

**Papers of American Loyalists, 1782-1798**  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	There are letters, petitions, and reports concerning the Loyalists and the losses they sustained in the Revolutionary War. Includes the Committee of American Merchants, Observations on trade (1783), Banished American merchants petition (1789), and Classes of American loyalists and their claims.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

Purchased and accessioned, 1958 (1958 1538ms).

## Indexing Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Legal Records
- Official Government Documents and Records
- Petitions.
- Political Correspondence
- Reports.

### Geographic Name(s)

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Personal histories.

### Subject(s)

- American loyalists.
- American Revolution
- Colonial Politics
- Commerce.
- Government Affairs
- Land and Speculation

## Other Descriptive Information

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The Loyalist Collection contains ten documents that pertain to the interests and affairs of American Loyalists after the American Revolution. The items convey the grievances of Loyalists, particularly merchants. The documents of relate to how the states treated Loyalists and their property after the Revolution. Most of the documents are either official government documents or formal reports. Reports by the Committee of American Merchants, a Loyalists group that formed in Britain after the war, are included as are records relating to the disposition of Penn family interests in Pennsylvania. Also of note is a multi-page, loose-leaf list of loyalists and their claims on the British treasury for services rendered during the war.

## Collection Inventory

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### Papers

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<b>Dorchester, Guy Carleton, Baron,</b>	Nov. 16, 1782	12-1/4x8
<b>1724-1808</b>		

Letter to Thomas Townshend;

New York, L. 4p.and end. Copy. (see Loyalist... Material; 1782-1798.) Concerning Washington's attempt to entice Loyalists back to his side.

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<b>Loyalist American merchants</b>	July 22, 1783	16-1/2 x 11
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Observations on the trade of North America;

D.S.: Edw[ar]d Payne. 10p.and end. (see Loyalist... Material; 1782-1798.)

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<b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts</b>	March 24, 1784	14-1/2x9
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An act repealing two laws and for asserting the right to expel aliens (Loyalists);

D. 4p.,end. Copy. Attest: John Avery, jun. Sec. (see Loyalist... Material; 1782-1798.)

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<b>South Carolina. General assembly</b>	March 26, 1784	12x7-1/2
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An ordinance respecting suits for the recovery of debts;

D. Attest: John Vanderhorst, sec. 3p.and end. (see Loyalist ... Material; 1782-1798.)

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<b>Loyalists, American</b>	[1784]	14-1/2x9-1/4
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A representation of such acts passed in the United States relative to them, passed since the peace;

D. 13p.and end. (see Loyalist... Material; 1782-1798.)

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<b>Loyalist American merchants</b>	[1784?]	15-1/4x9-1/2, 15x10
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## Papers

Petition to the Lords commissioners of His  
Majesty's Treasury;

D.S.: Cumb[erlan]d Wilson and 36 others. 3p. (see Loyalist... Material; 1782-1798.) ----Copies (2).

Classes of loyalists and their claims on the [1785?]  
British treasury

Groups of claimants based on services rendered; includes "Claimants who rendered services",  
"Claimants who bore arms", etc.

**Rittenhouse, David, 1732-1796** Oct. 24, 1788 14-1/2x9-1/4

Statement of monies paid to John Penn,  
sr., and John Penn, jr., by the state of  
Pennsylvania;

D.S.: Dav[i]d Rittenhouse and Jo[h]n Nicholson. 2p.and end. (see Loyalist... Material;1782-1798.)  
Attached to this is: Penna. Supreme executive council. Certification...; Oct. 25, 1788.

**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** Oct. 25, 1788 8x12-3/4x

Certification of authenticity of statement by  
D.Rittenhouse and John Nicholson;

Philadelphia, Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: David Redick, vice president. Attest: Cha[rle]s Biddle,  
Secy. 1p. Seal. (see Loyalist... Material; 1782-1798.) Attached to: D.Rittenhouse. Statement...;Oct.24,  
1788.

**Merchants - British** March 18, 1794 15x9-3/4

Brief state of the case of the British  
merchants trading to North America prior to  
1776;

D. 8p.and end. (see Loyalist... Material; 1782-1798.)

**Edward, Lt.Gen** June 1, 1798 9-1/4x8

Letter to Alex[ander] Brynes;

Halifax, L. 1p.and end. Duplicate. (see Loyalist... Material; 1782-1798.) Orders him to pay artificers  
from the war chest.