richard de la Prade. 1777. August 24. Montbrison.

Has practised medicine for seven years; so far has only written a few memoirs on chemistry; very desirous of going to America and under Franklin's patronage; thinks he may be of use in the army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 207.



From William Lee. 1777. August 25. Holland.

Warns Dr. Franklin against a certain Mr. Wentworth who has been showing to the Dutch Minister of State and others, a copy of what purported to be Franklin's memorial to Count Maurepas, wherein he attempts to excite the French Court to declare openly and immediately in favor of America. Heard there were letters at Nantes announcing Mr. Ramsey's safe arrival at Baltimore. To make France jealous of the Colonies it is reported that letters taken from American vessels state that North America promised to the West India Islands and those of Martinico that if they would assist them with warlike stores North America would, if successful, in turn help them to throw off the yoke of France. Burgoyne occupied Ticonderoga after the Americans evacuated it. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLIV, 17.**

From ——— Hennet. 1777. August 25. Paris.

Advises Franklin as to date of delivery of the order for 4,000 sabres. Proposes to supply other arms, such as lances, pikes, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 117b.**

From J. Ingen Housz. 1777. August 26. Paris.

Making an appointment to dine with Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **VI, 208.**

From ——— Galland. 1777. August 27. Lunéville.

His military career; desires to serve in the American army; his reasons for wishing this application and Franklin's answer to remain a secret. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VI, 209.**

From ——— Charlot. 1777. August 27. Paris.

Introduces himself as the nephew of the former chief of the War Department and begs Franklin to appoint an hour when he may call upon him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **VI, 210.**

From D. Martin. 1777. August 28. La Rochelle.

Gives an account of his voyage; asks for a loan; at present detained at the Royal Hospital; as soon as he is able will wait on Franklin for his orders. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VI, 211.**

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. August 28. Nantes.

Concerning the trouble between Capt Wickes and his men. Number of persons he has helped with money or a berth on a ship. His uncle's desire to return to America; begs Franklin to see him and advance him twenty louis on his account. His proposals for Mr. Schweighauser's daughter received rather coldly owing to his lack of means; his passion gradually getting the better of all reason and reflection. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVII, 109.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1777. August 28. Nantes.

Major Lutterloh's letter from Philadelphia speaks of the state of the army as far superior to his expectations. Evacuation of the Jerseys confirmed, as well as the capture of Gen. Prescott. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 110.**

From F. Ludry Michet. 1777. August 28.

Certifying that Louis Martin, lieutenant in a South Carolina regiment, has undergone treatment, for a fistula, in the military hospital of La Rochelle. A. L. S. (In French.) **LVIII, 68.**

From Friedrich Barnzen. 1777. August 29. Hamburg.

Wishes to become a useful "Subject" of the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 27.**

From Bedot fils aîné. 1777. August 29. Montpellier.

Solicits an order from Franklin for shoes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VI, 212.**

From ——— Bouillon. 1777. August 29. Paris.

At the request of Mme. la Comtesse de Villeneuve, begs for a letter of recommendation for Pierre Rérot, who desires to join the American army as lieutenant; his ardor so great that he will probably sail with or without a commission. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VI, 213.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1777. August 30. Portsmouth.

Congress has put under his command the new sloop of war, the Ranger; almost insuperable difficulties he has encountered in equipping her; will wait on Franklin at the end of his cruise when he will point out some effective enterprises; encloses a paper he has hastily drawn up on the present evils of navy system; his own feelings about being superseded by his inferiors. L. S. 4 p. **VI, 214.**



From J. Ingen Housz. 1777. August 30. Paris.

Has found a coach at a very great bargain; calculates what it will cost them to stay sixteen days on their journey; awaits an immediate answer. A. L. S. 1 p. VI, 215.

From [Philip de?] Platen. 1777. August 30. Bordeaux.

His previous military services; desires to quit the peace of Europe to seek war in America; applies to Franklin for his passage money. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VI, 216.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. August 31. St. Malo.

Has received orders from the Minister of Marine at Paris to depart the port immediately and not to enter again on any consideration; his surprise and indignation; desires to be ordered to America at once. A. L. S. 2 p. VI, 217.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 128.

From [William] Lee. [1777. August.] ? Chaillot.

Will set out for Nantes next day and will take care of anything he has to send. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XLIII, 200.

From Marquis Devienne. 1777. September 1. Doullens.

Has written several times of his desire to pass into the service of Congress; only asks that his passage and that of one servant should be paid. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 1.

From [Comtesse] D. B. [de] Conway. 1777. September 1. Auxerre.

In great trouble over the news of Ticonderoga; begs Franklin to relieve her anxiety about her husband and friends. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 2.

From Nicolaus Jacob Holterman. 1777. September 1. Cassell.

Asking for a commission in the American army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) LXII, 58.

From ——— De Casson. 1777. September 2. Armentières, Paris.

Request to enter the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 31.

From Pierre Trezarrieur (?). 1777. September 2. Alicante.

Has heard that Congress thinks of establishing consulates in all the ports of Spain; desires the post of Consul in Alicante. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 3.

From Soeur de Marcrany. 1777. September 2. Doullens.

Writes on behalf of the nephew of one of the sisters who desires to enter the American army; he belongs to a very ancient family; has not a sou to his name. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 4.

*From Larguier Des Bancel*s. 1777. September 2. Rochefort.

Justice of the American cause; the hoped-for alliance between France and the Colonies. His desire to emigrate to America and pursue the business of commerce or agriculture. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VII, 5.

From James Bedout. 1777. September 2. Bordeaux.

Is ready to sail; renews his request for a commission. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 6.

From ——— de Lescun. 1777. September 2. Vannes.

Has been told that Franklin is charged by Congress to procure officers for the army; offers his services. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 8.

From Comte de la Merville. 1777. September 2. St. Germain-en-Laye.

Concerning his servant, Le Noir, who leaves him on the pretense that Franklin has engaged him; has too high an opinion of Franklin's honesty to believe he would engage a servant wearing another man's livery. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 8½.

From Abbé Vic[om]te de Tarride. 1777. September 3. Béarn.

Appeals to him on behalf of the Vicomte de Tarride who sailed for Boston a month before to aid the American cause. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 9.

From William Day. 1777. September 3. Port Louis.

Account of a cruise under the command of John Manley, Esq.; captured nine prizes; expects to sail for America in eight days. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 10.

From ——— O'Cahill. 1777. September 4. Strasbourg.

Comes of an ancient and noble family in Ireland; brought up at the Prussian Court; his military services; begs Franklin to procure him a position as officer in the army. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 11.

From T. T. Fournier fils. 1777, September 4. Paris.

Concerning some type that Franklin wished to order from him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 12.

From Chevalier d'Argreum (?). 1777. September 4. Commercy.

Desires to serve in the American army, and to take with him six officers of his choosing. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 13.

From ——— Paulze. 1777. September 4. Bercy.

Concerning a large purchase of tobacco and the difficulties of transporting it safely. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 14.

From Charles Guillaume Frederic Dumas. 1777. September 5.

His situation; the personal attacks made on him and the losses and injury he suffered by being deprived of his position and source of living for his devotion to the American cause and the interests of Congress. 2 p. (In French.) (Copy.) LIII, 19b.

From J. Vincent. 1777. September 5. Paris.

Desires to know if the letter from Holland he left at Franklin's house came safely to hand; returns in a day or two if he desires to entrust him with any letters. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 16.

From Philip Mazzei. 1777. September 5. Albemarle County, Va.

Concerning the seeds called *Ravizzoni* by the Lombards and *Cavolo rapa* in the Tuscan language; their probable usefulness in America. Begs Franklin to forward certain letters to the Grand Duke of Tuscany; has a plan in view which he thinks will be very agreeable to that sovereign and very beneficial to the colonies. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 17.

From Philip Mazzei. 1777. September 5. Albemarle County, Va.

Copy of preceding with an additional note concerning the *Cavolo rapa*. The bearer is Mr. Shore, a gentleman from Virginia. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 18.

From G[eorge] Wythe. 1777. September 6. Williamsburg.

Introducing Thomas Shore, a young gentleman of Virginia about to embark for Europe. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 19.**

From Capt. Lamb[er]t Wickes and Sam[uel] Nicholson.

1777. September 6. St. Malo.

Appeal for relief and assistance for their brother officers and men who are prisoners in England, and who are suffering for want of the necessities of life. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 26.**

From Baron de Rullecour. 1777. September 7. Blois.

His plan to raise a body of men in France and the colonies to assist the Colonial generals in their operations; demands neither rank nor pay for himself, only for those under his orders who have already suffered enough in Poland. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VII, 20.**

From Comte de Bruges. 1777. September 7. Valréas.

Claims kinship with General Montgomery who fell at Quebec. Asks for a letter of recommendation for M. d'Alençon who desires to serve in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VII, 21.**

From Comte de St. Lambert. 1777. September 8. Brussels.

Entreating an answer to his letter of August 22d. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VII, 22.**

From Marquis de Rognes. 1777. September 8. Aix en Provence.

Desires to pass into the service of the Colonies with the same rank he has held in France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VII, 23.**

From R. Hamilton. 1777. September 8. London.

Has decided to carry his small capital in cash rather than in goods; has been offered a free passage to New York; from there will make his way to some part of Pennsylvania; begs Franklin to send him the promised letter of recommendation. A. L. S. 2 p. **VII, 24.**

From Forbin de Melleville. 1777. September 9. Paris.

Pays Franklin many compliments; offers him his life if he will deign to accept it; in the mean time desires to know at what hour he may wait upon him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VII, 25.**

From Beaumont, Comtesse de Feillens. 1777. September 9. Paris.

Desires a position in the American army for the son of a French officer; sure that he will prove satisfactory in every respect. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 25½.

From Le Camus Guitton. 1777. September 10. Châtellerault.

Has three sons, whom she wishes to put into the American service. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 26.

From ——— Duclaux. 1777. September 10. Lyon.

Desires to enter the American service. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 27.

From Estourneau de Latouche.

1777. September 10. St. Jean-d'Augely.

Desires to obtain the command of an American regiment; wishes to know the price. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 28.

From Derneux de Brie.

1777. September 10. Chateau de Brie, Comte de Foix.

Offers his services and desires, if possible, to obtain a company in the new levies that M. de Brétigny is recruiting under Franklin's protection. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 29.

From ——— Bégougue. 1777. September 12. Limoges.

The "war of the Bostonians" opens a possible career to him; desires to become a surgeon in the American army and to procure a salary from the moment of embarking. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 30.

From Lamb[er]t Wickes. 1777. September 12. St. Malo.

The Admiralty very pressing in their insistence on his departure; fears he will have to sail before the arrival of Franklin's despatches; disposition to be made of the Dolphin. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 31.

From Marquis de Puységur and ——— de Carmainville.

1777. September 12.

Asking for a letter of introduction for their friend, M. de Carriere, who is going to America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 20.

From ——— Genlis. 1777. September 13. Paris.

Recommending to Franklin La Clause, who desires to enter the service of Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VII, 32.**

From ——— de Beauvais fils. 1777. September 13. Le Mans.

Desires to obtain a place in the American army; necessity of keeping this fact a secret from his family. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VII, 33.**

From A. Rodolph Gruner. 1777. September 14. Paris.

Desires to enter the service of the Colonies. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VII, 34.**

From Chevalier de Bermont. 1777. September 14. Vesoul.

Offers his services; his past military record; desires to know what would be his rank and salary. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VII, 35.**

From Stephano, Baron de Bissy. 1777. September 14. Versailles.

Concerning some wonderful discoveries he has made; wishes Franklin to test his latest invention for loading cannon; the advantage this would be to the Colonies; what he desires Congress to do for him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **VII, 36.**

From ——— Bulet. 1777. September 14. La Charité.

His enthusiasm over the success of the Americans and his admiration for the brave fellows; offers to furnish the colonies with certain articles necessary to their commerce or to their military operations. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VII, 37.**

From Sam[uel] Nicholson. 1777. September 15. St. Malo.

The departure of Captain Wickes accompanied by the Dolphin; Johnston afraid he will be obliged to leave the port of Morlaix; expects to meet the Dolphin with the rest of his officers at Nantes. A. L. S. 2 p. **VII, 38.**

From A. Rodolph Gruner. 1777. September 16. Paris.

Urgent reasons why he desires an immediate answer to the request in his letter of the 14th. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VII, 39.**

From Le Ray de Chaumont. 1777. September 16. Passy.

Wishes Franklin's decision concerning a frigate which Bernier and Gourlade desire to sell. Begs Franklin and his colleagues to dine with him and the matter can be concluded at once. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 40.

From Scherer de Jouchery. 1777. September 16. Paris.

Recommended to Franklin some time before by M. le Comte de Maillebois, and presented him with a military work of his entitled "Nouveau Traité de la Colonne"; desires to hear Franklin's opinion of his book. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 41.

From ——— Le Brun. 1777. September 18. Paris.

Encloses a letter for Mr. Deane from M. La Goaner relating to Mr. Cunningham, Captain of the Revenge, who is in a Spanish port and has applied to M. La Goaner for a sum to refit his ship. Asks Franklin not to mention the receipt of this note, as his (the writer's) name has a sort of unhappy celebrity which he endeavors to bury in solitude and oblivion. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 42.

From ——— Le Brun. 1777. September 18. Paris.

M. La Goaner's talents, position and influence. The advantages of certain ports in Spain as a safe retreat for the American privateers. A. L. S. 4 p. VII, 43.

From Berthon de Maisonneuve. 1777. September 18. Brussels.

Requesting Franklin to forward a letter to Mr. [Stephen] Sayre. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 4.

From O'Douin. 1777. September 19. Versailles.

Applies for letters of recommendation for the Marquis of Luce, who desires to fight for the colonies and is willing to repair to Philadelphia at his own expense. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 44.

From Marquis de Luce-Seillans. 1777. September 19. Versailles.

Begs Franklin to name an hour when he may speak of his great desire to serve the Colonies; his knowledge of fortifications. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 45.

From ——— *de Beaubourg.* 1777. September 20. Paris.

Writes to procure for a young gentleman a position as officer in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VII, 46.**

From R[odolp]h Valltravers. 1777. September 21. Bienne.

Electrical experiments exhibited at Zurich by the Chevalier de Volta of Como. Contemptuous treatment of the republics of Switzerland by the present rulers of Great Britain; encloses the fruit of this neglect; adds to it a copy of verses sent by Voltaire to the Comte de Vergennes. His Excellency to proceed to Venice to secure that republic in the Bourbonian interest; Portugal already secured. Attitude of Russia toward Hanover. Proofs of the Emperor's aversion to republics. Franklin's adversaries now crowing over Burgoyne's success in Canada. A. L. S. 3 p. **VII, 47.**

From ——— *de La Faye.* 1777. September 21. Roquencourt Castle.

Introducing M. Ponteney, of Auxonne, who wishes to confer with Franklin and Deane about supplies for the troops in America. A. N. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 89.**

From Sam[uel] Nicholson. 1777. September 21. Nantes.

Arrival of the Dolphin at Nantes; permission given to Capt. Brown to refit her and then to depart the port as soon as that is completed. A Guernsey privateer cruising outside the mouth of the river which they say has taken several vessels coming from South Carolina; the new ship going on very well; Mr. Williams's presence much needed. A. L. S. 3 p. **VII, 48.**

From F[elix] A[ntonio] Castrioto. 1777. September 22. Paris.

Concerning certain pamphlets brought from Holland according to agreement which will be delivered to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 49.**

From Marquis de Luce-Seillans. 1777. September 24. Paris.

Asking Franklin to endorse a bill of exchange that he may carry out his projects at once; begs Franklin to give at the same time the promised letter of recommendation. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VII, 51.**

From James Bedout. 1777. September 24. Bordeaux.

Disappointed that Franklin could not grant his request for a commission as he has been at great expense in fitting out his sloop for cruising; is determined to sail straight for New England under Dutch colors in hopes that Congress will grant him the desired commission; begs for a letter of recommendation. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 52.**

From Baron de Benyowsky. 1777. September 25. Versailles.

Asking Franklin to give the bearer a letter of recommendation so that after his arrival he may find military employment. Hopes to meet Franklin soon for his revenge at chess. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VII, 53.**

From William Lee. 1777. September 26. Holland.

Copy of letter of August 25th (XLIV, 17). Fears the letters between them are being intercepted. Received the report that Boston and Philadelphia are captured, but this is not verified. A. L. 4 p. **XLIV, 18.**

From John Baynes. [1777.] September 26. Paris.

Informing him of a safe opportunity to send his letter to London. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 118.**

From A[lex.] Fendrich. 1777. September 27.

The bearer is a native of Strasbourg; desires to serve as a volunteer on an American vessel. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 54.**

From Ra[ph] Izard. 1777. September 30. Paris.

Acknowledging the receipt of the commission and instructions from Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 56.**

From Abbé Bert de Majan. 1777. October 1. Molsheim.

Begs for news of his brother, whom they have not heard from since his departure; asks that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VII, 57.**

From I. MacMahon. 1777. October 1. Military School.

Recommends to Franklin a clergyman who has received a letter from Ireland to be forwarded to Albany in America and desires to know the best way of sending it. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 58.**

From The Economic Society of Berne. 1777. October 1.

Programme of a contest to be held for a prize essay outlining a plan or scheme of legislation for criminal affairs. D. 3 p. (In French.)
LIII, 51.

From Joshua Johnson. 1777. October 2. Paris.

His purpose to load two or three vessels at Lisbon with salt and send them to some one of the United Colonies; desires passports to protect said vessels from being captured by American cruisers. A. L. S. 1 p.
VII, 59.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. October 2. Paris.

Recommends le Chevalier de la Pottère, and begs him to do for this young man what he has often granted in less deserving cases. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
VII, 60.

From Joy Castle. 1777. October 2. Bordeaux.

Has got his ship and will sail for Virginia very soon; is obliged to leave his wife in Bordeaux until his return owing to her bad health. Desires a pass to protect his valuable cargo. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 61.

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft to The American Commissioners.

1777. October 3. Paris.

Details the events which led up to his being summoned to Paris by order of the Committee on Secret Correspondence to aid the Commissioners by giving information of English affairs; for nine months endeavored to be useful to the United States; flattered himself that he would have received some regular appointment from Congress; being disappointed in this and his fortune not permitting him to accept honors without benefits he has decided to withdraw from all political pursuits. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 62.

From Chevalier de la Vérité. 1777. October 3. Vaureas.

So far, M. le Comte de Bruges has received no answer to his application for letters of recommendation on behalf of a young officer; high position and illustrious connections of the Comte de Bruges merit more attention. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 63.

From J. Thornton. 1777. October 4. Paris.

Encloses the latest papers brought by him from Dieppe; willing to undertake any commission however hazardous. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 64.

By Abbé Yart. 1777. October 4. Rouen.

In praise of Franklin on his arrival in France (poem, 3 p., in French), and an imaginary address made by him to France, Holland and Switzerland. A. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LI, 1 (1, 2, 3).

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. October 6. York, Pa.

Detailed account of the war in America for the last two months. A. L. S. Benj[ami]n Harrison et al. 12 p. LIII, 52.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 396.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. October 6. York, Pa.

Relative to a foreign loan, and to the mode of raising it by appropriation of vacant land. A. L. S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 2 p.

LIII, 53.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 400.

From William Gordon. 1777. October 6.

Has forwarded three anniversary sermons designed for Franklin, Deane and Lee; congratulates Franklin on the great and important news that the express will bring him; trusts this event will bring G[reat] B[ritain] to her senses. A. L. S. 1 p.

VII, 65.

From J. Bowman. 1777. October 7. Paris.

Writes for information concerning the use of fixed air as a solvent of stone in the bladder. A. L. S. 1 p.

VII, 66.

From Comte de Bruges. 1777. October 7. Valreas.

Wrote a month ago concerning M. d'Alençon; begs for an answer to his request. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VII, 67.

LETTERS TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

From M[arqu]is de Condorcet.

[Circa 1777.] October 7. A la Rochequion.

Requesting a letter of recommendation for M. Abadie, a young lawyer going to Boston. Messages from the Duchess d'Euville and her family. Refers Franklin to the notice of his works, written by him (Condorcet) in the volume of the Academy of Sciences of 1773. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 133.**

From ——— Doerner, [Jr.]. 1777. October 8. Paris.

Asking Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to Sir James Jay, who, he believes, is at Spa in Germany. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **VII, 69.**

From John King to The American Commissioners.

1777. October 9. Nantes.

Expects to sail in nine days; will take charge of any letters, etc., destined for America. J. Gruel & Co. the only firm willing to advance their credit in behalf of the State of Virginia. Gives the signals to be observed at Cape Henry for those ships going to Virginia and Maryland. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 70.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1777. October 9. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter to M. de Chaumont and a bill of exchange drawn on him; not a moment to be lost in its presentation. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 111.**

From Tho[ma]s Thompson. 1777. October 10. Port Louis.

The arrival in France of two Continental frigates under his command: the Raleigh and the Alfred; the ships in need of repairs and military stores; would be glad of advice from Franklin; disposition he will make of his prizes. Latest news from America; Howe's fleet hovering about, not knowing where to land. Ticonderoga a cursed affair. Movements of the army near Albany. Avarice and loss of virtue among the people; some parts of the continent in a seemingly lethargic condition. Arrival of small vessel from Portsmouth; boarded and searched by English frigate and obliged to throw overboard all the mail. Heavy losses experienced by Burgoyne. A. L. S. 7 p. **VII, 71.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. October 11. Nantes.

Requesting a letter of recommendation for M. Sollicoffre, who sails shortly for Virginia. He is an upright, deserving young man who has been several years in the counting house of Mr. Schweighauser. Is induced to ask this from his friendship for Mr. Sollicoffre. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 112.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1777. October 14. Nantes.

Capt. Nicholson gone to L'Orient to aid the captains of the two frigates just arrived there. Return of the Mère Bobie. Her Captain delivered your dispatches in safety, but has not been so fortunate with those he was charged with in return. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 113.

From Henri Walter. 1777. October 15. Hildesheim.

Lives in a country which produces immense quantities of linen and cotton fabrics which may be useful to the Congress; asks Franklin to procure him orders. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 72.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1777. October 16. Nantes.

Captain Brown wishes to be excused from taking the Dolphin as his owners have directed him to return in the Mars, which belongs to them, but he will do as you wish. Now getting in her new mast. Would be glad if the Dolphin were not to sail 'till the Lion is ready; 1000 fuzils arrived from Dunkirk. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 114.

From William Lee. 1777. October 16.

Relative to the price of nonpareil letters, in Harlem, and the purchase of type. Inadvisable to have the entire Bible in type at once. Cause for not signing name. Glad to hear that the military brute P——t is, for a time, deprived of his power to exercise his natural insolence. Wishes he was the only British officer in America who could be justly charged with brutality. Fears for America and equally for the dear bought liberties of England, which will inevitably expire by the same wounds that destroy those of the Colonies. L. 3 p. XLIV, 19.

*From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to
The American Commissioners.* 1777. October 18. York, Pa.

Gates's victory over Burgoyne at Saratoga. Shipment of English
merchandise in French bottoms. (Conclusion missing.) L. 2 p.
LIII, 54.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 412.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. October 18. Nantes.

Afraid his letter of the 9th, enclosing one for M. Chaumont, has
miscarried; begs for a line to allay his uneasiness. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVII, 115.

From ——— Rolandeau. 1777. October 18. Bordeaux.

His ardent desire to enter the American service; anxious to obtain
a letter from Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 74.

From Col. Chevalier de Champigny. 1777. October 18. Amsterdam.

Sending him the second volume of his "Histoire d'Angleterre." A.
L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 75.

From P. Elmsley. 1777. October 20. Paris.

Will Franklin continue his subscription to Jacquin's *Hortus Vindobonensis*; sets out for London on Wednesday; has Franklin any commands for his literary friends there. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 76.

From ——— La Bastide. 1777. October 20. Fontainebleau.

Offering his services to the American cause. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 77.

From Tho[ma]s Thompson. 1777. October 20. L'Orient.

Disposition he has made of the prizes; difficulties in the way of making haste. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 78.

From S[ilas] Deane. 1777. October 23. Passy.

Goes to a rendezvous with Messrs. Chaumont and Holker; the latter desires the letters Franklin promised him. Dr. Bancroft has returned. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 79.

From Charles de Hirschberg. 1777. October 23. Strasbourg.

Is professor of English at the University of Strasbourg; has translated Franklin's Examination in Parliament¹ and followed the text as closely as possible; offers his services in case Franklin desires to have any of his other works translated. A. L. S. 3 p. **VII, 80.**

¹ See Ford's Bibliography of Benjamin Franklin, p. 133, C., 296.

From Martin Baumann.

1777. October 24. Kirchheim, Poland.

States that a brother of his went to America twenty-eight years ago and settled in Delaware, Pennsylvania. Writer and a younger brother followed ten years ago. Younger brother entered American army and rose to a captaincy. Writer returned to his native city two and one-half years ago to receive an inheritance. Wishes to return to America and espouse patriots' cause. Asks Dr. Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 31.**

From Samuel Cooper. 1777. October 25. Boston.

Congratulates him on the surrender of General Burgoyne; account of the surrender and the military movements which led up to it; behavior of the American soldiers; skirmishes around Philadelphia. Effect of Burgoyne's surrender on Great Britain and other European countries, and on America. Urges Franklin to secure loans for America. (Conclusion missing.) A. L. 12 p. **XLIV, 20.**

From Thomas Walker. 1777. October 25. Boston.

Congratulating Franklin on the success of the American arms in the Northern Department; introducing Col. de Masasquelle, a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences, to Franklin's notice; his son a colonel in the American artillery and pensioned for life by this State, in consideration of his having introduced the art of founding and boring cannon solid, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. **VII, 81.**

From J[onathan] W[illia]ms, [Sr.] 1777. October 25. Boston.

Announcing the capture of Gen. Burgoyne and his entire army. Introducing the bearer of the good news, Mr. Jonathan L. Austin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 116.**

From Sam[ue]l Cooper. 1777. October 25. Boston.

His only daughter married to Joseph Hixon, Esq., of Montserrat in the West Indies; he left Boston in the spring for London; begs Franklin to forward him the enclosed letter from his wife; should accident bring Mr. Hixon to France, asks Franklin's notice for him. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 82.

From ——— de Biancourt. 1777. October 25. Fontenay.

His former military services; his desire to enter the American army with the rank of captain. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 83.

From Benj[ami]n Austin. 1777. October 25. Boston.

The surrender of Burgoyne and his whole army to Gen. Gates has induced the Council of Massachusetts to forward an express to the Commissioners at Paris; his son the bearer of this intelligence; begs Franklin to grant him his friendship and countenance. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 84.

From ——— de Guienne. 1777. October 28. Dieppe.

Desires to obtain a company of infantry or dragoons in the service of Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 85.

From Cat[harine] Greene. 1777. October 28. Boston.

Mrs. Collas is exceedingly well and quite contented to be delivered from Howe's ravages. Supposes he has heard that Mrs. Bache has a fine daughter; leaves the great news to more intelligent pens; begs for a letter if only a line. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 86.

From Edm[un]d De Harold. 1777. October 28. Dusseldorf.

Offers his services; does not wish to quit his present solid establishment until he knows what conditions he may expect; his former military services; well known to any officer in the Irish regiment in France; a great friend of Gen. Conway. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 87.

From John Langdon to The American Commissioners.

1777. October 29. Portsmouth, N. H.

Sends by the Continental ship Ranger the articles of capitulation with Mr. Burgoyne and a copy of a letter written by Gen. Gates to Bur-

goyne six days before the surrender; had the happiness to be a witness of this scene. Magnificent conduct of Gen. Gates. Howe's army in possession of Philadelphia; his situation thought to be almost as bad as Burgoyne's. Description of the retreat of the English, the horrible scenes of death and destruction and the final glorious surrender of the entire army. L. S. 2 p. VII, 88.

From John Wendell. 1777. October 30. Portsmouth.

Congratulating him on the grand events in America; what the Americans owe to Franklin's influence and counsels. His uncle, Col. Josiah Quincy, prevented from writing Franklin by the danger of the times. By the impolicy of Britain the militia of America have become disciplined troops. Britain's perilous situation. His son serving with Capt. Jones on the Ranger; if Capt. Jones should promote him, would be obliged for Franklin's support; sure the family of the Wendells and Quincys are not disagreeable to him. Mentions Capt. Jones as a sensible, well-bred gentleman, who has the honor of America much at heart. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 89.

From John Wendell. 1777. October 30. Portsmouth.

Introducing Lieut. Thomas Simpson of the Ranger, a most distinguished officer. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 90.

From Thomas Cushing. 1777. October 30. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Jonathan Loring Austin to Franklin's favorable notice. Congratulates him on the success of the American arms in the Northern Department; news from the southward not discouraging; Gen. Howe and his army said to be preparing for a retreat from Philadelphia; Washington at or about Germantown waiting to cut him off. Wishes to know what effect Gates's success will have on England and also on the Courts of Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 91.

From ——— De la Gonterie. 1777. October 30. Paris.

A manufacturer of materials for soldiers' and sailors' uniforms desires to send a cargo of these goods to New England; failure of a previous attempt owing to capture; is the owner of a well-appointed vessel; desires Franklin to furnish him with letters of marque that he may carry this merchandise safely across. Served some months under Capt. Wickes. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 92.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. October 30. Nantes.

His favor of the 25th inst. he immediately destroyed. Certain debts which he must pay. Question of putting arms on board the *Lion*. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 117.**

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1777. October 30. The Hague.

The demand of the Dutch merchants accorded. Believes his services can be of some use to America; risk involved in his present position; depends on him to hear as soon as possible of the success of their scheme. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 17.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. October 31. Paris.

Introducing M. le Chevalier du Gravier, a friend of M. Coder and an officer of artillery, also M. de Livoy, navy officer, actually in the service of America. Enmity of M. des Granges and all his employes toward Coder. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VII, 93.**

From Joh. Ph. Merckle. 1777. November 1. Amsterdam.

Introducing M. St. Godet, son-in-law of the Governor of St. Eustatius; he is interested in all that is most dear to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VII, 94.**

From Arthur Lee. 1777. November 1.

Begs for the papers he mentioned to Franklin, namely: Count Vergennes's letters, the last memoir to him, the last letter to the Committee and the list of stores shipped from Marseilles. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **VII, 95.**

From J[ame]s Cole. 1777. November 1. Ile de Rhé.

Very interesting business calls him and two of his friends to Philadelphia; being unable to pay their passage thither, begs Franklin to procure it for them. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 96.**

From ——— Gorjy. 1777. November 2. Paris.

Desires to know from what source he can gain some information concerning the habits of the colonies, principally of the Quakers and the savages; these details are necessary for a work he is contemplating. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VII, 97.**

From J[ean] Holker. 1777. November 4. Rouen.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter and promising that everything shall be executed according to his wishes. Sends message to Mr. Deane. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 98.

From ——— Gayette, fils. 1777. November 6. Brionde.

He and two others very anxious to join la Fayette; desires Franklin's advice and assistance to attain this end; asks for a letter from Madame de la Fayette, who is at present in Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 98½.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1777. November 6. Nantes.

Prizes given to the English by special order of the King; money loss less serious than the excuse this will give to spies to live among them. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 118.

From ——— Le Fevre. 1777. November 7. London.

Acquainting Franklin with the fact that Miss Lydia B. and her sister, of Preston, have lost their mother, and asking him to break the news gently to R. B. L. 1 p. VII, 99.

From ——— Du Luc. 1777. November 8. Saint Maixent.

Madame le Baronne de la Courchambeau desires her two sons to enter the service of Congress and will make them a certain allowance and pay their passage over; begs Franklin to aid them in this affair with letters to some one in Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 100.

From Jo[h]n Anderson. 1777. November 8. St. Malo.

In difficulties about his agreement with M. de Purny; desires to sail in the service of his own country; asking for Franklin's advice. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 101.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. November 8. York, Pa.

Bills of exchange to be presented with this letter. Henry Laurens, of Charleston, South Carolina, has been elected President of the Continental Congress. A. L. S. Richard Henry Lee and James Lovell. 1 p. (In duplicate.) LIII, 56.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 423.

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From Chevalier de Marolles de Lucé to The Congress of the United States. 1777. November 10. Paris.

Offers his services; encloses certificates of his capacity. A. L. S.
1 p. (In French.) LXII, 79 and 80.

By The Continental Congress. 1777. November 10.

Instructions to the American Commissioners in France and Spain, to purchase military supplies. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y.
2 p. LXXV, 31.

Printed in Journals of Congress, Phila. [1778], III, 488.

From R[odolp]h Valltravers. 1777. November 10. Bienne.

Switzerland's attitude concerning the misfortunes of England and America; possibility of a reconciliation through the medium of a just, equitable, pacifying mediator. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 102.

From P[atience] Wright. 1777. November 10. London.

Parliament not to meet until more explicit accounts are received from Lord Howe; influence this will have on the case of poor Platt still confined in Newgate with others of his countrymen. Begg Franklin not to suffer Lord Stormont or any of his tools to prevent the exchange of prisoners proposed. Many young men ready to serve in the American army; mortified at not receiving a line from any of her countrymen in Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 103.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. November 11. Nantes.

Concerning the orders of the French Government to hand over the prizes to the English; cannot reconcile such proceedings with common honesty; begs to know whether there is a prospect of his getting his advances repaid. Praise for Capt. Nicholson. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 119.

From François Gianolio. 1777. November 12. Turin.

Desires some position connected with the commerce between America and Italy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 104.

From W[illia]m Bingham.

1777. November 14. St. Pierre, Martinique.

Enclosing a copy of a letter from St. Eustatius with news from America of the taking of Philadelphia by Howe; this account founded merely on reports. Should Washington have been again repulsed, thinks his army could not have behaved with that bravery which should have distinguished troops in such an important situation; what this event, if true, will mean to the English. Gen. Gates's operations in Canada. A. L. S. 4 p. [Letter enclosed.]

1777. November 7. Saint Eustache.

Announcing the taking of Philadelphia by Howe; the position of Washington at Germantown; Gen. Gates's movements against Burgoyne. L. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 105.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1777. November 14.

Begging Franklin to accord a moment's audience to M. Henri du Bois, a merchant of Amsterdam, who has affairs of interest to communicate. Sends Franklin an ode and introduces the author of it, M. Courtney Melmoth. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 107.

From ——— Rolandeau. 1777. November 15. Bordeaux.

Desires to go back to New England; begs him to endorse his commissions, which have doubtless been presented by M. le Comte d'Ossun. Delay in setting out due to his father's death; begs Franklin to give him letters for his superior officers that he may justify his lengthened absence. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 108.

From ——— O'Douin. 1777. November 15. Versailles.

His promise of letters of recommendation on behalf of a young gentleman, who has been too ill to avail himself of them; begs them for two brothers, the Messrs. Poullain; the elder an advocate in the Parliament of Paris, who desires to become a planter; the younger an officer in the King's service, who desires a position in the Light Troops. Remembers Franklin's kindness to him when detained a prisoner of war in Philadelphia; reasons for granting his request. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 109.

From Jaques J. de Bay. 1777. November 15. Brussels.

Informing Franklin of the death of Madam Bache, his daughter's mother-in-law; offers to be a medium for Franklin's correspondence with M. Theobald and his other friends. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VII, 111.

From Martha Johnson. 1777. November 15. London.

Sympathy for America. Desires to get a position as housekeeper. Kindness shown to her by Franklin's friends, Mr. and Mrs. Walker; asked their interest for her son, Sammy, to get him promoted from a midshipman to lieutenant; begs Franklin to write Mr. Walker in his favor. A. L. S. 3 p.
VII, 112.

From C. G. F. Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1777. November 18. The Hague.

A company of merchants is forming in Zealand to trade directly with America. Rumor that the Grand Pensionnaire of Amsterdam is incensed against the English. Anecdote concerning one of his late pupils and Sir Joseph Yorke. Sends the Leyden Gazette with the article quoted from the Maryland paper concerning R. H. Lee. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXIX, 18.

From Recules de Basmarin et Raimbaux.

1777. November 18. Bordeaux.

Concerning the construction of certain packets whose object will be to carry despatches back and forth at regular intervals; they will offer their services to Congress if they wish to entrust their mail to them; makes the same offer to Franklin. His attachment to the cause of America, and to Franklin in particular. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
VII, 114.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. November 20. Nantes.

Concerning a passage for the Count d'Atterns and the payment of his expenses until he embarks. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVII, 120.

From ——— Guérin. 1777. November 21. Paris.

Has the honor to present him with the enclosed memoir; M. Dalibard would have been the bearer himself but the affair was too pressing; begs for a word in reply that he may inform his son of Franklin's decision. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VII, 115.

From John Stewart. 1777. November 21. London.

Asks for information concerning the use of tobacco ashes as a cure for dropsical complaints. A. L. S. 3 p. **VII, 116.**

From W[illiam] S[trahan]. 1777. November 21. London.

Writes for a prescription, said to be given by Franklin, for the cure of dropsy. Sent him a packet of newspapers with accounts of all the news in London. A. L. S. 1 p. **VII, 117.**

From ——— Guérin. [1777. November 21.]

Is a merchant of Auray in Brittany, petitions for the release of his son and another officer of the ship "Le Fargès" captured by an English squadron. Mem. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 106.**

From Le Bègue de Presle. 1777. November 22. Chatillon.

Sends Franklin a pamphlet at the request of the author. Various electrical experiments. Certain theories concerning waterspouts. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **VII, 118.**

From A. M. Hevin de Navarre and Francois Antoine, Baron de Seyffertit. 1777. November 22. Wurtzbourg.

Request for money to pay their expenses to Paris and return, to be able to tell Franklin their plans for military service in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 87.**

By The Continental Congress. 1777. November 22.

Directing the Commissioners of the United States, at the several Courts of Europe, to deny the report that a treaty had been concluded with Great Britain. D. S. Henry Laurens, President. 3 p. In duplicate.) **LXXV, 34-39.**

Printed in Journals of Congress, Phila. [1778], III, 527.

From Comte de Benyowsky. [1777?] November 23. Paris.

Desiring a brief audience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 119.**

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From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1777. November 25. The Hague.

Congratulating them on the safe arrival, at Nantes, of the *Amphitrite*. Understands that the King of P[russia] has refused passage to English troops en route to America. Certainty of a war between Russia and Turkey. Second letter on English credit to be printed at once. Account of a conversation he had with a great lady, a friend of Sir Joseph Yorke, concerning the latter's irritation against him for his espousal of the American cause. Information received which leads him to believe that the United States could obtain men, for their army and navy, more cheaply from Poland than any other nation. Has translated the extracts for Mr. Lee and sent him the various gazettes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 19.

From T. and N. Eckhardt. 1777. November 25. The Hague.

Asking Franklin to subscribe to a work containing a description of an instrument invented by them. Encloses a memoir on the capstan, a marvelous invention; also begs his acceptance of a new fabric of their own make. A statement of the advantages of the capstan. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.)

VII, 119.

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld.

1777. November 26. La Rocheguyon.

Heard with pleasure of the arrival of the *Amphitrite* with the good news. The King of England, in his harangue, seems to consider the American war as difficult, but not impossible, if Parliament will grant him large subsidies; likens him to La Fontaine's fable of "The Serpent and the File." Certain ideas on the circulation of air. Impatient to see Franklin and render him the homage of his veneration and attachment. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

VII, 120.

From ——— de Burckwald. 1777. November 27. Strasbourg.

Applies to Franklin on behalf of a young man who desires a lieutenancy in the American army. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VII, 121.

From W[illia]m Bingham to The American Commissioners.

1777. November 28. St. Pierre, Martinique.

Congratulates them on the glorious success of the army under General Gates. General Howe said to be making his retreat towards Wil-

mington to embark on his transports, and that several frigates have been sunk or destroyed in endeavoring to raise the chevaux de frise in the Delaware. Impossible to foretell the effect of this important intelligence on the politics of Europe. Hopes that the Court of France may be influenced by it to take a more decisive part in our favor. The orders of the Ministry in regard to American privateers and prizes and the restriction of American trade have lately been notified to the Chamber of Commerce here, and their execution enacted under great penalties, but he does not believe they will be enforced with any degree of rigor. Thinks it is only a political stroke. The arrival of the troops destined for these islands, and the Spanish galleon in Spain are the real motives for retarding their hostile operations. The troops have arrived and he is informed that the galleon is to sail in the beginning of December, and that the specie, amounting to fifteen million Sterling, has been deposited on board twenty-two ships of the line. A. L. S. 6 p.

VII, 106.

. *From W[illia]m Bingham.* 1777. November 28. St. Pierre.

Copy of letter, VII, 106, with an added note that General Howe is retreating and Washington is in quiet possession of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 4 p.

VII, 122.

From Sellouf Perrontray [?]. 1777. November 29. Paris.

Desired by Messrs. Fairholme and Luther, of St. Martin, to forward this enclosed letter. L. S. 1 p.

VII, 123.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.
1777. November 30. Nantes.

The agreeable news of General Burgoyne's surrender with his entire army; for all the particulars, refers them to Mr. Austin. A. L. S. 2 p.

XXXVII, 121.

From Joseph Campagnoni. 1777. November 30. Lugo.

Desires to dedicate, to Franklin, a small volume of verse, entitled, "Il Washington"; the subject is the present war but so handled as to be favorable to America and at the same time to give no offense to England. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VII, 124.

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From Antoine Felix Wuibert to Messrs. Franklin and Deane.

1777. November 30.

Petition of a French officer in the American service who was taken prisoner by the English at Fort Washington. Mem. 3 p. (In French.)

LVII, 9.

From [Mme.] Brillon. [November, 1777.]

Has just learned, from Franklin's son, the good news from America about the surrender of General Burgoyne and his troops. Wanted to go immediately to congratulate Franklin in person. Is going to compose a march of triumph. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 103.

From ————. [1777. November ?] Brussels.

Congratulates Franklin on the defeat and capture of Burgoyne. The news caused a great sensation here in Brussels. Hopes Howe will soon be defeated by Washington and that Lee will regain his liberty. L. 4 p. (In French.)

XLIV, 105.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. December 1. York, Pa.

Return to France of the dissatisfied French officers. Their unreasonable demands in America. L. S. Rich[ar]d Henry Lee, James Lovell. 4 p. (Copy.)

LIII, 57.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 437.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1777. December 2. York, Pa.

Summary of the military events of the campaigns just closing. Civil affairs. Lifeless condition of commerce owing to British watchfulness. More American ships needed. A. L. S. Rich[ar]d Henry Lee, James Lovell. 8 p.

LIII, 58.

Printed in Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 438.

From W. Wildrik. 1777. December 2. Namur.

Raves of his devotion to liberty and his intense interest in the present struggle. Wishes Franklin to procure him some position in America, either civil or military. A. L. S. 4 p. (In Latin and French.)

VII, 125.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1777. December 2. Nantes.

Question of detaining Captain Young until the arrival of the despatches or sending him off without them. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXVII, 122.

From Tho[ma]s Thompson to The American Commissioners.

1777. December 2. L'Orient.

Desires the enclosed letter to be delivered to the Minister of Marine; angry at the treatment he and his men have received; insolence of the Commissary at l'Orient; attitude of France in playing this fast and loose game; the inevitable delay none of his doing. A. L. S. 3 p.

VII, 126.

From Felix Antonio Castrioto. 1777. December 2. Lisbon.

At his arrival in the Capital found the Court was gone to Villavicoza; followed and delivered Franklin's memorial to the Minister, enforcing it with all the reasons he could think of; awaits an answer; will do all in his power to bring this negotiation to a favorable conclusion. A. L. S. 1 p.

VII, 127.

From Edm[un]d De Harold. 1777. December 3. Dusseldorf.

Has received no answer to his letter of October 28th; repeats the contents of this letter. (VII, 87.) A. L. S. 4 p.

VII, 128.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1777. December 4. Nantes.

Announcing his arrival in the Ranger, having taken two brigantines from Malaga laden with fruit for London; met with few opportunities of making captures; repairs wanted on the Ranger. Affairs in America in the most promising condition. A. L. S. 2 p.

VII, 129.

From Carl, Baron von Emerich.

1777. December 4. Brandeis, near Prague, Bohemia.

Wishes to enter the American army. A. L. S. 4 p.

LIX, 83.

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From Rod[olp]h Valltravers. 1777. December 4. Mannheim.

The bearer is Mr. David, the Elector Palatine's Secretary of the Embassy. Cannot, in a letter, enter into the result of his private inquiries, made in Switzerland and at the Courts of Baden and Mannheim, as to the possibility of their intercession with the King of England in favor of the Colonies, all Europe cries shame on Great Britain; advisability of some trusted person high in the King's opinion, such as M. du Luc, broaching the subject to him privately; quotes precedents to prove this method a successful one. Concerning the preliminary concessions to be made on both sides. A. L. S. 4 p. VII, 130.

From [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] to The American Commissioners. 1777. December 5. Paris.

Begging Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee to name an hour when he may wait upon them. L. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 131½.

From Du Boisviolet, Genevois & Co. 1777. December 6. Nantes.

Their ship bound for Virginia with a cargo of salt; their pilot is Mr. Joseph Price, from Philadelphia, who is returning to America after being a prisoner in England for six months. Desires to know the signals to be used off the coast of America; unknown to Franklin but sends references. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 132.

From ——— Le Brun. 1777. December 6. Paris.

Reminds Franklin that his letters to Messrs. La Goaner, of Corunna, were to be sent under his cover, for fear of interception; uneasy on account of Franklin's silence; begs to know if he has written direct or not at all. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 133.

From Jos[eph] Hammond. 1777. December 6. St. Malo.

Begging Franklin to write M. Duparny to supply him with the money he promised; desires to be paid from the time of his engagement and receive two months' advance. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 134.

From W. Moran. 1777. December 6. Dunkirk.

Sailed from Philadelphia in February as first lieutenant on board the Hornet, a Continental sloop commanded by John Nicholson, Esq., now in Forton prison; he made his escape from prison with five others;

treated with great kindness by Mr. Johnston, in London, who paid his expenses to Dunkirk; since his arrival has received no more attention than if he were a common sailor; his destitute condition; applies to Franklin for aid. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 135.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.
1777. December 6. Nantes.

Unless they can obtain the repeal of certain orders lately issued by the Ministry, none of the vessels at present loading, can sail. Concerning the management of ships of war, prizes etc.; empowered by Mr. Morris to act in these matters as his agent; explains his reasons for consenting to this arrangement. A. L. S. 4 p. XXXVII, 124.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1777. December 6. Nantes.

Question of a certain bill being accepted. Has sent the pipe of sherry wine. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 125.

From ——— Goudeman. 1777. December 8. Paris.

Congratulating him on the success of the Americans; lays before Franklin the enclosed memoir at the request of one of his friends. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

From Henri Walter. 1777. December 8. Hildesheim.

Had the honor of writing Franklin, on October 15th, requesting orders from Congress for linen and cotton fabrics. [See VII, 72.] Repeats the details given in that letter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 137.

From Mrs. Catharine McCaulay. 1777. December 8. Paris.

Has some affairs which demand her immediate return to England; danger of seeing or corresponding with her American friends in Paris, owing to the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act; feels sure her imprisonment would greatly distress Franklin; would sacrifice her life to be of any real use to the cause of liberty; at present is nursing her constitution to be able to write of the civil wars. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 138.

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From F. and A. Dubbeldemutt to The American Commissioners.
1777. December 8. Rotterdam.

Concerning the aid they have given to Americans, and the money due them for such disbursements. Prices of tobacco and rice. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 138½.

From John Thurston. 1777. December 9. London.

Recommending Mr. Fowler to Franklin; he knows the art of making a powder to stop the blood. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 139.

From [Jean-Jacques] Caffieri. 1777. December 9. Paris.

Congratulating him on the success of the American arms; trusts they will continue their victories; sends a bust of Franklin to his grandson; desires that no one may be allowed to copy it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 140.

From ——— Blin. 1777. December 10. Elbeuf.

Interested in the defense of American vessels; hopes it is not an indiscretion to ask news of the fate of their arms; the newspapers give only contradictory reports. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 141.

From ——— Du Luc. 1777. December 10. St. Maixent.

M. de Reveaux de St. Varran and three of his brothers desire to pass into the service of Congress; will, himself, be responsible for their conduct and talents; being of an ancient, but unfortunate family, they have no money to pay their passage; asks Franklin if he could procure it for them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 142.

From Marquis de la Bedoyère. 1777. December 12. Rennes.

Asking for a place in the American service, for a young man in whom he has a particular interest; his rank, qualities and experience fit him to be a good sailor or soldier; wishes information as to the port he must sail from, the vessel, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 143.

From Arthur Lee. 1777. December 13. Chaillot.

Ten thousand blankets ready to be shipped from Bilboa together with a quantity of naval equipments; desires to know whether he may order M. Gardoqui to purchase ships for these articles or freight them at once; question of payment; secrecy and expedition shown by M. Gardoqui. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. VII, 144.

From J[oseph] Priestley. 1777. December 13. Calne.

Franklin is never long out of his thoughts; hopes to see him once more. Sympathy for America; thinks the war cannot be continued without disgrace and ruin. Sends two volumes of his on metaphysics; hopes he has received his third volume on air. A. L. S. 1 p.

VII, 145.

From James Babson. 1777. December 14. St. Antoine.

Sailed from Bilboa, with his poor naked crew, by favor of M. Gardoqui who trusted him with £100 Sterling. Account of the capture of six fishing vessels from Newfoundland. A. L. S. 1 p.

VII, 147.

From C. S. Peuch. 1777. December 15. Utrecht.

His position as editor of the Utrecht Gazette; his sympathies with the Americans; desires to publish prompt and authentic news; difficulty of obtaining accurate reports; applies to Franklin to procure him a correspondent for his paper who can furnish news from America. Congratulates him on their victory over Burgoyne. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

VII, 148.

From Comte O'Donell. 1777. December 15. Léopol.

His military career; asks for the conditions for entering the American service. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

LXII, 90.

From ——— Boudet. 1777. December 15. Lyons.

Begs Franklin to help him to procure a free passage to the United States and employment there. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

LX, 97.

From Jno. Young. 1777. December 16. Nantes.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 2d inst. along with the dispatches for Congress, which he will secure ready for sinking in case of danger. Information received of seven sail of English cruisers off Belle Isle; will remain in port until further tidings. A. L. S. 2 p.

VII, 149.

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From H[enr]y Grand. 1777. December 16. Nantes.

Expressing his keen appreciation of Franklin's kindness in signing himself his "affectionate friend," and thanking him warmly for the letters of recommendation. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 150.

From S[ilas] Deane. 1777. December 16. Paris.

Has seen Sir George Grand. Begs Franklin to make his excuses to Count Maillebois as he is too pressed with business to go out that afternoon, and tell him that he has not forgotten the case of M. de la Brosse. Desires Franklin and M. Chaumont to call on him on their return from dinner. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 151.

From ——— Millon. 1777. December 17. Paris.

Expressing his sincere appreciation of Franklin's "Constitution of Pennsylvania"; in reading it, thought of several points which he wrote down and sends herewith. [8 p.] A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VII, 152.

From Eliz[abe]th Wright. 1777. December 17. London.

Thanking him for his kind letter in favor of Mr. Platt who is most grateful for Franklin's offer; a worthy man has paid the money to Mr. Platt and accepted a bill on Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 153.

From John Webb. 1777. December 17. London.

Ingratitude he has met with for his past services; reasons for remaining in Dunkirk after receiving Franklin's remittance; obliged to give his clothes to Captain Cunningham's deserters for fear of worse consequences should he refuse; can neither go back nor forward unless Franklin helps him. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 154.

From A. Y. Ameloo, P. Wittentrin and F. and A. Dubbeldemutt. 1777. December 17. London.

Concerning the ship Chester and her cargo; no one has the least interest in her except the Republic of Holland; begs Franklin to name some one in Charleston to care for their interests; begs for the restitution and compensation due them by incontestable right. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 155.

From Pageant de Rivaud. 1777. December 18. Burgundy.

Begging Franklin to see to the safe delivery of a letter she has written to her son in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 156.

From ——— Doerner, Jr. 1777. December 18. Paris.

His promise to give him letters of introduction to Congress, and to gentlemen of consequence at Charlestown and other cities; their intention to fix themselves at Charlestown as general merchants; propriety of keeping their design secret. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 157.

From Baron de Heusch. 1777. December 19. Diest, Brabant.

Request for authority to form a regiment for service in the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LXII, 57.

From ——— Rihm. 1777. December 19. Ghent.

Requests a commission in the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LXII, 106.

From [Benjamin Sowden]. 1777. December 19. Holland.

Concerning the quarto bibles wanted for America. Hears that the gentleman who brought the news of Burgoyne's surrender intends to go to England; rashness of this project. Account of a visit from Dr. Ingen Housz. His earnest wishes for the establishment of liberty and peace. A. L. 3 p. VII, 158.

From I. MacMahon. 1777. December 19. The Military School.

The gentlemen of this house all well-wishers to Franklin's cause and delighted with the news of Burgoyne's defeat; opinion of the Prince de Montbarrey; the Commander of the above establishment, M. le Marquis de Tinbrune, requests Franklin's company at dinner with his grandson, Mr. Deane or any other friends he thinks proper to bring. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 159.

From ——— de Reynaud.

1777. December 19. Villeneuve lès Avignon.

Congratulating Franklin on the defeat of Burgoyne; hopes to hear soon of his brother Howe sharing the same fate. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 160.

From Gasp[ard] Morel. 1777. December 19. Dunkerque.

Enclosing list of wines for which he begs Franklin's orders. Congratulating him on the victories of the Americans. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 161.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1777. December 20. Nantes.

Has just returned from Paimboeuf where he saw as fine a ship as any in the navy. Expects to see Captain Nicholson and if the obstacles are removed, will soon finish the expedition. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 126.

From Tho[ma]s Thompson. 1777. December 20. L'Orient.

Describes the ship, Duras, a great bargain but old and in sad need of repairs; discusses the advisability of purchasing her. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 162.

From B. Girandeau. 1777. December 20. La Rochelle.

His ship destined for Maryland or Virginia; begs Franklin to accord his captain letters of recommendation as he knows no one in that part of America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 163.

From Geo[rge] Walton. 1777. December 20. Savannah.

Has lately returned from Congress. Sums up the successes of the American arms; general opinion that Howe's safety depends on his flight; strictness of blockade around Philadelphia where horses are being killed for food. News just received of the capture, by the Americans, of the Syren and two transports off Rhode Island. Georgia in a tolerable state of defense; plundering war carried on by their neighbors in Florida. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 164.

From Jean Guillaume Jaeger.

1777. December 20. Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Concerning a powder mill which he desires to erect according to a new plan of construction, a sketch of which he encloses; applies to Franklin, as one of the greatest philosophers and mechanics, for his advice; would offer his services to Congress were he not old and fatigued with many campaigns. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 165.

From ——— Bedaulx née Le Chambrier.

1777. December 21. Neufchâtel.

Her son sailed in April with the Marquis de Lafayette; begs Franklin not to lose sight of him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 166.

From W. Hayes. 1777. December 22. Paris.

Writes on behalf of the orphan son of Mr. Huske whom he once served as the valet de chambre; his apprenticeship to Mr. Hooper, of Wilmington, nearly expired; begs Franklin to recommend the young man to some one of his friends in that part of the world. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 167

From Marquis Lefebure.

1777. December 23. St. Valery sur Somme.

Very uneasy about the bark, Le Dillon, and the captain, François Lefebure, his son; she was captured on July 24th by an American and taken, it was said, to Boston; has had no further news; begs Franklin to give him some information of the matter, if possible. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 168.

From Bertherand Defleury. 1777. December 23. Paris.

Begging for news of the fate of M. le Chevalier Du Coudray; ties of friendship and relationship make him hope that the public rumors may not be confirmed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 169.

From Patience Wright. 1777. December 23. Bath.

The bearer is Mr. Geo. Searle, who has advanced the twenty guineas for her bill on Franklin, drawn for the use of Mr. Platt. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 170.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1777. December 23. Nantes.

Sending a deposition made by Captain Benet, who was lately taken by the English at the entrance of the river. A. L. S. 2 p.

XXXVII, 127.

From Thomas Walpole. 1777. December 23. London.

Thanking Franklin for his valuable present to his son; hopes now that he possesses an impression of Franklin's person, he will study to

imitate his conduct. Misplaced confidence shown by the legislative and executive powers in the present ministers; Lord Chatham's views on this subject, as shown by his motion for a cessation of war and a recall of the troops; he and Lord Camden send their best compliments. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 171.

From ——— Rolandeau. 1777. December 23. Bordeaux.

Thanking Franklin for the flattering letter he has been kind enough to give him; begs that he will join to it an order for a free passage; M. Delap, at Bordeaux, the person to write to; his desires to sail at once. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 172.

From ——— Ballainvilliers. 1777. December 24. Paris.

Asking Franklin to take charge of the enclosed letter to his friend, M. de la Fayette. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 173.

From ——— de Favarez. 1777. December 24.

Use of tobacco ashes in dropsy; desires to know the dose and the method of administering it. His enthusiastic partisanship of the American cause. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 174.

From Benj[amin] Webb. 1777. December 25. London.

Recommending Mr. Roegler; his reputation as a scholar at the University of Leipzig. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 175.

From ——— Baudouin [Secretary to M. de Sartine].

1777. December 25. Paris.

Has received the letter Franklin sent; will translate and send it to M. de Sartine by his courier. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 176.

From Tho[ma]s Thompson. 1777. December 25. L'Orient.

Every matter concerning the Raleigh transacted by M. Bérard to his entire satisfaction; the port of L'Orient a safe harbor and easy of access. A. L. S. 1 p. VII, 177.

From Leopold, Comte Barbo.

1777. December 25. Fidesch, Hungary.

His former military services; desires to know how he can reach the headquarters of General Washington, and if, on his arrival, he will be sure to get a position as Major. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 189.

From Count Kothkowski. 1777. December 26. London.

Embarked on a Dutch ship bound for Boston with Franklin's letter of recommendation to General Washington; was taken prisoner and brought to Portsmouth; suffered all kinds of bad treatment from the English; his destitute condition; begs Franklin to write a line in his favor to Mr. Benjamin Vaughan, of London, who will then procure him the means of realizing his former intentions. L. S. 2 p.

VII, 178.

From Lavabre & Doerner. 1777. December 26. Paris.

Enclosing a letter for Franklin from Amsterdam and asking Franklin to give the bearer the promised letter of recommendation. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

VII, 179.

From Comte de la Cepède. 1777. December 26. Paris.

Concerning certain experiments which he invites Franklin to witness. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VII, 180.

From ——— Lambert. 1777. December 26. Basle, Switzerland.

Congratulates him on the victories in America, and requests a commission in the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

LXII, 62.

From Jean Louis Destelan de Norey. 1777. December 27. Rennes.

Account of his services and request for a commission in the American navy. A. L. S. 3 p.

LXII, 89.

From [George] Arnold. 1777. December 27. Mayence.

Veneration Germans have for the heroic deeds of General Arnold. Is he the son of a Mayence butcher? Was he a monk of the order of St. Francis? Arnold wrote to Mayence in 1773. Received papal dispensation recently. Thinks General Arnold is his son. A copper print of Arnold, made in London, in 1776, and sold in Mayence, confirms his belief. Others assert that General Arnold was born in New England. A. L. S. 3 p.

LIX, 12.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1777. December 27. Nantes.

Requesting another letter of credit on M. Grand. A. L. S. 1 p.

VII, 181.

From Rob[er]t Morris. 1777. December 27. Manheim, Pa. .

Has been entirely undeceived with respect to his brother; being unable to defend him longer, is determined to give him up entirely to his own fate; apologizes profusely to Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane for his conduct in this affair; his error founded on misinformation. L. S. 2. p. (In duplicate.) VII, 182.

From Ebenezer S[mith] Platt. 1777. December 27. Newgate Prison.

Thanking Franklin for relieving his sufferings; in case of an exchange, begs that he may be included therein. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 183.

From Jean Bauchers & Co. 1777. Decemebr 27. Prague.

Offering their services as dealers in glass-ware asking for the usual measure of window glass in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 184.

From Chevalier de Bazantin. 1777. December 27. St. Augustine.

Still another proof of his customary bad luck; sailed for America July 18th; arrived at Charlestown; received a sum of money from the Committee of Carolina to enable him and the other members of the corps to join General Washington; captured on the way by two English frigates; held as prisoners in St. Augustine, Florida; privations and miseries; their united desire to return home; begs Franklin to narrate these facts to anyone who takes an interest in his fate. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 185.

From ——— Cantini. 1777. December 28. Paris.

Encloses a letter and begs Franklin to send the answer to his care. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 186.

From Frère Monézy. 1777. December 28. Bergerac.

Begs Franklin to intercede for him, a carmelite friar, with Father Gautier, in Paris, and to ask that his failings be condoned. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 187.

From W[illiam] Alexander. 1777. December 28. Dijon.

Introducing Comte de Rostaing a general officer of artillery and a man of great worth. Great victories obtained in America. Reminds Franklin of his promise to give his son an introduction to the Bishop of St. Asaph. A. L. S. 3 p. VII, 188.

From The Dowager Duchesse de Deux-ponts.

1777. December 28. Paris.

Requests a commission in the American army, for her nephew, M. de Fontevieux. L. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 46.

From Chevalier Haudouin. 1777. December 28. Paris.

Recommending a friend who wishes to enter the American service. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 51.

From Laroque de Montels. 1777. December 28. St. Omer.

A request to enter the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 65.

From Lavabre & Doerner. 1777. December 28. Paris.

Begging Franklin to send, by bearer, the letters of recommendation he promised them. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) VII, 190.

From ——— Gurlade. 1777. December 29. L'Orient.

Informing him that the two frigates of Congress, the Raleigh and the Alfred sailed that afternoon, accompanied by the King's frigate which had orders to render them every assistance; during their stay, neglected no opportunity of being useful to them. Arrival of Mr. Moylan. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VII, 191.

From James Moylan. 1777. December 29. L'Orient.

Departure of the Raleigh and Alfred, accompanied by a French sloop of war; will communicate with him later on the subject of his errand at L'Orient. A. L. S. 2 p. VII, 192.

From ——— Le Francq. 1777. December 30. Montreuil.

Begging for news of his son, Antoine-Maximilien-César Le Francq, who enlisted under the American flag. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VII, 193.

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From I. Washington. 1777. December 30. Le Haye.

Believes he is related to the famous general of the same name; begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to him containing a copy of his coat of arms; ardently desires to go over to America, should this relationship prove to be true. A. L. S. 3 p. **VII, 194.**

From Ausquer du Marqués. 1777. December 30. Rennes.

He requests to enter the American army, if in no other way, as a common soldier. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 82.**

From [Comtesse] B. [de] Conway. [1777?] December 31. Auxerre.

Congratulating him on the late successes in America; asks if it is true that Mr. Allen has a letter for her from her husband, the General; good wishes for Franklin and America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 30.**

From W[illiam] Lee. [1777. December ?] Chaillot.

News in the London papers of the evacuation of Mud Island. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 112.**

From [J. Thornton]. 1777. December ? London.

Delivered all the letters, except those of Lord North and Sir Grey Cooper. A. L. 1 p. **VII, 195.**

From M. Adanson. [Circa 1777.]

Sending his address and requesting that it be given to Mr. Deane. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 12.**

From ——— Amabert. [1777?]

Requests a commission in the army. Mem. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **LXII, 2.**

From Mme. Armand. [Circa 1777.]

Inquiring about her son, Colonel [Charles] Armand [Marquis de la Rouerie], who was serving in the American army under General Gates. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 121.**

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft. [1777. Paris?]

Arrival of Mr. Hodge from Dunkirk; Mr. Deane entreats Dr. Franklin to come to town immediately on business of very great importance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 124.**

From Chevalier de Beauteville. [1777?]

Gives an extract from a letter written to him by Abbé d'Aydie concerning a young nobleman, M. d'Abzac, who wishes to go to America and serve under La Fayette. Asks if Franklin can give this young man a passport and a letter of recommendation. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 264.**

From Le Bègue de Presle. [1777?]

Account of how the Board House, at Purfleet, was struck by lightning and what damage was done, mostly to the roof of the building. After the accident the lightning rods on the roof were found to have a round copper knob or cap at the top, instead of being sharply pointed as recommended. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 20.**

From [Père Joseph Etienne] Bertier. [1777?]

Desiring to serve in the American army. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 131.**

From Père [Joseph Etienne] Bertier. [1777?]

Inquires if he has any news of M. de Fleury a French officer in the service of the United States. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 27a.**

From ——— de Brétigny to The American Commissioners. [1777.]

Is a captain of infantry with rank of lieutenant colonel; proposes to bring to America, at his own expense, ten officers, also to fit out a troop to be commanded by these officers. M. de Beaumarchais endorses him. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 13a.**

From ——— Brisson. [Circa 1777.]

Offers to supply Congress with flint stones for use by the American troops.

A. E. by Franklin thanking him for his offer and promising to send it to Congress. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 97.**

From W[illia]m Carmichael. [1777?] Wednesday —.

Sends substance of Lord Chatham's motion. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIII, 153.**

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From ——— de Chanteclair. [1777?]

Request to enter the service of America. Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
LXII, 24.

From Duc de Chaulnes. [Circa 1777.]

Has been to see Abbé Rochon who showed him an experiment in electricity with a metal jar on a glass base. Thinks he has found the explanation of the phenomena which takes place in this experiment. Asks Franklin's opinion of his theory. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
XLIV, 241.

From Duc de Chaulnes. [1777.]

Urged by one of his friends to recommend to Franklin, de Neuville, a French officer who desires to fight in the army of the insurgents; has a high opinion of the gentleman's bravery, but considers a recommendation of this kind indiscreet and useless. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
XLI, 23.

From Le Ray de Chaumont. [1777?]

Proposal for sending weekly packet boats to the United States. Mem. 1 p. (In French.)
LXI, 52.

From ——— Coder. [Circa 1777.]

Proposes to furnish uniforms for the American troops. Describes and gives cost of each article, which compares favorably with similar articles supplied to the French troops. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XLII, 77.

From ——— Coder. [Circa 1777.]

Reports on the clothing and equipment proposed for the American troops. Recommends a certain type of uniform and makes several suggestions. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XLII, 76.

From ——— Coder. [Circa 1777.]

Urges Franklin to accept his proposals to furnish supplies for the American troops and to send skilled workmen to repair and keep the equipments and clothing in good condition. Observations on the political situation in England as viewed with relation to the colonies in America. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)
XLII, 79.

From ——— Coder. [1777?]

Claims that the uniforms and clothing, supplied by him for the American troops, are much superior to those previously supplied by others. Requests Dr. Franklin and Deane not to delay their orders, as otherwise he would be at considerable loss. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XLII, 78.

From ——— Coder. [Circa 1777.]

Concerning the advisability of sending the material to America and having the uniforms made there rather than pay such exorbitant prices for them in France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XLI, 26.

From ——— Coder. [Circa 1777.]

Makes a report to Franklin on the 12,000 rifles which Dubourg and Dalibard propose to furnish to the United States. Approves the model. Suggests a few changes. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XLII, 75.

From ——— Coder. [Circa 1777.]

Describes different plans for destroying England's commerce on the sea, making raids on the English coast, seizing the channel islands and forcing England to come to terms with the United States. Submitted his plans to M. de Sartine. Deplores that they were not adopted by the latter. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
XLII, 59.

From the Compiler of the book "Affaires de l'Amérique." [1777?]

Recommending a young surgeon to the Deputies of Congress. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XLIII, 158.

From [Comtesse] D. B. [de] Conway. [1777?] Paris.

Report of a battle in America, six hundred English lost, and General Washington wounded; desires to know whether her husband and brother arrived in time to aid their friends; reminds him of his promise to tell her the news, whether good or ill. A. L. S. 1 p.
XLI, 56.

From ——— de Dangeuil. [Circa 1777.]

Inquires if Dr. Franklin will be able to come to see him as promised. N. S. 1 p. (In French.)
LXX, 77.

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From ——— de Dangeuil. [Circa 1777.]

Has called to see Dr. Franklin. Was acquainted with him in London in 1768 and a frequent visitor to him and Sir John Pringle. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 78.**

From ——— d'Arget. [1777?]

Request to enter the service of America. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 130.**

From S[ilas] Deane. Monday. [1777? Paris.]

Before the express leaves for Nantes, desires to know what sum must be paid Captain Bell. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 116½.**

From S[ilas] Deane. [1777?] Thursday. [Paris.]

Advises that a copy of a contract with M. de Chaumont be sent to Mr. Williams and also to the Secret Committee. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 117.**

From S[ilas] Deane. [1777?] Friday.

Sending letters, etc., received that evening from London; congratulating him on their important contents. Appointing a time to see him on business, relating in part to Captain Hynson. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 129.**

From S[ilas] Deane. [1777?] Monday.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Bingham with news of the safe arrival, at Martinique, of the cargo from Havre. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 199.**

From Le Maire de Dampierre. [1777?]

Request to enter the American service. Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 30.**

From S[ilas] Deane. [Circa 1777.] Saturday morning.

Wishes to see Franklin, in Paris that morning, as early as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIII, 164.**

From [Silas] Deane. [Circa 1777.] Monday.

Inquiring if Dr. Franklin is going to Versailles and if he could give him a place. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 165.**

From André François Broche Denombe. [1777?]

Request for himself and his nephew, Jean Baptiste de Belgarée, to enter the American service. Mem. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.)
LXII, 32 and 33.

From Antoine de Donjeux. [Captain of Infantry.] [Circa, 1777.]

Petitions for a military appointment in America, where he intends to settle with his family. L. 2 p. (In French.) XLII, 82.

From ——— D'Ornesan. [Circa 1777.] Gascony.

Desires to enter the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XL, 46.

From Mme. Duboccage. [Circa 1777?]

Thanking Franklin for sending her a poetical work entitled the "Vision of Columbus." L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLIII, 131.

From ——— Dubourgneuf. [Circa 1777.] Pont-Croix.

Begs Franklin to procure him a passage to America and the rank of officer in the army there. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLI, 13.

From [Charles Guillaume Frederick Dumas. 1777?]

Introducing M. Michel Rey, bookseller of Amsterdam. Books sent to Franklin; anxious for news of America; prophesies a great future for the country. Admiration for Robertson's histories. (Incomplete.) A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 1.

From ——— Dumont. [Son of the Marquis D'aubarede.]
[1777.] Chaillot.

Entrusted by Mr. Sayre with certain letters to be sent by the first two ships bound for America; desires to know when the next ship will sail. A. L. S. 2 p. XLI, 4.

From Baron Erenatius. [1777?] Paris.

Request to enter the American service. Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 41.

From Alex[ande]r Ewing. [1777?]

Asks Dr. Franklin's assistance to obtain the release of his ship from Dunkirk. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 101.

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From Jean Baptiste Alexandre Faurines. [Circa 1777.]

Request to enter the American army. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
LXII, 43.

From ——— Favrot. [1777?]

Desiring, with several of his friends, to serve in the American army.
A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 199.**

From W. Fergusson. [1777.] Paris.

Announcing the arrival of an express at Lord Stormont's with news
of an American defeat on October 24th. L in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 196.**

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. [Circa 1777.]

Sending a new translation of Richard, lent by M. Quétant. Will
let him know as soon as his cannon are in prime condition. A. L. in
3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 120.**

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. [Circa 1777.]

Asking Franklin to accept a gift of some story books which may
amuse his grandchildren. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 177.

From Col. Forester. [1777?]

Offers his services to the United States if given the rank of Major
General; would raise and train a regiment of dragoons in America to
serve during the war with England. Describes how they should be
armed and equipped. Mem. 9 p. (In French.) **LXI, 111-113.**

From ——— Franquelin. [Circa 1777.]

Offering to supply him with all the information concerning their
family and their possible relationship. L. 1 p. (In French.)
XLI, 153.

From [Captain] Garanger. [1777?]

Was to have sailed as an officer with M. Du Coudray for America.
Could not reach Havre in time. Wishes to be included in the list of
officers enrolled by M. Du Coudray and be given the means to leave for
America without delay. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 269.**

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [1777?]

Proposes, to Franklin, to send the list of articles which Congress needs to Holland to get the prices thereof for comparison. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 109.

From [Ferdinand Grand] to Messrs. Franklin and Deane. [1777?]

Enclosing a warning against a man in Morlaix called Walker. Invitation to dine with him the following day. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) XLII, 185.

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [Circa 1777.] Tuesday evening.

Inquiring at what hour he can get Franklin's instructions for Versailles and if the latter could lend him his carriage. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLIII, 184.

From ——— Greenwood. [1777.] Friday Morning. Paris.

Will wait on Franklin to learn if he has any commands as he leaves Paris Sunday. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XL, 31.

From ——— Hennet. [Circa 1777. Paris.]

Offering to supply America with arms. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XL, 157.

From James Hutchinson.

[1777?] Thursday, on board the ship Sally.

Promising to deliver Franklin's dispatches in Philadelphia, or to destroy them, should he fall into the hands of the piratical cruizers of Britain. A. L. S. 1 p. XL, 165.

From Chevalier de Kermorvan. [1777?] Guingamp.

Asking for news of his brother who was reported to have sailed for America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XL, 197.

From Chevalier de Kermorvan. [1777?]

Writes from America where he is erecting batteries and fortifying certain points on the coast. Deplores the lack of unity and activity amongst the Americans. Are averse to making any defensive preparations requiring labor until the enemy is upon them. Explains the difficulties he has

to contend with; engineering skill not appreciated. Learned with regret of M. de Woedtke's death in Canada. Solicits promotion to the latter's rank so as to have the right to take part in the Councils of War. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLII, 103.**

From Etienne Rousseaux Lacombe. [1777?]

Petition concerning his son, Jean Rousseaux, who was taken prisoner on the brig Lexington after a battle with English warships. D. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 17.**

From Francis Marc Antoine de Lafarge. [1777?]

Military history; requests to enter the American service. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 42.**

From [Madame] Noailles de la Fayette. [Circa 1777.]

Desiring confirmation of her good news from America. Enclosing a letter for a poor prisoner from his mother; begs that it may be forwarded safely. Wishes to know the first favorable opportunity for sending letters to her husband. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XLII, 149.

From François Le Marège. [1777.]

Induced by Captain de la Plaigne to enlist in a corps for service in the United States. Captured by an English privateer at sea. Lost all his money and effects. Appeals to Franklin for assistance. L. 4 p. (In French.) **LX, 46.**

From E[manuel] P[ierre] De la Plaigne. [1777.]

Is captain in the 1st Georgia regiment; sent to France by the State of Georgia on a military mission; petitions the American Commissioners to indemnify him, and his companions, for losses incurred through their capture by an English privateer and imprisonment in England. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXI, 145.**

From Abbé Le Clere de St. Etvain. [1777.]

He asks for the appointment of a day to see him and M. de Brétigny. Incloses a letter from M. Martin fils to whom Mr. Deane promised a letter and who has returned to Sedan to await his recommendation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 13b.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1777.]

Desiring to know if a young French gendarme can hope for the commission of officer in the American service. A. L. S. 1 p. (Partly in French.) XLII, 171.

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1777.]

Writes on behalf of a young French officer who desires to enter the American army; notable persons who are interested in the young man. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLII, 176.

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy. [1777.] Passy.

Asking the exact date Franklin expects them all for dinner. Sends the last proof of his memoir on the form to be given to conductors; desires Franklin's observations thereupon. A. L. S. 2 p. XLII, 177.

From [Jean Baptiste] LeRoy. [1777.]

Inquires about Franklin's cold and hopes that Mr. Deane is better. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 48.

From ——— de Ligonier. [1777?]

Gives his qualifications and requests to go to the United States. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 71.

From Comte de Lismore to the American Commissioners.

[Circa 1777.]

Requests a grant of land in one of the provinces of South America. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 72.

From Chevalier Loudeyx. [1777?]

Request to enter the service of the United States. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 73.

From Flobergue de la Rocatelle. [Circa 1777.]

Request to enter the army. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 109.

From Flobergue de la Rocatelle. [Circa 1777.] Toul.

Concerning his memoir sent months ago to Congress and General Washington, *à propos* of his plan to establish, in America, a school of engineering. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XL, 72.

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld. [1777.] Monday. [Paris.]

Sending an important letter the contents of which he ought to know. Promising him any news he may receive of M. Du Coudray and M. Leblond. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 115.**

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld. [1777.]

On behalf of his mother, invites Franklin and Deane to dine at her house. Is himself leaving for Rouen to-morrow. Will call and take breakfast with Franklin. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 229.**

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld. [1777.]

Sending Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane a letter which may interest them. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 292.**

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld. [1777.]

Forwards a package to Franklin from Abbé Rosier. Asks if there is any truth in the report of the capture of Mud Island and Red Bank forts. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 226.**

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld's Secretary. [1777?]

Requesting the address of Chevalier de Varaigne. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 31.**

From ——— de la Malmaison. [Circa 1777.] Chateaudun.

Desiring to enter the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLI, 75.**

From Chevalier de Marancourt. [Circa 1777.]

Requests to enter the American service, with suitable rank. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 78.**

From Chevalier de Marolles [de Lucé]. [Circa 1777.] Paris.

Offers his services to the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 81.**

From ——— Marquigny. [Circa 1777.]

Desire of two French officers of cavalry to enter the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 66.**

From [Thomas Antoine] de Mauduit, Chevalier Duplessis. [1777.]

Expressing an ardent desire to enter the American army; asks for the same treatment as that already accorded officers of his rank. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 57.**

From Nich[olas] McCormick. [Circa 1777?]

A begging letter from an Irish Franciscan friar. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 77.**

From Will[iam] M[a]cCreery to The American Commissioners. [1777-1778?]

Circumstantial account of the prize "Portsmouth" captured by the Swallow; expects to be censured as the owner of this vessel; is in no way responsible for the affair. A. L. S. 4 p. **XLI, 81.**

From ——— de Moleres. [Circa 1777.]

The record of his campaigns. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 116.**

From Hocquet Delulain de Mondrecourt. [Circa 1777.]

Wishes to enter the American service. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 83.**

From Samuel Stanley, Baron De Mons. [Circa 1777.]

Explains the straits to which he and his family have been reduced by the pillage of his plantations near Boston and Charlestown by both armies in America. Begs Franklin to help him secure possession of his property. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LXII, 85.**

From François Henry Hervée de la Mothe. [Circa 1777.]

Statement of his military career. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LXII, 53.**

From Joseph Gabriel Mounier de Courtois. [1777?]

Request to enter the American service. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 26a.**

From Joseph Parker. [1777?]

Concerning his mercantile affairs; desires Franklin's kind interference on his behalf. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 122.**

From Captain Pock, of the Ship Benjamin, to The American Commissioners. [Circa 1777.]

Applies for permission to arm and fit out his vessel as a privateer to wage war on English shipping. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 55.**

From Baron de Ried. [1777?]

Gives his qualifications and requests a commission in the army. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 105.**

From Baltazard Romand du Rosan. [1777?]

Request to enter the army. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LXII, 110.**

From Baron de Rullecour. [Circa 1777?]

Sends a letter from Abbé Bandeau. Offers to raise a corps of troops and seize the Zafarimes Islands for the United States and to wage war on English shipping. L. and Mem. 9 p. (In French.) **XLII, 86.**

From J[ea]n Rousseaux. [1777?] Calais.

His capture on the frigate "Lexington," and arrival in France, destitute of everything; applies for aid. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 69.**

From Nathan Rumsey. [Circa 1777.]

Excusing himself and M. Penet from dining with him owing to a previous engagement. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 73.**

From François Louis, Chevalier De Saillian. [Circa 1777.]

Gives his war record and copies of nine letters from different persons about him. Mem. 6 p. (In French.) **LXII, 115.**

From Sieur de Barre de St. Jean. [Circa 1777.]

Asks for a commission of lieutenant-colonel in the army. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 4.**

From ——— **Saint-Lambeu.** [*Circa 1777.*]

Chevalier Villepré sailing for America to serve as Lieutenant-colonel in the service of the United States; asks permission for his nephew to accompany him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 176.**

From **Le Sieur Teissier.** [*Circa 1777?*]

Is a surgeon of the Salpêtrière Hospital at Paris; offers his services to the United States. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **LVII, 98, and LXII, 120.**

From ——— **Vaquier.** [*1777?*]

Offers to produce in the United States, and furnish to the Government all the saltpetre it may need to make powder. Mem. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LX, 93.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** [*1777? Paris.*]

Sending copies of the letters patent granted to the Royal Society of Medicine, also a list of its members; desiring his presence at the next meeting of the Society. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 127.**

From ——— **de Vatteville.** [*Circa 1777.*]

Request to enter the service of the United States. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LXII, 122.**

From **Chalut de Verin.** [*Circa 1777.*]

Inviting Messrs. Franklin, Deane and Lee to dine with him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXII, 45a.**

From **Antoine Felix Wuibert.** [*1777?*]

Is Lieutenant-Colonel of Engineers in the service of the United States; taken prisoner on the fall of Fort Washington and confined in Forton prison in England. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 52.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

Jean Conrad Zollicoffer, formerly with Schweighauser of Nantes, is going to Philadelphia to begin business. Asks him to recommend him to some people there. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 286.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

Recommending an officer of artillery who wishes to go to America to seek a career there. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 113.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

Memorandum giving names of two French firms who could supply flour, clothing, etc. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 236.**

From ———. [1777?]

Has been requested, by the Marquis of Courtauvaux, to speak to Franklin about another artillery officer who is as highly recommended as M. Mauduit Duplessis. Asks if it would be profitable to send silk and other fabrics made at Lyons and Tours to North America. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 119.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

"Epistle to the United States and to Franklin." Poem. 4 p. (In French.) **LI, 43.**

By ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

"To Dr. Franklin, delegate from the United Provinces of America" and "to General Washington." Poem. 13 p. (In Latin.) **LI, 75.**

By ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

"Epistle to the Insurgents." Verses. 3 p. (In French.) **LI, 77.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

On King George and pointed and blunt lightning conductors. Verses. 1 p. **LI, 82.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

With reference to a proposed agreement between a Company in France and the United States Congress for the sale of tobacco to the former. Mem. 4 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 47.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

A plan for secretly attacking and setting fire to the English fleet in New York Harbor. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 55.**

From ———. [1777?]

Proposal to sell a newly built frigate mounted with thirty-six guns. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVI (i), 67.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

Petition from unknown against ——— Penet, agent for the State of Virginia. L. 4 p. (In French.) **LVII, 40.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

Outline of a project for raising, in the name of the King of France, a Regiment of Foreigners to be employed as auxiliaries in the service of the United States of America. Diss. 5 p. (In French.)

LXI, 5, 6.

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

List of stores on board of the privateer "Dolphin." Mem. 3 p.

LXI, 85.

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

Giving particulars of cannon which have been delivered at Havre and Dunkerque. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LXI, 114.**

From ——— to The American Commissioners. [*Circa 1777.*]

Requests that Chevalier de la Mothe be put at the head of the Engineers because of his great experience and that he be allowed 10,000 livres for his expenses. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 56.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

A young man asking to serve in America. L. in 3d P. 4 p. (In French.) **LXII, 129.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

Asks him, on behalf of a Boston printer, whether type for printing English and printing ink can be purchased in France. N. 1 p.

LXXI, 101b.

From ———. [*1777.*]

M. de Gimat, who went to America with Lafayette, has been appointed Captain in the Regiment de Viennois at Martinique. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 105a.**

From ———. [*Circa 1777.*]

Advice about business transactions with foreigners. N. in 3d P. 1 p.

LXXI, 130b.

LETTERS TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

From ——— **Goudar.** 1778. January 1. Aubenas.

Charged by a number of persons to offer him and General Washington the homage of their admiration. If among the manufacturers of Languedoc any article would be useful to Franklin, they will execute his orders gratis; begs in return for a portrait of General Washington. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VIII, 2.**

From **Madame Le Roy.** 1778. January 1. Paris.

In Paris a whole month and has not yet seen Franklin; expresses an enthusiastic attachment to him; will always glory in having such "a papa" as Franklin; invites him to dine with her father, the Comte de Milly. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **VIII, 2½.**

From **Claude Julien.** 1778. January 1. Paris.

Sends New Year greetings. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VIII, 3.**

From **Ra[ph] Izard.** 1778. January 1. Paris.

Desiring a little conversation with him that evening or the next; the gout prevents his leaving the house. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 4.**

From ——— **Le Blanc to The American Commissioners.**

1778. January 1. Paris.

Wishing them all good wishes for the New Year. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 7.**

From **Chevalier de Marolles de Lucé.** 1778. January 1. Paris.

Congratulating him on the reported surrender of General Howe. Hopes Franklin will soon receive word from Congress respecting the offer of his services as Captain of Engineers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 6.**

From **Joseph Chase.** 1778. January 1. Paris.

Requests the Commissioners, from the United States, to assist several American prisoners detained at Dinan, Mayenne, etc., and obtain their release. A. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 8.**

From Lambert Delassau. 1778. January 2. Chateau Thierry.

Not content with his position; wishes a commission in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 63.**

From Ra[ph] Izard to The American Commissioners.

1778. January 2. Paris.

The credit he received from the Commissioners on the public banker is exhausted; desires further instruction. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 5.**

From C[ourtney] Melmoth. 1778. January 2. Paris.

Requesting interviews for two persons; the one desires to go to America on the saltpetre and powder scheme; the other, a person who has been imprisoned in London for trading in the American service, and who has just lost a large cargo of tobacco, but is ready to venture forth again. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 6.**

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. January 2. L'Orient.

Desiring to know whether he is to accept certain proposals of M. Gurlade or procure a different connection; necessity of having a letter from Franklin addressed to the captains of vessels from America with certain instructions. A. L. S. 3 p. **VIII, 7.**

From Xavier Casani. 1778. January 2. Florence.

Is at work on a periodical encyclopædia, for which a universal correspondence is necessary; Franklin's reputation as the most amiable, the wisest of men; applies to him, therefore, to furnish some political reflections, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VIII, 8.**

From Chief-Justice Welleb. 1778. January 3. Basel.

Reflections induced by having seen certain intended reforms of the penal laws in "The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 9.**

From ———. 1778. January 3. Wurtzburg.

Determined to emigrate to America with his family, in spite of his proposition having been refused; asks numerous questions about the country. A. L. 4 p. (In French. Final part missing.) **LVIII, 108.**

From I. MacMahon. 1778. January 4. At the Military School.

Enclosing news received from the Chevalier de Keralio. Notwithstanding all the boasting of Lord Sandwich, he has not chased the American privateers from the coast of Europe. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 10.**

From Sam[ue]l Cooper. 1778. January 4. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Bradford whose father is the agent for continental prizes in Boston. The rapid depreciation of paper money their greatest difficulty. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 11.**

From Sir Philip Gibbes. 1778. January 4. Paris.

Asking Franklin to appoint an hour when he may call. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **VIII, 12.**

From J[ames] H[utton]. 1778. January 4.

Enclosing a letter for Mr. Nathaniel Seidel, in Bethlehem, which, if Franklin approves, he desires sent on. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 13.**

From Captain G[ustavus] Conyngham to

The American Commissioners. 1778. January 4. St. Sebastian.

Brig "Gracieux" captured by him; refutes the report that an insult was thereby given to the French flag. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLVIII, 149.**

From I. MacMahon. 1778. January 5. At the Military School.

Enclosing an invitation from the Duchesses de Mortemart for Franklin and his son to dinner. Report of the English having taken Mud Island, and having had seventy of their officers wounded; put the garrison of four hundred men to the sword. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 14.**

From [Sir] Philip Gibbes. 1778. January 5. Paris.

Presses upon him to devise the means whereby an honorable negotiation may be opened between Great Britain and America. A. L. S. 2 p. **VIII, 15.**

From J. de Sparre. 1778. January 6. Strasbourg.

Has written many letters, but has received no answer to his offers; his interest in the Colonies. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VIII, 16.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] *to* The American Commissioners.

1778. January 6. The Hague.

Extract from a dispatch of the Comte de Degenfeld, Dutch Minister at Vienna, and a copy of a note from the Prince de Kaunitz, concerning the termination of the differences between the Austrian and Palatine Courts. Publication in the London Evening Post of a pretended Resolution of Congress of December 30th, 1776; desires to know if there is any truth in it; in the same paper, read with admiration their letter to Lord North with his pitiable reply. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 20.

From ——— Doerner, Jr. 1778. January 6. Bordeaux.

Thanking Franklin for certain letters of introduction; his desire to render himself in some manner useful to them. A. L. S. 3 p.

VIII, 17.

From Rogon de Klenguy. 1778. January 6. Lamballe.

His tenth letter to Franklin but has not received a line of response; his earnest desire to enter the service of America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 18.

From ——— Galevon. 1778. January 6. Ivry-la-Bataille.

Applies to Franklin for details of the new remedy, tobacco ashes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 19.

From Marston Watson. 1778. January 6. Bilbao.

Concerning the schooner Hawk's prize Britannia, which was seized by the Marquis de Basecourt, General of St. Sebastian, with a design of confiscation on a spurious pretense of piracy, the vessel unrigged, the cargo unloaded and disposed of, and the crew confined in prison; entreats Franklin's intercession. A. L. S. 1 p.

VIII, 20.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. January 7. Chaillot.

Indignant that the despatches to Congress are to be sent under the care of Mr. Carmichael; with Deane's and Franklin's sanction, had promised them to Mr. Stevenson; this promise is flatly contradicted in a letter written to Mr. Stevenson by the Commissioners; objects to being kept in the dark and resents the deepest insult that can be offered a gentleman:—a direct and unjust impeachment of his veracity. A. L. S. 4 p.

VIII, 21.

From James Moylan. 1778. January 7. L'Orient.

The ship, Duras, for sale at L'Orient, would be a cheap purchase; suggestions in case she is bought. News of Captain Butler of the privateer ship Molly who left Boston November 15th; took four prizes and is headed for some port in Spain. A. L. S. 3 p. **VIII, 22.**

From De Père Meilhan. 1778. January 8. Mezin.

A friend of America; has a strong desire to adopt that country for his own; law is his profession; desires Franklin's advice as to how he could best invest his money. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VIII, 23.**

From Jacobus Oberleithner. 1778. January 9. Vienna.

Offering his services to the Americans as a physician, provided some fixed salary be assured him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VIII, 24.**

From W. Blakey. 1778. January 9. Liège.

Congratulating him on the capture of Burgoyne; angry with the American Council for not scalping him. Hurt at M. Morand's mention of him in the former's stuff about pit-coal; encloses letters on the subject. Will soon have his "Art of Watch and Clock Making" in print; will send it when finished. Rails against the tyranny of England and enthuses over the defenders of liberty. A. L. S. 2 p. **VIII, 25.**

From I. MacMahon. 1778. January 9. The Military School.

Sends another paper of American news; the sea fight between the privateers seems true; very different accounts given by the English frigate. Expects to dine with him at the Duchesse de Mortemart's. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 26.**

From John S. Harmanson to The American Commissioners.

1778. January 9. Bordeaux.

Requesting to know if any resolve of Congress has been passed in the state of Virginia, which would require a person who has property there to return after a certain time or forfeit his rights to it. Reasons why he has been detained in Europe; his devotion to the American cause; only came over to serve his country. A. L. S. 3 p. **VIII, 27.**

From Rod[olp]h Valltravers. 1778. January 10. Lyon.

England will listen to no intercession. Congratulates him on the successes in America. His plan for establishing a public bank in France impracticable. Has to retrieve his private fortune which has been much impaired during his ten years' public services. Sends Franklin an electrical pistol which discharges inflammable air with great force. A. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 29.

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. January 11. Paris.

M. Dubourg and M. Jeuneux very anxious for Franklin to inspect some electrical instruments. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 30.

From I. Gosum. 1778. January 11. Liège.

Begging Franklin to honor him with his orders for arms. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 32.

From ——— De Lor. 1778. January 11. à La Flèche.

Introducing the Lieutenant-General of the Presidial of La Flèche, where for the last three months he has been working in experimental physics. His pleasure at the success of the American arms. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.). V, 12.

From Ralph Izard. 1778. January 13. Paris.

Enclosing the Gazette Extraordinary which gives an account of the evacuation of Mud Island and Red Bank; expects news of great importance from the tenor of Howe's letter. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. VIII, 34.

From ——— Desparbéz. 1778. January 13. Luneville.

Request for employment in Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 34.

From Lt. General Forget De Baris. 1778. January 13. Borgonville.

Introduces Monsieur Gillot, of German Lorraine, who wishes a commission in the army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 3.

From Cullet du Pugieu. 1778. January 13. Lyon.

Intends to go to America with his small fortune. Asks how to get there, etc. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 109.

From ——— Arnold. 1778. January 14. Metz.

Asking for news of his brother, François Arnold, who went to America during the war between France and England; afterward remained there as Secretary to the Commissary at Quebec; a soldier of his name is serving in the American army; if it be his brother, desires to join him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 35.

From Rodolph Valltravers. 1778. January 15. Lyon.

Informing Franklin that he has forwarded him a book entitled "*Sim-lerus de Rebus publicis Helvetiorum.*" A. L. S. 1 p.

VIII, 36.

From De Marion Bresillac. 1778. January 15. Castelnaudary.

Desires to enter the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 37.

From Duc de Moussefat. 1778. January 15. Paris.

Recommending M. Esckhout, a young surgeon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

LXII, 86.

From ——— Hennet. 1778. January 16. Paris.

Has received no notice of the arrival of the sabres at Nantes, where they were sent at Franklin's request; desires payment for the rifles. Proposition of the manager of a foundry to furnish cannon, etc., or to send his son to America to conduct the business. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

VIII, 38.

From ——— de Belsague. 1778. January 16. Saint Omer.

Desires to make other arrangements in case Franklin cannot procure him employment suitable to his rank. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 39.

From ——— de Villepatour. 1778. January 16. Paris.

Desiring to know if Chevalier Duplessis distinguished himself during the late victories in America in such a manner that he received a present of two horses from Congress in recognition of his bravery; if true, will endeavor to procure "La Croix de St. Louis" for this young man. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 40.

From de Graffenried, Baron de Worb.

1778. January 16. Berne.

Is the possessor of some valuable papers dated in the early part of the century concerning the American Colonies; will send them to Franklin and desires his opinion of their value, etc. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

VIII, 41.

From Arthur Lee to The American Commissioners.

1778. January 17. Chaillot.

Sorry that the things to which he objected have been continued in the instructions for Captain Jones; prevented thereby from giving his signature to them except in the manner which he has the honor to send.

A. L. S. 1 p.

VIII, 42.

From ——— Bouvier. 1778. January 18. Paris.

Writes for Messrs. de Gonault & Co. who offer their services to purchase a supply of shirts for America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 43.

From J[ohn] C[arroll].

1778. January 18. Rock Creek, near Georgetown, Md.

Congratulates Franklin on his health, position and opportunities for meeting interesting people; sees in many ways that Franklin is much in mode in Paris. The feeling in America is that France delays too long. Sad death of M. Pliarne; foul play suspected. News of General Schuyler's family; the treatment of the General universally considered cruel. His friendship and interest in L'Abbé Brotier. Hopes Franklin will soon return to the western world where he will be received with transports. A. L. S. 4 p.

VIII, 44.

From Moursan de Romas. 1778. January 18. Nerac.

Is the widow of M. de Romas, member of the Academy of Sciences and a worker in electricity. Enclosing a memoir concerning a work of his on the invention of a new rudder for vessels; offers this work to America. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

VIII, 45.

From Chevalier De Ricard. 1778. January 18. Toulon.

Request, for himself and his brother, to enter the army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

LXII, III.

From ——— de Carn. 1778. January 18. Amboise.

Desires to go to Boston to fight for America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 17.**

From August Wilhelm Weyl. 1778. January 18. Bonn on the Rhine.

Wishes to espouse the American patriots' cause. Is deterred because of unfavorable newspaper reports. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 89.**

From Degimat Ponymarmont. 1778. January 19.

Inquiring about De Germat, an officer in la Fayette's army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 70.**

From Js. Rutledge, Bt. 1778. January 20. Paris.

With reference to an English family who wish to set up in trade in the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. **LX, 82.**

From ——— Purtchaires. 1778. January 20. Toul.

Wishes to settle in the United States. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 110.**

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn. 1778. January 20. Dunkirk.

Arrival of two wounded seamen taken in the Lexington. Capture of the brigantine, L'Amiable Reine. News from New York of the defeat of Cornwallis and 6,000 royalists by General Gates; Cornwallis with 1,500 of his men taken prisoner; 900 left dead on the field. German troops deserted and joined the American army. Seventy-six pieces of brass cannon captured by the Continental troops. A. L. S. 2 p. **VIII, 46.**

From Jno. Emery. 1778. January 20. Bilbao.

Enclosing two newspapers brought from Newburyport by the Captain of a small schooner. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 47.**

From Abbé Arnoux. 1778. January 20. Lyon.

Future alliance of France and America. Expects to be in Paris next month when he hopes to embrace Franklin; what America owes to him. His pleasure in the good news from the Colonies marred by the anticipation that Franklin will return to his own country. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VIII, 48.**

From J. B. Rogler. 1778. January 20. Paris.

Begging Franklin to name a time when he may pay him a short visit.
A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 49.

From I. MacMahon. 1778. January 21. Paris.

His promise to dine with him to meet M. de Bussy, formerly Plenipotentiary Minister at the Court of England. The taking of some French ships, by the English, on the very coast of France must at least rouse the spirit of the Premier. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 50.

From The Continental Congress, Committee on Secret Correspondence, to The American Commissioners.

1778. January 21. Yorktown, Pa.

The state of military affairs; evacuation of Ticonderoga and Mt. Independence; Indians perfectly quiet; General Burgoyne and his troops near Boston; the General will not be suffered to depart until the Convention of Saratoga is ratified by the Court of London; enemy in possession of Rhode Island; respective positions of General Howe and General Washington. A. L. S. Jno. Witherspoon, James Lovell.
3 p. VIII, 51.

From Gourelade, Berard freres & Cie, and Demonplaisir, to The American Commissioners. 1778. January 21. L'Orient.

Informed Mr. Beaumarchais that they are ready to account with him for the whole proceeds of the cargo of the Amphitrite; sorry that the accounts of their disbursements for the two frigates exceeded Franklin's expectations; consider Franklin's expressions disagreeable; their disappointment at receiving such treatment. A. L. S. 3 p. VIII, 52.

From [James] Hutton. 1778. January 21. Passy.

Desires that his brethren's settlements on the coasts of Labrador may not be molested by any of the American armed vessels; every year supplies are sent to the missionaries on that coast, who would starve should the vessel be taken. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 53.

From Tho[ma]s Shore. 1778. January 22. Cape François.

Sending Franklin some introductory letters received from his friends in Virginia. Begs Franklin's assistance in the choice of correspondents, and his influence in recommending their firm. A. L. S. 1 p.

VIII, 55.

From W. Wildrik. 1778. January 22. Namur.

Begs for a letter, favorable or otherwise. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 56.

From ——— Pigou. 1778. January 23. Paris.

Has discovered a new way of using gun powder, by which it is possible to fire twelve shots a minute from cannon and with increased velocity and effect. Wishes an interview. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XLIX, 22.

From James Moylan. 1778. January 23. L'Orient.

Report brought by a vessel from Baltimore of the capture of New York and Rhode Island by the American troops; this spur needed to enliven the merchants of L'Orient and St. Malo. The ship *Duras* too old for any profitable purpose. A. L. S. 2 p.

VIII, 57.

From Comte de La Crespiniere. 1778. January 23. Gacé.

Request to enter the American service. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

LXII, 26b.

From Chevalier d'Eon. 1778. January 24. Versailles.

Called to congratulate him on the latest events in America; drank his health at the house of his friend M. Le Ray de Chaumont. Invitation from his brother-in-law, le Chevalier O'Gorman, for Franklin to visit him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 58.

From Baronne Demahuet Olivier.

1778. January 24. Pont-à-Mousson.

Desires the enclosed letter to be sent to a relative of hers at Salem, M. André Olivier. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 59.

From Dufourny de Villiers. 1778. January 24. Paris.

Encloses a memoir to be forwarded to Congress if Franklin approves; his desire to become a citizen of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
VIII, 60.

From Rev. Erhard Christien Hechtfisher.

1778. January 25. Ickelheim, near Windsheim.

Rejoices at the success of the American arms; his countrymen of Anspach unwilling to fight against the Americans. Desires to emigrate to the United States. A. L. S. 2 p.
LIX, 87.

From [Capt.] de Franval. 1778. January 25. Paris.

His brother uneasy at receiving no answer to his letter to Franklin written three weeks before, inclosing an important receipt; begs that it may be returned to him at once. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VIII, 61.

From J. B. Junck. 1778. January 25. Luxembourg.

Desire on the part of certain iron founders and workmen skilled in every trade, to settle in America, and pursue their various callings; concerning a grant of land and privileges; being Catholics, they wish to know if their religion may be practiced openly. A. L. S. 4 p. (In Latin.)
VIII, 62.

From Comte de Montagnac. 1778. January 26. Nevers.

Enclosing a prospectus of a history of the Maréchal de Turenne, which he expects to publish shortly; desires to dedicate it to General Washington; wishes to know how many copies he shall retain for the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

Dedication and prospectus of a new history of the Maréchal de Turenne. 7 p.
VIII, 63.

From Van den Yver & Co. 1778. January 26. Amsterdam.

Desires to open a business connection with Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VIII, 64.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. January 27. Chaillot.

Begging Franklin to revise and certify the enclosed state of facts in order to prevent painful disputes. Color of roots of trees and plants when deprived of light. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
VIII, 65.

From ——— Regnier. 1778. January 27. Vannes.

Asking for advice and information on the question of settling in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 111.**

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.

1778. January 27. Dunkirk.

Afraid that the account of the action between General Gates and General Cornwallis was premature; condition of the English in New York. The wounded men from the Lexington given every attention; the cutter which took the Lexington has been captured by an American armed ship. A. L. S. 3 p. **VIII, 66.**

From ——— Edrobal. 1778. January 27.

Report of a proposition made by Lord Chatham for a suspension of arms in America during the winter; question of freedom of trade with various countries. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VIII, 67.**

From Comte d'Attems. 1778. January 27. Nantes.

Asking that the bearer be given his gold watch; mortified to have inconvenienced Franklin thus. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VIII, 68.**

From James Hutton. 1778. January 27. London.

His ardent desire for reconciliation between Great Britain and America; believes anything short of absolute independence would be practicable. A. L. 1 p. **VIII, 69.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 233).

From Joseph Duhattoy. 1778. January 28. Ivry.

Requests to enter the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 35.**

From B. Maiguien. 1778. January 28. Paris.

He asks permission for his brother, a surgeon, to enter the service of the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXII, 77.**

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. ——— 28. Paris.

Sends him a copy of his last work, with an impromptu poem, by his wife, addressed to Franklin on his presenting his portrait to a lady. A. L. S. 2 p. **VIII, 70.**

From Ra[iph] Izard. 1778. January 28. Paris.

Concerning the Article under consideration by the Commissioners as to whether an exemption from duty on molasses is an equivalent for a total exemption of all the exports of North America to the French West Indies; bitterly opposed to the execution of this article; his reasons for this; complains of not having been consulted earlier on this point. A. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 71.

From Emmery père et fils. 1778. January 29. Dunkirk.

Pressure of business prevented them from informing Franklin of the arrival of Captain Berthelot from New York; enclosing an abstract in French of the Captain's report of that unhappy town. A. L. S. 2 p.

Abstract of Captain Paul Berthelot's account of affairs in New York. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 72.

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. January 29. Paris.

Has sustained the loss of a large fortune; no longer able to support his family with his pen; disappointed in obtaining a secretaryship with the Commissioners; in immediate need of £60; desires Franklin either to put him in the way of earning this sum by writing, or advance it to him as a loan. A. L. S. 3 p. VIII, 73.

From Davies Inglesina. 1778. January 29. Paris.

Visiting Paris; desires to wait on the ingenious inventor of the "Divine Armonica." A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 74.

From Ra[iph] Izard. 1778. January 30. Paris.

The extraordinary neglect with which he has been treated; forced to complain to Franklin; begs him again to reconsider the Article, which was the subject of his last letter, or at least to make the Treaty for a term of years only. A. L. S. 3 p. VIII, 75.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. January 30. Chaillot.

Stating his objections to the admissibility of the 12th Article concerning the duty upon molasses in the proposed commercial Treaty. A. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 76.

Printed in R. H. Lee's *Life of Arthur Lee*, I, 126.

From James Moylan. 1778. January 30. L'Orient.

Informed that the Government has ordered 2,000 seamen to be raised in Nantes and 2,500 in St. Malo, besides a number of bakers who are all to proceed at once to Brest; no fishing vessels bound for New Foundland are to be admitted into the seaports. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 77.

From Davies Inglesina. 1778. January 30. Paris.

Regretting their inability to dine with Franklin owing to his sister's late illness, but hopes to have the honor of waiting on him. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 78.

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. January 30. Paris.

Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane indifferent to his labors. Mrs. Melmoth ill of a fever. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 80.

From [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] to The American Commissioners. 1778. January 30. Versailles.

Acknowledging their letter; will examine the translation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 81.

From ——— Quemizet. 1778. January 31.

Desires to emigrate to America and obtain a position as a master-dyer; wishes to know if this plan is practicable. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 79.

From [Silas] Deane to The American Commissioners.

1778. January.

Concerning the opening of Mr. Lee's despatches by Mr. Carmichael and the latter's intention of taking the book, in which they were written, to America; Mr. Deane has written for a copy of them. They contain a libel on two of the best men in America. Mem. 1 p. VIII, 85a.

From Millin de Labrosse. [Circa 1778. January.]

Urges Franklin and Deane to indemnify him for the losses he incurred whilst serving in the United States as Lieutenant-Colonel and during his imprisonment in England. Offers his services again if reimbursed for his losses. Mem. 4 p. (In French.) (In duplicate.) LXI, 142 and 143.

From W[illia]m Carmichael. 1778. February 1. Nantes.

Unexpected attack on his character made by Mr. Arthur Lee; gives a detailed account of his conduct since his residence with Mr. Deane; his means of support, etc. Informs Dr. Franklin of the death of Mr. Thomas Morris. Expects to sail in eight days. A. L. S. 5 p.

VIII, 82.

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. February 1. Versailles.

Introducing M. Bordot, one of the first victims of England's resentment; his zeal for the American cause; begs Franklin to make him their agent in the town of La Rochelle. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

VIII, 83.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. February 1. Chaillot.

Enclosing a note, sent by the Baron Schulenberg, with information of the price of arms in the King of Prussia's manufactory with permission to let the Commissioners have whatever they order. A. L. S. 1 p.

Note of the prices of arms. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 84.

From [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] to Messrs. Franklin and Deane. 1778. February 1. Versailles.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter, in regard to Article 12 of the Treaty of Commerce; afraid it is too late to take notice of Franklin's request to have Articles 11 and 12 omitted. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 85.

From ——— Tartivot. 1778. February 1. Courcelles.

Recommending two young men who propose to go to the United States. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

LX, 113.

From Henry Johnson to The American Commissioners.

1778. February 2. Rotterdam.

Escaped from Mill Prison, England, in company with Captain Eleazer Johnson. Shocking condition of prisoners at Mill Prison. A. L. S. 1 p.

LIII, 61.

From The Navy Board of the Eastern Department to The American Commissioners. 1778. February 2. Boston.

Bills of exchange for £100 have been drawn upon the Commissioners in favor of William Dennie, of Boston, in order to procure money for John Adams, about to embark to join the Commissioners. A. L. S. W[illiam] Vernon, Ja[me]s Warren. 2 p. **LIII, 60.**

From ——— Goudar. 1778. February 2. Aubenas.

Hopes that he will accord him an answer to his former letter, and at the same time send him the portrait printed on paper of General Washington. Desires to send him a box of truffles, an article celebrated in his Canton. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **V, 49.**

From Arthur Lee. 1778. February 2. Chaillot.

Desiring the loan of two Boston papers and wishing to know if anything has been decided relative to supplying him with the necessary funds for his appointment in Germany. A. L. 1 p. **VIII, 86.**

From S. Hartley. 1778. February 3. London.

Desired by his friend, D[avid] H[artley], to forward the enclosed letter. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 87.**

From ——— Santoux. 1778. February 3. Bordeaux.

Asking for information concerning the use of tobacco ashes in dropsical complaints. His method of treating venereal diseases. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VIII, 88.**

From [Capt.] de Franval. 1778. February 3. Versailles.

No answer to his or his brother's letter; begs Franklin to return his brother's note and the letter of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VIII, 89.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1778. February 3. Nantes.

Left the Lion at St. Nazare; has done with both French ships; afraid the Brune will be left. Death of Mr. Morris in his absence. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 128.**

From ——— Fournier le jeune. 1778. February 3. Paris.

The type is ready to be sent. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
VIII, 90.

From Lucas Butot. 1778. February 3. Bodegraven.

His zeal for the American cause; encloses a memoir concerning a new process of making bullets. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VIII, 91.

From Charles d[e] Hirschberg. 1778. February 3. Strasbourg.

Sent some time ago a copy of Franklin's Interrogation which he had translated into French. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 92.

From [A.] Rodolph Gruner to The American Commissioners.

1778. February 4. Paris.

Presenting them with a picture which he has composed, and begging permission to dedicate it to them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VIII, 93.

From Ra[lph] Izard to The American Commissioners.

1778. February 5. Paris.

When Congress sent him a commission for the Court of Tuscany they did not inform him to whom he must apply for money; desires to know if they can furnish him with a letter of credit. A. L. S. 1 p.
VIII, 94.

From ——— de la Radière. 1778. February 5. Orbec.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his son, an officer [colonel] in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VIII, 95.

From Comte de Sarsfield. 1778. February 7. Paris.

Accepting an invitation to dine with Franklin provided he can be released from a previous engagement. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
VIII, 96.

From Comte de Turin. 1778. February 7. La Ferté-Bernard.

Begs Franklin's advice and assistance, in procuring from America, various animals and birds, that they may be introduced into France. His desire to visit America; hopes that his only son will take up arms for that country. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VIII, 97.

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From ——— DuMont. 1778. February 8. Paris.

Published years before a History of the English settlements in America; the new interest attaching to this subject makes him desirous of remodelling his work and continuing it up to the present time; M. Dubourg has assured him of Franklin's interest and his wish to see the History; encloses a copy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VIII, 98.

From G. Tackoen. 1778. February 9. Mechlin.

Desires information as to some printer or postmaster in America to whom he can apply for a newspaper containing authentic accounts of actions in America. A. L. S. 2 p. XI, 125.

From The Continental Congress, Commercial Committee, to The American Commissioners. 1778. February 9. York, Pa.

Announcing William Lee's appointment as Commissioner to the Court of Prussia and the removal of Thomas Morris from the Commercial Agency; directed by Congress to desire Franklin to appoint one or more suitable persons as Commercial Agents in France. L. S. William Ellery, James Forbes, Fra[ncis] Lewis. 1 p. VIII, 99.

The same in duplicate with resolution of Congress. 2 p. (Copy.) LXXV, 46.

From Joseph Ceronio. 1778. February 9. Genoa.

Asks for tidings of his son; last news of him was from St. Domingo. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 100.

From John Hancock. 1778. February 9. Boston.

His ill health obliged him to leave Congress for a time. Recommending a young gentleman, Mr. Wm. Vernon, to his particular notice; he desires to enter some mercantile house. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 101.

From Bar[nabas] Deane. 1778. February 10. Boston.

Recommending to Franklin's protection a son of his brother, Silas Deane, who may be absent from Paris when the child arrives; desires that he may be placed in a good school. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 102.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. February 10. Paimboeuf.

The affair of Quiberon in every broker's mouth. Were any continental marine power in Europe disposed to avail themselves of the present situation of affairs in America, a single blow would finish everything; explains how the enemies' fleet could be surprised and crushed. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 103.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. February 10. The Hague.

Extract from the despatch of M. Berkenro[o]de, Dutch Minister at Paris, concerning certain warlike preparations in France; extract from a German letter concerning the arrival of General Rewitzki from the Court of Vienna, à propos of the trouble with Bavaria. Possibility of a war between England and France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 21.

From Ferdinand Weisheim. 1778. February 10. Cologne.

Offering his services. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 84.

From ——— Cambon and ——— Massart.

1778. February 10. Dunkirk.

Have studied medicine under the best masters and have had experience in the army; they wish to enter the American service as surgeons. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LXII, 18.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. February 11. Nantes.

Arrival of Captain Jenkins from Nantucket; reports that General Lee was exchanged for General Prescott; the army in high spirits and in want of nothing; the English driven within Kingsbridge by General Gates, who, it is thought, will attack New York before he joins General Washington. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 129.

From ——— de Hellfriedt. 1778. February 11. Marseilles.

Desiring Franklin to appoint a time and place for an interview; willing to come all the way to Paris to lay before Franklin certain proposi-

tions of very great consequence to North American commerce; drops certain hints of the intended proposals but dares not speak further in writing; the need of absolute secrecy. A. L. S. 3 p. **VIII, 104.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1778. February 12. Paris.

Asking why he failed to appear at dinner at the house of Mesdames, les princesses de Sapicha and de Sangusko; the ladies were inconsolable. Sending two memoirs from Mlle. Basseporte and messages from Messrs. Reignier and Coder. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **VIII, 105.**

From Le Gouëslie de Montcarel. 1778. February 12. Versailles.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter from M. de la Raudière to his son in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VIII, 106.**

From Philip Jacq. Kaum. 1778. February 12. Strasbourg.

Sending Franklin a letter from George Michel Bishoff in Sonnenburg. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 107.**

From [Isaac] Van Teylingen. 1778. February 12. Rotterdam.

Concerning the ship Chester, captured by an American privateer and taken to Charlestown; entreats Franklin to consider the circumstances and procure for the losers some indemnification. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **VIII, 109.**

From Arthur Lee to Franklin and Deane.

1778. February 13. Chaillot.

Acknowledging Messrs. Franklin and Deane's letter acquainting him with their purpose to send away the public despatches on Monday next; desires to know if this is to be done without consultation upon them or upon the person (unknown to him), to whom they are to be confided. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 110.**

From Sam[ue]l Cooper. 1778. February 13. Boston.

Introducing the bearer, William Cooper, the son of his eldest brother. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 111.**

From W[illiam] S[trahan]. 1778. February 13.

Sends to Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane a stilton cheese. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 21.**

From ——— Gentzkow. 1778. February 15. Paris.

An officer of the English army, forced to leave England for killing another officer, requests service in the American army. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 47.**

From Arthur Lee to Franklin and Deane.

1778. February 15. Chaillot.

Complains of a want of consideration for him relative to the sending away of the public despatches; has not been consulted about this matter at all; desires to know why he should be placed in the light of an incapable or suspected person; his close attention to all public business; desires to wait on them with several proposals of importance concerning the public despatches. A. L. S. 3 p. **VIII, 113.**

From Rawleigh Colston. 1778. February 15. Cape François.

Is the agent for the Commonwealth of Virginia in the island of Martinique; has been denied the privilege of buying and selling in his own name and compelled to connect himself with a French merchant at the expense of half his commissions; applies to Franklin to have these restrictions suspended in the case of American agents; mentions another French law, the Droit d'Aubaine, which is sufficient to destroy the credit of any foreigners. A. L. S. 3 p. **VIII, 114.**

From Col. Jacques Roberdeau. 1778. February 15. Haguenau.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to General Roberdeau whom he is persuaded is related to him. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 115.**

From Chevalier de Franval. 1778. February 16. Orbec.

Surprised that Franklin has paid no attention to his or his brother's repeated requests; trusts that only a pressure of affairs causes this neglect and begs that the desired papers may be returned. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **VIII, 116.**

From Prince Mostouski. 1778. February 16. Près de Paris.

Having read Franklin's interrogation and having examined the beautiful Constitutions, has entirely changed his sentiments; desires an interview with Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **VIII, 117.**

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From ——— Le Blanc. 1778. February 16. Paris.

Complaining of unfair treatment by Mr. Deane. A. L. S. 2 p.
(In French.) LXI, 63.

From Sam[uel] Nicholson. 1778. February 18. Quiberon Bay.

Account of a small difference between Captain Vorvisca and himself; confusion this created; timely arrival of Mr. Williams to whom he refers Franklin for an unprejudiced account of the affair; convinced he has been ill-treated. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 118.

From Baron de Geusau. 1778. February 18. Paris.

Came from Vienna expressly to offer his services to America; is travelling strictly incognito. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 119.

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. February 19. Paris.

Understands that the Abbé Condillac has just come to town; asks Franklin for the letter of recommendation to him which he left in Franklin's hands; a plan which is not yet fit for Franklin's observation. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 120.

From W[illia]m Parsons. 1778. February 19. Dieppe.

Has a wish to help America; his brother's position in the English army; his unexceptional family connections; his military services. A. L. S. 3 p. VIII, 121.

From ——— Delagrange. 1778. February 19. St. Quentin.

Unable to feed and clothe his wife and five children on his small salary; applies to Franklin for money. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VIII, 122.

From Roger Wilbraham. 1778. February 19. Paris.

Applies to Franklin for a remedy for dropsy, on behalf of a lady at Vienna. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 123.

From John Risdell. 1778. February 19. St. Malo.

Served on Captain Wickes's ship, the Reprisal, for a space of twenty months; has been in the hospital three months; is now well again but greatly in need of clothes and money; wages and prize money due him from the ship; desires Franklin to send him a certain sum. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 124.

From D[avid] H[artley]. 1778 February 20. London.

Concerning Lord North's plan of reconciliation; admires the spirit of Franklin's sentiments to Lord Howe; urges the arrest of any fatal treaty with the House of Bourbon. Danger of reporting things said in public counsel. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 125.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 237).

From Millin de Labrosse. 1778. February 20. Paris.

Renews his request for a settlement of his claim for expenses incurred in America and England whilst in the service of the United States as a military officer. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXI, 141.

From Michel Bonniot and Eymas Labate.

1778. February 21. Bordeaux.

Enclosing a letter just arrived on the ship Bordelais; cause of the delay; offer their services to Franklin. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 126.

From La Goaner & Co. 1778. February 21. La Corunna.

Enclosing the desired accounts. Concerning the seizure by the commanding general of the Province, of certain funds proceeding from prizes taken by Captain Conyngham; also a letter of Arthur Lee's as Commissioner, desiring them to retain at his disposal the half of the net profits of prizes, which belong, in his opinion, to Congress. L. S. 3 p. VIII, 127.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. February 23. Chaillot.

Mentioning the titles of the bills moved by Lord North; his opinion that Mr. Hartley gave in too much to the King's and Lord North's temporizing policy. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 128.

From Count of Kothkowski. 1778. February 24. London.

Wrote to Franklin in an earlier letter of his being taken prisoner, deprived of everything and brought to Portsmouth whence he proceeded to London. Messrs. Vaughan and Towgood promise him help if Franklin will write them a letter on his behalf; desires to join the brave defenders of liberty. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 129.

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From M[ichael] Hillegas. 1778. February 24. Yorktown.

The bearer, the Baron de Holtzendorff, not having obtained the service he expected is returning to France. Acknowledging Franklin's favors of January 23d, 1777, per Mr. Lutterloh to whom he will show all the civilities in his power. A. L. S. 1 p.

VIII, 130.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. February 25. Chaillot.

Desiring Franklin's presence, the next day, to superintend the examination of the public papers of the late Thomas Morris; desires to get away to Germany as soon as possible. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

VIII, 131.

From La Goaner & Co. 1778. February 25. La Coruña.

Concerning the seizure of the funds by the Commander-General of the Province; enclosing a copy of all their accounts with Captain Conyngham; news of the cargo of the Black Prince; feasibility of selling prizes in the above port. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

VIII, 132.

From Arthur Lee to Franklin and Deane.

1778. February 26. Chaillot.

The return of their despatches by Mr. Simeon Deane is an event from which great public consequences may flow; hurt at not being consulted in the matter; points out unpleasant results of this step; desires a consultation on the subject. A. L. S. 2 p.

VIII, 133.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. February 26. Chaillot.

Making an appointment to meet Dr. Franklin and Mr. Deane the following day. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

VIII, 134.

From ——— Boux. 1778. February 26. Nantes.

Difficulties in the way of his taking passage at once; little difference he has had with Captain Nicholson; kindness of Mr. Williams who wrote Dr. Franklin the enclosed letter on his behalf. Desires a small advance of the amount due him to pay his current expenses. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 135.

From Duchesse de Melfort. 1778. February 26. Paris.

Stating her claim to certain settlements in New Jersey and New York through her cousin, Lord Drummond, of Perth; desires an audience with Dr. Franklin. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **VIII, 136.**

From Henricus Godet. 1778. February 26. Paris.

Wishing to know Franklin's address in case he should have occasion to write him from Holland, and giving his own address there. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 137.**

From ——— Keay. [1778.] February 27. Paris.

Sends him a political pamphlet, by the author's desire. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 198.**

From G. Becker. 1778. February 27. Bayonne.

Desires to go to America and there pursue his commercial career. A. L. S. 4 p. **VIII, 139.**

From Arthur Lee to Franklin and Deane.

1778. February 28. Chaillot.

The propriety of postponing his proposition. The necessity of sending the treaties in French; offers to copy them himself. Advises the immediate sailing of the convoy. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 140.**

From Carolus Gaudini. 1778. February —. Genoa.

Discusses the present methods of investigation in medicine; encloses a printed statement composed by himself, of physiological problems deduced from the teachings of Hippocrates. L. S. 1 p. (In Latin.) **VIII, 138.**

From [Jean-Pierre] Béranger. 1778. March 1. Lausanne.

His plan for writing a history of the United States; Lord Clives offered him the materials, but the work was to be done under his direction and he preferred to remain free; aid given him by M. Le Sage; asks Franklin's advice as to various books and maps to be consulted. Encloses letters concerning his exile. Sends his "History of Geneva" desires "Le Bonhomme Richard" in return. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **VIII, 141.**

From W[illiam] Lee. 1778. March 2. Chaillot.

Willing to submit his judgment to Franklin's and deliver to him the trunk containing the late Mr. Thomas Morris's papers; desires an important letter for America to reach Mr. Deane before he sails. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 142.**

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 2. Dunkirk.

Announcing the arrival, at Dunkirk, of Captain Henry Johnson, late commander of the Lexington, and Eliazad [*sic*] Johnson, captain of the Dalton; both made their escape from Plymouth prison; desires Franklin's orders relative to Captain Henry Johnson. Total loss of the cargo of the brigantine, l'Hirondelle. A. L. S. 2 p. **VIII, 143.**

From ——— Whitechurch. 1778. March 2. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of the letters of recommendation he brought him last October from Messrs. Raspe and Dalrymple; reasons for his long absence. Will return to Paris later, and wishes to consult Franklin before proceeding to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 144.**

From [James] Hutton. 1778. March 2.

Acknowledging letters of February 1st and 12th. Franklin's advice such that little use can be made of it; as a peace-wisher, not being tall enough to be a peace-maker, he cannot propose the points Franklin hinted at. Always grieved at the treatment Franklin met with in England. Hopes the past may be forgotten and that both sides may embrace cordially. A. L. S. 2 p. **VIII, 145.**

By J. D. R. de Raudière. 1778. March 3. Tournay.

The "Ameriquiade." On the war between England and the American Colonies. Predicting its disastrous results for England. Dedicated to Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane and Arthur Lee, American Commissioners in France. Poem. 31 p. (In French.) **LI, 58.**

From D[avid] H[artley]. 1778. March 3. London.

Lord North's conciliatory bill; Lord George Germain's hearty concurrence with it and strong desire for peace. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 146.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 245).

From S[amuel] Wharton. 1778. March 3. London.

Sends by Captain All, the Parliamentary Register, the Remonstrance, newspapers, etc.; the captain a sincere well-wisher to America. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 147.

From P[atrick] Henry. 1778. March 3. Williamsburg.

Captain Lemaire has agreed to procure, for Virginia, such articles as are absolutely necessary for her defense; he carries an invoice to William Lee; question of paying for the articles with tobacco; begs Franklin to render aid in this matter. Chesapeake Bay guarded by English ships; no hope of facing Britain on the water unless assisted by France. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 148.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. March 3. Chaillot.

Postponing the meeting till the following day at Passy; begs for the Committee's letters. L. in 3d P. VIII, 149.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1778. March 3. Nantes.

Question of the 50,000 livres being paid. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 130.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. March 3. Nantes.

Rejoiced at M. Chaumont's success. If the 50,000 livres are paid in America, asks how he is to be reimbursed for his expenses and commissions. Reasons why he does not wish to take his powers from Mr. Lee; Mr. Morris's failure to keep his part of the agreement made between them; refers Franklin to the enclosed extracts [4 p.] for his entire connection with the *Lion*. His brother Jack to sail in a day or two. A. L. S. 6 p. XXXVII, 131.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1778. March 3. Nantes.

Duchesse de Grammont still at St. Nazare; question of a new convoy. Arrival of Captain Chapman, from Boston, in the brig Nantes; no further news from America. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 132.

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From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.
1778. March 3. Nantes.

Affair of the prizes. Concerning the acceptance of the bill for 50,000 livres; disposition of the effects of Mr. Josiah Crosby, who died of smallpox. A. L. S. 4 p. XXXVII, 133.

From W[illia]m Bingham. 1778. March 5. St. Pierre.

Unhappy at having his letters neglected; his reasons for desiring to be informed of anything of importance; protection the Americans meet with in the ports of Martinique; their prizes sold openly. No attention paid to the violent clamor of the English governors; daring behavior of an English frigate in capturing an American privateer under the very guns of a French fort. A. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 150.

From Richard Peters. 1778. March 5. York, Pennsylvania.

Honored with several letters by the hands of foreign gentlemen, desirous of serving the cause; impossible, owing to their ignorance of the language, to find places for them. Very anxious to obtain some news of his father whom he fears is prevented from communicating with him. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 151.

From Ra[lph] Izard to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 5. Paris.

Intends setting out as soon as his gout and the weather permit, for the Court of Tuscany to which Congress has appointed him; desires to be informed of any proceedings entered into with the Court of France, also wishes copies of any treaties concluded with that Court. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 152.

From Sam[uel] Vaughan. 1778. March 5. London.

Introducing his son John who is about to become an inmate in the house of Messrs. Barton & Co., at Bordeaux; requesting Franklin to give him any necessary advice. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 153.

From Benjamin Vaughan. 1778. March 5.

Great variety of opinions concerning America. Description of a debate in Parliament concerning a peace in America; opinions of the Dukes of Grafton and Richmond and Lords Weymouth, Radnor, Hillsborough, Suffolk and Temple. A. L. S. 8 p. VIII, 154.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 246).

From W[illiam] Lee. 1778. March 6. Chaillot.

Sending the keys of the trunk containing Mr. Thomas Morris's papers; desires an answer that night to his letters to the Commissioners relative to the commercial agents. A. L. S. 1 p. **VIII, 155.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 6. The Hague.

Enclosing extracts from ministerial despatches; trouble caused by the arrival at Lisbon of the English vessel the Hero, suspected of being a privateer. Possible rupture between France and England. Conversation held with the Grand Pensionnaire of Amsterdam showing the attitude of Holland towards America. Lawsuit in Amsterdam owing to the purchase of sugar from American vessels by the French who loaded it on Dutch vessels. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 22.**

From I. Rocquette, A. Elserier and P. Rocquette to The American Commissioners. 1778. March 6. Rotterdam.

Two vessels are ready to depart, one to Curaçao and the other to St. Eustatia; will take charge of any letters they may have to those places. Prices of tobacco and rice; glad to receive consignments of these articles. A. L. S. 2 p. **VIII, 156.**

From John Ross. 1778. March 7. Nantes.

The abuse of power by Mr. William Lee as Commercial Agent, in seizing, privately searching and carrying off the books, papers, etc., of Messrs. Willing, Morris & Co. and the private correspondence of Robert Morris with his deceased brother; considers it an arbitrary insult to the laws of their country; in need of Franklin's advice and opinion as to his future conduct in this matter. L. S. 3 p. **VIII, 157.**

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 7. Nantes.

The Duchesse de Grammont still waiting their permission to proceed to sea. Attempt made to procure a ship to carry the remaining goods. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVII, 134.**

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From G. Ganseford. 1778. March 7. Bordeaux.

Desires to ship a cargo of tobacco but the custom's officer in Bordeaux refuses to give him the necessary clearance papers; begs Franklin to speak to M. Necker in order that the edict of the King of 1721 may be enforced. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 158.

From Comte Dalet. 1778. March 7. Venice.

Asks for a commission in the army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) LXII, 1.

From Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillou. [1778.] March 7. Passy.

A jesting pretense of being his spiritual adviser; absolves him of all sins past and present provided he loves God, America and herself; acquits him of all the seven cardinal sins, except a weakness for women. A. L. S. (In French.) 2 p. XLIII, 19.

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 310.

From Lucas Butot. 1778. March 8. Amsterdam.

Is absolutely convinced of the effect of the bullets; desires only two hundred guineas for his secret. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 159.

From Chevalier de la Pleignière. 1778. March 8. Caen.

Sends with this letter a package of his printed papers; trusts the papers may be useful to Franklin's young compatriots. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 160.

From ——— Becker. 1778. March 10. Madrid.

Writes on behalf of his brother, who desires to pursue his commercial career in America [see VIII, 139]. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VIII, 161.

From W[illiam] Lee. 1778. March 11. Chaillot.

Complains of the delay in placing before the Commissioners his proposition about appointing agents in the ports. An account of his journey to Nantes to take possession of Mr. Thomas Morris's papers and the unjustifiable behaviour of Mr. Ross in that matter; resents the letter [see VIII, 157] Mr. Ross wrote to the Commissioners concerning him, and their attitude in approving it. A. L. S. 3 p. VIII, 162.

From Jno. Emery. 1778. March 11. Bilbao.

The case of Captain James Babson; his prizes were restored by the French; injustice of this; will compensation be made Captain Babson for his loss? A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 163.

From Peter Le Poole. 1778. March 12. Amsterdam.

Sends a copy of two commissions delivered to him by the respective Governors of Virginia and North Carolina, as their agent for receiving and selling. Begs to be allowed to forward his letters under Franklin's care to friends in America. Desires news of two brigantines, in which he has an interest. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 164.

From ——— de Gruffy. 1778. March 12. Paris.

His proposed visit to America. Takes advantage of the Comte de Conway's recommendation to offer his services to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 165.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1778. March 12. Nantes.

Sending two of Franklin's banker's books, which he found among his papers. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 135.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 13. The Hague.

Extracts from ministerial despatches concerning European affairs; trouble between Austria and Bavaria; war-like preparations; rumored war between Turkey and Russia. Desires to know what he must say if questioned concerning Mr. J. P. Merkle and his enterprise. Acknowledging Mr. Wm. Lee's favor of the 8th inst.; will publish his good news in the Gazette. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 23.

From Rod[olph]h Valltravers. 1778. March 13. Bienne.

Has received no intimation that his six previous letters to Franklin arrived safely. Warns him against the five bribed and bribing emissaries sent by England to make a show of transacting peace; results to be expected should America reject proposals of reconciliation. Sketches the indemnification England ought to grant. Laughs at the dreaded alliance between France and America; no ally in need of protection was ever benefitted by France. A. L. S. 4 p. VIII, 166.

From Harmon Courter. 1778. March 13. Coruña.

Account of his journey to Coruna and the difficulties of weather, roads, etc. Curiosity of the people as to his business. Will embark that evening in disguise. News of Captain Conyngham. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 167.

From Sam[ue]l Martin. 1778. March 14. Whitehaven.

Hopes to shake off the gout soon and pay Franklin a visit; refers him to the bearer, Mr. Nathaniel Dowse, for all particulars. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 168.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. March 14. Nantes.

Recommending M. de Fontevieux; his wish to embark on the Duchesse de Grammont. News of Mr. Deane's recall; slanders which may arise from this circumstance. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 136.

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners. 1778. March 14. Nantes.

Informed by Mr. Grand that his bills still remain unapproved; fears such delay may hurt the credit of his paper. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 137.

From Ægidius Du Jardin. 1778. March 14. Gand.

Begs for information concerning the principal houses dealing in tobacco, rice, sugar, etc., the sort of merchandise it is expedient to send to America, the safest route for his ships to take, and the difference of money, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 169.

From Chevalier O'Gorman. 1778. March 14. Tonnerre.

Has sent the wine Franklin ordered; the bottle of white wine is a small mark of his attachment; encloses the accounts for the other bottles. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 170.

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. March 15. Paris.

Introducing M. Monié, a painter of portraits, to Franklin's notice. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 171.

From Henricus Godet. 1778. March 16. Amsterdam.

His desire, and that of other merchants, to see Franklin in Holland; would take that opportunity to introduce him to the principal leaders at Court; thinks it would tend to the mutual service and public good. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 172.

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. March. 16. Paris.

Card of introduction. N. S. 1 p. LXXI, 7a.

From Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon. [1778. March] 16. Passy.

Declines to engage in a discussion with Franklin on the Ten Commandments. Points out the reserve and discretion in conduct which women are obliged to observe and the liberty allowed to men in their relations with the opposite sex.

Postscript about a collection of Scotch airs received from Mr. Alexander. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLIII, 20.

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 311.

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. March 16. [Paris.]

Introducing a gentleman who wishes to see Franklin about a discovery relating to powder and saltpetre. A. N. S. 1 p. LXXI, 7b.

From Eliz[abeth] Clough. 1778. March 17. London.

Enclosed letter for her only son in America. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 173.

From Jno. Walke to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 17. Bordeaux.

Announcing the conclusion of the dispute between Mr. Bond and himself; verdict of the court gives him leave to depart from Bordeaux with his vessel; each party to pay their own costs; advisability of carrying on the suit. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 174.

From The Governor of Georgia. 1778. March 17. Savannah.

The son of a Georgian, Mr. O'Brien, who was sent to school at Smith's Academy near London, the report prevails that he has been trepanned on board a British man-of-war in the Thames and detained as a prisoner; begs Franklin to inquire into this matter and if it is true, effect exchange of prisoners. A. L. S. John Houstoun. 2 p. VIII, 175.

From Edward Bridgen. 1778. March 18.

Introducing M. Garnier, Secretary to the French Embassy, who desires the honor of being known to the greatest man living. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 176.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. March 18. Nantes.

Recommending Captain Dunn and Mr. Curtis, lately arrived from Georgia. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 138.

From Courtney Melmoth. [1778.] March 19. Paris.

Sending the promised pamphlet on American affairs. A. L. S. XL, 106.

From [Antoine Court de] Gebelin. 1778. March 19. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Hutton. Disappointed at not meeting him at the house of the Marquis of Mirabeau. Will send him the 5th volume of the "Monde Primitif" for which he subscribed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 179.

From W[illiam] Lee to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 19. Chaillot.

Asking for a copy of the treaties they have entered into with the Court of France, that he may not propose anything inconsistent therewith to the Courts of Vienna and Berlin. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 180.

From Jonathan Poop. 1778. March 19. Paris.

With reference to a fatal quarrel between a civilian and some officers and to a court trial resulting therefrom. L. S. 4 p. (In French and English.) LXXI, 126.

From [C. G. F. Dumas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 20. The Hague.

Congratulating them on the union of America and France; the reception of the news and the rumors afloat. Quotes his own letter to the Grand Factor. Offer of protection for himself just received. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 24.

From Roches de Condormes.

1778. March 20. St. Nicolas-de-la-Grave.

Concerning a work of his, which sets forth an admirable method of learning the French language. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

VIII, 181.

From ——— Montaudouin. 1778. March 21. Nantes.

Delighted at the commercial treaty between America and France. Has a medallion of Franklin in terra cotta, very well executed; quotes the latin motto to be inscribed thereon. Sends messages to various friends. Expresses, for Franklin, the greatest admiration and affection. A commercial proposition of one of his friends, which he desires Franklin to communicate to Mr. William Lee. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

VIII, 182.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 21. Nantes.

Matters concerning the Duchesse de Grammont. The Dolphin's seizure and the sentence of the Admiralty on it; encloses Tonnay's account. 3 p. (In French.)

XXXVII, 139.

From I. MacMahon. 1778. March 22. At the Military School.

Congratulating him on the results of the negotiations with France; thinks America's independence is assured—when will poor Ireland's turn come? Concerning a fine poem inscribed to Franklin by a lawyer of Avignon. A. L. S. 1 p.

VIII, 183.

From J. D. R. de Raudière. 1778. March 22. Tournay.

Has written Franklin a poem entitled "The Ameriquiade" which he sends with other papers; promises never to offend in this manner again. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

VIII, 184.

From [J. D. R. de Raudière] to The American Commissioners.

[1778. March 22. Tournay.]

Addressing his poem "The Ameriquiade" to Franklin, Deane and Lee. Hope they will do something to alleviate his distress. Verses. 1 p. (In French.)

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From William Lee. 1778. March 23. Chaillot.

Will wait on Franklin the next day to take leave of him and hopes the copy of the treaties will be ready for him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
VIII, 185.

From Samuel Wharton. 1778. March 23. London.

Several of his friends disposed to lend money to the United States; desired by one of them to find out the manner in which the loans are made and the amount of interest. L. 1 p.
VIII, 186.

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn. 1778. March 23. Dunkirk.

Congratulating him on the glorious conclusion of the treaty with France. His devotion to the cause of America. All the English ships in the harbor have been stopped by order of the Court; the captains of the French vessels fearing a retaliation, dare not proceed to sea. Recommends Captain Chandler as an able pilot. A. L. S. 3 p.
VIII, 187.

From Père [Joseph Etienne] Bertier. 1778. March 23. l'Oratoire.

Expressing the greatest interest on the part of himself and his confrères in Franklin's success; trusts that the affair which Franklin has charge of will come to a successful issue. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
VIII, 188.

From F. Dilkes Hore. 1778. March 24. St. Omer.

A declaration of war on the part of Great Britain makes it necessary for him to apply to Franklin for permission to remain at St. Omer with his family; has endeavored for many months to get to Boston but without success; has offered his services, through General Gates, to the Congress. Has written Franklin many letters under a disguised name; Colonel Mercer will inform Franklin who he is. A. L. S. 2 p.
VIII, 189.

From John Adams. 1778. March 24. Brest.

His advice to Captain Landais was to apply to the Intendant of Marine for such materials and workmen as were needed to repair the ship; disposition to be made of the prisoners. Applies to Franklin for clothes on behalf of the midshipmen and other petty officers. A. L. S. 2 p.
VIII, 190.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 24. The Hague.

Rumors of war between England and France. Foreign news; war decided upon between Turkey and Russia. Amusing dialogue between the French Ambassador, M. de Béranger, and Sir Joseph Yorke. Is no longer laughed at for his chimerical views, but is spied upon worse than ever. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 25.

From P. Nicephore. 1778. March 24. Gien.

Is a Capuchin monk, therefore cannot aid the Americans in the capacity of a soldier but is extremely anxious to go over as chaplain to the regiment in which two of his brothers serve; with some difficulty has obtained permission from his Superior; begs Franklin to intercede with M. de Sartine in his behalf. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 191.

From ——— de Gruffy. 1778. March 24. Paris.

As he has decided to live in America, begs Franklin's permission to call on him as a compatriot; has a letter for him from the Comtesse de Conway. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 192.

From Mme. Brillon. [1778. March]? 25th. Passy.

Cannot give Franklin a list of his sins, as it would be too long; they all spring from one source, however. Cannot approve or tolerate the dangerous principle, which Franklin seems to have adopted, that love and friendship can be divided up *ad infinitum* and distributed amongst any number of persons. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLIII, 97.

From ——— Du Mont. 1778. March 25. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to aid him in his design of continuing his History of the English Colonies in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 194.

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. March 25.

Concerning the manufacture and purchase of various cannon. Proposition of M. Hannet to establish an iron foundry in America. L. 1 p. (In French.)

VIII, 194a.

From ——— **Hennet.** 1778. March 25. Paris.

Very anxious to know when he may pay his respects to Franklin and talk with him on certain matters of importance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
VIII, 195.

From ——— **Gastellier.** 1778. March 26. Montargis.

Overjoyed at Franklin's triumph over his enemies; congratulates him on the intrepidity with which he has upheld the cause of liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
VIII, 196.

From **Joh. Ph. Merckle to Messrs. Franklin and Deane.**

1778. March 26. Amsterdam.

Forms with his friends a considerable expedition, which is almost ready to sail. The person from whom he purchased arms, conformable to the Commissioners' list, insists upon his taking them on board; impossible to place such an article in the cargo; begs them to interfere. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. dated April 13, by Franklin. The Commissioners have done everything incumbent on them relative to Mr. Merckle's affairs, and do not incline to have any further concern with them. VIII, 197.

From ——— **de Laval.** 1778. March 26. Paris.

Desires to ask Franklin's advice on certain matters. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
VIII, 198.

From ——— **Montécot.** 1778. March 26. Paris.

M. Baillot has invented a new metal of a whitish gray color suitable for coins of small denomination. Offers to disclose his secret and to send a sample of the metal made by him. Mem. 2 p. (In French.)
LIII, 62½a.

From ——— **Derglanières.** 1778. March 27. Chaillot.

Sending Franklin an article on the love of liberty, and proposing a system of revenue for the United States instead of the ruinous and unjust taxation in force in most countries. L. and Diss. S. 11 p. (In French.)
LVII, 65.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] *to* The American Commissioners.

1778. March 27. The Hague.

Arrival of their good friend, the Factor. Awaits only an important letter from them before setting out for Amsterdam; explains the several preliminary steps before the proper moment arrives for Franklin to appear on the scene; impossible to push affairs further without important instructions from them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 26.

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld. 1778. March 27. Brest.

At last America and France are declared friends, and Franklin, Minister Plenipotentiary. Anxious to know if Mr. Deane is really returning to America; desires to see him before he sails. Expects to dine with Captain Jones in a day or two on board one of the French frigates. Begs for news. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 199.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. March 27. Chaillot.

Decided that, owing to his connection with the Spanish Court, he could not venture as far as Germany; his brother has therefore set out. Concerning the business of the loan bills. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 199½.

From John Johnstone. 1778. March 27. St. Malo.

Narrating a series of misfortunes befallen him since he sailed from Dartmouth on the 27th of June. Is now at St. Malo, in France; begs Franklin to obtain his freedom that he may return to his native country. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 200.

From Recules de Basmarin et Raimbaux.

1778. March 28. Bordeaux.

The close bonds between France and America. The admiration due to Franklin's talents and the homage due his character. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 201.

From [Capt.] Emanuel Pierre De la Plaigne.

1778. March 28. Bordeaux.

Difficulties and discussions he has had with Messrs. Bayard & Co. on the score of passengers; fears that they will not keep to their agreement. Expects to leave for l'Isle de Ré the following Monday. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) VIII, 202.

From John Ross. 1778. March 28. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. John B. Paschen, a native of Hamburg, who desires the honor of meeting the first Ambassador of the United States of America; assistance he has received from Mr. Paschen in his claim against the city of Hamburg. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 203.

From ——— Du Mont. 1778. March 28. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for the information he has given him; if he continues his "History of the English Colonies," will make use of it. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) VIII, 177.

From Ra[lph] Izard. 1778. March 29. Paris.

Concerning the desirability of granting, to a certain man, a passport to Italy. Disappointed at receiving no explanation on certain points mentioned in his letter of January 30th, wherein he thought himself injured. Desires to know if he is to expect any answer from the Commissioners to his letter of the 5th inst. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 204.

From ——— Wyss. 1778. March 29. Longwy.

Request to enter the American army. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.) LXII, 126 and 127.

From ——— de la Genetière. 1778. March 29. Paris.

A long account of misfortunes. To Franklin alone could he confide his sorrow without shame, and beg for assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) VIII, 205.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 30. Bordeaux.

Acknowledging his appointment as commercial agent for the Secret Committee of Congress at the ports of Bayonne, Bordeaux, Rochefort and La Rochelle; will observe all orders implicitly. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 206.

From James Moylan. 1778. March 30. L'Orient.

Capture by the frigate Oiseau of a privateer brig of sixteen guns belonging to London. Arrival of the ship Harmony Hall, loaded with tobacco, rice, slaves, etc., from Newbern, North Carolina. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 207.

From ——— Lambert. 1778. March 30. Paris.

Hopes Franklin will find in the enclosed letter enough to justify his troubling him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 208.

From ——— Lambert. 1778. March 30.

Copy of a letter sent to M. Sabbathier, Secretary of the Academy of Chalons, on the suppression of mendicancy together with his answer. L. 4 p. (In French.) VIII, 208a.

From Abbé de Rochemure. 1778. March 30. Paris.

Begs for the honor of a moment's audience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 209.

From ——— Goudar. 1778. March 30. Aubenas.

Begs Franklin to procure him an engraving of General Washington. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) VIII, 210.

From Ra[1ph] Izard. 1778. March 31. Paris.

Considers that he has acted justifiably. A. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 211.

From Jno. Williams. 1778. March 31. Nantes.

His nephew (Jonathan's) departure for Bordeaux. Sends the public papers. Gives extract from a letter (1 p.) concerning the probable destination of the English fleet, which left New York on October 19th. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 171.

From Arthur Lee to Messrs. Franklin and Deane.

1778. March 31. Chaillot.

The report of Mr. Deane's intending departure from Paris obliges him to repeat the request that the public accounts should be settled; reasons for this demand. L. S. 1 p. VIII, 212.

From Chevalier O'Gorman. 1778. March 31. Tonnerre.

Concerning the wines he sent Franklin; reason for their dearness; desires the account settled as soon as possible. A. L. S. 2 p. VIII, 214.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. March 31. Nantes.

Cargo of the Duchesse de Grammont; certain claims made by one of the workmen; attitude of their chief, M. Mercier. [Dr. of answer on back of L. in handwriting of Arthur Lee.] A. L. S. 3 p.

XXXVII, 141.

From W[illia]m Hodge. 1778. March 31. Cadiz.

Account of his cruize since leaving Bilboa; number of prizes captured; chased by two English frigates; final arrival at Cadiz; desires advice and orders. A. L. S. 3 p.

VIII, 215.

From Courtney Melmoth. [1778. March.] Sunday. Paris.

Reason why the salt-petre man failed to keep his engagement. Question of his obtaining the promised small appointment from Mr. Deane or Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p.

XL, 108.

From Chevalier de Bazantin. [1778. Circa March.]

Went to America in 1777 with a troop of Chasseurs; captured by the English and imprisoned at St. Augustine in Florida; cruel treatment; request for his release or exchange. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

XLI, 98.

By ————. 1778. March.

Ode to King Louis XVI entitled "The Awakening of France." Poem. 7 p. (In French.)

LI, 9.

From Patience [Wright] Lovell. [1778.] March.

Relations between England and America. Political information. A. L. S. 3 p.

XLII, 46.

From Sam[ue]l Tucker to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 1. Bordeaux.

His arrival after a fatiguing passage of forty-two days; sends by Captain Richard Palmer a copy of his instructions and signals; desires to know his further destination; busy getting the ship in readiness for sea; captured the ship Marthy from London bound for New York; has only one lieutenant at present; desires advice as to appointing others. A. L. S. 2 p.

IX, 1.

From Marquise de Chasseneuil. 1778. April 1. Saint Foy-la-Grande.

Reminds Franklin of a half promise to give her the address of a compatriot in America to whom she could send her wines to sell on commission. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 2.

From G. Vincent, fils. 1778. April 1. St. Malo.

Enclosing a letter from one John Johnstone said to be an American but has the misfortune to make one of the crew on board an English cutter, detained for twelve weeks in the harbor; begs to be informed if he is really an American. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 3.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. April 2. Chaillot.

Expressing great anger and indignation at being kept in ignorance of M. Gérard's mission to America and also of Mr. Deane's departure. L. S. 4 p. IX, 4.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 257, Note).

From ——— Delaire. 1778. April 2. La Rochelle.

His joy at the alliance between the United Provinces and France; his knowledge of the theory of commerce; his familiarity with languages; desires to form an establishment at La Rochelle for the instruction of young men in the knowledge of commerce; wishes Franklin to become the patron of the establishment and to recommend it. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 5.

From Polier de Corcelles. 1778. April 2. Lausanne.

Plan of several Swiss gentlemen to raise a regiment of 1,500 infantry to serve in America. Suggests their being raised in the name of France, the States' new ally; secrecy to be observed; puts himself in Franklin's hands on condition that he is assured a suitable rank in the forthcoming levy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 6.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. April 3. Chaillot.

Information received from M. Grand that Mr. Williams continues drawing on the public funds, though he has received no orders to answer his drafts; has not been consulted in this matter, but considers it an irregularity. A. L. S. 3 p. IX, 7.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 3. The Hague.

Extracts from foreign letters; war with Austria inevitable; France endeavoring indirectly to keep peace between Russia and the Porte. Rumored withdrawal of Lord Stormont from the French Court. General opinion in Rotterdam that England will be forced to recognize the independence of the Colonies. Desirability of a commercial treaty between Holland and America. Recent agitation in Holland over the augmenting of their land forces; attitude of M. de Berkenro[o]de, Dutch Minister to France. Conversation held with M. Van Berkel; assurances of Holland's perfect neutrality; urges the wisdom of profiting by the friendship and commerce of the United States. Advises their writing an official letter to the Grand Pensionnaire announcing the treaty of the United States with France and stating America's friendly attitude towards Holland. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 27.

From Matt[he]w Ridley to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 3.

Introducing Mr. Ebenezer Platt, whose sufferings in the cause of America are known to Franklin; lately released from prison and married to a daughter of Mrs. Wright; their only mode of returning to America is through France. A. L. S. 1 p.

IX, 8.

From [Gov.] Th[omas] Johnson. 1778. April 3. Annapolis.

Notifying him of the appointment of Joshua Johnson as agent for Maryland in soliciting military stores. L. S. 1 p.

LXI, 24.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 4. Bordeaux.

Arrival at Bordeaux of John Adams, Esq., who sets off at once for Paris. News of various vessels. Desirability of France announcing a fixed time when a convoy will attend the ships destined for North America. A. L. S. 2 p.

IX, 9.

From Ra[ph] Izard. 1778. April 4. Paris.

Compelled again to request the explanation so often promised him; also the reasons in writing why the alterations in the treaty of commerce were not to be communicated to him. A. L. S. 2 p.

IX, 10.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 4. The Ranger, Cameret.

Is now perfectly ready to proceed with the *Fortunée* of thirty-eight guns and the tender sent by Comte d'Orvilliers; deeply concerned at the time lost; will make the better use of that to come. Concerning the large frigate built for America at Amsterdam; hopes to find her ready on his return. Saluted the French flag at Brest with thirteen guns and received in return two guns less; possible reasons for this. A. L. S. 3 p. IX, 11.

From Comte de Sarsfield. 1778. April 4.

Reminds him of his promise to bring Mr. Adams to dine at his house and requests Franklin to return him the Spanish grammar and Gibbons's History of Rome. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 58b.

From De Lattre Dalkerque. 1778. April 4. Dunkirk.

Acknowledging his letter of the 8th of February, enclosing two letters of recommendation for the captain of his frigate, la Comtesse de Brionne; she sailed for America on the 2d inst., well armed and richly loaded. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 12.

From Müller de la Piolotte. 1778. April 4. Lure.

Has charge of glass works at Champagney; his experience and knowledge of the manufacture of glass; desires to establish glass-works in America; lays this project in detail before Franklin and asks his advice; his reasons for wishing to take this step. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IX, 13.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1778. April 5. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Hawkins of Carolina. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 142.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. April 5. Chaillot.

Not knowing anything of the transactions referred to him, cannot judge whether it is fit to discharge the enclosed accounts. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 14.

From Rob[er]t Montgomery. 1778. April 5. Alicante.

Has been established in the above port of Spain twelve months and has acquired business and consequence. Afraid if Spain declares war against England, he will be treated as a British subject; begs Franklin to send him a certificate of his identity as an American; encloses a paper to prove his nationality; refers to Mr. Thomas Morris for particulars. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 15.**

From Baron de Schönfeld. [Circa 1778.] April 5. Paris.

Sending Franklin a letter from the directors of one of the most reliable manufactories of fire-arms in Germany. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 182.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 6. Bordeaux.

Concerning repairs, etc., on the ship Boston; Captain Tucker's action in not reporting the arrival to the Admiralty Board; his salute to the Castle not returned, no instructions having been received from the Board of War on that head. English fleet still lying between Capes Ortegal and Finisterre. The Spanish fleet expected shortly from Cuba. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 16.**

From [Sieur de] Pommereuille. 1778. April 6. Fougères.

Concerning the hard case of his brother, M. de Martigny, who followed M. du Coudray to America in hopes of aiding in the defense of liberty; his subsequent disappointment and return to France; expenses incurred; begs Franklin to obtain from M. de Sartine the settlements of his brother's just demands. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 17.**

From Col. Chevalier de Champigny. 1778. April 6. Amsterdam.

Reasons for sending his second volume of the History of England before the first one, which will follow later together with the first two volumes of his Translation of the History of Denmark. Congratulates him on his new dignity. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 19.**

From John Bondfield. 1778. April 7. Bordeaux.

On the strength of Mr. Hancock's letter to Franklin in favor of Mr. Cooper, will advance that young gentleman the necessaries he stands in need of. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 20.**

From A[ntoine] L[ouis] Brongniart. 1778. April 7. Paris.

When he will make certain experiments in electricity; hopes Franklin will have sufficient leisure to attend. Successful treatment of certain sick people by means of the electric fluid. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 21.**

From [C. G. F. Dumas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 7. The Hague.

Extracts from German letters; warlike preparations throughout the country. Account of a considerable quantity of cannon and arms for sale. Further suggestions for their official letter to the Grand Pensionnaire; desirability of crushing the English party in Holland. Intrigues in Dutch politics. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 28.**

From M. de Sarsfield. 1778. April 7.

Requesting Franklin to be at his house at 2 o'clock for dinner, as Prince de Aingry will be there. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 59a.**

From S[ilas] Deane. 1778. April 8. Aix.

Their arrival at Aix. Begg Franklin to make his adieus to certain friends at Paris, which he failed to do from lack of time. Thanking him for the friendship and confidence he has honored him with and for the honorable testimony he has given him to Congress. Wishing him all happiness and prosperity. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 22.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 230.

From Desegray Beaugard, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 8. St. Malo.

Congratulations on their glorious transactions with the French Ministry. An English frigate seen lately in their neighborhood. Enclosing a letter from Mr. J. D. Schweighauser in which he seems to have been appointed to represent the American agent in Brittany; desires to know

if that letter is conformable to their orders. [Copy of M. Schweighauser's letter in French, enclosed.] A. L. S. 3 p. **IX, 23.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. April 8. Nantes.

Concerning the unfortunate condition of Captain Collas, the husband of Jenny Mecom, now a prisoner in England. His late indisposition; expects to set out for Paris shortly. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 143.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1778. April 8. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. George Readhead, of South Carolina, and Mr. Craig, of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 144.**

From [Col.] J[acques] de Roberdeau. 1778. April 8.

His delay in answering Franklin's favor of February 21st due to the mislaying of General Roberdeau's letter; sends it now. Congratulations on the success of his endeavors for his country. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 24.**

From ——— Farry [?]. 1778. April 8. Chateaufort.

His experience as surgeon on his Majesty's ships; desires to be of service to the American people; proposes certain conditions under which he is willing to practice medicine in the Colonies. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 25.**

From J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.]. 1778. April 9. Nantes.

Begging his favorable attention to the request of the American captains for a convoy off the French coast. Constant applications for wages and prize-money, by Frenchmen who served on board the Lexington. Mr. M[orris] sold what was brought in here and the money is the Lord knows where. Wishes the Commissioners had given up what was carried to their credit and taken the loss of Mr. M[orris]'s conduct on themselves, it would have saved an infinity of credit which the service has suffered. Question of Mr. William Lee having given his appointment to Mr. Schweighauser; reasons why he resents this; action he has taken in the matter. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVII, 145.**

*From The Captains of American Merchant Vessels at Nantes and
Neighboring Ports to The Ministers Plenipotentiary of
the United States at the Court of France.*

1778. April 9. Nantes.

Requesting them to apply to the French Court for a convoy off the coast sufficient to protect the American vessels. L. S. 2 p. LXI, 12.

*From The Navy Board of the Eastern Department to The American
Commissioners. 1778. April 9. Boston.*

Encloses gazettes to date. Cannot risk other packages. L. in 3d P. 1 p. LIII, 37.

From W[illiam] Lee. 1778. April 9. Frankfort-sur-le-Maine.

The presence of any one on their part at Berlin will not be of any use. The Vienna scheme will be prosecuted; England will not declare war until Burgoyne and his troops are got safe, lest they should be intercepted. Proposes a plan to send La Motte Picquet with certain ships to be joined at Boston by others, the whole to proceed immediately to Halifax which must fall into their hands with all the naval stores. A. L. S. 2 p. IX, 26.

From Abbè Le Clere de St. Etvain. 1778. April 10. Paris.

Asking for the letters of recommendation he promised to M. Mereau de Mannevan, who has left for Amsterdam. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 27.

From Elaud Guillaud. 1778. April 10. Cadiz.

England has altered her Mediterranean passports, so that the ones they had before the war are rendered useless. Plan of a certain merchant to enter into peace negotiations with the Emperor of Morocco; he has written Franklin more particularly on this subject; it will all tend to the prosperity and happiness of America. Captain Cunningham still at Cadiz. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IX, 28.

From Vicomte de Toustain. 1778. April 10. Josselin.

Concerning his paper, "A Challenge to Lord Suffolk," and other similar reflections and explanations; his desire to enter the American service under certain conditions. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.)

IX, 29.

From ——— Gravier. 1778. April 10. Marseilles.

Wishes to settle in America. Inquires as to what assistance he might hope for. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

LX, 104.

From ——— D'Alagnan. 1778. April 11. Clermont-Ferrand.

Begging for information of one of his relatives, named le Chevalier de Pontgibaut, who left Nantes on October 11th to pass into the service of America with letters to M. de Lafayette and to General Conway; his father's anxiety at receiving no news of him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

IX, 30.

From Jean Butler Madden. 1778. April 11. Nantes.

Considerable commerce between France and America; need of an interpreter at Nantes to assist the French and American captains in their business relations; offers himself for the position and begs Franklin to obtain it for him from the French Admiral. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

IX, 31.

From Aubin de St. Lambert. 1778. April 11. Termonde.

Has served in the French navy as captain of various vessels; desires to pass into the service of the Colonies; his knowledge of navigation and acquaintance with several languages; certificates he can furnish. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

IX, 32.

From J[ames] H[utton]. 1778. April 11.

Introducing Mr. D'Aguiton, of Geneva; he has an affair of merchandise to settle with a Mr. Heywood, of Paris; announcing the death of Mr. Falconer. A. L. S. 1 p.

IX, 33.

From ——— De Gruyere. 1778. April 11. Paris.

A note enclosing the letter from Wyss. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

LXII, 128.

From ——— Dumagny. 1778. April 12. Partenay.

His enthusiasm for the American cause; desires to serve in the army of the republic. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

IX, 35.

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 13. Dunkirk.

Has just learned that Mr. Deane has left Paris; desires orders as to the providing for American prisoners and seamen who may, in future, arrive at Dunkirk. Congratulating Mr. Adams on his safe arrival in France. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 36.

From ——— Serrier. 1778. April 13. Damvillers.

Desiring to know Franklin's remedy for dropsy, which he has read about in the newspapers; one of his parishoners has been a sufferer from the disease for twenty-eight years. In exchange for this important service, will bestow on Franklin the title of benefactor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 37.

From Prince Mostouski. 1778. April 13. Paris.

Desires a personal interview; begs him to name the day and hour. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 38.

From Jacques von Döhren to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 13. Hamburg.

Offers his services to the Republic in case the Commissioners see fit to establish an agency at Hamburg; advantages resulting from such an office; should this idea meet with their approval, has a plan for the establishment of an American depot at Hamburg. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 39.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 14. Nantes.

The Duchesse de Grammont set sail on the 7th inst. Question of paying wages to a French sailor who escaped from prison after being taken in the Lexington. A. L. S. 3 p. XXXVII, 146.

From Rod[olp]h Valltravers. 1778. April 14. Bienne.

Desires news of the safe arrival of certain important letters. Trusts the treaty between France and America does not preclude Great Britain forever from proper connection with the States. Suggests an alliance between the thirteen Cantons and the thirteen United States. His plan for eliminating poverty in the United States. A. L. S. 4 p. IX, 40.

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From John Bondfield to Messrs. Franklin and Lee.

1778. April 14. Bordeaux.

Captain Tucker almost ready to sail. Present unsettled state creates great stagnation in trade; many opulent merchants whose operations are suspended until war is declared or peace established. A. L. S. 2 p.

IX, 41.

From P. Penet. 1778. April 14. Paris.

Sends a memoir, forwarded to him by an American captain; desires to know if the Minister of Marine will grant the demands in the aforesaid memoir; advantages to be gained from such concessions, such as the greater safety to their vessels, etc. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

IX, 42.

From ——— de Lugny. 1778. April 14. Bordeaux.

Is a geographical engineer in the above city; if, by these means he can render himself useful to the States, offers Franklin his services. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

IX, 43.

From D'audibert Caille to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 14. Cadiz.

Concerning peace between United States and Emperor of Morocco. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

LXI, 11.

From John Reynolds. 1778. April 14. Paris.

As recommended by him, he wrote to Mr. Jonathan Williams at Nantes for information as to certain American articles which he had a clear channel of introducing into England; will proceed on his return journey the following night. A. L. S. 2 p.

IX, 44.

From M. and Mme. de La Freté. [1778.] April 14. Paris.

Hopes that Messrs. Franklin have not forgotten their engagement to dine with them. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 178.

From ——— Latache. 1778. April 15. Angoulême.

His plan of establishing a manufactory of maps in America; the means to be employed in its formation and the advantages to accrue to the Colonies from such an establishment. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

IX, 45.

From Ant[oin]e F. Prat. 1778. April 15. Lyons.

Begs Franklin to procure him a position as secretary. A. L. S. 2 p.
(In French.) IX, 88.

From ——— L'Enfant. 1778. April 15. Paris.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his son in America; Mlle. Basseporte joins with him in imploring Franklin's favor for this only child. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 46.

From ——— Le Roy. 1778. April 15. Cherbourg.

Concerning John Burnell, captain of the privateer Montgomery, now in prison at Plymouth. Failure on the part of M. Dulongprey to answer his demands for the money due to Burnell; applies to Franklin for assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 47.

From [Etienne Francois, Marquis] Turgot. 1778. April 15 [?]. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his engagement to dine with him; if Mr. Adams, the new Commissioner has arrived, desires his company also. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 48.

From Vicomte de Sarsfield. 1778. April 16. Paris.

Asks Franklin's interest and patronage on behalf of M. Somers, the son of a rich merchant of Lille who wishes to send some goods into America. Prevented from seeing Franklin for some time, owing to illness; is about to leave for the Chateau de Marly where he and Mme. de Sarsfield unite in hoping Franklin will visit them. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 47½.

From ——— Tarteron. 1778. April 16. Mende.

An ode to Franklin; compares him to Solon; the glorious treaty which he arranged with France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 49.

From Chevalier de Monts. 1778. April 16. Vesoul.

Describing an invention of his for writing secret despatches on cotton cloth where it is invisible until made to appear by the use of certain chemicals; desires to make a present of this discovery to America. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) IX, 50.

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From James Lovell to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 16. Yorktown.

Notice of the authorization of William Bingham to draw bills of exchange upon the Commissioners. A. L. S. (In triplicate.) 1 p.
XLVIII, 173, 174.

Printed in Wharton's Diplom. Corres. of the Amer. Rev., II, 553.

From ——— Dupont, fils. 1778. April 16. Colmar.

Has not the honor of being known to Franklin, but M. Voltaire, the genius of France, is an old friend of his father and M. Gérard knows his family well; desires to enter the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 51.

From The Continental Congress, Committee for Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1778. April 16. Yorktown.

Resolve of Congress, authorizing William Bingham, agent of the United States at Martinique, to draw on the Commissioners for certain sums. An uncommon fatality has attended their despatches; anxious for news. A. L. S. James Lovell. 1 p. IX, 52.

From Simeon Deane to the American Commissioners.

1778. April 16. Falmouth.

Announcing his safe arrival and his immediate departure for Congress. No intelligence received as yet of the Continental fleet which left France in February. The spirits of the people very high; makes us doubt that the good news which he bears will give the greatest satisfaction. Report of the taking of Quebec, though it is not confirmed. A. L. S. 2 p. IX, 53.

From J. Irwin. 1778. April 17. Marseilles.

Is a British subject and an ex-officer in the English army. Wishes to be allowed to remain in France with his family. Offers to act as Consul for the United States at Nantes or Bordeaux. L. S. 2 p. LX, 72.

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 17. L'Orient.

Begging them to procure the enlargement of one, James Wiggins, sailor, a native of America and now detained on board the Hawk, a privateer belonging to London. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 54.**

From Caetanus d'Amraff. 1778. April 17. Paris.

His wife and two children in great distress; applies to Franklin for help; knows eight languages; is versed in art, music and commerce; desires Franklin to procure him some position either in America or Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Latin.) **IX, 55.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 18. Nantes.

Questions of repairing arms and shipping them to America. Congratulating Mr. Adams on his safe arrival. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVII, 147.**

From I. L. Boeckmann. 1778. April 18. Carlsruhe.

Asking Franklin's advice about the placing of a lightning conductor which the Margrave of Baden desires to put on his chateau. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 57.**

From [Sir] James Jay. 1778. April 18. Paris.

Again requests the information he desired. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXI, 61.**

From Louis Gabriel Le Roy to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 19. Paris.

Concerning his invention of a military stretcher. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXI, 104.**

From ——— Tronson-Desjardins. 1778. April 19. Paris.

Requesting Franklin to obtain for him a certificate of the death of his brother in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 81.**

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From M. Livingston. 1778. April 19. Paris.

Asking that the papers may be sent by bearer. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
IX, 52

From J. D. R. de Raudière. 1778. April 19. Tournay.

Imploring an answer to the poem and letter delivered to Franklin two months before; begs him to forgive the wildness of his thoughts and the disorder of his style, owing to his detention for a very small debt. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
IX, 59

From J[ames] H[utton]. 1778. April 19.

Denies having given copies to anyone of the two letters of February 1st and 12th, yet has been reproached for these copies by Lord Shelburne. Regrets that spirit of revenge which appears in a brave people who have vindicated their liberties, and which belongs rather to cowards. Independence as great a novelty as taxation without representation; the only wise business is peace-making. A. L. S. 2 p.
IX, 60

From Rawleigh Colston. 1778. April 20. Cape François.

Appointed by the Governor and Council of Virginia their agent at Cape François; begs Franklin to use his influence to procure him an exemption from certain French laws which cripple his trade and must infallibly destroy his credit. A. L. S. 4 p. (In duplicate.)
IX, 61 and 62

From Marquis de Courtanvaux. 1778. April 20. Paris.

Regrets that the only day Franklin has to dispose of is the day his family leaves for one of their estates in the country. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
IX, 63

From ——— Knoepffellius. 1778. April 20. Nordhausen.

His earnest desire to go to America, preach the gospel and instruct the youth of that country in Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Geography and Economics. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Latin.)
IX, 64

From John Keeling. 1778. April 21. Paris.

Recommending Mr. Martin Savage who has estranged his relations by his attachment to the American cause; he desires a letter of recommendation to any captain in the American service, that he may obtain employment in the navy. A. L. S. 2 p.
IX, 65

From John Luther. 1778. April 21. St. Martin de Ré.

Concerning eight French officers who desired him to procure them a passage to America; wishes to be honored with Franklin's commands in case like affairs happen regarding the Continental business. A. L. S. 2 p. IX, 66.

From François Lieliendahl. 1778. April 21. Angoulême.

Sending a memoir with a request to lay it before the illustrious Congress of the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 67.

From François Lieliendahl. [1778. April 21.]

Proposes to plant and grow vines in South Carolina for making wine. Mem. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 92.

From John Vaughan. 1778. April 22. Bordeaux.

Has found Mr. B. the warm friend to England he expected but thinks his conduct has been exaggerated; he leaves for England shortly. Is surrounded, unfortunately, by English people and enemies to the good cause. Private opinions on the present outlook. Many neutral vessels are carrying on the trade. Report of Count d'Estaing's squadron having sailed for America. A. L. S. 3 p. IX 68.

From [Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry. 1778. April 22.

Sending a memoir to Franklin and asking him to interest himself in the matter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 92.

From Gamba and Archdeacon. 1778. April 22. Dunkerque.

Apply for the United States Consulship at Dunkerque for M. Gamba. Advise Franklin of a shipment of forty bottles of rum for him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LX, 69.

From ——— Des Rivières. 1778. April 22. Paris.

He tells of his offer to go to Canada with three or four hundred men; of his literary efforts and Voltaire's criticism of them; asks to enter the American service. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) LXII, 107.

From ——— **Bersoll.** 1778. April 22. Brest.

The arrival of the Lord Chatham, a prize taken by Captain Jones of the *Ranger*; her cargo; desires orders as to her disposition. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 69.**

From C[ourtney] **Melmoth.** 1778. April 23. Paris.

M. Dubourg having finished the translation of his (Melmoth's) pamphlet, sends the original back with a request that it be despatched amongst the next parcels for America. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 70.**

From Paul **Mérault de Monneron.** 1778. April 23. Amsterdam.

Failure to receive the letters of recommendation promised him by Franklin; hopes held out to him by M. l'Abbé le Clerc and M. le Vicomte de Flavigny. His reasons for wishing to go to America, and also those of his friend M. Pallard, who awaits his letters of introduction. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **IX, 71.**

From ——— ———. 1778. April 23.

M. Mérault de Monneron and M. Pallard are on the eve of departing for America and only wait for his letters of recommendation that they may not be looked upon as adventurers. L. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 72.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1778. April 23. Amsterdam.

The model for their official letter to the Grand Pensionnaire perfect. Refusal of the Comité d'Hollande to augment the number of troops. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 29.**

From [Madame] **de Flavigny.** [Circa 1778.] April 23.

Asks for news of M. de Fleury, one of the French officers in America; his parents anxious concerning him. Her invalid much better; his hope to visit Mme. de Chaumont in June; will have many infidelities to pardon when she sees Franklin in November. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLI, 146.**

From Sir George Grand. 1778. April 24. Amsterdam.

Favorable disposition shown towards the loan the United States desires to negotiate; other money matters. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
IX, 73.

From ——— Bersoll. 1778. April 24. Brest.

Concerning the prize-ship, Lord Chatham, and the proper steps for him to take in the matter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
IX, 75.

From James Harriman. 1778. April 24. Florence.

Applying for the post of Consul for the United States at Florence and Leghorn. L. S. 3 p.
LX, 70.

From Lucas de Boismauger. 1778. April 24. Caudebec.

Desires some employment in the present war. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
IX, 76.

From D'Isle de Lamothe. 1778. April 24. Brest.

His brother, having entered the service of the Colonies, was taken prisoner in November and carried to Fort St. Augustine; begs Franklin to procure his exchange as soon as possible. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
IX, 77.

From Ra[ph] Izard. 1778. April 25. Paris.

Astonished to find himself so often obliged to ask for those assurances that would justify Franklin's conduct to him; the cautious manner in which the departure of Mr. Deane and Mr. Gérard was concealed from those who had a right to know of it. Begs Franklin not to amuse him with further promises or excuses, but either give him the explanation or refuse it outright. A. L. S. 3 p.
IX, 78.

From Christian A. Tilebein. 1778. April 25. Barcelona.

Offering his services as Consul for the United States at Barcelona and in Majorca. L. S. 4 p.
LX, 76.

From Franklin Laboureau. 1778. April 25. Paris.

Acknowledging the gracious reception Franklin wished to tender herself and her husband; desires to know if he can see her on a certain day and hour. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
IX, 79.

From ——— Dariban, Sr. 1778. April 26. Agen.

Writes as agent for the royal tannery to solicit orders for shoes for the troops. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 81.

From Loiseau de Bérenger. 1778. April 26.

Decision of the Director-General allows the forty bottles of tafia to come in free of duty, as it is a remedy; desires to know at what port it will arrive. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 83.

From [Baron] J[an] D[erck] Van der Capellen.

1778. April 26. Zwolle.

His delight at the surrender of Burgoyne and the treaty between France and America. Concerning a memoir he wrote against the demand of the King of England on the subject of the Scottish brigade in the service of the Netherlands; opposition this met with. Translated the observations and additional observations of Dr. Price and added to it a preface of his own. His views on the credit of America as contrasted with that of England; proposals Congress might make to induce his compatriots to transfer their funds from England to America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IX, 84.

From Claude Julien. 1778. April 26. Paris.

Concerning a quantity of pit-coal with which he desires to furnish Franklin for the service of the Colonies. Begging his protection for le Sieur Broche Descombes who desires to enter the American service with the rank of Major; has everything in his favor; twenty-three years old and simply covered with wounds. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 85.

From ——— de Linière. 1778. April 26. Mans.

Has a slight knowledge of surgery and experimental physics; desires Franklin to procure him a lodging in Paris and the means to pursue the study of these sciences; will repay him in time; desires later to settle in America under Franklin's protection. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 86.

From Aubin de St. Lambert. 1778. April 26. Termonde.

Concerning a plan which would be of great service to the Colonies. His desire to enter the service. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 87.

From Couturier de Versan. 1778. April 26. Bordeaux.

Offering his services in the affairs of M. Lemaire who left for Virginia charged with a particular mission. Delighted to have found this occasion to prove his interest in the United States of America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 88.

From James Moylan. 1778. April 27. L'Orient.

Has just received an account of the arrival, at Brest, of the prize-ship Lord Chatham, loaded with beer and iron, taken by the Ranger. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 89.

From Jh. Mazurié. 1778. April 27. Landerneau.

Desiring the position of Consul at Brest. A. L. S. 2 p. IX, 90.

From ——— Hawkins. 1778. April 28. Paris.

Begs the favor of the pass, his Excellency was so kind as to promise. L. in 3d P. 1 p. IX, 91.

From ——— Aguiton. 1778. April 28. Paris.

Sending a letter from his friend Hutton. Desires to know whether he may call and pay his respects before he leaves the country. L. in 3d P. 1 p. IX, 92.

From Benjamin Vaughan. 1778. April 28.

Illness of Lord Chatham; afraid the great man is dying; quotes all he can recollect in Lord Chatham's short speech of the 7th of April on the subject of independence and the attitude of France. Inaccuracies of the debate-writers for the newspapers. Reply of the Duke of Richmond rather commonplace. Lord Chatham carried out of the house in a swoon. Abstract of Lord Shelburne's prodigious speech of April 8th. Irish bills will not pass. Hears Mr. Hartley is the twentieth ambassador Franklin has had. If Lord Chatham had remained well, a change of ministers might have been looked for. Concerning the protection of certain property belonging to his family. Expected publication of a correspondence between Dr. P[ringle] and Dr. P[riestl]y upon the latter's metaphysical writings. A. L. 15 p. IX, 93.

From John Montell. 1778. April 28. London.

Has discovered a method of making and refining common salt and using it to preserve flesh and fish; offers to instruct any person in this method, whom Franklin may name, for the small premium of two thousand guineas. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 94.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 28. The Hague.

Measures taken to insure the publication of their official letter as soon as it is presented. Need of convincing the public that Congress will not make peace with England except as an equal. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 30.**

From Sebastian Hartwig. 1778. April 28. Gotha.

Wishes loan of 100 Louis d'Ors. (See LIX, 68.) A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 80.**

From Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.], to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 28. Nantes.

Supplies received from Holland; anchors imported from Spain; question of ships to transfer the goods to America. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVII, 148.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. April 28. Nantes.

Question of the prize-money. Defends himself against the accusation of showing Franklin's letters. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 149.**

From Ra[ph] Izard to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 29. Paris.

Giving an account of the dreadful fire which broke out in Charlestown on the morning of January 15th; the loss is three millions of dollars. Concerning the possibility of obtaining relief from France either by application to the Government or by private subscription. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 95.**

From ——— Pollock. 1778. April 29. New Orleans.

Has been appointed agent for the United States; informing Franklin of various prizes taken by Captain James Willing and Lieutenant McIntyre; desires news from Franklin's part of the world; direction for sending him letters. A. L. S. 2 p. IX, 96.

From Thomas Barker. 1778. April 29.

Enclosing two packets; begs Franklin to forward them to America and by each conveyance to recommend his case favorably to Congress or to some of Franklin's friends. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 97.

From Sam[ue]l Tucker to The American Commissioners.

1778. April 29. Bordeaux.

Sorry he cannot follow their orders of the 26th inst.; cannot get the ship to sea in less than eighteen days. Has received their recommendation of Mr. Livingston; he will proceed as second lieutenant. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 98.

From [Mme.] Morin Elié de Beaumont. 1778. April 29. Paris.

Writes on behalf of two young persons who desire to pursue their trades in America; they are too poor to pay the required passage money; begs Franklin to procure their passage for them. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 98½.

From ——— Martin. 1778. April 30. Moscow.

Begging for news of the Chevalier La Coste de Mezière, who quitted the service of Russia eighteen months before; hears that he saw Franklin in Paris and entered the service of America; his family most anxious about him; begs for news of his whereabouts. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

[A. E. by Franklin.] Knows nothing of M. Mazière; America is a large place; he might have arrived there without his having heard of it. IX, 148.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to

The American Commissioners. 1778. April 30. Yorktown.

Perplexed what steps to take as regards foreign affairs, not having received any despatches since May; aware that the cause for this de-

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lay was the loss of Captain Johnston and Captain Wickes and the robbing of John Folger; advise triplicate despatches. Their anxiety to know the truth before they receive any proposals from Britain in consequence of the scheme in Lord North's speech. The necessity of their currency being supported in due credit, after which they can bid defiance to Britain and all her German hirelings. A. L. S. James Lovell. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **IX, 99.**

From Chevalier de Berny. [1778. April ?]

Sending Franklin his essay on the Ministry, the fruit of his residence in various courts. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 88.**

From The Charity Association. 1778. April. Paris.

Invitations to meetings of Charity Association for the assistance of poor prisoners and for the liberation of prisoners in debt for the care of their infants. Printed N. 1 p. **LXXIII, 56.**

From W[illia]m Cooper, Jr. 1778. April. Bordeaux.

Enclosing certain letters to be forwarded to their respective owners; the letter of recommendation from the Hon. John Hancock, Esq., he sends unsealed. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 100.**

From Jh. Malibran. [1778. April.]

Desires to know immediately if Franklin has received a letter from Mr. Tillebein of Barcelona; would be flattered at receiving a brief audience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 62.**

From Chevalier de Monts. [1778. April.]

With reference to a secret for writing with ink on linen and effacing the writing at will. N. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 294.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. [1778. April.]

Arrival of Mr. Hartley. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 150.**

From Abbé Chalut. 1778. Friday, May 1.

Inviting Franklin to dine at his brother's house to meet an Ambassador who desires to see him. Mr. Adams and Franklin's grandson, are also invited. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 148.**

From M[arqu]is de Condorcet. [1778?] May 1.

Begging Franklin to recommend to some of his friends, at Philadelphia, M. de Beaulieu, officer in Pulaski's legion. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 131.**

From Alex[ander] Ewing. 1778. May 1. Dunkirk.

Protests against being detained with his vessel in French waters. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXI, 65.**

From D. E. Reine. 1778. May 1. Versailles.

Sends him some fine rice and bean seed which he brought from the Cape of Good Hope and the coast of Malabar; how to sow these seeds and cultivate the plants. How rice and coffee are prepared for consumption. Deplores the dangerous custom of giving wine and alcoholic drinks to the crew during a battle. Found a refreshing and stimulating drink whilst serving in the French Colonies in India; describes how it is made. A. L. S. 9 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 27.**

From James Moylan. 1778. May 1. L'Orient.

Forsees future trouble from the restrictions Captain Jones has laid the Intendants of Brest under respecting the prize-brig Lord Chatham; thinks Franklin may adopt a wiser plan. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 101.**

From Rich[ard] Bache. 1778. May 1. Manheim.

Introducing Dr. Rigger; he visits Europe with a view of improving himself in the profession of medicine. Sally and the children well. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 102.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 2. Bordeaux.

News of the expected arrival of letters and packets for the Commissioners. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 103.**

From Comte de Sarsfield. 1778. May 2. Paris.

Announcing the postponement of his visit to Chaillot upon the occasion of Mrs. Macaulay's translation. Begs for news. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **IX, 104.**

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From ——— D'Hargicourt. 1778. May 2. St. Quentin.

Offering his services as clerk or secretary. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LX, 86.

From The Old Hermit of Bruxüeil. 1778. May 2. Bar-sur-Seine.

Deploing the fate of Philadelphia in the hands of the English. Complimentary verses to Dr. Franklin. A poem. 2 p. (In French.) LI, 4, a and b.

From ——— Des Rivières. 1778. May 2. Paris.

His affairs with women were his only fault, as he is becoming gray-haired he can no longer be reproached with this fault; offers his services again and would like a decided answer; would send Franklin copies of his works but he has none worthy of him and he is too poor to get any more. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LXII, 108.

From Comte de Sarsfield. 1778. May 2. Paris.

Introducing a young man who is determined to go to America; asks for him a letter of recommendation; besides his training in architecture he thoroughly understands fortifications. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 105.

From ——— Bayard. 1778. May 2. Paris.

Begging him to lend a favorable ear to the proposals of M. Jolly de la Tour. Hopes Franklin will be satisfied with his treatment of Mr. Platt. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 106.

From Abbess de Mancler. 1778. May 2. La Fère.

Has heard that Franklin intends visiting the Royal School of Artillery established at La Fère; begs him to accept her hospitality; her maternal grandmother was a Franklin of Ireland, therefore hopes she can claim relationship. A. L. S. 2 p. IX, 107.

From ——— Dousset. 1778. May 2. Paris.

Introducing his nephew, who desires to pass into the service of America; will gladly pay his expenses as far as L'Orient from which port he hears the ship La Jeunesse is about to sail. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 108.

From John Guy Gautier. 1778. May 2. Barcelona.

His interest in the Colonies and his best wishes for their success. Applies for the position of Consul-General in the province of Catalonia; his knowledge of various languages and his general fitness for the position; refers him to Mr. Grand for his connections and reputation. A. L. S. 3 p. IX, 110.

From Père [Joseph Etienne] Bertier. 1778. May 3. Paris.

Acknowledging the receipt of Franklin's book. Asking Franklin's protection for a young soldier who desires to serve the republic. Appointment of Mr. Pringle as non-resident member of the Academy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 111.

From ——— Marniquel. 1778. May 3. Charleville.

Asking him to refund a certain sum of money which he lent to Lieutenant Selin for his journey to Passy three years before. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 112.

From Beroard Rochette. 1778. May 3. Grenoble.

Asking that he might be given the management of a printing house in the name and at the expense of the Colonies. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 113.

From James Moylan. 1778. May 4. L'Orient.

Arrival of the schooner Milford, Captain Blackwell, from Rappahannock river in Virginia, bringing news that the new levies were completed and that they were to march in a few days to General Washington's camp, about sixteen miles from Philadelphia; the people in good spirits and the army pretty well clothed; all ports blocked by English frigates. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 114.

From John Seaward. 1778. May 4. Brest.

Arrived in port with the ship Lord Chatham; what steps have been taken; if the vessel is to be sold would be glad of Franklin's orders. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 115.

From Jh. Fichet. 1778. May 4. St. Malo.

Enclosing a letter from the commanding officer of his ship, *Le Prudent*, which was not only seized, but plundered, by an American privateer called the *Lion*, and then conducted to Martinique; desires Franklin to give the necessary orders on the subject. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 116.

From ——— Vignier and ——— Bonnet. 1778. May 4. Rodez.

Request to enter the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LXII, 123.

From Chevalier de Mauduit Duplessis.

1778. May 4. Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Franklin's kindness having enabled him to be useful to America, desires to send him the copy of the resolution with which Congress has honored him. The army celebrating the conclusion of the treaty of alliance between France and America; the noise of artillery and cheering will not make the enemy dance at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

Enclosure. Resolve of Congress, bestowing a brevet of lieutenant-colonel of artillery on the Chevalier Duplessis, as a reward for his services and an encouragement to his merit. 1 p. IX, 117.

From Abbé Dupont de Jumeaux. 1778. May 4. Paris.

His brother, aged eighteen years, is very desirous of passing into the service of America; wishes to know what means must be employed; can procure him letters to the Marquis de la Fayette. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 118.

From ——— Grünberger. 1778. May 4. Munich.

Requesting a passport to go to the United States. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) LX, 105.

From Lieutenant General Ig[natiu]s Salern. 1778. May 4. Munich.

Certificate testifying to the ability of M. Grünberger as a professor and civil engineer. D. S. 1 p. (In French.) LX, 106.

From ——— *de Chantereyne.* 1778. May 4. Cherbourg.

Having aided several Americans in a pecuniary way, desires Franklin's authority to assist other American officers who may come to Cherbourg; will follow orders implicitly and will furnish an account of the different events relative to the ships of the American Colonies. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **IX, 119.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1778. May 5.

Resolution empowering the Commissioners to withdraw the eleventh and twelfth articles in the Treaty of Amity and Commerce. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LXXV, 56 and 57.**
Printed in Journals of Congress, Phila. [1779], IV, 258.

From **Arnold Henry Dohrman.** 1778. May 5. Lisbon.

Account of the foundering of an American ship, named Heart of Oak, off the coast of Portugal; aid he has given to the officers and sailors who were saved from the wreck; will procure them a passage to America or France; tells this to Franklin to prove his friendship for America and his willingness to render greater services if it is in his power. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 120.**

From J[onathan] **Williams, Jr.** 1778. May 5. Nantes.

Assistance rendered Captain Cumstock, who lately escaped from prison; both he and Mr. Chandler in want. Prize sent into Brest by the Ranger, Captain Jones. Desires an apartment near Franklin's taken for him at Passy. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVII, 151.**

From **Nathaniel Dowse to The American Commissioners.**

1778. May 5. Bordeaux.

Sailed from Virginia, April 14, 1777, as commander of the ship Mercer; his crew rose against him on the 4th of May and carried the vessel into Whitehaven, whence his escape and final arrival at Bordeaux. Begging to know if they have any employment for him. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 121.**

From **Harmon Courter.** 1778. May 5. Boston.

Safe arrival at Boston after a rough passage of fifty-one days, also the arrival of Captain Nicholson at Portsmouth and Mr. Deane at Plymouth. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 122.**

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. May 6. Versailles.

Sending the enclosed, which have just arrived from London. L. in
3d P. 1 p. **IX, 123.**

From Lefebvre de Longeville. 1778. May 6. Paris.

Proposal to sell a type-founding plant to the United States. Mem.
2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 15.**

From — Barre. 1778. May 6. Marseilles.

Desires to serve under the American generals; sends a memoir in
which his military services and his request are both set forth. A. L. S.
2 p. (In French.) **IX, 124.**

From G. L. de Lorthe. 1778. May 6. Bordeaux.

Had the honor of calling on Franklin in Philadelphia and following
with Mr. Roger his experiments in electricity; takes for granted Frank-
lin's knowledge of mathematics; asks his advice therefore on the works
enclosed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 125.**

From Duc de Charost. 1778. May 6. Paris.

Recommending le Sieur Despret who has been employed in the
management of the vessels now being built by his house. A. L. S. 1 p.
(In French.) **IX, 126.**

From J[onathan] Williams, [Sr.] 1778. May 7. Boston.

Received the good news of their alliance with France. Opinion in
America of Lord North's policy; extreme measures advocated against
Great Britain. Thanking him for his kindness to Jonathan. Arrival
of Mr. Holker in fine health and spirits. Everybody pleased with the
enclosed Resolve of Congress. News of his family and friends. A. L.
S. 3 p. **XXXVII, 152.**

From Reinier Arrenberg. 1778. May 7. Rotterdam.

Desiring an answer upon the affair of the English bibles which
Franklin designed to have printed in Holland; begs for authentic news
from America as the news in the English Gazette is nearly all false.
Congratulates him on the happy change in the affairs of America.
A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 127.**

From Jh. Malibran. 1778. May 7. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from an old friend of his in Barcelona; if Franklin desires an interview relative to this friend's affairs, will wait on him at any appointed time. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 128.

From Lefebvre de Longeville. 1778. May 7. Paris.

Desires to send him a memoir, showing the advantages to accrue to America from the acquisition of a foundry. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 129.

From Comte de Sarsfield. 1778. May 7.

Recommending Tessier. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LXII, 121.

From The Prevost d'Exmes. 1778. May 8. Paris.

Address to Dr. Franklin on his mission to France. A. poem. 4 p. (In French.) LI, 67.

From Thom[as] Simpson to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 8. Brest.

Account of his conduct which led Commodore Jones to suspend and put him under arrest. Requests a fair and open trial and if his trial cannot be brought on in Brest that they will order him to be sent immediately to America to take his trial there. Refers to a letter written to them by John Langdon, of Portsmouth, for his character. A. L. S. 5 p. XLVII, 110.

From Thom[as] Simpson to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 8. Brest.

Narrating in detail his conduct from the time Captain Jones put him in charge of the English man-of-war, Drake, to his arrival in Brest, a prisoner, placed under arrest by Captain Jones for a breach of his orders; denies having disobeyed him; begs for a fair trial, if possible, in America; can never serve his country under the command of Captain Jones. A. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.) IX, 130.

From ——— Niou, aîné. 1778. May 8. Brest.

Announcing the arrival of John Paul Jones, with an English man-of-war, taken after a bloody fight. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 131.

From [John Paul Jones] to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 9. "Ranger," Brest.

Announcing his arrival with the British ship of war, *Drake*, the English colors inverted under the American stars; has brought in nearly two hundred prisoners; advises their exchange or their being sent back to America on the *Drake*; has suspended and confined Lieutenant Simpson for disobedience of orders. L. 3 p. **IX, 132.**

From Madame Bertin. 1778. May 9. Paris.

Begging Messrs. Franklin and Lee to dine with her on Saturday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 133.**

From M. and Mme. De Lafreté. [1778?] May 9. Suresnes.

Inviting Franklin, his grandson, and Mr. Adams to dine with them at Suresnes. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 238.**

By The Continental Congress. 1778. May 9.

Forbidding the American Commissioners to recommend foreign officers for the navy of the United States. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **LXXV, 59 and 60.**

Printed in Journals of Congress, Phila. [1779], IV, 276.

From S. and J. H. Delap. 1778. May 9. Bordeaux.

Enclosing two letters that have arrived for Franklin. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 135.**

From Deucher, Riedy & Co. 1778. May 9. Nantes.

Offering to procure a passage to Virginia for a Member of Congress who he hears desires to return to his country by the first opportunity; begs Franklin to speak to the Minister in order to hasten the sailing of the vessel. A. L. S. 3 p. **IX, 136.**

From [Pahin de Champlain] de la Blancherie.

1778. May 9. Paris.

A multitude of occupations has prevented his testifying his gratitude to Franklin; will make amends at his first leisure moment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 137.**

From ——— De La Porte. 1778. May 9. Belle Ile.

A young French officer desires to enter the service of the Colonies; has all the talents of a brave officer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

IX, 138.

From ——— Seguin. 1778. May 10. Lacedépède.

With reference to Jean Jerome Seguin who wishes to obtain some employment in the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

LX, 83.

From R[ichard] Price. [1778.] May 10.

Is there any truth in the report that General Washington is grown unpopular, that his army deserts in great numbers and that the sufferings of the Americans are excessive? The Commissioners feel assured that the terms they are empowered to offer by the Conciliatory Bills, though much short of independence, will be accepted. Messages to Franklin from various friends; Mr. Curtis and Mr. Webb both broken and ruined. L. 2 p.

IX, 140.

From Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts, Comtesse de Forbach. 1778. May 10. Forbach.

Her affection for him and her regrets that she will not see him till the following winter. The interest she has in his glory and success and the keen desire she has for news of all which concerns him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

IX, 141.

From ——— Aguiton. 1778. May 10. Paris.

Sets out for London the next day and offers to execute any commands Franklin may honor him with. L. 1 p.

IX, 142.

From ——— de la Grange. 1778. May 10. Brancourt.

Unable to support his family, consisting of a wife and five children, on the slender pittance he receives; in want of the very necessities of life; begs assistance; refers him to various people for the truth of these assertions. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French, in duplicate.)

IX, 143 and 144.

From Antoine Flottes de Raissan. 1778. May 10. Paris.

His admiration for Franklin; begs for a moment's audience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

IX, 145.

LETTERS TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 11. L'Orient.

Information of the arrival of Captain Jones with a prize of sixteen guns. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 146.**

From [J.] de Sparre. 1778. May 11. Strasbourg.

The plan he addressed to M. de Sartine concerning the United Colonies. Desires Franklin to employ him either in America or in his own town. Proposals he has had to enter the service of England, all of which he has rejected. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 147.**

From Jh. Malibran. 1778. May 11. Paris.

Desiring to know if Franklin received the letter he sent him from M. Tilebein, of Barcelona. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 149.**

From Dalmas Desportes. 1778. May 11. Franconville.

Believes he can be useful to the Colonies in his capacity as a lawyer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 150.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 11. Brest.

Gallant action performed by Captain Jones; his intention to equip the Drake and send the prisoners in her to America; money needed to do this. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 153.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 12. Bordeaux.

Arrival of the brig Peggy from North Carolina, laden with tobacco; Captain Tucker and himself making all expedition to get the Boston ready for sea. Jersey privateers seen hovering along the coast of Spain and, owing to that country's neutrality, even enter their ports. The Marquis D'Armando named as Spanish Ambassador for the Court of Great Britain; expected at Bordeaux the next day on his way to England. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 151.**

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. May 12. Paris.

Asking for the loan of fifteen more guineas and promising to repay the entire debt in a short time; he and Mrs. Melmoth ready to start for England in a day or two; begs him to keep the fact a secret. A. L. S. 2 p.

Franklin's answer enclosed. Inconvenience he experienced in favoring him with the fifty guineas; relies on his honor and punctuality for a speedy repayment; sorry to hear that his trip to England must be kept secret. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. IX, 152.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 12. Bordeaux.

Concerning an offer made to Mr. Livingston of a vessel to be completely fitted out and armed, provided they will grant a commission; advance in rank this will give Mr. Livingston on his arrival in America. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 153.

From Comte de Milly. 1778. May 12. Paris.

Asking his protection for M. Douson, a surgeon of talent, who desires employment in the armies of the Americans. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 154.

From Marquis de Cossé. 1778. May 12. Paris.

Recommending M. de Masson; his knowledge of politics and familiarity with various languages. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 155.

From Gabriel and Pierre Bouffé and Louis Guillaume Le Veillard.

1778. May 12. Paris.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to purchase land for them, near Philadelphia. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) XLII, 100.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 12. The Hague.

Has induced certain Dutch merchants, friends of his, to send a vessel directly to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 31.

From Pierre Bouffé, Gabriel Bouffé and Louis G. Le Veillard.

1778. May 12. Paris.

Wish to purchase lands near Philadelphia and request Dr. Franklin to have the purchase made by some trustworthy person on the spot. Mem. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 100.**

From ——— Le Roux. 1778. May 12. Paris.

While Franklin works for the happiness of men, he occupies himself with that of children; hopes his writings on the subject may merit Franklin's approbation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 156.**

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 13. L'Orient.

Account from Lisbon of the arrival of the Peace and Plenty, privateer from Belfast, bringing in the brig Dolphin, Captain Turner, from Boston; Captain Turner destroyed the despatches from Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 157.**

From George Arnold. 1778. May 13. Mayence.

Wishes to know if the General Arnold of whom he reads so often in the newspapers is his son, from whom he has not heard for some years; his name, birth-place and station, as the son of a butcher, tally exactly with his son's history. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **IX, 158.**

From D. Montessuy. 1778. May 13. Paris.

His wish to obtain from the Colonies timber, hemp, resin and tar for the supply of the Royal Marine. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 159.**

From [Mme.] De La Corbière. 1778. May 13. Paris.

M. le Comte de Maillebois desired to interest Franklin on behalf of their boarding-school for girls. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 160.**

From J. C. Hornbostel. 1778. May 13. Marseilles.

Requesting the position of Consul at Marseilles. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **IX, 161.**

From Le Gouëslier de Montcarel. 1778. May 14. Marseilles.

Enclosing letters from M. de la Radière to his son in America.
A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 162.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to

The American Commissioners. 1778. May 14. Yorktown, Pa.

Good condition of affairs in America. The low political methods
of the English Court. The treaty with France. L. S. Richard
Henry Lee, James Lovell. 5 p. LIII, 41.

Printed in Wharton's Diplom. Corres. of the Amer. Rev., II, 574.

From Chevalier de Keralio.

1778. May 14. L'Ecole Royale Marine.

Reminding Franklin of the merchant at Brest who desired to be-
come the representative of Congress at that port. Sends the enclosed
note in favor of le Chevalier de Bazantin; sure that a recommen-
dation from Franklin would do much towards procuring liberty to those
unfortunate officers. Messages from Mme. la Douairière des Deux-
ponts. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) IX, 163.

From [Pahin Champlain de] la Blancherie.

1778. May 14. Ancien Collège de Bayeux.

Charged by M. Le Roy to inform Franklin that the members of the
Academy of Sciences have appointed him one of four commissioners;
names the time of the meeting, which he hopes Franklin will honor with
his presence. Sends him a translation of Volta on the inflammable air
of swamps. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IV, 85.

From [Marquis de Chartier de] Lotbinière. 1778. May 14. Paris.

Begging him to see that the enclosed letter from M. Holquart gets
safely to its destination in America and begs him to say a few words
in his favor to M. de Vergennes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

IX, 164.

From Christ[opher] Gadsden. 1778. May 14. Charlestown.

Introducing Mr. Thomas Waites who goes to France on business
for the common cause. A. L. S. 2 p. IX, 165.

From The Board of War to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 14.

Captain Courter has been assisted on his journey to Congress. Captain Senneville has been received with every mark of attention. The improved outlook in America following the treaty with France. A. L. S. Sam[uel] Ph[ili]ps Savage, Pres[iden]t. 2 p. **LIII, 66.**

From Tuthill Hubbard. 1778. May 14. Boston.

Enclosing a letter from his Aunt Mecom to Franklin; account circulated of Franklin's life having been attempted and of his being left in a languishing condition; the real pleasure the news of his welfare gave his friends. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 166.**

From ——— Bianot. 1778. May 15. Paris.

Asking his good offices in favor of M. Gellée. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 167.**

From And[re]w Carmier. 1778. May 15. Calais.

Offering his services for the position of Consul at Calais; refers him to M. Grand for further particulars. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 168.**

From Abr[aha]m Livingston to Messrs. Franklin and Deane.

1778. May 15. Charlestown.

Requesting his advice and assistance for Mr. Jos. Brown who is on a tour of Europe. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 169.**

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to The American Commissioners. 1778. May 15. Yorktown.

Amount of tobacco lost in the attempt to send it to France; advantage of France opening the trade from her own ports. Reasons why Congress thinks it best to expunge Articles 11 and 12 from the treaty with France. Doubtful which to wonder at more, the folly of the English in making themselves so hated or their scandalous barbarity in the expression of their resentment. Concerning the contract which the Commercial Committee has signed with the agent of Mr. Beaumarchais. A. L. S. Richard Henry Lee and James Lovell. 3 p. **IX, 170.**

Manner in which a mutual, sincere friendship between the two republics might be brought about; suggests several particular considerations of true interest on both sides; offers his services to promote such an alliance; for this he would need credentials and some pecuniary assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. IX, 178.

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A petition from the captains of the Dolphin and Lord Chatham, captured by Captain Jones, begging Franklin to procure their deliverance; their families entirely dependent on their industry; the best means to adopt, in order to secure their liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 180.

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Sending the large dictionary of the Academy and nine volumes of Abbé de Mably's works. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 52.

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England has done her utmost. Desires to consult Franklin about the History of the American Revolution. News of the Commissioners having sailed from England. Message to William Temple Franklin. A. L. S. 14 p. IX, 173.

From T[homas] Paine. 1778. May 16. Yorktown.

Has sent him a long letter [IX, 173], but in case it should not come to hand, mentions certain of its contents. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 174.

From The Sailors put on the Drake. 1778. May 16. Brest.

Testifying in favor of Lieutenant Simpson's conduct on board the Drake. Mem. S. Benj. Hill and twenty-four others. 3 p. LXI, 99.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Commerce, to The American Commissioners. 1778. May 16. York, Pa.

Concerning the contract between the house of Roderigue, Hortalez & Co., and the Committee of Commerce; instructions on that head. The obstructions of the bays and harbors to the southward has prevented the intended shipping of tobacco. Congratulates them on the treaties. A. L. S. William Ellery, Richard Hutson, Thomas Adams. 2 p. (Copy.) IX, 175.

From Sutaine de Dosnot [?]. 1778. May 16. Paris.

Concerning the papers of his nephew Du Coudray. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 176.

From Arthur Lee to Franklin and Adams.

1778. May 17. Chaillot.

Enclosing certain important papers; they will make such alterations as they judge proper; dreadful consequences to be expected from the disobedience and extravagance of certain subordinate servants. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 177.

From Rodolph Valltravers. 1778. May 17. Bienne.

Afraid Franklin's letters are subject to inspection; directions in case their correspondence should be more regularly established in favor of both the American and Swiss Cantons by the mediation of France.

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he has the management of public business and that Mr. Williams pretends to what he alone has authority for. Mr. Williams came hither with the sole view of assisting Captain Jones in his affairs and has not attempted to alter the channel the commercial part of the business has taken. The sale of the "Lord Chatham" will probably be made by the Admiralty, if not, it will fall into the hands of Mr. Bersoll, by whom the "Ranger" was furnished and to whom Captain Jones has applied for his present wants. The "Drake" is fitting to convey the prisoners to America. Captain Jones's great object to secure the release of two hundred American prisoners in exchange for those he captured; possibility of effecting this exchange in France; in that case suggests their purchasing the "Drake" to carry their supplies to America. A. L. S. 4 p. XXXVII, 154.

From Marc Le Fort. 1778. May 18. Marseilles.

Enclosing an extract from a letter from Antoine Gautier, with information of the capture of the vessel, L'Elégante, Captain Collineau; begs Franklin to write to the General Counsel or the Congress, at Williamsburg, for a detailed account of what happened and whether any part of the cargo or its value can be recovered. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) IX, 182.

From John Vaughan. 1778. May 19. Bordeaux.

Reasons why it would be more prudent for him to obtain an approved certificate of his nationality as an American. Departure of the Boston. Report from Martinique of an American frigate being blown up in an engagement with a sixty-four-gun ship; only four lives saved. News of the French, English and Spanish squadrons. A. L. S. 3 p. IX, 183.

From Chevalier de Bongars. 1778. May 19. Traillet par Eu.

Asking for a commission in the army for a French gentleman of noble birth. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXII, 9.

From ——— du Buat. 1778. May 19. St. Malo.

Anxious for news of his vessel, le Vicomte de Veaux, which left L'Orient, December 31st, in company with Le Lyon, commanded by his brother-in-law. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 184.

From [James Hutton]. 1778. May 19.

Reasons for England sending the Commissioners to America; the delegates in France would not speak any other language than that of independence; England's fear of French influence; threatening attitude of France towards England; the Toulon squadron; the effect of M. de Noaille's papers, delivered on March 13th; shed tears over it; prophesies that the French connection with America will be a ruinous one. A. L. S. "Cassander." 3 p. IX, 185.

From ——— Mesny. 1778. May 20. Paris.

Enclosing a hundred copies of a work by M. de la Faye, on the Roman method for preparing lime; begs Franklin to add a recommendation to them and forward them to America; leaves him to fix the price. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 186.

From Ferrand Dupuy. 1778. May 20. Paris.

Surprised at the reply that was made to the young man in question. Renews his appeal in behalf of the latter who seeks assistance to go to Boston having lost all his effects when he was taken prisoner during the previous voyage. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LX, 36.

From ——— Caillé. 1778. May 20. Paris.

Asking for particulars concerning the remedy for dropsy, published by Franklin in the Paris newspapers; such kindness on his part will win the eternal gratitude of a sufferer from the disease at Frankfort. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) IX, 187.

From J[am]es Leveux. 1778. May 20. Calais.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the 15th inst. authorizing him to help all the subjects of the United States who stand in need of assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 188.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 22. The Hague.

Difficulty experienced by the Grand Pensionnaire in responding to their letter; his wish to send a verbal reply. Desires information as to the reception given by the United States to the British Commissioners. Refusal of Holland to increase the number of their troops.

Reports that all the French volunteers have orders to quit the German army. Asks for confirmation of the report that Quebec is in the hands of the Americans. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 32.

From Thom[as] Simpson to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 25. Brest.

His treatment since he was placed under arrest by Captain Jones; is detained now in the common gaol at Brest; no one allowed to see him; his ignorance of French, and general miserable situation; thinks this treatment of a lieutenant in the American navy, for an imaginary fault, unwarranted and unjust in the highest degree; begs them to intercede in his behalf or at least get him a passage to America, where he may undergo a fair trial. A. L. S. 5 p. IX, 189.

From Arthur and W[illiam] Bryan, Jr. 1778. May 25. Dublin.

Recommending Captain Joy Castle, of Philadelphia, who, with his family, was driven away by the calamities attending on war, but now, upon the prospects of peace, is anxious to return. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 190.

From Taverne Demont d'Hiver. 1778. May 25. Dunkirk.

Recommending the commercial house of Poreau, MacKenzie & Co., who desire to enter into business relations with Franklin; their attachment to the good cause. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 191.

From Girardot, Haller & Co. 1778. May 25. Paris.

Their correspondents, Messrs. F. and A. Dubbeldemutt, of Rotterdam, anxious for a speedy answer to their letter of the 18th inst., concerning their visit to establish a correspondence in America. L. S. 1 p. IX, 192.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. May 26. Nantes.

Avoided doing the Ranger's business through fear of disagreeable consequences; in spite of this, has received a letter from Mr. A. Lee in which he is distinctly censured; sends copies of his correspondence with Mr. Lee; hopes to prove to Franklin, personally, the entire honesty of his conduct. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 155.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 27. Brest.

Account of his late expedition, since leaving Brest on April 10th; capture and sinking of various prizes; a detailed description of his attempt on Whitehaven on the 22d; spiked their guns and burnt many of their vessels; account of the engagement between the *Ranger* and the *Drake*, ending in the capture of the latter. Events leading up to Lieutenant Simpson's suspension and arrest for disobedience. His present dilemma for want of money; his draft on M. Bersoll has not been honored and even the daily provisions for his men are not forthcoming; complains of such a reception. A. L. S. 12 p. IX, 193.

From Marc Le Fort. 1778. May 27. Marseilles.

Enclosing an extract from a letter of Antoine Gautier, containing news of the capture of the ship *L'Élégante* commanded by Captain Collineau; begs Franklin to take the matter into consideration. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) IX, 194.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Commerce, to The American Commissioners. 1778. May 28. York.

Orders relative to the arrival of the brigantine *Baltimore*, laden with a cargo of tobacco; news of the arrival at Boston of various vessels. L. S. William Ellery, Richard Hutson, Thomas Adams. 2 p. IX, 195.

From Chevalier de Berny. 1778. May 28. Strasbourg.

Reminding Franklin that he had the honor to dedicate and address to him a manuscript entitled "*L'Œil du Maître ou Essai sur le Ministère*"; desires to know if it came safely to hand. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 196.

From ——— Dabadie. 1778. May 28. Bordeaux.

About to embark for America with M. De la Plai[g]ne; at M. Turgot's solicitation he obtained a letter to Mr. Williams, at Boston; his destination changed; desires a letter now to some one in Georgia. A. L. S. 3 p. IX, 181.

From W[illia]m Bingham to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 29. St. Pierre.

Has written several letters to Congress on the subject of remittances for several debts he has contracted on the public account; should these fail to come, must draw on Franklin for the desired sum. Mercantile operations almost suspended owing to the appearance of an approaching war. News of the loss of the Randolph, Captain [Nicholas] Biddle; due to his intemperate courage and the cowardice of Captain Thompson of the Raleigh, who refused to give him any assistance; out of three hundred and five persons, only four were saved. A. L. S. 4 p. (In duplicate.) IX, 197 and 198.

From [Benjamin Vaughan]. 1778. May 29. [London.]

Doings of Parliament; Burgoyne's speech. Lord Chatham's debts unpaid. Desires Jamaica given to the French, not to the Spaniards. Lord Sandwich a coarse and vulgar liar; torn to pieces and laughed at on all sides. A. L. 3 p. (First part missing.) LVIII, 69.

From Jon[a]th[an] Trumbull to The American Commissioners.

1778. May 29. Hartford.

The bearer is Captain Niles, commander of the schooner Spy, who has in charge despatches from Congress. The article of lead much needed in Connecticut; desires a certain quantity put on board the Spy; question of paying Captain Niles's expenses while in France. A. L. S. 1 p. IX, 199.

From Henri Serre. 1778. May 29. Geneva.

Concerning the electrophore of M. Volta; discusses the possibility of explaining this invention by Franklin's method of electricity. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 200.

From Louvel de Boirargues. 1778. May 29. Paris.

Has endeavored, in the enclosed verses, to place Franklin's well-known attainments in such a light as to reflect credit on a reign, already glorious. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) IX, 201.

By L[ouvel] de B[oirargues]. 1778. May 29. Paris.]

To Dr. Franklin. A. Sonnet S. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 44.

From Ralph Harding. 1778. May 30. Calais.

Request to enter the American army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
LXII, 50.

From Jon[a]th[an] Trumbull. 1778. May 30. Hartford.

Asking Franklin's advice and assistance for the bearer, who is commissioned to buy a small font of letters for the use of printers in Connecticut. A. L. S. 1 p. **IX, 202.**

From J. de Sparre. 1778. May 30. Strasbourg.

Wrote Franklin some time before, enclosing letters from M. de Sartine and M. de Villevault, in the hope that Franklin would employ him in the affairs of America; having received no answer, begs for the return of the letters of introduction. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 203.**

From Comtesse de Choiseul.

1778. May 30. L'Abbaye St. Antoine.

Asking for a letter of recommendation for an officer who desires to enter the service of America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **IX, 204.**

From Richard Peters. 1778. May 31. York.

Writes again for news of his father; hopes he is still alive; wishes him to be informed of the state of American affairs and also of various family matters; wishes his father to come and spend his last days with them; desires Franklin to advance him a supply of cash which he will repay. British tyranny departing at a rapid rate; the English covered with disgrace, are preparing to leave Philadelphia; brilliant prospects for America. News of the Bache family. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 205.**

From Josh[ua] Babcock. 1778. May 31. Westerly [R. I.].

Means taken for the defense of Rhode Island against the enemy; slaves emancipated to serve in battalions. General Spenser's abortive attempts against the enemy. Exorbitant prices charged for the necessities of life. Does Franklin know any better expedient for mending the currency than severe taxation? Congratulates him on the negotiation of the treaties with France. The King and Queen of France and his Excellency daily toasted in the political circles of America. Concerning Franklin's address to Lord North on behalf of his captive countrymen. Pays him many compliments. A. L. S. 4 p. **IX, 206.**

From Abraham Whipple. 1778. May 31. Paimboeuf Harbor.

His arrival; enclosing his orders from Congress and from the Navy Board. His departure from Providence and his running the blockade; details of his trip; has twelve prisoners with him; desires orders relative to them. Enclosing a draft of the bill for reconciliating measures between Great Britain and America, published by General Pigot, Commander at Rhode Island; it was received with all the marks of indignity and burnt by the common hangman. L. S. 4 p. **IX, 207.**

From Mrs. C. Neate. 1778. May 31. London.

Three years since she lost her husband; begs Franklin's advice as to the best means to take to procure the payment of the debts justly due him, amounting at his death to £140,000, of which £30,000 have since been paid. A. L. S. 2 p. **IX, 208.**

From ——— Debons. 1778. May. Paris.

Petition for the release of Chevalier de Bazantin, a prisoner in the hands of the English at St. Augustin, Fla. D. 3 p. (In French.)

LVII, 16.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [1778. Circa May.]

Sends him a letter wherein will be seen that M. Lalande Robinot is a good and honest merchant, and asks him to give Mr. Robinot a letter of recommendation to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLIV, 170.**

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [1778. May ?]

Reminds him about the letter of introduction for M. Lalande-Robinot of Nantes, who was going on his own vessel with a valuable cargo to America. Mme. de Marunay intends to go to see Franklin on Sunday and dine with him. Encloses a paper containing a request on behalf of Baron de Wimpfen. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XLIV, 169.

From Rob[er]t Montgomery. [1778. Circa May.] Alicante.

Repeating his former request that Franklin would confirm his certificate of allegiance and so save him from further persecution; claims his protection as head of the first American business house established in Spain. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLI, 60.**

From Sam[ue]l Cooper. 1778. June 1. Boston.

The treaty between France and America; Britain dare not engage in a war with both France and the United States. Reception given to the conciliatory bills. Prospect of the English leaving Philadelphia. Difficulty of recruiting the American army. Anecdote showing the cowardice of Lord Percy at Dorchester Heights. Enclosing the proceedings of the court martial in which Colonel Henley was tried and General Burgoyne showed himself in the most contemptible light; justification of Colonel Henley. Encloses a printed copy of the proposed Constitution. Desires any news of public significance. A. L. S. 4 p. X, 1.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. June 1. Brest.

Encloses papers to prove that his roses are not without thorns. Plans for keeping his present crew; should their home-sickness continue, suggests the advisability of certain exchanges. Willingness of the Duc de Chartres to aid him in obtaining the ship built at Amsterdam; disadvantages of the Ranger. Splendid results which might be obtained with the aid of two or three fast-sailing ships. Repairs needed on the Ranger and Drake. The people murmuring at not receiving their prize-money. A. L. S. 4 p. X, 2.

From [Benjamin] Sowden. 1778. June 1. Rotterdam.

Concerning the proposals of Mr. Arrenberg on the question of printing the bibles for America. Franklin's splendid work; hopes it will bring the besotted, pur-blind Ministry of England to their senses. Concerning the proposition in the States-General of the Netherlands to declare America independent. A. L. 3 p. X, 3.

From Sam[ue]l Wharton. 1778. June 2. London.

Sends various papers, by Mr. Pringle, also copies of letters which have passed between Mr. Williams and himself on the subject of an aspersion of his (Wharton's) character; denies these accusations. The arrival of the Andromeda man-of-war at New York, carrying a copy of the proposed Bill of Concession; the treaty with France ratified eight days before her arrival. General Clinton assumed the command of the army April 24th; Sir William Howe, the Guards, and Burgoyne's regiment of dragoons expected to embark for England, May 7th.

Resignation of Lord Suffolk. Negotiations with the Rockinghams and Lord Shelburne entirely broken off; all parties angry with Lord Sandwich for his imposing on them as regards the navy. A. L. S. 2 p.
X, 4.

From F[elix] A[ntonio] Castrioto. 1778. June 2. Lisbon.

Complains bitterly of receiving no answer to his letters; congratulates Franklin on the treaty with France. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 5.

From Girardot, Haller & Co. 1778. June 2. Paris.

Refers Franklin to their last letter concerning the request of Messrs. Dubbeldemutt, at Rotterdam. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 6.

From ——— de Bout. 1778. June 2. Paris.

Repeating his request for the letter of the Chevalier de Bazantin, prisoner at St. Augustine, together with that written him on the Chevalier's behalf, by the Comtesse de Lameth. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
X, 6½.

From C. [G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 2. The Hague.

Return of the French Ambassador. Waits only for a copy of the treaty to pay his respects to the Grand Pensionnaire. Anecdotes of the Duchesse de Chartres and the Princesse de Lamballe, who are making a tour in Holland. Approves thoroughly of the Latin quotation to be placed under Franklin's portrait. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 33.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 3. Brest.

Acknowledging his favor of the 25th ult.; craves pardon for signing a draft on Franklin in order to supply his people with necessary clothing, etc.; has never touched a dollar of public money for any private purpose of his own. Disposition made of the prizes he captured. Inconvenience of finding no Continental agent at Brest. If Franklin is in possession of any resolution of Congress which will authorize the sending of Lieutenant Simpson to America, should be obliged for a copy of it. A. L. S. 4 p. X, 7.

From V. C. Fautrel. 1778. June 3. Havre.

Thanks Franklin for using his influence with M. de Sartine to obtain for him the rank of lieutenant in the Royal Marine. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 8.

From [Madame] de Pouteney. 1778. June 3. Besançon.

Enclosing samples of merchandise that her husband can furnish. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Having discontinued the purchase of goods for America, will deliver the samples to some of their merchants; would give him pleasure to be of service to M. or Mme. de Pouteney. X, 9.

From Elijah Hall to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 3. On board the Ranger.

Begs them to point out some method to bring the prizes to sale, that the men may get their share; their families at home in a distressed condition; have been seven months from America, and not two of them at sea. Considers the treatment of Mr. Simpson most unfair; complains of Captain Jones; no American of spirit can ever serve with cheerfulness under him; asserts the courage and good behaviour of the men on the Ranger, Captain Jones to the contrary, notwithstanding. Mr. Bersoll has denied them all supplies; the beef they get very bad. L. S. 3 p. X, 10.

From ——— Moucherel. 1778. June 4. Nancy.

Ready to give to the public two works on law; practicability of adopting this new code to the laws and customs in use in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 11.

From D[avid] Hartley. 1778. June 5. London.

Authorized by the Administration and the Board of Admiralty to make certain propositions concerning the exchange of the poor prisoners; the port of Calais chosen as the most suitable for this exchange. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 12.

From Fairholme and Luther. 1778. June 5. St. Martin.

Reminding Franklin of their letter of some weeks before, concerning their refusal to answer for the passage of some French officers without Franklin's orders; desires an answer to this. Requesting Franklin to empower them to act for Congress in the event of prizes arriving at St. Martin. In need of assistance. L. S. 2 p. X, 13.

From A[melia] Barry. 1778. June 5. Tunis.

Felicitates him on the glorious results of his labors; her husband's failure to make a success of his business; begs Franklin to secure for him a consulship in whatever port he can most easily obtain it. A. L. S. 7 p. (In duplicate.) X, 14 and 15.

From Tho[ma]s Bond, Jr. 1778. June 5. Bethlehem.

Presenting the bearer, Dr. Jacob Rieger, who goes, via France, to Germany to improve himself in his profession; his faithful apprenticeship under the writer's father, Dr. Bond; begs Franklin to introduce him to some medical gentlemen in France. His present position as Assistant Director-General of the General Hospital. Their want of certain instruments that Dr. Rieger is directed to purchase. The Bache family all well. British army about to evacuate Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 16.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. June 6. Brest.

Acknowledging his esteemed favor of the 1st inst. [giving him the command of the great ship built at Amsterdam], deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon him; expects soon to wait upon him at Paris. Suggests that the Providence and Boston should rendezvous at Brest. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 17.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 6. Bordeaux.

Question of certain debts he has had to discharge. The affair of the conspiracy has been examined by the proper officers appointed by the Intendant, but nothing could be proved. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 18.

From Lalande Robinot. 1778. June 6. L'Orient.

His vessel on the eve of departure for North Carolina; begs for a line from Franklin to facilitate his return to France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 19.

From T[homas] Barker. 1778. June 7. Nantes.

Intends taking passage on a vessel bound for North Carolina; desires Franklin's opinion as to what part of the coast of America would be most free from English ships. A. L. S. 1 p. **X, 20.**

From G. Anquetil Brutiere & Co. 1778. June 7. Granville.

Fitted out his vessel the year before for the cod fisheries off New Foundland; she was boarded by an American privateer who forced her to take on board seven English prisoners and transport them to Europe without supplying provisions or necessaries of life; the loss of money this occasioned him; applies to Franklin for compensation. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **X, 21.**

From Baron de Hupsch. 1778. June 7. Cologne.

A zealous defender of liberty; has charge of the Universal Gazette published in Cologne; the interest with which he has always printed anything of note concerning the Americans; discredit thrown on America by the Protestant gazettes of Germany; begs Franklin to make contributions from time to time to his paper on those subjects which concern the glory and credit of America. His own work in natural history, economy, and mineralogy; believes he could be useful to Congress. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **X, 22.**

From The Navy Board [of the Eastern Department] to The American Commissioners. 1778. June 8. Boston.

Agreeable to the directions of the Marine Committee, they have provided the schooner Despatch for the purpose of conveying to the Commissioners some packets of great importance; orders relative to supplying the captain and crew with provisions and money. L. S. J[ames] Warren, J[ohn] Deshon. 1 p. **X, 23.**

From Meinert & Co. 1778. June 9. Nantes.

Forwarding a petition from a poor prisoner at Brest. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 123.**

From The Council of Massachusetts Bay to The American Commissioners. 1778. June 9. Watertown.

Packets from the Secret Committee of Congress to the Commissioners are transmitted by Corbin Barnes, Captain of the Despatch. Packets may be returned the same way. A. L. S. Jer[emiah] Powell, Pres[ident]t. 1 p. LIII, 68.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.
1778. June 9. The Hague.

Extracts from German letters showing the imminence of war with Austria. Increased sympathy in Holland for the American cause. Delighted with Mr. A. Lee's approbation. Prophecies that the Belgian lion will soon be snatched from the teeth and claws of the British lion. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 34.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.
1778. June 10. Brest.

Sale of one of the Ranger's prizes by Messrs. Delap; wrote to them requesting that the captor's part of the prize might be remitted to Mr. Williams; no attention paid to this request; begs Dr. Franklin to give the necessary orders that the uneasiness of his officers and men may be removed. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 25.

From Rawleigh Colston. 1778. June 10. Cape François.

The bearer, Major du Bouchett, was taken prisoner on his passage home and sent from New York to Martinique; honored his draft for a certain amount in order to defray the expenses of his passage; the Major's honorable service in America. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 26.

From Pierre Maubailarcy. 1778. June 10. Brest.

Applying for the commission of Consul for the United States at Brest. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) LX, 74.

From J[am]es Leveux. 1778. June 10. Calais.

Concerning the case of Ralph Harding, a retired officer in the service of India, who wrote Franklin a letter with a detailed account of his experiences in attempting to join the English army in America and at the same time offering his services to Franklin; has received no answer to this letter; begs Franklin to relieve Mr. Harding's anxiety. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 27.

From The Continental Congress, Marine Committee, to The American Commissioners. 1778. June 10. York, Pa.

Requesting them to purchase twenty-eight cannon and ship them to Portsmouth or Boston. A. L. S. Richard Henry Lee, Chairman. 1 p.
X, 27½.

From ——— Sikes. 1778. June 11. Paris.

Like Franklin, he has made great progress in science; sends him a prospectus of an instrument, invented by himself and approved by the Royal Academy of Sciences; desires to show him this invention. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
X, 28.

From ——— Massieu. 1778. June 11. Caen.

Wrote to Mr. Deane in the beginning of April concerning M. Duménil de St. Pierre who was killed three years before in the service of Congress and of whose death some authentic certificate is wanted; encloses an extract of his letter to Mr. Deane as the best way to explain the affair; begs for an answer. A. L. S. 4 p.
X, 29.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.
1778. June 11. The Hague.

His interviews with the Grand Facteur à propos of the advisability of presenting to the Grand Pensionnaire a copy of the treaty with France. Has just seen the fine, spirited Resolution of Congress on the subject of the Conciliatory Bill. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
XXXIX, 35.

From Georgelin Du Cosquer. 1778. June 11. Paris.

His project for duration of law-suits in France; hopes Franklin will second his undertaking; Article 25 of the wise Constitution of Pennsylvania is the model which he intends to propose to France for imitation. A. L. S. 1 p. Enclosing a sketch of this plan (3 p.). (In French.)

Copy of Franklin's answer. Avows his attachment to France; praises M. du Cosquer's laudable intention, but pleads his ignorance of French law as a reason for his being unable to judge of the work. 1 p. (In French.)
X, 30.

From Mme. Brillon. [1778. June?] Thursday 11th. Passy.

Assuring Franklin of her friendship. Advantages of friendship over love. Places implicit trust and confidence in Franklin. A. L. 2 p.
(In French.) XLIII, 93.

From James Moylan. 1778. June 12. L'Orient.

Arrival of the frigate Boston, Captain Tucker, from Bordeaux; she will sail the next day in company with the frigate L'Oiseau. A. L. S. 1 p.
X, 31.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 13. Bordeaux.

Acknowledging the punctuality with which his drafts have been honored. Causes for the high price of fresh beef. A. L. S. 2 p.
X, 32.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 13. Bordeaux.

Acknowledging their favor of the 25th ult. Will transmit every month whatever disbursements his department may receive and will communicate any occurrences meriting attention. A. L. S. 1 p.
X, 33.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 14. Bordeaux.

Introducing the bearer, Captain Casstle; he and his wife desire to return to Philadelphia; the Captain's business in Paris is to obtain the restitution of a ship belonging to him and his brother; if he succeeds, will make her American property and proceed at once to America. A. L. S. 2 p.
X, 34.

From Rich[ard] Bache. 1778. June 14. Manheim.

At Franklin's request made inquiries about Richard Cooke, a native of Rotterdam; he has been living in North Carolina, but starts for Europe with letters to Franklin, with the intention of looking after the legacy, said to have been left him. Acknowledging Franklin's letters. A. L. S. 1 p.
X, 35.

From H. Archer to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 14. Paris.

Though a native of England, it is his wish to go to America and enter into one of the regiments of horse; will be glad to serve at first as a volunteer at his own expense. Inveighs against Great Britain; expresses the greatest admiration for America. Proposes to wait on Franklin in company with Baron de Ridberg. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 36.

From Johann Wilhelm Harcken. 1778. June 15. Hamburg.

Offers his services as clergyman. Asks free passage to America for himself and family. A. L. S. 2 p. LIX, 62.

From Abraham Whipple to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 15. Paimboeuf.

Acknowledging their favor per Captain Jones; desires orders relative to his prisoners; his masts being prepared; offers to carry arms and clothing to the United States. L. S. 1 p. X, 37.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 16. The Hague.

Question of presenting the treaty still pending; attitude of the Grand Facteur. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 36.

From W[illia]m Bingham to Messrs. Franklin and Lee.

1778. June 16. St. Pierre.

Surprised at receiving no information of the Treaty of Commerce concluded between France and America. As agent for the United States in the West Indies, cannot discharge his duties with any credit to himself or his country, if he is to be kept in ignorance of such important information. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 38.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 16. Bordeaux.

Captain Conyngham's arrival at Corunna from Cadiz, having captured four prizes on the way. The Jersey privateers still continue on the coast of Spain; news of other vessels. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 39.

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From Antoine Salvator. 1778. June 16. Cadiz.

Begging his acceptance of a small work (poem) as a proof of his ardent and active interest in America. His intense admiration for Franklin, Washington and the new Republic. Certain rumors current as to why the Spanish fleet has not arrived. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) X, 40.

From D[avid] H[artley]. 1778. June 16. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of June 5th, relative to the exchange of prisoners; transcribes his own letter of June 5th on the same subject, for fear it may have miscarried. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 41.

From Ra[lph] Izard. 1778. June 17. Paris.

Concerning the account Mr. Pringle gave him of his interview with Franklin; takes great offense at some of Franklin's expressions. No attention has ever been paid to his repeated requests to be told why all knowledge of the treaty with France was withheld from him; considers Franklin's reasons for his conduct are not the true ones; tells him what he thinks were his real motives. Arthur Lee's chivalrous defense of Franklin in the day of his tribulation and his ungrateful return. Wishes to know if it is true that the French ministry desired that Mr. Arthur Lee and himself should be kept in ignorance of certain matters. L. S. 8 p. X, 43.

From ————. 1778. June 17.

Remarks on the political situation in England during the war with the American Colonies. The interests of the other European powers will impel them to oppose England in this war. Sees no prospect of England being able to subdue the Colonies and thinks she should attend to her affairs at home. Would be folly for her to declare war against France or Spain in the present state of her affairs. Diss. M. 8 p. (In French.) XLIX, 55.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 18. Paris.

Astonished at their refusal of offers on the part of certain vessels to cruise against the English, at their own expense and under the laws of the American navy; the principal promoter of this enterprise is an old associate of the Marquis Roux of Corsica, well-known for his audacity and courage. A. L. S. 4 p. X, 44.

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 18. Dunkirk.

Desires an answer to his letter of the 8th inst. Concerning the two vessels now being fitted out for America, which will carry letters and any news they may care to send. Contradictory reports as to the whereabouts of the English squadron. Certain American seamen who are in distress and claim protection; advises their being helped, otherwise they are sure to go over to Great Britain. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 45.

From Victoire Laubertie. 1778. June 18. Brunswick.

Concerning Colonel de Donap who, before his death, sent to one of his friends at Kassel, 8,000 écus to be placed to the credit of his children, who are also hers and whom he legitimized before his departure for America; this sum of money detained by the Council of War at Kassel; begs Franklin to find out if Colonel de Donap did not leave a will in America in favor of his children, in order that they may not be deprived of all his effects. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 46.

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 19. Dunkirk.

From certain reports, believes that Admiral Keppel's squadron was seen off Portland the 15th inst. Rumor that Lord Byron's squadron sailed from Plymouth the 10th inst. Refusal of a French vessel to carry to America, as passenger, James Bearus who was wounded while on board the Lexington. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 47.

From James Lovell. 1778. June 20. Yorktown.

Forgot to forward the Resolve of May 5th with the ratifications of the treaties. The American troops entered Philadelphia on the 18th; the intention of the enemy in evacuating it not yet explained. Commissioners will be particularly nominated to transact affairs at Lisbon and The Hague, if those courts are well-disposed toward America. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 48.

From The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs, to

The American Commissioners. 1778. June 21. Yorktown.

Arrival of the British Commissioners; an answer to their propositions is printed in the Pennsylvania Gazette of the 20th inst. General

Clinton's evacuation of Philadelphia on the 18th; General Washington is pursuing the enemy into Jersey. Desire the most exact information concerning the authenticity of Mr. Holker's mission to Congress, touching their treaty with Great Britain. A. L. S. Richard Henry Lee, Tho[ma]s Heyward, James Lovell. 2 p. **X, 49.**

From William Moore to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 21. Paris.

Petition for a pass. A. L. S. 2 p.

LXXIV, 117.

From Joy Castle and William Castle, of Philadelphia, to [The American Commissioners]. 1778. June 22. Passy.

Petition for papers to permit them to proceed to America with a cargo. A. D. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **LXI, 31, 32.**

From Peirce Powers to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 22. Brest Hospital.

Was midshipman on board the Ranger in her action with the Drake; lost his right arm and received a bad wound in his left hand; being unable any longer to serve his country, desires to be provided with a passage to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **X, 50.**

From ——— Masson. 1778. June 22. Paris.

Saw with pleasure in the Courier de l'Europe, a translation of the famous latin verse, which so truly applies to Franklin; thinks the translation, though good, lacks the brevity of the original; his own rendering is:

“Il arracha par ses rares talents

La foudre aux dieux, le sceptre aux tyrans.”

A. L. S. 2 p.

X, 51.

From John Bondfield. 1778. June 23. Bordeaux.

Eclat with which the Marquis d'Almada is received by the chief officers of Bordeaux; expects his residence in London will be a short one. A. L. S. 1 p. **X, 52.**

From Sir Francis Montresor. 1778. June 23. Bordeaux.

Has been very busy fitting out the Vengeance; account of her guns, crew, etc. His attachment to the United States. **X, 53.**

From Veuve Lalanne et fils. 1778. June 23. Bayonne.

Concerning one of their vessels, L'Espérance, which was captured in a manifestly illegal manner by the Captain of the Nottingham and whose cargo they hope to be able to recover with Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 54.

From John Boylston. 1778. June 24. London.

Pictures Franklin at the helm in these stormy times, the thunder rattling round his head and securely shrouded under his own intellectual rod of fortitude and truth. Hopes the enclosed will be of some service to their unhappy townsfolk. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 55.

From Samuel Mather. 1778. June 24. Boston.

Congratulating Franklin on the success of his prudent and faithful negotiation. Promising aspect of things in the New World; the success of General Gates against "the pompous, histrionical Burgoyne" has communicated no small terror to the enemy. His experiences in Boston during the siege. Is seventy-two years old; hopes before his death to see his country peacefully established in the happy state of liberty and independence. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 56.

From ——— Gaulay. 1778. June 24. Strasbourg.

Desires to enter the service of America in the capacity of surgeon; his past experience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Has no orders to send surgeons to America and can therefore give him no encouragement. X, 57.

From Hez[ekiah] Ford to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 25. Nantes.

Reasons why he has decided to take passage on board Mr. Ross's schooner bound to Virginia. Thanking him for the letter of recommendation. His indignation at the cruelty which has lately marked General Howe's conduct in wantonly destroying the property of individuals up the Delaware. Anathematizes George III. A. L. S. 4 p. X, 59.

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From ——— Drouet. 1778. June 26. Paris.

Has been occupied for forty-two years on a plan, which, while it assures the growth of power to a nation, promises at the same time a real and lasting well-being to its people; the work has been immense, but the summary is finished; desires to read it to Franklin in order to obtain his opinion. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 60.

From Capt. Emanuel Pierre De la Plaigne.

1778. June 26. Plymouth Dock.

An account of their being attacked, on May 1st, by the corsair Lively and obliged, after a sharp fight, to surrender; treated like savages, ironed and imprisoned; his relations and domestics dependent on his aid while he is reduced to the lowest misery; begs for assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 61.

From ——— ———. 1778. June 26.

In praise of Dr. Franklin and M. Dubourg. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 65.

From Girardot, Haller & Co. 1778. June 26. Paris.

Begging for letters of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Solomon Kitt, a gentleman of good family in Germany, who desires some protection in America, for which country he has the sincerest attachment. Entreats him to answer their repeated letters for Messrs. Dubbel-demutt, of Rotterdam. L. S. 1 p. X, 62.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 27. Bordeaux.

Concerning the engagement of "La Belle Poule" and its possible consequences. America does not appear to be Admiral Byron's destination. Hopes the arrival of good news in America may promote the recruiting service. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 63.

From Lt.-Col. de Forestier. 1778. June 27. Hesdin.

Concerning a man in town who calls himself de Bonne and who professes to be a captain in the service of the United States; his past unsavory record; thinks he will throw discredit on the service, therefore writes Franklin this warning. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

X, 64.

From John Thompson. 1778. June 27. Brest.

Was wounded in an engagement with an English vessel whilst gunner on the Lexington. Lost his leg and is in the hospital at Brest. Appeals to Franklin for money and clothing. L. S. 2 p. LX, 44.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 27. The Hague.

Account of his presenting the treaty to the Grand Pensibonnaire. Expected arrival of M. Van Berkel. Reported loan of three million florins raised by Holland. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 37.

From Poreau, MacKenzie & Co. 1778. June 27. Dunkirk.

Concerning a bond which they are to sign and which they hear is to be presented to them by Mr. Coffyn; sorry to tell Franklin that he is a most improper person for such a trust; begs that the bond may be sent by another hand. L. S. 2 p. X, 65.

From Abraham Whipple to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 27. Nantes.

Expects to be able to sail by the 20th of July; if he is to take any goods on board, would be glad to know of it. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 66.

From ——— de Romas. 1778. June 27. Agen.

Remembering the correspondence that Franklin had with his brother, takes the liberty to ask his influence with M. le Prince de Montbarrey to obtain letters exempting his nephew from examinations at the school of Mezières; wishes to bring his nephew to call on Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 67.

From Le Sieur Teissier. 1778. June 27.

Reminds Franklin that he was presented to him by the Comte de Sarsfield; is about to sail for America to offer his services as surgeon to the United States; begs for the promised letter of recommendation. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) X, 68.

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From Samuel Parson. 1778. June 28.

Certificate as to the diligence, skill, and modesty of Chevalier de La Neuville, and his brother Major Normont de La Neuville, Inspector and Deputy Inspector of the army under General Gates. D. S. 1 p.
LIII, 69b.

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 29. L'Orient.

Account of the arrival of the frigate Oiseau with the prize Hope, a privateer, which had taken the brig Sally, of Massachusetts; gives the names of the sailors from Marblehead who were prisoners on board; procured their liberty and sent them to join Captain Jones of the Ranger. A. L. S. 1 p.
X, 69.

From Peter Amiel. 1778. June 29. Nantes.

Captain Jones has granted him leave to stay at L'Orient to settle his private affairs; since then, has been offered apartments in the the chateau of M. de Chaumont; begs for an extension of leave. A. L. S. 1 p.
X, 70.

From ——— Lalanne. 1778. June 29. Paris.

Desires to know if the two propositions made to Franklin have met with any success. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. The Commissioners have no authority to purchase wine for America, nor, as yet, to appoint consuls. X, 71.

From ——— Hiriart. 1778. June 29. St. Sebastian.

Has read in the papers a latin verse which ought to be put at the foot of Franklin's portrait; suggests a slight emendation; this is his first attempt in poetry. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 72,

From Hez[ekiah] Ford. 1778. June 30. Paimboeuf.

Account of an engagement between two privateers belonging to the state of Connecticut, and two British men-of-war, ending in a victory for the Americans. Fears to return to Virginia in Mr. Ross's schooner on account of the numerous cruisers now on the coast. A. L. S. 3 p.
X, 73.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 30. Bordeaux.

A vessel from Louisiana reports the seizure, by the back settlers of Georgia and Carolina, of all British posts on the banks of the Mississippi, together with two valuable vessels laden for London. Other captures reported. Count d'Aranda's passage through Bordeaux on his return journey from Madrid to Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 74.

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.

1778. June 30. Dunkirk.

Information received of the arrival in England of six Russian ships-of-war and the expected advent of six more; the captains and officers on board are English and Scotch and the sailors Russian. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 75.

By ——— ———. [1778. June ?]

Lines on the refusal by the Church authorities to hold a religious service over Voltaire's remains. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 85.

From The Sailors on board "The Ranger" to The American Commissioners. 1778. June.

Petitions for relief from their grievances at the hands of Captain [John Paul] Jones. Praise of Lieutenant Simpson. Mem. S. Ebenezer Watson and seventy-seven others. 3 p. LXI, 97.

From Christ[ia]n Stenger and William Stragham.

1778. June. Brest.

Two captains of merchant vessels hailing from Ireland, captured by the Continental ship "Ranger," petition the American Commissioners to be released and allowed to return to their families. L. 1 p. LX, 21.

From Mich[e]l Comyn. 1778. July 1. Marseilles.

Offering his services in the capacity of Consul for the City of Marseilles and requesting Franklin's protection and recommendation to Congress; his experience in trade and his knowledge of French and English. Was instrumental in procuring for the Continental army some officers of distinguished merit, such as the Count Pulaski, and M. le Chevalier de la Baume. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 77.

From Sam[ue]l Cooper. 1778. July 1. Boston.

Proceedings of the British Commissioners; they stumbled at the very threshold and in their first communication to Congress advanced a palpable falsehood; if they have nothing further to offer, they have come upon a fool's errand. The cry everywhere is "Independence and fidelity to our treaties." News of the army; General Washington, with 20,000 men, not far from Princeton; General Clinton, with 12 to 15,000, at Mt. Holly. No authentic report of Comte d'Estaing's arrival on the American coast; Boston harbor alive with French vessels and their prizes. Bright prospects for America. A. L. S. 2 p.

X, 78.

From Mme. Brillou. [1778?] July 1. Passy.

Witty and bantering reply to Franklin who had compared himself to a beggar asking alms from a bishop. Declines to give Franklin the kind of charity he asks for. Is willing to give him her friendship, considers him as her father but cannot entertain his proposals of love. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 26.

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Oct., 1906, 37.

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. July 2. Versailles.

Glad that Franklin approves of the use he has made of his letters; only waiting for the news from America promised him by Franklin, to publish it to all Paris. Will do his best to send him the London Evening Post and Chronicle but in the present state of affairs cannot guarantee their arriving regularly. A. L. S. 3 p.

X, 79.

From Charles Epp. 1778. July 2. Altdorf.

His opinion concerning the strength of the Americans to fight any foreign power; the difficulties that overtake a commonwealth after the enemy has been driven out; the evils to be avoided in a republican government. A. L. S. 4 p.

X, 80.

From The Navy Board of the Eastern Department to The American Commissioners. 1778. July 2. Boston.

Sends by the bearer, Captain Ayres, four packets from the Honorable Committee for Foreign Affairs, and the Gazettes of Boston. Recommends Captain Ayres to Franklin's notice as an officer ready upon all occasions to render his best services to his country. L. S. J[ames] Warren. 1 p.

X, 81.

From Abraham Whipple to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 2. Nantes.

Acknowledging his favor of the 23d ult. with the agreeable contents. Nearly ready for sea; desires that the necessary merchandise might be put on board as soon as possible. Encloses an exact return of prisoners. L. S. 3 p. X, 82.

From Henricus Godet. 1778. July 2. Amsterdam.

Has been applied to for assistance by one David Welsh, who says he was second lieutenant on board the Lexington, was subsequently taken prisoner, and carried to Plymouth; desires Franklin's orders before he takes any steps in the matter. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 83.

From Thom[as] Simpson to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 3. Brest.

Acknowledging the receipt of their favor of the 3d ult. and thanking them for their interposition on his behalf. Has been released from prison by Captain Jones on his signing the enclosed parole. Discusses the question of his passage home; his lack of funds, having received no money since the winter before. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 84.

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 3. L'Orient.

Arrival of the frigate Boston, Captain Tucker, having taken four prizes; Mr. Livingston has set out for Paris to inform them of the disagreeable cause of this vessel's quick return; has undertaken to supply his wants, as Mr. Schweighauser has not had time. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 85.

From Benjamin Vaughan. 1778. July 3.

Thinks it right to keep up the characters of the men in power, though their conduct has in general seemed unintelligible and to have no bottom but courtiership and pride. Believes America will feel with England in her distress and not let France and Spain push her to the wall; acknowledges England's weakness and believes it probable that the French will land and even stay for a season. Lord Bute's desire to come into power with Lord Chatham and the latter's repudiation of him. Franklin's opinion of Lord Chatham erroneous. Private business matters. Messages to Mr. Williams. A. L. 4 p. X, 86.

From Fairholme and Luther. 1778. July 3. Isle de Ré.

No answer received to their two letters, announcing the arrival at Isle de Ré of an English prize, and offering to act for Congress in this and similar matters; desire the necessary orders. A. L. S. 1 p.

X, 87.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 3. The Hague.

Account of loan greatly exaggerated. Communicated the treaty to M. Van Berkel and to the Chief Burgomaster of Amsterdam; their high opinion of it. Has made good use of the papers they sent as shown by the enclosed newspaper cuttings. Delighted at the safe arrival of the Deane as his dear friend Mr. Carmichael is on board. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 38.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 3. Passy.

According to their orders has stopped the reparation of the arms at Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 157.

From Perrot and Boyer. 1778. July 3. Paris.

Begging Franklin's acceptance of a dozen bottles of wine as a feeble token of their regard and admiration; hopes they will prolong Franklin's days. A short poem, representing America as resting, after their struggle, under the shadow of the lilies of France. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 88.

From Sam[ue]l Tucker to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 3. L'Orient.

Announcing his arrival in port; took four prizes; gives his reasons for returning so soon; the bearer, Lieutenant Livingston, will give them a detailed account of the whole affair; disposition to be made of the prisoners on board; regrets that, owing to ill health, Mr. Livingston will not be able to remain with him. Sighted the English fleet on June 16th. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 89.

From Harriott Heathcote. 1778. July 3. St. Omer.

Recalls to Franklin's memory the great civility her mother received, when in Philadelphia, from the late Mrs. Franklin; desires some news of the welfare of Miss Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 90.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 4. Bordeaux.

Arrival of Captain Barry, in the Union, from Edenton. Wilful misconduct of the pilots situated at the passes on the Carolina coast. M. de Sartine's offer to aid in the fitting out of armed vessels. Mr. James Willing headed the party which cut off the English settlements on the Mississippi. News of other arrivals. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 91.

From Arthur Middleton. 1778. July 4. Charleston.

Introducing Alexander Gillon, Esq., a gentleman who has accepted the commission of commodore to oblige the state of South Carolina; he needs no other recommendation than the fact of his having given up his own independence to assist in establishing that of America. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 93.

From ——— Junker [Censor Royal]. 1778. July 4. Paris.

Desire on the part of le Sieur Gross to enter the service of the United States in the capacity of surgeon; his past experience; his refusal of other offers in order to serve America; he has a sister living in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 94.

From ——— [De] Lafreté. 1778. July 5. Magnauville.

Concerning the affairs of Messrs. Veuve Lalanne et fils, relative to the ship *Espérance*, unlawfully captured and conducted to New York; has an interest in this vessel, therefore joins in begging Franklin's counsel and protection. Courteous messages from his wife. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 95.

From ——— De La Faye. 1778. July 6. Rocquencourt.

The nephew of Abbé Tailhié, desires exceedingly to make a voyage to America, and for this purpose, desires letters of introduction, that he may not arrive there quite unknown. Messages from Monsieur and Madame de Boisroger and Mlle. de Pontenil and their wish to have him visit them in the summer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 96.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. 1778. July 6.

Asking for letters to people of consequence in the Carolinas, on behalf of an honest merchant. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 97.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 7. Bordeaux.

Arrival of news from Edenton in sloop, Sally; capture of the entire fourth regiment. Advantages America would reap from having consuls or agents established at different places, to transmit monthly returns of the imports and exports. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 98.

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 7. Dunkirk.

Extraordinary conduct of Poreau, MacKenzie & Co. who have endeavored to wrong him in Franklin's estimation [see X, 65]; wants nothing better than a chance to justify himself; returns the commission, instructions and bond. News of the capture of several French vessels; their crews conducted to prison at Plymouth. Admiral Keppel's squadron ready to proceed to sea to meet the French squadron. Disposition to be made of American seamen. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 99.

From Poreau, MacKenzie & Co. to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 7. Dunkirk.

Certain Americans held back in their desire to distinguish themselves, from lack of opportunity and funds; Franklin's willingness to grant them a commission, provided their captain should be a man whom he could trust; Captain Amiel answers this description, but he wants a larger vessel than they are willing to provide. Mortified at discovering that their letter to the Commissioners was shown to Coffyn. Begs that the commission may be sent in spite of Captain Amiel's withdrawal. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 100.

From Peirce Powers. 1778. July 7. Brest.

Begs that Franklin will not forget him; recalls the fact that he was midshipman on board the Ranger, where he lost his arm in the engagement with the Drake; desires to return home as he is not fit for sea-service. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 101.

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 8. L'Orient.

Steps he has taken relative to Captain Tucker's prizes. The jealousy subsisting between Captain Tucker's officers and the French part of the crew has reached such a pitch that it is to be brought before the Admiralty. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 102.

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 9. Dunkirk.

Enclosing a certificate, in French, from the officers of the Admiralty Court at Dunkirk which he hopes will obviate, in some measure, the bad impression made by Poreau's false insinuations; will send other vouchers of his character and conduct. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 103.

From Peter Amiel to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 9. Dunkirk.

Hearing that Messrs. Poreau, MacKenzie & Co. have written a letter to Franklin attempting to injure Mr. Coffyn's character, begs that they will suspend judgment until he can lay all the particulars before them. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 104.

From Chevalier de Champigny. 1778. July 9. Amsterdam.

Sends third volume of his translation of the History of Denmark. Hopes Franklin will remit balance due on his subscription to his works. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLV, 128a.

From ——— Deplaine. 1778. July 9. Verdun.

Quotes some Latin lines of his own composition which he begs may be written under Franklin's bust in the salon. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLI, 10.

From Chevalier de Berny. 1778. July 9. Strasbourg.

Has received no answer to his letter enclosing a manuscript, bearing the title "L'Œil du Maître ou Essai sur le Ministère"; begs to know if Franklin received it and if his opinion of it was favorable. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 105.

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From Y. Gouvion. 1778. July 9. Paris.

Is about to leave for Germany; sorry that he is too much pressed for time to make Franklin his adieu; begs him to take charge of the enclosed letter which is destined for America. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
X, 106.

From Rich[ar]d Grinnell. 1778. July 9. Dunkirk.

Detailing his movements since he obtained his discharge from the Belle Isle where he had been impressed without his leave; his desire to obtain a commission, go to the Brazils and destroy all the London fleet. Voyage he made in the employ of Captain Coffyn who desires to engage him again; waits however to hear from Franklin. Has heard that his brother, Wm. Grinnell, was lieutenant on board the Columbus in her engagement with the Glasgow. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 107.

From D[avid] H[artley]. 1778. July 10. London.

No answer received from the Admiralty relative to Franklin's letter of June 16th concerning the exchange of prisoners. A. L. S. 1 p.
X, 108.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 204.

From Fran[ci]s Coffyn to The American Commissioners.
1778. July 10. Dunkirk.

Sending three other certificates in order to convince Franklin of his trustworthiness. Congratulates him and every American and Frenchman on the arrival at Brest of the vessel bearing the ratification by Congress of the treaties so gloriously concluded. A. L. S. 2 p.
X, 109.

From [Capt.] E[manuel] P[ierre] De la Plaigne.
1778. July 11. Plymouth.

Ordered to repair to Okehampton in Devon, a prisoner on parole, with his family and fellow passengers; had the honor to write Franklin of his destitute condition; begs that he may at least receive the salary due him since May, 1777. Kindness of the United States Consul, who alone knows his real name and station. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)
X, 110.

From ——— Lallement. 1778. July 11. Paris.

If jealousy could enter into the hearts of Free Masons, all the Lodges in Paris would envy "Des Neuf Soeurs" who enjoy the honor of possessing Franklin as a member. Invites him to a fête given by the head of his Lodge on the 18th at three o'clock in the Bois de Boulogne. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 111.

From Benjamin Reed and Benjamin Bates, Officers on Ship Boston, to The American Commissioners. 1778. July 11. Port Louis.

Complaining of the desertion of French sailors and their falsehoods concerning the conduct of the officers of the Boston. L. S. 2 p. LXI, 94.

From [Comtesse] D. B. [de] Conway. 1778. July 12. Auxerre.

Sending Franklin a letter for her husband [General Thomas Conway], which she begs him to forward. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 112.

From D. E. Reine. 1778. July 12. Versailles.

Concerning various specimens of rice and beans cultivated by him. Advising the use of coffee on board the vessels instead of intoxicating drinks; encloses a receipt for orange wine. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 113.

From Samuel Tucker. 1778. July 12. Port Lewis.

Detailing the quarrel between the French part of his crew and the other sailors; unjustifiable attitude of the Frenchmen; General La Touche's conduct in interfering in the matter and ordering the Frenchmen on shore; justifies the behaviour of his officers. Waiting for Franklin's orders to put to sea in hopes of joining Captain Whipple. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 114.

From ——— de Baer. 1778. July 13. Paris.

Asking Franklin's good offices on behalf of the bearer, Mr. Meyer, who served with distinction on board the Ranger; he is anxious to return to Brest but does not possess one sou; begs Franklin to obtain from Captain Jones an advance of ten louis d'or as part of the debt due Mr. Meyer from the sale of prizes. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 115.

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From Ja[me]s Nassau Colleton. 1778. July 13.

Is descended from one of the first proprietors of the Province of South Carolina; his claim to an estate there; begs Franklin to represent his case favorably to Congress and the Assembly of South Carolina in order that he may repair thither and take possession of his estate. D. 2 p. X, 116.

From D[avid] H[artley]. 1778. July 14. London.

Recounting the answers of the Board of Admiralty, relative to the exchange of prisoners; proposed terms of this exchange. His conviction that an ultimate reconciliation will take place between the two countries. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 117 and 118.

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 205.

From Will[iam] Strahan. 1778. July 14. London.

Has received no answer to his letter of March 13th, possibly on account of its contents. Quotes from a letter from Franklin dated March 28th, 1763, in which America is spoken of as England's strongest ally, and France referred to as "that perfidious nation"; laments the change in affairs since that time; hears that Franklin's son was imprisoned in a common jail and his wife died of a broken heart. Mr. Hall's failure to pay the debt due him. News of his family; his son George happily married; all the others single; believes that connections of that kind, to be happy, should be quite voluntary. Sir John Pringle in perfect health. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 119.

From ——— Fournier le jeune. 1778. July 14. Passy.

Ready to commence work on the font of type Franklin ordered. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) X, 120.

From ——— Geraud. 1778. July 14. Bordeaux.

Has studied mathematics, physics, mineralogy and chemistry; his interest in metallurgy and in powder and saltpetre; desires to obtain employment in the service of the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 121.

From Sam[ue]l Tucker to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 14. Port Lewis.

Concerning the proposed exchange of prisoners; sends a list of those he has on board; mentions certain men in Mill Prison whom he is anxious to have exchanged. Treatment the Frenchmen received on board his vessel; assures Franklin their story is false; their present anxiety to return to the ship; if only he could man his vessel with Americans he would deem himself a happy man. Desires to join Captain Whipple on the 20th. A. L. S. 2 p. **X, 122.**

From [Mme.] Brouttin-Mollien des Sombres.

1778. July 15. Calais.

Requests Franklin to procure a position in the United States for her brother. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 87.**

From Pierre Libertati. 1778. July 15. Geneva.

Desires to know the conditions requisite for a young man to enter the service of the American Congress. He writes under an assumed name and will give his true name when Franklin answers his letter. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LXII, 70.**

From Christ[opher] Gadsden. 1778. July 15. Charlestown.

Introducing the bearer, Commodore Gillon, to Franklin's notice; his great services to the American cause; has been appointed Commodore by the Assembly of South Carolina, and in that capacity goes to Europe to build or purchase three frigates for the State; his knowledge of affairs. A. L. S. 1 p. **X, 124.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 16. Bordeaux.

Encloses a statement in French concerning different duties on salt; the smallness of the tax at L'île de Ré or Nantes and the excessive charges at Bordeaux; hopes their Honors can effect a change in this state of affairs. A. L. S. 3 p. **X, 125.**

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From Veuve Min Cornic et Min fils. 1778. July 16. Morlaix.

Informed that a citizen of Nantes has been made agent for Congress at Morlaix; extremely hurt at this appointment; reminds Franklin of the zeal and attachment with which their house has attended to the affairs of the United States which will certainly suffer if this unknown person interferes. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **X, 126.**

From ——— Levent. 1778. July 16. Paris.

Concerning a general commercial directory which is in the course of preparation; has written to different trade-centers for information as to their productions, industries, etc.; desires Franklin to give him some account of the principal places in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **X, 127.**

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. 1778. July 16.

Reminding Franklin of a previous request for letters of introduction on behalf of M. Lalande Robinot, merchant at St. Brieuc, who is lading a rich vessel for America. Begging for news of one, M. Ganot, captain in the service of the United States; his father and mother a prey to the cruellest fears, having received no word from him for some time. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **X, 128.**

From Pigault de Lepinoy. 1778. July 16. Calais.

Offering his services as Commissioner for the United States at Calais. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 75.**

From ——— Laureau. 1778. July 16. Paris.

Having had so much to do he was not able to send him the memoir before. If this is to be translated in France, he requests that it be done by some one who will regard it as confidential. He also introduces a friend who wishes to enter the American navy. He congratulates Franklin on the success of his work in Europe. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXII, 66.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 16. Passy.

Enclosing a copy of Thomas Simpson's parole, dated June 10th, promising, though released from prison, to consider himself under ar-

rest until called upon to meet Captain Jones face to face before a court-martial. Is willing to let the dispute between Lieutenant Simpson and himself drop forever by returning him his parole, an act which will entitle him to command the Ranger; bears no malice, and if he has done him any injury, this will make amends. L. 2 p. (Copy.)
X, 24.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.
1778. July 16. Passy.

Submits the enclosed letter to the officers and men of the Ranger for approval. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 158.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.
1778. July 17. The Hague.

Concerning the rejection by Amsterdam, of the proposition to increase the number of troops. Sketches the character of the Grand Pensionnaire; his opinion of him should he fail to answer their letter; his fear of compromising himself with the Court; good results produced by the presentation of the letter. Further proof that war between Austria and Germany is inevitable. Asking for the remittance due him, according to the compensation previously arranged. Begg for letter of recommendation for his brave Dutch merchants who sail shortly for America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 39.**

From Thom[as] Simpson to The American Commissioners.
1778. July 18. Nantes.

Announcing his arrival at Nantes and his expected departure in the Providence for America, where he hopes to be brought to an immediate trial. A. L. S. 1 p. **X, 129.**

From William Hill Sargeant to The American Commissioners.
1778. July 18. Bordeaux.

Announcing his arrival, from Virginia, in the Despatch, whose owners desire to have her armed in France; begs Franklin to grant him a commission for that purpose; his references; will carry back any freight or despatches they may care to send. Difficulty of keeping a crew of American sailors in order in a French port. A. L. S. 2 p. **X, 130.**

From S. and J. H. Delap to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 18. Bordeaux.

Forwarding a letter from Captain Wm. Hill Sargeant (X, 130); offers their house as security that he will make no improper use of the desired letters of marque. A. L. S. 1 p. X, 131.

From Raw[lin]s Lowndes. 1778. July 18. Charleston.

Commodore Gillon commissioned to procure ships-of-war in Europe for the State of South Carolina. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 132.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 287).

From ——— Richelet. 1778. July 18. Dormans.

Has heard of the union of the thirteen Provinces of America; a strange coincidence that his own little manor is also cut up into thirteen cantons; encloses a colored plan of his estates, showing the divisions and vineyards; desires Franklin to visit him at the Hermitage; has heard of the extreme simplicity which characterizes his mode of life, therefore does not hesitate to offer him lodgings merely for himself, his private secretary, valet de chambre and two lackies, also promises him a good soup and two entrées. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 133.

From ——— D'herime. 1778. July 18. Ath [?], Austria.

The orders from his Court, in hastening his departure, deprive him of the precious advantage of seeing Franklin once again; desires confirmation of the news that Count d'Estaing has arrived in Boston, and that Philadelphia is evacuated. The sincere attachment which he and his wife have vowed to Franklin. Encloses the extract of a letter, giving an account of the movements of Frederick the Great and M. de Laudon [the war of the Bavarian succession]. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 134½.

From Joseph Kendall. 1778. July 19. Nantes.

Offers himself to Franklin to serve in any capacity of which he may think him competent; by profession is a surgeon, but will exert himself in any other line. The number of privateers fitted out at the islands of Guernsey and Jersey and their success in destroying the American trade. Lays before Franklin a plan to land a small body of

men there by night and destroy the shipping; knows an American prisoner there who will co-operate in any plan they may decide on; will make one of thirty men in this attempt, if Franklin approves. His desire to go to America; needs clothes and money. A. L. S. 4 p. **X**, 135.

From N. Leleu. 1778. July 19. Amiens.

No news received of the vessel Benjamin, commanded by Captain Ricot, which sailed from Carolina on April 20th; no doubt of her being captured and taken to America; begs Franklin, for the sake of M. Ricot's family, to find out the whereabouts, and to procure favorable treatment and a prompt exchange for the Captain. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **X**, 136.

From John Spencer. 1778. July 19. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter delivered to him at Plymouth by a captain of the first battalion of the Georgia Continental troops; begs Franklin to aid him in his present unhappy situation. A. L. S. 1 p. **X**, 137.

From H[ezekiah] Ford to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 21. Jersey.

On his passage to Virginia on board a small cutter, was taken prisoner and carried to Jersey; names the passengers who are fellow-sufferers with him; they are obliged to go to England, from which place they will take the first opportunity to return. A. L. S. 2 p. **X**, 138.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 21. The Hague.

Dissolution of the Holland Assembly; affair of the two Dutch vessels taken by the English. English frigate Digby captured by the French fleet; news of a naval battle hourly expected. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX**, 40.

From M. Livingston. 1778. July 21. Nantes.

Delivered his letter to Captain Whipple; will set out at once for L'Orient with instructions to Captain Tucker. Begs Franklin for two or three lines to the President of Congress, mentioning Captain Tucker's report of his conduct while on the Boston; expects to take passage for America in a few days. A. L. S. 2 p. **X**, 139.

From George McCall. 1778. July 22. Glasgow.

Introducing Messrs. Lawrence and Robert Brooke, sons of Richard Brooke, of Virginia, who have finished their education under his care and are now desirous to return to America via France; these young gentlemen will be a comfort and credit to their parents and friends and an honor to their country; begs Franklin to promote their safe return. A. L. S. 2 p. **X, 140.**

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. July 23. Versailles.

The letter Franklin sent him will be printed in No. 47 [*Affaires d'Angleterre*], which appears in two days; the following number is ready to receive any news which may have arrived from America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **X, 141.**

From James Ferrier. 1778. July 24. London.

His cousin-german, Mr. Samuel Johnston, is one of the delegates in the General Congress of the United States. Considers the acknowledgment of America's independence only a question of time; in such a case they will need officers to regulate their branch of the military service; offers himself in that capacity to take charge of the artillery; his rank of brigadier-general; his experience; offers various evidences of his capacity for the work; refers Franklin to his superior officers for proof. A. L. S. 2 p. **X, 142.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 24. The Hague.

Rumored war between France and England. Acknowledging the receipt of the packet from the Committee of Secret Correspondence. Likens his efforts to those of David against Goliath. Enclosing extracts from Ministerial despatches concerning foreign affairs. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 41.**

From C. F. de Wiebel. 1778. July 24. Erbai.

Request to enter the American army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LXII, 124.**

From Martin Paschke. 1778. July 24. Potsdam.

Begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his son, who is an assistant quarter-master general in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **X, 143.**

From ——— Conway. 1778. July 24. Paris.

Concerning the weight and price of two brass cannon and where they are to be seen. Wishes to know if there is any recent news from America, especially if there are any tidings of his son [General Thomas Conway]. A. L. S. 2 p. X, 144.

From [Major Henry Emanuel] Lutterloh.

1778. July 24. Brunswick.

Begging Franklin to send the enclosed to his brother and permit the answer to be addressed to his care. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 145.

From D. E. Reine. 1778. July 24. Versailles.

Mr. Willing despatched by Congress with a ship and thirty men to raid the left bank of the Mississippi; damage he inflicted. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 146.

From ——— Guichard, aîné. 1778. July 25. Marennes.

Claims a certain sum due his brother, Augustin Guichard, now in prison, who was officer on board the Lexington for a year and whose salary for that time and his share of the prizes are still due him; mentions various people who will endorse his brother's application. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 147.

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. July 26. Versailles.

Sorry No. 49 appeared before he received Dr. Cooper's letter; it shall be published in No. 50 [*Affaires d'Angleterre*] with an account of the arrival of the Duchesse de Grammont. The intention of two printers to establish a Gazette in Boston composed principally of articles from France, likely to promote the union and welfare of both countries; suggests a similar enterprise of which he desires to be the head; sketches his ideas on this point. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

P. S. Question of the probability of a large sale of these papers in America. L. 4 p. (In English.) X, 149.

From Rod[olp]h Valltravers. 1778. July 26. Bienne.

Ignorant of the fate of his last two letters. Sends by M. de Gruffy, the bearer, a sketch of a few principles whereon to build a lasting foundation of friendship between the thirteen republican states of Amer-

ica and of Switzerland; if Franklin approves it, desires that it may be conveyed to Congress, after submitting it to the Minister of His Most Christian Majesty and through his ambassador, to the several cantons; offers his services in case of a similar alliance between the United States and the naval republics of Venice and Genoa; begs for the promised copy of the treaty with France. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 150.

From [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard. 1778. July 26.

Declines the invitation on the plea that his affairs do not permit him to quit Paris. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) X, 151.

From Chevalier de Berny. 1778. July 27. Strasbourg.

Five months have elapsed since he took the liberty of dedicating and sending to Franklin a pamphlet entitled "L'œil de Maître ou Essai sur le Ministère"; this work was kindly received by le Comte de Vergennes to whom his services and talents are known; begs Franklin to acknowledge its receipt. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) X, 148.

From Thom[as] Simpson to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 27. Brest.

Has received his appointment and taken command of the Ranger; disposition to be made of his prisoners; the prizes not yet sold. A. L. S. 3 p. X, 152.

From Nicolas Moreau. 1778. July 28. Cadiz.

Since the treaty between the United States and France, supposed that all merchandise loaded in England on French ships would be safe; this was not the case with the ship Fortune on her passage from London to Cadiz; she was taken by the Americans and carried to Boston; the cargo was owned by him and he begs Franklin to aid him in recovering its value. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 153.

From Isaac Iselin. 1778. July 28. Basel.

Has been engaged for years on a periodical publication destined to enlighten his fellow-citizens on the needs and rights of humanity; believes there is a germ of perfection in mankind that can be developed by cultivation; for this purpose desires to know those facts which are worthy of imitation; America can furnish a great number of these; begs Franklin to point out to him at Philadelphia or elsewhere, a correspondent who will furnish him, from time to time, with papers of this kind. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) X, 154.

From John Ayres to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 29. Bordeaux.

Announcing his arrival from Boston with a packet for their Excellencies; unable to deliver it himself owing to illness, so sends it by a trust-worthy hand. Has a commission as captain in the Continental navy if his services are desired. A. L. S. 1 p. **X, 155.**

From ——— Pelletier. 1778. July 29. Paris.

Enclosing a plan for founding alms houses or state institutions for the indigent and homeless. A. L. S. 2 p. and Diss. 15 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 15.**

From J[ean] Holker. 1778. July 30. Rouen.

At M. Lalanne's request, recommends the bearer, M. le Baron de Reuschenberg to Franklin's kind notice. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **X, 156.**

From ——— Sieulanne. 1778. July 30. Santa Cruz de Teneriffe.

Copies of his letters to and from M. Cologan and to Franklin, concerning the arrest of his vessel by order of the Governor of the Canaries; this vessel was the English brigantine, the Countess of Moreton, which he was conducting to Martinique by order of Captain Cunningham; reasons given for the detention of this vessel; desires Franklin to use his influence with the Court of Spain to obtain indemnity for his enforced delay and satisfaction for the insults offered to Captain Cunningham and to the flag. L. 8 p. (In French.) **X, 156½.**

From Philip Hancock. 1778. July 30. Amsterdam.

Has come to Paris to inform him of past proceedings and to procure instructions for the future; has information to impart that was judged imprudent to be sent by letter. A. L. S. 1 p. **X, 157.**

From Abraham Whipple. 1778. July 31. Paimboeuf.

Reasons for his delay in sailing; acknowledging Franklin's favors of the 13th and 16th insts.; has written Captain Tucker to join him with the Boston and to Captain Simpson to fit the Ranger for sea with all possible despatch. His cargo and provisions on board and his men in good health and high spirits; hopes to pay his respects to the Guernsey and Jersey privateers. L. S. 2 p. **X, 159.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. July 31. The Hague.

Quoting extracts from ministerial despatches. Frequent desertions in the Dutch army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 42.**

From Titus Ogden. 1778. July. L'Orient.

Account of his former arrival in Nantes and the despatch and economy with which Mr. Moylan repaired and loaded his ship; contrasts him with Mr. Puchelberg, a foreigner, appointed by Mr. Schweighauser, who does not speak English, but knows very well how to charge. A. L. S. 2 p. **X, 76.**

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 1. L'Orient.

The frigate Boston sailed that morning with her three prizes. Offering to freight certain goods which were left behind by Captain Tucker. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 1.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1778. August 1. Paris.

Enclosing letters which he begs to have forwarded to M. d'Arcel, at Boston; begs that twelve Louis d'or may be sent to M. Bresson's brother-in-law, now in prison at Okehampton, and also five Louis d'or to his companion in captivity, the writer's nephew, Dubourg de la Blanchardiére; counts on Franklin to procure their exchange as soon as possible. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 2.**

From Benj[ami]n Vaughan. 1778. August 1.

His letter filled him with the utmost transports; dares not tell him what he had feared. The leaves Franklin wrote for are sent, directed to M. de Chaumont. Concerning the accounts with Johnson. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 3.**

From Veuve Jean Martin Smets. 1778. August 1. Anvers.

A packet has been expressed to him received from Mr. Aychmayer of Rotterdam. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 4.**

From Comte de Bussy Dagoneau.

1778. August 1. Enclos du Temple.

His desire to fight the enemies of America; illness and law-suits keep him in France; some day he will arrive in Boston, too late for his own glory, but in time to admire that of America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 5.**

From Peter Collas to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 1. Passy.

Empowering the commissioners to act on his behalf with regard to indemnity for his vessel Triton. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXI, 64.**

From ——— Pezerat. 1778. August 1. Dijon.

Wishes to settle in the United States with his family. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LX, 108.**

From Patrick Clear or Cleary. 1778. August 1. Lisbon.

His brother, Timothy, resided in Newburn, North Carolina, and on dying, bequeathed a considerable fortune; prevented by illness from going at once to America with full power of attorney; informed of an act whereby the lands and effects of all those who did not appear before a certain time were confiscated; begs Franklin's advice and assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 6.**

From Chevalier O'Gorman. 1778. August 1. Paris.

Including Franklin's nephew, Mr. Williams, in an invitation for the following Monday. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 7.**

From Leslie Grove. 1778. August 1. London.

Writes on behalf of Thomas Truman, a passenger on the Lord Chatham, who was taken prisoner and is now at Brest; has a wife and three little children; begs that Franklin will give orders to set him at liberty. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 8.**

From ——— Ischiffely. 1778. August 1. Berne.

Wishes to devote his remaining days to the political welfare of society; nothing could better contribute to this end than the diffusion

among all peoples of the new constitutions of America; proposes to translate them for his own country, Germany and Italy; finds fault with the partial collection translated by M. Regnier. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 9.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1778. August 2. Paris.

Concerning the memoir from M. Poissonier, recommending M. Maubailon for the office of Consul at Calais. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 10.**

From Hannah Sowden. 1778. August 2. Rotterdam.

Announcing the death of her father; begs Franklin to communicate the fact to Mr. Gordon. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 11.**

From [Philip(?) Hancock] to The American Commissioners.
[1778. August 2. Paris.]

Has assisted many subjects of the United States imprisoned at Plymouth Dock, England, to escape. Came to Paris to confer with the Commissioners and was robbed by a companion. Begs for assistance to return home. A. Dr. by Benjamin Franklin of L. 1 p. **L(i), 45.**

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. August 3. Versailles.

Is hard at work translating the interesting Gazettes of Pennsylvania of May 30th and June 20th; is hourly expecting the English accounts of the battle of the 27th; begs Franklin to send at once certain articles on the affairs of England. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 12.**

From ——— Fyot. 1778. August 3.

Has long desired to show him certain discoveries, useful to humanity; concerning his own invention of a mechanical pulley, shown at the last meeting of the Society of Emulation; it received the approval of M. Millon; to this discovery he adds that of the trisection of the angle and other mathematical inventions. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 13.**

From ——— Borel. 1778. August 3. Pierefitte.

The plate engraved according to the design is well-advanced; begs Franklin to give him an hour to make certain changes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 14.**

From ——— Clouet. 1778. August 3. Paris.

Concerning a letter he received from le Sieur Fouquet, Master Gunpowder Maker at Yorktown, Pa., enclosing three bills of exchange on Franklin; desires to know where he can receive the amount; begs Franklin to forward him certain important letters. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XI, 15.

From James White. 1778. August 3.

Desires to go to America with his family; begs Franklin to assist him in this project. Has made a most valuable discovery for which England, France and Spain have offered him 10,000 pounds each, but they shall never get it, provided Franklin will aid him to go to America. A. L. S. 1 p.

XI, 16.

From ——— Tessier. 1778. August 3. Bordeaux.

Proposes to emigrate to the United States with six farmers. Inquires about concessions granted to emigrants. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

LX, 114.

From Person de Granchamp. 1778. August 4. Senoncourt.

Request for his son to enter the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

LXII, 48.

From W[illia]m Parsons. 1778. August 4. London.

His journey to Paris with his wife to offer his services to the United States, which were rejected; his friends and family in England turned against him and his money was soon exhausted; returned to London, leaving his wife in Paris, but has been so threatened that he dares not stir out of his room; Chevalier Hickey will inform Franklin of his wife's wretched situation; hopes he will aid her to join him. L. S. 2 p.

XI, 17.

From Chevalier Carré de Goyon. 1778. August 4. Lisbon.

Recommending M. Boniface, of Lisbon, for the position of consul. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XI, 18.

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From W[illia]m Bingham to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 5. St. Pierre.

Drawing upon them for a certain sum of money. A. L. S. 1 p.
(In French.) (In duplicate.) **XI, 19 and 20.**

From W[illiam] Lee. 1778. August 5.

Authorizing him to deliver to Mr. Ross all the papers of the late Mr. Thomas Morris either of a private nature or relating to the house of Messrs. Willing, Morris & Co.; those that relate to public business, Franklin will doubtless continue to keep. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 21.**

From Abbé de Tristan-Brission. 1778. August 5.

Concerning an important letter, addressed to Franklin, which he begs him to send for. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 22.**

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. August 6. Versailles.

Returns Dr. Cooper's letter together with some English Gazettes just arrived; No. 50 [*Affaires d'Angleterre*] will appear in two days. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 23.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 6. Passy.

Terms on which the Ranger's seamen were engaged; advances he made them out of his own pocket; begs Franklin to order receipts to be given him for his indemnification and also for his stores, furniture, etc.; asks also that the men who landed with him at Whitehaven may be recommended to the bounty of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 24.**

From W[illia]m Bingham to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 6. St. Pierre.

According to the instructions of Congress, has drawn a bill on them for a certain amount, payable at a given time. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 25.**

From Person de Granchamp. 1778. August 6. Senoncourt.

Apologizing for having forgotten his address in his former letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 49.**

From ——— Stadel. 1778. August 6. Paris.

Desires him to state what style of knives and forks he wishes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 26.**

From ——— Suavelier. 1778. August 6. Caen.

Concerning three sailors who claim to be Americans; made prisoners by the English but effected their escape; writes to Franklin at their request to procure them the means of returning to their country. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 27.**

From A[lexander] Fowler to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 6. London.

Served in the British army for eighteen years; the harsh treatment he received from Generals Gage and Howe, owing to his well-known sympathy with the Sons of Liberty; returned to England with his wife and brought an action against General Gage for damages; the trial was quashed and a hearing denied him; begs them to procure him and his wife a passage to any part of the United States. Encloses testimonials of his conduct and character, also an extract from an English officer's letter, showing the prejudice held against him. A. L. S. 7 p. **XI, 28.**

From A[ntoine] L[ouis] Brongniart. 1778. August 6.

The new experiments he has made in electricity have excited quite a sensation among the physicists; invites Franklin to witness certain experiments which he proposes to attempt at his own house. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 29.**

From Rob[er]t Niles. 1778. August 6. Nantes.

His arrival at Paimboeuf; will proceed at once on his voyage; enclosing a bill for the purchase of type. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 30.**

From Baron F. E. de Reuschenberg. 1778. August 7. Paris.

Having experienced domestic troubles and the loss of a considerable fortune, is determined to expatriate himself; desires to enter the army of the United States, provided he receives the rank of officer. His wish to raise a legion, to be formed according to the ideas of the late Marshal de Saxe; if his services are rejected, desires still to live and die in America, preferably in Pennsylvania, because that Province produced a Franklin. A. L. S. 11 p. (In French.) **XI, 44a.**

From John Atwood, Jacob Vere and Nathan Chadwick.

1778. August 7.

American prisoners who have escaped to France; appeal for assistance. L. S. 1 p. LX, 1

From ——— De St. Martin. 1778. August 8. Versailles.

Request to enter the army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

LXII, 117b

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1778. August 8. Paris.

Recommends the enclosed memoir to Franklin's notice, although he does not expect a favorable reply, but the sender would have taken ill if he had refused; begs for at least a few lines he can show the applicant. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 31

From Granville Sharp. 1778. August 8. Old Jewry.

Recommending Mr. Lawrence Brooke, of Virginia, to Franklin's friendship; the object of his residence in Europe was to pursue his education, but he has not imbibed the least prejudice against his native land; he desires to return to America with his brother, Mr. Robert Brooke, and Mr. Robert Nicholson; requests Franklin to favor them with his advice and good offices to forward their intended voyage. A. L. S. 1 p. XI, 32

From John Gibson, Auditor-General, to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 8. Philadelphia.

Informing them that the Treasury Board has made certain resolutions as regards the bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. XI, 33

From ——— Tarteron. 1778. August 9. Montpellier.

Addressed an ode to Franklin, some time in April, composed in honor of the insurgents; having received no answer, fears his letter miscarried. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 34

From Philipp Conrad Katz.

1778. August 9. Büdingen near Hanau on the Mayn.

Desires information concerning his brother, Georg Theobald Katz, who went to Philadelphia, in June, 1774, with his wife and three

children. Has heard that his brother resided for a time with a wheelwright, Johannes Brubacher, near Lancaster. Encloses letter to Brubacher and to his brother. A. L. S. 2 p. LIX, 85.

From W[illia]m Bingham to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 10. St. Pierre.

Repeats his announcement made in letter 25, concerning a bill drawn by him on the Commissioners. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XI, 35.

From John Murphy. 1778. August 10. Boulogne.

Sailed from Rhode Island the 26th of August, 1777, in the sloop Swallow; had the misfortune to be taken and sent to Jamaica, thence in irons to England, where he made his escape from prison and arrived in Boulogne; begs for a line. A. L. S. 1 p. XI, 36.

From Col. Chevalier de Champigny. 1778. August 10. Amsterdam.

Fragment of a letter, concerning the payment of a subscription. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 37.

From J[am]es Leveux. 1778. August 10. Calais.

Concerning two Americans who escaped from an English prison, and whose expenses to Paris he defrayed; one is Edward Leger, lieutenant on the Hornet, the other, Thomas Barnes, surgeon on the Hampden. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XI, 38.

From the Continental Congress. 1778. August 11.

Consigning the cargoes of several vessels to the American Commissioners at Paris.

D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (In duplicate.)

LXXV, 65 and 66.

From Mrs. R. Parsons. 1778. August 12. Paris.

Her astonishment that Franklin denied having given Mr. Parsons the least encouragement to go to America; protests against this view of the case. Details her miserable condition, alone in a foreign land, and in hourly expectation of being sent to prison for debts; begs Franklin to render her some assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. XI, 39.

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 12. L'Orient.

Containing an extract of a letter received from Lisbon, announcing the arrival there of the Albion, a seventy-four gun ship and one of Admiral Byron's squadron. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 40.**

From Col. Chevalier de Champigny. 1778. August 12. Amsterdam.

Asking for a certain sum still due on his subscription to the History of England; desires him also to subscribe to the History of Denmark or if he does not care to, to return the volumes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 41.**

From ——— Guichard ainé. 1778. August 12. Marennes.

Calling Franklin's attention once again to the affair of his brother, Augustin Guichard, to whom a certain sum of money is due for his service on board the Lexington. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XI, 42.

From ——— Perronet. 1778. August 13.

Sending a plan of the battle between the "English fleet and the King's army." N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 80a.**

From Richard Peters. 1778. August 13. Philadelphia.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed important letter to his father; repeats his request to Franklin to supply his father with money. The recovery of Rhode Island and the capture of the British troops there daily expected. General Clinton besieged in New York by General Washington; the former's misfortune at Monmouth has taught him not to be adventurous. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 43.**

From Baron F. E. de Reuschenberg. 1778. August 14. Paris.

Lays before Franklin the advantages of the legion as a military formation and the extreme usefulness both on land and sea of amusettes, a small piece of artillery; ardently desires to fight for America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 44.**

From D[avid] H[artley]. 1778. August 14. London.

Exchange of prisoners. Remarks concerning peace, suggested by the report of the late negotiation between the Congress and the English Commissioners. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 45.**

Printed in *Works* (Sparks, VIII, 295).

From Vial du Clairbois. 1778. August 14. Brest.

Begging Franklin to accept a copy of his book on naval architecture. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 48.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 15. Brest.

Concerning a general report on the *Ranger* and through it to the French fleet, that he is turned out of the service and his place, with a captain's commission given to Mr. Simpson, and that his letter of July 16th releasing Mr. Simpson from parole was forced from him; demands that he be afforded immediate redress by a court-martial. Compares his heart-whole devotion to America with the conduct of Simpson. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 49.**

From Rob[er]t Cochran. 1778. August 16. Charlestown, S. C.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to his little son, whose behavior he trusts is such as to merit Franklin's approbation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 50.**

From James Hutton. 1778. August 16. Zeist.

The passport for the vessel going to Labrador failed to arrive and the ship had to sail without it. Wishes to know if a French officer, M. Gaiault de Boisbertrand, got safely to France; he broke prison in England, having in vain attempted to procure an exchange. Desires passports for some of the Moravians who are going soon to Bethlehem. News of English friends. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 51.**

From ——— Durand. 1778. August 16. Paris.

Has just been appointed Consul for France in Sardinia. Applies for the Consulship of the United States at Barcelona for his father, Gabriel Durand, a resident of the latter city. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LX, 68.**

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From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 17. Bordeaux.

Captain Ayres very ill; fears he will not be able to proceed to sea; the vessel will be ready to sail by Saturday. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 52.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 17. Bordeaux.

Desires their instructions in case Captain Ayres's health does not permit him to proceed to sea. Concerning a plan he had the honor to lay before them, the results of which would tend toward the restoration to confidence of the currency of America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 53.**

From [Mrs.] R. Parsons. 1778. August 17. Paris.

Applies again for assistance, and gives the most pitiable account of her destitute and miserable condition. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 54.**

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 17. L'Orient.

News just received from Virginia; the enemy's ships still in the Delaware; Count d'Estaing's fleet daily expected; General Washington's army consists of 18,000 men; the people in high spirits and the money increasing in value. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XI, 55 and 56.**

From La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts, Comtesse de Forbach.

1778. August 18. Forbach.

Anxious for news of him. Asks for news of her young nephew, M. de Fontevieux, who sailed on the "Duchesse de Grammont." A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 57.**

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 18. The Hague.

His letter to M. Van Berkel (2 p.), acknowledging his friendly efforts on behalf of America, announcing the scornful rejection by the Americans of England's proposals, and dwelling on the danger of Holland losing certain commercial advantages with America by their too great caution. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 43.**

From ——— Faillieux. 1778. August 18. Paris.

Delivered a letter to Franklin from one of his correspondents at Amsterdam and left his address that the answer may be returned to his care. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 58.**

From ——— Drouet. 1778. August 18. Paris.

Begging him to name the day and hour when he may obtain at the same time his memoir and Franklin's opinion of it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 59.**

From Benjamin Chew. 1778. August 19. Bordeaux.

Writes in behalf of his brother-sufferers in Forton prison who are in want of the necessities, whose relief would be great if they could get a small part of what is due them. Urges him particularly to assist Mr. Alexander Dick, a gentleman of considerable fortune in Virginia who is in a wretched state of health, and has not a farthing with which to purchase decent food. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 60.**

From Millin de Labrosse. 1778. August 19. Paris.

Recalls that two years before, he obtained from Mr. Deane employment in the American army; unhappy result of that step; was harshly dealt with. Desires now to go to America, as a simple citizen; wishes a small piece of land in Pennsylvania or Maryland, suitable to his rank of lieutenant-colonel, a free passage over for himself and servant and some letters of recommendation. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 61.**

From Abraham Whipple to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 19. Brest.

His delay caused by finding that none of the prizes belonging to the Ranger had been sold and that the unfortunate crew had not received a single sou for all the time they had been in France; allowed them a respite of a day or two to sell their prizes and obtain their money; interference at this point of Captain Jones who threatened he would be the ruin of all those who meddled with the business; indignant at this conduct. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 62.**

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From E. Hinman. 1778. August 19. Brest.

Arrived at Brest on the 17th and embarked on board the Providence, frigate, Captain Whipple; expects a speedy and safe passage. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 63.**

From [Sir George] Grand. 1778. August 20. Amsterdam.

Acknowledging his favor of the 7th inst.; sums he has paid out at Franklin's request; praises Mr. Hancock as the most honest man he ever knew. Concerning the purchase of cannon and the difficulty of transporting them. Sends a letter from the good Hutton, that angel of peace; number of Franklin's friends at Amsterdam. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 64.**

From [Jean-Pierre] Béranger. 1778. August 20. Lausanne.

Franklin's approval of his History of Geneva and his offer to aid him in his project of writing a History of the Thirteen United States; sent him a letter on this subject but received no answer. The books of reference he has at his disposal; begs for any manuscripts which may assist his purpose; his plan to send his work to Franklin from time to time and receive his advice and criticisms; desires information about the best maps. Encloses two printed letters showing the reasons why he was banished from his country. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 65.**

From Peter Fred[eric]k Dobrée to The American Commissioners. 1778. August 20. Nantes.

Hears that he is accused of being a spy; desires to meet his accuser face to face and refute the falsehood. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 46.**

From ——— Charrière. 1778. August 21. Cossonay.

Desires to know what inducements are held out to people who want to settle in the United States. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 66.**

From G. Tasink. 1778. August 21. Plymouth.

Sending a letter to Franklin from his friend M. Gambié de la Plaigne. Begs Franklin to honor him with his protection and confidence and recommend him at the French Court. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 67.**

From ——— Mailhé. 1778. August 21. Castel-Nau de Magroae

His horror of England's tyranny and the justice of the American cause have inspired the enclosed poem. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XI, 68.

From Jean Daniel Simon. 1778. August 22. Vieux Linange.

Plan on the part of six or eight German men of letters, holding prominent public positions, to go to America and found a college for the education of young gentlemen of every religion; at first it would be destined only for Germans until their mastery of English should be sufficient to justify their teaching in that tongue. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.)
XI, 69.

From Chevalier Delahaulsse. 1778. August 22. Metz.

Offers his services to the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
LXII, 52.

From George Finlay, et al., to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 22. Ancenis.

Four prisoners, who claim to be American masters of vessels seized by the privateer, Boston, appeal to be released and allowed to go home. L. S. 1 p.
LX, 9.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 23. Bordeaux.

Report received from Edenton of the arrival of the French fleet. Captain Ayres unable to proceed to sea; recommends Captain Hatch as his substitute. A. L. S. 2 p.
XI, 70.

From Meschinet De Richemond fils. 1778. August 23. Rochelle.

Announcing that the privateer, General Mifflin, has taken and sent to Rochelle, the ship, Hunter; this makes their eleventh prize. A. L. S. 1 p.
XI, 71.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. August 24. Brest.

Wishes not to be thought impatient, but considers the moment is ripe when he ought either to be in search of marine knowledge with

Count d'Orvilliers, or in search of honor in some private enterprise. Hopes Franklin will send the enclosed letter to the Prince de Nassau if he approves of it. In spite of all his disappointments, is persuaded that the Court still has intentions in his favor. A. L. S. 2 p.

XI, 72.

From M. de Paneboeuf. 1778. August 24. Bordeaux.

Offering his services to serve in the United States. A. L. S. 1 p.
(In French.) LX, 81.

From John Channing. 1778. August 24. London.

Recommending to his kindness, Captain Tristram Barnard, an American who has distinguished himself by his generous behavior towards many unhappy prisoners. A. L. S. 1 p.

XI, 75.

From Berubé de Costentin. 1778. August 24. Brest.

Charged by Mr. Schweighauser with the direction of the vessels and their prizes belonging to the United States. Desires Franklin's orders as regards the 150 prisoners now on board the prize-ship *Patience*; since the *Ranger's* departure the prisoners have been guarded by a very few soldiers; their attempts to escape; the constant menace they prove to the community; the expense of keeping them; begs Franklin to devise a remedy. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

XI, 76.

From [Dr.] James Smith. 1778. August 24. Paris.

Complains of his treatment by the custom-house officers, at Calais, in detaining part of his baggage, on the pretext that it was contraband; is an American returning to his native land by way of France; applied consecutively to Mr. Lee, M. Grand, and Dr. Franklin for redress but without result. A. L. S. 7 p.

XI, 74.

From M. Livingston to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 24. Nantes.

Concerning the three prizes sold by Captain Tucker to M. Puchelberg & Co., of L'Orient, and certain duties on them, which, if paid, ought to be returned. A. L. S. 2 p.

XI, 77.

From Puchelberg & Co. to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 24. L'Orient.

Enclosing a letter for them from Mr. Lee. Associated with Mr. Schweighauser, and therefore offers his services to the Commissioners. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 78.**

From G. W[illiams]. 1778. August 24. London.

State of affairs in London; all men agree that the conquest of America is now utterly impracticable. Refers him to Captain Channing for particulars. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 79.**

From Comte de Thiaud. 1778. August 24. Boulogne.

Recommending an Englishman whom he encountered at Boulogne and who desires to go to Boston; his total ignorance of the French language. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 80.**

From [James Hutton]. 1778. August 24. The Hague.

The passport came too late, as the Labrador ship had sailed. Desires to know the name of the vessel in which General Montgomery's monument has gone to America; loves the man's memory and would do anything in his power to have the monument restored, should the vessel be taken. L. 2 p. **XI, 81.**

From Rod[olp]h Valltravers. 1778. August 25. Bienne.

Thinks the reason he has received no answers to his last three letters is owing to their not having been freed at Paris. Solicited by his good old neighbor, Baron de Graffenried, to obtain some information concerning his inheritance in America as explained in the enclosed memorial (4 p.). A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 82.**

From Ra[lph] Izard to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 25. Paris.

The necessity of interesting the ministry in favor of any loan that may be attempted in Genoa, as the Genoese may require the security of the Court of France. Americans deterred from entering into the Mediterranean trade through fear of meeting the cruisers belonging to the states of Africa; provisions relative to this danger stated in the 8th Article of the French Treaty of Commerce. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 84.**

From Chevalier de Berny. 1778. August 25. Strasbourg.

The sixth letter he has written, begging to know if Franklin received his book, entitled "L'œil du Maître." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 85.**

From ——— Clouet. 1778. August 25. Paris.

Enclosing a packet for M. Fouquet, employed in America in the manufacture of powders and saltpetre; encloses six pamphlets on the method of making saltpetre. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 86.**

From Peter Collas. 1778. August 25. Nantes.

His immediate departure to Boston, where he hopes to meet with Franklin's worthy sister and her amiable daughter. His gratitude for numberless favors shown him by Franklin with whose family he has the honor to be connected by marriage. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 87.**

From Tho[ma]s Read to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 25. Nantes.

His vessel cleaned and nearly fitted out; if there is no urgent need of his returning home at once, desires to cruise for three months in the Mediterranean; believes he could cover expenses and something over; his knowledge of those waters; would need a French or English pass. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 88.**

From Mollier, Poincheval et Brulley. 1778. August 25. Rouen.

Destined by their parents for the law; their enthusiasm for America; their earnest wish to become her citizens, but they feel that the chances of succeeding there would be greater if Franklin would grant them his protection. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 83.**

From ——— Trottier. 1778. August 25. Tours.

If it is the intention of the United States to establish commercial agencies in the principal cities of France, they could not find a more suitable person than himself. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 89.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 26. Bordeaux.

Announcing the arrival of a prize-brig, the Archangel, taken by the privateer General Mifflin; the American arms may be said to extend to the poles; patriotism shown by such a cruise which can afford no other object than to destroy the British whale fishery. Has placed Captain Ayres in the country to try if change of air will do him good; the doctor's opinion unfavorable. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 90.**

From W[illia]m Bingham.

1778. August 26 and September 6. St. Pierre, Martinique.

Lists of exchange drawn by William Bingham on the American Commissioners under the Resolve of Congress of April 16, 1778. Mem. 2 p. **LXIV, 18 and 32.**

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 26. L'Orient.

The arrival of the privateer General Mifflin, Captain McNeill, who has been cruising for two months in the North Seas; has taken thirteen prizes; has about fifty English prisoners on board; desires to know if they would not procure the liberty of an equal number of his suffering countrymen now in England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 91.**

From Puchelberg & Co. to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 26. L'Orient.

The arrival of the privateer General Mifflin, with a French vessel recaptured from a Guernsey Corsair; Captain McNeill's wish to have it sold on his own account; desires Franklin's orders in the matter. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 92.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. August 26. Nantes.

Monies advanced to Mr. Porter, of Connecticut. Assistance requested by Mr. Leger, Captain Nicholson's first lieutenant; begs Franklin to limit the term. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 159.**

From J[am]es Leveux. 1778. August 26. Calais.

Concerning the arrival, at Calais, of two Americans escaped from prison in England; furnished them with eight Louis d'or to pay their expenses to Paris; since then has assisted John Marsey, late Captain of the Swallow, and also M. Rolandeau, officer in the fifth regiment from Charleston, who was captured on his way back to America; desires to know if he is to continue to furnish assistance on the same footing. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 93.**

From [Sir George] Grand. 1778. August 27. Amsterdam.

Mr. Hancock, having waited in vain for the three trunks arrived from England, has decided to go to Paris; money he has advanced him for the journey. Sends a letter from the good Mr. Hutton. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 94.**

From D. E. Reine. 1778. August 27. Versailles.

Concerning a new invention which reunites bones in all cases of fractures. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 95.**

*From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.
1778. August 28. Brest.*

Has just heard from M. de la Privalaye that he can no longer furnish a guard for the prisoners taken by the Ranger and now on board the prize-brigantine, Patience; will do all in his power to have the guard prolonged until this reaches Franklin's hand. Begs him to apply at once to the French Minister that his favorite object, a cartel, may not be lost. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 96.**

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. August 28. The Hague.

Presence at The Hague of Mr. Hutton; his avowed purpose is to attend the wedding of his friend, M. de Salgas; possibility of some secret negotiation being at the bottom of his trip. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 44.**

From [Mme.] de Chaisinet. 1778. August 28. Paris.

Emboldened to confide her misfortunes to him and implore his assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 97.**

From ——— Guigon. 1778. August 29. d'Agde.

Sends a small work on engineering. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XI, 97½.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 29. Bordeaux.

The immediate purchase of fifty-six pieces of cannon; desires to know to what part of the United States he shall forward them. Advices concerning vessels and their prizes. Alarm in the trading interest caused by the misconduct of the convoy who forsook the French ships from the West Indies, off Bermudas. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 98.**

From ——— Hill. 1778. August 29. Paris.

Has received, from Franklin, the sum of 500 pounds on account. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 192.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. August 30. Brest.

A generous offer on the part of his good friend, M. de la Porte, the Intendant, to furnish a vessel, place on board the prisoners from the *Patience* and send them with a flag to England; urges them to accept this offer at once; advantages of such a direct exchange. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 99.**

From ——— de Fleury. 1778. August 30. St. Hippolyte.

Begs for news of his only son, who, report says, was made prisoner with other French officers on the *Delaware* and conducted to St. Augustine. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 100.**

From James Ferrier. 1778. August 30. Lisbon.

The wish of every honorable person must be to lend a helping hand to assist the cause of America, a cause which supports the rights of such a large portion of mankind. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 101.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. August 31. Brest.

Copy of XI, 72. Complains of receiving no answer from Dr. Bancroft to his letter. Report of the Jamaica fleet having got clear of the Brest fleet owing to Count d'Orvillier's unwillingness to break his line in the chase; would be sorry to find it true; his own situation cannot be altered for the worse. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 73.**

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From [Jean] Holker. 1778. August 31. Rouen.

Recommending the house of M. Le Couteulx, of Cadiz; reasons why they merit Franklin's attention. This letter will be delivered by their partner, M. Le Normand, whom he begs Franklin to rely on and to recommend to his compatriots. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XI, 102.

From Abbé Patrice Cleary. [1778. August?]

Petitions Franklin to help him secure possession of the estate of his brother, Timothy Cleary, who died in 1775 in North Carolina. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.)

LVII, 124.

From Baron [F. E.] de Reuschenberg. [1778. August.]

Requesting a definite reply to his proposition to give his services to the United States as an officer to help in raising a body of troops. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

LXXI, 25.

From Dr. [James] Smith. [1778. August.]

Desiring that certain of his effects, detained at the custom-house, but now at Passy, may be delivered to the bearer, Mr Arthur. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

XLI, 179.

From ————. [1778. Circa August.]

Inviting Franklin to assist at the funeral services for M. Le Roy's deceased son. N. 1 p. (In French.)

LXXI, 36 b.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1778. September 1. Paris.

Begging for information as to the value in Boston of 4,000 piastres in paper and the interest obtainable from investing such a sum. Desires Franklin to recommend to Mr. Williams, at Boston, M. Jean Darcel, who is at present in that town. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XI, 104.

From Guichard, aîné. 1778. September 1. Marennes.

Writes again to request the payment of a certain sum due his brother for Continental service; desires to soothe his brother's captivity and also to pay himself back for the sums he has advanced. A. L. 3 p. (In French.)

XI, 105.

From [Comtesse] de Forbach,

La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts. 1778. September 1. Paris.

Will expect Dr. Franklin to-morrow. Was unable to go to see him owing to many urgent affairs. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. LXX, 95.

From W[illia]m Bingham to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 1. Martinique.

In accordance with the Resolution of Congress of April 6th last, he has drawn on them, to the order of Dr. [Arthur] Lee, for the sum of 2,200 livres tournois. L. S. 1 p. XI, 103.

From John Bondfield. 1778. September 2. Bordeaux.

Does not like to decline the repeated requests of the Marquise de la Fayette that she might deliver to Franklin in person some despatches or packets; the kindness and consideration he has received as Franklin's agent from the Marquise and other families of distinction. A. L. S. 1 p. XI, 106.

From [Silas] Deane. 1778. September 2. Philadelphia.

General Sullivan's attempt to make good his retreat from Rhode Island. Deplorable situation of the currency. General irritation at the conduct of Comte d'Estaing; first in going to the southward which caused him to miss the Jamaica fleet and allowed the enemy to escape from the Delaware; and, second, his quitting Newport to follow Lord Howe after an express agreement with General Sullivan to attack that town. Has not settled any measures as yet with Congress but hopes to rejoin Franklin early in the following winter. A. L. S. 2 p. XI, 107.

From ——— D'Urbainville. 1778. September 2. Toulouse.

Sends Franklin a "Diatribes in Verse on England and the English" in which he speaks of their declining power and the defeats and disasters they have recently suffered in different parts of the world. A. L. S. with Poem. 6 p. (In French.) LI, 27.

From Chevalier de Marolles de Lucé.

1778. September 2. Paris.

Begging him to be present at a meeting of scholars to be held at "L'ancien Collège de Bayeux." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XI, 108.

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From M[ary] Cavendish (alias Stewart).

1778 September 2. Calais.

Surprised at receiving no answers to her letters, especially as Franklin promised his protection for a work which cannot be brought over until the Court grants her permission; has been detained in Calais with regard to some business of the Duchess of Kingston, which is now finished. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 109.**

From [Pahin de Champlain de] la Blancherie.

1778. September 2. Paris.

Requesting Franklin's presence at his house for a meeting of scholars; promises him a view of some interesting objects. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 110.**

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. September 3. The Hague.

Account of the meeting, at Frankfort, between an Amsterdam merchant and Mr. [Wm.] Lee, who said he was empowered to negotiate a loan at Amsterdam of 700,000 Florins on behalf of the United States; willingness of the town council to authorize this loan; question of Mr. Lee's being the proper channel for such a negotiation. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 47.**

From Sir George Grand. 1778. September 3. Amsterdam.

Concerning certain negotiations of Mr. W[illiam] L[ee] which would be contrary to the interests of the United States and prejudicial to their credit. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 112.**

From Penet, D'Acosta & Co., to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 3. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter arrived from Boston, and offering their services in any capacity. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 113.**

From ——— de Perygnon. 1778. September 3. Paris.

Asking for information about the legality of a marriage celebrated in the Catholic church at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XI, 114.**

From Tho[mas] Mante. 1778. September 3. Au Fort L'Éveque.

His wretched situation in prison; suffers torments from the stone, without the smallest means of procuring alleviation; accuses le Comte de Boisgelin of being his persecutor and at the same time his debtor for a large sum of money; implores assistance. A. L. S. 2 p.

XI, 115.

From Berubé de Costentin to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 4. Brest.

In conformity with their orders, Mr. Thomas Wilkinson has left for the town of St. Paul de Léon, where he will live in peace; has taken every precaution for his personal safety. Is awaiting orders, relative to the prisoners who cause him much annoyance and anxiety. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XI, 116.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 4. The Hague.

Begs them to write him a letter enclosing either a plan for a general treaty of friendship or commerce with the United States, or a declaration that the Republic wishes to conclude with the United States, a treaty similar to that with France; no time to be lost in getting this affair in train. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 48.

From Louis Fouché. 1778. September 4. Romegoux.

Requests Franklin to help him to obtain some employment in business in the United States. L. 6 p. (In French.)

LX, 103.

From [Pierre Augustin Caron] de Beaumarchais.

1778. September 5, Paris.

Desires to know when he can confer with him and Mr. Lee on the subject of the ship "La Thérèse," as he is being urged to sell her at once. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

XI, 117.

From [Benjamin Vaughan]. 1778. September 6. Essex.

Public opinion in England hard to describe; a strong inclination for peace with America but war with France; lack of confidence in the Ministry. The people shocked at the duplicity of Lord North and Lord George Germain in disavowing their former intentions

respecting America, and have burned them in effigy. Crisis in the spring when a surrender looked imminent, but Lord Sandwich won the King by his review and sights in the dockyards and by his flummery. Inactivity of the French and Spaniards. The financial condition. Prodigious effect of the accounts of America lately printed in the newspapers; the people grown almost callous to National honor. Condition of manufacturers and merchants; probabilities of trade being shortly opened to America. His opinions concerning d'Estaing and Clinton. His reasons for indignation against the Rockinghams. A. L. 12 p. **XI, 118.**

From [Baron] J. D. Van der Capellen. 1778. September 6. Zwolle.

Announcing his receipt of a letter from Jonathan Trumbull, Governor of Connecticut, in which he finds ample compensation for all the hardships incident to his connections with the affairs of America. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 119.**

From Horneca, Fizeaux & Co., to The American Commissioners. 1778. September 7. Amsterdam.

In receipt, by Mr. Whitehall, of the book containing the promissory notes of Congress; nothing needed now to commence negotiations but certain orders and instructions from the Commissioners. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 120.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 8. Bordeaux.

Announcing the arrival of the privateer schooner, Success, from Virginia, with news that the Comte d'Estaing left the Bay of Chesapeake for New York on the 9th of July, leaving five French frigates in the Bay. English prisoners brought into Bordeaux by American privateers. Frequent altercations betwixt masters and their seamen. Advantageous results to be expected, should all American vessels report first to the agents of the Commissioners. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 121.**

From ——— Heitz. 1778. September 8. Strasbourg.

Strong desire on the part of himself and two friends to establish themselves in America; encloses a list of twenty-one questions which he begs Franklin to answer. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 122.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas]. 1778. September 8. The Hague.

Concerning the affair of the projected loan; the merchant and Mr. Lee together at Aix-la-Chapelle. The Grand Facteur's suggestion that they should delicately insinuate, in their letter, that the United States may grant some privilege to the English and French for the sake of peace, if the Republic continues so backward in meeting their advances. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 49.

From Robert Ellison. 1778. September 8. London.

Desires authentic proof of the exact date of the treaty between France and the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. XI, 123.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1778. September 10. Nantes.

Informed that the Jersey and Guernsey privateers obtain provisions at Bilbao under the flag of the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 160.

From [Capt. Jacques] Le Maire. 1778. September 10. Nantes.

Encloses the official report of his inspection of rifles to prove that he has procured the best possible quality of arms for Virginia. A. L. S. 5 p. XI, 126.

From Charles Gadd. 1778. September 10. Marstrand.

The above port is the only safe and convenient one for bringing the American products to the markets of Sweden, Denmark, Russia and Poland and a part of Germany; begs Franklin to appoint a consul or agent there to take charge of the American interests; such a commission must be authorized by the King of Sweden; offers himself for the position. A. L. S. 4 p. XI, 127.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. September 11. The Hague.

Affair of the projected loan; Mr. Lee's concealment from the merchant of the negotiation at present in the hands of Messrs. Horneca, Fizeaux & Co.; his assumption of the title of Commissioner of Congress; his own correspondence with Mr. Lee. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 50.

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From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 12. Bordeaux.

Impossibility of having the cannon completed before February; has concluded to close with the forges of Petigore. A. L. S. 2 p.
XI, 128.

From Geo[rge] Scott. 1778. September 12. Leeds.

Went to London and delivered the messages committed to his care; necessity of settling his affairs in England before pursuing his project; asks Franklin's permission for this indulgence. A. L. S. 1 p.
XI, 129.

From Saint Sauveur, fils ainé. 1778. September 12. Trieste,

Account of his descent from a maternal grandfather named Franquelin and of the fortunes of the family; trusts that the similarity in names will give him some right to Franklin's esteem and kindness. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XI, 130.

From Saint Sauveur. 1778. September 12. Trieste.

Expressing the same sentiments of esteem and veneration for Franklin as his son does; possibility of his being known to Franklin as he had the honor of serving in Canada as Secretary of the Government. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XI, 131.

From ——— Fournier le jeune. 1778. September 12. Paris.

Concerning a font of type ordered by Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XI, 132.

From ——— Branche. 1778. September 12. Paris.

Recommended to Franklin by le Comte de Vergennes, as engraver of medals, seals, stamps, etc., for the new republic. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XI, 133.

From Comte d'Ossun. 1778. September 12. Bordeaux.

Writes on behalf of M. Rolandeau to whom, the winter before, Franklin granted a letter of recommendation; his capture by the enemy and loss of all he possessed; his unchangeable resolve to return to America with two of his brothers; begs for them a second letter of recommendation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XI, 134.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778 September 13. The Hague.

Account of affairs in Holland; strong feeling against England owing to the seizure of certain Dutch vessels; resolution passed in the Holland Assembly to protest vigorously against the violation of their rights. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 51.**

From Baron de Seyffertit. 1778. September 13. Cologne.

Is about to set sail for Virginia with all his family; begs Franklin for letters to the Governor of that Province and to certain other gentlemen; has sufficient fortune not to be a charge on anyone, and also the ability and desire to serve America either in a military or commercial line; offers to come to Paris and receive any orders Franklin may have for America, his reward being the acquaintance of a man, whom all Germany reveres as well as France; necessity of secrecy. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **XI, 135.**

From ——— Moucherel. 1778. September 13. Nancy.

Since the letter he wrote announcing his work on the Civil and Criminal Code, has received orders from the Keeper of the Seals, to forward the work to him; presumes he owes this to Franklin having spoken to the Minister, and that the work has been delivered over to the Censors. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 136**

From François Grasset et Cie. 1778. September 13. Lausanne.

Sends catalogue of their library; solicits his orders. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 137.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. September 14. Brest.

Encloses two letters, one, written by him on the 9th to the Prince of Nassau, the other to the Minister (M. de Sartine). Reasons why he mentioned his rank. Has written the Marine Committee his reasons for remaining in Europe. However great the mortification, would prefer to return to America, though unemployed, before the winter, than to remain in France amused by unmeaning promises until the spring—and then be disappointed. Knows positively that the Minister has ships to bestow, if he wishes; if he was worth his notice at the beginning is not less so now. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 138.**

From [Pahin de Champlain] de la Blancherie.

1778. September 14. Compiègne.

Offering his services to be employed in the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. LX, 79.

From Dom Bernard. 1778. September 14. Chalon-sur-Saone.

Is a Benedictine monk and has been prior for five years at the Abbey of St. Pierre de Chalon; towards the end of his term he lost a considerable sum at play which he is unable to repay. Begs Franklin to assist him and save his reputation, that being his only treasure, and above all, to keep his secret. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. "Wants me to pay his gaming debts and he will pray for success to our cause." XI, 139.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 15. Bordeaux.

Arrival from Virginia of the cutter Tartar which left York River the 29th of July, bringing a report that Comte d'Estaing had taken five English frigates, that New York was closely blockaded and the ultimate surrender of the English forces expected. Attended the last earthly services of Captain Ayres. A. L. S. 1 p. XI, 140.

From ——— [de] Kerguelen. 1778. September 15. Saumur.

Requests the command of one of the frigates being built in Holland. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXII, 60.

From Silas Deane. 1778. September 15. Philadelphia.

General Sullivan made a good retreat from Rhode Island; General Clinton's arrival with a strong force the morning after he left. Lord Byron's fleet reported at Newport. Comte d'Estaing repairing damages at Boston. The enemy's superiority at sea; damage they did at Bedford; their evacuation of New York hourly expected; conjectures as to their destination. Congress, the day before, made choice of Franklin as the Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of France; unanimity with which it was carried. The foolish game the Commissioners are playing. For many reasons is impatient to rejoin Franklin; has received no letters from him since leaving France. A. L. S. 3 p.

XI, 141.

From Dan[iel] McNeill to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 15. Paris.

Concerning the brig, L'Isabelle, from Guadeloupe, recaptured by him from the English privateer; hears that the former owners are going to lay claim to her; begs them to apply to the French Ministry that said vessel may be tried according to the laws of the country. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 142.**

From John Apreece. 1778. September 15. St. Germain-en-Laye.

A former officer in the English army who resigned his commission, rather than fight against the United States, appeals to Franklin for assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXX, 16.**

From ——— Coder. 1778. September 15. Paris.

Enclosing the Minister's answer to the note he spoke about to Franklin; begs him also to take notice of the enclosed memoir and if he approves, speak of it to M. de Sartine. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 143.**

From Rich[ar]d Grinnell to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 15. Guernsey.

Sailed with Captain Barnes from Paimboeuf on August 29th, but was captured by an English cutter whose captain treated them more like brothers than prisoners; Captain Barnes destroyed all his papers, as did also Captain Niles who was likewise captured by a Jersey privateer. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 144.**

From [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval].

1778. September 15. Passy.

Invitation to attend a reception of the Free Masons, to be followed by a banquet and a ball. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 145.**

From ——— de Perygnon. 1778. September 16. Paris.

Desires him to send Congress the decision of the Counsel of St. Domingo which demands a notarial document from Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 146.**

From W[illia]m Bingham to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 17. St. Pierre.

Drawing upon them for a certain sum of money. A. L. S. 1 p.
(In French.) **XI, 147.**

From W[illiam] Lee to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 17. Paris.

Requests a conference on an important subject concerning which profound secrecy must be preserved. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 148.**

From ——— Croiset. 1778. September 17. Paris.

Requested by a merchant of La Rochelle to forward the enclosed to Franklin and beg his interest in the contents; his friend desires to render himself useful in the new alliance between France and the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 149.**

From Elizabeth Angelique Faucon V[eu]e La Louelle.

1778. September 18. St. Malo.

Petition from the relatives of Bernard La Louelle who was surgeon on the frigate Reprisal, Captain Lambert Wickes. D. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 22.**

From The Treasurer of Loans to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 18. Philadelphia.

Transmits lists of the numbers which the bills of exchange are to bear, in order that the Commissioners may detect counterfeits. Accompanied by an invoice of the bills furnished to each state up to date. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 3 p. (In triplicate.) **LIII, 72.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. September 18. Brest.

Announces the return of the fleet, having been absent a month and accomplished nothing. Arrival of the frigate Juno with the English frigate Fox; if the minister will give him nothing better, would rather accept the Fox and the Alert as a tender, than remain idle. His letter of the 13th to the Minister, approved of by the Duke de la Rochefoucauld. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 150.**

From ——— Nethard. 1778. September 18. Strasbourg.

Desires Franklin to procure him a position; thinks his talents will do credit to any place. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 150½.**

From Jno. Emery. 1778. September 19. Bilbao.

Desires instructions relative to the prize-money due to the owners and captors of the two prizes taken by Captain Babson. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 151.**

From Jon[athan] Loring Austin to The American Commissioners. 1778. September 19. Passy.

His intention of going to Holland and thence to America. Asking for letters to Congress and to the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay from whom he was despatched with the important news of Burgoyne's surrender. His reasons for requesting a small advance, necessary for his expenses to Holland and back. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 152a.**

From S. & J. H. Delap to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 19. Bordeaux.

Acknowledging their letter of the 18th of July, with one for Captain Wm. Hill Sargeant, and a blank bond for him to fill up and sign; enclosed is the said bond. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 153.**

From ——— Christin. 1778. September 19. Carlsruhe.

His curious works in clock and watch-making; his marine inventions; if Franklin judges his works worthy of attention, hopes he will write to him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XI, 154.**

From [Capt. Jacques] Le Maire. 1778. September 19. Nantes.

Encloses a copy of a letter he wrote to [Arthur] Lee, as well as a proposition on M. Gruel's part to ship all the articles ordered by the government of Virginia. Has written several times to Mr. Lee, concerning his want of necessary money to meet expenses; applies to Franklin for a sufficient sum to meet these debts. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 155.**

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From ——— **Guiot.** 1778. September 20. Nantes.

Wishes to settle in America with his family. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 107.**

From **de Vanquelin de Boisroger.** 1778. September 20. Menars.

Desires to purchase a plantation in South Carolina belonging at one time to M. St. Pierre, who was killed two years before by the Indians; wishes to know if the United States will allow the title of fellow-citizen to a Frenchman, if he might serve in the army, and if Franklin will grant him his protection. Only thirty-three years old, yet has long been acquainted with Franklin's theory of electricity. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 156.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1778. September 20. Tunis.

Has received no answer to her last three letters; fears they may have miscarried; puts all her hopes in Franklin; could bear poverty alone but cannot endure to think of Mr. Barry and the children suffering from privations. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 157.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1778. September 21. Brest.

Enclosing letters to the Duke de Chartres which he begs Franklin to suppress, should he disapprove of them; if they are delivered, begs him to write a line to the Duke about the same time. Wishes to accept of the ship Fox with the Alert, unless something is immediately offered and bestowed. Fear of losing the Fox, too, unless application is immediately made. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 158.**

From **Joseph Pine.** 1778. September 21. Josselin.

Was captured by an American privateer while on his way to New Foundland; ransomed his vessel and was on his passage to England, when he was taken by a French frigate and has been kept prisoner ever since; hopes it is in Franklin's power to procure him his liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 159.**

From **M. Livingston to The American Commissioners.**

1778. September 21. Bordeaux.

Will have a very fine ship ready for sea immediately; desires advice as to the quantity of freight, etc. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 161.**

From ——— **Rolandeau.** 1778. September 21. Paris.

Owing to illness, has been unable to wait on Franklin and deliver two letters to him; begs for an early audience; his impatience to re-join his regiment. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 162.**

From [Jean Baptiste] **Le Roy.** 1778. September 21. Viry.

In the midst of their affliction, they have not forgotten Franklin's promise to visit them at Viry, one of the loveliest spots near Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 163.**

From **George Anderson.** 1778. September 22. Lisbon.

Was to have been the bearer of the Ratification of the Treaty between France and America, together with letters and papers from Congress and from the Governor and Council of Virginia; was taken prisoner near the Bay of Biscay, when he destroyed all his papers; is now at liberty, and owing to the kindness of Mr. Dohrman, is promised a passage to France or America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 164.**

From **Madame Bonte de Kerguelen.** 1778. September 22. Paris.

Owing to her poor health she cannot present her husband's letter, so sends it by one of M. de Kerguelin's relatives. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 61.**

From [Capt. Jacques] **Le Maire.** 1778. September 22. Nantes.

Sorry to annoy Franklin again, but he must have 600 livres to meet his expenses; encloses a copy of [Arthur] Lee's letter, refusing to furnish him with certain sums, as well as his answer and the prospectus (c and d. 2 p. In French) of the equipment of the ship which is to carry the articles to Virginia; begs Franklin's aid in the fulfillment of his mission. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 165.**

From Jona[than] **Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners.**
1778. September 22. Nantes.

Concerning certain of his accounts which he encloses. The Despatch, Captain Barnes, taken and carried into Germany. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVII, 162.**

From Arn[ol]d Henry Dohrman. 1778. September 22. Lisbon.

Capture of an American schooner, "Sally," by the British packet boat, "King George." Captain, crew and passengers of the "Sally" were landed at Lisbon. He received them in his house, provided for their wants and will send them home at the first opportunity. Encloses letter from Mr. Anderson, owner of the schooner. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 23.**

From ——— de Ville. 1778. September 22. Nantes.

Was formerly Commissary to the Baron de Benowsky, General of Madagascar; at present is without employ; begs Franklin to intercede with M. Lemaire on his behalf, who otherwise can do nothing for him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 166.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. September 24. Brest.

His desire to obtain the "Fox" and the "Alert" which are both well-calculated for an object he has in view; the Minister has here an opportunity to give him a small command; trusts the ship and tender may be reserved for him. The Prince of Nassau has not answered his letter; considers it unkind to leave him in the torment of indolence and suspense. A. L. S. 3 p. **XI, 167.**

From Davies Inglesina. 1778. September 24. Paris

Expressing the keenest appreciation of Franklin's friendship on behalf of his mother, sister and himself. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 168.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1778. September 24. Nantes.

Concerning the inventory of the Magazines of Arms. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 163.**

From ——— Deuersiné, et al. 1778. September 24. Paris.

A confectioner, a distiller and a restaurant keeper beg Franklin to procure them a free passage to the United States where they wish to engage in their respective occupations. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 101.**

From Carl Wedel.

1778. September 24. Neunkirchen near Cüsel.

Wishes to emigrate to the United States with his family. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 86.**

From Baronne de Lindau. 1778. September 25. Near Eisenach.

Begging Franklin to interest himself in favor of her son, a lieutenant in the battalion of the Prince of Hesse-Hanau in the service of England, and now a prisoner in Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 169.**

From John Apreece. 1778. September 25. St. Germain.

Is in distressed circumstances. Renews his appeal for assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXX, 17.**

From Jos[eph] Wharton to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 26. Paris.

Proposes to send several cargoes of salt from Portugal to America; desires passports for these vessels in order to insure the protection of American ships-of-war and privateers, who might otherwise hold that mistaken belief in the unfriendliness of Portugal and the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 170.**

From W[illiam] Alexander. 1778. September 26. Auteuil.

Encloses a paper containing a short sketch of Dr. Black's Doctrine of Latent Heat; refers Franklin to his brother for the whole extent of the doctrine. A. L. S. 1 p. **XI, 171.**

From ——— Montaudouin. 1778. September 26. Nantes.

Sends this letter by M. Blanchet. Many English corsairs, sailing under the American flag, buy their provisions at Bilboa. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XI, 172.**

From Machillot Desplaces. 1778. September 26. Paris.

Is the valet de chambre to the Marquis de la Fayette; begs Dr. Franklin to return him the sum of 400 livres which he lent to M. Le Maire on July 30th for one month only and which is still unpaid. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 173.**

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From James Laurens, Jr. 1778. September 27. Le Vigan.

Desires a passport for himself and family to enable them to travel through France without difficulty; his home is in Charleston, South Carolina, and he came abroad in search of health; his brother is Henry Laurens, President of the General Congress in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 174.**

From Dr. Hennessienne. 1778. September 28. Vienna.

Claims to have discovered a secret by which he can render gun-powder non-inflammable and non-explosive and to restore, at will, its natural properties. Offers to disclose his secret for a reward and to demonstrate his discovery before duly appointed delegates. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 21.**

From ——— Le Cordier. 1778. September 28. Port Louis.

Offers his services as commercial and shipping agent for the United States at Port Louis. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LX, 62.**

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. September 29. Versailles.

Requested by his friend, Ed[ward] Bridgen, to forward Franklin the enclosed packet. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XI, 175.**

From [Comte de] Sarsfield. 1778. September 29. Rennes.

Enclosing a letter written by him to Madame Macaulay which will show Franklin how the matter stands; she confided the books to one Brown, who was taken prisoner by a Jersey privateer; if Franklin has any plan for recovering these books, begs him to write her of it. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XI, 176.**

From Matt[he]w Ridley to The American Commissioners.

1778. September 29. Paris.

Met accidentally in London with a manuscript book of the Commissioners of the English Navy a few years back, containing an accurate description of ships then in commission; begs leave to present this find through Franklin to Congress, and hopes it will prove of some small advantage. Owns property in Maryland and wishes to derive his only security therein from the joint powers of the United States. L. S. 2 p. **XI, 177.**

From ——— de Gruffy. 1778. September 29. Paris.

Has just received a letter from the Comtesse de Conway who is suffering from the most acute anxiety respecting her husband from whom she has had no news whatever; the Gazettes say he has been wounded in an affair with Colonel Cadwalader; begs Franklin to relieve this cruel uncertainty. Offers to procure America a loan from Switzerland. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XI, 178.

From ——— Borel. 1778. September 30. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to send him the arms and standards of the independent States of America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 179.

From ——— de la Lande. 1778. September 30. Au Collège Royal.

Addresses Franklin as the "Eagle of the West." His friend's, M. Cerisier's work, "Un Tableau des Provinces Unies," whose dedication Franklin has accepted on behalf of the thirteen United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XI, 180.

From Chevalier de Caux. 1778. September 30. Paris.

Is commissioned to offer Franklin a vessel for the use of the Colonies; begs for an interview on the subject. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XI, 181.

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft. [1778. September] ? Chaillot.

Enclosing a letter from Captain Jones, at Brest, and an English newspaper. Mr. Walpole's information that the British Ministry contemplates applying for terms of peace. Mr. Coffyn's message concerning the three American prisoners. A. L. S. 1 p. XLI, 93.

From Is[aac] Van Teylingen. 1778. October 1. Rotterdam.

Concerning the ship Chester, which was seized by the Americans; Franklin's promise to place the matter before Congress and obtain redress for the owners, who are Dutch merchants; over a year has passed and nothing has been done. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XII, 2.

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From [Mrs.] R. Parsons. 1778. October 2. Paris.

Is compelled by dire necessity to appeal to him once more; begs for the loan of twenty pounds to prevent her landlord turning her out of doors. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 3.**

From C. G. F. Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 2. The Hague.

England's indifferent attitude toward the representations made by Holland. Urges them to enclose him a declaration concerning the desired commercial treaty between the two Republics; explains what they had better say; good purpose it will serve; enclosing copies of two letters (5 p.) from M. Van Berkel concerning the projected treaty. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 52.**

From Chevalier de Servoulles. 1778. October 2. Turin.

Request to have his debts paid and to be given an appointment in the army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXII, 118.**

From Lieut.-Col. Winbert, Joseph Lunt and Edward MacKellar.

1778. October 2. Forton Prison (Gosport).

Inquiring why the exchange of prisoners has been so long delayed, and asking Franklin's interposition in the matter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 4.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 209.

From G. Williams. 1778. October 2. London.

Captain Barnard has shown much kindness to unfortunate Americans; asks Franklin to grant him any favor in his power.

A. E. by Franklin. Praising Mr. Williams, a surgeon, for his kindness to the American prisoners. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 5.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 3. Bordeaux.

Concerning the sale of a vessel belonging to Mr. Ross, whose agent refuses to pay the seamen, who shipped on her, their due wages; refers the matter to the Commissioners. Sends them two hogsheads of wine of Medoc. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 6.**

From Thomas Grant and Joses Hill to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 3. Bordeaux.

Crew of the vessel Nancy, of Edenton, North Carolina, at Bordeaux, petition them to adjust their claims with the French Admiralty. L. S. 3 p. LXI, 69.

From [Capt. Jacques] Le Maire. 1778. October 3. Nantes.

M. Gruel's vessel the safest means of sending the various articles to Virginia. As [Arthur] Lee refuses to advance him another sou begs Franklin to let him have the necessary sum. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 9.

From ——— Rolandeau. 1778. October 3. Paris.

Asks if there is a letter for him in Franklin's keeping; desires a certificate of his service in the American army, of his imprisonment and subsequent arrival in England. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XII, 10.

From G. B. [David Hartley]. 1778. October 4.

Proposition concerning a treaty of peace. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 12.
Partly printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 301, Note; Bigelow, VI, 219, Note).

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.]. 1778. October 4. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Henry Bromfield, of Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVII, 164.

From G. B. [David Hartley]. 1778. October 4.

Peace and friendship between the two nations still practicable; his plan for getting over the chief stumbling block. A. L. 1 p. XII, 13.

From [Mrs.] Robert Herault. 1778. October 4. Calais.

Begging for news of the cutter Benjamin, commanded by Captain Pierre Ricot, which sailed for the United States a year before; her husband was second in command and she is in the deepest anxiety about his fate. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 14.

From J. Ingen Housz. 1778. October 5. London.

Prevented from coming over to Paris by his undertaking a work on the subject of smallpox and inoculation. Promises to show him

certain experiments he has made with inflammable air. Hears that Dr. Mesmer is in Paris and has been presented to the Royal Academy, also that his stuff about magnetical effluvia, too insipid to gain the ear of an old woman, is believed in by M. Le Roy, who protects him and will recommend him in London. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 15.**

From [Madame Herbaut de] Marcenay. 1778. October 5. Epinay.

On what day would Franklin do her sister and herself the honor of dining with them; as not until he has honored them by his presence can they enjoy the pleasure of dining with him at Passy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 16.**

From [Dr. Jean François Clément] Morand. 1778. October 5. Paris.

Desires to use an illustration of the Franklin stove in his book and begs Franklin to write a brief explanation of it to accompany the engraving. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XII, 17.**

From ——— Moreau. 1778. October 5. Versailles.

Sending Franklin two letters delivered for him to the porter of the Comte de Vergennes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 18.**

From The Continental Congress. 1778. October 6.

Directing the American Commissioners to inform Dr. Price that it is the desire of Congress to consider him as a citizen and to receive his assistance in regulating their finances.

D. S. Cha[rle]s Thompson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LXXV, 67, 68.**
Printed in the Secret Journals of Congress, Boston, 1820. II, 101.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 6. Bordeaux.

The arrival of a small cutter from Baltimore; no word of Comte d'Estaing's operations. News of other vessels. A. L. S. 1 p.

XII, 19.

From Charlotte Amiel. 1778. October 6. Auteuil.

Begging to know what prospect there is of Mr. Amiel's succeeding at Brest, and praying him to push the matter on; hopes the disappointment he experienced at Dunkirk will not be repeated. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 20.**

From Vicomte de Galbert. 1778. October 6. Brest.

Concerning sugar belonging to him on board the *Isabella*, which was captured by a Guernsey corsair and delivered by an American frigate. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 21.**

From Richard Grinnell. 1778. October 7. Passy.

With reference to the English whaling vessels manned by Americans sailing from London and protected by the British fleets. L. S. 6 p. **LX, 11.**

From Robert Harrison. 1778. October 7. Dinan.

An American seaman, taken prisoner on an English privateer, asks to be sent home. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 13.**

From Jno. Emery. 1778. October 7. Bilbao.

Arrival of the schooner, *Lively*, Captain Dupuy, from Newburyport, with the enclosed papers; therein Franklin will see the dispositions made to attack Rhode Island, and their probable failure owing to Comte d'Estaing's conduct in refusing to wait twenty-four hours and assist General Sullivan. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 22.**

From ——— de Tournelle. 1778. October 7. La Corogne.

Enclosing a packet for the Canary Islands. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 23.**

From Luet de Biscontin. 1778. October 8. Venice.

In case America establishes consulships in foreign countries, offers himself for the position at Venice. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XII, 7.**

From Cathallet Cotière. 1778. October 8. St. Sulpice de la Pointe.

Desires information concerning the remedy of tobacco ashes in cases of dropsy. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XII, 8.**

From ——— Merlet. 1778. October 8. Paris.

Enclosing a copy of a letter (1 p.) received from his two nephews, M. de La Neuville, general of division under General Gates, and his brother, aide-de-camp to General Conway; begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letters to them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 24.**

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From ——— Cadet. 1778. October 8. Paris.

Sends him some bread made out of potatoes; a discovery by himself and his friend, M. Parmentier; its advantages as compared with flour bread. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XII, 25.**

From Peter Collas to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 8. Passy.

Having bought certain articles in France, he was carrying them to America when he was captured by a Guernsey frigate and, after making his way back to Calais, his trunk was searched and his possessions taken from him as English manufacture; begs them to help him recover these articles. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 26.**

From William Keating. 1778. October 8. Dinnant Castle.

Is a native of Virginia to which country he is desirous of returning; the various vicissitudes he has encountered; begs Franklin to obtain his release from prison and a passage on board some American vessel. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 27.**

From Jacob Henemer. 1778. October 8. Mannheim.

The Palatinate Academy of Sciences, wishing to show its admiration for Franklin, desires to present him with five books, dealing with history and philosophy; the fourth volume contains four papers by himself on electricity. Regrets his ignorance of English and Franklin's lack of acquaintance with German. Suggestions for rendering the works of the various Societies more widely known. Urges the desirability of establishing a German Society in Philadelphia; encloses a catalogue of the books necessary to carry out such a project. A. L. 7 p. (In Latin.) **XII, 28.**

From Andrew Douglass. 1778. October 8. Senlis jail.

His misfortunes since he sailed from Boston in April; his miserable situation in a French prison; begs Franklin to obtain his release and promises to serve America in any capacity he may suggest. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 32.**

From Tristram Barnard to The American Commissioners

[1778.] October 9.

Absent from America four years; employed in the English service; desires to return home and share his country's fate; asks for papers which will protect him against American vessels. Full account of a most valuable whale-fishery discovered by England since the present contest opened; details the movements of the ships employed therein. A. L. S. 4 p. **XLI, 104 and 105.**

From D[avid] Hartley. 1778. October 9.

Quotes the answer from the Admiralty Office to his letters concerning an exchange of prisoners; their refusal to make any exchange except man for man. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 29.**

From Chevalier de Berny. 1778. October 9. Strasbourg.

Has received no answer to the five or six letters he has written Franklin, though it is a year since he sent him a pamphlet entitled "L'Œil du Maître." The King, Queen and other sovereigns have honored him with kind acknowledgments; claims a similar courtesy from Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XII, 30.**

From Buffot de Millery. 1778. October 9. Santenay.

Franklin's promise to obtain some news from America of M. le Vicomte de Mauroy, whose affairs were left in his hands. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 31.**

From Ra[ph] Izard to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 10. Paris.

Indignant at M. de Sartine's letter of the 7th inst., in which he is referred to a course of law for the recovery of his baggage on board the ship Nile, carried into Marseilles by a French privateer; founds his claim upon an article in the treaty; begs that they will speak of it to M. de Sartine. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 34.**

From ——— Bailly, aîné. 1778. October 10. Nantes.

Concerning a bill of exchange drawn by Mr. Bingham on Messrs. Franklin and Adams. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 35.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 10. Bordeaux.

Applying for a letter of marque for Mr. Livingston's new ship, named after that respectable family. The case of Louis Lizete, a citizen of Quebec who desires to become a subject of France. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 36.**

From ——— Lesguillon. 1778. October 10.

Writes on behalf of one of his old domestics, who left his service to enter that of Captain Jameson, an American, who has paid him no wages. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 37.**

From [Capt. Jacques] Le Maire. 1778. October 10. Nantes.

Implores Franklin, once again, to advance him sufficient money to fulfil his orders from the Government of Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 38.**

From Alexander Niehaus.

1778. October 10. Haselünne in Münster.

Wishes to supply the American army with Osnabrück linen and with stockings. A. L. S. 4 p. **LIX, 84.**

From Chevalier de la Prade. 1778. October 10. Souillac.

Desires to serve in the army of the United States; his former military experience; offers to raise a troop of deserters, a course which has before proved very successful. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 39.**

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. October 10. Nantes.

Concerning a dispute between Mr. Schweighauser and himself relative to the ship Drake; explains the affair in detail. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXVII, 165.**

From Jacob Rieger. 1778. October 10. Heidelberg.

Begging Franklin to enclose certain letters in his next packet to America. While travelling in Germany, has worn his uniform of an American officer and, from the lord to the peasant, has found only friends to the cause. Discontent among the Protestants in Germany owing to their rulers being chiefly Catholics. Opinions expressed as to the present war between the Emperor and the King of Prussia. A. L. S. **XII, 40.**

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 12. L'Orient.

Difficulty in disposing of Captain McNeill's prisoners. Concerning proposals received from the original proprietors of the French Reprisal, to allow Captain McNeill a third thereof for his protection. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 41.

From ——— de Stettenhoven. 1778. October 12. Geneva.

Has a great desire to serve America and believes he can be useful either through his talents or his bravery; his former military experience. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 42.

From ——— Pattulls. 1778. October 12. St. Germain (-en-Laye).

Laying before Franklin certain plans for the future welfare of America, after her independence is assured. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 43.

From Dan[ie]l McNeill to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 12. L'Orient.

Desires to know what is to be done with his prisoners; wishes their opinion on the law-suit in regard to the Isabella, whose former proprietors are doing all in their power to delay the course of justice. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 44.

From Andrew Douglass. 1778. October 12. Saint Denis.

Setting forth the same grievances as those in his letter of the 8th inst., only with more detail, and begging to be put on board some American privateer. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 45.

From James Lovell to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 12. Philadelphia.

Sending the last prints of Dunlap with the Boston papers; will not pretend to unravel the designs of the enemy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) XII, 46.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. October [12?]. The Hague.

Concerning a certain passage in the Declaration made by the Burgo-masters of Amsterdam. Makes some excuses for the attitude of the Grand Pensionnaire. His intention to present Mr. Austin to the French Ambassador. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 53.

From John Lemon, Edw[ar]d Driver and John Nichols.

1778. October 12. Dinan.

Begging Franklin to obtain their release from prison. L. XII, 47.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 13. Bordeaux.

Number of prizes taken. An engagement between a Spaniard and an English privateer which has occasioned the sending out of two Spanish frigates in pursuit. Offers to send a load of woollens and such seasonable articles to the States without delay. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 48.

From R[odolp]h Valltravers. 1778. October 14. Bienne.

Having received no answer to his last four letters will cease troubling Franklin. His regret at the failure of his plans for the union of Switzerland and the United States. The enclosed letter on behalf of Colonel Minning he hopes will be graciously received by Franklin and President Laurens. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 49.

From [Pierre] Poissonnier. 1778. October 15. Paris.

Commissioned by the Royal Society of Medicine to renew Franklin's invitation to attend their public meeting on the 20th of that month. (In French.) XII, 49½.

From J[onathan] Williams, Jr. 1778. October 15. Nantes.

Hard treatment meted out to Captain Lemaire, the officer appointed by Virginia for the inspection of military stores. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 166.

From [Ferdinand] Grand. [1778, October 15.]

Note on a letter by Franklin to the Court of Spain. Thinks it should be more specific, and he might add that he is going to lay the complaint before Congress with a view of obtaining satisfaction for Captain Conyng-ham's misconduct. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) XLV, 132, c.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. October 16. The Hague.

Wishes to know the truth of the report that Rhode Island is taken and two vessels of Byron's fleet captured. Promises him a great reception when he shall visit Holland as the United States Minister; time not yet ripe. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 54.

From Baron de Razetti. 1778. October 16. Paris.

Desires to serve in the American army; his military experience; at present, owing to debts, is hiding in Paris. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XII, 50.**

From ——— Buchoz. 1778. October 17. Paris.

Enclosing two catalogues of his library, which he is willing to sell on advantageous terms. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 51.**

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. October 18. The Hague.

Introducing M. Huet Du Plessis. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 55.**

From Robert Harrison and John Lemon. 1778. October 18. Dinan.

Two American prisoners taken into British vessels petition for their release and for means to return to the United States. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 14.**

From A Sincere Patriot. [Joshua Steele.]

1778. October 18. London.

Dares not put his name to a mere philosophic letter while his country is under the sway of ignorance and malevolence. Sending him a publication of the Society of Arts and a pamphlet, just out, entitled *The West India Merchant*. The injuries done to those defenceless islands by American privateers have failed in their purpose of wounding England; the desire of many planters, if not for peace, for neutrality; plead the Islanders' cause. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 53.**

From ——— Mané. 1778. October 18. Paris.

Has made a medallion of Franklin, in ivory, for the Royal Academy of Sciences, and takes great pleasure in sending a duplicate to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 54.**

From ——— ———. 1778. October 19.

A wealthy person residing at Liège makes an offer to Franklin to supply the free states of America with all kinds of arms, at a much lower price than they are now paying and payment to be made only on delivery. Reply to this offer to be sent to M. Montecot, attorney in Parliament at Paris. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 24.**

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. October 19. Brest.

Is disgraced in the eyes of Brest and the French fleet; his indignation against M. de Sartine who has done him such dishonor. Concerning his letter to the King and the best means of delivering it. His filial veneration for Franklin and his earnest desire to hear from him. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 55.

From Girardot, Haller & Co. 1778. October 19. Paris.

Recommending to Franklin's protection, Mr. Foache, bookseller of Neufchatel. L. S. XII, 56.

From Rich[ard] Penn. 1778. October 20. London.

Through his marriage to Franklin's late ward, Miss Masters, as well as by inheritance, he owns great property in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, yet for more than two years has been unable to procure a shilling from that country; probably by this time, his agent, Mr. Tench Francis, has a considerable sum in hand for him; desires Franklin to point out the best way for him to procure a temporary subsistence. A. L. S. 4 p. XII, 57.

From M. Cadet(-le-jeune). 1778. October 20.

The Lieutenant-General of Police accepts the appointment made for their meeting at the Hotel Royal des Invalides. Will discuss the question of bread made from potatoes and bread-making in general. M. Parmentier, the celebrated chemist, will present a work of his to Franklin on the subject. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXX, 40.

From Abr[aha]m Livingston to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 20. Charleston.

Explaining why his hopes of sending remittances to France on the public account have been frustrated. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 58.

From Chevalier de Marolles de Lucé. 1778. October 21. Paris.

Describes his cruel situation; his wife ill, and he himself suffering intensely from a wound in his thigh, without proper food, medicines or money; begs for two or three Louis d'or to help him regain his health; M. Elié de Beaumont has spoken to Franklin in his favor. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 59.

From [Barbeu] Dubourg. 1778. October 21. Paris.

Begging for a letter of recommendation on behalf of a friend's nephew, who is about to sail for Charleston. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XII, 60.

*From W[illia]m Keating, et al., to The American Commissioners.
1778. October 21. Dinan.*

Ten American prisoners confined in Dinan Castle renew their appeal to be released and employed in the service of the United States. L. S. 1 p.
LX, 15.

From S[ilas] Deane. 1778. October 21. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a translation of certain letters and despatches of Mr. Izard which, though written to a private friend, were introduced into Congress, read and filed; was too modest to follow literally some of the most abusive parts. The enemy about to make an expedition of some consequence. Mr. Lee's estimate of a suitable salary for himself and Mr. Adams. A. L. S. 3 p.

Enclosure. A translation of the letters of Ralph Izard to Henry Laurens. Giving an account of his situation, expressing his hatred of Franklin and Deane, his desire to see them stripped of all honors, and his own overwhelming ambition. 6 p.
XII, 61.

From James Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 21. L'Orient.

Arrival of Captain Thomas Bell with despatches for them. Captain McNeill's uneasiness over the presence of the prisoners on board his vessel. A. L. S. 1 p.
XII, 62.

From George Swaller. 1778. October 21. Dinan.

Account of his capture, first by the English and then by the French, and his present imprisonment at Dinan; begs that he may be sent home to serve his country. A. L. S. 2 p.
XII, 63.

From Sam[ue]l W. Stockton.

1778. October 21. Frankfort-on-the-Main.

A ship arrived at Bordeaux reports Rhode Island taken and the British troops made prisoners; hopes it is authentic. Rumors afloat

that the Court of Spain has resolved to take an immediate and open part in favor of America. Reports in the English papers of the discontent in France against M. de Sartine and Franklin, who (they say) had to take refuge at Versailles from the resentment of the mob. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 64.**

From John Langdon to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 21. Portsmouth, N. H.

Offering to furnish the navy of France with masts if any gentleman there will take the contract; his terms. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 65.**

From Abbé de Pellizer. 1778. October 21. Paris.

At work on a Spanish, French and Latin dictionary; it has just occurred to him to add to these the English and so make the work useful to the United States; begs Franklin's interest and protection in this design. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 66.**

From J. Witel. 1778. October 21. Paris.

Introducing himself as a member of the Société Typographique de Lausanne, and begs for an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 67.**

From Rich[ard] Bache. 1778. October 22. Philadelphia.

Their removal into town a month before. News of Captain Frederick de Wernecke being alive and well. Mr. Lutterloh's answer to the Count de Wiltgerstein's demand. Will inquire into the Duchesse de Melfort's business in the Jersey's. Desires to know the value of certain types which he has sold to the State of Virginia. Congratulates him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary; Pennsylvania the only state which voted against him; the openly expressed enmity of Lee and Izard; strong feeling expressed against his having his grandson as secretary, owing to his father's principles; exchange of Governor Franklin has been effected. Hopes the bearer of this will be the Marquis de Lafayette, who returns to his own country crowned with laurels. Reminds Franklin of a hint in a former letter of certain commercial advantages he promised to throw in his way. A. L. S. 4 p. **XII, 68.**

From ——— Borel. 1778. October 22. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to send him the coat of arms of the United States; impossible to finish his work without this mark of a brave and free nation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 69.**

From Col. de Champigny. 1778. October 22. Amsterdam.

Has received no answer to his two letters written two months before; begs Franklin not to forget the contract they entered into and to forward him the twelve ducats. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XII, 70.

From [Chevalier] de Keralio. 1778. October 22. Paris.

Begging for news from America on behalf of Madame la Comtesse de Deux-ponts, and to his brother le Chevalier de Keralio. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XII, 71.

From Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1778. October 22. Philadelphia.

Was obliged to fly with his family from Bordentown where the savages plundered his house to their heart's content; esteems it an honor to have suffered in his country's cause; the assistance he has endeavored to render with his pen. Has been appointed, by Congress, Treasurer of Loans with a salary of \$2,000, a bare subsistence in the present state of the currency. Mrs. Bache has lent him Franklin's electrical apparatus and he desires to borrow his little air pump; promises to take great care of them. A. L. S. 2 p.

XII, 72.

From Ra[lph] Izard to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 23. Paris.

Acknowledging the trouble they have taken in endeavoring to recover his baggage. A. L. S. 1 p.

XII, 73.

From The General Assembly of Massachusetts to The American Commissioners. 1778. October 23. Boston.

Agreeable to directions, transmits copies of an "Act to prevent the return to Massachusetts of certain persons . . . who have left the state to join our inveterate and cruel enemies." A. L. S. John Avery, D[eput]y Sec'y. 1 p.

XII, 74.

From ——— Dumoulin. 1778. October 23. Paris.

Madame la Comtesse de Chateaurenault, mother-in-law of the Comte d'Estaing desires to wait on Franklin at an appointed hour. A. L. S. 1 p.

XII, 75.

From Samuel Nuttle. 1778. October 23. Havre de Grace.

Owing to Franklin's influence the Court of France has ordered the Customs Officers to deliver up the guns, seized on board the "Two Brothers"; question of whether he is to pay the charges; cannot go on arming the vessel without a positive order from M. Necker. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 76.

From Rich[ar]d Grinnell.

1778. October 23. On board "Gen. Mifflin."

Arrival of three English prizes taken by French frigates. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 77.

From [D'Albert de] Rion, ainé, to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 23. Brest.

Concerning the arrival of the American privateer, Hamden, with an English prize in tow; desires instructions as to various points concerning the disposition of the prize. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XII, 11.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. October 23. The Hague.

English intrigue, delaying the departure of certain merchant vessels. Letter received from Mr. Austin; pleased with his reception in Holland; promised by him, Franklin's portrait in relief. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 56.

From Charles de Hirschberg. 1778. October 23. Paris.

Owing to the desire of some of his old scholars, proposes to spend the winter in Paris; if Franklin will send him his political papers, will continue the translation of them. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 78.

From T. T. Fournier fils. 1778. October 24. Paris.

The type ordered by Franklin is finished; desires to know when and how he shall send them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 79.

From ——— Demolon. 1778. October 25. Moulins.

His brother's desire to go to Virginia with M. Le Maire, and serve in the army with the rank of captain. His hope of procuring letters of recommendation from Franklin; writes to ascertain exactly what his brother may count upon if he decides to expatriate himself. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 80.

From ——— Schedel. 1778. October 25.

Is a manufacturer at Rouen, and desires to lay before Franklin certain propositions. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 81.**

From Comte de Stralenheim. 1778. October 25. Near Saarlouis.

Recommending Baron de Ried for military preferment in America, but especially as head of a military school. His knowledge and attainments; encloses a statement of his past services. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XII, 82.**

From Felix Desdodière. 1778. October 26. Nantes.

Concerning a letter of exchange drawn on Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 83.**

From The Continental Congress. 1778. October 26.

Instructions upon his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of France.

D. S. Henry Laurens, President, and Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retary]. 4 p. **LIII, 74.**

Printed in *Diplom. Corres., Wharton, II, 807.*

From Jean Charles de Zinnern. 1778. October 26. Buda.

Has composed a work in Latin on the American Revolution and has started another on the Illustrious Men of America; desires certain details in the lives of American heroes; went to Vienna on purpose to consult Mr. Arthur Lee, but failed to find him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XII, 84.**

Printed in *Works (Sparks, VIII, 303).*

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. October 27. Brest.

Expresses overwhelming surprise at Franklin's advising Mr. Amiel to return with his wife to America, on the score of employment in Europe being so doubtful; if this advice applies also to himself, would rather lay down his life than return to America before his honor is made perfectly whole. The heart-ache and sorrow he has experienced since his return to Brest; offers to find a ship and men, if they will only give him powers. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 85.**

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 27. The Hague.

Lord Suffolk's singular reply to Holland's protest on the subject of the captured vessels. Occupied in translating an important paper (Resolutions of Amsterdam à propos of the proposed increase of the army); thinks it will prove most useful to the United States; suggests sending copies to Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 57.

From Jon[athan] Loring Austin to The American Commissioners.

1778. October 27. Amsterdam.

The route to America he has determined to take. The various sentiments of the coffee-house commentators on Comte d'Estaing's probable fate and General Clinton's movements; different opinions as to the conduct of Congress respecting the outlawry of Governor Johnson. Hopes that Britain will consider her true interest before it is too late. A. L. S. 3 p.

XII, 86.

From Tho[mas] Potter. 1778. October 27. Havre de Grace Prison.

Account of his capture first by the English and then by the French, and his present imprisonment; begs to be freed and put on board an American privateer. His father, Captain James Potter, is well known to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p.

XII, 87.

From ——— Busaray. 1778. October 27. Mont St. Vincent.

Desires to settle in America with his wife, six children and six farm laborers; desires Franklin's influence with Congress to procure a tract of land near Philadelphia large enough to support twenty persons; his wife's connections and his own. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XII, 88.

From ——— Cadet. 1778. October 27. Paris.

Reminding him of the day appointed for his promised opinion on a certain experiment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XII, 52.

From Robert Niles. 1778. October 27. Bordeaux.

Narrating his and Captain Barnes's capture by a Jersey privateer; consigned his papers and despatches to the sea; has been treated better than he expected; was put on a Dutch vessel bound for Bordeaux; will seek for a passage to America at once; must apply to Mr. Bondfield for money. A. L. S. 1 p.

XII, 89.

From ——— **Du Belair.** 1778. October 28. Paris.

Sending Franklin a manuscript work which he begs him to read and criticize; any use Franklin pleases to make of it will satisfy the author. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 91.**

From **Joann. Adolph Behrends.**

1778. October 28. Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Expressing the greatest admiration for Franklin and an ardent desire to make his acquaintance; congratulates him on his election to the French Medical Society. A. L. S. 3 p. (In Latin.) **XII, 92.**

From **Marquis de Courtanvaux.** 1778. October 29.

Invites Dr. Franklin to bring any American friend he may wish to dinner at his house. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 72.**

From **Rich[ar]d Gridley.** 1778. October 29. Boston.

Reminding him of a conversation they had at General Washington's quarters, at Cambridge, relative to mines; his son has a number of samples of mines which he desires Franklin to examine; if the French mineralogists should find them valuable, thinks it would prove of infinite service to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 93.**

From **Fairholme and Luther to The American Commissioners.**

1778. October 30. St. Martin, Isle de Ré.

Concerning the disposal of a cargo of fish taken by Captain Whipple and brought to the island. A. L. S. 4 p. **XII, 94.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.**

1778. October 30. The Hague.

The Grand Pensionnaire displeased with Lord Suffolk's reply; account of the steps he has taken to force the Grand Pensionnaire into some sort of action; account of their interview; extracts from Franklin's letter on the subject of Holland's attitude towards America (2 p). Received Mr. Lee's interesting papers of the 22d inst.; and sent them to the Leyden Gazette. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 58.**

From **G. Williams.** 1778. October 30. London.

Asking indulgence on behalf of Captain Elisha Clark and his crew, who are confined in Havre de Grace, having been captured while engaged in the southern whale fishery. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 176a.**

From W[illia]m Carmichael. 1778. October 30. Philadelphia.

Sends this letter by the Marquis de Lafayette; praises him as a man of character and discretion; suggests that the ministry in France be first informed by Franklin of the high opinion entertained of the Marquis in America; suggestions as to the best devices to be engraved on the sword presented him by Congress. Astonished at the small results accomplished by Congress; dangerous parties both there and in the army. Alludes to the cabal against General Washington. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 95.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 305, Note).

From Sausset et Masson. 1778. October 31. Beaune.

Enclosing a price-list of wines, and desiring Franklin's orders. L. S. (In French.) XII, 96.

From Chevalier de Berny. 1778. October 31. Strasbourg.

Desires to know if he is never to receive an answer to his eight letters concerning the arrival of his manuscript "L'Œil du Maître." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 97.

From Babut and Labouchere. 1778. October 31. Nantes.

Enclosing two packets for Franklin, the vessel which brought them left the Delaware on September 20th. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 98.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [1778, October?]

Inquires about the truth of the report that Franklin has been officially appointed Minister from the United States. Wishes to appoint a committee from the Academy to visit and congratulate him. Franklin's wearing of a white hat going to Court remarked and commented on. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) LXXI, 44a.

From Comte de la Morliere. 1778. October. St. Germain-en-Laie.

His son desires to enter the service of the United States; begs Franklin to grant him an interview. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 99.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones. 1778. November 1. Brest.

Hopes the enclosed letter for M. de Chaumont will have Franklin's approbation; wishes he could be assured of the command of the "Indian." Cannot wish to offend M. de Sartine but would be glad to have some mark of the King's approbation. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 100.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. November 1. The Hague.

Introducing Mr. Walter Pollard. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XXXIX, 59.

From Ar[thur] and W[illia]m Bryan, Jr.

1778. November 1. Dublin.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness on behalf of Captain Joy Castle. Introducing their relative, Mr. George Hunter, who is a warm friend to the liberties of America; if Franklin can serve him in his present views, the benefit will be widespread. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 101.

From [Mrs.] R. Parsons. 1778. November 2. Paris.

Owing to her declining health, her landlord has consented to let her depart for England only holding her clothes as security for his money; unable therefore to raise a trifle for her journey. Applies again to Franklin to assist her. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 102.

From [Mme.] d'Hardancourt Brillon. 1778. November 2. Thuillerie.

The pleasures of anticipation; wisdom of living in the present; her efforts to become a philosopher; her adoration of her friends; delights in his letters; promises to write him once a week. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XLIII, 1.

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Oct. 1906, 33.

From ——— De La Corbière. 1778. November 2. Paris.

Enclosing for Franklin's perusal a privateering scheme for which he begs his protection. A. L. S. 10 p. XII, 103.

From E[dwar]d O'Reilly. 1778. November 2. Montpelier.

Offering to procure a large amount of cotton stockings at reasonable terms, for the soldiers in America. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 104.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.]. 1778. November 2. Boston.

Civilities and assistance rendered Mr. Holker. Prophesies liberty for America. His son John to marry Colonel Chandler's daughter. Hears that Jonathan has resigned the public employ. A. L. S. 2 p.

XXXVII, 167.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. November 3. The Hague.

Account of the services rendered by Mr. Pollard, who was thereupon obliged to leave England; his present wish to live in Philadelphia; Mr. Stockton's letter on the subject of Mr. Pollard. (1 p.) A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 60.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 3. The Hague.

Account of a visit paid to M. Van Berkel by the Secretary of the Admiralty of Amsterdam; strong warning administered by M. Van Berkel against encouraging England's insolent attitude. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 61.

From Daniel Roberdeau. 1778. November 3. Philadelphia.

The bearer is Chevalier Mauduit Duplessis whose brave conduct needs no other endorsement than the repeated acts of Congress in his favor. A. L. S. 1 p.

XII, 106.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 4. The Hague.

Memoir presented by Sir Joseph Yorke on behalf of his Court; formidable opponents to it in Amsterdam; determination of the Burgomasters not to allow their future conduct to depend on the will of Great Britain. Impossibility of Holland' ever being America's enemy, if she cannot be her friend. Mr. A. Lee's two letters inserted in the Leyden Gazette. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 62.

From Richard Peters. 1778. November 4. Philadelphia.

Introducing Colonel Duplessis who has distinguished himself as a brave and gallant officer; many foreigners have higher rank but few have seen harder service. Begs for an answer to his inquiries concerning his father's whereabouts. A. L. S. 2 p.

XII, 107.

From Tho[ma]s Bell. 1778. November 4. L'Orient.

Offering to carry letters to Philadelphia. News of the Bache family whom he saw in July; begs Franklin to make Mrs. Bache's son write to her. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 108.**

From Jno. Gilbank. 1778. November 4. Nantes.

His request for money to pay his expenses to America; without it, he cannot fulfill his duty to the Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 109.**

From Herr Nierhausen (Prussian Postal Officer).

1778. November 4. Breslau, Silesia.

Asks a second time, whether he should send to Franklin a collection of European mail regulations. Would gratefully accept *douceur*. A. L. S. 1 p. **LIX, 4.**

From Girardot, Haller & Co. 1778. November 4. Paris.

Request Dr. Franklin to forward a letter to Silas Deane. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 104.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1778. November 5. Nantes.

His affair with Mr. Schweighauser settled without a law-suit. Flattering prospects opened to him by M. Montieu, entailing a trip to America; several adventures he has sent to America; his obligations to Franklin; begs for letters to Franklin's friends in America; would like a public one if it is not an indiscreet request. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVII, 168.**

From [Madame] Melin Dutartre. 1778. November 5. Paris.

Desires an answer to the memoir she sent him. Reproaches him gaily for not coming to see her and begs him to come some day to dinner and bring his grandson. Wishes to know who constructed the little fire-place in his bed room and how much it cost. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XII, 110.**

From Marquise de Chasseneuil. 1778. November 5. Bourgognade.

Desires one of Franklin's friends to taste her wines and enter into a contract for them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 111.**

From Bartholo[me]w Byrne, et al. 1778. November 5.

Four American sailors confined at Dinan petition Franklin for relief and means to return to America. L. S. 1 p. **LX, 7.**

From William White. 1778. November 5. Dinan.

An American seaman who was taken prisoner on an English privateer appeals for his release. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 25.**

From Comte de Tressan. 1778. November 6. Franconville.

M. Borel desires an engraving of the seal of the United States to add to his work. Concerning his own "Traité sur l'Electricité" written thirty years before; the subsequent experiments in this science made by Franklin; his admiration for him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XII, 112.**

From James Harriman. 1778. November 6. Florence.

Writes again to request a consulship either at Leghorn or Florence, on the termination of the present troubles with Great Britain; assistance promised him by M. Necker. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 113.**

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. November 7. Versailles.

Concerning the papers Franklin was kind enough to send him; also the translation and publication of Mr. W. H. Drayton's letter of July 18th to the Commissioners. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 114.**

From Stephen Sayre. 1778. November 7. Copenhagen.

Proposal of some eminent Danish merchants to supply Congress with ships, cordage, hemp, etc., by way of the North Seas; concerning the best means of paying for these cargoes. The ship intended to carry the first cargo, will sail under his care as super-cargo; his intention to enter the American navy. A. L. S. 6 p. **XII, 115.**

From J[ohn] D. Schweighauser, et al., Merchants at Nantes, to The American Commissioners. 1778. November 7. Nantes.

Asking for a French convoy for American vessels. L. S. 2 p. **LXI, 13.**

From Jean de Jean Zollicoffer. 1778. November 7. Janville.

Desires to devote himself to the service of America. A. L. S. 3 p.
(In French.) XII, 116.

From ——— de Sollicoffre. 1778. November 7. Janville.

Writes on behalf of his young relative, who desires to go to the United States under Franklin's protection and enter into commerce there. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 116½.

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.]. 1778. November 7. Boston.

Loss of the English ship "Somerset" in a storm. Arrival of General Gates in Boston to replace General Heath. News of his family and friends. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 169.

From Jno. Piers, et al. 1778. November 8. Dinan.

Four American seamen held as prisoners beg to be given an opportunity to return home to their families in America. L. S. 1 p.
LX, 18.

From The Treasurer of Loans to The American Commissioners.
1778. November 9. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of New Jersey and Massachusetts Bay. A. L. S. Fra[ncis]s Hopkinson. 1 p.
(In triplicate.) LIII, 76.

From ——— Girard. 1778. November 9. Quimper.

Explaining the advantages to American trade of having a separate port, without commerce and far from any large city, which they could use as a kind of warehouse or emporium; suggests Benandet as the most suitable; begs him to talk it over with M. de Sartine. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XII, 105.

From Desgranges & Co. 1778. November 10. Paris.

Desires to furnish the American soldiers with shirts. L. S. 1 p.
(In French.) XII, 117.

From ——— Deuborne. 1778. November 10. Liège.

Desires to supply the Americans with arms. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) XII, 118.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 10. The Hague.

Report of the Admiralty on Sir Joseph Yorke's memoir; consequences of such servile submission to England; encloses copy of his letter on this subject to M. Van Berkel, protesting against such an arrangement. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 63.**

From Jonathan Atkin. 1778. November 10. Granville.

Appeal by an American prisoner for assistance to get home. A. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 3.**

From John Locke.

1778. November 10. Grand Saintmuan, Britane.

His unhappy situation as a prisoner with a wife and family in America; his desire to return home. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 119.**

From [Capt. Jacques] Le Maire. 1778. November 10. Nantes.

Arrangements for transporting the articles to Virginia are made; asks for letters of recommendation to the Governor of Virginia, testifying to his zeal in the service of the United States; desires favorable mention for M. Dumolon, who wishes to return with him to Virginia, and obtain employment as coast surveyor and engineer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 120.**

From Jno. Emery. 1778. November 11. Bilbao.

Arrival of his schooner, "Success," from Newburyport, with a prize, also that of Captain Bartlet's ship with a Guernsey cutter. Obligated to let the prisoners go at large. A French vessel captured by mistake and afterwards released. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 121.**

From Tho[ma]s Bell to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 11. L'Orient.

Sailed from Philadelphia on September 6th; no letter from the Committee of Congress; private letters he received; offers to carry any despatches for Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 122.**

From [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine.

1778. November 11. Paris.

Asking Franklin to listen to M. Domuer who wishes to speak on an affair in which he (M. de Sartine) takes an interest. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 122½.

From W[illia]m Kentisbear.

1778. November 11. Marseilles Prison.

As an American from Marblehead, Massachusetts, having been captured by the "Ambuscade" frigate, he implores Dr. Franklin to mediate for his release. A. L. S. 3 p. XLIV, 25.

From Veuve Morel et fils. 1778. November 11. Dunkirk.

Offering their services in a commercial way; the petition to Congress of Morel Dufaux for the position of consul; begs Franklin to take it into favorable consideration. L. S. 2 p. XII, 123.

From ——— Dantoine. 1778. November 11. Paris.

His desire to serve on board an American privateer; his military record and references. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 124.

From Peter Collas. 1778. November 11. Nantes.

Has been given the command of a brig by Mr. John Johnson and Mr. Ridley, with orders to proceed to Virginia; offers his services to Franklin. Reminding Franklin of his promise to inquire about certain articles of his, which were stopped at Calais. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 125.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 12. La Rochelle.

Concerning two valuable vessels which will soon be ready to sail; has applied for a convoy; begs Franklin's influence to obtain it. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 126.

From [Jean-Pierre] Béranger. 1778. November 12. Lausanne.

Desire of five young Genoese to settle in America; requests Franklin to aid them in this project, though they are provided for in a pe-

cuniary way; considers the feasibility of establishing a Genoese clock and watch factory at Boston or Philadelphia. Hopes his opinion of the "Histoire de Genève" will coincide with Voltaire's, which he quotes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 127.

From James Laurens, Jr., to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 12. Le Vigan.

Acknowledging a former pass and applying for another. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 128.

From A. Ray. 1778. November 12. Bath.

Her sojourn in America in the year 1770, and her love for that country; on her return she addressed the enclosed letter to Lord North, printed first in the "Daily Advertiser" and in the "Gentlemen's Magazine"; is about to publish three volumes of letters written from America and requests Franklin's influence to procure her subscriptions in Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 129.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 13. The Hague.

Conjectures as to the outcome of the struggle; attitude of the French Ambassador. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 64.

From J. Ingen Housz. 1778. November 14. London.

Anticipates a winter in London with much pleasure. Suggestions concerning the trade carried on for his brother. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 130.

From [Dr.] James Smith to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 15. Paris.

A list of his possessions detained at Calais; it depends upon the Commissioners whether the custom house officers shall be allowed to defraud him; desires a pass for himself and family in England, and hopes his frank expression of opinion will not influence their refusal. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 131.

From M[onsieur] Brillon. 1778. November 15.

Sends Dr. Franklin the "Eripuit coelo fulmen, sceptrumque tyrannis," a new composition in his honor. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 35b.

From W[illia]m Berry, et al. 1778. November 15.

Appeal of seven American prisoners confined at Dinan, France, asking Franklin to obtain their release. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 6.**

From ——— de Beze. 1778. November 16. Tannay.

Begging for news of M. de Fleury, who entered the American service, and, according to the published accounts, has greatly distinguished himself; for two years his family have heard nothing from him; begs for any news of him he may possess. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XII, 132.**

From [Capt.] E[manuel] P[ierre] De la Plaigne.

1778. November 16. Dunkirk.

Will arrive in Paris with his brother and servant; his brother-in-law, his nephew and two of his relatives have already set out; his brother given a lieutenancy by the Congress of Georgia; the others go as volunteers; acknowledges the sum received from Mr. Coffyn to defray their expenses to Plymouth; very anxious to get back to his regiment. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 133.**

From Jno. Gilbank to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 16. Nantes.

No answer to his letters, is obliged to trouble him a third time for money to enable him to rejoin his regiment; his deplorable situation should Franklin refuse. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 134.**

From [Charles] N[icolas] Jullian. 1778. November 17. Cette.

His strong desire to go to America, a step which he hesitates to take without the assurance of Franklin's recommendation and protection. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 135.**

From Jno. Gilbank to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 17. Nantes.

Takes exception to the statement that it would be blameable partiality to lend more to him than to others of the same rank; makes certain claims as a Continental Commissioned Officer, and begs again for the desired sum. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 136.**

From Job Prince. 1778. November 18. "The Concord," off Dieppe.

Has been appointed by Congress to the command of the "Concord"; desires advice as to his intended cruise, as well as directions as to the disposal of possible prizes. Being fired upon by an English frigate, he threw overboard the despatches from Congress. Has something of great importance to communicate which he will not trust to paper. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 137.

From ——— Le Baron. 1778. November 18. Dieppe.

Account of the provisions with which he supplied Captain Job Prince, of the "Concord"; asks for an authorized commission as American agent. Advisability of sending a small French corsair as pilot for the Concord. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XII, 138.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1778. November 19. Nantes.

M. Montieu's generous offer; merely desires security in case of his death; asks Franklin to furnish this. Arrival of his uncle. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 170.

From Chevalier de Kermorvan. 1778. November 19. Versailles.

The Queen of France has given birth to a daughter; such a joyful occasion is auspicious for the asking and granting of favors, therefore begs Franklin to write a line, on his behalf, to the Minister of War. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 139.

From Mounier and Denis. 1778. November 19. Middelburg.

Concerning the capture of their vessel by the Americans who carried her to New England; applies for her freedom, payment for her cargo and indemnity for the time lost. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 140.

From ——— Du Belair. 1778. November 19. Paris.

Is obliged to leave Paris; M. Bardinet, author of the poem on The Defenders of Liberty, desires to pay his respects in person and obtain his opinion of the poem. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 141.

From ——— Cadou, fils. 1778. November 19. Nantes.

Concerning a plan for which he hopes to have the approval of Franklin and his friends. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 142.

From Otto Magnus de Butler. 1778. November 20. Axel.

Desires to enter the service of America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XII, 143.

From [Jacques Christoph] Valmont de Bomare.

1778. November 20. Paris.

Desires to dine with him at Mme. de Chaumont's; also begs his presence on December 3d at his opening lecture and at a small philosophical dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 144.

From [C. G. F.] D[umas] to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 20. The Hague.

The despotic act consummated in the Provincial Assembly and the Admiralty Report passed; Amsterdam's vigorous protest against this procedure; eager for news from America which may give the lie to certain rumors. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 65.

From John Walshe, et al., on Board the "Drake."

1778. November 20. Brest Road.

Memorial of English prisoners on board the brig "Patience" asking for better treatment. D. S. 3 p. LXI, 98.

From Thomas Middleton to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 20. Philadelphia.

Has lost two bills of exchange drawn on the Commissioners for interest due him on money lent the public; stops their payment. L. S. 1 p. (In triplicate.) XII, 145.

From Sam[ue]l Cooper. 1778. November 21. Boston.

Recommending Mr. Duncan Ingraham who goes to France on business in his own vessel. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 146.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 21. Bordeaux.

Report on the cannon belonging to M. Le Bertin; the expense of proving them. Kindness of M. de La Touche in ordering a frigate to escort the ships round from La Rochelle to Nantes where they are being loaded. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 147.

From ——— Bottin. 1778. November 21. St. Quentin.

Is a surgeon and has discovered a specific remedy for all kinds of fevers. Has heard that the King has offered rewards to those who can prove that they have discovered useful and efficacious remedies. Wishes to go to Paris to demonstrate the efficacy of his remedy and asks to be assisted in accomplishing his purpose. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
 XI, 160.

From ——— ———. 1778. November 21. Belfast.

Memorial from several residents of Belfast, Ireland, who wish to settle in the United States. Mem. 3 p.
 LX, 96.

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. 1778. November 21.

Desires Franklin to authorize his denial of the statement that after the capture of Burgoyne's army, Washington told the Congress it was the happy time to treat. A. L. S. 1 p.
 XII, 148.

From ——— Bottin. 1778. November 21. St. Quentin.

Has invented a certain specific which he has found efficacious in fevers and epidemics; has heard that the King of France promises a reward for such discoveries in proportion to their effectiveness; desires to know when he shall come to Paris to furnish proof of this remedy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
 XII, 148½.

From Abbé Dubois. 1778. November 21. Nancy.

Interest in America all over France; universal admiration of her conduct; no republic ever had a more auspicious birth; the immortal name of Franklin and the honor which will be paid to it by future generations. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
 XII, 149.

From ——— Guichard ainé. 1778. November 21. Marennnes.

Writes again to demand a sum due his brother for his services on board the "Lexington"; indignantly protests against the silence with which his former letters have been received. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
 XII, 150.

From Jesse Taylor. 1778. November 21. Belfast.

Enclosing a memorial, the subject of which may have already reached Franklin in an interview with Sir Edward Newenham; reasons for withholding their signatures; many adventurers only waiting for information as to how to avoid the present dangers of such a voyage. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 151.**

From ——— D'Aire. 1778. November 22. Alby.

Desires to enter the American army; is willing to serve as volunteer until the American generals consider him worthy to be given the command of a force. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XII, 152.**

From [Capt.] Thomas Pickerin. 1778. November 23. Brest.

Protesting against the action of Captain [John Paul] Jones with regard to deserters from American vessels. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXI, 87.**

From Matt[hew] Ridley. 1778. November 24. Nantes.

The manuscripts in the hands of J. Massey have been disposed of some time since. The disposition of the Ministry is evidently to try another campaign in America. Clinton's proceedings in burning and destroying perfectly consistent with the ideas of war; their attitude unchanged by the loss of Dominica. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 153.**

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. November 24. The Hague.

Enclosing copy of a letter (2 p.) from Arthur Lee, together with his reply (2 p., in French), concerning a loan which Mr. Lee says he is empowered to obtain as secretly as possible for the United States; slightly prepared for this by the former negotiations between Mr. Wm. Lee and M. de Neufville; desires Franklin's opinion of this step. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 66.**

From Romaneix La Cadette. 1778. November 24. Limoges.

Requesting Franklin's protection for his brother who made his escape from the hands of the English without clothing or money; has lent him all he can afford. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 154.**

From [L.] Bordot. 1778. November 26. Versailles.

Begs Franklin to forward to America the enclosed letter from Madame de Rivaud, who is full of anxiety about her son from whom she has not heard for a long time. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XII, 155.

From S. de Monchy. 1778. November 26. Rotterdam.

Recalls their acquaintance during Franklin's and Dr. Pringle's stay at Rotterdam. Asks Franklin's protection for a vessel, the property of his son-in-law, Jacob Mounier, which was taken by an American privateer and carried to New England. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XII, 156.

From Chevalier de Keralio.

1778. November 27. L'Ecole Royale Militaire.

Is the bearer of many affectionate messages from the Comtesse de Forbach. The many losses in commercial enterprises; thinks the Royal Marine have done all they could to protect the ships; advises the publication in the papers of a list of prizes taken by the Americans; thinks such a step will have a salutary effect. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XII, 158½.

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 28. Bordeaux.

The merchants, owing to their heavy losses, are obliged to cut down their exports to the United States. Preparation of a fine convoy for the two ships at Nantes. Report confirmed as to M. La Motte Picquet having fallen into the hands of a Jamaica fleet. Action of the Farmers-General as regards tobacco. A. L. S. 3 p.

XII, 159.

From Arthur Lee to Messrs. Franklin and Adams.

1778. November 28. Chaillot.

Not having any notice of their altered plans, he and Count de Vergennes waited for them in vain till five o'clock. The Count wishes to know just when the ships will be ready to sail, so that he may do all in his power to obtain the desired convoy. L. S. 1 p.

XII, 160.

From ——— Cadet. 1778. November 28.

Desires his presence the next day at M. Dubourg's; wishes his fire-place to be a success, and doubts not that Franklin's advice will insure this result. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XII, 161.

From Jno. Gilbank to The American Commissioners.

1778. November 28. Nantes.

Mr. Livingston sails in six days; cannot go with him unless his former request for money is complied with. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 162.**

From Marquis D'Aussigne. 1778. November 29. Passy.

Desires information concerning the purchase of American bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 157.**

From Perdriel Roumallard. 1778. November 29. Mortrée.

Desires to know if Franklin has received any letters from Congress for him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 158.**

From ——— Le Baron. 1778. November 30. Dieppe.

Believes the pretended corsair, the "Concord," will not appear again; she gained little from her deception; advisability of having a letter from Franklin for the pretended Captain, Job Prince, in case he should return to seek an answer to his letter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 163.**

From Abbé D'Amblé. 1778. November 30. La Claireau.

A plan of establishing well-equipped forges and arsenals in Pennsylvania; question of bringing the workmen over from France; his knowledge of this industry. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XII, 164.**

From Francis-Geron Masseure. 1778. November 30. St. Malo.

Announcing his capture by the enemy and his destruction of the packet sent by Patrick Henry to Franklin; his subsequent escape and desire to return to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 165.**

From Charlotte Amiel. [1778. November (?). Auteuil.]

Begs Franklin not to suffer her husband to remain longer in suspense as to the outcome of his business at Brest. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 158.**

From Mme. Brillon. [1778. November.] Saturday morning.

Sends for a letter which Franklin wishes to be delivered to M. Le Veillard. Has been very ill for some days. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 65.**

From [Dr.] James Smith to The American Commissioners.

[1778. November.]

Their extraordinary reply to his request for a passport, is told that he must take the oath of allegiance; denounces such conduct as infamous. A. L. S. 4 p. **XLI, 191.**

From Tho[ma]s Gleed, et al. 1778. December 1. Combours.

Six English prisoners appeal to Franklin to be included in the next exchange of French and English prisoners. L. S. 1 p. **LX, 10.**

From [Field Marshall Comte] de Vienne. 1778. December 1. Paris.

Asks that the enclosed letter to his son, the Marquis de Vienne, may be forwarded to America; his son complains that, though he has received the rank of colonel, his services, in other respects, have not been suitably recognized; begs Franklin to recommend him in his letters to Congress and to General Washington. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 167.**

From ——— Meunier. 1778. December 1. Paris.

Desires to deliver the memoir of Messieurs Ristau, of Bordeaux; hopes their reasons will determine Captain McNeill to finish an affair, which has lasted too long. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 1.**

From [Antoine] Holtzer to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 1. Colmar.

Has invented a new variety of beer, which has remarkable advantages; is willing to sell his secret. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

XII, 168; LX, 90.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 2. The Hague.

Enclosing a copy of Amsterdam's Resolutions, à propos of increasing the army in Holland (22 p.); intrigues of the English party aim to increase the army of Holland at the expense of her navy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 67.**

From Weiss de Daillens. 1778. December 2. Berne.

His hatred of oppression and tyranny; his ardent desire to serve under the standard of liberty. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) **XII, 170.**

From Thomas Turner. 1778. December 2. Croisic.

Wishes to know if his father, Captain Thomas Turner, is in the American service. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 171.**

From [Capt. Jacques] Le Maire. 1778. December 3. Nantes.

Reiterates his request for an answer to the Governor of Virginia's letter, also for a recommendation in favor of M. Doumolon; offers to carry any despatches Franklin cares to intrust to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 172.**

From ——— Thiery. 1778. December 3. Paris.

Concerning two bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 173.**

From Horatio Gates. 1778. December 4. Boston.

Chevalier de Raimondis, late Captain of the "Cæsar," one of Comte d'Estaing's squadron, had the misfortune to lose his arm in an engagement off the coast; his subsequent stay in Boston, and the presentation to him by the Council of Massachusetts of a fine sword; hopes he will be generously rewarded for his sufferings and heroic behavior. The enemy likely to evacuate New York and Rhode Island. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 174.**

From Henry Farley to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 5. Paris.

Concerning a general order, forbidding British subjects to settle in French sea-ports; begs that he and Mr. Thompson's two sons may be permitted to reside unmolested at Nantes, being convinced that his commercial interests will be of general advantage to France and America; his and Mr. Thompson's strong sentiments in favor of the country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 175.**

From Elisha Clark. 1778. December 5. Bolbec.

Enclosing a letter from Dr. Williams, of London, and begging Franklin's compliance with his request. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 176.**

From John Bondfield to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 5. Bordeaux.

News of Count d'Estaing's fleet; report prevails that Admiral Byron's fleet left New York, November 2d with 5,000 troops on board. The Boston, Providence and Ranger arrived at Boston with many prizes. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 177.

From William Vernon. 1778. December 7. Boston.

Informs him that his son, who is just out of the University and whose talent is scarcely known, took passage for France with Mr. John Adams, under whose care he placed him, with a view to accomplish him for business either as a merchant or in any other way, that he might be most useful in the future to his country. Hopes he may regard him as one of his friends and that he will, from time to time, receive such advice and instructions from his friends as will stimulate him to virtue, honor and knowledge. A. L. S. 2 p. XLV, 204c.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 8. The Hague.

Another blow to the English party in the shape of the enclosed memoir (1 p.) from the French Ambassador, asking an explanation of Holland's future conduct and demanding the most perfect neutrality. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXXIX, 68.

From James Lovell. 1778. December 8. Philadelphia.

Reasons for holding back his last letter to Franklin. The only important struggle is with the currency; the aid of skilful financiers and monied men needed to bring about any considerable appreciation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In triplicate.) XII, 181.

From W[illiam] Lee to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 9. Frankfort.

Conformable to the enclosed Resolution of Congress, has drawn upon them for a certain sum. Report of a Congress to be held between the Ministers from the Courts of Versailles and St. Petersburg, to arrange a reconciliation between the Emperor and the King of Prussia; also reported that Great Britain has prevailed on Russia to take advantage of this opportunity to negotiate an accommodation between France and Great Britain. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 182.

From Jno. P[aul] Jones to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 9. L'Orient.

Sends the enclosed memorial from the prisoners on the "Patience"; their situation most deplorable and their complaints just; declares that Rivu, who has charge of them, is a scoundrel and begs them to send their answer through the Reverend Father John, as otherwise it will never reach the prisoners. A. L. S. 3 p. **XII, 183.**

From Gourlade and Moylan to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 9. L'Orient.

The arrival of the schooner "Dauphin," from Boston; brings news of the loss to England of the "Somerset" man-of-war, and the unfortunate capture of the frigate "Raleigh," after an obstinate engagement. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 184.**

From D[avid] H[artley]. 1778. December 10. London.

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; announcing the acceptance, by the Admiralty, of the last terms submitted by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 186.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 211.

From Tho[ma]s Denward. 1778. December 10.

Urging the necessity of having an agent in London, and recommending Captain Robinson for the position. Dietary for prisoners. Mem. 2 p. **XII, 187.**

From William Greene. 1778. December 10. Warwick, R. I.

Enclosing some bills of exchange which he begs Franklin to lay out for him and his son-in-law, Major Samuel Ward; the latter's desire to receive consignments of cargoes from merchants in France. Recommending to Franklin's kindness Mr. William Vernon, Jr., now in France, for the purpose of studying the language. Family news. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **XII, 188.**

From John Abercromby. 1778. December 11. Bordeaux.

Wrote three weeks ago concerning a passport to enable him to return to Charleston; begs him not to forget his request. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 189.**

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From ——— Thiery. 1778. December 11. Paris.

Desires to know if Franklin has received a letter of advice concerning the bill of exchange mentioned in his last letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 190.

From The Treasurer of Loans to The American Commissioners. 1778. December 11. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. (In duplicate.) LIII, 77.

From D'Acosta frères, to Messrs. Franklin and Adams. 1778. December 12. Nantes.

Encloses copies of their letters written to Arthur Lee, with his reply; their object in sending them is not to complain of their colleague, but to guard against future misrepresentation.

(Copies in French of a rather acrid correspondence between Messieurs D'Acosta and Mr. Arthur Lee concerning the packing of certain articles bound for Virginia.) A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) XII, 185.

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr., to The American Commissioners. 1778. December 12. Passy.

Concerning a mistake by which Mr. Deane's goods were shipped to America by Mr. Schweighauser. A. L. S. 2 p. XXXVII, 172.

From Jon[a]th[an] Trumbull. 1778. December 12. Lebanon.

Introducing Colonel Diriks, from Holland; he has served with reputation and honor in the defense of America and has leave of absence to settle his affairs. L. S. 1 p. XII, 191.

From ——— Philip. 1778. December 12. Bordeaux.

Begging Franklin to obtain from M. de Sartine, a special dispensation that he may be exempted from service on the King's ships; desires this in order to accept command of a merchant ship bound for Charleston. A. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Franklin. As a stranger in France, begs to be excused from troubling the Ministers with solicitations for persons unknown to him, and in affairs of which he is ignorant. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. XII, 192.

From Vicomte de Polignac. 1778. December 13. Soleure.

Recommending M. de Weiss Daillens. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XII, 193.

From Baronne de Randerath. 1778. December 13. Bouquenom.

Her husband forced by illness to give up his service to the Elector Palatine; their small resources; impossible to take her husband to Aix; applies to Franklin for assistance; places her hopes in the fact that her husband and Franklin are both Masons, though belonging to different lodges. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XII, 194.

From Benja[min] Gunnison. 1778. December 14. Roscoff.

Announcing his arrival in the brig, "Morris," and asking for instruction as to his future movements. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 196.

From F—— J——. 1778. December 14. Heidelberg.

Submits proposal to raise a body of 240 volunteers to serve in the United States in the war of independence. L. 4 p. LX, 52.

From A. Sube, Laporte, and others. 1778. December 14. Marseilles.

Recounting a fête, recently celebrated by the Société de Parnasse in honor of their good friends and allies, the insurgents; encloses a printed paper which will give him the proceedings in detail; Franklin's portrait, crowned with laurel, had the place of honor; the influence it exerted on the company. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 196½a.

From W[illiam] Lee to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 15. Frankfort.

Has reason to believe that a plan of reconciliation between France and Great Britain will be agitated at the Congress mentioned in his last letter; suggests the advisability of having an agent there to counteract the schemes of Great Britain; has sounded a gentleman on the subject, at present in the service of the King of Prussia; and transcribes his answer; asks their opinion of his propositions; advises his going to the Congress as an authorized individual. A. L. S. 4 p. XII, 197.

From [Comtesse] D. B. [de] Conway. 1778. December 15. Auxerre.

Desires news of her husband, of Franklin's health, and of the war in America; intends to call on him during the winter. A. L. S. 1 p.
XII, 198.

From J[ohn] D. Schweighauser, *et al.*, Merchants at Nantes, *to* The American Commissioners. 1778. December 15.

Hope, through the Commissioners' efforts, to secure a convoy for their vessels for the entire voyage across the Atlantic. L. S. 2 p.
LXI, 14.

From [C. G. F.] Dumas. 1778. December 15. The Hague.

Extract from Mr. A. Lee's letter, heaping reproaches on Holland for her reluctance to aid the United States and threatening them with exclusion from future benefits; embarrassed how to tell him that he is ignorant of the state of the Republic and says what is neither just nor reasonable; explains the situation to Franklin; asks him to keep this letter secret. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXIX, 69.

From Jno. Gilbank *to* The American Commissioners.
1778. December 15. Nantes.

Complains of receiving no answer to his last letters; there is still time for him to rejoin his regiment, if his necessary expenses are defrayed at once; anguish of mind he suffers in such a humiliating situation, which has been brought about by the chance of war. A. L. S. 2 p.
XII, 199.

From Chevalier de Beaulieu. 1778. December 16. Paris.

Prophesies a magnificent future for America, and a deathless fame for Franklin; desires to serve this astonishing people. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XII, 200.

From Mounier and Denis. 1778. December 17. Middelbourg.

Their vessel has been set free and her freight paid; desires Franklin's interest as regards the merchandise with which she was loaded. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XII, 201.

From Le Bègue de Presle. 1778. December 17. Paris.

His promise to send Mr. Benjamin Vaughan the "*Tableau Economique*," published by M. Dupont. Desires Franklin to procure an extension of leave for his brother, Duportail, who left two years before to serve in the American army, and also for the three engineers he took with him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 202.

From B[enjamin] Rush. 1778. December 17. Philadelphia.

Begs Franklin to have the enclosed letter conveyed safely to Mr. Cox. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 203.

From [Madame] Leschevin Randall. [1778.] December 17.

Begging Franklin to come to them on the following day; number of Franklin's friends who will be present and several pretty women. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XL, 68.

From D[avid] H[artley]. 1778. December 18. London.

Exchange of prisoners will be hurried forward now without delay; begs Franklin to name the port and the agent, and he will immediately receive a hundred prisoners, to begin with; desires to know if Morlaix will suit for further exchanges. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 204.

From Chr. Baldwin. 1778. December 18. Clapham Common.

Reminding Franklin of the pleasant hours they once spent together; Mrs. Baldwin's pride in a wax bust of Franklin, the present of their friend Moore, as well as his liturgy, which is her constant Sunday entertainment. The loss of Dominica has meant a heavy financial loss to them; his only son is now at Portsmouth, en route for Dominica to take charge of the estate there; begs Franklin to recommend him to the Marquis de Bouillé. Has told his son of Franklin's cabin lamp. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 205.

From Andrew Carmier. 1778. December 19. Calais.

Desires the position of Consul at Calais. A. L. S. 1 p. XII, 207.

From ——— Allamand. 1778. December 20. Lausanne.

Asks questions, bearing on the right of a people to throw off their Sovereign's yoke, and desires concise, clear and reasonable answers to them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. "Imp[ertinen]t demand." XII, 208.

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From ——— Bellini. 1778. December 20. Breslau.

Desires to establish himself in America and begs Franklin to grant him his protection and a passport. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XII, 209.

From César Lefrancq. 1778. December 20. Montreuil sur Mer.

Has just escaped from captivity in England. Sends a memoir in which he gives an account of his services to the United States and in particular to the State of Maryland, having been in command of the "Conqueror," the "Dolphin" and other war vessels. Fought several engagements with the English and captured some of their vessels. Finally fell into the hands of English privateers while in command of a merchant vessel and was brought to England. L. S. 5 p. (In French.)

LX, 40.

From J[ea]n B[aptis]te Voisin. 1778. December 20. Brignoles.

Desires to serve in the American army; begs Franklin to procure him the rank of officer in the grenadiers; offers to bring with him four young men, relatives of his. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XII, 210.

From Mme. Brillon. [Circa 1778. December] 20.

Returns a letter by Franklin with corrections made at his request. People have criticized their familiarity of manner towards each other. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 68.

From ——— D'Enach. 1778. December 22. Berne.

Desiring a position in the American army for a captain in his regiment. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XII, 211.

From Capt. Tho[ma]s Pickerin.

1778. December 22. Brest. (On board the Hampden.)

His arrival at Brest with two prizes; uncertain as to whether the cargo of the second one is Spanish or English property; the Court of Admiralty have taken the vessel into their immediate care. L. S. 2 p.

XII, 212.

From Shubael Gardner to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 22. London.

Asking their intervention for the release of an American prisoner. A. L. S. 2 p.

LXI, 68.

From Laborde Lissalde to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 22. Bayonne.

Containing an account of a prize-ship from Bristol, loaded with cod-fish, which was captured by John Leach, of the Franklin, and afterwards wrecked on the French coast near Bayonne; disposition made of the cargo and ship's furnishings saved from the wreck. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 213.

From Rod[olp]h Valltravers.

1778. December 23. Rockhall in Switzerland.

Transmitting the enclosed memorials and proposals from a worthy friend of his, Mr. J—— N——, illy rewarded in England for his long services there, and at present Chamberlain to the Elector at Heidelberg. Fears Franklin's determined silence to all his letters is due to slanders circulated by his enemies to his discredit. Concerning the union of the thirteen Confederate States with the thirteen Cantons; proposes himself for the position of American agent in Switzerland. Offers his collection of books, minerals, fossils, etc., for sale. Urges the excellence of Swiss linen to supply the deficiency in America of the Scotch and Irish. A. L. S. 5 p. XII, 214.

From —— Flavigny. 1778. December 23. Paris.

Confides in the friendship shown by Franklin to Mme. de Flavigny and himself; has been ill four years, and is at present in sore need of money, which he begs Franklin to advance him; promises to repay him with twelve hundred bottles of excellent wine. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 222.

From [Capt.] Thomas Pickerin to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 23. Brest.

Concerning his right to vessels recaptured as prizes. L. S. 4 p. (Copy in French.) LXI, 88.

From [Capt.] Tho[ma]s Pickerin to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 23. Brest.

Concerning his right to a recaptured prize, the "La Constance." A. L. S. 1 p. LXI, 89.

From John de Neufville. 1778. December 24. Amsterdam.

Begging Franklin to add the enclosed letters to the first despatches sent to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 215.**

From Horneca, Fizeaux & Co. 1778. December 24. Amsterdam.

Concerning the investment of American promissory notes. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 216.**

From John Abercromby. 1778. December 24. Bordeaux.

His request for a passport to enable him to return to Charleston, where he lost twelve houses in the late fire; begs for the loan of four Louis d'or. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XII, 217.**

From Buler de Montazeau. 1778. December 24. Paris.

The death of her brave husband, leaves her with no means to educate her son; applies to Franklin to place the boy in some school, either of artillery or engineering; the injustice of depriving her of a pension. L. S. 3 p.. (In French.) **XII, 218.**

From [Marquis de Chartier de] Lotbinière.

1778. December 24. Tours.

His son at his Seignior of Vaudreuil near Quebec; in case of any intended movement against Canada, begs Franklin to mention his son's family to Congress, as well as the affair of his two seigniories situated at the head of Lake Champlain. England's present disposition to withdraw from the struggle. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XII, 219.**

From Jno. Gilbank to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 24. Nantes.

Not receiving any answer to his last letter has drawn upon them in favor of Mr. Schweighauser for 1,000 livres. L. S. 1 p. **XII, 220.**

From Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.]. 1778. December 24. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Samuel Bradford, who goes to France to perfect himself in the language. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVII, 173.**

From H[enr]y Grand. 1778. December 25. Paris.

Encloses the acts previously spoken of for Franklin's name and seal. Concerning the Loan Office Bills. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 221.**

From J. Gruel. 1778. December 26. Nantes.

Hopes that the time which has elapsed since his departure from Paris has not entirely effaced Franklin's remembrance of one who has always been sincerely attached to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XII, 223.

From Jno. Gilbank to The American Commissioners.

1778. December 26. Nantes.

Has drawn upon them for one thousand livres and it will have a very bad appearance in the eyes of the world, if his draft is refused; their protracted silence made it too late for him to apply for relief elsewhere. A. L. S. 1 p.
XII, 224.

From ——— Du Belair. 1778. December 28. Paris.

The bearer will wait for the manuscript in question, but if the matter is not ended, begs that the packet may be returned at his earliest convenience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XII, 225.

From Arthur Lee. 1778. December 28. Passy.

Certifying to having examined, with Dr. Franklin, the trunk containing the public and private papers of the late Thomas Morris, Esq., and to having found the seals and strings upon the said trunk entire. A. L. 1 p.
XII, 226a.

From ——— Bevos. 1778. December 28. Paris.

Had the pleasure of sitting between Franklin and the poet Rocher at dinner, the day they celebrated the Apotheosis of Voltaire. Is deputed by the Chamber of Commerce, at Languedoc, to ascertain the products of the United States; desires an audience for this purpose. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XII, 227.

From Anisson Duperon. 1778. December 28. Paris.

Has endeavored to procure occupation for the young American recommended by Franklin, but his absolute ignorance of French is an insurmountable obstacle; should he acquire some slight knowledge of the language will do his best to obtain employment for him. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XII, 228.

From Tripsé Demareuil. 1778. December 28. Loches.

Desires to serve in the American army; is lieutenant in the Royal Grenadiers, and has seen twenty-two years of service. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 229.

*From Veuve M. Cornic, fils to The American Commissioners.
1778. December 28. Morlaix.*

The arrival, at Morlaix, of the ship "Morris," Captain Benjamin Gunnisson, loaded with tobacco; desires Franklin's orders concerning her treatment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XII, 230.

From Geo[rge] Seegar. 1778. December 29. Nantes.

The remembrance of his late imprisonment makes him desirous of doing something for those he left behind. Urges the desirability of having an agent in London, who can assist the prisoners, after their escape, to reach France; the Rev. Mr. Denward recommends Captain Moses Robertson as the most suitable person; if nothing is done for the prisoners, they will go on board King's ships-of-war and fight against their brethren. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 231.

*From Jno. Gilbank to The American Commissioners.
1778. December 29. Nantes.*

Continues his demand for support according to his rank in the United States army; if Mr. Livingston's ship sails without him, he will be obliged to make the whole affair public; begs that his draft may be honored at once. A. L. S. 3 p. XII, 232.

*From John Patterson to The American Commissioners.
1778. December 29. St. Martin's.*

Petitions them to use their influence, in his behalf, with M. de Sartine, so that he may obtain from among the foreigners captured in English ships, sailors to take the place of deserters and enable him to return to Baltimore with his vessel. A. L. S. 3 p. LXI, 71.

From Espivent Villeboisnes. 1778. December 29. Paris.

Concerning Thomas Pickerin's prize vessel, "La Constance." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) LXI, 90.

From Le Bègue de Presle. 1778. December 29. Paris.

Sending a letter for his brother, Duportail. Requests Franklin to have his brother's and his fellow-engineer's furlough renewed by the French Ministry to enable them to serve in the United States. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 21.

From Espivent Villeboisnes. 1778. December 29. Paris.

Concerning the recapture of *La Constance*, of Bordeaux, by Captain Pickerin; begs Franklin to take the matter into consideration, and obtain a prompt withdrawal of the arrest put upon this vessel and her cargo. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XII, 233.

From Jos[iah] Quincy. 1778. December 30. Braintree.

By order of Congress, a general tribute of prayer and thanksgiving is offered up that day throughout the land. Thinks England must be convinced, by this time, that the Western Hemisphere is not to be conquered like slaves of the East. Two public addresses in the newspaper, one by General Lee, in which General W[ashingto]n's character is indirectly attacked; the other, by Silas Deane containing certain revelations of an alarming nature. The high breeding and politeness of Count d'Estaing and the French officers, contrasts strikingly with English naval civility. Introducing Mr. Samuel Bradford to Franklin's friendly notice. A. L. S. 2 p. XII, 234.

From Pierre Payes. 1778. December 30. Montauban.

Concerning a young relative who embarked for America two years before, without friends or letters; his success and speedy promotion; begs Franklin to mention him favorably in his letters to Congress. Recommends his wines to Franklin's notice. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XII, 178.

From [Capt.] Tho[ma]s Pickerin. 1778. December 30. Brest.

Asking for redress for the refusal of the French authorities at Brest to allow him to come into the harbor for repairs. A. L. S. 3 p. LXI, 91.

From — de la Verdière. 1778. December 31. Paris.

Through no fault of his own, has lost everything, even his position, and is likely soon to die of hunger; compares himself to Virgil, with this difference, that he had all his goods restored by the Emperor; trusts to the King and to Franklin for some such happy outcome to his misery. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XII, 195.**

From — Gamba. 1778. December 31. Dunkirk.

Thanking Franklin for his kind reception at Passy. A. L. S. 2 p. **XII, 235.**

By L— A—. [Circa 1778.]

"The young Lion and the Mastiff." Allegorical fable by Franklin put in verse. Poem. 3 p. (In French.) **LI, 54.**

By L— A—. [Circa 1778.]

"The Gold-finch and the Eagle." An allegorical fable containing allusions to Franklin and his services to America. Poem. 3 p. (In French.) **LI, 57 a.**

By L— A—. [Circa 1778.]

"The Eagle and the Cat." An allegorical fable of Franklin's put in verse. Poem. 2 p. (In French.) **LI, 57 b.**

From A[lexander] J[ohn] Alexander. [1778?]

Concerning a memoir by M. de l'Oiseau, which he begs Franklin to present to the ministers; question of his and his brother's estate in Grenada. Mem. 2 p. **XL, 105.**

From Anquetil Brutiere & Co. [Circa 1778.]

Seven English prisoners forcibly put on board their ship in September, 1777, by Captain Etienne of the corsair "La Bellone"; applies for the promised indemnity. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 99.**

By L— B—. [Circa 1778.]

Scheme for establishing a base for hostile operations at Monaco against English vessels. Diss. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 4.**

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft. [1778?]

A few lines from Mr. [Silas] Deane dated, Philadelphia, 6th September, 1778, and referring to packets which he had just sealed. Supposes they must have come under cover to Dr. Franklin; begs he will, in that case, send them by bearer. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 8.**

From Edw[ar]d Bancroft. [Circa 1778.]

Leaves the enclosure without comment. Mr. Grand wishes that Dr. Franklin would this evening favor him with something which is to be sent to Amsterdam early to-morrow. Mr. Garnier sends his compliments and will do himself the honor of dining with Dr. Franklin on the first day that he dines at home. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 93.**

From Dr. [Edward] Bancroft. [Circa 1778.]

Requests Franklin to send him M. Mauduit's letter and printed paper. L. 1 p. **XLIII, 133.**

From Dr. [Edward] Bancroft. [Circa 1778.] Chaillot.

Sending a passport. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 138.**

From Dr. [Edward] Bancroft. [Circa 1778.]

Accepts invitation to dine with him next Thursday. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 206.**

From Dr. [Edward] Bancroft. [Circa 1778.]

Sends him the volume of Dr. Cullen's lectures containing his sentiments on the gout; will send the other volumes if they are desired. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 207.**

From [Edward] Bancroft. [Circa 1778.]

Requesting Dr. Franklin to forward an enclosed letter to Mr. Carmichael. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 22.**

From ——— Baudouin. [Circa 1778.]

Sending a letter to be forwarded to destination. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 23 a.**

From Louis Berail. [1778?]

Asks to be appointed Consul for the United States at Cette. L.
2 p. (In French.) LVII, 86.

From Mme. Bertin. [Circa 1778.]

Requesting Franklin to interest himself in the memorial enclosed.
L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XLIII, 135.

From Mme. Bertin. [Circa 1778.]

Sending a letter to be forwarded to Philadelphia. A. N. in 3d P.
1 p. (In French.) LXX, 23 b.

From [John] Bondfield. [Circa 1778.]

If Dr. Franklin has written the letters for Marshal de Castries will
he please deliver them to bearer. Incloses a small bill which the Baron
de Montesquieu gave him in payment. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XLIV, 230.

From [Achard] De Bonvouloir. [Circa 1778.]

Account of his capture by the English when fifteen miles from
Charlestown, of his cruel treatment at St. Augustine, and his loss of
all money, valuables and even linen; other French officers in irons in
the same prison; begs Franklin to send him a certificate of service,
which will help greatly in procuring him a wished-for advancement.
A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) XLI, 100.

From [Achard] De Bonvouloir. [Circa 1778.]

Requesting Dr. Franklin to give bearer letters for him. A. N. S.
1 p. (In French.) LXX, 28 b.

From ——— Boussin. [Circa 1778.]

Offers his services to Franklin to serve on board an American war-
ship or on land. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLII, 94.

From M. Brillon. [1778?] Monday 4.

Recommending a friend, M. Hennet, who had furnished some supplies
of arms for Congress and who wishes to offer his services to some gentle-
men from Virginia. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) XLIII, 117.

From Mme. Brillon. [1778?] Tuesday morning.

Jesting reply to a letter of Franklin's. Promises to be his wife in heaven. Willing to spend eternity with her friends and in the manner described by Franklin. Would, however, exclude one woman from amongst those named by Franklin. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 64.

From Mme. Brillon. [Circa 1778.] ——— 19th. Passy.

Reflections on the shortness of human life and the vanity and uselessness of our desires and wishes which make life seem still shorter. We can neither stop time nor hasten its course. We should make the best use of it by acquiring wisdom and loving our friends. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 56.

From [Mme. Brillon. Circa 1778.]

Fragment of a humorous article in Mme. Brillon's handwriting which seems to refer to Franklin and his relations with her. Incomplete. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 85.

From Mme. Brillon. [Circa 1778.] Saturday morning.

Cannot entertain him at tea that evening. Tells him to give that evening to her amiable rival, Mme. Helvétius. Will dine at his house on Sunday as usual. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 109.

From Mme. Brillon. [Circa 1778.]

Asking Franklin to take tea with her and her family in the afternoon. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 110.

From Mme. Brillon. [Circa 1778.] Sunday morning.

About a letter of Franklin's to her which had got into the hands of other persons. Very much annoyed at the occurrence. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 72.

From Mme. Brillon. [1778?]

Letter in anonymous form giving the views of a certain lady on love as opposed to those of a certain gentleman (Franklin). She asserts that she is a follower of Plato, while he is an Epicurean and a disciple of Anacreon. Platonic love is a convenient safeguard for the fair sex

(beau sexe). Exculpates herself from the accusation of showing or giving copies to others of the gentleman's letters to her without his consent. Attributes his displeasure and bad humor to her refusal to accept his proposals of love. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) In duplicate.
XLIII, 94 and 95.

From Mme. Brillon. [Circa 1778.] Thursday morning.

Reproaches Franklin for having forsaken her the day before. She was searching for the books he wanted and now sends them to him. M. du Bospin's library is at his disposal. Loves Franklin tenderly but not furiously or too much, as Franklin says he loves her. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 86.

From Mme. Brillon. [Circa 1778.] Tuesday evening. Passy.

Protests against Franklin's reason for not coming to her house oftener that he feared to be importunate or become a burden. Always welcomed him and received him cordially. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 70.

From Mme. Brillon. Tuesday.

Returns a copy by Franklin of a fable in verse written by her. Asks for the original. Reproaches Franklin for not having kept his word and returned the original without showing it to anyone. A. L. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 58.

From Guirquette [Anguétel] Brutiere. [Circa 1778.]

Seven English prisoners forcibly put on board his ship in September, 1777, by Captain Etienne of the corsair "La Bellone"; applies for the promised indemnity. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XLI, 99.

From ——— Buquet. [Circa 1778?]

His book on the grinding of corn presented to Franklin by the Prior of Cardone; Franklin's promise to come and see his mill; begs him to bring a friend and dine with them the following day. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XLI, 132.

From ——— Cavelier fils. [1778?]

Applies for the appointment of United States Consul at Dieppe. Mem. 3 p. (In French.)
LVI, 58.

From [Col. Chevalier de Champigny. Circa 1778.]

Why his "History of England" is slow in appearing; refuses to accept the present or charity. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) (Incomplete.) LVIII, 93.

From [Le Ray] de Chaumont. [Circa 1778.]

Recommending a hotel at Versailles where Franklin put up when going to Court. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) LXXI, 85, b.

From ——— Coder. [Circa 1778.]

Plan for sending a picked body of 2,000 troops to the United States and four or five warships under command of Captain Jones. Has submitted his plan to Marshal de Soubise. M. Coder and his brother wish to serve in this corps. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLII, 74.

From Francis Coffyn. [Circa 1778.]

Account of his disbursements to escaped American prisoners. Mem. 2 p. LX, 1.

From Chevalier de Cointerval. [Circa 1778?]

Offers a cargo of salt beef at a certain price. N. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 59b.

From Mich[e]l Comyn. [1778?] Marseilles.

Offers to act as Consul at the seaports in Provence and Languedoc. Mem. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) LX, 54 and 59.

From [Comtesse] D. B. f[emme] Conway. 1778. Auxerre.

Is prepared to set out for America, if Franklin thinks it advisable. Will be happy to live under the laws of "good man Richard." A. L. S. 1 p. LXX, 64a.

From Comtesse [D. B.] de Conway. [1778?]

Requests Franklin to send an enclosed letter to her husband who, to her surprise, has not received her previous letters. Asks for news about him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXX, 64b.

From ——— Dalibard. [Circa 1778.]

Proposed agreement for furnishing 1,000 bayonet rifles. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) LVII, 128.

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From Pierre Ferée Darcour. [1778?]

Applies for appointment as Consul for the United States at Havre.
Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 56.**

From ——— Darlincourt. [Circa 1778.]

Recommending a young German who desires employment in the service of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 161.**

From Randall Douin. [Circa 1778.]

Asks him to forward the inclosed letter to his brother. A. L. S.
1 p. **XLIV, 253.**

From ——— Drouet. [Circa 1778.]

Wishes to make his acquaintance. Is the author of a memoir presented to Dr. Franklin by M. Montaudouin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 36.**

From ——— Drouillard. [1778?]

Applying for the Consulship of the United States, at Dunkerque.
Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 64 and 65.**

From François Barthelemy Dubeller. [Circa 1778?]

Application for appointment as Consul for the United States at Boulogne. Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 51.**

From [Barbeu] Dubourg to The American Commissioners.

[Circa 1778.]

Proposal to purchase and convey goods to America. He has recommended a person to be American Consul in Normandy. L. 2 p.
LVI(i), 19.

From Alexandre Dubrocq. [1778?]

Applying for the post of Consul for the United States at Bayonne and St. Jean-de-Luz. Mem. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 66.**

From C. G. F. Dumas. [Circa 1778?] The Hague.

Secret code for corresponding with Dr. Franklin. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 129.**

From ——— Dumoulin. [1778?]

Requests interview; anxious to know what has happened since Count d'Estaing left Sandy Hook. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 37.**

From W[illia]m Dunbar. [1778?]

Worked on board the ship "Commerce," commanded by Captain Robert Mercer; falsely accused of stealing some of the cargo; begs Franklin to see justice done him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 51.**

From ——— Dunois. [1778?]

Asking Franklin to recommend M. Comyn for the position of American Consul at Marseilles; enclosing a copy of his letter on this subject to the Count Pulaski, a Polish officer in the American army. (2 p.) A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 71.**

From ——— Dupont and ——— Lebrun. [1778?]

Are merchants and make application for the office of Consul of the United States at Calais and Dieppe, respectively. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 132.**

From ——— Dupont. [1778?]

Applying for the post of Consul at Calais. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 67.**

From ——— Durand. [Circa 1778.] Paris.

While passing through Turin, the Baron de Choiseul, the French Ambassador, entrusted him with the enclosed for Franklin; desires to pay his respects at the earliest favorable moment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 19.**

From [Jean] Dusaulx. [1778.] Paris.

Deputed by his colleague, M. Anquetil Duperron, to present Franklin with his book, "Legislation Orientale." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 123.**

From Marquis de Flamarens. [Circa 1778.]

Requesting Franklin to forward a letter to a French officer in America. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 90.**

From Mme. de Flavigny. [Circa 1778.]

Expects him on Saturday, will wait for him in the Tuilleries. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 91 a.**

From Mme. de Flavigny. [Circa 1778.]

Reminds Franklin he is to take tea with her on Wednesday. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 91 b.**

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From Captain De Frëy. [1778?]

Requests Franklin to deliver a letter to his brother, who is captain in Count Pulaski's Legion. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 83.**

From [Edme Jacques] Genet. [Circa 1778.]

Suggesting to Franklin a way of receiving his two Gazettes regularly from London, by having them addressed to "Monsieur Genet, à Versailles." N. 3 p. (In French.) **LXX, 100.**

From [Alexandre Andronique] Gika. [1778?]

Wishes to know if it would be possible for a Jew to be named Consul for the United States at Marseilles. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 21.**

From D—— Gray. [Circa 1778? Paris.]

Begging his assistance to procure him a position as tutor, or work as a translator. A. L. S. 3 p. **XL, 28.**

From Gregoire frères. [1778?] Havre.

Applies for the appointment of Consul for the United States in Normandy. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LVII, 62.**

From Nicolas Guiraud. [Circa 1778.]

Applies for the appointment of Consul for the United States at Cette. Is recommended by M. Le Veillard. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 109.**

From [Jean] Holker. [Circa 1778.]

Begging the loan, for a few days, of the latest Paris Journal. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 138.**

From Antoine Holtzer. [Circa 1778.]

Certificate authorizing him to brew and sell the new kind of beer which he has discovered. D. 3 p. (In French.) **LX, 91.**

From John Paul Jones to The American Commissioners. [1778?]

Asks whether the "Ranger" should depart before her prizes are realized; whether the advances must be deducted; and whether it is

not inexpedient for a ship that sails slow and is of trifling force to pursue a track where there is almost a certainty of meeting with the enemy's fast-sailing ships of superior force. Mem. 1 p.

LVI(i), 75.

From [John Paul Jones]. [1778?]

Insubordination on the "Ranger"; conduct of Lieutenant Simpson which led up to his imprisonment. A. L. 8 p. (Incomplete.)

LVIII, 70.

From [John Paul Jones. 1778?]

The prisoners taken by the "Ranger." 1 p.

LVIII, 95.

From Chevalier de Keralio. [Circa 1778.]

Thanking Messrs. Franklin for the news they sent him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

LXXI, 8 a.

From M. de Kerguelen. [Circa 1778.]

Is a navigator and ship captain; offers his services to the United States Congress to fit out a vessel to wage war on English shipping. Mem. 2 p. (In French.)

LVII, 57.

From ——— de Kermorvan. 1778. — 19. Paris.

Embarrassing situation in which his voyage to America has placed him; thinks Franklin will see the justice of making him some amends; desires permission to obtain a certain sum from Franklin's bankers every week, for his necessary expenses while in Paris A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

VIII, 1½.

From Chevalier de Labaume. [Circa 1778.] Paris.

Reminding Franklin that he sailed for America to serve in the capacity of Colonel, that he defrayed all his own expenses, and that he had the misfortune to be captured and imprisoned by the English; recalls Franklin's application to Congress to grant him the title of Colonel as a recompense for all his losses; begs to be informed of their reply; honors bestowed on him by the King of France. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XL, 184.

From Pahin de Champlain de la Blancherie. [Circa 1778.] Paris.

Sending him a second invitation to their Assembly [Rendez-vous de la République des Lettres et des Arts], and urging him to come. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XL, 168.

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From [Madame] Noailles de la Fayette. [Circa 1778.]

Requesting a letter of recommendation to Congress for a relative of hers who is about to sail for America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XLII, 152.

From ——— de la Grange. [Circa 1778.]

Account of the new town, sent to him by one of the exiles from Geneva. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XL, 186.

From Duc de la Rochefoucauld. [Circa 1778.]

Sending a letter which he has written to Captain Jones giving an account of his conversation with M. de Sartine. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
LXXI, 29b.

From Arthur Lee to The American Commissioners.

[Circa 1778.] Sunday. [Paris.]

No alteration taken place as yet with respect to the frigate "Bordeaux." Girard's advice concerning M. Beaumarchais's account. A. L. S. 1 p.
XL, 119.

From William Lee. 1778.

Proposed receipt for certain papers taken from the trunk of Thomas Morris, deceased. D. 1 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin that he had declined to sign it. LIII, 59.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [1778?]

Asks Franklin's opinion of the dedicatory preface to the Thirteen United States of the "Tableau de l'Histoire de Hollande." Inquires also if Franklin wishes to be appointed a member of the Commission to be named by the Academy to report on a project for keeping in communication with all the learned men of Europe. A. L. 3 p. (In French.)
XLIV, 143.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1778.]

Inquires if Franklin has received any news about Count d'Estaing. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
LXXI, 42.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1778.] Paris.

Asking Franklin, his grandson and Mr. Adams to dine with the Comte de Maillebois before the meeting of the Academy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XLII, 165.

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1778.]

Sends report on the project of M. de la Blancherie. Asks leave to bring Abbé Le Noble to dinner. Requests Dr. Franklin to send him Ingen Housz's observations on Priestley's discovery relative to coal (carbon). A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 45a.**

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [1778.]

The report on the project of M. de la Blancherie will be submitted to the Academy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 162.**

From [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy. [1778.]

The Commissioners appointed by the Academy will dine at his house. Hopes Franklin will not fail to attend the dinner. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 164.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1778.]

Asking if Franklin has not the remainder of Count de Lapepède's manuscript on electricity. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 35a.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy. [Circa 1778.]

Has received a note from the Museum of M. Court de Gebelin in which they ask him to try and induce Franklin to come there to-day. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 153.**

From [Mme. Jean Baptiste Le Roy.] "La petite femme de poche." [Circa 1778.]

She sees that Franklin has forgotten her. New friends have made him forget the best and truest friends of the first hour. She was his first adopted daughter and loved him more than all the others he adopted since. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 295.**

From L[ouis] G[abriel] Le Roy. [Circa 1778.]

Is a furniture maker and machinist; offers his services to the American Commissioners. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 121.**

From Lestume and Coquillon. [Circa 1778.] Brest.

Concerning the capture of certain American vessels. Diss. 8 p. (In French.) **LXI, 19 and 20.**

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From ——— de Longchamps. 1778. Versailles.

His adventures and misfortunes while in the service of the United States. Was formerly a lieutenant in the Guadeloupe Legion, came to Cambridge, Mass., where he offered his services to the American commander. Was wounded and taken prisoner in the first engagement with the English. Imprisoned for a long time in Boston and afterwards in England. L. 5 p. (In French.) LX, 41.

From Fille Longchamps. [Circa 1778.]

Asking help for herself and her brother who are in want. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 287.

From Will[iam] MacCreery. [Circa 1778.]

Has newspapers and journals of Congress for Franklin, received from Mr. Lovell. Message to Mr. Adams. A. L. S. 1 p. [First part missing.] LVIII, 87.

From Comte de Maillebois. [Circa 1778.]

Requesting passage and a passport for M. de Fayet, a young officer who wishes to go to America. Has two brother officers in the army, one under M. de La Fayette. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) XLIV, 256.

From Dom Malherbe. [Circa 1778.] Abbaye de St. Germain.

Recommending to Franklin a young surgeon of great talent. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLI, 74.

From Chevalier de Marolles de Lucé. [Circa 1778.]

His distress and want; his wife dangerously ill; is without money or food; begs Franklin to give him a few louis. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLII, 87.

From Courtney Melmoth. [Circa 1778.] Sunday. Paris.

Expects to see the Procession of the Cordon Bleu at Versailles the following morning; this will not interfere with their presence at the tea-party in the afternoon. A. L. S. 1 p. XL, 107.

From Courtney Melmoth. [Circa 1778.] Paris.

Sending for his little ode, "The Muse of America," which he presented to Franklin some time ago; an American friend anxious to see this trifle. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 109.**

From Courtney Melmoth. 1778. — 4. Paris.

Offering his services as Secretary to the American Commissioners; has refused "The British bread of bribery"; desires above all things a connection with the cause of America. A. L. S. 2 p. **VIII, 1.**

From Joh[annes] Ph. Merckle. [Circa 1778.]

Announcing his intention to give the weighty commission entrusted to him to the House of Messrs. Ambrosius Pool & Co. who are from Switzerland and may be considered totally out of all connection with the E[nglish] nation; has not the least doubt that they will give complete satisfaction in every sense. Report that the Dutch merchantmen going to their colonies will get a convoy of Dutch men-of-war. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 64.**

From Marshal de Merechy. [Circa 1778.]

Accepts Franklin's proposal. Requests him to advise his grandson, Mr. Lee and Mr. Adams to that effect. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 260.**

From Meuricoffre & Co. [1778?] Naples.

Asking for the position of American Consul-General, at Naples, for M. Meuricoffre. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 54.**

From Count de Milly. [Circa 1778.]

Inviting Dr. Franklin and his grandson to dine with him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 8 b.**

From [Jean François Clément] Morand. [Circa 1778.]

Inquiring about a coal mine near Newcastle which is described, in a volume of the [Philosophical] "Transactions" for the year 1676, as being on fire; whether it still exists. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 213.**

From Messrs. Veuve Morel et Fils. [1778.]

Are merchants of Dunkirk; give an account of services rendered by them to the United States and its subjects and ask that they be given charge of American business interests at Dunkirk. Mem. 14 p.

LXVII, 93.

From John de Neufville and Son. [1778?]

Commodore Jones gone to the Texel; probability of Captain Cunningham's joining him there; thinks two of America's greatest heroes ought not to endanger their lives in the same vessel. A. L. S. 2 p.

XL, 148.

From ——— Petrie. [1778?] Paris.

Report from London of the "Randolph" and "Columbus" being sunk by the "Yarmouth," man-of-war, and of the "Alfred" being taken by the "Ariadne" and "Ceres." L. in 3d P. 1 p.

XXI, 165.

From Captain Pickerin. [Circa 1778.]

Concerning the prizes taken by his corsair "The Hamden." Mem. 3 p. (In French.)

LXI, 93.

From The Sailors on board the Ranger to The American Commissioners. [1778?]

Expressing dissatisfaction with Captain [John Paul] Jones and requesting to be permitted to return to the United States. L. S. James Falls, Gunner, *et al.* 3 p.

LXI, 96.

From Several Officers on board the Ranger to The American Commissioners. [1778.]

Protesting against the treatment and imprisonment of Lieutenant Simpson and testifying to his good character. L. S. Elijah Hall, *et al.* 2 p.

LXI, 95.

From J. D. R. de Raudière to The American Commissioners.

[Circa 1778.] Cambray.

A poor poet; craves assistance to enable him to finish an epic poem against the English, and to print his other works; desires to finish his days in America. A. L. S. 12 p. (In French.)

XL, 50.

From [J. D. R. de Raudière] to The American Commissioners.

[1778?]

Addressing his poem "The Ameriquiade" to Franklin, Deane and Lee. Hope they will do something to alleviate his distress. Verses. 1 p. (In French.)

LI, 60.

From Reculés de Basmarin et Raimbaux.

[Circa 1778.] Bordeaux.

Reciting their services to the United States during the war, as merchants and shippers. Wish to obtain from the King an armed frigate to convoy their vessels to North America. Hope the Deputies from Congress will help them in their purpose. L. 2 p. (In French.)

LX, 120.

From [John Reinhold]. [Circa 1778.]

Sends him Dr. Forster's observations made during a voyage around the world. States two objections to Dr. Franklin's explanation of the wood split in sundry pieces by lightning. L. 3 p.

XLIV, 92.

From ——— Rioux. [1778.]

Concerning the sale of the prize made by the "Hampden"; action taken by the Admiralty in the affair; need of Franklin's powerful protection. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XL, 55.

From Comte de Sarsfield. [Circa 1778.]

Making certain alterations in his plan for Spanish reading, proposed to Franklin. A. L. 3 p.

XLI, 180.

From [Comte de] Sarsfield. [Circa 1778.]

Impossible for him to break his engagement, as there is an important matter connected with the dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XLIV, 213.

From [Comte de] Sarsfield. [1778?]

Returns copy of Resolution of Congress given him by Franklin, in mistake. Asks for copy of Resolution with reference to reports of a settlement with England. If Mr. Adams will send him his letter for Marquis de Castries he will immediately hand it to the latter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XLIV, 214.

From Comte de Sarsfield. [Circa 1778.] Friday night.

Had hoped to receive the collection of little pieces which Franklin had promised to send him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 232.**

From George Scott. [Circa 1778.] Paris.

Desiring a pass from Marseilles to Naples. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 192.**

From John Shuttleworth. [Circa 1778.] Paris.

Advantages of going straight to New York; desires a few lines to General Washington which will enable him to pass through the lines. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLI, 190.**

From William Stragham. 1778.

Late master of the ship "Lord Chatham," of Dublin, a prisoner at Brest; petitions to be released with his son-in-law and allowed to return to Dublin. L. 2 p. **LX, 22.**

From Philippe Taillet. [1778?]

Application to be appointed Consul, for the United States, at Rouen. Endorsed by Mme. de Forbach, the Dowager Duchess Des Deux-Pont, and Chevalier de Keralio. Doc. 2 p. (In French.) **LVI, 22.**

From ——— Tarteron. [Circa 1778.] Ganges.

Begging Franklin's influence with M. Necker to procure for him a certain situation. Owes his reputation as a poet to his verses on the insurgents. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 12.**

From [Le Sieur] Teissier. [Circa 1778.]

Is a surgeon of the Salpêtrière Hospital at Paris; offers his services to the United States. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **LVII, 98; LXII, 120.**

From Tho[ma]s Thompson to The American Commissioners.

[1778?] L'Orient.

His approaching departure on a cruise; personal civilities received from the French authorities cannot atone for the insult offered the States in his person as their officer. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 11.**

From ——— Tramblay. [1778?]

Offers to act as correspondent or agent for the United States at Brest. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 81.**

From [Benjamin Vaughan. Circa 1778.]

So soon as the opportunity of conversing with a certain man is over, will meet him publicly and tell him how much he reveres him. A. N. 1 p. **XLII, 72.**

From Benj[ami]n Vaughan. [Circa 1778.] Paris.

Desiring an hour's conversation with Franklin concerning his brother and himself; would like to have the meeting at a neutral place, until he has gone through the ceremony of seeing Lord Stormont; Franklin aware of his reasons for sending in his name to Lord Stormont. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 130.**

From [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard. [1778?]

Inquires if he has received his despatches and if he has any news about Count d'Estaing. A. N. 1 p. **LXXI, 82.**

From [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard. [1778?] Passy.

Asks for the Comedy of the Conscious Lovers, which he had forgotten to take with him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 276.**

From Dufourny de Villiers. [Circa 1778.]

Wishes to know at what time Franklin comes to Paris, so as to confer with him on American affairs. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 86.**

From Sam[ue]l Wharton. [1778?] Monday.

Mail packet taken by an American privateer and carried into Dunkirk. Believes the news of General Lincoln's success to be authentic. Thanking him for the perusal of the inclosed foolish paper; presumably written by a Junto of American Tories, tools of Lord George Germain. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 96.**

From W. Wildrik. [1778?]

Begs for a reply to his letter of December 26th, 1777. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 84.**

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From J[no.] Williams. [1778?]

Concerning a bond debt due him from his brother in Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. XXXVIII, 180.

From ————. [Circa 1778.]

Proposes a plan to prevent corruption and venality in Judges and others who administer justice. How to expedite law-suits and avoid unnecessary expense. Judges should be elected by the people and receive a fixed salary. System adopted in Switzerland. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) XLIV, 101.

From ————. [1778?]

Congratulations on his arrival with intelligence of the first moment. Informs him that M. de Morande is Secretary to M. Beaumarchais, and brother of a refugee of the same name in London; Charles Parker, of Somerset street, for some times past and now in Paris, intimate with all three, conveys (by Lord Stormont's messenger) to Lord Mansfield all the transactions of the Court of France with America. C——m—— was to go to England, but it was found that Mr. P—— F—— could more conveniently go to France. Too wise to neglect this because anonymous. L. 1 p. XLIV, 109.

From ————. [Circa 1778.]

"The horse and his master." Song composed for and sung at the entertainment given to Franklin and his friends by M. Brillon. Verses. 3 p. (In French.) LI, 45.

By ————. [Circa 1778.]

"To the Americans." On their struggle against England. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) LI, 66.

By ————. [Circa 1778.]

Reflections on the war between England and the American Colonists and stanzas to the latter. Mem. and verses. 11 p. (In French.) LI, 93.

From ————. [Circa 1778.]

The sister of Captain Fray [De Frey?] serving in the American army, who is in distressed circumstances in France, petitions Franklin to help her by procuring promotion for her husband in the French army. L. 2 p. (In French.) LVII, 116.

From ————. [*Circa 1778.*]

The proposition of the English Ministry for peace with the United Colonies, and the advantages of an alliance with the Houses of Bourbon and of Brandenburg against the disadvantages of a treaty with England. Diss. 4 p. (In French.) **LXI, 2.**

From ————. [*Circa 1778.*]

A proposition for peace. Diss. 5 p. **LXI, 3.**

From ————. [*Circa 1778.*]

Proposal to furnish supplies and munitions of war to the United States on certain conditions. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 105, and 132-135.**

By ————. [*Circa 1778.*]

List and particulars of cannon which could be purchased at Ferrol, Spain. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXI, 116.**

From ————. [*1778.*]

Recommending de Wiebel. L. S. 2 p. (In Russian.) **LXII, 125.**



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