

Peter Stephen Du Ponceau Collection
1781-1844
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Summary Information

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| Repository | American Philosophical Society |
| Creator | Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 |
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| Abstract | <p>A pioneer in ethnographic and linguistic studies of the American Indian and one of the most active members of the American Philosophical Society, Peter Stephen Du Ponceau helped to establish the American Philosophical Society's reputation as one of the world's foremost centers for the study of American Indians and their languages. The Peter Stephen Du Ponceau collection consists of correspondence on legal matters, Indian linguistics, silk culture, maritime law, the American Philosophical Society, and various publications of the early nineteenth century. The collection also includes several essays by Du Ponceau, most of which deal with maritime law.</p> |

Preferred Citation

Cite as: Peter Stephen Du Ponceau Collection, American Philosophical Society.

Background note

Born at St-Martin de Ré, France, on June, 1760, Du Ponceau received his education at a Benedictine college, where he demonstrated a facility for languages. His uncommon knowledge of English led to ridicule by his schoolmates, who nicknamed him L'Anglois for his habit of carrying around an English Classic in his pocket. A bit of jealousy may have been at play as Du Ponceau, though he rarely studied, received all of the premiums at the end of each year. The disdain was mutual: Du Ponceau scorned his fellow students for their tendency to merely memorize and repeat their lessons.

Dissatisfied with the scholastic philosophy taught at the college, Du Ponceau left the school after eighteen months. Du Ponceau's mother wanted him to enter the priesthood. In an effort to persuade him, the priest reportedly evoked feelings of guilt and remorse by reminding Du Ponceau of his failure to cry at his father's death. Under the combined pressure of his mother and the unnamed priest, Du Ponceau agreed to enter the seminary under the condition that they would not require him to enter the priesthood after he completed his studies. He completed his studies, but did not enter the priesthood. Instead, at the age of 17, he set out for America with Baron von Steuben and served as Steuben's secretary in the Revolutionary army, with rank of captain, until illness forced his resignation in 1781. He settled in Philadelphia, where he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and established a law practice.

Elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1791, he served as secretary for and primary force behind the Society's Historical and Literary Committee. One of the most active committees in the Society's history, the Historical and Literary Committee provided much of the impetus for the early growth of the Society's Native American Indian linguistic collections. During Du Ponceau's tenure as secretary, the Committee laid the foundation for the Society's development into one of the premier centers for the study of Native American Indian languages.

A member of the Society during the era in which Thomas Jefferson served as president of the American Philosophical Society as well as president of the United States, Du Ponceau collaborated with Albert Gallatin on a volume of Indian vocabularies commissioned by Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson wished to demonstrate the relationships between Indian tribes based on the similarities or differences of their languages. DuPonceau and Gallatin found that a correlation did exist between similarity of language and the length of time since the tribes had migrated to other regions.

His memoir on the grammatical system of the Indian languages (*Mémoire sur le système grammatical des langues de quelques nations Indiennes de l'Amérique du Nord*) won the Volney prize of the French Institute in 1835 and his writings continue to inspire scholars to this day. In addition to his works on Indian languages, Du Ponceau wrote on the Chinese system of writing, then largely a puzzle to most Europeans.

An active and influential scholar, Du Ponceau served, simultaneously at one point, as president of not only the American Philosophical Society, but also of the Athenaeum and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. During his years as president of the Society, from 1827 until his death in 1844, the Society expanded its linguistics collection to a degree not seen again until the 20th century.

Scope & content

The collection includes Du Ponceau's correspondence to and from various persons, essays, and legal papers. Though it consists largely of routine correspondence regarding legal matters and reviews of publications, the collection includes several essays of interest to scholars of maritime law and a few items of general historical interest.

Items of particular historical interest include two letters from John Adams and two letters from his son John Quincy Adams, written during their respective terms as President of the United States, George Washington's statement regarding Du Ponceau's military service, and a legal document pertaining to the DuPont family of Delaware. The Adams letters include one in which Adams states that Du Ponceau's work on Native American Indian linguistics has changed his perceptions of the Indians. The Washington document, which includes Washington's signature, describes Du Ponceau's appointment as a captain and his service as aide de camp and secretary to Major General Baron Steuben during the campaigns of 1778 through 1780. The DuPont document includes the signatures of five members of the prominent manufacturing family.

Other noteworthy items include letters from the Marquis de Lafayette, Albert Gallatin, and Charles Meredith. The Lafayette letter is an 1835 introduction of Dr. Charles Kraitsir, a philologist who published, the following year, what is perhaps the first history of the Polish in America. The Meredith letter discusses Robert Livingston's motion favoring the empowerment of the congressional Judiciary Committee to handle deeds and affidavits pertaining to land. The two Gallatin letters includes one that informs DuPonceau of his progress on the Indian vocabularies and another that includes a newspaper clipping defending Gallatin against those who assailed his reputation.

The collection also includes several letters written in French. Most relate to legal matters or reviews of publications, but some include a few interesting historical tidbits, among them discussion of the representation of French sailors in North Carolina, the Polish victory over the Russians, Andrew Jackson's dismissal of agnostics (including Du Ponceau), and John D. Hunter, allegedly raised among the savages, but proven an impostor. The last item contains a relevant newspaper clipping from Poulson's Daily Advertiser.

One of the few personal items in the collections is a reflective letter from Du Ponceau to William Popham, written two years before his death. Although he describes his "general health" as good, Du Ponceau felt that he was "gradually departing from this world." He describes his declining eyesight and hearing, comments upon the death of the last friend of his youth, John Vaughan, and remarks that few living persons remembered him as a young man.

Administrative Information

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Original Location

The Peter Stephen Du Ponceau Collection consists of 14 letters acquired by the APS in 1961 and 107 letters and essays removed from the APS Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection.

Related Materials

Related Material

As one of the most active members of the American Philosophical Society during his lifetime, DuPonceau appears, not surprisingly, in several other collections:

- 1 American Philosophical Society Archives, which includes many letters to and from DuPonceau
- 2 Peter Stephen DuPonceau Commonplace Book (B H978), with notes on William Penn and the Penn family (B D92c)
- 3 Peter Stephen DuPonceau, *Essai de solution du problème philologique proposé en l'année 1823 par la commission de l'Institut de France* (410 D92.1)
- 4 Peter Stephen DuPonceau, Indian vocabularies, consisting of 82 vocabularies representing 73 languages with notes and additions made by Du Ponceau and Albert Gallatin. (497 In2)
- 5 Peter Stephen DuPonceau, Notebooks on Philology, consisting of nine volumes, principally on American Indian languages, with some notes on the languages of the Tartars, Arabs, Greeks, Polynesians, and others. (410 D92)
- 6 Peter Stephen DuPonceau, Sea terms in different languages (359.03 D92)
- 7 John Heckewelder Papers, with 115 letters written to DuPonceau, chiefly on Indian languages (497.3 H35o)

DuPonceau collections at other repositories include:

Historical Society of Delaware

- 1 DuPonceau, Peter Stephen, 1743-1824. Manuscript of DuPonceau's diary, kept during his first months in America (1777-1778), which includes plans of the Valley Forge encampment.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

- 1 Chambers, Gordon. Collection, 1792-1823 (44 items). Includes material relating to Peter Stephen DuPonceau.
- 2 Du Ponceau, Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 Stephen, 1760-1844, 1760-1844, 1760-1844. (1760-1844). Correspondence, 1777-1844 (2 volumes)
- 3 One volume consists mainly of copies of incoming letters, 1777-1785, 1808-1839, on political and legal matters from John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Washington Irving, Marquis de Lafayette, Edward Livingston, James Madison, James Monroe, and others, with some copies of outgoing correspondence.
- 4 The other volume is DuPonceau's reminiscences of his life to 1783 in the form of letters, 1836-1844 to Robert Walsh and later to his granddaughter, Anne L. Garesche. The memoirs concern his formal and informal education in France and his service as an aid to Baron von Steuben and General Nathanael Greene during the American Revolution.
- 5 Both volumes contain a table of contents. There are also a few miscellaneous letters and notes.
- 6 Steuben, Friedrich Wilhelm Ludolf Gerhard Augustin, Baron von (1730-1794). Letters, 1777-1791, 1835, 1837. (15 items.) Letters of Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben relating to his military service in the Revolutionary Army; includes two letters of Peter Stephen DuPonceau, 1835, 1837.
- 7 Hopkinson family. Papers, 1735-1863 (19 v.) Includes correspondence with Peter Stephen DuPonceau.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Southern Historical Collection

- 1 Speculation Land Company Records (1796-1909). These pertain to lands in New York State owned by DuPonceau and Abraham Kintzing of Philadelphia.
- 2 Eccles Family Papers. These include the papers of Edward Jones (1762-1841) of Wilmington
- 3 and Fayetteville, N.C., native of Ireland, merchant, lawyer, and solicitor-general of North Carolina; and of his son-in-law, John Dick Eccles (d. 1856), also of Fayetteville. The collection includes letters from DuPonceau, a friend of Jones.

University of Pennsylvania

- 1 University Archives, Trustee Records. Two documents from the period of DuPonceau's trusteeship.

Indexing Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.
- American Philosophical Society.
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
- Massachusetts Historical Society

Family Name(s)

- Du Pont de Nemours family
- Du Pont family

Genre(s)

- Accounts.
- Bills (financial).
- Business Records and Accounts
- Deeds
- Essays.
- General Correspondence
- Legal Records
- Receipts

Geographic Name(s)

- Philadelphia (Pa.). Select Council.

Personal Name(s)

- Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848
- Adams, John, 1735-1826
- Breck, Samuel, 1771-1862
- Brose, William
- Coodey, W.S.
- Coxe, Paul
- Du Pont de Nemours, Pierre Samuel, 1739-1817
- Dutilh, Stephen
- Findley, James
- Fiorelli, Henry
- Follen, Charles, 1796-1840
- Gallatin, Albert, 1761-1849
- Gibson, James
- Harris, Levett
- Heckewelder, John Gottlieb Ernestus, 1743-1823
- Humboldt, Alexander von, 1769-1859
- Hunter, John Dunn, 1798?-1827.

- Jullien, Marc-Antoine, 1775-1848
- Kraitsir, Charles V., 1804-1860
- Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves, marquis de, 1757-1834
- Logan, Deborah Norris, 1761-1839
- Logan, George, 1753-1821
- Logan, James, 1674-1751
- Lovell, James, 1737-1814
- Maltenberger, M.B.
- McKean, Thomas, 1734-1817
- Meredith, William, 1772-1844
- Ogilby, Joseph
- Ord, George, 1781-1866
- Penn, William, 1644-1718.
- Peters, Richard, 1743-1828
- Pickering, John, 1777-1846
- Polk, William
- Prescott, William Hickling, 1796-1859
- Rawle, William, 1759-1836
- Roux de Rochelle, 1762-1849
- Rush, Richard
- Say, Benjamin, 1755-1813
- Seckendorff, Baron de
- Shaeffer, Frederick Christian
- Tilghman, Edward, 1750-1815
- Vaughan, John, 1756-1841
- Wachsmuth, John Gottfried
- Washington, George, 1732-1799
- Watson, Ebenezer

Subject(s)

- Admiralty--United States
- Business and Skilled Trades
- Indians of North America--Languages
- International Trade.
- Law
- Law--United States--History--19th century
- Maritime law--United States
- Merchant mariners--United States
- Silk

Other Descriptive Information

The Peter Stephen Du Ponceau Collection has a wide array of material. This entry refers to his correspondence. Although Du Ponceau is most well-known today for his work in Native American linguistics, the Du Ponceau Collection includes a significant amount of correspondence from Du Ponceau's legal career in the nineteenth century (B D92p). As a practicing lawyer often working on trade issues, his correspondence also includes large collection of business news and legal affairs happening in Philadelphia. Most of these documents are from cases Du Ponceau worked on, and many of these cases involve international trade and merchant concerns. One of the more interesting case files includes a brief on whether or not the family of a mariner lost at sea can recover lost wages.

Du Ponceau was well-connected and some of his correspondence involves research on American Indians, language, and other intellectual endeavors (410.D92.1). He corresponded with many individuals throughout the U.S. and fellow members of the American Philosophical Society, sometimes as official APS business.

What follows is a summary of the rest of the Du Ponceau Collection. As a leading linguist of the era, the Du Ponceau's collection has three portions that relate to language. The first is a large volume of 73 Indian languages for both South and North American Indians (497 In2). The second is a nine volume set of notes on philology that focuses on Native American languages but includes notes on range of other language groups, such as the language of Polynesians and Greeks (410 D92). The notes also make numerous observations about Native American customs, practices, and beliefs. The third portion of linguistic material is a dictionary of terms relating to the sea and seafaring (359.03 D92).

The APS collection also has a commonplace book of Du Ponceau, which includes interesting notes on colonial Pennsylvania history and especially William Penn's legacy (B D92c). Written in 1820, the notes can lend insight into the public and historical memory in early nineteenth century Philadelphia.

Some of his correspondence also involves his attempt to acquire documents from prominent Philadelphians so that the APS could publish a complete history of Pennsylvania. In addition to Du Ponceau's own efforts, Deborah Norris Logan corresponded with Du Ponceau about her own attempt to write a history of Pennsylvania. The Deborah Logan correspondence also touches upon women's roles in the early republic, with Logan writing that she felt uneasy publishing something in her name "before the publick" because of her "sex and station."

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Collection Inventory

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Lovell, James, 1737-1814

1781 October 17

LScy to Robert R. Livingston

Recommends DuPonceau to Congress. Photocopy of letter in Library of Congress.

Peters, Richard, 1743-1828

1781 October 19

ALScy to Robert R. Livingston

Recommends DuPonceau to Congress. Photocopy of letter in Library of Congress.

McKean, Thomas, 1734-1817

1781 October 22

ALScy to Robert R. Livingston

Recommends DuPonceau to Congress. Photocopy of letter in Library of Congress.

Washington, George, 1732-1799

1782 April 2

Statement in re: Peter S. Du Ponceau, ADS

Describes DuPonceau's service in the U.S. Army.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844

1785 April 23

Receipt to Etienne Dutilh

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844

1786 July 11

ALS to Samuel Coates

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844

1787 December 11

Receipt to Stephen Dutilh, Philadelphia

For actions brought against the mariners of the ship Dorothea.

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Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1791 March 5
 Receipt to Girard Plique, Philadelphia

Account of E. Dutilh and Wachsmuth, 2 p. 1791 May 26-1793
 and end. December 18

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1791 March 8
 ALS to E. Dutilh and Wachsmuth
 Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1792 March? Wednesday
 ALS to J.G.? Wachsmuth
 Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1793 February 4
 ALS to E. Dutilh and Wachsmuth,
 Philadelphia
 Legal matter pertaining to Perkins and Bertier.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1793 April 5
 ALS to E. Dutilh and Wachsmuth.
 Legal matters pertaining to Bertier and Guilgot d'Epinal.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1793 November 26
 Statement pertaining to lack of funds on
 the part of Tellier, drawn on Dutilh and
 Wachsmuth, Philadelphia.
 Printed. Contains original draft by Tellier.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1794 May 26
 Endorsement pertaining to Guenneteau and
 Tellier's affairs.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1794 June 25

Peter Stephen Du Ponceau Collection

ALS to E. Dutilh and Wachsmuth,
Philadelphia.

Legal.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1794 November 26
Statement of account to Dutilh and
Wachsmuth, Philadelphia.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1796 June 28
Receipt to Isaac Harvey, Jr., Philadelphia.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1799 February 21
ALS to James Gibson, Philadelphia.

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1799 October 24
ALS to John Gottfried Wachsmuth,
Philadelphia.

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 ca. 1800
Legal case.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1802 January 7
ALS to James Gibson

Insurance.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1802 October 5
ALS to William Rawle.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1803 April 12
ALS to Citoyen Pichon.

In French.

Philadelphia. Select Council. 1804 January 16

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Resolution passed at a meeting of the joint committees of the corporations of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, and the incorporated part of the township of Northern Liberties, relative to the inspection and measurement of wood. Philadelphia

DS: Paul Coxe, attest. Peter DuPonceau, secretary.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1804 October 9

ALS to Gouverneur Morris, New York; Philadelphia.

Concerning a legal settlement.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1805 November 16

ALS to Stephen Dutilh, Philadelphia.

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1807 March 3

ALS to J.G. Wachsmuth, Philadelphia.

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1807 December 23

ALS to Messrs. E. Dutilh and Wachsmuth, Philadelphia.

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1807

ALS to Stephen Dutilh.

In French. Accompanied by translation. Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 ca. 1807 , Monday

ALS to Mr. Dutilh.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1808 July 16

Peter Stephen Du Ponceau Collection

ALS to Stephen Dutilh, Philadelphia.

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1808 July 26

ALS to Stephen Dutilh, Philadelphia.

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1808 December 6

ALS to Benjamin Say.

DuPonceau has received pamphlets from Say and has been collecting all public documents to bind into volumes. Mentions "perplexed state of our affairs" (the Embargo Act).

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1809 April 7

ALS to Stephen Dutilh, Philadelphia

Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1809 November 1

ALS to Nottnagel, Montmollin and Co. or William Rawle.

Legal matter.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1810 January 12

ALS to William Rawle.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1810 January 15

ALS to William Rawle.

Duane, William, 1760-1835 1810 January 20

ALS to Peter Stephen Du Ponceau, Philadelphia; Lancaster.

Expresses his thanks for DuPonceau's "valuable hints" relating to the petition of General Moreau, the case of Almstead, and the Arbitration System. Informs DuPonceau of a paper that he is intending to draw up. Presented by Norman Kane, September 16, 1972.

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Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1810 November 9
ALS to William Tilghman

Pikney, William 1815 February 3
ALS to Stephen Peter Du Ponceau,
Philadelphia; Baltimore.

Asks opinion on maritime law (ship Nereid).

DuPont de Nemours, Pierre Samuel 1815 October 3
Transfer from DuPont de Nemours and his
sons, V.M. and E.I. du Pont and their wives,
of a portion of Les Bois des Posses to P.N.
Harmand, Philadelphia.

D. drawn up by DuPonceau S: DuPont de Nemours , V. DuPont, Josephine DuPont, E.I. duPont,
Sophie DuPont, Peter S. DuPonceau, not published. Mme. Lavoisier held a mortgage on the property.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1816 January 20
ALS to William Barton, Lancaster;
Philadelphia.

States purpose of the Historical and Literary Committee and asks for some writing of his to include
in a volume. Presented by Mrs. C. Barton Brewster, 1961. Draft. See APS Historical and Literary
Committee, Letterbooks, Vol. I, no. 14.

Logan, George, 1753-1821 1816 April 17
ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Stenton.

Will aid the historical committee as much as he can. Donates papers to the committee. Concerning
James Logan.

Massachusetts Historical Society 1816 May 15
ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Philadelphia;
Boston received .

Printed DS: Joseph McKean. Statement of the work and objectives of the institution.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1817 January 23

Peter Stephen Du Ponceau Collection

ALS to John Vaughan, Philadelphia.

Remarks upon Wilson's Essay on Grammar.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1817 June 11

ALS to John G. Wachsmuth, Philadelphia.

Legal matters.

Chamberlain, Jason 1817 August 28

ALScy to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Cape Girardeau, Mo., Terr.

Copy.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1817 October 13

ALS to James Gibson, Trenton.

Legal matters.

Harris, Levett 1818 April 23

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Philadelphia.

With regard to review of book by Professor Adelung, contained in Port Folio no. 208.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1818 April 30

ALS to John Vaughan, Philadelphia.

Discussion of the merits of John Heckewelder's Account...of the Indian Nations.

Ogilby, Joseph 1818 August 5

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Lancaster.

Regarding dividends on DuPonceau's stock in Lancaster and Susquehanna Turnpike.

Adams, John, 1735-1826 1819 June 23

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau

Mentions certain works which might be of interest in his study of universal language. DuPonceau's and Heckewelder's studies on the Indians have diminished certain prejudices he had against them. Mentions the American Philosophical Society.

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Adams, John, 1735-1826 1819 July 5

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Quincy.

Relative to lost languages in general. Desires to see Heckewelder's account of his missionary labors with Indians.

Shaeffer, Frederick Christian 1819 July 17

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau

Tour of Baron von Selis in Germany and Austria. Incorrect information about America widespread in those countries.

Logan, Deborah Norris, 1761-1839 1819 October 10

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau. Philadelphia;
Stenton.

Concerning Logan-Penn correspondence.

Logan, Deborah Norris, 1761-1839 1820 January 1

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau

Concerning Franklin and James Logan. Refers to APS Historical and Literary Committee.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1820 February 14

ALS to William Polk; Philadelphia.

Acknowledges receipt of deed; Mr. Tench Coxe is preparing the instrument of ratification.

Logan, Mrs. Deborah Norris . 1820 August 4

ALS to to Peter Stephen Du Ponceau

Concerning the forthcoming publication of James Logan's writings.

Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848 1821 July 10

ALS to to Stephen S. Du Ponceau,
Philadelphia, Washington.

In return for DuPonceau's oration before the APS, sends a copy of his address delivered on the 4th instant to the citizens of Washington.

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Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848 1821 July 21
ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Philadelphia,
Washington.

Thanks him for address which he delivered before the APS. For copy of address, see 974.8 D92

DuPonceau, Peter S. (Peter Stephen), 1760-1844 Oct. 8, 1821
ALS to John Heckwelder

1p. Questions Zeisberger's use of the term "become" and asks his opinion.

Seckendorff, Baron de 1822 May 3
ALS to Peter Du Ponceau; Elizabethtown.

Bravery of Mr. Ullrich. Desires money DuPonceau offered him for his likeness.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1823 February 19
ALS to Ebenezer Watson, Albany;
Philadelphia.

Does not believe the tax statement is correct, contrasted with previous yearly statements.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1823 April 18
ALS to Ebenezer Watson, Albany;
Philadelphia.

Questions whether tax statement is correct, contrasted with previous yearly statements.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1824 December 9
ALS to Mrs. Dolley Madison, Philadelphia.

Relative to celebration of the landing of William Penn.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1825 June 12
ALS to John Davis, Philadelphia.

Introduces Dr. Charles Follen who was recommended by General Lafayette.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1825 September 3

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ALS to M. Jullien de Paris, Philadelphia.

Writes on behalf of the Athenaeum of Philadelphia. Mentions the APS, Lafayette.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1826 January 13

ALS to M.A. Jullien de Paris, Paris;
Philadelphia.

Articles for the Revue Encyclopedique; exposure of the imposter, John D. Hunter.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1826 March 27

ALS to W.M. Meredith

Gallatin, Albert, 1761-1849 1826 May 20 (ca.)

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau

Rush, Richard 1824 October 20

ALS to Peter Stephen Du Ponceau

U.S. vs. Coolidge. Discussion of DuPonceau's work in the Salem Gazette. Offers three pages of effusive compliments on DuPonceau's work and "calm and philosophical spirit" with which DuPonceau examines the common law.

Hodgson, William B. ca. 1826?

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau

Acknowledges receipt of package of Orientals.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1827 November 3

ALS to Mrs. Dolley Madison, Philadelphia.

Sends a copy of his eulogium on Chief Justice Tilghman.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1828 April 19

ALS to M. Jullien, Paris, New York.

Articles in the Revue Encyclopedique; review of his Delaware grammar.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1829 July 15

ALS to John Vaughan, Philadelphia.

Peter Stephen Du Ponceau Collection

Introducing William Brose, a younger friend of Alexander von Humboldt.

Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848 1829 September 18

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Quincy.

Encloses papers from W.B. Hodgson for the American Philosophical Society.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1831 March 5

ALS to M. Jullien.

Revue Encyclopedique. Silk culture. Sends work on the language of the Berbers.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1831 May 19

ALS to General Lafayette, Philadelphia.

Sends last four volumes of Sparks' diplomatic collection. Events in U.S. and Europe.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1831 November 19

Photo of ALS to John Vaughan,

Philadelphia, 1 p.

Asks him to enclose a package to Petty Vaughan.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1832 April 2

ALS to H.A.S. Dearborn, Washington, 4 p.

Congressional appropriations for roads and canals; land grants; Scioto Co.; manual on the growth and manufacture of silk. With this is a statement of silk goods imported and exported, 1821-1825.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1833 March 5

ALS to Edward S. Burd

**Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves,
marquis de, 1757-1834** 1833 June 6

LS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Paris, 1 p.,

address and endorsement.

In French. Introducing Dr. Charles Kraitsir.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1833 December 18

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ALS to Trustees of Girard College,
Philadelphia, 1 p. and add.

Recommends Henry Fiorelli as a sculptor who comes highly recommended by Lafayette.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1833 December 24

ALS to Isaac Hays, Philadelphia, 1 p. and
add.

Asks for constitutuion and by-laws, in pamphlet form, of Academy of Natural Sciences, to mail to "A Gentleman in the Western Country."

Maltenberger, M.B, _____ and _____ 1834 January 13

LS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Philadelphia,
Pittsburgh, 1 p. and add.

Asks for constitution of Pennsylvania Historical Society, for they hope to found such a society in Pittsburgh.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1834 April 4

ALS to Samuel Breck, Philadelphia, 1 p.

Acknowledges copy of Mr. Keating's report. Elections in New York and Virginia. Legal matters.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1835 December 16

ALScy to James Findley, Philadelphia.
Photocopy of original in Charles Roberts
Autograph Collection, Haverford College
Library.

American Philosophical Society received the geology of Massachusetts. Presented by Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., July 1969.

Coodey, W.S. 1836 July 30

ALS to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Philadelphia, 1
p. and add.

Forwards a book in the Cherokee language, translated by S.A. Worcester and Elias Boudinot.

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Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1838 April 9

ALS to John Vaughan, Philadelphia, 3 p.
and endorsement.

Complains that most competent men are too busy to give time to book reviewing.

Gallatin, Albert, 1761-1849 1839 February 18

--- to Peter Stephen Du Ponceau

Prescott, William Hickling, 1796-1859 1839 March 14

LS to Peter Stephen Du Ponceau,
Philadelphia, Boston, 2 p. and endorsement,
end.

Thanks for his work on Indian languages. Refers to John Vaughan and John Pickering.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1840 July 30

Davesan, Auguste 1841 June 9

--- to Peter Stephen Du Ponceau

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1842 January 22

ALS to J.N. Nicollet, Philadelphia, 1 p. and
add.

In French. Notification that he has ben elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1842 March 4

---- to William Popham

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1843 May 22

--- to J.W. Francis

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 1844 January 13

LS to George Ord, Philadelphia

Concerning letter from Roux de Rochelle. M. de Rochelle intends to forward a copy of his poem on
Cortes through DuPonceau to William H. Prescott.

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Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Abstract of laws of Oleron Philadelphia , 2
p. and endorsement. NS.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Appeals at civil law Philadelphia , 2 p. and
end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Arguments to prove that the rights of
the neutral flag are advantageous to the
belligerent nations Philadelphia , 9 p. and
end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Authority of a factor, 1 p. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Concerning the calendar, 1 p.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Extract from the Monthly Review for
December, 1798 in re intercourse with
colonies in time of war Philadelphia , 1 p.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Free ships, free goods Philadelphia , 1 p.
and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Goods found at sea Philadelphia , 2 p. and
end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Index to my collection of newspapers
inasmuch as concerns neutrality or captures
Philadelphia , 3 p. and end.

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Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
List of books on the law of nations
Philadelphia , 3 p. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
List of books which Mr. Davis is requested
to procure from Europe for Peter S.
DuPonceau Philadelphia , 2 p. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Mariners prevented by a vis major from
performing their service Philadelphia , 2 p.
and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Minor Law of Nations Philadelphia , 1 p.
and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Notes on Lampredi, ch. X, Whether enemy's
goods are protected by the neutral flag?
Philadelphia , 4 p. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Notes on the case of a mariner dying in
the course of a voyage, whether his heirs
shall recover his wages and how much
Philadelphia , 7 p. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Notes upon the navigation of neutrals
Philadelphia , 1 p. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Notes upon neutrality Philadelphia , 1 p. and
end.

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Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Of the captain or master Philadelphia , 2 p.
and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Of the competent judge of ambassadors in
civil and criminal cases Philadelphia , 5 p.
and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Of the contract or engagement of mariners
Philadelphia , 2 p. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Of principal and factor Philadelphia , 2 p.
and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Receptors of neutral vessels from enemies
Philadelphia , 4 pp. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Thoughts on admiralty jurisdiction
Philadelphia , 7 p. and end.

Du Ponceau , Peter Stephen, 1760-1844 n.d.
Titles of the Institutes, Digest, and Code
respecting the judicial orders or practices of
courts Philadelphia , 3 p. and end.
