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## Summary Information

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## **Background note**

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The Wyoming Controversy was a conflict between the governments of Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Britain, the Continental Congress, and the Indians over land in the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania.

## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Information

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### Alternative Form Available

Many of the documents are printed in *Pennsylvania Archives*.

### Alternative Form Available

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## Indexing Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Legal Records
- Maps.
- Official Government Documents and Records

### Geographic Name(s)

- Pennsylvania -- History -- 1775-1865.
- Wyoming Valley (Pa.)

### Subject(s)

- Colonial Politics
- Land settlement -- Pennsylvania.
- Pennsylvania History

## **Other Descriptive Information**

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This volume relates to the controversy between Pennsylvania and Connecticut over control of the northern third of what is today Pennsylvania. While much of this documentation is available in printed sources – namely the Pennsylvania Archives and the Papers of the Susquehanna Company – these are originals of these documents. Some of the documents in the APS collection do not appear to be part of these printed collections, notably a series of legal documents and pronouncements that contain marginalia that may be of interest to historians. The documents span the entire period of the controversy, with the first documents dated from the 1750s and the last ones from the early nineteenth century. Many are manuscript copies of originals.

## **Other Descriptive Information**

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An index to these documents (4 p.) at beginning of volume.

## Collection Inventory

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**Shaw, William, 1742-1816**

May 18, 1786

Letter to the President and Supreme Executive  
Council;

Col.Montgomery's, D. 2p.and end. Copy. (see Documents relative...Wyoming controversy;  
pp.193-195. ) Printed: Penna.Archives, Ser.I, vol. 10, 764-765.

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**Montgomery, William, 1768-1848**

May 20, 1786

Letter to the President and the Supreme  
Executive Council;

Northumberland, L. 1p.and end. Copy. (see Documents relative...Wyoming controversy; pp.197-198.)

Printed: Penna.Archives,ser.I,vol.10, 197-198.

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**Montgomery, William, 1768-1848**

July 21, 1786

Letter to Benjamin Franklin;

Northumberland, L. 2p.,end. Copy. (see Documents relative...Wyoming controversy, pp.205-206.)

Printed: Penna. Archives, Ser. I, vol. 11, 35.

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