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Summary Information

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Title	Broadsides (small) Collection, ca. 1750-1995
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Administrative Information

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Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Broadsides.
- Official Government Documents and Records
- Printed Material

Other Descriptive Information

The Broadsides Collection contains a few items which may be of interest to naval historians:

Longitude.

- 1 [Hellins, John](#). An extract from a letter of the Rev. Mr. John Hellins, formerly assistant to Mr. (now Dr.) Maskelyne, the Astronomer-Royal at Greenwich Observatory, to Francis Maseres, Esquire. 1792. Printed copy of a letter written on behalf of Dr. Maskelyne by his former assistant, John Hellins, in reply to a pamphlet authored by Mr. [Thomas] Mudge. Mudge submitted a chronometer of his own construction for a prize offered by the British Parliament for the determination of longitude at sea. During testing at the Royal Observatory the watch stopped working, leading to claims by Mudge that his device had been improperly handled by the observatory's director, Dr. [Nevil] Maskelyne. In the letter, Hellins details his observation of Maskelyne's great care in moving and winding chronometers. 4 pages. (973 C683 #114).
- 2 [American Philosophical Society](#). Premiums. The American Philosophical Society, held at Philadelphia, for promoting useful knowledge, in order the more effectually to answer the ends of their institution, have agreed to appropriate, annually, a part of their funds to be disposed of in premiums to the authors of the best performances, inventions, or improvements, relative to certain specific subjects of useful knowledge. The following premiums, therefore, are now proposed by the society. 1796. Includes information on seven premiums offered by the society for the best entries in the following categories: system of liberal education, method for computing longitude by lunar observation, improvement of a ship's pump, improvement of stoves, method of preventing premature decay of peach trees, experimental treatise on vegetable dyes, and improvement of

lamps. Also includes a notice of the conditions of the Magellanic premium. Note at base of this broadside requests printers of "newspapers and other periodical publications, in the United States and in Europe" to "republish the above information." Signed in type by W[illiam] Barton and John Bleakley, secretaries of the American Philosophical Society. 1 page. (973 C683 #251).

United States. Navy.

- 1 [Anonymous](#). General considerations ns2:showing the impolicy of the adoption by Congress of the recommendation of the secretary of the Navy to transfer the Coast and Geodetic Survey from the Treasury to the Navy Department. n.d. Broadside arguing against a proposed move of the Coast and Geodetic Survey from the Treasury to the Navy Department. 1 page. (973 C683 #76).

Other Descriptive Information

This collection contains printed broadsides from early America. Most are official government documents.