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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>These manuscripts are in the hand of various unknown authors, and concern research and observations on the torpedo fish, which was of much interest to those studying electricity at the time. Included are copies of letters from John Walsh to Benjamin Franklin, and a copy of a Walsh and Thomas Pennant letter, read before the Royal Society (1774), concerning a torpedo fish found off the coast of England.</p>

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This collection contains correspondence on the torpedo fish, an animal of interest to scientists in the eighteenth century.