

**Israel Pemberton, Letterbook D, 1744-1747**  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Title</b>	Israel Pemberton, Letterbook D, 1744-1747
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<b>Container</b>	1
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This volume contains letters relating to the purchase and shipment of goods in America, Europe, and the West Indies, commencing 22d, 12mo. 1744, ending 6th, 2mo. 1747. Some are signed by Matthias Aspden, John Reynell, and John Smith.</p>

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Philadelphia Quaker Israel Pemberton, a merchant and philanthropist, was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1768.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

Accessioned, 1900 (2685).

## Indexing Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Business Records and Accounts
- General Correspondence
- Letterbooks.

### Geographic Name(s)

- America -- Colonization.
- Europe -- Commerce.
- West Indies.

### Personal Name(s)

- Aspden, Matthias
- Reynell, John, 1708-1784.
- Smith, John

### Subject(s)

- Business and Skilled Trades
- Commerce.
- International Trade.
- Philadelphia History
- Social Life and Custom
- Trade

## Other Descriptive Information

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The Israel Pemberton Letter book contains a range of data on Philadelphia shipping and trade. Pemberton was a merchant who had connections to Samuel Coates (Mss.B.C632 , Mss.C.632.1d , Mss.B.C632.1). These records precede Coates and pertain to trade in Philadelphia during the 1740s. They show a merchant with strong ties throughout the Atlantic World. His letters discuss a range of business matters, such as prices of commodities, costs of insurance, and general trade environment. Pemberton's letters discuss intercolonial trade with Maryland and Virginia (tobacco in particular), while others with matters in Europe and the Caribbean (sugar, rum, bar iron), reflecting his various trading interests. In addition to the business correspondence, Pemberton's letters occasionally discuss more quotidian matters, describing events in Philadelphia and relaying news he hears from abroad and on very rare occasions his family affairs.