

**North American Land Company ledger, 1795-1805**  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	American Philosophical Society
<b>Title</b>	North American Land Company ledger, 1795-1805
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<b>Call number</b>	Mss.973.N75
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<b>Extent</b>	1 volume, 80 p.; 56 items.
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<b>Language</b>	English
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<b>Abstract</b>	The North American Land Company ledger contains accounts with prominent men of the time; in addition to the ledger are numerous deeds and other documents involving Robert Morris.

## **Background note**

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The North American Land Company was organized in 1795 by Robert Morris, John Nicholson, and James Greenleaf. The company speculated largely in unimproved lands all over the country.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

## Indexing Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Business Records and Accounts
- Deeds.

### Personal Name(s)

- Coxe, Tench, 1755-1824
- FitzSimons, Thomas, 1741-1811
- Franklin, William Temple, 1760-1823
- Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843
- Ingersoll, Jared, 1749-1822
- L'Enfant, Pierre Charles, 1754-1825
- Morris, Robert, 1734-1806
- Muhlenberg, Frederick Augustus Conrad, 1750-1801
- Nicholson, John, 1757-1800
- Ruston, Thomas, ca. 1739-1804
- Shoemaker, Benjamin
- Vaughan, John, 1756-1841
- Wilson, James, 1742-1798.

### Subject(s)

- Land and Speculation
- Land companies -- Pennsylvania.
- Land speculation
- Real estate investment.

## **Other Descriptive Information**

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This large bound contains a few records of stock sales and transfers for the North American Land Company, which had Robert Morris as one of its main investors. Interestingly, John Fries, leader of Fries Rebellion in Northampton County, purchased shares in 1795.

## Collection Inventory

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### North American Land Company Papers

**1768-1843**

D. 56 items, 1 bd.vol, and 1 printed item. Various sizes.

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#### **Cornell, Samuel, 1731-1781**

July 16, 1768

12-1/2x7-3/4

973 N75. 1 Letter to Joseph Wharton, Jr.,  
Philadelphia;

New Bern, L.S. 1p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no.1.) Business.

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#### **White, Elinor**

June 6, 1774

13x8-1/4

973 N75. 2 Indenture to Barckly [sic] and  
Mitchell;

Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: John Brig; witnessed: John Honan and Joseph Johns, Mayor. 1p. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no. 2.) On same document are sale of this indenture from Barclay and Mitchell to Davis Bevan; Sept.12,1774; and sale from Bevan to John Hubley;Aug.28,1776.

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#### **Barclay & Mitchell**

Sept. 12, 1774

13x8-1/4

973 N75. 2 Sale of indenture of Elinor  
White to Davis Bevan;

D. Witnessed: Wm.Fisher. 1p. (see N.A. Land co. Misc.papers, no.2.) On same sheet as indenture of Elinor Shite to Barckly [sic] and Mitchell; June 6, 1774.

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#### **Bevan, Davis**

Aug. 28, 1776

13x8-1/4

973 N75. 2 Sale of indenture of Elinor  
White to John Hubley;

D. Witnessed: Geo: Hubley. 1p. (see N.A.Land co. Misc. papers, no.2.) On same sheet as indenture of Elinor White to Barckly [sic] and Mitchell; June 6, 1774.

## Papers

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<b>North American Land Company</b> 973 N75. 3 List of Georgia audits;  D. 2p. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.Papers, no. 3.)	Jan. 25, Feb. 16, 1785, 1790	18x15	
<b>Ludlow, Daniel, &amp; Co</b> 973 N75. 4 Receipt to Watson and Greenleaf for monies for Daniel Crommelin & Sons;  New York, D. 2p.and end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no. 4.) ----Copy.	Dec. 5, 1792	13x8, 19-1/2x8	
<b>Walton, George, 1749 or 50-1804</b> 973 N75. 55 A note on the pine land of Georgia.  D. 24p.and end. (see N.A. Land co. Misc.papers, no. 55.)	1793 - 1795	15x9-1/2	Drawer Oversize
<b>Ludlow, Daniel, &amp; Co</b> 973 N75. 5 Receipt to Watson & Greenleaf for monies for Daniel Crommelin & Sons;  New York, D. 2p. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 5.)	May 20, 1793	9-3/4x8	
<b>Stoker, Margaret</b> 973 N75. 6 Deed to Robert Morris;  Printed D. filled in in ms. S. Witnessed: Jo[h]n Clymer and James Loughy. 1p.and end. (see N.A. Land co. Misc.papers, no. 6.)	June 6, 1793	13-1/2x8	
<b>Morris, Joseph Benjamin W</b> 973 N75. 8 Receipt to Jonathan Williams;  A.D.S. 1p.and end. (see N.A. Land co. Misc.papers, no.8.)	Jan. 4, 1794	4x7	
<b>Morris, Robert, 1734-1806</b> 973 N75. 9 Deed to John Nicholson;	Jan. 18, 1794	13-1/4x8-1/2	

## Papers

Printed D.filled in in ms. 1p.and end. Incompleted. (see N.A. Land co. Misc.papers, no. 9.) Contains also ms.form of deed which is incomplete.

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<b>Dublois, Lewis</b>	Feb. 26, 1794	12-1/2x12-1/2
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973 N75. 10 Receipt to James Greenleaf for Georgia audited certificates, with list of same;

D.S. 2p.,end. Copy. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no. 10.)

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<b>South Carolina</b>	Aug. 2, 1794	12-1/2x8 and 11x16
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973 N75. 7 Deed to John Evringham;

Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: Will[ia]m Moultrie, Peter Bremar, and Ja[me]s Workes. 2p.and end. Seal. (see N.A.Land co. Misc. papers, no. 7.)

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<b>South Carolina</b>	Sept. 1, 1794	22-1/2x20
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973 N75. 11 Deed to John White;

D.S.: Will[ia]m Moultrie; Peter Freneau, secretary, Peter Bremar, pro.Survr.Genl., and Clement Biddle, Not.Publ. 1p.and end. Parchment. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.Papers, no.11.)

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<b>Brodie, Robert</b>	Jan. 20, 1795	18x14-1/2
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973 N75. 12 Lease of lands in South Carolina to John Hall;

Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: Robert Brodie; Witnessed: D.R.Evans and M.Winn. Attest: F.W.Yongue,J.P. 1p.and end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc. papers, no. 12.)

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<b>Biddle, Clement, 1740-1814</b>	March 3, 1795	6-1/2x8
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973 N75. 13 Account with Jonathan Williams, jr.;

D.S.: Clement Biddle by Thomas Biddle. 1p.and end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 13.)

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<b>Britton, John</b>	March 20, 1795	3x8
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973 N75. 15 Receipt to Jonathan Williams, jr. for lumber;

## Papers

Philadelphia, D.S. 1p.and end. (see N.A. Land Co. Misc.Papers, no. 15.)

**Georgia**

March 27, 1795

10x8, 12x12

973 N75. 16 Deed to William R. Reddock;

Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: Geo[rge] Mathers, governor; Edward Watts, and T. McCall. 2p.and end. Seal. (see N.A. Land Co. Misc.Papers. no. 16.)

**Morris, Joseph Benjamin W**

June 3, 1795

3x8-1/2

973 N75. 17 Receipt to Jonathan Williams;

D.S. 1p.,end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers. no. 17.) On same sheet is order to pay from Jonathan Williams to the Bank of Pennsylvania to W.Morris; June 3, 1795.

**Williams, Jonathan, 1750-1815**

June 3, 1795

3x8-1/2

973 N75. 17 Draft on the Bank of Pennsylvania to [J.B.] W. Morris;

A.D.S. 1p. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no. 17.) On same sheet as receipt from J.B.W. Morris to J.Williams; June 3, 1795.

**Morris, Robert, 1734-1806**

Dec. 21, 1795

3x7 and

973 N75. 18 Promissory note to James Greenleaf;

9-1/4x7-1/4

Philadelphia, D.S. 2p.and add. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 18.) Concerning the North American Land Company.

**North American Land Company**

March 10, July 4, 1795,

973 N75. 14 Ledger;

1805

Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: Rob[er]t Morris, et al, and witnessed by various persons. 239 leaves, of which 81 contain writing. Q. For references to W.T.Franklin, F.A. Muhlenberg, John Vaughn, etc., see index.

**Nicholson, John, 1757-1800**

1796 September 24

Promissory note to James Greenleaf

**Swansey, William**

Dec. 20, 1796

12x7-1/2

## Papers

973 N75. 20 Letter to Robert Morris,  
Philadelphia;

Washington, N.C., A.L.S. 2p.and add., end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no.20.) Concerning a canal on Morris' land and plans for expoloitation of the land.

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**Swansey, William**

March 4, 1797

9x7-1/4

973 N75. 21 Letter to Robert Morris,  
Philadelphia;

Washington, N.C., A.L.S. 1p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no. 21.) Concerning N.A.Land co. speculation. Concerning the canal.

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**Morris, Joseph Benjamin W**

July 3, 1797

4-3/4x5-1/4

973 N75. 22 Receipt to Jona[than]  
Williams;

Philadelphia, D.S.: "Recd Pay for B.W.Morris,Isaac W Morris." 1p.and end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no.22.)

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**Pratt, Henry**

Aug. 18, 1797

15-1/4x7-3/4

973 N75. 23 Promissory note to Joseph  
Brown from land speculation furnished by  
Robert Morris and James Greenleaf in the  
N.A.Land co, First Installment;

Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: Henry Pratt, Tho[ma]s W.Francis, Jo[h]n Miller, Jr., Jo[h]n Ashley and Jacob Baker. 1p. (see N.A.Land co. Misc. papers, no. 23.) ----Second Installment.

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**Morris, Joseph Benjamin W**

Sept. 30, 1797

3-1/2x5-1/4

973 N75. 24 Receipt to J[onathan]  
Williams;

Philadelphia, D.S.: Tho[ma]s W. Weene for Benj[ami]n W. Morris. 1p.and end. (see N.A.Land company. Misc.papers, no. 24.)

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**Biddle, Clement, 1740-1814**

Nov. 4, 1797

10x8

## Papers

973 N75. 25 Protest on non-payment of promissory note, drawn by Zach[aria]h Cox to James Greenleaf;

Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: Clement Biddle, Not.Pub.; Witnessed: Alexander Murray and John Fisher. 1p.and end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 25.) Attempted to collect at the request of Mordecai Lewis.

**Fiss, Daniel**

Aug. 23, 1798

3-1/2x8-1/2

973 N75. 26 Receipt to [Jonathan] Williams;

D.S. 2p. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.Papers, no. 26.)

**Warren, Richard**

May 11, 1799

5x6-1/2

973 N75. 27 Receipt to [Jonathan] Williams;

A.D.S.and countersigned by James Warren. 2p.,add.,end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no. 27.)

**Williams, Jonathan, 1750-1815**

May 17, 1799

15x9-1/4

Drawer

973 N75. 28 Articles of agreement with John Adams for the farming of Mount Pleasant;

Oversize

D.S.: John Adams, Jona[than] Williams; witnessed: Elizabeth Hewson and Grace Wagner. 3p.and end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no.28.) On same sheet is receipt from J.William to John Adams; Jan. 5, 1800.

Receipt to [Jonathan] Williams

1799 July 10

**Williams, Jonathan, 1750-1815**

Jan. 5, 1800

15x9-1/4

973 N75. 28 Receipt to John Adams for stock;

A.D.S. 1p. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 28.) On same sheet as articles of agreement between J.Williams and John Adams; May 17, 1799.

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**North American Land Company** Dec. 31, 1802 15-3/4x10

973 N75. 30 Proposed alterations and amendments to the original articles of agreement, addressed to Adonija[h] Stansbury;

Philadelphia, Printed D.filled in in ms.S.: Rob[er]t Morris, Jun[ior]. 1p.and add. (see N.A.Land co. Misc. papers, no. 30.)

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**Ingersoll, Jared, 1749-1822** Dec. 20, 1806 12-3/4x7-3/4

973 N75. 31 Opinion as to the safety of Messrs.

Nixon and Barclay in their parts as trustees of the N.A. Land Co.; D.S.: Jared Ingersoll, Edw[ar]d Tilghman, and M[ordecai] Lewis. 2p.and end.and broadside attached. Copy. 12-3/4x7-3/4. (see N.A. Land Co. Misc. papers, no.31.)

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**Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843** June 21, 1809 10x8

973 N75. 32 Letter to Henry Pratt, Philadelphia;

Washington, A.L.S. 2p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no. 32.) Business of the N.A.land co. Refers to R.Morris.

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**Pratt, Henry** May 13, 1813 9-1/2x8

973 N75. 33 Letter to James Greenleaf;

Philadelphia, A.L.S. 1p.and end. Draft. (see N.A.land co. Misc.papers, no.33.) N.A. land company business.

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**Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843** March 9, 1814 10x8-1/4

973 N75. 34 Letter to John Ashley, Philadelphia;

Washington, A.L.S. 2p.and add.,end. (see N.A.land co. Misc.papers, no.34.) N.A.land company business.

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<b>Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843</b> 973 N75. 35 Letter to Henry Pratt, Philadelphia;	March 13, 1814	10x8-1/4
Washington, A.L.S. 2p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 35.) North American Land Company business.		

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<b>Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843</b> 973 N75. 36 Letter to John Miller, Philadelphia;	Nov. 29, 1814	10x8
Washington, A.L.S. 1p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 36.) North American Land Company business.		

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<b>Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843</b> 973 N75. 37 Letter to Henry Pratt, Philadelphia;	Dec. 4, 1814	10x8
Washington, A.L.S. 2p.and add.and end. (see N.A.Land Company. Misc.papers, no. 37.) North American land company business.		

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<b>Caldwell, Elias Boudinot, 1776-1825</b> 973 N75. 38 Letter to Henry Pratt and John Ashley, Philadelphia;	Dec. 12, 1814	10x7-3/4
Washington, A.L.S. 2p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers. no. 38.) Business of Gillis Grenveldt with the North American land company. (John Greenleaf).		

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<b>Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843</b> 973 N75. 39 Letter to John Ashley, Philadelphia;	Dec. 13, 1814	10x8-1/4
Washington, A.L.S. 1p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.Papers, no. 39.) Business.		

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<b>Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843</b> 973 N75. 40 Letter to John Miller, Philadelphia;	Dec. 15, 1814	10x8-1/4
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Washington, A.L.S. 3p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no.40.) North American land company business.

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**Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843** Dec. 19, 1814 10x8

973 N75. 42 Letter to John Miller, jr.,  
Philadelphia;

L. 1p.and add.,end. (see N.A. Land co. Misc.papers, no. 42.) Business.

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**Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843** Dec. 19, 1814 10x8-1/4

973 N75. 41 Letter to Henry Pratt, Thomas  
W.Francis, John Miller, jr., John Ashley and  
Jacob Baker, Philadelphia;

Washington, A.L.S. 3p.and add. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc. papers, no. 41.) North American land company business.

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**Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843** Dec. 27, 1814 10x8-1/4

973 N75. 43 Letter to H[enry] Pratt and  
Thomas W. Francis, Philadelphia;

Washington, A.L.S. 1p.and add.,end. (see N.A. Land Co. Misc.papers,no.43.) Business.

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**Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843** Dec. 31, 1814 10x8-1/4

973 N75. 44 Letter to John Miller, jr.,  
Philadelphia;

Washington, A.L.S. 1p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers,no.44.) Business.

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**Tilghman, Edward, 1750-1815** April 10, 1815 13-1/2x8-1/4

973 N75. 45 Opinion of the legality of the  
supplements to the Yazoo Acts;

D.S. 3p.and end. (see N.A.Land co. Misc.papers, no. 45.)

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**Pratt, Henry** Jan. 26, 1818 9-1/2x8

973 N75. 46 Letter to James Greenleaf;

## Papers

Philadelphia, A.L.S.: H.Pratt for J[ohn] Ashley. 1p. and add.,end. (see N.A. Land co. Misc. papers, no. 46.) Business.

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**Wereat, John** May 28, 1823 15-3/4x13

973 N75. 47 A list of Georgia audited certificates;

D. 3p.and end. End.by H.King as agreeing with list of James Greenleaf. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc. papers, no. 47.) For additional information, see: H.King. List...; July 2, 1823.

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List of Georgia Certificates Undated

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List of south Carolina indents. Undated

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**King, Henry** July 2, 1823 12-3/4x8 and

973 N75. 48 List of and receipt to James Greenleaf for Georgia audited certificates; 7-1/2x6-1/4

D.S. 4p. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no.48.) For list, see: Wereat. List of Georgia...;May 28, 1823.

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**Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843** Nov. 3, 1825 9-1/2x7-3/4

973 N75. 49 Affidavit regarding the Georgia certificates;

D.S. 3p.and end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 49.)

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**Greenleaf, James, 1765-1843** July 12, 1843 10x8

973 N75. 50 Letter to William M. Tilghman, Philadelphia;

Washington, A.L.S. 1p.and add.,end. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 50.) Business.

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**Cox, Zachariah** 12x7-1/2

973 N75. 53 Proposal for a lumber business.

D. 4p. (see N.A.Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 53.)

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**Ludlow, David, & Sons** 6-1/4x7-3/4

**Papers**

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973 N75. 54 List of state papers received  
for D. Crommelin & Sons.

D. 1p.and end. (see N.A. Land Co. Misc.papers, no. 54.)

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