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## Summary Information

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## **Administrative Information**

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<b>Meredith, Hugh</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1730 July 14	D.S. 1p.	LII, 14.
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Dissolution of partnership. All printing material in the office and debts owing to the partners to be the property of Benjamin Franklin.

<b>Morgan, Joseph. Maidenhead</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1735 July 7	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 1.
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Concerning the printing of a new edition of "The Temporal Interest of North America." 1 Writes out two paragraphs to be added to the manuscript. Amount of money he has paid him.

**Other Descriptive Information**

1 See Hildeburn's Issues of the Penna. Press, No. 496.

<b>Franklin, James. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1740 November 5	D.S. 1p.	LXVI, 5.
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Indenture as apprentice to Benjamin Franklin, printer.

<b>"Constant Reader", AB</b> to Benjamin Franklin	c. 1740	L. 3p.	XLIV, 94.
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Requests him to insert the accompanying note in his next paper. The note is a letter to a friend, giving some distinguishing characteristics of a certain species of Gospel-preachers, who would have brought more credit to themselves and good to their fellow-men if they had continued in a secular employment.

<b>Tennent, Gilbert</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1741 September 22	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 2.
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Acknowledging his kindness in sending him certain dissenting remarks on his Sermon on Justifications, likewise in sending the "Querists," 1 lately printed by Franklin; intends to write an

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answer to the former which will deal with the principal matters in the "Querists." Had the pleasure of discoursing with Franklin's brother in his pass through his place. Trusts that notwithstanding Mr. Franklin's gifts of Nature, he may be kept humble and be enabled to improve his uncommon genius for God's glory, his own and others' benefits.

**Other Descriptive Information**

1 See Hildeburn's Issues of the Penna. Press, No. 647.

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<b>Spicer, Jacob. Cape May</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1742 September 20	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 3.
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Asking him to insert the enclosed advertisement; will pay also for his subscription to Mr. Franklin's Gazette.

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<b>Dames, William</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1746, March 16	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 4.
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Asking that all his letters may be forwarded to him.

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<b>Collinson, Peter. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1747 June 1	A.L.S. 1p.	LXIX, 49.
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Books sent by Elias Bland.

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<b>Whitefield, Rev. George</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1747 June 23	A.L.S. 4p.	XLIV, 1.
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Thanks him for the preamble to the subscription which has for its purpose the raising of funds for the support of the orphan house in which he is personally interested. [Mutilated.]

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<b>Turner, James. Boston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1747 July 6	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 5.
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Sends a seal ordered for Mr. Read; apologizes for having kept him waiting so long but has been involved in large, unprofitable silver-smith's work. Regrets the price he mentioned for the seal, the work being far more than he expected; however, will stand strictly to his bargain, and trusts to his generosity to pay the extra amount. Would be glad of an opportunity to do any engraving.

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<b>Rouse, G.</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1747 July 21	A.L. 1p.	XLIV, 2.
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Requests Dr. Franklin to forward to him and letters which he may have or which may arrive for him from Virginia in his care.

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**Green, Jonas. Annapolis** 1747 July 25 A.L.S. 1p. I, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning two packets sent him from the Barbadoes by Mr. James Bingham. Increase in his salary and also in his work. Begs Mr. Franklin to send him a parcel of paper and some other small articles by Mr. Daniel Rawlings. The Virginian's speech caused a deal of laughter; well-approved of by some in that colony; has not heard how the Baronet himself liked it. Weather very hot; has been troubled with fever. Sends their hearty respects to Mrs. Franklin and Miss Sally. Rejoiced to see that his brave countrymen are to be rewarded for thier expense in taking Cape Breton.

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**Dowse, Joseph. Boston** 1747 July 27 A.L.S. 1p. I, 7.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Writes on behalf of Mrs. Steel, to acknowledge the many kind acts of friendship she bath received from Mr. Franklin, also to solicit the cause of his displeasure with her since her departure from Philadelphia. Mrs. Steel's great esteem for him. Requests him to sell her horse and chair and to let him know the sum of her indebtedness.

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**Cheston, Daniel. Chester, Md** 1747 August 2 A.L.S. 1p. I, 8.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 23d ult.; applied to Mr. Edward Scott for the money; will do everything in his power to get it as soon as possible and send it up.

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**Franklin, Mary. Newport** 1747 August 21 A.L.S. 1p. I, 9.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The loss of Capt. Grubb's vessel with a great deal of his cargo. Acknowledging a book sent her some time before, called Pameley [Pamcla]. Her daughter, Sarah, has two sons; has taken the elder to keep for a time, both parents being weakly and poor. Heard Mr. Whitfield preach.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1747 September 7 A.L.S. 1p. I, 10.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Knows of no one who has any Spanish paper to sell cheap. The Engraver he applied to about the plate, is an idle, lazy fellow, always making excuses; despairs of ever getting him to do it. His Long-Primer almost worn out; asks his advice about sending home for a new one. Received the Pocket Companion, is the Young Man's Companion almost done? His son is recovered but his wife is poorly.

**Bibliography**


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**Parker, James. New York** 1747 September 21 A.L.S. 1p. I, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a debt of Mr. Franklin's he is to pay to Mr. De Lancy; Sympathizes with him over his frequent losses. Mr. H. deprived of his position as Councillor, and out of the Governor's favor. Certain materials and their prices. The new type he has used in "The History of the Rebellion." Various articles he wishes sent to him. Thanks God the sickness has greatly abated.

**Bibliography**


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**Cheston, Daniel. Chester, [Md.]** 1747 September 28 A.L.S. 1p. I, 12.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the order drawn in favor of Mr. Edward Scott; has been unable to procure anything but promises. Suggests that Mr. Franklin should write a threatening line or two, which he will take care to deliver and enforce.

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**Colden, Cadwallader. New York** 1747 September 28 A.L.S. 1p. I, 13.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of the 29th ult. Is particularly desirous of seeing "The Indian History"; gave Mr. Collinson certain papers on that subject with no thoughts of their being published; the publisher, Mr. Osborne, desires some work; recommended Mr. Franklin to him for trade in that line. Delivered Mr. Franklin's piece on Electricity to Mr. Darling. Asks his aid in the matter of a servant-man, who ran away from him the previous summer; either agree for his time or send him back. Desires news of Mr. Ermet.

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**Strahan, William. London** 1748 September 2 D.S. 1p. LII, 22.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Power of attorney to Benjamin Franklin to collect money from James Read.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1750 February 5 A.L.S. 4p. LXIX, 50.



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to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him all the electrical books and papers he can find. His curious pieces relating to electricity and thunder have been read before the [Royal] Society. Is making a collection of his articles and letters on electricity to put into the hands of the printer to communicate to the public. Account of an earthquake felt on the 8th inst.

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**Collinson, Peter. London**

1750 March 27

A.L.S. 3p. LXIX, 51.

to Benjamin Franklin

Death of the Prince of Wales.

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**Kalm, Peter. Albany**

1750 September 2

A.L.S. 5p. I, 14.

to Benjamin Franklin

Containing a detailed description of Niagara Falls, his journey there, his reception by Commandant Beaujeau and his French officers; if he finds this letter worthy of being printed in his newspaper, prays him to turn it into better English.

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[ca. 1756 December]

L. 3p. XLIV, 91.

to Benjamin Franklin

An account of the courtship and marriage of Mr. Hubbard in his eighty-first year (our Speaker's 1 father).

**Other Descriptive Information**

1 Thomas Hubbard, Speaker of the Massachusetts House, 1750-1758.

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**Perkins, John. Boston**

1752 February 17

A.L.S. 2p. I, 15.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his bill, also the pamphlets sent the summer before. Pleased with Dr. Hamilton's generous defence of good Dr. Thompson, Begged Mr. Franklin's "Plain Truth" of Mrs. Mecom, as he had never seen it. Mr. Kinnersley well-received; through him, has seen some of Mr. Franklin's entertaining experiments. His opinion of this new found element [electricity]. Thinks Mr. Franklin's Rationale on Clouds and Rain, and also on the Aurora Borcalis, appears extremely probable. Would transmit his own observations on the 'Fulmen' if he has the leisure to look at them. Has had a cold winter. Boston threatened with epidemic of small-pox; Some persons trying tar-water as a preventive; would gladly try anything Mr. Franklin may have heard of, but differs from his brethren in the

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affair of diet. Wishes him all the happiness in his son that his genius and accomplishments seem to promise.

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<b>Collinson, Peter. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1752 June 3	A.L.S. 4p.	LXIX, 52.
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Acknowledges receipt of letters. New colonial maps being made. Sends books on electricity.

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<b>Collinson, Peter. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1752 July 7	A.L.S. 3p.	LXIX, 53.
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Publication of a book on Franklin's electrical experiments. Purity of style of Bolingbroke's letters. Pleased with the Dissertation on the Increase of Mankind. Account of books purchased.

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<b>Perkins, John. Boston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1752 August 3	A.L.S. 2p.	I, 16.
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Inquires the number that died of inoculation in Philadelphia. Proportion of deaths much fewer than in 1730; thinks this due to the purging method designed to prevent the secondary fever. Decrease in inhabitants.

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<b>Collinson, Peter</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1752 August 12	Diss. Ms. 2p.	LXIX, 54.
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Hints on the incorporation of the Germans in Pennsylvania with the English and to check the increase of their power.

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<b>Collinson, Peter</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1752 August 12	A.L.S. 2p.	LXIX, 65.
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Has given Mr. Franklin's account of the Germans to Mr. Pelham and Lord Halifax, with his own seven suggestions on the incorporation of the Germans with the English, and Parliament will take some measures to remedy the situation. French expedition to the Ohio. Mr. [William] Smith a very ingenious man; pity that he is not more solid and less flighty. Disappointed at the bad luck that attended the transit of Mercury. Franklin's zeal to promote that observatioin is not enough to be commended. Has not yet heard any account of it from any of the colonies.

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**Collinson, Peter** 1752 September 27 A.L.S. 3p. LXIX, 55.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Cannot understand the miscarriage of his letters. Is glad the new seminary of learning is so promising. All Europe is in agitation verifying electrical experiments on points. All commend the thought of the inventor.

**Perkins, John. Boston** 1752 October 16 A.L.S. 2p. I, 17.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of Sept. — containing certain observations. Delivered his papers on the weather to his brother [John] Franklin; sorry for his bad state of health. Takes exception to his article on the Water-Spout; hopes to hear from him on the subject.

**Bibliography**

**Perkins, John. Boston** 1752 October 20 A.L. 13p. XLIX, 4.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Relative to water spouts and his reasons for believing that they descend rather than ascend. Extract from a voyage which seems to have been made by a Mohammedan in 851, relative to water spouts in the Indian ocean.

**Bibliography**

**Perkins, John. Boston** 1752 October 23 A.L.S. 1p. I, 18.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing all he has to say on the matter; his motives for expressing these opinions; has not been able to differ with Mr. Franklin in any other of his suppositions, even in this is open to conviction. Announces death of Dr. W. Douglass of an apoplectic fit; left large estate and one child whom he acknowledged as his son but never adopted; no will has been found.

**Bibliography**

**Collinson, Peter. London** 1753 January 14 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 63.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Disheartened at the loss of Captain Davis. The Proprietor has given him assurance that he will support a rectorship.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1753 January 27 A.L.S. 3p. LXIX, 58.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Dress goods sent to Mrs. Franklin; electrical books to him. His laudable public spirit. Increased hopes of a discovery of the Northwest Passage.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1753 March 21 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 59.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends books by this ship and the next. Duke of Richmond inquired very particularly about the Proprietor. Richard's son.

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**Mitchell, James. York** 1753 May 19 A.L.S. 1p. I, 20.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of 28th ult. The order on him in favor of Mrs. Benger for \$100 shall be punctually paid when presented. By next post will send an acct. of the stoves paid and those on hand. Asks him to forward the enclosed to his son-in-law, if he has arrived at New York.

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**Holland, Samuel. Lancaster, Pa** 1753 June 14 D.S. 2p. LXVI, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Bond for B#100.

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**Holland, Samuel. Lancaster, Pa** 1753 June 14 D.S. 1p. LXVI, 7.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Agreement between Samuel Holland and Benjamin Franklin, printers, as to rent for printing press.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1753 July 3 A.L.S. 2p. LXIX, 60.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledges receipt of letters. Orders eight boxes of seeds from J[ohn] Bartram.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1753 July 20 A.L.S. 3p. LXIX, 61.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Glad to hear of the success of Mr. Peter's sermon. The Proprietor's bounty to the Academy. Account of AbbC) Nollet's attempt at Paris to declare that Franklin's electrical discoveries could not be verified, and the frustration of the attempt of a nobleman.

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**Harvard College. Cambridge** 1753 July 25 D.S. 1p. Portfolio.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Diploma of Master of Arts.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1753 September 15 A.L.S. 2p. LXIX, 62.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has recommended Mr. [William] Smith to Mr. Penn, who he hopes will endow a professorship in the Academy.

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**Colden, Cadwallader, 1688-1776** 1753 November 19 XLIX, 5.  
to Benjamin Franklin

In reference to water spouts.

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**Franklin, John. Boston** 1753 November 26 A.L.S. 1p. I, 22.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Furnace stands well; the glassmen fully employed in making window glass and bottles, expects the former will be thought good enough to glaze the church. Reasons for the small profits incident to the position of General Postmaster; dishonesty of post-riders. Brother Peter in town and talks of writing to Franklin. Progress of the buildings; a tenant has bespoke one of them.

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**Perkins, John. Boston** [1753 February] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 10.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends an inclosure relative to a new thought in natural philosophy.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1754 January 26 A.L.S. 4p. LXIX, 56.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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The Proprietor is ardent in promoting schools for teaching the Germans and solicitous about the prosperity of the Academy. A gold medal to be presented to Mr. Franklin by the Royal Society for his electrical discoveries. The aggressions of the French. Hearty wishes that Reverend [William] Smith may have a safe return passage.

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**Colden, Cadwallader. Coldenham**                      1754 February 13                      A.L.S. 3p.      I, 23.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favors of Dec. 6th and Jan. 1st. The value he places on Mr. Franklin's approbation and esteem. His political opinions; his admiration for the English Constitution; thinks America in greater danger from Popular Licentiousness than from any abuse in their governors, though some of them have been bad enough. Lord Halifax's approval of his conduct. Exceedingly pleased with Franklin's observations on "The Increase of Mankind"; the last paragraph being the only one liable to exception, thinks it a pity it should end the discourse. Has been revising his own Principles in order to challenge all opposition. His son David pleased with Mr. Franklin's notice of his performance. Sends Pike's book by his son, Alexander.

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**Smith, William. London**                                      1754 February                                      A.L.S. 4p.      XLII, 43.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sent a long letter to Mr. Penn containing the scheme for Franklin's Academy and the arguments for it. Mr. Penn has come into every part of it and will give a yearly sumy for some time, and when he comes to Pennsylvania intends to give a manor to the Academy for certain purposes. The proprietor had a design in view of his own, of which he intended to be the founder, but after argument, agreed to ingraft his scheme upon Franklin's in the two foundations proposed, provided Mr. Smith would be the person to execute them. To this he agreed, trusting that it would be welcome to the trustees. Sees a great deal of Mr. Penn, who consults him on every point that relates to literature in hiscountry. His letter laid before the Society entrusted with the moneys for the Germans, and they are satisfied that the education of youth ought to be their more immediate object. The management of this important trust should devolve upon men of the first rank of Pennyslvania and not upon clergy who depend on Dutch synods. Hopes to see all such dependence shaken off once they can supply the Germans with ministers from the Academy. Outline of the scheme which he has laid before the Society. Smelled out and broke the neck of Mr. Tennent's scheme, which was for the benefit of the Jersey College, by monopolizing the education of German clergy. His proposition of a German professor of divinity at the Academy to prevent this scheme of drawing the Pennsylvania Germans to the Jersey College. The Proprietor has agreed to give ten or twelve acres of land to every schoolmaster. Has drawn out a short

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memorial of the case of the Germans without any reasonings or education, which is to be distributed and collections solicited in both houses of Parliament. He doubts not the contributions will amount to a great sum, his Majesty having given B#1,000 and the Princess Dowager B#100. The Archbishop has greatly encouraged him. Col. Martin, of Antigua, if Mr. Smith returns, will send his youngest son to the Academy, and Mr. Penn talks of sending out a nephew. He (Smith) will return with a formed scheme and an appointment of trustees.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1754 March 7 A.L.S. 4p. LXIX, 57.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Miscarriage of letters sent by Captain Mitchell. Increased interest of the Proprietor in the Academy. The gold medal from the Royal Society is being sent by [William] Smith. Disturbances in the Assemblies of Virginia and New York. Prof.[Peter] Kalm is publishing his American travels in Swedish. Further electrical experiments.

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**Jackson, Richard. Inner Temple** 1754 March 17 A.L.S. 4p. I, 24.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has ventured to commit to paper certain thoughts on the subject of a Medium of Commerce including a plan of a provincial bank; explains his views. Favourable impression, his friend. Mr. Smith, created at Cambridge, Concerning the new model of the Administration, made necessary by Mr. Pelham's death, though the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Newcastle and most of the old friends of Sir Robert Walpole, hold together, yet they find it difficult to satisfy Mr. Fox, Secretary at War; Mr. Fox's powerful connections, said to extend even among the Royal Family; his refusing the office of Secretary of State; discovered it would curtail his powers in the House of Commons; rumor that he is to quit everything; Public Service cannot but suffer by this dissension.

**Other Descriptive Information**

(See page 12, LII, 23.)

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**Logan, James. London** [1754?] March 30 A.L.S. 1p. XL, 180.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Quoting a paragraph from his brother's letter, concerning the strange attitude of their Governor in not taking certain measures to make peace with the Indians, in accordance with his instructions.

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**Dalibard, Thomas François. Paris** 1754 March 31 A.L.S. 3p. I, 25.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Franklin's name justly revered in France by all, except a small number of electricians, like l'Abb"C) Nollet, who are jealous of his discoveries.

In French.

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<b>Timothy, Peter. Charles Town</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1754 June 14	A.L.S. 3p.	I, 26.
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Acknowledging favor of Apr. 28th by Capt. Robeson which caused him great concern though its severity was probably marited; explains why he did not send the money. Sends \$65 by Rudeman Robeson; thinks that will about balance his account. Can send no paper as yet. For 4 months has been the sole occupant of his printing-office, except a negro boy; discharged his villaionour apprentice, who might have been of vast service to him had he not been addicted to drink, play and scandalous company.

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<b>Daniell, William. Kingston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1754 June 23	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 27.
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Desirous of dealing with him for paper; asks for certain samples and prices.

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<b>Daniell, William. Kingston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1754 June 29	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 28.
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Since his last, has received Mr. Franklin's letter, telling him the paper has not arrived; will give more particular directions to the captain that carries them.

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<b>Franklin, John. Boston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1754 September 2	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 21.
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Expected to hear complaints from Philadelphia of hot weather. Concerning Blanchard's Remedy for the Stone; thinks it might he service able in his disorder; means he has taken to procure some. Messages his wife sends. The enclosed is to be forwarded to Mr. Beacham's son, who is sick.

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<b>Daniell, William. Kingston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1754 November 16	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 30.
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Acknowledging the receipt of 10 reams of paper, and asking for fifty more, as he is really much in want.

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<b>Jackson, Richard</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1754	11p.	LII, 23.
Observations upon a medium of commerce. (See I, 24.)			

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<b>Kemble, Peter. New York</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1754?]	A.N.S. 1p.	XLII, 9.
A request to forward an inclosure.			

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Schemes for uniting the strength of the Colonies; puts Mr. Davenant's published in 1698, ahead of all others; emphasizes its good points. (Final part missing.)			

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<b>Timothy, Peter. Charles Town</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1755 June 8	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 33.
Acknowledging receipt of paper. Begg again for statement of his account. If his study of the Electrical Arcana, and public affairs leave him any leisure, begs for a line or two. Wretched management of Indian affairs by the Governor of South Carolina; effect on his press. Announces birth of 6th child and only son.			

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<b>Brooke, Richard. Maryland</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1755 June 27	A.L.S. 4p.	I, 34.
Thanking him for his hospitality during his visit to Philadelphia last year. A detailed account of the effects produced on Mrs. Addison's house in his neighborhood by a stroke of lightning at the end of last May. The noise awakened Mrs. Addison who observed two balls of fire in her room, about the size of a pigeon's egg, which soon went out and left for a considerable time afterward a strong sulphurous smell in the room. Asks numerous questions suggested by this incident.			

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<b>Franklin, William. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1755 June 28	A.L.S. 2p.	I, 35.
Nothing worth communicating since the week before, except a paper published by Chattin, which has made a great stir; conjectures as to its author; if certain rumors are true, there is no occasion for sending him the enclosed copy. As requested, has shipped the paper to Jamaica. Holland hopes to			

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finish the whole of the Almanack by the middle of August; has sent him vermilion and paper. Trusts his father may have no cause to regret leaving him the arrangement of the Post-office. Asks to have his name entered as subscriber for the second volume of Prince's Chronology.

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**Daniell, William. Kingston** 1755 July 4 A.L.S. 1p. I, 36.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking to know how much paper he has received and what his indebtedness amounts to. Encloses some newspapers.

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**Claus, Daniel. Lake George** 1755 September 11 A.L.S. 3p. I, 37.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Containing a detailed and graphic account of the expedition against Crown Point, led by Gen. Johnson [afterwards Sir William Johnson, Baronet], ending in the defeat of the French. Number of dead and wounded; Gen. Johnson wounded in the thigh; Baron de Dieskau brought in wounded; details a conversation he had with him; declared 600 Indians and 200 white had defeated Gen. Braddock. Hopes to go forward with utmost despatch.

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**Shipley, William. London** 1755 September 13 A.L.S. 3p. I, 38.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Read with great pleasure Mr. Franklin's Plan for promoting Useful Knowledge among the British plantations in America. Introduces himself as Secretary of the Premium Society in London; invites Mr. Franklin to become one of their Correspondent Members; explains the purpose of the Society; fine results expected from this organization; encloses list of members (4 p.).

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**Shirley, William. Oswego** 1755 September 17 A.L.S. 1p. I, 39.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favors of the 1st and 4th inst. Concerning the payment due Franklin for engaging the wagons and horses for the use of the late Gen. Braddock's army; importance of that service; has written Gov. Morris to appoint three good men to liquidate and adjust those accounts. Greatly pressed for time; expects to move in a few days for Niagara.

### Bibliography

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**Hubbart, E. Boston** 1755 December 1 A.L.S. 3p. I, 40.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Containing expressions of great affection and regard; likens him to one of the noble Romans; begs him to refrain from such an excess of goodness, otherwise he will occupy Heaven alone. Her father suffering much, though patiently, from his disorder; disappointed in the bill he hoped to send.

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<b>Perkins, John</b>	[1753 Feb.]	L. 3p.	XLIX, 6.
to Benjamin Franklin			

In reference to a train of milk-white spots observed in the skies.

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<b>Morris, Lieutenant-Governor Robert</b>	1756 January 5	D.S. 1p.	LII, 25.
<b>Hunter. Reading.</b>			
to Benjamin Franklin			

Commission of Benjamin Franklin, giving him military authority over the county of Northampton.

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<b>Lloyd, Thomas. Fort Allen at</b>	1756 January 31	A.L.S. 3p.	I, 41.
<b>Gnadenhutten</b>			
to Benjamin Franklin			

Giving an account of a portion of their campaign; describes in detail the difficult journey from Bethlehem to Gnadenhutten [Ohio]; safe arrival there; engaged in building a fort; scenes of horror and destruction where lately flourished a peaceful village. Mr. William Franklin's justice, humanity and patience in dealing with the people. Defeat of a party who left Bethlehem on the same day they did. Hopes to come up with the enemy and convince them that Pennsylvania can defend their frontiers; for himself is determined to scalp all he lays his hands on, with unremitting rage.

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<b>Hubbart, E. Boston</b>	1756 February 16	A.L.S. 2p.	I, 42.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Enclosing catalogue of her Papa's library; the books will not be sold until Mr. Franklin decides whether he wants any or all of them. He will see by the copy of her Papa's will that she has received five volumes; her father offered her the whole collection, but she refused, thinking that the estate could not afford such a legacy. Remits him \$239 in prize-tickets to be credited to her account. Also sends two specimens of sand thrown up by the late earth-quake.

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<b>Morris, Lieutenant-Governor Robert</b>	1756 February 24	D.S. 2p.	LII, 25 1/2.
<b>Hunter. Philadelphia</b>			

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to Benjamin Franklin

Commission of Benjamin Franklin as colonel of the regiment of the city of Philadelphia. A.E. that on February 28, 1756, Benjamin Franklin took the prescribed oath before Richard Peters, Secretary.

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<b>The College of William and Mary in Virginia</b>	1756 April 2	D.S. 1p.	Portfolio.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Diploma of master of arts.

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<b>The Mayor of Norfolk, Virginia</b>	1756 April 10	D.S.	LII, 27.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Rich[ar]d  
Kelsick,  
Mayor. 1p.

Certificate that on that day the freedom of the Borough of Norfolk was conferred on Benjamin Franklin.

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<b>Collinson, Peter. London</b>	1756 April 25	A.L.S. 4p.	LXIX, 64.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Electrical papers at last came to hand and are now on press under the inspection and direction of Dr. Fothergill, for they thought it a great pity that the public should be deprived of the benefit of so many curious experiments. The papers communicated to the [Royal] Society, which was greatly pleased with them. AbbC) Nollet has traveled to Turin, Venice and Bologna to see certain experiments verified, but the ingenious men of those cities had been too premature in publishing for facts experiments that could not be depended on to succeed, to his no small disappointment. Is obliged to him for the Constitutions. Have had the warmest winter and spring that ever was known. It may have furnished materials for earthquakes of February and March. Speculations thereon.

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<b>Ray, Catherine</b>	[1756] June 28	A.L.S. 1p.	XL, 54.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Expressions of affection; sends him sugar-plums sweetened in the way he used to like.

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<b>Charles, Robert. London</b>	1756 August 12	A.L.S. 2p.	I, 43.
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to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging Mr. Franklin's letter of 4th ult.; will endeavor to make the best use of the seasonable intelligence therein contained. Proofs of zeal given by the Assembly of Pennsylvania; injustice of certain imputations. Asks for a statement of certain accounts in Pennsylvania since the commencement of the present troubles, that the colony may receive proper consideration when the matter comes before Parliament. Gov. Morris has at last communicated his instructions; cannot say what will be thought at the claim; hopes the Assembly will not be divested of a privilege. Sorry for the unhappy state of affairs in Europe; greatly concerned at news of the military reinforcements sent from France into North America.

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**Shipley, William. London** 1756 September 1 A.L.S. 2p. I, 44.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His election as corresponding member of the Society for the Encouragement of Arts. Their desire to make Great Britain and her colonies mutually serviceable. The advantage to the mother country of giving premiums in America. Thanks him for his generous present of 20 guineas.

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**Peters, Richard, 1743-1828** 1756 December 24 A.L.S. 1p. I, 46.  
to Benjamin Franklin

(Memorandum.) Col. Bouquet waited on the Governor in the presence of the Mayor and demanded that certain supplies and good quarters be provided for the remainder of the 1100 men and 51 officers before Jan. 1st.

(Attested copy.)

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**Ourry, L.S. Philadelphia** 1756 December 26 A.L.S. 1p. I, 47.  
to Benjamin Franklin

After visiting the quarters of the First Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, reports lack of bedding and covering; no quarters fit for officers nor any provided for recruits.

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**Mecom, Benjamin. Philadelphia** 1756 December 27 D.S. 1p. LXVI, 9.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Bond for B#50.

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**Galloway?, Joseph** 1756 L. 3p. LVIII, 117.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Difficulty in inducing the Governor to grant commissions to certain men in Philadelphia chosen to act as military officers in their respective wards; the Governor hanged in effigy.

(Several pages missing.)

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**Waring, John. London** 1757 January 24 A.L.S. 3p. I, 48.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the death of a worthy clergyman, Mr. Henry Wheatley, whose executor he is; in his will, appointed Mr. Franklin trustee for his heirs; if, however, these legatees be dead the money is to revert to the residuary legatee. Is a member of an association for the conversion of the negroes on the plantation to Christianity; asks his advice and assistance in this matter.

(Parts missing.)

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**the General Assembly of Pennsylvania** 1757 March 31 D. 1p. LVIII, 1.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Instructions to Benjamin Franklin, as one of the Commissioners for the Province in England.  
(Incomplete.)

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**Duché, Jacob Jr. Philadelphia** 1757 May 6 A.L.S. 1p. I, 49.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs him to take charge of the enclosed letters which are directed to gentlemen with whom he [Franklin] is personally acquainted; wishes him the highest success in his laudable undertakings.

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**-----, ----- Philadelphia** 1757 May 10 A.L. 2p. LVIII, 99.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires this letter containing a minute account of a new clock he has invented laid before the Royal Society of London.

(Final part missing.)

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**Norris, Isaac. Philadelphia** 1757 October 17 A.L.S. 6p. I, 50.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Pleased to hear of his safe arrival, by a letter from Exeter. Concerning Indian affairs; proprietary purchases; conduct of certain gentlemen at the last Treaty of Easton; Geo. Croghan their tool; minutes tampered with; thinks the deed of 1718 was suppressed during the conferences. Indians

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exasperated; Delawares acting openly against the Mohawks and those they apprehend to be their oppressors in Pennsylvania. Sales of land made by John Penn about the year 1734; dispute over titles. Late elections. New Castle Convention likely to meet during the year. The House dissatisfied with Richard Partridge [Agent at Court for New Jersey]. No word from Gen. Stanwix since his election.

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-----, ----- [1757.] L. 2p. LVIII, 98.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's excellent Observations on the Increase of Mankind. Some observations on the influence manners have always had on the numbers of a people and their political prosperity. (Final part missing.)

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**Hunter, William** [1757?] Wednesday A.L.S. 1p. XL, 2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring drafts for three or four hundred pounds on Franklin's banker. His sister wants one of twenty pounds for marketing.

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**Dunlap, William** 1757-1764 Mem. 7p. LXVII,  
to Benjamin Franklin 105-108.

Post-office accounts.

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**Gordon, Alexander. Portsmouth** 1758 March 15 A.L.S. 1p. I, 51.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Left London on the 5th inst., was taken ill of a fever on the road and has been ill ever since; his pitiable condition without money or friends; must go to jail unless he can pay the physician, apothecary and landlord; aware that Mr. Franklin was once well acquainted with his father; begs for a small sum, for which he will give his bill upon his father. Was clerk on the ship "Vulture"; if he recovers hopes to get another berth.

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**Jackson, Richard** 1758 April 24 A.D.S. 8p. LXXVI, 1.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Opinion as to alteration of the charter of the Province of Pennsylvania and the power of the Crown, in connection therewith, in case of surrender of the powers of government by the Proprietary.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1758 June 16 L.S. 2p. LVIII, 31.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Trade restrictions. Pitt's appointment is disheartening to the Proprietary party. Military affairs.  
(Incomplete.)

**Franklin, William. Tunbridge Wells**                      1758 September 3                      A.L.S. 2p.      I, 51 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 30th ult. In a fortnight will set out with Mr. Jackson on their Norfolk tour. Thanks him for his care in supplying him with money as well as for other proofs of paternal affection. Mr. Hunter's fondness for Tunbridge Wells increases with the growth of his acquaintance. His father's letter with the agreeable news of the King of Prussia's having defeated the Russians was very acceptable; contained some particulars not yet known.

**Colden, David. Coldenham**                                      1758 Oct. 26                                      A.L.S. 2p.      I, 52.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends by his cousin, Alexander Colden, a copy of a paper, written by himself explaining the phenomena of electricity; prevented from sending it before; had Mr. Franklin not been absent from America, these papers would have been much more correct; unwilling to have it appear in print without his approbation; begs him to make any corrections he may think fit.

**Allen and Joseph England**                                      [                                      L. in 3d P. 3p.LXIX, 94.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking what steps are necessary to revoke the power of attorney for the management of their estate in the County of Newcastle, granted to Israel Pemberton.

**Haydock, Rebecca. 20th inst. Philadelphia** [1758?]                                      A.L.S. 1p.      XL, 1.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a piece of silk which must be manufactured to match her pattern.

**Pringle, Sir John**    [                                      A.L.S. 2p.      LXVIII, 72.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks Dr. Franklin's assistance in treating a lady patient with electricity.



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**The University of St. Andrews. St. Andrews**                      1759 February 12                      D.S. 1p.                      Portfolio.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Doctor of Laws Diploma; also contemporary copy with translation of same.

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**Wilson, Benjamin. London**                      1759 April 8                      A.L.S. 1p.                      I, 53.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning an experiment of Mr. Colden's in electricity; reasons for not thinking it either surprising or curious. Will satisfy him of the fact by an experiment or two when next they meet.

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**Musschenbroek, P. V. Leyden**                      1759 April 15                      A.L.S. 2p.                      I, 54.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning various writers on electricity than which none excel Franklin in the explanation of certain mysteries; urges him to fresh experiments. The writer's interest in life is to promote physical and natural science; thinks they might gain mutual advantage from a correspondence. [In Latin.]

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**Sargent, J**                      1759 June 19                      A.L.S. 1p.                      XLI, 106.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Will be glad to see Franklin at all times. Bewails the capture of Quebec.

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**Norris, Isaac. Fairhill near Philadelphia**                      1759 July 31                      A.L.S. 4p.                      I, 55.  
to Benjamin Franklin

On the 14th ult. received an order from the Commissioners for some public money to discharge agents' salaries, also a supply for Franklin. Encloses copies of Five important papers, the first four concerning the Remitting Act, and the fifth, a speech of Gov. Denny's concerning the act for recording warrants and surverys; hopes Mr. Franklin will use his best endeavors to get them confirmed in England, the influence this may have in settling their differences with Proprietaries. Assures him that no person whatever had or could take a copy of a paragraph in a former letter of his relating to the Proprietaries.

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**Norris, Isaac. Fairhill**                      1759 August 11                      A.L.S. 1p.                      I, 57.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging letter of June 9th. Uncertain when this letter will leave, so wishes merely to acknowledge his kindness in looking after his money. Successful expeditions everywhere against the French; Niagara, Ticonderoga and Crown Point being reduced, thinks the same results may be expected at Quebec; the French intimidated by such rapid conquests. Sends affectionate remembrances to Billy.

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**Norris, Isaac. Fairhill**

1759 August 22

4p.

I, 56.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing Nos.1, 2 and 3. No.1, copy I, 55, with additional postscript, dated Aug. 5th, announcing the reduction of Niagara and Ticonderoga; forces bombarding Quebec. No. 2, copy of letter 1, 57. No.3, dated Aug. 22, 1759. Sent these letters before but the ship sprung a leak and returned to port, will forward them by Capt. Hamet, who is to sail the next day. Thanks him for the care he has taken on his account in money matters; the situation of the public money.

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**The City of Edinburgh. Edinburgh**

1759 September 5

D.S. 1p.

Portfolio.

to Benjamin Franklin

Certificate of admission as Burges and Gild brother of Edinburgh.

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**The University of St. Andrews**

1759 October 2

D.S. 1p.

Portfolio.

to Benjamin Franklin

Certificate of admission.

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**Callender, William**

[1759-60?]

Dr. of L. 3p. LVIII, 100.

to Benjamin Franklin

Quotations from the letters of Benjamin Franklin, Isaac Norris and William Callender concerning the state of affairs in the province of Pennsylvania; dispute over the passage of a bill to insure a state militia; bill for conciliating the Indians and holding them to the English interests; antagonistic attitude of the Governor.

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**Waring, John. London** 1760 January 4 A.L.S. 1p. I, 58.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing him that the Associates of the late Dr. Bray have unanimously elected him a member of their Society; they have resolved upon opening three schools for negroes with all convenient speed; requests his attendance at a meeting to be held at Mr. Bird's on the 17th.

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**Norris, Isaac. Philadelphia** 1760 September 26 A.L.S. 3p. I, 59.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging various letters received in June and July. Concerning a bill sent up to the Governor, to enable the agents to receive monies, which have been or may be allotted to this Province upon the Parliamentary grants. Stormy state of affairs; everything in the present crisis depends on Franklin; if only the principal Acts he confirmed, their future controversies with the Proprietaries will be made more easy. Encloses copy of the aforementioned bill with the Governor's amendment.

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**Thomson, William. Worcester** 1760 November 18 A.L.S. 1p. I, 60.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Pleasure Mr. Franklin's short stay in Worcester afforded him. Thanks him for the entertainment he is confident he owes to him, after reading "The Interest of Great Britain with respect to her Colonies"; hopes it will be taken to heart by those who are intrusted with the property, liberty and life of a people.

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**Taunton, Thomas. London** 1760 A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 38.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his health during the past winter.

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**Taunton, Thomas. London** 1760 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 89  
to Benjamin Franklin

Appeal for assistance.

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**Taunton, Thomas. London** [1760.] December 29 A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 40.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Thanks for favors received.

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**Potts, Henry. London** 1761 May 6. A.L.S. 1p. I, 61.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Read the letter left by him to Lord Bossborough, who ordered him to acquaint Mr. Franklin that he desired Mackrath might be removed directly and the person recommended by Gov. Littleton appointed postmaster at Charlestown.

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**Wilmot, Sir John Eardley?. Grey's Inn. London** 1761 May 8 A.L.S. 1p. I, 62.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Informed by Mr. Penn that the B#100,000 Act passed by Mr. Hamilton, has been transmitted to Franklin under seal, with the intention, he presumes, of presenting it to the Council; begs for a quarter of an hour's conversation with him before that Act is presented; has something material to say to him.

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**Norris, Isaac. Fairhill** 1761 August 19 A.L.S. 2p. I, 63.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favors of May 9th and June 13th; well pleased with additional purchase of stock on account of the Province. The Parliamentary grant for 1759 apportioned by the Lords of the Treasury; presumes the House will empower some persons to receive it; hopes it will be appropriated to the lessening of the taxes and sinking the Bills of Credit. Hopes the address of the Assembly sent over at the accession of his present Majesty may have escaped the enemy. Concerning a letter of credit to Col. Lloyd. Bills of exchange sent by him.

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**Ronayne, Thomas. Cork** 1761 August 26 A.L.S. 2p. I, 64.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Communicates a few experiments and observations on electricity and desires to have Franklin's opinion of them. Certain queries concerning thunder [answered in red ink on opposite page of manuscript by Dr. Franklin].

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**Norris, Isaac. Fairhill** 1761 September 30 A.L.S. I, 65.  
to Benjamin Franklin (Duplicate.)  
4p.

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Acknowledging favor of July 10th, which was read in the House; members all satisfied with the succinct account therein contained of the situation of the public money under Franklin's care; House decided to draw bills of exchange on him for the net proceeds of the First Parliamentary Grant; appointment of certain persons to receive these and other monies. Three bills of exchange sent. Certain discoveries concerning practical surveying.—Oct. 19th. His letter of Sept.30th missed the packet. Since then received Franklin's favor of Aug. 7th. Concerning the settlement of certain accounts. Reasons for Assembly's decision to draw bills of exchange for the First Parliamentary Grant. Robert Charles's refusal of the agency of Pennsylvania; matters connected with this. Some investments he would like Franklin to make for him.

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**Collinson, Peter. Mill Hill** [1761.] October 17 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 66.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expresses pleasure on Mr. Franklin's safe arrival [from the Continent] in the happy land of liberty, and hopes to see him soon. There is a new large coach on springs that comes every day from the Bull Inn in Holborn.

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**The Society for the Encouragement of Arts, etc** 1761 and 1762 Printed N.S. LXVIII, 14 to 1p. 16.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Notice of meetings of committees.

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**Dalibard, Thomas François. Paris** 1762 February A.L.S. 4p. I, 66.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of Dec.9, 1761, by Dr. Shippen. Their correspondence interrupted for many years by the war; delayed answering his letters in hopes of hearing some new discovery in electricity that he might impart; since the last edition of Dr. Franklin's works, has given up all electrical experiments; gives four reasons why; M.Le Roy of the Royal Academy of Sciences has long upheld Franklin's theory of electricity against M. l'AbbC) Nollet. Defense of the latter's theory by M.Dutour. Recalls the letters printed in 1753 by l'AbbC) Nollet in opposition to Franklin's. Delighted with Dr. Shippen; politeness he has shown him. M. de Buffon begs him to ask Mr. Collinson to send him seeds of trees in Pennsylvania for the Jardin des Plantes; suggests applying to John Battram. [Here MS. is badly mutilated.] Begs him not to leave Europe without a visit to Paris; offers to get him passports.

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**Hippisley, R** 1762 April 19 A.L.S. 1p. I, 67.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs Franklin, as an encourager of the arts and sciences, to subscribe to his work, entitled "An Analysis of Oratory."

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**Hume, David. Edinburgh** 1762 May 10 A.L.S. 3p. I, 68.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Mr. Franklin's goodness in sending him an exact description of the method of preserving houses from thunder; communicated it to their Philosophical Society; Mr. Russel read a paper on it; repeats two suggestions he made. Sent his letter to Lord Mareschal; his Lordship busy settling the controversy about the eternity of hell-torments which has upset the little kingdom of Neuf-Chatel. Synod of divines making themselves ridiculous. Franklin the first great man of letters sent them America, loth to let him go. Sir Alexander Dick desires his compliments sent.

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**Sargent, Aufrere and Co. London** 1762 August 12 L.S. 1p. I, 69.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him two gold medals to be applied, as a mark of their good wishes, to Franklin's College. Enclose letter of credit.

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**Dick, Lady. Prestonfield England** [1762?] October 12 N. in 3d P. XLII, 31.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends an empty purse. Expresses hopes for a good journey and happy return to his family.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1762 October 21 A.L.S. 2p. I, 70.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Impatiently awaiting news of Franklin's safe arrival; his friends regret his absence but hope to enjoy his correspondence and share in his discoveries. Mr. Fox extremely obliged to Dr. Franklin for his letter; this draws a similar request from Mr. Hamilton. Congratulates him on his son's promotion; thinks he has a sensible and agreeable wife. Account of certain monies enclosed.

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**Fitzgerald, ----- and Dr. Charles Morton.** c. 1762 L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 175.  
**London**

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to Benjamin Franklin

Will call on Dr. Franklin, Friday evening, with two ladies.

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<b>Garrigues, Isaac. London</b>	1762?	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 15.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for particulars concerning the late Mr.[James] Ralph.

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<b>Mills, John. London</b>	1763 March 2	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 71.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begging his acceptance of the first volume of his "Husbandry."

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<b>Whitehurst, John. Derby</b>	1763 March 18	A.L.S. 3p.	I, 72.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates him on the appointment of his son to the Governorship of New Jersey. The bearer, Mr. Tunnickliff, is a neighbor of his and a farmer; he desires to purchase two or three thousand acres in America and bring over his family; hopes Mr. Franklin will give him any assistance or advice in his power. Parliament in possession of Mr. Harrison's improvement for measuring equal time at sea; thinks he will receive a handsome reward; the King has ordered this improvement to be made known to all foreign ministers. The King's policy all for the general good and benefit of his subjects. Concerning a "General Theory of the Earth," which he will send him.

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<b>Jackson, Richard</b>	1763 April 4	A.L.S. 4p.	I, 73.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Glad to hear of his safe arrival. Has been chosen to Parliament for Weymouth. Expects to complete his work during the summer. The Speaker frequently inquires after Franklin. Can get no satisfactory information about Mr. Barker or his family; if the heir was in the East India service, can easily procure intelligence of him. Not surprised at the joy universally expressed on Mr. Franklin's arrival in Philadelphia. His letter, containing an account of Madeira, most welcome, he being one of the committee to inquire into its state. Concerning the Act of Assembly received from Mr. Moore.— Question of certain monies allowed Pennsylvania by the Treasury for her defence in 1760 and 1761.

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<b>Collinson, Peter. London</b>	1763 April 6	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 74.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing his own and his family's great satisfaction at the news of Franklin's safe arrival.

**Pringle, Sir John. London**

1763 May ?

A.L. 2p.

LVIII, 49.

to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons why Franklin should return to England. Put into Lord Bute's hands Franklin's proposals as to the preservation of gun-powder, as well as the best means for securing the health of the garrison at Senegal. Shells for Lady Bute. Meetings at his house Sunday evenings. Will send Franklin's account of the paper currency to Lord Shelburne. Dr. Watson's cure of tetanus by electricity.

(Mutilated.)

**Collinson, Peter. London**

1763 June 8

A.L.S. 5p.

I, 75.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends box by Capt. Friend in the Carolina; in it are books and catalogues for The Library Co., some for J. Bartram and the History of Florida for Franklin. He and Franklin both fortunate in their family connections. Encloses receipt for box of books and one for box of seeds. P. S. From a New York newspaper, see a new colony called New Wales is to be settled on the Ohio; asks him to forward any work relating to this expedition.

**Armbruster, Anthony. Philadelphia**

1763 June 13

A.L.S. 1p.

I, 75 1/2.

to Benjamin Franklin

Urged by the greatest necessity, or else would not trouble him. Begs Mr. Franklin to send orders to procure him that sum he gave him hopes of, before commencing his journey; his distress very great and if Mr. F. does not rescue him, he will be a great sufferer in his business.

**Collinson, Peter. London**

1763 June 28

A.L.S. 1p.

I, 76.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging letter, with inclosure to be forwarded to Mr. Hamilton. Mentions box of books again, its contents, etc. Mr. Edwards has published 7th volume of 'Birds and Animals, etc.'; if The Library Co. want to complete their set, let them send in time.

**Small, Alexander. London**

1763 July 5

A.L.S. 4p.

LVIII, 50.

to Benjamin Franklin



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Sending him six pounds of burnet seeds and explaining its manifold advantages. Promises him the seeds of an uncommonly good cabbage, which grows in Anjou. Description of the new hemp machine. (Final part missing.)

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1763 August 23 A.L.S. 4p. I, 77.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Entertainment given to Pennsylvania's new Governor [John Penn]; to judge by appearance, he lacks striking abilities, he'll be the easier governed by his uncle; Proprietor Thomas was there and anxious to know if Mr. Franklin was coming over to solicit a revival of Dr. Coxe's grant for lands on the Mississippi. Loss of Lord Egremont, hopes they may be as happy in the new appointment. Concerned at the new rupture with the Indians, reasons for it. Mr. Canton thinks he is forgotten. Mr. Clark, chaplain to the Earl of Bristol, has published a modern history of Spain. Their friend Hamilton sends thanks for instructions and hopes Franklin will be tempted over soon.

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**Engs, Samuel. London** 1763 September 3 A.L.S. 2p. I, 78.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recalls meeting Mr. Franklin at the house of his worthy partner, Mr. Collins, of Rhode Island. Lately arrived from England, but finds climate in Virginia so disagreeable, has decided to go to Philadelphia. Compliments Franklin on his discoveries, experiments and signal services. Having occasion for a trifle of cash, took the liberty to draw on Mr. Franklin for a small amount for travelling expenses to Philadelphia; will remit the money as soon as he arrives in that city.

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**Collinson, Peter. London** 1763 September 9 A.L.S. 1p. I, 79.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his letters from Boston. The enclosed were drawn up at the breaking out of the Cherokee War; a few hints drawn from them might have prevented these cruel recent depredations. News just arrived of their defeat, much concern felt.

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**Bowdoin, James. Roxbury** 1763 September 20 A.L.S. 1p. I, 80.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for his communication of the 19th inst. Quotes a request [in Latin] by Father Beccaria. Congratulates him upon the honors conferred on him.

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**Jones, Griffith. London** 1763 October 6 A.L.S. 1p. I, 81.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Though Mr. Cumming's letter will inform him of the motive, which induced the friends of the bearer to send him to Philadelphia, yet, as the father of the boy, desired to state his reasons for the step. The lad has been carefully brought up; has been an apprentice for two years, but had too much liberty to go out after the business of the day was over; afraid of his being led into irregularities and extravagances, so, by Mr. Cumming's advice, decided to send him abroad; hopes Mr. Franklin will be so good as to accept him for the remainder of his time; sets forth his attainments; asks that he may be kept closely at work.

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**Cumming, Thomas. London**

1763 October 7

A.L.S. 4p. I, 81 1/2.

to Benjamin Franklin

Sends this letter by Capt. Stout. Already greatly in Mr. Franklin's debt, but intends to contract a fresh one; Mr. Griffith Jones, a printer in fleet St., has already written about this matter [I, 81]; advised him to send his son abroad; thought first naturally of Franklin; why he thinks it wiser for him to pay for the boy's passage; hopes the lad will be under the supervision of David Hall; trusts he will make a man like his father. Lord Shelburne's interest in Franklin; on his being appointed Lord of Trade, desired any information Franklin could impart, relative to the public good of his Province; since then a turbulent routish faction occasioned his resignation; he is still the King's favorite and must always have interest everywhere; advises Franklin to write to him and to ignore his resignation. Messages to his wife, son and daughter,— is the last-named married?

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**Sargent, J. London**

1763 November 8

A.L.S. 4p. I, 82.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has not had a line from him since his letter of Aug. 8th. His son brought home ill from Eton, but all that is happily over. Lord Egmont's preferment and Lord Hyde's appointment in his place; will carry out his wishes with the latter if possible. Party feeling running high. The Ministry sure to carry their point in Parliament regarding Wilkes; the result in Westminster Hall less certain. Concerning money matters. His interest in Franklin's son, now Governor of New Jersey. Messages from various friends.

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**Jackson, Richard. London**

1763 November 12

A.L.S. 7p. I, 83.

to Benjamin Franklin

Greatly concerned to hear of Franklin's misfortune but hopes by this time the cure is perfectly effected. Concerning some business connected with a grant which he is negotiating for Dr. Franklin

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with the Messrs. Coxe; search for original draught. Parliament meets on Tuesday, Mr. Wiles' business will come up then; House of Commons will probably express resentment at the use he has made of their privilege; session likely to be one of great heat and animosity; fears something relative to America will be done, very much against his opinion. Question of duty on molasses; will oppose all inland duties laid by Parliament on the colonies. Province of Pennsylvania excluded from all share of the money granted by Parliament for the service of 1761; fears this is not the only ill office the General has done the Province. Mr. Penn on his (Jackson's) side in this matter.

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<b>Parker, James</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1763 November 15	D.S. 2p.	LXVI, 10.
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Bond for B#178 18s. given to Benjamin Franklin. Endorsement by the latter.

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<b>Brown, Henton. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1763 November 26	A.L.S. 3p.	I, 84.
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Acknowledging the receipt of several letters and transmitting a statement of their account with Mr. Franklin. Asks him to recommend them to Richard Jackson, Esq., as bankers for the Province of Pennsylvania to which he is agent. Various failures; fall of stocks. Unsettled state of the Ministry. Question relative to Wilkes; majority in the House; duel fought between him and Sam Martin, late of the Treasury; Wilkes wounded in the body, but not fatally; the paper is voted to be burnt by the hands of the common hangman; and 'tis thought the author will be expelled.

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<b>Jackson, Richard. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1763 December 27	A.L.S. 8p.	I, 85.
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Has had only one letter from him in a great while; hopes he is effectually cured; with such news, could make one thousand people happy. Lord Hyde to take Lord Egmont's place, Lord Halifax has now the administration of American affairs; this mutability no proof of an unstable Ministry. Has a good deal of access to Mr. Grenville, who is at the head of it. American affairs in a critical situation. Thinks Maj. Barker at Manila is the gentleman sought after by Franklin; expects him in England in February on March. Difficulty of the work connected with Messrs. Coxe's application; various other claims to the land. His opinion that the mother country is mistress of the trade of its colonies, that she may prohibit foreign trade and may therefore tax; dreads internal taxes. Messages to Mr. Galloway. Mr. Allen's stand on behalf of the Province. Discusses Indian war. Agrees with Franklin about a

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plethora of money. People's estimate of Col. Bouquet. Encloses list of Acts sent him by the Agent for the Proprietors. Dr. Pringle's reasons for declining any concern in their scheme.

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**Jackson, Richard** [ 2p. LVIII, 114.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Coxe's claim; project for a settlement on the Mississippi. Paper currency. (Fragment.)

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**Greene, Caty.** 1776 January 13 A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 16.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Misfortunes of Dr. Franklin's sister. Family affairs.

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**Jackson, Richard. Inner Temple** 1764 January 26 A.L.S. 3p. I, 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has written him by every packet. Maj. Barker's arrival in England, his intention to sail for America in April, then to take possession of and cultivate his estate; has recommended him to certain friends in America. Several American questions coming before Parliament; constantly occupied combating dangerous errors in American politics; results not commensurate with his efforts. Has long since given up hope of preventing some Parliamentary tax on North America for the maintenance of troops kept there; his aversion to internal taxes. Customs and prohibitions in trade date from the Long Parliament; wishes this to be the rule of England's conduct on this occasion. A bill in embryo for restraining the paper currency of North America within certain limits; will undoubtedly be carried.

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**Price, G. Fort Prince George** 1764 March 7 A.L.S. 4p. I, 87.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for the flattering letter he wrote on his behalf to Messrs. Timothy and Limpirc. Describes the situation of Fort Prince George and its means of defense; it has been besieged more than once and almost starved into surrender before succor arrived. Number of Indians in the vicinity; two thousand warriors in the Cherokee Nation who desire peace; also anxious to aid in any movement against the Creeks, who number three or four thousand fighting men. A report that the Creeks have refused to give up the late murderers as demanded by the Governor; more mischief expected from that quarter.

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**Moffat, Thomas. Newport, R.I** 1764 May 12 A.L.S. 2p. I, 88.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging favor of 9th ult. Highest degree of heat and cold at Newport, curious about the same in Philadelphia. Causes which produce Yellow or bilious fever. His views as to their College. Agitated by imperfect rumors from England about their Charter.

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**Canton, Jno. London** 1764 June 29 A.L.S. 3p. I, 89.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of March 14th. Mr. Kinnersley's first experiment in electricity truly a beautiful one; what it proves; his second experiment an extraordinary one; has endeavored in vain to make it in England. Mr. Bowdoin's telescope in Mr. Nairne's hands, who is making a pedestal for it. Describes certain experiments he has made, showing the difference in the compressibility of water, in winter and summer. Other members of the Club send their compliments.

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**Mills, John. London** 1764 July 12 A.L.S. 1p. I, 90.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of March 10 by Mr. Shadwell. Thanks him for presenting to Col. Elliot the first volume of his 'Husbandry' ; requests his acceptance of the rest of that work as a mark of esteem for the memory of his father, Dr. Elliot. Delay in getting the remaining volumes. Sends the fourth volume to Franklin. Greatly obliged for list of American book sellers; will make use of it when the fifth and last volume is completed. Various American seeds he is sending to the Society of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences at Rennes.

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**-----, ----- Philadelphia** 1764 August 8 L. 1p. LVIII, 101.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Interested in reading Dr. Pringle's account of the meteor; efforts he has made to obtain an accurate account of the one which appeared in Philadelphia on the 20th of July, 1764.  
Mutilated.

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**Becket, T. London** 1764 August 10 A.L.S. 2p. I, 91.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of June 17th; confesses that Franklin's resentment against him is just; reasons for his delay in sending certain promised articles; assures him it will not happen again. Sends him two packets of reviews, magazines and four pamphlets.

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**Bouquet, Col. Henry. Carlisle** 1764 August 10 A.L.S. 2 p. I, 92 and 93.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desertion has reduced his two battalions to about 750 men; cannot spare so many from his small force; is therefore obliged to apply to the Governor and Commissioners for money to recruit the number lost; begs him to use all his influence with the Board to obtain this favor speedily. Situation quiet, neither disturbed by their active enemy, nor assisted by their indolent frontier friends.  
In duplicate.

**Bouquet, Henry. Fort Loudoun** 1764 August 22 A.L.S. 3p. I, 94.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing his gratitude to Franklin and his sincere affection for him. Sorry to hear his sentiments concerning the government have raised him up enemies; wishes the unhappy disputes in the province might be amicably adjusted. Points out certain errors in the Government. Ministry appear averse to Proprietary governments. Board of Trade has just upset the fine superstructure raised by Lord Egmont, upon the expectation of a grant for the Island of St. John; sends his plan which is much approved of in England. Perused with pleasure the papers Mr. Franklin sent him; wishes the plan of a military frontier could be put in execution. Expects no disturbance until the Ohio is crossed.

**Bouquet, Henry. Fort Loudoun** 1764 August 22 A.L.S. 3p. I, 95 and 93.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 16th inst. with the welcome account that his request to the Governor had been granted; grateful for Franklin's warm support. Recapitulates various times when Franklin has promoted the service, rendering timely aid to Gen. Shirley, Gen. Braddock, Lord Loudoun and finally to himself in the execution of the present Act.

In duplicate.

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**Bouquet, Henry. Fort Loudoun** 1764 August 27 A.L.S. 1p. I, 96.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has the mortification to inform him *privately* that Bradstreet has granted peace at Presqu' Isle to the Delaware and Shawancsc, without visiting on the least satisfaction for their murders and insults;

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intends taking no notice of this, but will proceed to the Ohio prepared to treat as enemies every villain of those nations, unless contrary orders come from the General.

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**Moffat, Thomas. Newport, R.I** 1764 September 24 A.L.S. 1p. I, 97.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks him for sending Dr. Heberden's method of inoculating the small-pox, which bears every mark of judgment, candor and benevolence; attention shown to this treatise in New England. At the anniversary meeting of their University, mentions various elections made, to show the progress of learning.

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**The House of Representatives of the** 1764 October 26 D.S. Cha[rl]e[s]LII, 46.  
**Assembly of Pennsylvania**  
to Benjamin Franklin Moore, Clerk.  
1p.

Appointment of Benjamin Franklin as agent to Great Britain to assist Rich[ar]d Jackson.

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**Parker, James. Woodbridge N.J** 1764 October 27 A.L.S. 3p. I, 98.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favors of 20th and 25th inst. Concerning certain debts he owes to Mr. Strahan and Mr. Franklin; discusses ways and means of paying them off. Business of the post-office. Will send him the law relating to the division line, but doubts if it contains the information he wants. Discusses the Virginia affair; whether to go there himself, in case of Mr. Royle's death, in order to secure the printing business to Mr. Hunter's son; reasons for and against Mr. Holt's going; for himself is resigned either to say or go, according to Mr. Franklin's desire.

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**Jones, Lewis. Woodbridge N.J** 1764 October 30 A.L.S. 1p. I, 99.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hears from Mr. Parker that he is going to England; begs him to deliver the enclosed letter to his father or Mr. Cummings; has several times written to his family, but never received any answer.

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**Smith, John. Burlington** 1764 November 2 A.L.S. 1p. I, 104.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Expressing pleasure at his appointment as agent of the Province; no one better qualified for the position. Wishes him success and a safe return.

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**Baynton and Wharton. Philadelphia**                      1764 November 3                      A.L.S. 3p.      I, 105.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Describing two tracts of land; one on the east side of Lake Champlain, the other on the north side of the Bay of Chaleur; advises a speedy petition to the Lordships for the land, as everything is being taken up.

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**Quincy, Edmund Jr. Boston**                                      1764 November 5                      A.L.S. 2p.      I, 106.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His wife's death together with several avocations has prevented his writing for some time past. Published in Edes and Gills paper last post-day a letter from his brother Huskc to the Committee of Merchants; a reference in this paper was supposed by some to point to Franklin, assures him that it referred to a person residing in London whose treatise on the subject he hopes to send him.

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**Eckerling, Samuel. Philadelphia**                                      1764 November 5                      A.L.S. 1p.      I, 107.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His brethren, Israel and Gabriel Eckerling, were taken by the French and Indians from the Allegheny Mountains in August, 1757, and some time after sent to Rochelle in France where he is informed they died in the hospital. Asking Franklin to inquire whether this information be true and to let him know.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia**                                      1764 Nov. 13-20                      A.L. 1p.      I, 100.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 9th inst. Concerning Franklin's "Remarks on the Protest"; W[illiam] A[llen]'s attitude in the matter. Determined to have the 'Remarks' translated into Dutch. Information received from Col. Bouquet, concerning a request for peace from the Shawanese and Delaware Indians.

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**Howard, Martin Jr. Newport, R.I**                                      1764 November 16                      A.L.S. 2p.      I, 106.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hearing of his speedy departure for London, embraces this opportunity to write him by a steamer bound thither. Flatters himself that Franklin's zeal will not be exclusively devoted to the correction



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of abuses in his own Province. Rhode Island but a burlesque on order and government, and not likely to improve unless the Constitution is altered; a petition to the King now in the hands of Jos. Harrison who sailed three weeks back; thinks it may be in Franklin's power to facilitate this matter. Has lost a valuable and affectionate wife.

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Sr</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1764 November 17	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVII, I.
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Introducing Mr. Charles Russel, son of the Hon. James Russel of Charlestown.

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<b>Jackson, Richard. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1764 November 18	A.L.S. 4p.	I, 101.
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Mischief and danger to America and Pennsylvania likely to ensue from the disturbances and dispute in the latter Province. His high opinion of Mr. Allen's honesty and good sense; this and other reasons induced him to open his mind to him more freely than he should, on the subjects of Pennsylvania's privileges, the proprietary Government, the power of the Crown, etc.; had no idea that Mr. Allen would make these sentiments public; intended chiefly for Franklin's ear. Has just heard of the event of the election; not sorry for Franklin, but only for the Province; looks upon all hopes of reconciliation as vanished. Messages to the Governor of New Jersey.

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<b>Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1764 November 23	A.L. 4p.	I, 102.
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Wrote him from New Castle the substance of the Address of the Lower Counties' Assembly, in which they inform the Crown that, although they are governed under the same charter as the people of Pennsylvania, their laws are different; proves this to be wrong, as well as certain other facts of theirs. Proprietary party still industriously endeavoring to prevent their design to change the government; petitions to this effect, from the Corporation of the City and also from the presbyterians, to go over with Mr. Hamilton. Debility of the Proprietary Government; instances the case of a Dutchman appointed sheriff at Lancaster and the refusal of the Irish Presbyterians to serve under him, ending with his forced flight to save his life; no measures taken to bring the offenders to justice. Hostile attitude of the Governor towards all, supporting the measures in favor of the Crown.  
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**Parker, James. Woodbridge** 1764 November 23 A.L.S. 1p. I, 103.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Details of a business transaction with Dunlap. Left Philadelphia before the arrival of his letter from the Capes, supposes by this time he is well on his voyage. On returning home, sent off his son to bring back Lady Jane; Mrs. Franklin had some thoughts of coming, but decided not to. His debt to Mr. Strahan.

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**Wharton, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1764 November 23 A.L. 8p. LVIII, 32.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Provincial politics in Pennsylvania in regard to the relations of the Proprietary and the Royal parties. The re-emitting act. Military affairs. (Incomplete.)

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**Osborne, Thomas. Gray's Inn, London** 1764 November A.L. 1p. I, 109.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has taken the liberty to send him the 15th volume of Modern History with some of his catalogues, which he does not doubt Dr. Franklin will distribute to the best advantage. Would give him infinite pleasure if a certain intricate account were settled.

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**Small, Alexander. London** 1764 December 1 A.L.S. 4p. I, 110.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the best means of pickling sturgeon. The best machine for uprooting trees; Franklin's idea of pulling them down by a force applied to a straight rope appealed strongly to the writer's namesake, the Virginia professor. Must have seen by the newspapers the death of Mr. Bliss, the Greenwich observer; Mr. Mitchell has unsuccessfully offered himself as a candidate; thinks the Tory interest will get it for an Oxonian who never made an observation. Rival geniuses apt to be highly jealous of one another; cites the case between Cumming, the watchmaker, and Mr. Harrison. The affair of the B#5000 which was to have been given to Mr. Harrison; the law says that he is entitled to B#20,000 for his discovery. England's relation to America; Franklin's friends hope he will put on paper his thoughts on this subject.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1764 December 4 A.L.S. 3p. I, 111.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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James Hamilton and his nephew sailed on the 28th with Capt. Friend. Letter received from Col. Bouquet announcing a peace with the Shawanese and Delawares; terms of surrender. Rumors that an answer to Franklin's 'Remarks on a Protest' will shortly be published; satisfied that J. D. [John Dickinson?] has been applied to for his name, but his warmest friends strenuously oppose his placing it there; mentions the chief points they intend to answer. Names of men left out of the Commission and one or two put it. After careful reflection, thinks nothing can contribute to their freedom so much as a Legislative Council; reasons for this. Has just seen Col. Bouquet's letter to Gov. Penn, dated at the Forks of Muskingham, Nov. 15, 1764; quotes from it the conditions of peace, the attitude of the Indians, etc.

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<b>Thomson, Charles. Philadelphia</b>	1764 December 18	A.L.S. 3P.	I, 112.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Urgent business called him away and so prevented him from waiting on Franklin at Chester; hopes ere now he is safe in London. The first day of his journey traveled about thirty-two miles up the Lancaster Road and passed nineteen taverns; thinks to this fact is due the widespread debauchery and useless dissipation of time and money; cites the story of Cyrus and the Lydians to prove this; much better if the Governor could have a handsome fixed annual salary, instead of perquisites arising from tavern licenses. Wm. Moore put at the head of the Commission in Chester Co.; other changes made show the effect of party spirit. Reason to fear that the Indian war is not at an end; six Shawanese hostages have made their escape; trouble expected. Before Mr. Hamilton sailed, heard rumors that the Presbyterians had signed a petition to the Proprietaries requesting their influence to prevent a change of Government.

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<b>Wharton, Samuel</b>	1764 December 19	A.L.S. 7p.	LVIII, 33 and
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to Benjamin Franklin

I, 113.

Account of the escape from Pittsburg of the Shawanese hostages; this tribe independent owing to being supplied by French traders with clothing and ammunition; no permanent peace possible until that country is taken and an English garrison established at the Illinois; one, Owens, was sent by Col. Bouquet to invite the hostages to return; an altercation ensued and Owens shot one of them dead on the spot. Delawares and Mingos desirous of having the peace confirmed. First division of the Pennsylvania forces to be disbanded, the other on its way to Carlisle. Faction at present in high

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spirits, declares openly that there is not the least fear of a change of Government; his father praying for that change, which only can restore peace to the distracted province.

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**Wharton, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1764 December 19 LVIII, 33.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reply of the Protestors in the Assembly to Dr. Franklin's Remarks. Relation of the Chief Justice [William Allen] and Mr.[John] Dickinson to the Protestors.

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**Hall, David. Philadelphia** 1764 December 20 A.L.S. 2p. I, 114.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mrs. Franklin, Sally and his son all well. Sends him that day's paper in which there is an article on Franklin's behalf by John Hughes, desiring the author or authors of an "Answer" to Franklin's "Remarks" to publish his or their names. Gives him a full account of the escape of the six Shawanese hostages and the reasons for it. A very bad gang about town, who every night rob houses or attack people, so expects another hanging bout soon; road also intested by highwaymen.

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**Ross, John Philadelphia** 1764 December 20 L.S. 1p. I, 115.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The most important matter since Franklin's departure has been the issuing new commissions of peace for this county and the countics of Chester and Bucks; various appointments made; names of men omitted. Opinions concerning change of Government; thinks the majority of people desire "their dear Sovereign" to rule over them if their present liberties granted by charter are preserved. Persuaded that Franklin together with Mr. Jackson, will do everything to promote the happiness, prosperity and peace of the colonies in general, and this province in particular.

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**Penn, Springett. Dublin** 1764 December 22 L. 1p. XLIV, 3.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates Dr. Franklin on his safe arrival in London; asks him to consult with Mr. Life in regard to putting in his claim in case his Majesty takes the government of Pennsylvania on himself ;wants to be informed whether the intail at pennsbury is barred.

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**Stevenson, Margaret. London** 1764? A.L.S. 4p. XLII, 21.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Asks Dr. Franklin to bring his family to England. Has had poor health. Her lodgers. Thanks for cranberries sent.

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**Ogden, Bernard. Sunderland in the**                      1765 January 9                      A.L.S. 1p.    I, 116.  
**County of Durham**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for information concerning the daughter of one Thos. Cookson, deceased, who married one Galloway. There are two daughters of Mr. Cookson's only sister, who have been offered a sum of money for their right to their uncle's effects; would greatly appreciate any advice as to the steps the heirs must take to come at the true value of the effects.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia**                      1765 January 13                      A.L.S. 3p.    I, 116 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favors of Sept. 26th and Nov. 9th Confident that everything has been done to obtain the desirable object, —a Royal Government; hopes the presentation of the petitions will bring forth the desired issue. Thanking him for the notice taken of the piece signed Americanus; has nearly finished a pamphlet on the same subject entitled "Political Reflections on the dispute between Great Britain and her Colonies respecting her right of imposing taxes on them without their assent"; if Franklin's son approves, will publish it; something needed to allay the violent temper of the Americans; difficulty of getting it published; printers take everything inflammable but nothing cool and rational. Concerning a petition to the Commons for the repeal of the law prohibiting paper money from being lawful tender in the colonies; reasons why Parliament would do well to grant it. Impatiently awaiting the resolution of Parliament respecting the Stamp Act; mischief caused by the delay. Thinks there is a wide-spread intention to throw off all connection with the mother country; is confident this will meet with little sympathy in Pennsylvania.

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**Parker, James. Woodbridge N.J**                      1765 January 14                      A.L.S. 1p.    I, 117.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Details of a business transaction with Dunlap and McNott. Mr. Foxcroft will not be up from Virginia until the beginning of February. Severity of the weather; anxious to hear of his safe arrival. Sends the last four Philadelphia newspapers.

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**Parker, James. Woodbridge N.J**                      1765 January 22                      A.L.S. 2p.    I, 118.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his two former letters dated Nov. 23d and Jan. 14th; repeats some of the news contained in them. Matter of Dunlap's deed. Heavy fall of snow; enough sheep killed by it to put an end to the talk of woollen manufacturers. Benny Mecom's account still unpaid. Hopes Franklin will pay his (Parker's) debt to Mr. Strahan.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia**

1765 January 23

A.L.S. 3p. I, 119.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of a letter or mandate sent down by the Governor to the Provincial Commissioners of Appeal, concerning the assessment of the people's lands and those belonging to the Proprietors, the latter to be taxed at a much lower rate; asks if the Governor thinks he has the power of the Pope. The majority in the Assembly continue firm in their resolve to get rid of the Proprietary Government, the minority make no attempt to oppose it. Mr. Croghan, attended by an army officer and one hundred of the troops from Fort Pitt, is about to set off for the Illinois country to take possession on behalf of the Crown. Franklin's family well.

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**Franklin, Thomas. Lutterworth**

1765 January 28

A.L.S. 1p. I, 120.

to Benjamin Franklin

Heard that Franklin was at Lutterworth not long before and had inquired after him. Informed that he is now in London; begs for a line or two as he is anxious to come to London to see him. Sends him a hare. His wife joins him in sending love.

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**All, Isaac. Edinburgh**

1765 February 5

A.L.S. 2p. I, 121.

to Benjamin Franklin

Heard only the day before of his arrival in London, owing to the irregularity of the newspapers. Hopes his aunt and his cousin sally are in good health. Is now loading his ship for London where he hopes to give the pleasure of seeing his kinsman personally.

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**Trusler, Jno. London**

1765 February 6

L.S. 1p. I, 122.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a plan of the Literary Society and requesting the honor of Franklin's name as a subscribing member. Engraved.

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**Stiles, Ezra. Newport** 1765 February 20 A.L.S. 4p. I, 124.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter to the sieur Lomonozow at Petersburg which Franklin is to read and suppress if he likes. Curious to have an account of the discoveries of the polar voyage. His endeavors to obtain thermometrical observations from each one of the sixteen Continental provinces; fears it will be a failure owing to lack of thermometers. A detailed account of certain experiments, after M. Braunius, in the congelation of mercury. The winter one of intense cold. Hopes he will not forget to recommend that ingenious gentleman, Mr. Professor Winthrop, to the honors of the Royal Society.

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**Franklin, Peter. Philadelphia** 1765 February 21 A.L.S. 2p. I, 125.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes to hear from him by the January packet. The winter so far has been terribly cold. Mr. Foxcroft's visit to Philadelphia postponed until May. Have decided not to let Ephe Brown leave, but if Franklin consents, he would like to hire the office now in Mr. Parker's hands.

**Stockton, Richard. New York** 1765 February 23 A.L.S. 2p. I, 123.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain letters and packets directed to Franklin, and by whose hands they have been forwarded.

**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1765 February 27 A.L.S. 3p. I, 126.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing extract of a letter from Thomas Penn to his nephew; the account therein contained of the petitions for a change of Government from Proprietary to Royal has struck their friends with the utmost consternation; if it be true, the king has refused to listen to their complaints against Proprietary oppression and injustice; this letter is industriously circulated all over the Province by the Proprietaries and their friends; has quoted many extracts from Franklin's letter respecting the petitions, to counteract the effect of this and to allay the despair of their party; the Assembly anxious to know the result of the petitions; results to be expected, if it is true they were rejected without a hearing.

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**All, Isaac. Edinburgh**  
to Benjamin Franklin

1765 March 12

A.L.S. 2p. I, 127.

Acknowledging favor of 3d inst. Has just undergone an operation for the cure of a fistula; expects to leave for London in about three weeks; when they meet will give him an account of his soujourn in Honduras. Desires some information about lightning rods, as a friend of his wishes to erect one on his country house.

**Hope, John. Edinburgh**  
to Benjamin Franklin

1765 March 15

A.L.S. 3p. I, 128.

Acknowledging favor of 25th ult. as well as the box of seeds; makes suggestions as to collecting and packing them; will write to Mr. Collinson soon to thank and pay him for the seeds, also to Mr. Bartram, who, if he wishes, can supply them yearly with seeds. Announcing the birth of daughter to Sir Alexander and Lady Dick.

**Evans, Cadwalader. Philadelphia**  
to Benjamin Franklin

1765 March 15

A.L.S. 3p. I, 129.

How they celebrated the good news of Franklin's safe arrival in London the 13th of Dec.; Dr. Thos. Bond's tedious indisposition has occasioned the sole care of the hospital to fall on him. Account of certain scurrilous attacks on them by their enemies, which they met and routed with the same weapons. Inhabitants of Cumberland County guilty of an act of rebellion ten days previous; a full account of the whole affair will be transmitted to him. Rumors from Third Street, that the Proprietor has yielded to the importunity of the Pomfret family to sell the Government to the Crown for a peerage; not anxious about the means, if the end is obtained.

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**Parker, James. Woodbridge**  
to Benjamin Franklin

1765 March 22

A.L.S. 4p. I, 130.

No word from Franklin; has written him several times since his departure. Work he did in Philadelphia on the accounts. Samuel Smith of Burlington has been composing a history of New Jersey; has planned to go there and print it for him; intends sending Ben Mccom's printing materials there; will pay Franklin for them if he wishes it. Intends leaving the printing office and little post office at Woodbridge to his son. Hopes he will be able to pay off his debts before his death. Has had a smart attack of gout. Excessively cold winter; great poverty throughout the country. Question of



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his losing the comptroller's office, unless he moves to New York; reasons why he cannot live there; hopes the place of comptroller will not be taken from him; if it is unwilling to keep the post office at Woodbridge, as it does not pay him.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1765 March 25 A.L.S. 2p. I, 131.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the act of rebellion by the inhabitants of Cumberland Country in destroying certain goods designed for the treaty at Pittsburg; attempts made by those concerned to palliate this atrocious act; impossible to hold a treaty with the Indians without giving them the articles they stand in need of; disagreeable consequences likely to ensue.

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**Mercer, George. London** 1765 April 4 L.S. 1p. I, 132.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to appoint an hour in which to talk over certain queries sent him from the Stamp Office, which he is incapable of answering.

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**Falconer, Capt Nanthaniel. Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica** 1765 April 5 A.L.S. 1p. I, 133.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing that he has sent him a turtle and two pairs of Spanish birds.

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**Franklin, Deborah. Philadelphia** [1765.] April 7 and 12 A.L.S. 4p. XLII, 42.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Is glad to hear of his safe arrival in London. Family affairs.

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**Brown, Ephraim. Philadelphia** 1765 April 12 A.L.S. 1p. I, 134.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on his safe arrival in England. Going on well with the post office.

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**Newland, Trevor. Holt** 1765 April 17 A.L.S. 1p. I, 135.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Reasons why he was prevented waiting on him for the memorandum relative to Lecoek; is only distant five or six miles from there and will gladly make any inquiry Franklin may direct. Dr. Clark and Mr. Clutterbuck have letters from a person in Philadelphia inquiring for one Carinton; does not know if this is the person Franklin wants to inquire about.

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**Whitehurst, John. Derby** 1765 April 23 A.L.S. 2p. I, 136.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing pleasure at his safe arrival in England and acknowledging his courtesy to Mr. Tunicliff. The bearer, Mr. Paschall, is going to reside at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and desires to know how to get some cash remitted thither. Has just heard alarming news of a Governor being lost, supposed to be Franklin's son; will be unhappy until he hears a better account.

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**Parker, James. Burlington** 1765 April 25 A.L.S. 2p. I, 137.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Repeats various remarks made in his letter of March 22, 1765, concerning his business in Burlington and his fear of losing the office of Comptroller. To please the Governor, Mr. Foxcroft and he decided to attempt to have the post go through Burlington. Effect of the cruel stamp duty on his business; thinks the people's lot in America only a trifle better than that of the French peasants. The past winter the hardest since 1740.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1765 April 27 A.L.S. 4p. I, 138.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his letter of the 13th inst., with the pamphlet wrote in vindication of the measures pursued by P[it]; the Colonies load of debt to England; the heavy duties, etc. The men whi destroyed the goods at Pittsburgh have been acquitted by the grand jury of Cumberland Co.; unless the King interfers, nothing can be done. It is said that W[illiam] A[llen] has a letter from the Proprietor, declaring his intention to hold the Government and quoting the King as his authority; does not believe this, but it has added new spirits to their party. The affair of spiking the guns; accusations against various parties; the one man apprehended is probably innocent. Aversion shown by most people to have representatives in Parliamebt; reasons for it. Case of a small compact settlement about 30 miles from Pittsburg on land not yet purchased from the Indians; unless these persons are removed, it may cause another Indian war.

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**All, Isaac. Edinburgh** 1765 April 30 A.L.S. 2p. I, 139.

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to Benjamin Franklin

An accident to his ship has delayed his departure; consults him again about a lightning rod for a friend's house.

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**Lloyd, Jno. Wilmington, N.C**

1765 May 2

A.L.S. 2p. I, 140.

to Benjamin Franklin

The Assembly of the colony having voted B#100 towards the establishment of a post through the Province, he wrote Franklin's collcaguc, Mr. Foxcroft of Viginia, to that effect. If Franklin thinks proper to comply with the request of the Province, offers his services to conduct the affair.

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**Howard, Martin Jr. Newport, R.I**

1765 May 14

A.L.S. 2p. II, 127.

to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote Franklin some time before concerning a petition possessed by Jos. Harrison, signed by a few who wish for a Royal Government. Dr.Moffat sent Franklin a pamphlet entitled, "A letter from Halifax"; this has involved him (Howard) in a paper war, in which he has taken the side of the Mother Country, against her ungrateful sons, and published "A defence of the Halifax letter." Being now made not a little obnoxious, would like Franklin to use his influence to procure him the office of Receiver of the Stamp Duties. Mr. Ward elected Governor of the Colony by a great majority.

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**Norris, Isaac. Fairhill**

1765 May 18

A.L.S. 2p. I, 141.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of Feb. 18th, with a pamphlet vindicating the power of Parliament to make general colony laws. Concerning some business with C. and O. Hanbury. Sends by the hand of Wm. Dickinson, Baskerville's two volumes of Milton's works to be neatly bound; as he has a very good edition of Milton's works printed in 1720, will chiefly value Baskerville's edition for its elegance and neatness. His health still delicate.

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**Ross, John Philadelphia**

1765 May 20

A.L.S. 1p. I, 142.

to Benjamin Franklin

Presumes by this time, Franklin can pretty nearly judge what is to be the issue of their application to His Majesty for protection; at present they have only the form without the power of Government. Acquittal of those persons who destroyed the goods at Pittsburg; since then another extraordinary affair has happened, even His Majesty's troops have been attacked and fired upon, as he will perceive

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from the enclosed account; in short, if His Majesty will not accept and take care of this flourishing Province, it is hard to tell where these lawless mobs will end.

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**Roberts, Hugh. Philadelphia** 1765 May 20 A.L.S. 3p. I, 143.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's family well, although not quite settled in their new house. Goes to Chester the next day to accompany his friend Samuel Neave, who sails thence to England; praises this friend in the highest terms; hopes he and Franklin will meet. Franklin's and the Government's enemies are foiled, nay, drubbed with weapons. Visits sometimes the worthy remains of the Junto, but the political, polemical divisions have contributed to lessen that harmony, formerly enjoyed there. Concerning a pamphlet called an "Address" wherein is portrayed in striking colors; a quondam friend of theirs. Hopes Franklin will ever stand above the reach of malice and calumny.

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**Wharton, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1765 May 27 A.L. 4p. LVIII, 34.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expresses thanks for attention to his personal affairs. Need of a firmer government in Pennsylvania. Account of the destruction of supplies en route to the frontier troops. (Conclusion missing.)

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**Parker, James. Burlington** 1765 May 29 A.L.S. 1p. I, 144.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Complains of not having a single line from Franklin; at a loss what to do in the Dunlap affair or in anything; Mr. Foxcroft momentarily expected in Philadelphia.

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**Baynton, Wharton and Morgan. Philadelphia** 1765 May 30 A.L.S. 2p. I, 145.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of March 9th; will certainly transmit the not for a thousand pounds by the June packet; reasons why they had not sent it earlier. Expressing sincere appreciation of the proofs of friendship shown them by Franklin.

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**Parker, James. Philadelphia** 1765 June 14 A.L.S. 1p. I, 146.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Enclosing a general statement of accounts, and acknowledging a short letter from Franklin by Capt. Robinson. Discusses some money matters in which he seem to have expected a more generous treatment at Franklin's hands. The use he made of B.Mccom's printing materials he is willing to pay for; Mecom's effects remain in store house in New York, awaiting Franklin's orders. His health failing but endeavors to be resigned, knowing that it cannot be long before he goes hence.

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<b>Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia</b>	1765 June 18	A.L.S. 4p.	I, 147.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his letter by Capt. Robinson; the case of the Duke of Athol a curious one; still more curious are Mr. Pownall's reasons for refusing the Government, through they do credit to that gentleman. Sends the enclosed Resolves of the Lower House of Assembly of Virginia, on the Stamp Act and the right of the British Legislature in forming that law; after they were passed, the Governor procured the original minutes, tore them up and instantly dissolved the Assembly. The hopes of a change contained in Franklin's last letter give great joy. Thanks him for his efforts to see aside the intended application for the Delaware Islands.

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<b>Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia</b>	1765 June 24	A.L.S. 2p.	I, 148.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Dissatisfaction in Pennsylvania respecting the Stamp Act. A Congress at New York proposed. Virginia resolutions.

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<b>Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia</b>	1765 June 28	A.L.S. 1p.	I, 149.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. John Williams, a gentleman lately come over on business of the Treasury, by order of the Ministry.

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<b>Dick, Sir Alexander. Prestonfield</b>	1765 July 5	A.L.S. 3p.	I, 150.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 2d ult.; expressing the obligation he and his friend, Mr. Swinton, are under to Franklin for certain information. His willingness to serve Franklin's young friend, [Samuel] Bard;

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can obtain board for him with that excellent gentleman, Mr. Blacklock, the blind poet; advantages incident to such a position. Inoculated his son and three little daughters for small-pox, from which they emerged very happily.

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**Falconer, Capt. Nathaniel. Off Dover**      1765 July 14      A.L.S. 1p.    I, 151.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning several packets which he is to deliver with his own hand to Franklin as soon as his ship gets up to London.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia**      1765 July 16      A.L.S. 2p.    I, 152.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The Resolves of the House of Virginia, enclosed in his letter of the 15th June, were not the ones entered into by them; encloses a copy of the right ones which are much more consistent with their duty to the Crown. Cumberland County inhabitants determined to hinder any supply going out to Pittsburg, and thereby bring on another Indian war; cites instance of thier burning the goods belonging to one Joseph Spear. Especially impatient to hear from Franklin, as their election draws near. Governor Franklin and his spouse with Joseph Galloway, gone to Shrewsbury.

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**Luneh, Alexander. Philadelphia**      1765 July 31      A.L.S. 2p.    I, 153.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Gilbert Elliot, Esq., is his friend; and his cousin, Lord Pitfour, one of the Senators of the College of Justice at Edinburgh, has promised his interest to any gentleman who will point out to him anything whereby he can serve him (Luneh); would beg this favor of Franklin.

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**Parker, James**      1765 August 1      D.S. 3p.      LXVI, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Bond for B#65 128, given to Benjamin Franklin. Notes and receipt by Doborah Franklin and B. Franklin.

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**Parker, James. New york**      1765 August 8      A.L.S. 4p.    II, 188.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging commission as Land-Waiter at New York; thanking Franklin for this favor. Difficulties in moving to New York before May. Engaged in printing the votes of the New Jersey

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Assembly, also a History of New Jersey, by Samuel Smith, of Burlington. Would prefer to continue in the service of the post-office; asks if Franklin could transfer the office of Land-Waiter to his son, who has greatly reformed. Their old friend, Hugh Hughes, ruined. Arrival of Mr. Royal from Virginia. No hopes of B. Mecom's succeeding in New Haven.

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**Thomas Penington and Son. Bristol**                      1765 August 10                      A.L.S. 1p.    I, 154.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His favor of 3d inst, concerning one Mrs. Bigelow; her penniless position.

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**Miller, Jeremiah. New London**                      1765 August 13                      A.L.S. 2p.    I, 155.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the office of Comptroller, which Col. Dyer wishes to transfer to the writer's son, John Still Miller; asks Franklin to mention his or his family's name to Mr. Grenville.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia**                      1765 August 14                      A.L.S. 2p.    I, 156.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Conduct of the frontier inhabitants who have just murdered an Indian lad; Delawares assert that unless they receive satisfaction, and a stop is put to other abuses, they will declare war. Account received from Geo. Croghan, who is pursuing his passage down the Ohio; was set upon by Indians belonging to Pontiac; lost three of the Shawanese chiefs; he and his nephew were slightly wounded; finding out who they were, the Indians promised not to molest them further. A charge against Franklin, read some Sundays past in several Dutch churches, that he had expressed publicly his enmity to the Dutch and obtained additional taxes on Dutch paper, etc. Death of William Plumstead; nature of the disease; question of who will succeed him in the office of Probate for Wills. An advertisement, published by John Dickinson, informing the electors of this county of his determination to decline the service.

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**Balfour, John. Edinburgh**                      1765 September 2                      A.L.S. 2p.    I, 157.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 9th ult. giving an account of Mr. Mecom's affairs; thinks that young gentleman is much to be pitied; considers that Franklin has acted generously in suffering Mr. Mecom's effects to be equally divided amongst his creditors. Asks him to recommend an honest

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attorney in New York, as one James Parker owes him a good deal of money. Mr. Robert Alexander stands as candidate for the borough of Anstrather in the place of Sir Harry Erskine.

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**Parker, James. Burlington** 1765 September 22 A.L.S. 1p. I, 158.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of July 6th; will send him tables of rates of postage as soon as he can print them. Mr. Hall's accounts. Concerning the possibility of procuring that place in the custom house for his son, who has mended his ways. Saw Mr. Hughes in Philadelphia, who is poorly. Will doubtless hear from many quarters of the commotions, related to the Stamp Act; thinks one-half the Americans will die rather than yield.

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**Hopkinson, Mary** 1765 October 1 A.L.S. 2p. I, 160.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing her intense gratitude to Franklin after his kindness in tracing out her family; of all her husband's old friend, but one gentleman besides himself has been good enough to extend their regard to his wife and children; sends him an order on Messrs. Barclay and Sons for the expense he has been at in this affair.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1765 October 5 A.L.S. 1p. I, 161.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 13th July. Result of the elections; got in every man they proposed; I. Norris, J. Fox, J. Galloway, J. Richardson, R. Evans, T. Livezey, M. Hillegas and Henry Pawling; thus it has fared throughout the Province, except in Berks, where they lost their worthy friend John Ross. Arrival of the Vessel with the Stamped paper created much confusion and disorder; inhabitants gathered at the State House by beat of drum; their object, the destruction of J. Hughes or the surrender of his office; it ended in his promising to resign, J. Dickinson, G. Bryan, and J. Morton now in New York in consultation with the Committees from the other Colonies relative to the Stamp Act.

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**Morgan, Dr. John. Philadelphia** 1765 October 10 A.L.S. 2p. I, 162.  
to Benjamin Franklin



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Expressing the warmest gratitude to Franklin, not only for the kindness he has shown to him but also to his relations and friends; thanking him for advancing the fees necessary to admit him to the fellowship of the Royal Society. His appointment as professor of medicine in the College. Announces his marriage on the 5th ult. to Miss Molly Hopkinson.

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**Parker, James. Woodbridge** 1765 October 10 A.L.S. 2p. I, 163.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Difficult job he has had printing a table of rates for the post-office; has had neither time for Mr. Hall's accounts nor for Samuel Smith's History. His intention of going to New York in the Spring. Black cloud hanging over America; people are running mad and declare it is as good to die by the sword as by famine.

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**Wharton, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1765 October 13. A.L. 2p. LVIII, 35.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Events in Philadelphia upon arrival of the news of the change of Ministry. Jubilant attitude of the Proprietary party and renewed attacks upon Dr. Franklin.  
(Conclusion missing.)

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**Whitehurst, John. Derby** 1765 October 20 A.L.S. 2p. I, 164.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Since Mr. Ludlam's report of Mr. Harrison's time keeper has been made public has formed a plan for rendering such a machine of general use; explains the means by which he hopes to accomplish it.

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**Walker, Hannah. Westbury** 1765 October 26 A.L.S. 2p. I, 165.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Confessing some offence [not mentioned] on her own and her husband's part against Franklin, and begging most humbly forgiveness; tells a pitiful tale of hard work, ill health and poverty.

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**Parker, James. Burlington** 1765 November 6 A.L.S. 1p. I, 166.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging favor of Sept. 17th. Dreadful commotions in this country. His visit to New York postponed. Desires to know what disposition he is to make of the printing materials, when he leaves Burlington. Has gout in his right hand, so must be brief.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia**                      1765 November 7                      A.L.S. 3p.      I, 167.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 19th August. Meetings like the one relative to the Stamp Act, held in New York, may in future be of great service to America. Refers him to his letter of the 5th ult. to see the result of the elections. In the new election for the city held to determine whether J. Pemberton or G. Bryan was elected, the former was chosen by a large majority; reasons for this. An association formed and articles signed by a great number of merchants, declaring they will not import from Britain any goods or merchandise until the Stamp Act is repealed; thinks this method far more eligible than the imprudent and unwarrantable steps taken by several Colonies. Account of the populace in New York having assembled to the number of thousands, burnt the Governor's coach and obliged him to give up the Stamp papers, which they are determined to send back to London; seeing the multitude resolved. G. Gage advised the delivery; they also destroyed all the furniture belonging to Major James, who had said he would enforce obedience to the Act. Hourly expect some person to call on B. Chew; will then know what part he will act; he is considered as Probate of Wills, King's Attorney and Recorder of Philadelphia.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington**                      1765 November 13                      A.L. 4p.      I, 168.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hard pressed for time owing to a vessel's sailing early the next morning; is obliged to write to the Lords of Trade to acquaint them with the situation as regards the Stamp Act; has found it difficult to steer safely between the people in America and the Ministry in England; none of the Governors have received the least directions with regard to their conduct at this critical time. Congratulates himself that the Proprietary party published those lies against him, thereby giving him an opportunity, by a seasonable answer, to remove the prejudices of the people; stands well with them now; their resentment directed against the Speaker; gives reasons for this. At the last meeting of the Council, Mr. David Ogden moved that he (the Governor) should call the Assembly without an application on the part of the members; means he took to avoid this; thinks Gov. Bernard and Gov. Colden, by unnecessary officiousness, have made matters much worse; considers any man who sets himself up

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as an advocate of the Stamp Act in the Colonies, is guilty of a mere piece of quixotism; discusses the feasibility of ignoring the Stamp Act. [Conclusion of the letter is missing.]

**Penington, Edward. Philadelphia** 1765 November 14 A.L.S. 3p. I, 169.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Four years ago, his correspondence with springett Penn began, concerning his affairs in America; faithfulness with which he has attended to his concerns; hears from a gentleman of undoubted credit, that the Proprietor has been treating with his nephew for the purchase of Pennsbury Manor; thinks this unfair; not only would he (Penington) lose his commission, but is sure Mr. Penn will not get the worth of his lands. Has reason to believe that Thos. Penn has prejudiced his kinsman against him; asks Franklin to rectify this. Need of surveying the land accurately before selling; mean artifices practised to cheat the elder branch of the Penn family.

**Balfour, John. Edinburgh** 1765 November 21 A.L.S. 1p. I, 171.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the debt due him and Mr. Hamilton by James Parker; would like it paid without the trouble of prosecuting; asks Franklin's good offices in this matter.

**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1765 November 29 A.L.S. 2p. I, 172.  
to Messrs. Jackson and Franklin, London.

Transmitting a memorial from the merchants of Philadelphia to the merchants and manufacturers of Great Britain.

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**Baynton, Wharton and Morgan.** 1765 December 6 A.L.S. 2p. I, 173.  
**Philadelphia**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a tax on a cargo of rum sent by them to Quebec; if judgment is passed against their agent there, who has declined to pay it, will appeal it to the King in Council; considers the action of Mr. Murray, Governor of Quebec, in taxing spirituous liquors, a high encroachments on their rights as Englishmen. Case of Mr. Cunningham, an attorney at Quebec, who was suspended by the Governor without any stated cause; the real reason was his opposition to the Governor on this same question; asks Franklin to give him an audience on this subject, when he arrives in England.

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**Goolding, T. Brewer Street, London**      1765 December 7      A.L.S. 1p.    I, 174.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning some damask curtains for the Governor [Franklin] and his lady.

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**Hopkinson, Francis. Philadelphia**      1765 December 13      A.L.S. 4p.    I, 175.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Esteem themselves very happy in having a friend like Franklin, who will represent their characters in a favorable light, to their relation, the Bishop. Franklin's advice to send Mr. Burrows a present of sturgeon or apples with their letter of thanks, came too late, the letter having gone; however, will ship them at once. Concerning Miss Sally's harpsichord whose machinery is so complex that no one could keep it in order but the man who made it; as Miss Sally plays so well, suggests the advisability of buying her a new one. Has finished the translation of the Psalms of David to the great satisfaction of the Dutch congregation at New York.

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**Parker, James. Burlington**      1765 December 20      A.L.S. 2p.    I, 176.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of the middle of September, with invoice of goods sent to Mr. Hughes of New York; disposition to be made of them. Has had a prolonged and severe attack of the gout; his son also has been very ill, at death's door, but is a little better; all this has delayed his accounts with Mr. Hall, also his departure for New York. B. Mecom's affairs.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia**      1765 December 30      A.L.S. 1p.    I, 177.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of Sept. 26. Overjoyed that the Petitions are presented and that there is a good chance of their success, notwithstanding the contradictory assertions of the Proprietary party. Stamped paper not allowed to land, some of it sent on board Captain Hawker. No business done in the courts, nor is the Port of New York opened.

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**Franklin, Peter**      [1765?]      A.L. 1p.    LVIII, 81.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Request to send money by the first opportunity and to ask for a letter for him at the post office. (Incomplete).

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**Galloway, Joseph** [1765.] A.L.S. 4p. LVIII, 36, a,  
to Benjamin Franklin b.

Democratic notions in America may lead to the independence of the Colonies from England. Distress on account of the Stamp Act. An address of the merchants of Pennsylvania to the merchants of London. Proceedings of the Stamp Act Congress.  
(First part missing.)

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**Galloway, Joseph** [1765.] A.L.S. 2p. LVIII, 36, c.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Success of the Royal party against the Protestors in the autumn election. Resignation of Mr. [John] Hughes as stamp distributor. Stagnation of business on account of the Stamp Act.  
(First part missing.)

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**Jackson, Richard** [1765?] 3p. LVI(i), 5.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Opinion as to the power of Parliament over the Colonies.

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**Salt, Samuel** [1765.] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 39.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The death of his wife, Dr. Franklin's relation. Shall be proud to see him at Bermingham.

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**Senhouse, Humphrey. Carlisle** 1765 January 25 A.L.S. 2p. LVIII, 51.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Afflicted with a gradually increasing deafness; desires Franklin's opinion as to the possible benefit to be derived from electricity.  
(Mutilated.)

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**Whately, Thomas. Parliament St. London** [1765.] L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 81.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to call upon him at the Treasury the following morning.

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 to Benjamin Franklin (Incomplete.)  
 4p.

A few hints relative to a general theory or natural history of the earth, principally calculated to prove that fossil shells were originally the offspring of the sea.

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 to Benjamin Franklin

Wretched condition of affairs in America; debts and heavy taxes; trouble with the Indians; heavy duties on all goods, especially wines ; proofs of their being, on longer freemen.  
 (Fragment.)

**Parker, James. Burlington** 1766 January 4 and 11 A.L.S. 6p. II, 1.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Accounts connected with the post-office. Concerning the disposal of the goods sent by Franklin to J. Hughes; that gentleman unable to take them; has not surrendered his estate, but keeps a school and avoids the sheriff; he has offered to give up everthing, but his creditors wish him sent to jail. B. Mecom's accounts and depts. Detailed reasons for thinking B#150 of the money Mr. Holt is sued for in New Haven belongs to him.

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**Kent, Benjamin. Boston** 1766 January 19 A.L.S. 1p. II, 2.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Still challenges the honor of being Franklin's friend. Describes the late discovery by an Indian of a small wilderness root, which, taken steeped in Maderira, has not failed to carry off any fit of the gout in a few hours' time.

**Beveridge, Jno. Philadelphia** 1766 January 20 A.L.S. 2p. II, 3.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Sends three copies of 'Familiar Epistles,' 1 which he has printed, two for Dr. Pringle and one for Franklin: asks his good offices in procuring orders from his friends or the book sellers.

**Other Descriptive Information**

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1 See Hildeburn's Issues of the Penna. Press, No. 2107.

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**Chew, Joseph. New London** 1766 January 24 A.L.S. 4p. II, 4.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Increased confusion of the times; Mr. Ingersoll so far intimidated as to give up his letters public and private. Although he [Mr. Chew] "disapproved in the most modest manner of the Stamp Act, " is looked upon with disfavor by the advocates of extreme methods. In New York the stamp papers were burned. Read a letter from Mr. Conway, Secretary of State to the Governor of Rhode Island, couched in the strongest terms, demanding the people's submission to all acts of the English Legislature and calling upon Gen. Gage and Lord Colville, in case force is needed, to maintain order and good government; trembles for the consequences. Finds himself in hard straits for money; would be much indebted to Franklin if he could procure him a place in any department in a Colony north of Carolina.

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**Dunlap, William. Falmouth** 1766 February 1 A.L.S. 2p. II, 5.  
to Benjamin Franklin

An account of his affairs in Barbadoes; desires to live there but has not sufficient income; heard of vacancy there for the office of Searcher of His Majesty's Customs for the port of Bridgetown; begs Franklin's interest on his behalf in this important matter; encloses an application to the Secretary of the Treasury on the same subject. Has a very advantageous offer for the disposition of his interest in Philadelphia, which, if closed with, would enable him in time to pay off his debts.

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**Read, George** 1766 February 7 A.L.S. 1p. II, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Advising the sale of a piece of land, belonging to Mrs. Franklin, lying about 20 miles from his; reasons against renting it.

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**Crowley, Thomas. London** 1766 February 8 A.L.S. 2p. II, 7.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Denying the authorship of a paragraph in the Gazetteer of Feb. 1st, that the taxes in America do not amount to more than eight pence per head, whereas in England, to pay the interest only of money spent in Great Britain to defend America, they amount to twelve shillings. Strongly advocates conciliatory measures.

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**Penn, Springett. Dublin** 1766 February 12 A.L.S. 1p. II, 8.

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A long time ago desired to ask Mr. Life for enough of his mother's money to purchase a lottery ticket. Mr. Jackson gives him no hopes of succeeding in his claim to the Government.

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<b>Evans, Amelia</b>	[1766 February] ?	A.L.S. 3p.	XLII, 22.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Is about to sail for America. Asks for a loan of money.

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<b>Syng, Philip. Philadelphia</b>	1766 March 1	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 9.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the present of Dr.Lewis's new work, wherein the management of gold and silver is so well treated. The Junto fainted in the heat of the preceding summer and has not yet revived; Franklin's presence needed to reanimate it.

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<b>Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia</b>	1766 March 2	A.L.S. 2p.	II, 10.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Proprietary party say openly that there will be no change of Government; all he and his friends can urge are Franklin's integrity, capacity, and his assurance that the petitions are not rejected. Certain men on the Court side only lie in wait to augment the least omission on Franklin's part; the December packet having brought two letters from Franklin to Joseph Galloway and none to the Committee of Correspondence, they declare it contrary to his instructions and are endeavoring to prejudice members of the Assembly against him. Parson Millenburg denies that the letter mentioned before was read in the Dutch church. James Tilghman's appointment to the land office in place of William Peters, gives general satisfaction. Informed that the Courts are to be opened that week.

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<b>Evans, Amelia. Portsmouth</b>	1766 March 6	A.L.S. 2p.	II, 11.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Apologizing for not waiting on him before she left town; expects to sail on the Aeolus; Sir William Erskine among the passengers, who is "going to visit the remains of ancient magnificence in the African World." Telling him where to send for a copper plate of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc., belonging to her father; thinks he might find it of use some day.

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<b>Priestley, Joseph. Warrington</b>	1766 March 25	A.L. 3p.	II, 12.
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## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Describing certain experiments in electricity; progress he is making in his treatise on electricity; wishes Franklin would procure for him the Histoire d'ElectricitC) he mentions, and certain other books; has decided to relate Mr. Wilson's experiments just as he published them with very few remarks.

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**Hutchinson, Thomas. Boston**

1766 March 26

A.L.S. 1p. II,13.

to Benjamin Franklin

His son bound for London; expected to have gone himself, but his friends dissuaded him; hopes his son will obtain for him some relief under his great sufferings; asks Franklin to caution the young man against the snares and temptations of London.

**Parker, James. Woodbridge**

1766 March 27

A.L.S. 2p. II,14.

to Benjamin Franklin

His son convalescent; is preparing for New York with all possible expedition. Can get no settlement nor any money from Holt. Disposition made of Franklin's box of books. Has not received a penny from Benny Mecom nor any reply to his letters.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Warrington**

1766 April 13

A.L.S. 3p. II, 15.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 10th inst., also the parcels of books, from the perusal of which he expects to make valuable additions to his History; this work will come into Franklin's hands in an imperfect condition; hopes he will correct any errors in the French Words, etc. Would be glad of Franklin's opinion on his experiments with vanes; has been wholly employed lately constructing an electrical machine upon a new and improved plan. Mr. Boulanger's remarks on experiments with condensed air. Sends various messages to Mr. Canton. Hopes he can procure him Beccaria's work; sorry that Wilkes' piece is not complete.

**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia**

1766 April 26

A.L.S. 2p. II, 16.

to Benjamin Franklin

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Many contradictory reports circulated until the true account arrived of the Stamp Act being repealed; hopes peace will be restored. Compares number of Presbyterian meeting-houses in America with number of churches belonging to the Church of England; ten times as many of the former; disapproves of this. All trade at a standstill; neither can they pay their debts unless Great Britain allows general free trade. In order to relieve their distress, nearly two hundred poor women employed in spinning flax in the factory. Announces the birth of a son, whom they have taken the liberty to name Franklin Wharton; hopes this proof of their regard will not be disagreeable to him.

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**Franklin, William. Philadelphia**

1766 April 30

A.L.S. 4p. II, 17.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of Feb. 25th; fears his letter of the 16th was lost at sea; begs for a copy, if he has it. Keen satisfaction afforded Franklin's friends by the accounts of his examination at the bar of the House of Commons; prominent part played by him in the repeal of the Stamp Act; every merchant writes home as if he alone had accomplished the affair. Sensible letter from the Committee of Merchants in London, but all such advice is frustrated by the people's indiscretion. Is not surprised at Franklin's disapproval of his speech against the Proprietary officers, in answer to the Lodge paper; at such a distance, does not think a right judgment can be formed; all his friends think he acted rightly; Gov. Hutchinson thought the attacks on him *beneath notice*; the consequence was his house and effects were destroyed and his life endangered. Encloses two applications for favors from the Ministry: one from Col. Croghan, the other from Mr. Geo. Read. Account of a company formed by himself and others to purchase from the French certain lands at the Illinois. Does not want the Chronicle stopped. Betsy sends a cordial thanks for the notice taken of her nephew.

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**Parker, James. New york**

1766 May 6

A.L.S. 2p. II, 18.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has arrived in New York and accepted the place of Land Waiter; his state of health improved but precarious. Reasons against printing a newspaper himself; his rival in the business would be Mr. Holt who owes him a great sum of money and will probably pay it in time if not interfered with; Holt is aided and abetted by the Sons of Liberty, who carry all before them; everyone afraid to speak against them. Must take the box of goods himself, and will allow Franklin interest from the present day. Benny Mccom promises everything but does not pay a farthing. Acknowledging his favor of Feb. 26, just received.

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<b>The Assembly of Pennsylvania</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1766 May 7	D. attested LII, 56. by Cha[rle]s Moore, Clerk 1p.
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That the Agents of the Province be directed to address their business letter to the Committee of Correspondence.

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<b>Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1766 May 9	A.L.S. 2p. II, 20.
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Receipt of the news of the repeal of the Stamp Act. Eminent services of Dr. Franklin acknowledged. Pennsylvania Hospital.

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<b>Hunt, Isaac. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1766 May 21	A.L.S. 2p. II, 21.
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Concerning a contest for the best essay, written on "The reciprocal advantages of a perpetual union between Great Britain and her Colonies"; the reward, a medal, was won by Dr. Morgan; the writer was a contestant and considers himself unfairly used by the Trustees of the College; sends both papers to Franklin for judgment; by advice of his friends will publish his essay with a dedication to Franklin, whom he trusts will forgive so great a freedom. On applying for his Master's Degree, an honor he was entitled to, his printer, a poor ignorant man, was summoned and examined as to political pamphlets he (Hunt) had written; later his application was refused, without hearing what he had to say; his ambition greatly checked by this cruel behavior. Praises Franklin's great work in connection with the repeal of the Stamp Act.

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<b>Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1766 May 22	A.L.S. 2p. II, 19.
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Joyous and satisfactory news of the repeal of the Stamp Act; universal pleasure it diffused. Illumination took place on the evening of the 20th; on the 21st a handsome dinner was provided at the Stadt House and concluded with much decency. There it was agreed that all who (from a patriotic spirit) had procured suits of home-made cloth should give them to the poor, and on the King's birth day appear in new suits of broadcloth made in England. The intention on part of a few to introduce in the Address to the King, Lords and Commons some remarks against the Proprietary Government.

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A plan conceived by himself and four others to purchase a chain of lots belonging to Springett Penn, which lie between 2d Street and the river Schuylkill; asks Franklin to find out Mr. Penn's price for these and also for Pennsborough Manor. Mentions names of those elected as managers for the work house, which is to be erected.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1766 May 23 A.L.S. 2p. II, 22.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Proceedings in Philadelphia on the repeal of the Stamp Act. The part acted by Franklin in procuring the repeal heartily commended.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1766 June 7 A.L.S. 4p. II, 23.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting a letter from the Committee of Correspondence, enclosing an Address from the Assembly to His Majesty; their objections to the Proprietaries not due to personal resentment, but to the unhappiness and injury their government has caused. Great opposition shown to a resolve giving His Majesty assurances of granting aids for the defence of the colonies; reasons for and against; finally passed. Describes the Governor's conduct during the late trouble; evident from Secretary Conway's letter to the Governor, approving of his conduct, "that his honor deceived Mr. Conway by a eulogium on himself which he did not deserve." malevolence of the Chief Justice against Franklin, as shown by public accusation in the House that Franklin was the greatest enemy to the repeal of the Stamp Act. Assembly's grateful sense of the firmness and integrity with which Franklin has served his country. Various considerations which point to the policy and wisdom of changing the Government from Proprietary to Royal. The Assembly, not suspecting that the petitions are rejected and being in debt, are anxious to push them to a conclusion.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1766 June 11 A.L.S. 8p. II, 24.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of Apr. 6. Unjust treatment he has suffered at Mr. Holts's hands; recounts in detail every transaction he has had with Mr. Holt since their first meeting, at present it stands thus; if Holt will settle his debt to him within three months, well and good; if not, he will arrest him and start to print a rival newspaper. Complaints of the amount he earns as Land-Waiter, of the misfortunes he has had to struggle against, of Mr. Colden, his assistants in the post-office, and of many other things. Bulk of people still dispute authority from home; notwithstanding the late Act of parliament directing

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every Captain of a vessel to carry all letters to the post-office, the moment a ship comes in, the letters are seized by force and carried to the coffee-house where they are cried out and delivered.

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<b>Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia</b>	1766 June 12	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 25.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Sentiments of Dr. Franklin's friends in Pennsylvania respecting his manner of executing his agency in England. Great honor due Dr. Fothergill for his piece written on the stamp Act.

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<b>Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia</b>	1766 June 16	A.L.S. 3p.	II, 26.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Fine qualities of those worthy men now at the head of public affairs. Great relief caused by Franklin's letter to the Committee of Correspondence, announcing that the petitions will be proceeded on. Infamous and groundless charge preferred against Franklin by the Chief Justice. Regulations in American commerce. Currency. Proprietors determined to give their friends twelve months' notice before surrendering the government.

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<b>Read, John. Philadelphia</b>	1766 June 17	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 27.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of a letter to reinstate him in the King's service; chance of his being appointed Commissary of the Southwest or Pennsylvania district. Mr. Allen's assertion in the House that Franklin was the great cause of bringing on the Stamp Act. Dr. Smith's remarks relative to an American Bishopric resented by the Presbyterian clergy.

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<b>Wythe, George. Virginia</b>	1766 June 23	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 28.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to recommend his promotion in the House of Burgesses; promises to be an exception to a quotation from Tacitus regarding ingratitude.  
(Partially mutilated.)

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<b>Walker, Hannah. Westbury</b>	1773 June 20	A.L.S. 2p.	II, 29.
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to Benjamin Franklin

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Thanking him for his goodness in freeing her letters; wishes them sent to Boston. Her son happily situated with a good master and a good trade; excellent accounts of him. [Note from Thos. Walker on back of MSS. to the same effect.]

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**Parker, James. New york** 1766 July 1 A.L.S. 3p. II, 30.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The Assembly of New Jersey broken up; Gov. Franklin and Miss Sally at Newark. Commotion excited by the Stamp Act not yet subsided. Complains of a complication of sickness, infirmities and wrongs; no money from B. Mecom; no business in his shop; expense of living in New York; inadequate pay he receives as Land-Waiter. Reasons for business being so excessively dull throughout the colonies.

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**Broughton, Sarah. Philadelphia** 1766 July 3 A.L.S. 2p. II, 31.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a feather bed which she sold to Mrs. Franklin, and which that lady refused to pay for; appeals to Franklin for justice.

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**Franklin, William** 1766 July 10 A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Indian murders. Resolutions of Parliament relative to commerce. Assembly troubles in Virginia and Massachusetts. His victory over the New Jersey Assembly.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1766 July 15 A.L.S. 4p. II, 32.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of May 9th; delays printing a newspaper in hopes of getting a settlement with Holt. Reasons for the dull and gloomy outlook in New York, and the high prices for everything. Mr. Hall's accounts. Electrical machine not yet delivered. Goes over again all his crosses and hardships; would be glad of a better allowance in the post-office. His types all worn out; asks Franklin to aid him in getting some new ones. Thinks Mr. Colden rather too much of a gentleman for the due execution of the post-office duties. His son stronger.

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**Balfour, James. Virginia, Little England** 1766 Aug. 1 A.L.S. 2p. II, 33.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to him while in London; embraces every opportunity to set forth publicly Franklin's eminent services to America; his great qualities certain to confound his enemies.

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**Brown, Ephraim. Philadelphia** 1766 August 25 A.L.S. 2p. II, 34.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Having previously announced the death of Franklin's worthy brother [Peter], must now inform him of the death of his widow; nothing to hinder him now from embracing Franklin's generous offer to put him into a printing office in London. Is going to resign the post-office to Mr. Thos. Foxcroft; intends working with Mr. Hall until he hears from Franklin. Mrs. Franklin having left no will, her promise to leave him the little she possessed is of no value.

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**Parker, James. New York** 1766 August 27 A.L.S. 3p. II, 35.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His son's sickness and his own ill health. Holt's promise to pay him on the first of next month not to be depended on. Every farthing of his allowance goes in the necessaries of life; wishes his salary as Comptroller could be made more nearly adequate to his services. Very little stationery sold in his shop; too much competition. Benny Mecom generous in promises but never in payments.

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**Wharton, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1766 August 30 A.L.S. 1p. II, 36.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Dr. Jonathan Potts, son of Franklin's friend, John Potts. Esq., who goes to Europe to continue his studies in medicine.

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**Tissington, Anthony. Alfreton** 1766 August 30 A.L.S. 2p. II, 37.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Trust Franklin's German tour was pleasing to himself and useful to Sir J. Pringle. Account of his wife's recent illness. Hopes he has received his paper on Mineral Customs. Desires a visit from Franklin.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1766 August A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 5.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Jonathan Potts.

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**Sturgeon, William. Philadelphia** 1766 September 1 A.L.S. 1p. II, 38.

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

His health so poor that he has been obliged to retire into the country. The mission of Burlington being left vacant by the death of Mr. Campbell, asks Franklin to intercede with the Society on his behalf.

**Parker, James. New york**

1766 September 11

A.L.S. 4p. II, 39.

to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks Holt a villain; is now applying to a lawyer to sue him. Both his boys sick. Times unfavorable for printing a newspaper. Hot summer; sickness prevalent. Engaged in printing an almanac. Complains of his salary as Land-Waiter; no chance of promotion. Expense of living in New York; doctor's bills, etc. Temper of Benny Mecom and Mr. Holt as compared with his own. Reported death of his nephew at Cape Fear. Inconsistency in being afflicted with gout and poverty. Troubles of his friend, Hughes.

**Penn, Ann. Dublin**

1766 September 16

A.L.S. 1p. II, 41.

to Benjamin Franklin

Writes instead of her son, Springett, who has been very ill, but is now recuperating in the country. Hopes Franklin has recovered from his late fatigue and indisposition.

**Walker, Hannah. Westbury**

1766 September 17

A.L.S. 2p. II, 40.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 13th [name of month torn out]. Sorry to hear of his loss; promises to be frugal and industrious. Intense gratitude for past and present favors. Begging his acceptance of some small offerings for himself and Mrs. Stevenson.

**Priestley, Joseph. Warrington**

1766 September 21

A.L.S. 3p. II, 42.

to Benjamin Franklin

Relating to a History of Electricity, which he is writing. Curious experiments with an electrified chain.

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**Kent, Benjamin. Boston**

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A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 13.

to Benjamin Franklin



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A new cure for the gout. Would like to see Dr. Franklin commissioned as Governor of Massachusetts Bay.

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**Franklin, Thomas. Lutterworth** 1766 October 11 A.L.S. 1p. II, 43.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing deep appreciation of Franklin's kindness to himself and daughter; overjoyed to hear of the latter's convalescence; thanks Mrs. Stevenson for her extraordinary goodness to her.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1766 October 11 A.L.S. 4p. II, 44.  
to Benjamin Franklin

No settlement with Holt. Obstacles in the way of publishing a newspaper. Had the wettest summer ever remembered; universal sickness and distress, especially in his own family; his expenses more than his income. Asks once more if his allowance in the post-office cannot be enlarged a little. "A little more struggling through life will probably carry him out of it."

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**Potts, Jonathan. Liverpool** 1766 October 22 A.L.S. 1p. II, 45.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Letters Franklin will receive introducing the writer and his friend, Mr. Benjamin Rush; requesting him to write to any gentlemen in Edinburgh in their favor.

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**Ronayne, Thomas. Cork Ireland** 1766 October 22 A.L.S. 3p. II, 46.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of April 20th, with his book on Whirlwinds, Waterspouts, etc. Describes various electrical experiments.

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**Rush, Benjamin. Liverpool** 1766 October 22 A.L.S. 2p. II, 47.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has procured some letters of introduction from Franklin's friends in Pennsylvania, whose import, he hopes, will gain Franklin's favor for him; begs him to write to such of his friends in Edinburgh on behalf of his friend Mr. Potts and himself as will be most useful to them in the prosecution of their studies. Franklin's merit and learning held by him in high esteem.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1766 October 25 A.L.S. 3p. II, 48.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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No prospect of bringing Holt to settlement; has therefore started a newspaper; small number of subscribers. Continual sickness and distress in his family. Expense of living. Question of having his salary increased. His accounts with Holt and B. Mecom. Electrical machine in his store-house; Mr. Hughes will not take it until he can pay for it. Lewis Jones has left his service to become a flogger and drummer in the army.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia**                      1766 October 28                      A.L.S. 4p.    II, 49.  
to Benjamin Franklin

News of a change of Ministry received with real concern; fears that it will prevent a change of Government; asks Franklin's opinion. Chief Justice declared publicly in the House that Secretary Conway had rebuked Franklin when he applied for a hearing on the petitions, and assured him that they were laid aside by His Majesty never to be resumed; does not believe this but would like the power to deny it. Uneasy about their poor friend H., who, owing to his having written many indiscreet things, is much disliked by both parties; wishes means could be found to raise him above the malice of his unrelenting enemies. The last election a complete victory; new mode of electing approved by both parties; prevents perjury and fraud. Joseph Wharton sends kindly remembrances.

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**Dick, Sir Alexander. Prestonfield**                      1766 October 28                      A.L.S. 1p.    II, 50.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of 11th inst. Expressing gratitude on behalf of his friend Mr. Swinton for Franklin's great kindness to him. Lord Kames's admiration for Franklin; great accession to his estate by the death of Lady Kames.

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**Monchy, F W de. Rotterdam**                      1766 November 4                      A.L.S. 1p.    II, 51.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 23d ult. Questions concerning a fire-engine. Compliments to Sir John Pringle.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia**                      1766 November 11                      A.L.S. 2p.    II, 52.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 13th Sept. Will give him particular pleasure to receive the "Police of Amsterdam"; orderly government of that city. Good results expected from the erection of the work-house. Glad of Franklin's approval of the Illinois scheme. Will receive from Galloway the

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Resolves of the Assembly and their instructions relative to the change of Government. Informed that Sir William Johnson has had a treaty with Pontiac and a great number of southern Indians at Oswego, and has settled matters to their satisfaction.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1766 November 11 A.L.S. 3p. II, 53.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of Sept. 1st. Nothing has prospered with him. Continual sickness in his family. No news of his son since he went to sea in a small schooner ten weeks earlier bound for North Carolina. Poor success he has met with in printing his almanac and his newspaper. Lewis Jones has repented and returned to him. H. Hughes is a Son of Liberty and is greatly displeased with his brother and Franklin, whom he will believe favors the Stamp Act. Holt grown popular by his appearance against the Act.

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**Franklin, William** [1766?] November 13 4p. XLII, 3.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The office of agent for the province of New Jersey. Appointment of Mr. Wilmot under a misapprehension; his intended removal. Goddard's printing business in Philadelphia in opposition to Hall. Hall unfriendly to Franklin, Goddard to publish a newspaper. Has rented Franklin's press and the Market street house to him.

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**Gale, Benjamin. Killingworth** 1766 November 15 A.L.S. 4p. II, 54.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Describes the case of a patient of his, who is a sufferer from dropsy; saw in a magazine an account of the effects of the meadow saffron by Dr. [Wm.] Stark; would like Franklin to ask Dr. Pringle's opinion of this drug, and if it has been successfully tried, to send him a sufficient quantity. Begg Franklin to correct a misstatement concerning his experiments in inoculation, made by Dr. Huxham in the Gentlemen's Magazine for August.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1766 November 15 A.L.S. 1p. II, 55.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing two or three of his newspapers; small number of subscribers. Heard from his son, whom he had given up for lost; was detained by violent gales. Sickness in his family continues.

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**Pownall, Thomas. Westrop** 1766 November 20 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 83.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Scarcely forgiven by Lady Fawkenner for not bringing him down to this place. Has promised her that he will come at Christmas.

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**Potts, Jonathan. Edinburgh**

1766 December 10

A.L.S. 1p. II, 56.

to Benjamin Franklin

Fears that he did not receive a former application for letters to friends of his in Edinburgh in favor of Mr. Benjamin Rush and himself; since their arrival, finding that such letters would be of infinite service, he takes the liberty to repeat the request.

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**Price, Richard. Newington Green**

1766 December 15

A.L.S. 1p. II, 57.

to Benjamin Franklin

Received the enclosed letter from Dr. Priestly concerning a list of books on electricity, which he is in a hurry for. Regrets not meeting Franklin at St. Paul's Coffe-house.

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**Parker, James. New york**

1766 December 15

A.L.S. 4p. II, 58.

to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for the extra allowance of B#20 per annum. Continues to print a newspaper without the least appearance of success; compares his failures with Holt's successes; has had a warrant out for his arrest for three months but he keeps close and cannot be taken; Mecom's and Holt's debts to him. His son returned, having spent all his money, and in debt for his passage home. His type all worn out; asks Franklin for new ones.

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**Tunncliff, John. Langley Lodge, near  
Derby**

1766 December 21

A.L.S. 1p. II, 59.

to Benjamin Franklin

Describing the Kind of plantation he would like; if Franklin knows of such a one in Pennsylvania or New Jersey would be glad to hear of it. Begging his acceptance of a woodcock and a partridge.

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**Parker, James. New york**

1766 December 22

A.L.S. 3p. II, 60.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of October 11th. Thinks Col. Hunter ought to see that justice is done in his affair with Mr. Holt. Objects to Franklin's remark that his "voluminous complaints hurt" him; never

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had that intention; accustomed long since to poverty and distress. Will not avail himself of Franklin's kind permission to let him leave New York; thinks it his duty to continue printing his newspaper. His gratitude to Franklin. His increasing years and failing strength, Repeats contents of preceding letter, II, 58.

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**The Committee of American Merchants.** [1766?] 29 Monday L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 159.

**London**

to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to attend their meeting at Kings Arms, Cornhill.

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**The Associates of Dr. Bray** 1766 Dec. 4 Printed N. 1p.LXVIII, 17.

to Benjamin Franklin

Notice of meeting.

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**Canton, Jno** [1766] L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 215.

to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know whether Franklin, in writing to Dr. Priestly, mentioned a book which he desires for Mr. Cavendish.

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**Huske, John** [1766?] L. 1p. XLIV, 110.

to Benjamin Franklin

Thinks the use of the account of the exports and imports may be of greatest service to the northern colonies. The members for Scotland who are directors of the Bank, India and Hudson's Bay Companies, and the Irish and West Indian members may be convinced that if they do not assist in extinguishing the flames in their neighbor's house, their own may be next to burn. On the letter is a sketched floor plan of the first floor of Franklin's first house.

to Benjamin Franklin, [1766?]

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**Huske, John** [1776] A.L.S. 3p. XLIV, 278.

to Benjamin Franklin

In reference to statistics of imports from the West Indies to the ports of Great Britain and their application in favor of the northern colonies.

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**Huske, John** 1766? Tuesday evening A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 90.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs him to omit the postscript to the papers he has previously sent him, should he care to bring them before the public eye, as the mention would do great injury to private property.

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**Osborne, Thomas** [1766.] A.N. in 3d P. XLII, 14.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Relative to a request to be made to Dr. [John] Forthergill.

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**Pringle, Sir John** [ A.L. in 3d P. LXVIII, 72a.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Introducing Dr. [Wm.] Stark who has made some curious experiments on living on bread and water, and wants to make to a pair of scales for weighing himself in the prosecution of these experiments.

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**Miss Rich, Joseph Sherwood, W. Small,** 1766-1767 LXVIII,  
**William Strahan, Dr. Peter Templeman** 73-79.  
**and samuel Wharton**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Requests for engagements, letters of introduction, advice, etc.

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**The Royal society** 1766-1768 N.S. 1p. LXVIII, 3-11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Notices of meetings of the Council.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1767 January 4 A.L.S. 1p. II, 61.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of Nov. 8th. Plentifully bespattered by the malice of their enemies; the effect of this abuse to raise them in the estimation of many people. If anything of importance should arise in the present sitting of Assembly will communicate it.

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**Monchy, F W de. Rotterdam** 1767 January 9 A.L.S. 2p. II, 62.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the making of an ice boat for Franklin; its cost. Comparative cost of coal consumed per day by the fire engines in York buildings. Begs him while in London to speak to Mr. Benjamin Martin about two microscopes which he paid him for but never received.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1767 January 14 A.L.S. 3p. II, 63.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes within the coming year to congratulate him on a change in Government from proprietary to Royal. Assembly now sitting; petitions from the whole province praying that an act may pass to oblige the judges of the Supreme Court to ride the circuit and not force the country to attend in philadelphia. Acknowledging favor of Nov. 8th. Safe arrival of George Croghan from the Illinois; has settled everything with the Indians to his entire satisfaction; Baynton, Wharton and Morgan will have a profitable trade there this winter. Actions of the Assembly of Maryland. (Lower third of sheet lost.)

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 January 16 A.L.S. 1p. II, 64.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received no word from Franklin by the packet; sorry he is so displeasing to him. Asks him to thank the gentleman to whom he owes his place in the Custom-House. Thinks of having his son come and work with him. Begs for stationery and two fonts of new letter.

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**Tissington, Anthony. Alfreton** 1767 January 20 A.L.S. 1p. II, 65.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Snow has rendered roads impossible. Hopes to pay Franklin a visit in a few days. Death of Mr. Gell, their attorney.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1767 February 7 A.L.S. 2p. II, 66.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hourly expecting the December packet with news relative to the affairs of the Province. Court party's expressions concerning a change of Government. The sober and religious inhabitants of the city have requested the House to offer to the Governor a bill for the putting a stop to the exhibition of plays in the Province; thinks the Governor will be puzzled how to act, as he constantly attends the plays and has had the players to dine or sup with him. Various acts passed by the Assembly; the Act for obliging the judges to ride the circuits. Failure of W[illiam] A[llen] to give the usual trouble to the

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House. Committee formed to consider the means of paying off the public debt. William Goddard's paper established; has 700 subscribers; sends him two numbers.

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**Parker, James** 1767 February 13 A.L.S. 1p. II, 67.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Office of Hartford rider revived. Landing of vessel from Holland with no news of Miller's arrival. Other ships sailing to and from London.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 February 23 A.L.S. 1p. II, 68.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the kind of type he needs. His dunning of B. Mccom has occasioned that gentleman's resignation from the post-office. His newspaper progresses slowly. Has a slight attack of gout.

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**Pownall, Thomas** 1767 March 4 A.L. in 3d P. LXIX, 84.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Asks for information as at Mr. Dimsdale, who died in Pennsylvania in 1764 or 1765.

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**A-----, R-----. London** 1767 March 8 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX. 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a locked portfolio containing his papers; shall send for them again betwixt 12 and 1 in order to convey them to one other friend who keeps himself disengaged through the day in order to give them serious perusal.

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**Luther, T.M. Frankfort** 1767 March 15 A.L.S. 4p. II, 70.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of September 9th, 1766, as well as various purchases he made for him; thanking him for his trouble. Begg to know date of Franklin's departure for America; puts in his hands certain affairs of his there. Sends his compliments to Mr. John Pringle.

March 16th.— Asking Franklin to procure him a microscope; describes the kind he wants; refers him to Messrs. Jas. Des Cotes and Co. for whatever sum he expends. His services always at Franklin's disposal.

(In French.)

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**Franklin, Thomas. Lutterworth** 1767 March 16 A.L.S. 1p. II, 69.



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to Benjamin Franklin

Begs his acceptance of ten pounds of butter, two chickens and a sago cheese.

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**Pomeroy and Hodgkin. London**                      1767 March 18                      A.L.S. 1p.      LXIX, 80.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclose two sermons of the Reverend Mr.[Samuel] Cooper's, from Nicholas Boylston, to be forwarded to Glasgow in order to get the degree of doctor of divinity for him.

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**Potts, Henry. London**                                  1767 April 2                      A.L.S. 1p.      LXIX, 81.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin's commission, signed by his Majesty's Postmaster General.

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**Penington, Edward. Philadelphia**                  1767 April 5                      A.L.S. 1p.      II, 71.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of December 13 enclosing a copy of Springett Penn's will. Has received the power of attorney to sell the lands, for which he thanks Franklin. Encloses letter to Ann Penn, whose estate he will endeavor to dispose of on the best terms.

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**Parker, James. New york**                              1767 April 5                      A.L.S. 2p.      II, 72.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of Jan. 10. Has appointed Mr. Luke Babcock in place of B. Mecom in the post-office. Desires some English papers. Has had a writ out for Holt above six months, with no result. Cannot trust his son alone in Woodbridge; expects him in New York in May. Concerning a request from Mr. Foxcroft to send Franklin a bill for B#300. Wisdom of keeping certain unpaid letters separate in the post-office accounts.

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**David Barclay and Sons. London**                      1767 April 21                      L. in 3d P. 1p.LXIX, 47.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Relative to a letter from Charles Read and an affair with M. Morgan.

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**Parker, James. New york**                              1767 April 29                      A.L.S. 1p.      II, 73.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Enclosing the first of a bill for B#300 he got from Mr. Colden. The affair with Holt; he still escapes arrest; is evidently waiting for his [Parker's] death to trump up what account he pleases. Bemoans his son's folly; has no hopes that he will ever see his erroneous ways.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 May 2 A.L.S. 2p. II, 74.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the second bill for B#300. Concerning the best means of getting his pay for his year's work in the Custom-House. Thinks Holt a downright villain; the accounts he exhibited to the auditors at New Haven a proof of this.

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**The Duke of Marlborough, et al.,** 1767 May 5 and 7 1p. LXVIII,  
**Stewards** 23-24.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Choir tickets, Printed card.

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**Millar, Andrew** [1767?] May 11 A.L. in 3d P. LXIX, 77.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Sends packet to Joseph Galloway and hopes to meet Mr. Hume and Dr. Franklin at Mr. Strahan's this day.

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**Shippen, William Jr. Philadelphia** 1767 May 14 and November A.L.S. 3 and LXIX, 87, 88.  
to Benjamin Franklin 15 2p.

Relative to two children joined firmly together at the breast-bone. Sends a wax model and an account of the dissection for the Royal Society.

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**Parker, James** 1767 May 15 D.S. 2p. LXVI, 12.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Bond for B#160 10s. to Benjamin Franklin. Partial receipts by Deborah Franklin.

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**Monchy, F W de. Rotterdam** 1767 May 15 A.L.S. 2p. II, 75.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Thanking him for the accurate information concerning the fire-engine and also for the microscope. Sends two drawings of an ice-boat; would have finished his part of the work sooner had he not been prevented by the death of his mother.

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**Price, Richard, 1723-1791** 1767 May 15 A.L.S. 1p. II, 75 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting Franklin to dine with him at St. Paul's Coffee-house in company with several gentlemen.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1767 May 16 A.L.S. 2p. II, 76.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin's advice and influence in the case of one Mr. Tench Francis, who is deeply involved in the failure of Mr. Hagen, and who embarks the following day for London.

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**Tissington, Anthony. Alfreton** 1767 May 17 A.L.S. 1p. II, 77.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to hear of Franklin's health, his movements and his time of stay in England. Enclosing copies of two estimates of fire-engines as erected in Derbyshire. Looks forward to pursuing his favorite studies in peace and quiet, after their mineral liberties are preserved in entirety.

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**Parker, James. New York** 1767 May 23 A.L.S. 2p. II, 78.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of Feb. 28 and one per packet of March. Enclosing the first of a bill of B#200 got of Mr. Hubbart. Repeats several items mentioned in letter II, 74. Holt still at liberty; hopes nothing from him. His own strength failing him.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1767 May 26 A.L.S. 1p. II, 79 and 80.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a bill of exchange for B#250 sterling, in part payment of his two years' salary, amounting on the whole to B#1000; will remit the residue by the first opportunity.  
(In duplicate.)

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**Hopkinson, Francis. Hartlebury Castle** 1767 May 31 A.L.S. 3p. II, 81.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Describing his pleasant stay at Hartlebury Castle, as well as his movements after he left London. Looking forward to embarking for 'dear Philadelphia' the latter end of July. Compliments to Franklin, Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Franklin.

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**Messrs. James Des Cotes and Co**                      1767 June 2                      A.L. 1p.                      II, 82.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting to know the sum of Mr. Luther's indebtedness to Franklin, also how long he proposes to stay in London, and whether he has procured the spy-glass for Mr. Luther.

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**Parker, James. New york**                      1767 June 12                      A.L.S. 1p.                      II, 83.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing to Franklin, the bearer, Dr. Nicholas Falck, an inhabitant of New York, who has made some remarkable discoveries in mathematics and other sciences.

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**Parker, James. New york**                      1767 June 13                      A.L.S. 1p.                      II, 84.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the books that Franklin sent over; never received as much money for them as he has paid out; Holt responsible for the profits from those sold, but declines to come to an account; 'books an excessive dull article in trade.'

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**Parker, James. New york**                      1767 June 13                      A.L.S. 1p.                      II, 85.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Foxcroft back from Virginia. Business in books and stationery dull; mentions various firms who are doing almost nothing. Complains of not hearing from Franklin and of not receiving any newspapers. B. Mecom still at New Haven, but can get nothing from him. His own health excellent.

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**Payne, James. Brackley**                      1767 June 25                      A.L.S. 1p.                      II, 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the purchase of a house at Wappenham by Mrs. Stevenson; desires her instructions in the matter.

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**Parker, James. New york**                      1767 August 8                      A.L.S. 2 p.                      II, 87.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Mr. Chew's claim against Franklin for a rider he hired to Hartford in 1755 and 1756. Illness of his son. A letter from London to him get lost through "the vile practice of calling off letters at the coffeehouse."

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1767 August 22 A.L.S. 5p. II, 88.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Interested in persuing the few pages he received of Franklin's journal; promises to keep it an inviolable secret; Mr.G's 1 opinion that if the people did but know one half of Franklin's work in their behalf, they would go near to deify him. Question of paper currency; doubtful whether they will get permission to make any this year. Inadequate salaries of officers; from all his fees of office, has never made more than B#300 per annum. Discusses the advisability of making the Governors independent of the Assemblies. Approves of the Governnor's right to grant Crown lands with advice of Council, but deprecates sharing that power with the Assemblies. Collection of quit rents. Wishes the resolution Franklin drew up for Governor Pownall could have opened their eyes to the impropriety of taxing the Colonies without giving them representation; thinks everything has been done to prejudice the people in America Against this plan, especially by the Presbyterians; these letter in favour of an American Parliament, in order to advance their own interests.

**Other Descriptive Information**

1 [Joseph Galloway.]

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 August 24 A.L.S. 1p. II, 91.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favour of April 14, May 23 and June 12, and congratulating him on the renewal of his commission. In receipt of the Chronicles. Makes but slow advance with his newspaper, but continues to swim against the tide. Illness in his family. Will send power of attorney by next packet. Summoned by Mr.Ingersoll to come up and give evidence the beginning of October. Holt keeps close or else their sheriff is dishonest.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 August 27 A.L.S. 1p. II, 91.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the day's paper which contains nothing of importance; one of his best apprentices sick.

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**Strahan, William** 1767 August 27 A.L.S. 1p. XLIII, 229.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Encloses a receipt for books. Reminds Franklin of his engagement to dine with him.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 September 1 A.L.S. 1p. II, 92.  
to Benjamin Franklin

An attack of gout prevented his executing a power of attorney. Thinks Mr. Chew has failed; his claim on Franklin for a sum expended in hiring riders; neither he nor Mr. Foxcroft know anything about this.

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**Michell, John. Newark** 1767 September 6 A.L.S. 3p. II, 93.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Just returned to Newark from a visit to Thornhill, where he expects to remove in three weeks; describes the house there. Concerning a kind of candle-stick desired by the Mrs. Stevenson, which he thinks he can procure for her. Sees by the papers that Sir John Pringle has gone to France; hopes it is for his pleasure and for his health.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1767 September 21 A.L.S. 2p. II, 94.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the affairs of Baynton, Wharton and Morgon; the statement they made to their creditors. Election close at hand; no change in their ticket expected, except perphas one owing to the illness of John Potts. Mentions some changes in office. Some reason to believe that W[illiam] A[llen] will lose his election in Cumberland County.

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**Hartmann, John Frederick** 1767 October A.L.S. 4p. II, 95.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Often recalls the first time he met and spoke with Franklin; sorry he was unable to show him some of his experiments in electricity. Prince Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, hearing of Franklin's proposed visit to Germany, was extremely anxious to see and speak with him; with this purpose in view, sent a friend to GC6ttingen to greet Franklin, but unfortunately arrived too late; the Prince anxious to have lightning rods placed on his houses; desires Franklin to describe accurately the method used in America, thereby gaining for himself honors and profit in Germany. Contemplates writing a history of electricity, in which work he wishes to print certain experiments and inventions of Franklin's; aware of the audacity of this request.

[In Latin.]

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 October 1 A.L.S. 1p. II, 96.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reason for not sending the power. Set out for New Haven the following morning to give his evidence. Times are dull, but "will not cease to struggle until he either gains the port or sinks forever."

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**Croghan, George. Lancaster** 1767 October 2 L.S. 4p. II, 97.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of April 18. Has spent three months with Sir William Johnson, where they had several conferences with the Six Nations; these express great uneasiness that the boundary between this hunting country and the middle British colonies was not confirmed; since the agreement made two years before with Sir William Johnson the English have made more encroachments on their country than ever before, and have killed several of their warriors. In consequence, a great meeting of the Indians is to be held in the Shawanese country, and he, Croghan, leaves at once for Fort Pitt to divert, if possible, this Council. The result likely to be war, unless the boundary is confirmed. Sir William Johnson has written of it to His Majesty.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1767 October 9 A.L.S. 3p. II, 98.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Election over; all the old members returned as representatives in Assembly; in place of the few who resigned, warm supporters of a change of Government have come in; thinks Franklin will soon receive further instructions from the new House respecting that important measure. Concerning the several bills which he has remitted Franklin in payment of his salary. Has seen the Act of Parliament laying certain duties on paper, etc., imported into America, and appropriating these duties to the payment of Governors' and judges' salaries; thinks this measure may assist the desired change; his opinion of it. If the Governor and judges are to be independent of the people, as they are, it is best they should also be independent of the Proprietors.

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**Pownall, Thomas. Westrop** 1767 October 12 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 85.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Is revising his "Administration of the Colonies."

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**Parker, James** 1767 October 16 II, 99 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Appointing Benjamin Franklin his attorney to receive from the Receiver-General of his Majesty's Customs, his salary as Land-Waiter.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1767 October 19 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter and the kind condolences contained therein on his late losses by fire. Death of Mrs. Mecom's daughter, Polly. Death of his own youngest daughter, Sally, about the same time.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 October 24 A.L.S. 2p. II, 99.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent power of attorney[1p.] by Capt. Miller. Account of visit to New Haven, and the evidence he gave before the auditors; he and Mr. Ingersoll both thought the auditors inclined to favor Holt; that gentleman to say some weeks at New Haven; desired Mr. Ingersoll to attach his house there. Rumor in town that Weyman won't print any more newspapers; his own progress slow.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1767 November 3 A.L.S. 1p. II, 100.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs leave to recommend the bearer, Daniel Coxe, of Trenton, to Franklin's civilities and good offices.

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**Collinson, Thomas. London** 1767 November 12 A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 67.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Returns letter. Inquires concerning the house at Philadelphia.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1767 November 17 A.L.S. 3p. II, 101.  
to Benjamin Franklin

W[illiam], A[llen] received a letter from T[homas] P[enn], no doubt intended, had it arrived in time, to have facilitated Franklin's rejection as an agent; mentions various remarks in it. Sends him a supplement of Goddard's paper that he may see the steps the people in Boston Government are taking; fears consequences if England should act with her usual spirit; his opinion as to what would



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advance the interest of both countries. Stamp Act has raised a great spirit, especially to the eastward. At present, about 150 sail in port, but business very dull, and must grow worse. Asking Franklin's assistance in purchasing the rights from William Royden's heirs, of certain lands in the Province, for the heirs of John Smith. Recommends to Franklin the bearer of this letter, Enoch Story, as an honest, worthy man.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia**                      1767 November 18                      A.L.S. 1p.    II, 102.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing letter from Thomas Livezey; has delivered for him to Capt. Falkner twelve bottles of wine.

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**Livezey, Thomas. Roxbury Township, Philadelphia Co**                      1767 November 18                      A.L.S. 2p.    II, 103.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing him that he has sent him by Captain Falkner twelve bottles of wine and made from wild grapes on his own place; hopes it may warm the hearts of all who taste it with a love for America. Despairs of a change of Government until after the death of Thomas Penn; wishes he could be prevailed on to die for the good of the people, and thus make his name as immortal as Samson's death did his.

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**Evans, Cadwalader. Philadelphia**                      1767 November 20                      A.L.S. 4p.    II, 104.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of August 5th and also Dr. Baker's ingenious investigation of the cause of Devonshire colic; he deserves the thanks of that country in particular and of all the world where wine and cider are drank; compares their own tendency to colic with that of other nations. Sends him a catalogue of the medical books in their library; thanks Franklin for the interest he has taken in the scheme. Account of the annual election; none now so hardy as to speak against Franklin. Question of the colonies manufacturing articles to rival other nations rather than Great Britain.

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**Parker, James. New york**                                      1767 November 24                      A.L.S. 2p.    II, 105.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The affair at New Haven terminated by Holt having to pay Mr. Ingersoll B#48, which he has since done. If he can but hold out a year or two, expects to bring his newspaper through successfully; at

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present it's a hard struggle. Price of writing-paper higher, owing to the new duty, also his labors in the custom-house increased. Weyman continues in public service; his paper, a jumble of lies and truth, expressed in the vilest language.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1767 December 24 A.L.S. 3p. II, 106.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Issue of trial of Post-Office vs. Holt. Has suffered lately with a fever and gout, but is now better. Concerning the payment of his salary in the Custom-House. The Thursday's post by way of Hartford to Boston is to be stopped; a rider from Hartford to New London will answer all purposes. Intends altering his paper to Monday; every day sees a slight increase. The new duties make a great noise on the continent, but no so much at home; the poor people complain much, and yet there is much luxury. Benny Mecom's failure to get along; expects nothing from that quarter. Assembly sitting, but ignorant what they are doing; Weyman still prints for them; thinks him an object of pity and contempt.

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**Cumming, Thomas. London** [1767?] December 30 A.L. in 3d P. LXIX, 69.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Introducing a gentleman who wishes to become librarian of the Royal Society.

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**Chambers, Mr** 1767? L. in 3d P. 1p. XLIII, 157.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Disappointed at not meeting Franklin at the Philadelphia Coffee House. Requests him to send letters for him, by bearer, as he is going to set out for Portsmouth next morning.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1767 L. 2p. XLIV, 108.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. B[ache] informs him that he has [given] you an exact account of his misfortunes; bills have come back protested, but his brother is bound with him for their payment. His brother becomes his surety until he can contrive to pay them. Mr. R -----s says that Mr. B. had often attempted to deceive him about his circumstances, and he was convinced, before this unlucky affair happened, that Mr. B. was not worth anything at all if his debts were paid; he is a mere fortune hunter. If Sally marries him they will both be entirely dependent on Dr. Franklin for subsistence. Asks him to burn this letter.

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**Garth, Charles. London** [1767] L. in 3d P. 1p. XL, 35.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Announcing Mr. Grenville's consent to give audience to the deputation.

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<b>Garth, -----.</b> London to Benjamin Franklin	[1767?]	A.L. in 3d P. XLII, 30. 1p.
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Relative to despatches to be sent to the South Carolina Assembly.

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<b>Douglas, Lord Morton James</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[	3. N. in 3d P. LXVIII, Each 1p. 69-71.
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Relative to chimneys and lightning conductors to be placed on his house.

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<b>The Royal society</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1767 and 1768	N.S. 1p. LXVIII, 12-13.
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Notices of meetings of the Committee on Papers.

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<b>Strahan, William. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1767?	A.L. 1p. XLIV, 281.
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Asks permission to see him that evening.

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<b>Strahan, William. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1767?	A.L.S. 1p. XLIV, 282.
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Reminds him of his appointment for the following day.

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<b>Vaughan, Benjamin</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1767-68?]	A.L.S. 2p. LVIII, 53.
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Comparison between boiling and evaporation. Sends Dr. Priestley's History of Electricity.  
(First Part Missing.)

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<b>Morris, Eleanor. Weatbury</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1768 January 18	A.L.S. 1p. II, 107.
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Wishing him many happy returns of his birthday (Jan.17th), which she and the children celebrated by having a plum-pudding for dinner, and drinking his health in tea. Her own health good though the weather is very severe; Henry goes every day to school. Asks him to pardon her writing as she may never live to see another of his birth-days.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 January 21 A.L.S. 2p. II, 108.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Altered the day of his paper to Monday. The Hartford rider suppressed. Question of his pay in the Custom-House. Weyman has dropped his paper and has resigned his government work in favor of Hugh Gaine, who allows him one year's salary; his (Parker's) name was mentioned by some of the members, but it was objected that he was a Custom-House officer. Holt still avoids arrest. No hope of getting a copper of rent from Benny Mecom.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1768 January 22 A.L.S. 1p. II, 109.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has only time to acknowledge his favors of Oct. 9th and Nov. 13th. Doubts whether it will be good policy to drop the superintendencies, at least until the new colonies are got into some fowardness.

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**Johnson, Martha. Letchlade** 1768 January 26 A.L.S. 1p. II, 110.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Just arrived at Letchlade with her brother-in-law; expects to get into her shop in a week or so. Her son Sammy very ill. Begg Franklin's acceptance of a chesse.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 January 30 A.L.S. 1p. II, 111.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Holt denies that he ever sent to Mr. Strahan for any books; begs Franklin to ask Mr. Strahan if he ever received any orders for books in Holt's handwriting.

A.E. by Franklin. Asking Mr. Strahan to peruse this and enable him to send a proper answer.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1768 February 9 A.L.S. 3p. II, 112.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The horrid murders committed by Frederick Stump; account of his capture. The House improves every opportunity to urge the Governor to do his duty by bringing those wretches to the just test of the law. Prevalence of a disposition in the inhabitants of Cumberland Co. to support all persons who kill Indians; while this lawless disposition continues, there is little hope of peace with the natives. patterson's life in danger. A proposition that the Assembly shall give about £3000 to the northern tribes and the western Indians for the wiping away the blood of their warriors and relatives split

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at a time of peace. Their party stronger in the House than ever before; great hopes of a change of Government.

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**Johnson, Martha. Letchlade** 1768 February 15 A.L.S. 1p. II, 114.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes Nancy behaves herself; trusts Franklin will chide her if she doesn't. Begs him to think of poor Sammy and get him provided for if possible.

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**Kames, Henry Home, Lord. Edinburgh** 1768 February 18 L.S. 1p. II, 113.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has bought a house in Edinburgh; most complete in every respect, except that one of the chimneys smokes; applies to Franklin for a remedy; has been thinking lately of adopting his Philadelphia grate, as it promises to save coal. Will give him great joy to entertain Franklin.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 February 25 A.L.S. 2p. II, 115.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favors of Dec. 2d and 12th. A detailed account of the New Haven affair and the stoppage of the Hartford rider; this latter action has caused a general outcry against him; gives Franklin a true statement of the case. Concerning his responsibility for the books he had of Hamilton and Balfour. Longs to bring Holt to a settlement before he dies. Struggles hard but cannot support himself in this very dear town.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1768 March 10 A.L.S. 3p. II, 116.  
to Benjamin Franklin

State of affairs in Pennsylvania.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Leeds** 1768 March 20 A.L.S. 1p. II, 117.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to transmit the two enclosed copies of a paper to Dr. Kippis and Mr. Price. Preparing for the second edition of his History of Electricity; difficulties in the way; at present reading the History of Electricity, written by A. Grelett of Dantzic.

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**Hopkinson, Francis. Philadelphia** 1768 March 28 A.L.S. 3p. II, 118.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his advice and encouragement, which induced him to accept his cousin. Mr. Warren's, offer; the unusual success he has met with already. Sent Mr. Waring a full account of the negro school in Philadelphia. Hopes he will see the Lord Bishop in London.

**Saunders, William. et al. London** 1768 March-May Printed. N.S. LXVIII,  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p. 18-21.

Solicitations for his vote at an election for physician to the London Hospital, 1768

**Walker, Henry. Westbury** 1768 April 1 A.L.S. 1p. II, 119.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Presenting his and his family's humble duties to Franklin; his mother hopes that Franklin's name will be perpetuated by the Boston branch of the family.

**Lee, Charles. Barton** 1768 April 7 A.L.S. 1p. II, 120.  
to Benjamin Franklin

In case Mr. Durden should write him concerning the Springsborough estate, begs Franklin to forward the letter to him at Sir Charles Bunbury's and to forgive the liberty of the request.

**The Province of Georgia** 1768 April 11 Attested LXXVI, 8.  
to Benjamin Franklin copy, 2p.

Ordinance appointing Benjamin Franklin its Agent in Great Britain.

**Parker, James. New york** 1768 April 18 A.L.S. 2p. II, 121.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Issue of suit against Holt at New Haven. Revival of the Hartford rider. Details of the way Holt undermined a venture of his in the newspaper line. His dealings with B.Mecom. The coldest, backwardest spring ever known.

**Parker, James. New york** 1768 April 25 A.L.S. 1p. II, 122.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has not had a line from Franklin since December. Wishing him a safe and speedy return home.

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**The Royal Society. London** 1768 April 1p. II, 122 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Notice of a Council meeting on April 28, 1768. Engraved N.S. J. Robertson, Chairman.

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris** 1768 May 8 A.L.S. 4p. II, 123.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging treatise on the small-pox by Mr. Dimsdale; discusses new method of treating this disease. Pays Franklin many compliments on the style of his writings in the periodicals; anxious to have these translated together with Franklin's examination, to be published in the "Ephemerides du Citoyen." Has announced the rough draft of this translation in the honorable assemblies at the house of the Marquis de Mirabaud. Sends explanation of his Chronological Chart, which Franklin was good enough to ask for. Acknowledges the Biographical Chart of Mr. Priestley. Thanks him for the strange nuts, — walnuts and hickories. Wants to know if the liberty of the press in London or Philadelphia would permit of his printing an article on Deism, and if so, would Franklin take charge of it ?  
In French.

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**Du Pont de Nemours, Pierre Samuel.** 1768 May 10 A.L.S. 4p. II, 124.  
**Paris**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Heard from Dr. Quesnay, when it was too late, of Franklin's visit to Paris; regret at not having seen him; has long known him as the savant, the mathematician and the philosopher; has taken the liberty of translating some of his papers on the affairs of the Colonies, in which he is revealed as the citizen-philosopher, occupied for the good of his brothers and the interest of humanity. Sends him two books; one a collection of Dr. Quesnay's writings, the other his own treatise, "La Physiocratie," a rC(esumC) of Dr. Quesnay's principles. Introducing the bearer, Mr. Reboul. Secretary of the Economical Society.  
In French.

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**Johnson, Martha. Letchlade** 1768 May 10 A.L.S. 1p. II, 125.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sorry to hear that Franklin is about to leave England; cannot leave her shop to bid him good-bye. Begs that with so much influence at his command he will do something for Sammy, as she cannot afford to apprentice him. Hopes Nancy behaves herself and makes progress in her French; would be obliged if Franklin would always address her in that tongue.

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**Franklin, William. Perth Amboy** 1768 May 10 A.L.S. 6p. II, 126.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favors of Jan. 9, 29, Feb. 13 and March 13. M[aurice] Morgan not yet arrived. Concerning Franklin's lands in Nova Scotia and his scheme of returning home via Halifax. Goddard has not yet published Franklin's paper on Smuggling, in the Chronicle, but has printed the one relative to disputes in America 1; both much admired, the latter far more than the Farmer's Letters. Concerning the experiment of setting water on fire. Reported by Mr. Foxcroft that Franklin was to be appointed one of the Under Secretaries of State to Lord Hillsborough; doubts the truth of this, but it is much wished for. Assures his father that in spite of great provocation, his one endeavor has been to avoid family quarrels. Question of paper currency. Evil consequences of the Ministry abandoning the posts in the back country, and leaving them to the colonies to garrison. Glad that the boundary is atlast to be completed. Sent an exact account of the manufactories carried on in his province to Lord Shelburne; therefore cannot understand Mr. Grenville's complaints. Proves by statistics that there is not wool enough in the colonies to make each person a pair of garters. Act of Assembly for supplying the King's forces. Agreeable dinner he had with Mr. Bayard, meeting there Gen. Gage and Sir Henry Moore. Has just seen that Franklin has been chosen agent for Georgia; anxious to know if he will accept it.

**Other Descriptive Information**

1 See Ford's Bibliography of Benjamin Franklin, p. 135, No. 302.

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**Howard, Martin Jr. Newport, R.I** 1765 May 14 A.L.S. 2p. II, 127.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Wrote to him some time past and mentioned the petition signed by a few here for a Royal Government. The pamphlet entitled "A Letter from Halifax" has involved him in a paper war and he has taken the side of the Mother Country against her ungrateful sons. Has lately published "A Defence of the Halifax Letter." His attitude has rendered him not a little obnoxious. Asks his influence of have him appointed Receiver of Stamp Duties. Party is high in Philadelphia and every



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measure of decency is renounced by the antagonists there. Mr. [Samuel] Ward elected Governor of Rhode Island.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 May 14 A.L.S. 1p. II, 128.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His son about to embark for London; durst not recommend him to Franklin's regard; ignorant if he will even wait on him. Nothing pleasing to write about.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 May 15 A.L.S. 1p. II, 129.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends this with his unhappy son; leaves to Franklin's discretion how far he may be an object of his regard; nothing else to say in his favor.

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**Saunders, William. London** 1768 May 20 Printed N. 1p. LXVIII, 22.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Notice of the day of the election for a physician to the London Hospital.

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**Dalibard, Thomas François. Paris** 1768 June 14 A.L.S. 4p. II, 130.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favors of March last. Prevented by various incidents from reading Dr. Priestley's History of Electricity. Death of M. Camus of the Academy. Begs to know when Franklin intends paying Paris a visit; Dr. and Mrs. Dubourg and Mesdemoiselles Basseporte and BihC)ron are greatly desirous of seeing him before his return to America. New arrangement of the museums in the Jardin du Roi.

In French.

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**Walker, Hannah. Westbury** 1768 June 16 A.L.S. 2p. II, 131.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for his favor to her son Henry. Has been in great trouble owing to her son Johnny's eyes; after being prevented some time by her husband, finally took him to Banbury to consult a famous gentlewoman there, who takes nothing for her services, but she said it was too late to do anything. Damage done by the late heavy rains to their present abode; hopes that Franklin and

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Mrs. Stevenson will not disappoint them about providing them with a better dwelling; mentions one in the middle of the town, in every way suitable.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Giving an account of two incidents which recently happened in which the young Dauphin displayed good qualities and a high sense of justice. Thinks the young Prince gives promise of being a wise and just King.

(In French.)

(Copy by Franklin.)

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 June 17 A.L.S. 1p. II, 132.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of April 16, with Mr. Strahan's memorandum about Holt; unfortunate that he (Parker) has to pay for books which he never received. His son probably arrived in England; wishes he had sown his wild oats while single; hopes he will be preserved from utter ruin.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 June 29 A.L.S. 1p. II, 133.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hears Franklin is about to embark for home; wishes him a good passage. Durst not ask any favors for his son, but trusts to Franklin's kindness.

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**Parker, F. Samuel. Deptford** 1768 July 1 A.L.S. 1p. II, 134.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Being engaged at Deptford, has been hindered from delivering his letter, which he now sends.

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**Falconer, Capt. Nathaniel. Off Dover** 1768 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. II, 135.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing his landing, after a passage of five weeks and three days. Franklin's family as well when he left home; will wait on Franklin with his letters as soon as he gets to London.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 July 12 A.L.S. 1p. II, 136.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Sends this line on the chance of Franklin not having, yet left England. Continues to rub along in the old way, but thinks he is almost at the end of his journey.

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<b>George, III. New York</b>	1768 July 20	2p.	LXXVI, 7.
to Benjamin Franklin		Parchment.	

Commission for deciding the boundary line between New York and New Jersey. 1 sheet, parchment.  
E. Notice that the first Meeting will be held on July 18th, 1769. Parchment.

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<b>Alleyne, John. Fachiney</b>	[1768 August 13]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 23.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Returns thanks for congratulations upon his marriage and for his advice.

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<b>Swinton, John. Jr. Edinburgh</b>	1768 August 29	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 137.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Begging him to transmit the enclosed letter to Governor Franklin who was good enough to advance for him four guineas, for which he herewith sends Dr. Franklin an order.

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<b>Parker, James. New york</b>	1768 September 1	A.L.S. 2p.	II, 138.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Acknowledging favor of April 20. Concerning the unhappy affair of the books sent him by Franklin; how much money he has already lost through that transaction; cheated by both his kinsman and Holt, to whom at different times the books were confided; has collected all that are left; will do what he can to repair Franklin's loss.

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<b>Timothy, Peter. Charleston, S. C</b>	1768 September 3	A.L.S. 4p.	II, 139.
to Benjamin Franklin			

The bearer is the young man Franklin desired him to inquire about; sketches his history. Mr. Spencer happily settled, owing to Franklin's recommendation. He (Timothy) is the most unpopular man in the Province, since taking a place in the post-office at the time of the Stamp Act. Flourishing condition of South Carolina; many improvements in Charleston. Lawyers, doctors and planters grow rich, merchants do not so well. Great confusion however prevails; people in the back settlements,

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calling themselves regulators, are in arms and acknowledge no authority; they owe their origin to "Grenville's hellish idea of an Stamp Act."

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 September 10 A.L.S. 1p. II, 140.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has not had a line from Franklin for many months; has heard nothing from his unhappy son, whether he be dead or alive; some mention of him by Franklin would have been appreciated.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 September 25 A.L.S. 3p. II, 141.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends Franklin new of his son and daughter. Complains of the Nation being in debt, yet five or six commissioners are sent to Boston with a salary of £3000 sterling per annum; thinks this absurd, as they do nothing but ape their superiors in haughty bearing.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 October 17 A.L.S. 1p. II, 142.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hardly able to hold a pen, owing to gout in his right hand. Acknowledging his favor of Aug. 9, giving an account of his (Parker's) son's base behavior in attempting to get money of Mrs. Cummings; his wife died on the 7th inst., leaving a girl of three years old; hopes he may be spared until she arrives above the reach of want of a little education.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1768 October 17 A.L.S. 4p. II, 143.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Affairs of Pennsylvania. Two regiments arrived in Boston. Governor Franklin attending an Indian treaty at Fort Stanwix. The retirement of Mr. Hughes to the country, disgusted with his friends and all the world.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 October 24 A.L.S. 1p. II, 144.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Distressed at his son's meanness and viciousness; hopes Franklin will admonish him; distressed enough in other quarters; bad attack of gout; no settlement with Holt, but thinks he wearies of his confinement.

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**Todd, Anthony. Gen. Post Office**                      1768 October 31                      A.L.S. 1p.    II, 145.  
to Benjamin Franklin

As Lord Le Despencer cannot get at his oats in time for Franklin to send them to America, herewith sends his last year's produce, having added a little more Swiss barley.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Leeds**                              1768 November 1                      A.L.S. 2p.    II, 146.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing the bearer, Mr. Lee of Lincoln's Inn, who is very desirous of making his acquaintance; if Franklin will give him the places of his last work he will deliver them safely. Concerning a certain experiment in electricity which he describes, and on which he desires Franklin's opinion. Proposes to make a few experiments to refute what M. l'Épinasse has advanced in the last volume of 'Transactions,' concerning loss of force occasioned by interruptions in the electric circuit; expects to draw up another paper of original experiments for the Royal Society.

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**Bartram, John. Philadelphia**                      1768 November 5                      A.L.S. 1p.    II, 147.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Peter Collinson having died, applies to Franklin as the most intimate and capable friend he has left, to take charge of a box, which he is sending to the King, at His Majesty's request some roots of arums. Expects daily to hear from some one of his correspondents how his affairs stand, through whom, now, the King's honesty will come to him, whether he must send annually more plants to the King, and how to address them. Franklin's picture still hangs by his bed to remind him of their friendship.

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**The Library Company of Philadelphia**              1768 November 5                      A.L.S.        II, 148.  
to Benjamin Franklin    Cha[rles]  
    Thompson  
    and Thompson  
    Mifflin. 2p.

Enclosing two bills of exchange, respectively £50 and £100, for account of the Philadelphia Library Company; the directors desire Franklin to deduct the amount kindly advanced by him to the company, and to lay out the remainder in books agreeable to the enclosed list. Asks for his opinion on an expensive work entitled British Zoology, published lately under the inspection of the Cymmrodorion Society. (Copy.)

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**Bache, Richard. Philadelphia** 1768 November 6 A.L.S. 2p. II, 149.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Received from Mr. Bayard of New York two exemplifications of His Majesty's commission, appointing Franklin with Mr. Allen and several others, commissioners to settle the line between New York and New Jersey; the meeting will be held in July next; hopes Franklin will be there. Expects to make another trip to Jamaica this winter; would be happy to be honored with a line from Franklin while there.

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**The Merchants of Philadelphia. Philadelphia** 1768 November 10 A.L.S. John LII, 60.  
to Benjamin Franklin Reynell et al.  
1p.

Have forwarded a copy of the memorial to the Merchants and Manufactures of Great Britain. Earnestly request his aid to obtain the repeal of the Revenue Acts.

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**Parker, James. New York** 1768 November 22 A.L.S. 3p. II, 150.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of the Inspector-General of the Customs from Boston; question of his salary in the custom-house, by whom it will be paid, if at all; what percent he must lose, and in his opinion the general mismanagement of the entire matter. Enclosing a line for Mr. Strahan, on behalf of his poor son. Not much hope of ease or prosperity until he rests in the grave.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Leeds** 1768 November 28 A.L.S. 1p. II, 151.  
to Benjamin Franklin

According to his promise sends Franklin the other paper containing an account of experiments, which he desires him to lay before the Royal Society. Has materials for another short paper of miscellaneous experiments, but thinks it better to wait until he has completed his study concerning magnetism. Hopes American affairs have assumed a better aspect.

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**Wharton, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1768 December 2 L. 4p. XLIX, 77.  
to Benjamin Franklin

An account of Sir William Johnson's conference and treaty with the Six Nations.  
(Incomplete.)

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**Fayerweather, Samuel. Cambridge, N.E** 1768 December 5 A.L.S. 3p. II, 152.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Pays Franklin many florid compliments on his greatness and learning. Asks his influence in procuring the title of LL.D. at one of the universities of Great Britain for his friend, Mr. Winthrop, professor of mathematics at Cambridge, N.E.; the incstimable advantage this will prove to Mr. Winthrop. His own sphere a small one; takes charge of a small flock in the sacerdotal way; for divertisement, enjoys a chase of beagle hunting. Gives Franklin news of his old friend, Harry Babcock.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1768 December 12 A.L.S. 2p. II, 205.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Times dull and melancholy. Concerning the disposition of books sent him formerly by Hamilton and Balfour of Scotland. Not able to bring Holt to an account; thinks he is using his wife's money to live. Enclosing a letter for his son.

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**Robertson, William. Edinburgh College** 1768 December 12 A.L.S. 2p. II, 153.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 26th ult. recommending Mr. Rogers of New York to a degree in divinity; his absolute confidence in Franklin's opinion, confirmed, however, in this case by other testimony; accordingly, the degree is conferred upon Mr. Rogers and his diploma will be sent by the first opportunity.

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**Jones, Noble Wimberly. Savannah, Ga** 1768 December 24 A.L.S. 2p. II, 154.  
to Benjamin Franklin

With an address from the Assembly of Georgia to The King.

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**Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah** 1768 December 24 A.L.S. 2p. LII, 76.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Relative to the Assembly's petition to the King, of the same date.

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<b>The Selectmen of Boston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1769 between 16 Feb. - 13 March	A.L.S. Joshua LVIII, 83. Henshaw, Joseph Jackson, John Ruddock, John Hancock, Samuel Pemberton and Henderson Inches. 2p.
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Protesting against the treatment accorded Boston by interested and designing men; affirming their loyalty to Britain and asking Franklin's attention to their interests in England.

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<b>Croghan, George, d.1782</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1768.]	L.S. 2p.	LVIII, 82.
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Sir William Johnson to have a conference early that spring with the Six Nations; he himself expecting orders to go to Fort Pitt and call all the western nations together; necessity of hindering the meeting of the western and northern Indians.

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<b>Dunlap, William</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1768?]	A.L.S. 2p.	XLII, 28.
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Relative to disorders in his post-office accounts. Denies insinuations and appellations bestowed on him.

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<b>Dunlap, William</b> to [Benjamin] Franklin and [John] Foxcroft.	[1768?]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 27.
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Is willing to make over all his property to them (about £600) in satisfaction for a debt.

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<b>Franklin, William</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1768?]	A.L.S. 2p.	LVIII, 46.
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Wishes some more pictures of Dr. Franklin. Family news. If Temple comes home he might assume his proper name and what explanation should be given. Assistance given to Ben and John Mecom. (Incomplete.)

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<b>Montagu, Mrs Elizabeth</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1768.]	A.L. in 3d P. XLI, 55. 1p.
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Gets nourishment from Franklin's writings as well as from his bread; desires the recipe for the latter. The condition of her poor neighbors in Berkshire tempts her to lead a colony of them to Pennsylvania.

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<b>Montagu, Mrs. Elizabeth. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1768]	L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 182.
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Begging Franklin to dine with her to meet the artist, Mr. Bolton.

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<b>Wharton, Samuel</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1768 ?]	A.L.S. 1p. LVIII, 88.
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Attitude of the Proprietors. Peace conference held by Mr. Croghan at Fort Pitt; convinced that he will safely reach the Illinois and conciliate the minds of the Indians there. (First part missing.)

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<b>Parker, James. Woodbridge</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1769 January 4	A.L.S. 1p. II, 155.
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Still in Woodbridge, about the Jersey laws. Sent bill of exchange for £200 for Franklin to New York. Expects to return to New York in two weeks; has resigned his office in the custom-house. Never remembers to have seen Franklin's 'Examination' in a Quebec paper.

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<b>Franklin, William. Burlington</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1769 January 31	A.L.S. 4p. II, 156.
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Sees a number of pieces in the Chronicle, which he is sure are from Franklin's pen, especially two signed 'A Briton,' and one signed F.B., concerning the trade between England and the colonies; this latter Bradford has printed in his last Journal, also a letter from London wherein Franklin is said to have spoken in a large company against the right of Parliament to tax the colonies; thinks Bradford printed this to incense Parliament against Franklin. Enclosing copy of the lost Chronicle, containing

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two pieces signed Amor Patriae, said to be by one Crawley in London, also Lord Hillsborough's letter to himself and his answer unsealed. Same spirit still prevails in the colonies as before the sending of troops of Boston; nothing will make them acknowledge the right of Parliament to tax them. Notwithstanding Mr. Foxcroft's assertion, denies having said to anyone that Franklin continued in England this winter "at the solicitation of Lord Gower." Begs Franklin to send him Gov. Pownall's History of his Administration of the colonies and any other new publications. Mentions one or two petty instances of Lord Hillsborough's want of politeness to himself. Mr. Hughes retired to his farm where he writes letters of advice to the Ministry.

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**Gordon, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1769 February 5 A.L.S. 1p. II, 157.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging Franklin to recommend his son-in-law, Henry Benbridge, to such of his acquaintance as may employ him; he has been several years in Italy studying printing and is now going to London for business.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 February 17 A.L.S. 1p. II, 158.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning some bills of exchange. Asks Franklin to send some horns for the riders, who have lost and broken nearly all of theirs. Has a bad fit of the gout. New York a very dear place to live in. Weyman is dead; a young Scotchman has got his tools and in the spring will publish a newspaper.

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**Franks, Moses. London** 1769 February 20 A.L.S. 1p. II, 159.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting Franklin to deliver to Mr. Dagge the account and papers relative to the sufferers by Indian depredations in 1754.

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**Foxcroft, John. Williamsburg** 1769 February 21 A.L.S. 4p. II, 160.  
to Benjamin Franklin

On hearing that their Lordships had granted him leave of absence for a few months. set out at once for the Colony in order to put the riders on a good footing during his absence; this he has done and thereby saved £100 to the revenue. Looks forward to visiting his native country and seeing his aged parent after a lapse of sixteen years. Uneasy at Mr. Todd's letter of Nov. 2d; fears he has incurred the

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displeasure of their honorable masters by not allowing the packet to sail before the appointed day; hopes Franklin will be able to prevent any disagreeable consequences.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Leeds** 1769 February 24 A.L.S. 1p. II, 161.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has decided to confine himself to the inscription; therefore asks Franklin to throw the dedication he sent him into the fire.

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**French, Katharine** [1769?] February 26 A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 197.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending her book to Franklin, together with Dr. Grey Sharpe's letter on the subject.

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**Bertier, Joseph-Étienne. Paris** 1769 February 27 A.L.S. 1p. II, 162.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin for directing Captain Houry to him, and thereby giving him an occasion of expressing, for Franklin his attachment and esteem. France, Franklin's country as much as England; avows himself with pride a 'Frankliniste.'  
In French.

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**Parker, James. New York** 1769 March 1 A.L.S. 1p. II, 163.  
to Benjamin Franklin

By, Mrs. Franklin's desire, now sends him to small kegs of nuts. Has had a bad attack of gout. Concerning some bills of exchange he is sending Franklin.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1769 March 2 A.L.S. 4p. II, 164.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons for thinking Franklin's letters have been intercepted. Boston people continue their attacks on Governor B[ernard] and the Commissioners, and have lately begun in the Journal of Occurrences to attack the military. A piece, signed Francis Lynn, supposed to be by Franklin, and much admired, has appeared in answer to Crawley's letter. Interested in a History of Electricity he saw at a friend's house, by Dr. Priestley; who is the author? Anxious to see the new edition advertised of Franklin's experiments; wonderful that he can find time for those studies. Employed reading books of husbandry as he expects soon to move to his farm; desires some books on that subject, as well as certain

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others. Concerning a new plough lately invented for cutting trenches and making drains; urges its introduction into America. Best means of rooting up trees. Wants a good hand-mill. Young Dunlap has published an edition of the "Sermons to Asses" and to give them a sale has had the impudence to attribute them to Franklin.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 March 4 A.L.S. 1p. II, 166.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Nuts he sent him. Bills of exchange. Will be thankful if he doesn't lose his place, by reason of his wicked gout.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 March 20 A.L.S. 1p. II, 167.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a bill of exchange for £55; explains what he wants done with it.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 March 29 A.L.S. 4p. II, 168.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favors of Dec. 22d and Jan. 4th; arrival of his son, who knew not of his wife's death until he came within the Hook; account of his son's many back-slidings; at present he has gone to Woodbridge and married again a young woman of good character, who, with her sister, has a plantation worth £700, which will enable him to spend his days in idleness and dissipation. Account of his brother's death, leaving a wife and eight children to his care; has placed them in his house at Woodbridge. Times are very distressing; everything very dear and his own ill health a drawback. The scheme to publish a New York Chronicle as large as Goddard's. Describes in detail all his dealings with Benny Mecom; Mrs. Franklin blames him (Parker); appeals to Franklin to decide the matter. Concerning certain bills of exchange. His affairs with Holt. Won't resign from the custom-house in spite of his unpopularity.

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**Bartram, John. Philadelphia** 1769 April 10 A.L.S. 1p. II, 169.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of January 9, and thanking him for his kindness in taking care of the King's box. Has heard from Michael Collinson, his old friend's son and from Dr. Fothergill; but still at a loss to know whether he must send any more plants or seeds to His Majesty and whether he is pleased to continue his bounty. Sent over his journal containing observations on the soils, rivers and natural

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vegetables productions in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, with which his friend Peter Collinson expressed much satisfaction. Mentions the appearance of the Borealis. Much moved by Franklin's kind letter.

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**Parker, James. Philadelphia** 1769 April 14 A.L.S. 1p. II, 170.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him the second bill of exchange. Still in poor health.

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**Hillegas, Michael. Philadelphia** 1769 April 15 A.L.S. 1p. II, 171.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of January 5, and thanking him for having the glasses made for his 'Armonica.' Nova Scotia adventures expecting Franklin's answer to their letter.

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**Coombe, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1769 April 17 A.L.S. 2p. II, 172.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of January 5, and expressing the keenest appreciation of Franklin's kindness to his son, and his good opinion of him.

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**The Merchants of Philadelphia.** 1769 April 18 A.L.S. LII, 66.  
**Philadelphia** Jere[mi]ah  
to Benjamin Franklin Warder et al.  
2p.

Relative to the revenue policy of Great Britain.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 May 12 A.L.S. 1p. II, 173.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes by this time Mr. Foxcroft has arrived safely. Concerning bills for various amounts of money. Necessity for new portmanteaus to carry the mails, which he took the liberty of ordering in one or two instances.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 May 22 A.L.S. 1p. II, 173 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Franklin has never told him whether he has received any pay from the custom-house; if he has, begs him to pay out of it his two years' subscription to the Chronicle. Concerning a box of books which has never been opened for five years; desires an order from Franklin to that effect, that they may be cleaned and the saleable ones gotten rid of. Will write again by Mr. Robertson, who is preparing to go to England.

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**Evans, Amelia. Tunis** 1769 May 23 A.L.S. 2p. II, 174.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his two obliging favors by Mr. Stuart, who arrived a few weeks before; satisfaction experienced by Mr. and Mrs. Traill at supplying a fatherless, friendless young man with the long lost blessings of parental care. Her own early inclinations toward frivolity; checked however by calamities of the heaviest kind. Congratulating him on the marriage of his daughter.

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**Walker, Hannah. Westbury** 1769 May 24 A.L.S. 2p. II, 175.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Apologizing for the shortness of her husband's letter to Mrs. Stevenson; lack of time the cause; they agree to Mrs. Stevenson's proposals in everything; her kindness in offering to go as far as £150, they are ready to meet the remaining expense and pay her six pounds a year. All her family well.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 May 30 A.L.S. 3p. II, 176.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has decided, with Franklin's permission, to resign from the custom-house; the duties too arduous for a man of his age, and the salary inadequate in such a dear place as New York. Post-office affairs; question of appointing him travelling surveyor. Offers to measure the roads, if it is thought expedient to have it done. Never expects to do much with his printing; mentions many rival papers; of advertisements, which are the lift of a paper, he only gets a few.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 May 31 A.L.S. 2p. II, 177.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning bills of exchange sent to Franklin. Has got almost all the locks and keys on the several mails; many of the riders don't like it. Mr. Luke Babcock, Post-Master at New Haven, wishes to resign in favor of Mr. Christopher Kilby; desires Franklin's opinion. Question of appointing Mr.

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Robinson assistant in the post-office. His printing materials at Woodbridge are being used by his son; he seems to have reformed a little; his health injured by his folly. Hand times in general.

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**Shippen, John. Southwark** 1769 June 3 A.L.S. 1p. II, 178.  
to Benjamin Franklin

After perusing the enclosed letters from his father, hopes Franklin will assist him to return to America, to accomplish his scheme of reading lectures on natural history.

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**Bond, Dr Thomas. Philadelphia** 1769 June 7 L.S. 2p. II, 179.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of March 9, concerning some business transaction between Mr. Cowell and Bond and Byrn. Mrs. Franklin was affected with a partial palsy in the tongue and a sudden loss of memory; better now, but constitution seems impaired. American Philosophical Society again united and with the aid of Franklin's presence, might make a figure. The telescope he procured was used in the late observations of Venus's transit; hopes to transmit these in a fortnight. Hospital and School of Physic flourishing; manufactures of necessity take place more and more; Maryland and Virginia examples of industry and patriotic spirits.

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**Evans, Cadwalader. Philadelphia** 1769 June 11 A.L.S. 2p. II, 180.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing some remarks made by O. Biddle and Joel Bailey at Cape Henlopen on the late transit of Venus. Has not attended the meetings of the Philosophical Society since the two were joined and Franklin was elected President; thinks the eagerness the professors of the College showed for the union was to avail themselves of the labors of others and filch reputation from their knowledge; what confirmed him in this opinion. Gives data concerning parts taken in observing transit. A year previous sent Franklin, at the request of Wm. Henry of Lancaster, a draft of a register he had invented to regulate the heat in fireworks. Mr. Galloway's health. Capt. Dowell's widow, daughter of Franklin's old friend, Oswald Peel, sails for London. Recommends temperature, amid luxuries, to Mr. Wharton.

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**Tissington, Anthony. Alfreton** 1769 June 13 A.L.S. 1p. II, 181.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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For three weeks after leaving London lay ill of its smoke. Enclosing letter from Richard Parkin, the young gentleman who dined with Franklin; directs him where to send his answer. His wife much stronger. Glad to learn American affairs are to be settled to Franklin's linking.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 June 18 A.L.S. 2p. II, 182.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Chew's insolvency; his omission to pay the rider £3398s., due him; cannot let the poor rider suffer. Concerning his purpose to resign from the custom-house, but will continue till he hears from Franklin; thinks the position would be an excellent one for Mr. Robinson.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 June 28 A.L.S. 1p. II, 183.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing two bills of exchange.

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**Elphinston, James** 1769 July 4 D.S. 1p. LII, 67.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Receipted bill for the board and education of Master William Temple [Franklin] for a half year.

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**Evans, Cadwalader. Philadelphia** 1769 July 15 A.L.S. 1p. II, 184.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sent him Owen Biddle's and Joel Bailey's observations of the Transit of Venus, at Cape Henlopen. Choice of Franklin as president of the Philosophical Society. Recommends the culture of silk in America; how to defray the expense of a trial.

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**Walker, Hannah. Westbury** 1769 July 17 A.L.S. 1p. II, 136 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been ill for six weeks with an intermittent fever; begs Franklin's forgiveness, with tears, for having offended him; prays daily for his good health and well-being.

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**Smith, Wright and Gray. London** 1769 July 27 A.L.S. 1p. II, 185.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him forty guincas to his debit in account. I Shall pay for the corn mill for his son, also buy two lottery tickets and advise ye numbers to Jonathan Williams at Boston, as ordered. Franklin so



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well known in Paris, a letter of credit may be needless, but his drafts will be honored with the utmost punctuality. Wishing him an agreeable tour.

**Other Descriptive Information**

1 See Hale's Franklin in France, Part I, p. 17.

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<b>Parker, James. New york</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1769 July 22	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 186.
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Concerning bills of exchange. Has had Mr. Scott's book of Upper Marlborough returned to him by Mr. McGruder who is afraid nothing will be got of him, though there is a considerable balance due. Fears nothing ever will be got in Mr. Huske's affair. The same case is Mr. Walker's of Hartford, who is still in jail. Also despired of Mr. Chase of Providence' arrears as he is next to a bankrupt. All other affairs in the [Post] Office seem to go on pretty well. Still determined to resign from the Custom-House.

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<b>Sutaine de Bourez, —. Champagne</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1779 July 28	A.L.S. 2p.	II, 187.
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Concerning the papers of his nephew, du Coudray, who was drowned in the Delaware.  
(In French.)

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<b>Hunter, William. to be opened by Mrs. Franklin, Philadelphia. Williamsburg, Va</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1769 August 4	A.L.S. 1p.	XLVIII, 109.
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Wishes two Dilworth's School Master's Assistant sent him.

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<b>Parker, James. New york</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1769 August 12	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 189.
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Bills of exchange he has sent Franklin. Question of the right of Lord Botetourt of Virginia to frank his letters. Nevers expects to get anything out of Holt.

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<b>Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1769 August 12	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 190.
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Recommending the bearer, Mrs. James Adair, to Franklin's notice and encouragement; his design is to publish a History of the American Indian; this, he thinks, he can execute better in England; well assured of his capacity.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 August 14 A.L.S. 1p. II, 191.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the second bill for £200 sterling.

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**Alleyne, John** 1769 September 5 A.L.S. 2p. II, 192.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asks Franklin's advice on behalf of a reverend friend who has the chance of accepting a living in the Island of St. John; high character of this friend.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 September 12 A.L.S. 1p. II, 193.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Death of the Governor, Sir Henry Moore, of a bloody flux; expected that old Mr. Colden, though weakly and infirm, will administer the government again; wishes Franklin had the inclination and interest to procure it for himself.

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**Brown, Ephraim. Oxford** 1769 September 15 A.L.S. 1p. II, 194.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of the 13th inst., and accepting his loan of three guineas, which must go towards the doctor's bill; his apothecary's bill unpaid. His wretched state of health; advisability of going to a hospital in London.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 October 5 A.L.S. 1p. II, 195.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been laid up with an excruciating fit of the gout. Mr. Babcock has left the New Haven Post-office; has sent a commission to Mr. Kelby, in his stead, who has qualified; has hinted to Mr. Colden, who is a good deal in arrear again, that as bills are low now, it would be agreeable to send, but he has not regarded it. Anxious to hear from Franklin, that he may resign his position in the custom-house in Mr. Robinson's favor. Sends book of accounts, also bill of exchange.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1769 October 6 A.L.S. 1p. II, 196.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Scarce able to creep about; has not touched B. Mecom's books as yet. Enclosing two bills from Mr. Hubbart.

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<b>Cooper, Sir Grey. Kew Cape</b>	1769 October 13	A.L.S. 1p.	LXIX, 68.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Will come to town on Monday next and will take him back, if he is disengaged.

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<b>Clifford, Thomas. Philadelphia</b>	1769 October 21	A.L.S. 1p.	II. 198.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Thomas Clifford, Jr.; desires Franklin's friendly notice of him.

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<b>Elwes, Henry. Plymouth</b>	1769 October 22	A.L.S. 1p.	LXIX, 70.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has Letter for Dr. Franklin which are to be delivered in person.

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<b>Committee of the Town of Boston. Boston</b>	1769 October 23	L.S. Thomas Cushing et al. 2p.	II, 198 1/2.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting a correspondence with Gov. Bernard, Gen. Gage and Com. Hood.  
(Copy.)

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<b>Tissington, Anthony. Hercules Pillars</b>	1769 October 27	A.L.S. 1p.	LXIX, 71.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Arrived safely. Hopes to see Dr. Franklin soon.

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<b>Parker, James. New york</b>	1769 October 30	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 199.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Still weak from his last severe fit of the gout; scarce able to write. In daily expectation of letters from Franklin.

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<b>Strahan, William. London</b>	1769 November 22	L.S. 2p.	XLV, 36a.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Informs him that his Majesty's servants have in contemplation, first, to relieve the Colonies from the taxes complained of; and secondly, to preserve the honor, dignity and supremacy of the British legislature over all his Majesty's dominions. Begg him to answer his queries respecting American affairs.

(Copy in French.)

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<b>Hillegas, Michael. Philadelphia</b>	1769 November 25	A.L.S. 2p.	II, 200.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's kind letter of July 13th to the Nova Scotia adventures. Asks Franklin's opinion about roofing houses with copper instead of shingles, and about how much it would cost. Reminds him of his old troublesome commission, to wit, the glasses for his Armonica.

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<b>Evans, Cadwalader. Philadelphia</b>	1769 November 27	A.L.S. 3p.	II, 201.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favors of September 8th and 9th, together with four French memoirs on the Education of Silk Worms and the Culture of Mulberry Trees. Has not attended a meeting of the Philosophical Society for ten months; did not wish to be a solemn witness of transactions inconsistent with his judgment. States in detail why the other observations of the transit of Venus were not sent to Franklin. Characterizes certain members of the Society as liars and filchers of reputation. Saw Charles Read's wife in Burlington just before she died; Gov. Franklin and his wife in good health and much beloved and esteemed.

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<b>Bartram, John. Philadelphia</b>	1769 November 29	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 202.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of July 9th. Sent his journal of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida to Peter Collinson, who approved it; is willing for Franklin to print it with certain corrections. Thinks of giving Dr. Fothergill's nephew orders to dispose of his seeds and receive and remit money, in place of his dear friend Peter Collinson. Asks for the seeds of a certain rhubarb mentioned by Franklin.

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<b>Paddack, Seth. London</b>	1769 November 29	A.L.S. 1p.	LXIX, 79.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has a quintal of codfish from Tim[othy] Folger, of Nantucket, for Mr. Franklin.

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<b>Parker, James. Woodbridge</b>	1769 November 30	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 203.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Acknowledging his favor of Sept. 9. Still unable to work owing to the gout. Will write in a day or two and resign office in the customs. Mr. Colden's delay in sending certain bills to Franklin.

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<b>Committee of the New Jersey Assembly.</b>	1769 December 7	A.L.S.	LII, 68.
<b>Burlington</b>		Cort[lan]d	
to Benjamin Franklin		Skinner et al.	
		4p.	

Relative to his work as the Agent of the Province.

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<b>Miller, Jeremiah. New London</b>	1769 December 11	A.L.S. 2p.	II, 204.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Thanking Franklin on his son's behalf, who has taken Mr. Chew's place in the post-office; asks that certain expenses incidental to the office may be allowed him by the Comptroller. Has sent two pamphlets to Dr. Johnson on the Susquehanna disputes; encloses a petition printed in type made in 'this colony.' No American insensible to Franklin's assiduity and important services in this critical era.

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<b>Chew, Joseph. New London</b>	1769 December 12	A.L. 2p.	LVIII, 104.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Concerning a dispute between [James] Parker and himself relative to the post-office accounts. (Final part missing.)

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<b>Parker, James. New york</b>	1769 December 16	A.L.S. 1p.	II, 206.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Concerning a bill of £200 sterling, which he will send by Capt. Davis in eight or ten day's time. Feels a little stronger.

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<b>Stockton, Richard. Princeton</b>	1769 December 22	A.L.S. 6p.	II, 207.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating him on his late appointment as agent to the Province of New Jersey. Begs his Particular attention to an Act of Assembly, entitled "A Supplementary Act to an Act entitled an Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several rights, titles and claims to the common lands of the township of Bergen and for making partition thereof in just and equitable proportion among those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be entitled to the same"; strong opposition to this act by William Bayard; asks Franklin to take the bill under his especial protection, and pledges the proprietors of Secaucus to compensate Franklin for any expense which may attend his opposing Mr. Bayard.

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**Parker, James. Woodbridge** 1769 December 23 A.L.S. 1p. II, 208.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Reasons why bill of exchange promised in his last was not sent. Forwarded him a power to recover any of his wages in the customs that may be due; has written resigning his office. Has recovered his strength a little.

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**Colden, Alexander** 1769 December 23 A.L.S. 1p. XLI, 41.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain bills which were promised to be made out and signed.

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**Parker, James. Woodbridge** 1769 December 26 A.L.S. 1p. II, 209.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing the bill for £200 sterling just received from Mr. Colden.

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**Committee of Merchants of the Town of Boston. Boston** 1769 December 29 L.S. 2p. II, 210.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning an agreement entered into by the merchants and traders of Boston not to import any goods from Great Britain until all the revenue acts should be totally repealed; reasons why the merchants at New York, Philadelphia and other colonies could not concur with them in this; realizing the importance of all the traders acting upon the same plan, they have agreed to conform to the agreement entered into at New York and Philadelphia. Endorsing some observations of the merchants

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on the Acts of the 4th and 6th George the Third, and also on the conduct of the custom-house officers.

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<b>Masters, William</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1769.]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 29.
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Requests that Dr. Franklin would assist an English soldier to obtain his discharge.

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<b>Pownall, Thomas</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1769.]	A.L. in 3d P. 1p.	XLI, 170.
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Introducing Mr. Wilson who desires Franklin's advice as to the state of his lands.

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<b>Small, Alexander</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1769]	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 70.
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Inquires if Captain Nairn gave him a paper on ventilation.

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<b>Tesdorpf, Peter Henry. Lubeck</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1769	Mem. 1p.	LI, 91.
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Translation of German verses in praise of Franklin for his invention of lightning conductors.

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<b>Ewing, John. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 January 4	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 1.
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Ordered by the Philosophical Society to draw out an account of their observations of the Transits of Venus and Mercury and transmit it to Franklin as their President, through whose hands it may be communicated to the learned societies of Europe. Asks Franklin to use his influence to have a fixed observatory established in Philadelphia.

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<b>Viny, Thomas. Tenterden</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 January 13	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 2.
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Pays Franklin many compliments. Has sold that part of his estate he mentioned to Franklin. [MS. mutilated.] Account of 'a tender scene,' which so sensibly affected him that he doubts he has 'philosophy enough to encounter so passionate a farewell'; nothing short of stubborn persecution can steel his fortitude.

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**Blair, Dr John** [1770.] January 13 A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 208.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Acquaints him that Lady Irwin and one or two ladies with her, propose visiting him [in Craven Street]; if agreeable, Mr. George Lewis Scott and Mr. Strahan will be of the party.

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**Whitehurst, John. Derby** 1770 January 18 A.L.S. 2p. III, 3.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin's favor on behalf of a young artist, named Powell, who is desirous of studying art under Mr. West. Concerned at Franklin's intention of leaving London in the spring; expects to wait on him 'erc that time. Hopes he received a ham by the Derby stage. Desires his sentiments on what will be done about the duties imposed on North America.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1770 February 2 A.L.S. 2p. III, 4.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain bills of exchange he has sent Franklin. Has resigned his place in the Custom-house. B. Mecom's effects to be sold at auction. The *New York Chronicle* flourished a while, but was soon dropped. Hopes by degrees to work out of debt, if he shall retain his place in the Post-Office.

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**Smith, Joseph. Burlington N.J** 1770 February 6 A.L.S. 1p. III, 5.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing printed copies of Acts passed at last session of Assembly; one among them is the Act for striking £100,000 in bills of credit; wishes the King's assent may be obtained to it before the breaking up of Parliament.

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**Potts, Samuel. London** [ A.L.S. 1p. LXIX, 82.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Have no North American boat on this side consequently no mail was made up last Saturday night for New York. The general post-office does not supply horns; they are purchased by the post boys.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1770 February 20 A.L.S. 1p. III, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin



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Referring to matters in his letter of the 2d inst. Has resigned the Custom-House business and received his pay. Absurd manner in which the money is paid. Concerning the sale of B. Mecom's books. His health still poor.

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<b>The Assembly of Georgia. Savannah</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 February 21	A.L.S. Noble LII, 80. Wimberly Jones, Speaker. 2p.
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Is directed by the Assembly to ask its Agent to purchase a mace for the use of the House, and two gowns suitable for the Speaker and the Clerk.

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<b>Roberdeau, Daniel. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 February 27	A.L.S. 3p. III, 7.
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Concerning the sale of his estate in St. Christopher's; if Franklin will take charge of it, he will save him a trip to England; does not sell from necessity, but partly to remove the temptation of slave-holding from his children. Commits himself and his affairs to Franklin's prudent and careful management.

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<b>The Province of Georgia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 February 27	Attested LXXVI, 9. copy, 3p.
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Ordinance appointing Benjamin Franklin its Agent in Great Britain.

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<b>Blair, Dr John</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1770.] February 28	A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 209. 1p.
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Desires to know if Friday will be equally agreeable to him, being more convenient for the Bishop of Peterboro and the ladies; the party will not exceed nine.

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<b>Parker, James. New york</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 March 8	A.L.S. 1p. III, 8.
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Sends certain bills of exchange, one an account of B. Mecom's books sold at auction. Mr. Hughes has applied to him for the electrical machine Franklin sent, designed for him.

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**Perkins, John. Boston** 1770 March 12 A.L.S. 2p. III, 9.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing some papers of his; one, a small tract on Epidemic Colds. Something unnatural in philosophic speculations at a time when the nation is involved in such disorder and confusion. Gratitude for Franklin's past favors to him.

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**Perkins, John. Boston** 1770 March 12 A.L.S. 2p. III, 10.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a notion he has that pit-coal is a vegetable production; these thoughts occasioned by accounts the Irish give of using peat as fuel; anxious to visit the coal mines.

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**Raspe, Rudolph Erich. Cassel** 1770 March 17 A.L.S. 2p. III, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Mr. Lichtenberg, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Giessen, who is very desirous of his acquaintance. Received the compliments Franklin was kind enough to send him by Mr. Merk. Hopes the new edition of his Electrical Letters will soon be finished.

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**The Freeholders and Inhabitants of  
Boston. Boston** 1770 March 22 D.S. William LIII, 1.  
to Benjamin Franklin Cooper, Town  
Clerk. 1p.

Resolution that the news of the recent massacre by the soldiery in Boston be sent to Benjamin Franklin.

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**A Committee of the New Jersey  
Assembly. Burlington** 1770 March 27 A.L.S. LIII, 2.  
to Benjamin Franklin Hend[ric]k  
Fisher et al.  
1p.

Ask Dr. Franklin to do all in his power to overcome opposition to a bill just passed, entitled " An act to provide a more effectual remedy against excessive costs in the recovery of debts." Wish to hear the latest resolutions of Parliament in regard to the laying of duties.

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**Le Roy, Jean Baptiste** 1770 April 22 A.L. 4p. XLII, 179.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Plans for seeing Franklin in England before the end of the year. Has sent him his brother's [Pierre LeRoy] work on the determination of longitude at sea. Promises to send him AbbC) Galiani's work, Sur les Commerces des BIC)s. Project to raise a statue to Voltaire before his death. Recommending his brother, the physician [Charles LeRoy], to Franklin and Mr. Pringle.  
(In French.)

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**Parker, James. New york** 1770 April 23 A.L.S. 2p. III, 12.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain bills of exchange. Prospect of a settlement between himself and Holt. Wrote to Quebec for the papers containing Franklin's examination ; herewith sends them. Account of the trial of one, Lewis Jones, for counterfeiting bills; he was assigned to him by Franklin and after serving his time left; for his father's sake, gave all the testimony he could in his favor; his final acquittal.

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**Hopkinson, Francis. Philadelphia** 1770 April 23 A.L.S. 2p. III, 13.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Lord North's favor instrumental in obtaining something for his benefit; has written to the Bishop of Worcester on the subject. Has thought if Beckford should complete what he has been so long about, — and really die, he might, with the influence of his friends, gain the office of Collectorship of Philadelphia. Asks Franklin's interest and attention in this matter. Contemplates a trip to England.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1770 April 25 A.L.S. 1p. III, 14.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing bill of exchange. Lewis Jones has just been to thank him for the help he gave him in his trial; entreated him not to write the news to his father; promised amendment; has Franklin's name to thank for the Judge's favorable verdict.

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**The Deputy Postmaster General. General** 1770 April 26 L. 1P. LVIII, 54.  
**Post-Office, North America**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Printed.

A circular letter enclosing the rates of postage.

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**Rogers, Robert** 1770 May 4 27p. A.L.S. LIII, 4.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Encloses an estimate and account of the peltry and fur trade of the district of Michilimakinac. The estimate gives the probable cost of carrying on the trade with the outposts as £60,898. If the trade be confined to the one post at Michilimakinac the cost would be much smaller but the Spaniards would work up the outposts. Greatly favors extension of the trade and recommends a plan of civil government for the district.

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**The Commons House of Assembly,** 1770 May 10 2p. LII, 78.  
**Georgia**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Instructions to their Agent in Great Britain. Attested copy.

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**The Province of Georgia** 1770 May 10 Attested LXXVI, 10.  
to Benjamin Franklin Copy, 3p.

Ordinance re-appointing Benjamin Franklin its Agent in Great Britain.

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**Parker, James. New york** 1770 May 10 A.L.S. 1p. III, 15.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain bills of exchange. Wishes he could get into some warmer climate in his old age. Contributed as much as he could towards getting Lewis Jones a passage to South Carolina. Sale of B. Mecom's books amounted to £175.

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**The Committee of the Assembly of** 1770 May 11 L.S. James LII, 78 1/2 and  
**Georgia. Savannah** Habersham et 83.  
to Benjamin Franklin al. 1p.

Notification of re-appointment as Agent in England for the Province.  
(Original and copy.)

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**The Committee of the Assembly of** 1770 May 23 A.L.S. James LII, 79.  
**Georgia. Savannah** Habersham et  
to Benjamin Franklin al. 4p.

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Explanation of the instructions of the Assembly to its Agent in Great Britain.

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**Marshall, Humphry. Chester Co., Pa**      1770 May 28      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 16.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Question of whether the merchants will hold out in their resolve to import nothing from England. Spirit of industry among the people of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia; great noise about the manufacture of silk. Thanking Franklin for sending him a small reflecting telescope. Hopes if England does take off the duties the American people will not forget the cause of their past resentment, but will manufacture those articles necessary for their own consumption. Prophecies bloodshed.

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**Ewing, John. Philadelphia**      1770 June 14      A.L.S. 2p.      III, 17.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the observations of the Transit of Venus. Question of erecting an observatory in Philadelphia.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia**      1770 June 21      A.L.S. 3p.      III, 18.  
to Benjamin Franklin

American paper money. Mr. Jackson's appointment as Counsel to the Board of Trade.

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**Francklin, Lieut.-Gov. London**      1770 June 22      A.L. 1p.      III, 19.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends a book which Mr. Frances, the Minister of France, sent to his lodgings; believes the book was designed by M. Le Roy for Dr. Franklin.

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**Parker, Samuel F. New York**      1770 July 7      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 20.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the death of his father in Burlington, from a nervous fever; supposes Mr. Foxcroft has the immediate care of the affairs he left concerning the Post-Office.

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**Masters, William. Philadelphia**      1770 July 17      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 21.

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

to Benjamin Franklin

Writes to remind Franklin of his promise to endeavor to procure the discharge of Thomas Truck, a soldier, and thus complete the earthly happiness of a poor but honest family.

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**James, Abel. London**

1770 July 19

L.S.

III, 22.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a trunk of clothes left to him by Peter Razor, deceased; asks Franklin to lay the enclosed paper before James West, Esq., that he may give the necessary orders.

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**Blunt, Dorothea (Dolly). Bromley**

[1770(?).] July 26

A.L.S. 4p.

XLII, 24.

to Benjamin Franklin

Relative to Mrs. Hewson. (Probably refers to her marriage.)

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**Parker, Mary. New York**

1770 August 12

A.L.S. 1p.

III, 23.

to Benjamin Franklin

Giving an account of her husband's death. Tells all she knows concerning the Post-Office affairs. Afraid Mr. Parker has not left the family very well provided for.

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**Bard, John. New York**

1770 August 18

A.L.S. 1p.

III, 24.

to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending his son, Samuel, as a successor to the late Mr. Parker in the office he held in the Post-Office.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr**

1770 August 27

A.L.S. 2p.

XXXVII, 3.

to Benjamin Franklin

His son Josiah to go to London under his brother's care; his desire to study music under Mr. Stanley. Business very poor, owing to the unfortunate difference between Great Britain and her colonies. Governor wanted for Massachusetts; general desire for Franklin.

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**Panton, Francis**

[1770. August.] ?

A.L.S. 2p.

XLII, 105.

to Benjamin Franklin

The will of James Parker. Mrs. Parker wishes Dr. Franklin to be paid as soon as possible.

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**Alexander, Robert. Scotland** 1770 September 3 A.L.S. 1p. III, 25.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a harpsichord for 33 guineas, which he desires Franklin to send him.

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**Borthwick, John. New York** 1770 September 8 A.L.S. 3p. III, 26.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Visited Burlington, where he found Franklin's family in good health. Asks Franklin to procure some office for him. Concerning a manuscript entitled "An examination into the value of Canada and Guadeloupe, with an impartial account of the latter in answer to a late pamphlet, entitled 'The interest of Great Britian considered in regard to her Colonies.' " said to be written by one Mr. Kennedy, alias Scott. The old Duke of Wharton has a duplicate of the plan of Philadelphia, the same the writer gave Franklin.

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**Fitzmaurice, Thomas. Isle of Wight** 1770 September 10 A.L.S. 2p. III, 27.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Promised Dr. Hawkesworth that he would acquaint Franklin how eagerly they looked for him; expected him the previous day with Sir Charles Knowles, who purposes to make a very curious experiment of the force and direction of the winds upon one of the high neighboring downs.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1770 September 27 A.L.S. 1p. III, 28.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Speculations about the coming election; his own fate uncertain; has always received a great deal of abuse and calumny instead of grateful returns for the most faithful services. Hears from many that Gen. G[a]ge has sent to the Ministry a copy of Franklin's letter to Ch. T[homso]n; cautions him against writing of private matters to that man; thinks him void of principle and virtue.

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**Gilpin, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1770 September 28 A.L.S. 3p. III, 29.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Transient thoughts on the subject of the duties imposed by England on the Colonies.

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**Parker, Mary. New York** 1770 October 6 A.L.S. 1p. III, 30.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Concerning the Comptroller's books in Mr. Foxcroft's possession. Promises to send a general account of the Post-Office affairs.

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<b>Jones, Noble Wimberly</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 October 9	A.L.S. 3p.	LII, 81.
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Acknowledges receipt of mace and gowns ordered last February 21st, and encloses bills of exchange in part payment. Also acknowledges receipt of pamphlets and speeches. Assurances of the Assembly's esteem.

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<b>Fitzmaurice, Thomas. Isle of Wight</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 October 12	A.L.S. 4p.	III, 31.
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Expressing his own and Dr. Hawkesworth's disappointment at not seeing Franklin. Concerning Sir Charles Knowles' experiment to ascertain the force and direction of the wind; plans to bring him and Franklin together. "Aspersions thrown upon the Doctor's Maggy." Warlike preparations growing fainter.

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<b>Foxcroft, Thomas. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 November 10	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 32.
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Has just received the enclosed bill of exchange from the Quebec office.

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Sr</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 November 16	A.L.S. 1p.	XXXVII, 4.
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Congratulating their cousin Nancy on her marriage to Capt. Clark.

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<b>Priestley, Joseph. Leeds</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 November 21	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 33.
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Rectifies a mistake in the catalogue of books wanted; very anxious to get De la Hire's "Différents Accidents de la Vue" and Du Hamel's "History of the French Academy"; must purchase the Petersburg Memoirs, though they will cost above £20; has not yet received Boyle's Works; studying up the subject of light and color.

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<b>Bartram, John. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770 November 24	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 34.
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Acknowledging the pamphlet and picture of his dear Peter Collinson, which he has added to those of Linnaeus, Franklin and Edwards; desires to add a picture of Dr. Fothergill to the collection. Can hear nothing of the continuation of the King's bounty; William Young blusters stoutly of *his* being the botanist to their Majesties, the King and Queen of England. Sends a box of seeds. Begs Franklin to "squeeze out a few lines" as often as convenient.

**Barbeau-Dubourg, -----**

1770 November 25

A.L. 4p.

XLIV, 4.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has received copies of the English translation of his little "Code." The translation might well pass for the original, it is so well done. The work did not cause much sensation in Paris, but it was very well received in London, and a second edition is about to be published there. Has made many changes and additions since the first edition, which he hopes his translator will render into English. Requests Franklin to send a copy of the second edition in English to Miss Pitt, sister of the Earl of Chatham, to whom he is indebted for many kindnesses. Intends to publish also soon a "Digest of Humanity" or a commentary on the "Code," under the assumed name of M. Tone, of Philadelphia. Thanks Franklin for his kind reception of his friend, M. Frey, when the latter was in London.

(In French.)

**Life, Thomas. London**

1770 November 30

A.L. in 3d P. III, 35.

to Benjamin Franklin

Acquaints Franklin that the Georgia Acts are referred to Mr. Jackson; wishes to have an attendance on Mr. Jackson before he makes his report.

**Life, Thomas**

1770 November to 1771

Mem. S. 2p. LXIX, 108.

to Benjamin Franklin

February

Account for legal services to Dr. Franklin as Agent for the Colonies.

**Smith, Joseph. Burlington N.J**

1770 December 8

A.L.S. 2p.

III, 36.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has received his favors of March 19, April 10 and 12, and June 11, and communicated them to the Committee of Correspondence, who laid them before the House of Assembly, where they gave general satisfaction. The House determined not to allow Sherwood the balance he mentions to be due

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him. The Committee anxious to know whether two Acts, mentioned in his letter of April 12, gained the Royal assent. Thanks him for Gov. Pownall's speech.

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**Gale, Benjamin. Killingworth** 1770 December 10 A.L.S. 4p. III, 37.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mentioning a gold medal granted him by the Society of Arts for an improvement on the drill-plow; expresses his grateful acknowledgments to the *Society* for the honor they have conferred upon him. Ignorant who is Dr. Templeman's successor in the Society; sent specimen of white iron ore at the same time with his model of the drill-plow. Interest taken in the culture of mulberry trees; makes suggestions which he thinks would aid this work.

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**Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah** 1770 December 13 A.L.S. 1p. LII, 82.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses second set of bills of exchange in payment for mace and gowns. The Assembly holds in highest approbation the conduct of its Agent, and is about to pass an ordinance of reappointment.

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**Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah** 1770 December 13 A.L.S. 2p. LII, 82a.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking his assistance for Mr. Cornelius Winter, who intends taking holy orders.

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**Crowley, Thomas. London** 1770 December 17 A.L.S. 1p. III, 38.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a pamphlet by J. Otis which contains sentiments exactly similar to his own; thinks it deserves another edition; in that case, promises to take a dozen or two copies; concerned at the thought that a man of such just sentiments should have met with so much oppression.

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**Tissington, Anthony. Alfreton** 1770 December 29 A.L.S. 2p. III, 39.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His movements since July; hopes soon to return to his more pleasing studies. Glad to see by the papers that the affairs in America do well, and that Franklin settles with the Ministry, not with the Parliament. Illness of his wife. Has gathered some materials for a philosophical paper.

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**Carburi, Count** [ N. in 3d P. XLII, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

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The Duke of Marlborough would be delighted to have Dr. Franklin at Marlborough House and see him make the experiments in electricity. Asks him if he can come and if he needs to see, beforehand, the electric machine which would be used.

(In French.)

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<b>Claphamson, Samuel. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770?	A.L.S. 1p.	XL, 214.
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Cabinet maker. Asking for the discharge of his bill delivered some time before.

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<b>Franklin, William</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1770?	A.L.S. 3p.	LVIII, 44 and 80.
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Relative to New Jersey politics and trouble with the Assembly. Threat to destroy the iron works in New Jersey as contrary to law. The Americans ought at least, before they attempt to evade this law, use all their endeavors to obtain a repeal; for the interest of both countries, that all partial Acts of that nature were abolished. His salary and expenses.

(Incomplete.)

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<b>Franklin, William. Perth Amboy</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 3 1/2.
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Encloses a bill of exchange.

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<b>French, Mrs Katharine</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[	L. in 3d P. 1p.	XLIII, 171.
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Called at Dr. Franklin's house to invite him to dinner, to meet Mrs. Payne and to play a game of chess.

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<b>Percival, Dr Thomas. King St. London?</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1770]	L. in 3d P. 1p.	XL, 144.
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Will call on Franklin in half an hour; desires his company at supper that evening.

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<b>Pringle, Sir John</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[	L. in 3d P. 1p.	XLIII, 220.
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Wishes to know at what hour Dr. Franklin can meet him at Mr. Hewson's.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Sends money to pay expenses of bringing certain books to his country. Asks for data of the lives of the most eminent members of the Royal Society.

**Hawkesworth, Jno. Bromley, Kent** 1771 January 5 A.L.S. 1p. III, 40.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Ackland is a candidate for the afternoon preachingship at the Foundling Hospital; recommends him to Franklin's assistance.

**Foxcroft, John. Philadelphia** 1771 January 14 A.L.S. 4p. III, 41.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing his brother, whom he hopes Franklin will take cordially by the hand; his brother's business in London; shares with Franklin his fondness for chess. Quite happy at hearing that there is a favorable disposition in England towards the Colonies. Trade beginning to look up; an Act to encourage and extend the trade of America would be an act of grace indeed, worthy of the British Senate, and productive of great results at the time. Concerning certain accusations made against him; their probable source; account of a conversation with Mr. Blackburn in which the latter abused Franklin; some warmth occasioned by the writer's calling himself an American; stated his belief that a good American and a good Englishman were synonymous terms.

**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1771 January 19 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 5.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Happy to learn of his son's and brother's safe arrival. Will send to Mr. Pease for the bond and shall recover the money. Shall take pleasure to encourage his benevolent scheme. Answered his letters in regard to the lottery; decided to risk the two tickets and gave his account current credit for the balance as he directed in the past. Has not yet been able to let his house.

**Life, Thomas. London** 1771 January 24 L. in 3d P. 1p.LII, 84.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has arranged for a conference of Dr. Franklin, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Life, for the 30th inst. in reference to the Georgia Acts. Would like a previous meeting with Dr. Franklin.

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**The Library Company of Philadelphia.** 1771 January 25 L.S. III, 42.  
**Philadelphia** M[ichael]  
to Benjamin Franklin Hillegas,  
Nicholas  
Waln and R.  
Strettell Jones.  
1p.

Appointed by the Directors of The Library Co. to acknowledge Franklin's favor of July 7, 1769; prevented from answering it sooner by the confusion arising from the union of the several libraries. They concur with Franklin in his opinion of the propriety of having, in some of their public libraries, all the transactions of every philosophical society in Europe; before deciding, they desire to know the price of each set and also of the French Encyclopædia. Sends catalogue of books wanted.

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**Marshall, Humphry. West Bradford** 1771 January 27 A.L.S. 2p. III, 43.  
to Benjamin Franklin

By all accounts the colonies have gone into the importation of goods more largely than ever; instances of great spirit, however, remaining among the farmers. Manufacture of china; of double flint glass; of silk, which, mixed with worsted, forms a material of which they make clothes. Has sent him some observations on the spots appearing on the sun's disk; asks him to show them to his old friend, John Fothergill, and after a perusal, to present them to the Royal Society, in this (Marshall's) name. Offers to furnish seeds, young plants, etc., to any gentlemen in England who may desire them, at lower prices than common; has done this work for his cousin, John Bartram, for many years.

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**Knox, William. London** 1771 January 29 A.L.S. 1p. LII, 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses plan and papers in reference to the lands claimed by W[illiam]m Batner's representative.

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**Henly, William. London** 1771 January 29 A.L.S. 1p. III, 44.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks Franklin for the improvement of his electrometers; if he has been able to produce any experiment in electricity upon which Franklin can bestow the epithet 'curious,' his highest ambition and vanity in that science is fully satisfied. Drawings and description of an experiment.

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**Gangius, Isaac. London** 1771 January 31 A.L.S. 1p. III, 45.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Left Capt. Dalrymple's ship because his station was not a suitable one; hoped Franklin could have gotten a berth for him in another ship.

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**Drage, Theodorus Swaine. Salisbury, N.C** 1771 March 2 A.L.S. 11p. LVIII, 55.  
to Benjamin Franklin

A long account of the religious, social and political conditions existing in his present parish.  
(Pages missing.)

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**Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah** 1771 March 4 A.L.S. 2p. III, 46.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing Franklin of how their [Georgia] Assembly was dissolved by order of the Governor; same fate attended them in December, 1768. Cause for it: their having committed the Deputy Secretary, Mr. Moodie, for refusing to give evidence to the House in the case of the Deputy Surveyor-General for taking double fees in his office; this the Governor said the Assembly had no right to do. Trusts he has received the bills of exchange.

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**Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah** 1771 March 7 A.L.S. 1p. III, 47.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the last two *Gazettes*, as they mention the matters respecting the dissolution of the Assembly referred to in his letter of the 4th inst.

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**Crafton, Robert. London** 1771 March 11 A.L.S. 1p. III, 48.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning an agreement to dine every Thursday at the Dog Tavern on Garlick Hill; reproaches Franklin with being there only once; expects to take the chair next Thursday and commands him, under pain of his greatest displeasure, to appear in person and bring with him several young sucking Americans, who probably attend Franklin's levees.

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**Dumas, Charles-Guillaume-Frédéric** 1771 March 22 A.L.S. 2p. LVIII, 56.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Engaged in tutoring two young Dutch noblemen; the rest of his time employed in translating Anderson's Historical and Chronological Deduction of the Origin of Commerce.  
(In French.)

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<b>Franklin, William. Burlington</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1771 March 30	L. 1p.	XLIV, 5.
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Enclosed a letter to L.H. Heard from Mr. W. Logan that Dr. Franklin was well the first of January.

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<b>Wilson, Alexander. College, Glasgow</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1771 April 14	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 49.
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Concerning some fonts of printing types; the price and quality; these terms proving agreeable, will be much obliged for orders.

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<b>Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1771 April 23	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 50.
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Recommending Mr. Nicholas Biddle to Franklin's advice and assistance; the merchant service has hitherto claimed his attention but his ambition incites him to some more honorable pursuit; either the navy, or should peace continue, a berth in the East India Co.

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<b>Empson, Elizabeth. Poole</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1771 April 23	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 51.
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Returning thanks for the money Franklin was kind enough to allow her; afraid that he is displeased with the freedom she has taken; her miserable situation without friends or money; disappointed that he is unable to do anything for Mr. Empson.  
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<b>Life, Thomas. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1771 April 26	L. in 3d P.	III, 52.
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Expressing regret that owing to business of very great consequence he has not been able to wait on Franklin about the Georgia affair; makes an appointment for Monday.

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<b>Keetlby, J.G. Dublin</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1771 April 27	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 53.
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Question of printing-presses, forms, types, etc. An invention he has made which will alarm the whole fraternity of printers.

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**Bartram, John. Philadelphia** 1771 April 29 A.L.S. 1p. III, 54.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Not a line from any of his correspondents concerning the matter of the King's bounty; William Young styles himself their Majesties' botanist. His daughter, Elizabeth, has saved several thousand silk worms which she expects will hatch in a few days. His sight failing him; has handed all his business over to his son, John, except part of his garden.

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**Rhoads, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1771 May 3 A.L.S. 2p. III, 55.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Limestone, — Trade of Baltimore. — Project of a canal from the Susquehanna to the Schuylkill. — Pennsylvania Hospital.

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**Smith, William. Philadelphia** 1771 May 3 A.L.S. 1p. III, 56.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Agreeable to the directions of the Philosophical Society, has sent Franklin, as their President, eleven copies of the first volume of the Society's Transactions, which he is requested to deliver to the persons mentioned in the letter; will send more copies later; would like the Astronomer Royal to have his as soon as possible.

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**Evans, Cadwalader. Philadelphia** 1771 May 4 A.L.S. 3p. III, 57.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His account of Mr. Walpole's valuation of the samples of silk sent, gave them spirits; account of the condition in which the eggs arrived from Spain; advises a different manner of transportation; the experiment in American takes beyond their most sanguine expectations. Transactions of the [American Philosophical] Society sent by Dr. Smith. Departure of Gov. Penn for England immediately on hearing of his father's death; his brother, Dick Penn, who is to take his place, said to be illiterate, arbitrary and vindictive. Apologizes for not writing to [Samuel] Wharton, whose father has been ill all winter 'with a slow fever, and inveterate cough and a pertinacious refusal of all



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medicines'; saw a good deal of Wharton's friend, David Darrach. Sends Franklin a snuff-box made out of the root of laurel.

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**Clarke, A. Barbadoes** 1771 May 5 A.L.S. 1p. III, 58.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acquainting him with their arrival on December 9; very kindly received by Capt. Clarke's mother and relations; Capt. Clarke in Grenada; his family one of the first on the island; his brother very rich and a great traveller and keeps open house.

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**Pownall, Thomas. Whitehall** 1771 May 7 L. in 3d P. 1p.III, 60.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin if he can inform him who will take out the warrant appointing [Daniel] Coxe one of the Council of New Jersey.

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**Percival, Thomas. Manchester** 1771 May 16 A.L.S. 2p. III, 61.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing an attempt of his to account for the different quantities of rain which fall at different heights. Hope of seeing and interviewing Franklin at Manchester.

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, -----** 1771 May 27 A.L. 4p. XLIV, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has not heard from Franklin for several months. Nine numbers of the "Citizen's Ephemerides" have appeared within the last five months. Sends them to Franklin and also to Mr. Rush. His "Manual of Humanity" is finally being printed at Bouillon. His work on the "Peerage of France" has been delayed and altered by the Censor. Although the present Government is bad enough, fears a change to worse. Thinks the judges and magistrates have too much power and are more arbitrary than a despot. (In French.)

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**Franklin, William** 1771 May A. Mem. 3p. LXVII, 24.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Remarks on Benjamin Franklin's account against William Franklin, dated London, April 20, 1771.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1771 June 1 Mem. 1p. LXVII, 26.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Joint expense account of Dr. Franklin, Mr. Canton, Dr. Ingen Housz and J. Williams, [Jr.].

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<b>The Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital. Philadelphia</b> to Dr. John Fothergill, Benjamin Franklin and David Barclay.	1771 June 3	L.S. John Reynell, Sam[ue]l Rhoads, Jam[es] Pemberton. 2p.	XLVII, 53.
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Send them duplicates of the law and letters of attorney empowering them to receive on their account the money arising from the unclaimed shares of the Pennsylvania Land Company, also informs them that the necessities of their institution are very urgent. Ask to be informed of the receipt of money that they may embrace the very first opportunity of selling the bills of exchange which will relieve their pressing necessities.

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<b>The Bataafsch Genootschap der Profondervinderlijke Wijsbergeerte. Rotterdam</b> to Benjamin Franklin  Certificate of Corresponding Membership.	1771 June 11	D.S. 1p.	Portfolio.
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<b>Crane, Stephen. Elizabethtown</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1771 June 22	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 63 and 64.
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Late debate between the Governor and Assembly of New Jersey relative to the granting supplies for His Majesty's troops; reluctance on the part of the House to enter into a measure likely to pain the Governor; forced to it, however, by the inability of the inhabitants at this time to pay any additional taxes; hopes, if His Majesty insists on this tax, he will permit a bill for striking a paper currency; begs Franklin's services in obtaining this bill, which will give general satisfaction.  
[In duplicate.]

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<b>Cushing, Thomas. Massachusetts</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1771 June 29	A.L. 2p.	LVIII, 57.
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His favor of February 5th was laid before the House; right of Parliament to tax the Colonies; danger of Britain's forcing a free people, by oppressive measures, into a state of desperation; Massachusetts will never submit to the authority of an absolute government.

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**Colden, Alexander. New York** 1771 July 2 A.L.S. 2p. III, 66.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has taken such steps as will put the accounts in a proper state before Mr. Foxcroft returns. Concerning an advertisement about Elizabeth Holland, and why he failed to insert it.

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**Bond, Dr Thomas. Philadelphia** 1771 July 6 A.L.S. 3p. III, 67.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Daniel Kheun, brother of Dr. Kheun; he goes to Sweden to study divinity, preparatory to taking charge of some Swedish congregation. His son Richard's progress in the study of physic and surgery; takes his examinations next year, and will then finish his studies in Europe; discusses the respective merits of the medical schools in Edinburgh, Paris, London, Leyden and Vienna; would like Sir John Pringle's advice on this matter. Thanking Franklin for a new picture, a striking likeness of himself, presented to him by good Mrs. Franklin. On June 28 had a commencement in the College; the farce prettily played. Certain medical dissertations. A correspondence with the learned societies of Europe would prove an advantage to the [American] Philosophical Society.

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**Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah** 1771 July 8 A.L.S. 4p. III, 68.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Amazed that the objection to Mr. Winter's ordination was his regard for or connection with Mr. Whitefield. Concerning what Franklin mentions from Mr. Manduit relative to the dissenters. The Governor's reasons for dissolving the first Assembly; personal enmity against himself. Franklin's solicitations on behalf of the Negro law will be gratefully acknowledged by every well-wisher to the Province. Hopes all difficulties will be overcome respecting Sir William Baker's claim; warns him not to count on the Governor's assistance. Wishes Franklin had written to the Committee of Correspondence relative to public matters. As they were not dissolved with the House as Franklin imagined, his letters containing some matters of a private nature, he did not choose to send to them, and some of the Committee being those that assisted the Governor in using him (Jones) ill, he could

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not well in person communicate them; however he will contrive some method to acquaint them with what they have a right to know.

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**Zubly, John Joachim. Savannah** 1771 July 9 A.L.S. 2p. III, 69.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Finds that Mr. Jasper Mauduit has applied for Franklin's kind assistance to remove some grievances imposed on protestant dissenters; dispute between himself and the rector; encloses copy of letter published on that occassion; question of sexton's fees. Bill sent by the upper house to the lower, in which a rate is fixed on all dissenters to be paid to the rector, though his attendance is not required nor any duty performed; this received not a vote in the lower house. Refusal of upper house to hear a second reading of a bill passed in the lower to lay out a burying ground for protestant dissenters; expects a like bill in favor of the Jews will meet with the same fate. Unlucky in being a dissenter in political as well as religious matters.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1771 July 12 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival in town of Mr. Foxcroft and his lady.

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**Whitehurst, John. London** 1771 July 25 A.L.S. 1p. III, 71.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes Franklin will be pleased with the two clocks he sent; had not time to engrave the plates.

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**Whitehurst, John. Derby** 1771 August 1 A.L.S. 2p. III, 71 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the bill for the clocks; the other one Franklin was kind enough to order will soon be completed; alteration he deemed necessary to make in Mr. Ferguson's plan.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1771 August 3 A.L.S. 2p. III, 72.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Just returned from Philadelphia where he has been for some days with Betsy in order to see her brother Downes, his wife and daughter, who arrived there from Barbadoes; he is in bad health, so took him home with them to escape the heat of Philadelphia. Sally's [Mrs. Bache] determination to accompany her husband to England in the fall; thinks the expense of such a trip will not suit Mr.

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Bache's present circumstances nor consistent with justice to his creditors; if she does go, wishes his mother might have some clever body to take care of her; her memory has failed much; daily becomes more unfit to be left alone.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1771 August 5 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 7.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Settlement of accounts. News of the family.

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**Colden, Alexander. New York** 1771 August 6 A.L.S. 2p. III, 73.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has lost Mr. Jesser's letter. Enclosing the second set of those bills, sent by Mr. Foxcroft by the last packet; Mr. Foxcroft and Lady both well. Gov. Tryon has arrived and taken the administration of the government; his amiable disposition promises good things; Lord Dunmore has sent his seals and baggage to Virginia, but is at present on a tour to Lake Champlain.

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**Shipley, Jonathan** [1771] August 13 A.L.S. 2p. XL, 122.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring Franklin to deliver his letters to Primate and Mrs. Jackson; his loss keenly felt at Twyford. Concerning the probable behavior of his younger daughter, Franklin's fellow-traveler.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1771 September 19 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 8.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His belief that Hall will pay the money. Franklin's kindness to his sons; glad Josiah is remaining in London; safe arrival of Jonathan, who is just entering into business in Boston. Question of an indorsement of Franklin's bond, received by John Cooke.

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**Holt, John. New York** 1771 October 2 A.L.S. 3p. III, 74.  
to Benjamin Franklin

A true account of an unhappy difference between his neighbor, Mr. Hugh Hughes and his brother John; the cause was the espousal of the Stamp Act by Mr. John Hughes; his haughty and imperious character. Unhappy situation of Mr. Hugh Hughes' affairs; by being security he became insolvent; for years made himself a voluntary prisoner in his own house to avoid arrest; supported a numerous

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family by teaching school; his health impaired; anxious to get some other occupation; offers of assistance from his brother, such as no man of spirit could accept.

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**Cushing, Thomas. Boston** 1771 October 2 A.L.S. 3p. III, 75.  
to Benjamin Franklin

William Storey will deliver to Franklin the votes of the last sessions of the General Court. Account of a difficulty Mr. Storey is in; took Mr. Wheelwright's note of hand at the direction of the Surveyor-General; Mr. Wheelwright's subsequent failure; Mr. Storey goes to England to apply for relief to the Commissioners there.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1771 October 3 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 9.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning certain bills of exchange.

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**Clay, Ann. Newcastle** 1771 October 4 A.L.S. 1p. III, 74 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending her son to Franklin. Has been a widow four years; is neither rich nor poor; has eleven children, which she regards as an addition to her happiness. If necessary, begs him to advance 200 guineas to her son, for the payment of which she will be his security.

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**Henly, William** 1771 October 7 L. 1p. XLIX, 60.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Electrical experiment from which he infers the necessity of making the conductors erected to secure buildings from damage of lightning, both of the best materials and of a very sufficient substance.

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**Timothy, Peter. Charleston** 1771 October 20 A.L.S. 3p. III, 76.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a bill finally passed in the Assembly on the question of carrying the £1500 into the estimate under the expedient of including the same in the treasurer's accounts; opposition to it finally overcome; if the Governor gives his consent, public credit may be restored and universal harmony revived. Mr. Hughes' wretched state of health; fears the worst. Rice and indigo crop. Dr. Haly having surrendered himself, the trial is to take place; his numerous and powerful friends; supposes the verdict will be manslaughter; he was compelled to fight, contrary to his inclinations.

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**Foxcroft, John. Philadelphia** 1771 November 5 A.L.S. 1p. III, 77.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes Franklin has returned safely and in good health from his trip to Ireland. Expects the two casks of flour.

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**Balfour, John. Edinburgh** 1771 November 5 A.L.S. 2p. III, 78.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to transact a debt due him by the late Mr. Parker; is willing to compromise the matter on easy terms, as he thinks Parker an honest man; leaves the entire affair to Franklin and will abide by his decision.

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**Bowen, Penuel. Boston** 1771 November 6 A.L.S. 2p. III, 79.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing the most fervent gratitude to and admiration for Franklin; thanking him for the picture of himself lately received through the hands of Mr. Samuel Franklin.

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**Penington, Edward. et al., Philadelphia** 1771 November 8 L.S. 1p. III, 80.  
to Drs. Franklin and Forthergill.

The Subscribers, Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in Pennsylvania, having 155 pounds of raw silk ready for exportation, have decided to commit this first adventure to Franklin's care and disposal. Hopes of this industry becoming an object of general attention in Pennsylvania, and in time a considerable remittance to the Mother Country; mentions the number of pounds to go to the Queen, to Lady Juliana Penn, to the relict of Archibald Penn, and to the lady of the Hon. John Penn.

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**Noble, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1771 November 11 A.L.S. 1p. III, 81.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin being his neighbor in his infancy and a fellow-citizen, he makes free to write him and present him with a pair of soles made of leather of his own tanning; gives history of aforesaid leather from the time it was part of a steer on Carpenter Island. Trade improving.

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**Hunt, Isaac. Philadelphia** 1771 November 12 A.L.S. 1p. III, 82.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Acquainting him with the death of the Attorney General of the Bermudas, and soliciting Franklin's offices to procure him that place; makes this application from absolute necessity.

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**Stiles, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1771 November 13 A.L.S. 2p. LVIII, 58.  
to Benjamin Franklin

On behalf of a committee of tradesmen, acknowledges Franklin's favors of July 29th and August 28th, 1770. Convinced that the pamphlet sent them will be of infinite service to the American colonies.  
(Mutilated.)

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**Le Roy, Jean Baptiste** [1771.] November 27 A.L.S. 4P. XLII, 183.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Presumption and ignorance of two pseudo-scientists who have written against lightning rods. Account of his placing the first lightning rod on a French vessel; desires Franklin's observations on the method employed.  
(In French.)

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**The House and Council of New Jersey.** 1771 December 11 and 20 D.S. Cha[rle]sLIII, 8.  
**Burlington, N.J**  
to Benjamin Franklin  
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er|k of the  
Council. 2p.

Resolutions appointing Dr. Benjamin Franklin Agent of the Colony in Great Britain.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1771 December 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 10.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Probabilities of Mr. Hall finally paying Franklin the money. Introducing Mr. John Milliquet, who married Mr. Cushing's niece. Fears Josiah's infirmity will render him too troublesome.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1771 December 13 (?) A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. John Milliquet.

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**Cortland Skinner, Aaron Leaming,** 1771 December 21 L.S. 3p. III, 83.  
**Abraham Hewlings and Joseph Smith.**  
**Burlington**  
 to Benjamin Franklin

The House of Assembly's opinion not to push the farther consideration of the Septennial Act until a favorable opportunity arises; confidence placed in Franklin. Concerning a law for the recovery of small debts; hopes Mr. Jackson may be induced to give it a favorable report. The law to enable persons not naturalized to hold lands; similar to one in New York to which the Royal assent has been given; reasons why it is a just law; hopes Franklin will endeavor to enforce its application by every means in his power. Differences between the House and Government touching the subsistence of the troops have been happily settled. Expressing the thanks of the House.

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**William Franklin** 1771 A. Mem. S. LXVII, 25.  
 to Benjamin Franklin 2p.

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**Henly, William** [ A.L.S. 8p. XLII, 32-37.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Accounts of electrical experiments.

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**Henly, William** 1771 Mem. 1p. XLIX, 75.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Effect of a thunder storm upon the electric rod.

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**Henly, William** [ A. Mem. 3p. LVIII, 29.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Description and use of a new prime conductor for experiments in electricity. With drawing.

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**Jackson, Richard. London** [1771] Thursday A.L.S. 2p. XL, 190.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Read d'Anquetil's voyage attentively; remarks the author's evident carelessness, ignorance, and his palpable malignity against the whole English nation. Will dine with Franklin at the Mitre.

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**Jackson, Richard. London?** [1771.] Saturday night A.L.S. 1p. XL, 191.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Query as to when it will suit Franklin to go with him to Ireland. Wishes to see him before he leaves London.

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<b>Roberdeau, Daniel. Philadelphia</b>	1771	A.L.S. 1p.	XLII, 17.
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to Benj[ami]n Franklin, John Fothergill and Charles Pearce.

Authorising the reduction in the selling-price of his property in the West Indies.

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<b>Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813</b>	1771	A.L. 4p.	LVIII, 62.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Discusses the origin of catarrh.  
(Incomplete.)

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to Benjamin Franklin

Instructions in regard to obtaining copy of patent for Secretary of New Jersey, granted to Christopher Coates and to Maurice Morgan.

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<b>Franklin, William. Burlington</b>	1772 January 6	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 84.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Has carried two points in the late sessions of the Assembly, with which he expects the Ministry to be not a little pleased; one is the supply for the troops; the other, the leaving out those words in the Support Bill which the Board of Trade looked upon as meant to establish the Assembly's claim of the sole right of appointing an agent. Messrs. Galloway and Foxcroft have written fully with respect to the grants made by the Government of Virginia of lands which will fall in the new colony; question of Lord Botetourt's right or authority to grant lands on the other side of the Allegheny Mountains.

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<b>Tissington, Anthony. Alfreton</b>	1772 January 15	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 85.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Hopes Franklin is back again in London after a summer of rambling in which he has been so unfortunate as to miss seeing him twice. Sends him a turkey.

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**Walker, Hannah. Westbury** 1772 January 15 A.L.S. 1p. III, 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Wishing him many happy returns of his birthday; all her family join in begging Franklin's acceptance of their humble duties, with prayers for his long life.

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**Outram, Capt William. London** 1772 January 17 A.L.S. 1p. III, 87.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Commissioned by Rev. Mr. Dunlap to purchase for his son, Benjamin, organist of his father's church in Virginia, a good armonica; asks where such may be had.

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**Sargent, Chambers and Co. London** 1772 January 25 L. in 3d P. 1p. III, 88.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Agreeable to Franklin's instructions, have drawn out his account, which amounts to £149 16s. Id.; beg that Franklin may signify his pleasure about its disposal.

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**Shipley, Jonathan** c. 1772 January 25 N. in 3d P. XLIII, 230(1).  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Inviting him to dinner.

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**Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah** 1772 February 2 A.L.S. 2p. III, 89.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Greatly concerned at not hearing from Franklin for so long; affairs in the same state as when he last wrote; no House of Representatives; at a loss to conceive what their arbitrary rulers mean by it, unless to terrify weak-minded people into their measures; the coming election will disclose a part of their motives; would be glad to hear from Franklin, if anything occurs concerning the Province.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1772 February 28 A.L.S. 1p. III, 90.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of April 20th, containing his London account against the estate of Mr. Parker with the request to assist in securing the debts; enclosing a copy of Mr. Parker's account against Franklin, also a memorandum to enable Franklin to state his account properly against Mr.

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Parker's estate; the sooner this is done the better; Mrs. Parker very infirm; leaves everything to Jenny, who is about to marry a young fellow not of age, an apprentice to a lawyer.

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<b>Shipley, Jonathan</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1772. February	N. in 3d P. 1p.	XLIII, 230, (3).
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Inviting him to dinner on Sunday.

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<b>Le Roy, Jean Baptiste</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1772?] March 5	A.L.S. 4p.	XLII, 162.
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Reproaching Franklin with his year's silence. Recommending the bearer, M. de Bassue, to Franklin's kind notice. Arctic exploration planned for May; desires any advice Franklin can give their new argonauts. Messrs. Banks's and Solander's proposed antarctic trip; his admiration for scientific explorers.

(In French.)

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<b>Huske, John. Paris</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1772 March 10	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 91.
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The bearer's plan and views will be fully disclosed by the enclosed letter; this, pruned and dressed by Franklin's pen, together with his accompanying Mr. O'Gormand to Lord Clare's, must produce a favorable reception; if the plan is relished by the Ministry so far as to give this gentleman encouragement to go to America, begs Franklin to give him advice, and letters to his friends in the different provinces; knows he will give every assistance in his power to such a laudable undertaking.

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<b>Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1772 March 18	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 92.
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Introducing to Franklin's kindness Mr. William Stephen, an attorney-at-law. Elections going forward, but results doubtful.

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Jr.</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1772 April 10	A.L.S. 3p.	XXXVII, 12.
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Acknowledging the receipt of the gum; will inform Franklin of his success in making the rubbers. Business poor, owing to the hard winter. Message to Josiah to hasten his home-coming.

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<b>Small, Alexander. New York</b>	1772 April 13	A.L. 4p.	LVIII, 59.
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Full account of storms, electrical disturbances and other incidents of his voyage from Jamaica to New York.

(Final part missing.)

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<b>Michell, John</b>	1772 April 13	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 93.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Returning his book together with Mr. Winthrop's letter. Will not have the pleasure of seeing him until the next winter unless Franklin honors Yorkshire with his presence.

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<b>The Library Company of Philadelphia.</b>	1772 April 27	L.S.	III, 94.
<b>Philadelphia</b>		Matth[ew]	
to Benjamin Franklin		Clarkson,	
		Fra[nci]s	
		Hopkinson	
		and R.	
		Strettell Jones.	
		2p.	

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of April 16, 1771; concerning certain accounts between the Library and Franklin. In receipt of his favor of June 5, enclosing invoice of books which arrived in good order. The Directors agree with him that £300 is too much to lay out for the transactions of the European societies, but they desire the new improved edition of the French Encyclopædia. Enclosing catalogues of books wanted.

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<b>Benezet, Anthony. Philadelphia</b>	1772 April 27	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 95.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Looking forward to holding converse with Franklin in the winter evenings on past dangers and better future prospects. Concerning the grievous iniquities practiced towards the negroes; asks him to consider whether he may not be able to do something effectual towards the removal of that terrible evil; at the same time that he sent the tracts on the slave trade to Franklin, sent them to the most weighty of their friends in London; desired them to consider whether it might not be their duty to lay the iniquity and dreadful consequence of the slave trade before the Parliament. Realizes the opposition they are likely to encounter from those "who sell their country and their God for gold";

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pleads the cause however with great cloquence and fervor; number of slaves in English colonies; many opposed to it in New England, and also in Virginia, who will add their weight to any reform.

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-----, -----. **Philadelphia** 1772 May 1 L. 4p. LVIII, 37.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Remarks and suggestions relative to the settlement and government of the new grant.

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**Smith, William. Philadelphia** 1772 May 16 A.L.S. 3p. III, 96.  
to Benjamin Franklin

On receipt of Franklin's obliging letter was preparing to embark for Carolina where he was lucky enough to get 1000 guineas for their College, which is in high repute. Enclosing sheet missing in Dr. Fothergill's book. Sends also a box containing copies of the [Philosophical Society's] Transactions for those societies whose names he gives; any more copies can be had by applying to Dilly, the bookseller; only forty copies left for the use of the Society; £200 in debt; reason for having the title-page of the Transactions in English instead of Latin; the Society in receipt of a letter from Mr. White, treasurer of the Foundling Hospital; great work he is carrying on entitled Musæum Britannicum; he desires some knowledge as to American animals; asks Franklin to give him the enclosed.

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**Foxcroft, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1772 May 16 A.L.S. 1p. III, 97.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing bill of lading for two barrels of flour; his brother-in-law in Virginia; all Franklin's family well. Had the misfortune to break his arm six days previous.

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**Whitehurst, John. Derby** 1772 May 21 A.L.S. 3p. III, 98.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Describing the mechanism of a clock which he has made especially for Franklin.

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**The Library Company of Philadelphia** 1792 May 28 L. S. III, 99.  
to Benjamin Franklin  
Sam[uel]  
Rhoads, Josiah  
Hewes and R.  
Strettell Jones.  
1p.

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Enclosing a draft of £125 to pay for the books ordered for the Library Co. by Sparks.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1772 May 29 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 13.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrival of his brother Josiah; state of his health most alarming. Promising to sell Dr. Priestley's works, on their arrival and give the money to Mrs. Mecom.

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**Rhoads, Samuel. Philadelphia** 1772 May 30 A.L.S. 1p. III, 100.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging papers and pamphlets on canals sent by Franklin. Project of a canal between the Susquehanna and the Schuylkill.

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris** 1772 May 31 A.L.S. 3p. III, 101.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Not like certain had Catholics who having failed one year to make their Easter duties, dare not return to confess; much concerned at the past two years' dreary silence. Acknowledging his kindness to Mlle. BihC)ron as well as himself. Concerning the progress made in the translation of Franklin's works. Considerably increased his little 'Bible of Humanity' (Petit Code de l'HumaniteC)), but they refuse him the approbation necessary for printing it; restrictions on the press; they are afraid even of the shadow of evil. Any volumes of "The Ephemerides of a Citizen" that Franklin may lack, is prepared to send him.

[In French.]

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to Benjamin Franklin

Statement of Benjamin Franklin's proportion of expenses and charges incurred from June, 1769, to May, 1772, on the application to the Crown for a grant of lands on the River Ohio in North America.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1772 June 12 A.L.S. 2p. III, 102.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a grant of lands in Pennsylvania to Major Robert Thomson; in the enclosed letter Mr. Galloway has written out what he knew of the affair; possible that Major Thompson may have

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disposed of his rights; thinks if there is any heir living, he ought to put in his claim at once. Map of the original purchasers.

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**Brownrigg, W. Armathwaite** 1772 June 12 A.L.S. 1p. III, 103.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has just received a letter from Sir John Pringle, in which he speaks of paying him a visit and of the possibility of Franklin's accompanying him; will esteem himself highly obliged by the favor of Franklin's company, and therefore adds his solicitations to those of his good friend Pringle.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Leeds** 1772 June 13 A.L.S. 4p. III, 103 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for the paper entitled 'The Native of New England';<sup>1</sup> much struck with it, before he knew "Poor Richard" was the author. Experiments on air.

**Bibliography****Other Descriptive Information**

1 Probably alluding to a piece entitled 'Toleration in Old England and New England.'

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1772 June 13 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 14.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Adam Winthrop, son of Dr. Winthrop of Cambridge. Mr. Bancroft's stay in Boston too short to enjoy much of his society.

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**Maseres, Baron Francis. Inner Temple** 1772 June 17 A.L.S. 7p. III, 104.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Comments on a Parliamentary Act for relief of the poor. Sends him a copy of a draught of an Act of Parliament for settling the laws of Quebec, which he has prepared merely of his own accord in order to expedite the settlement of that province, where everything seems to be in suspense. Discusses question of the Dutch scheme. Something like the alms-house in England.

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**Walsh, John. Paris** 1772 June 21 A.L.S. 4p. III, 105 and  
to Benjamin Franklin 106.

Has procured two copies of GennetC)'s book for Franklin; various civilities shown him by M. Le Roy, M. Trudaine and others; has attended two meetings of the Academy of Sciences, where he had



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a polite and obliging reception. Has made no secret of his intention to prosecute experiments on the torpedo [a species of ray-fish] ; they are found in great numbers at La Rochelle; just starting for that place. Low cbb of electricity at Paris; account of an electrical experiment made by the Due de Chaulnes.

(In duplicate.)

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**Alexander, William (Lord Stirling). New York** 1772 June 30 A.L.S. 2p. III, 107.  
to Benjamin Franklin

After his arrival in America, bought a great quantity of land, with a view to disposing of it again to his advantage; sudden change that took place rendered lands almost unsaleable; to extricate himself from debt, has devised a scheme to sell some of the land by way of a lottery, which has met with considerable success in most of the Colonies; asks Franklin to give it his countenance among his friends in England.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1772 June 30 A.L.S. 2p. III, 108.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Various accounts between himself and his father.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1772 June --- A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 15.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his account with Mr. Warren. His father has received Hall's bond and desires a power of attorney.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Leeds** 1772 July 1 A.L.S. 3p. III, 65.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Curious experiments on air, and discoveries of various properties.

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**Walsh, John. La Rochelle** 1772 July 12 A.L.S. 5p. III, 109 and  
to Benjamin Franklin 110.

Experiments for ascertaining the electrical properties of the torpedo.  
(In duplicate.)

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**Robertson, John. London** 1772 July 14 A.L.S. 1p. III, 111.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Notice to attend the Royal Society's Committee meeting, to consider the request made by the Board of Ordnance for directions how to apply electrical conductors to the powder magazine at Erith.

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**Darwin, Erasmus. Lichfield** 1772 July 18 A.L.S. 4p. III, 112.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of an experiment he tried of filling a bladder with unmixed air from the muddy bottom of the creek, then pricking the bladder with a pin and applying a candle to it; showed no tendency to catch fire. Would be glad of any observations of Franklin's on the alphabet. Is there any truth in the report that somebody has attempted to make a speaking machine?

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**Watson, Dr Richard. Lincoln's Inn Fields** 1772 July 31 L. in 3d P. 1p. III, 113.  
**London**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning an expedition to Purfleet; hopes Franklin will call to arrange a time before the summer is too far advanced; whenever the meeting is fixed their President is willing to be of the party.

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**Wilson, Patrick. London** 1772 August 3 A.L.S. 1p. III, 114.  
to Benjamin Franklin

On the point of leaving for Glasgow; will take care to deliver the volume of the American [Philosophical Society's] Transactions to the questor of their library.

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**Whitehurst, John. Derby** 1772 August 4 A.L.S. 1p. III, 115.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has that day delivered Franklin's clock to Mr. Clark; gives him certain directions as to unpacking it.

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**Toderini, Jean Baptiste. Forli** 1772 August 15 A.L.S. 1p. III, 116.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Giving an account of a work, published by him, entitled "Filosofia Frankliniana."  
(In French.)

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**Strahan, William. New Street London**      1772 August 21      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 117.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to remind Mr. Galloway of the money due him for types and newspapers sent to Mr. Goddard; hard that he should suffer for the madness and ingratitude of Goddard, when he only obeyed Mr. Galloway's order.

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**Timothy, Peter. Charles Town**      1772 August 24      A.L.S. 3p.      III, 118.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has not heard a word from Franklin, in answer to his letters for over a year; enough to discourage further correspondence; is ready for any employment in His Majesty's service. Recommends Capt. Elias Vanderhorst to Franklin's friendship.

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**Walsh, John. Paris**      1772 August 27      A.L.S. 8p.      III, 119.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulating Franklin on his being elected by the French Academy of Sciences to be one of its eight foreign members. Concerning his experiments with the torpedo.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr**      1772 August ----      A.L.S. 1p.      XXXVII, 16.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's kindness to his son, whose loss they feel deeply. Execution obtained against Hall. Messages to the family.  
[Badly mutilated.]

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**Falconer, Capt Nathaniel. Downes**      1772 September 2      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 120.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to call on Mr. Samuel Wharton when the grant is made for his right to 40,000 acres, and if more money is necessary, to kindly advance it for him.

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**Biheron, Marie Catherine. Paris**      1772 September 10      A.L.S. 2p.      III, 121.  
to Benjamin Franklin

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Seizes the occasion of Mr. Walsh's departure to send Franklin a speech in their "Cour des Aides" by their celebrated M. Malherbe. High consideration in which Mr. Walsh is held. Begs Mrs. Stevenson to hand a little package of powder to a poor linen draper who has had trouble with his eyes.  
In French.

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**Price, Richard. Newington Green**                      1772 September 30                      A.L.S. 3p.     III, 122.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing Dr. Priestley's letter; at a loss whether to be glad or sorry at his rejection of Lord Shelburne's proposal. Thanking Franklin for mentioning him to Sir John Pringle; afraid they will both be disappointed in him; hours at which he preaches.

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**Belgioiso, Count of**    [1772 September 30]                      L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 136.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desiring to know where the person lives who makes the glasses for the Armonica.

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**Belgioiso, Count of**    c. 1772 September 30                      L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 114.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Obliged to defer giving him a particular answer, as the French Ambassador does not return from Scotland till November.

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**Smith, Joseph. Burlington N.J**                              1772 October 1                              A.L.S. 1p.     III, 123.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Present Assembly met the previous month at Amboy; understands they have continued Franklin as Agent; has received for his use £275, being two years and nine months salary as agent.

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**Jesser, -----. College Hill**                              1772 October 7                              L. in 3d P. 1p.III, 124.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Governors of the London Hospital will be much obliged to Dr. Franklin if he will write to Mr. Colden and Mr. Dixon what he thinks to be necessary on the state of the case which Mr. Jesser left for him.

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**Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris**                              1772 October 9                              A.L.S. 3p.     III, 125.  
to Benjamin Franklin

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Returned from the country, to find the manuscript of the translation of Franklin's works by M. Lesqui, awaiting him; will not quit the work now until he has finished it. Difficulties in the way of publishing his "Petit Code de l'Humanité"; if the same obstacles exist in England will have it printed secretly at Caen. Has sent him the new volume of the "Ephemerides du Citoyen." Mlle. Biron is occupied with Mrs. Stevenson's commission.

In French.

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**Morellet, Abbé. Whycomb** [1772.] October 9 A.L.S. 1p. XL, 90.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the letters sent him for Birmingham; expects to go to Oxford first; will make every effort to meet Franklin in Birmingham. Message to Dr. Pringle.  
(In French.)

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**Galloway, Joseph. Philadelphia** 1772 October 12 A.L.S. 3p. LVIII, 38.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses bills of credit for £500, last year's salary as Agent for the Province. Is again elected to the Assembly. Recent changes in political conditions.  
(Mutilated.)

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**Franklin, William. Philadelphia** 1772 October 13 A.L.S. 4p. III, 126.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Failed to receive his favor of August 3d; suspects the same person who broke open his letters to his father has kept this one; question of who it can be; reasons against suspecting Lord Hillsborough; thinks it may be Wharton. Question of the Virginia grants. Has just heard that Gov. Spry of Barbadoes is dead, and that Capt. Williams, the engineer, has just taken his passage for England in hopes of being appointed Captain of Needham's Fort. Wishes he could be appointed Governor in Spry's place; is now the oldest governor in America; knows he stands no chance of promotion or increase of salary, while Lord H. is at the head of the American Department and while he is so displeased with Franklin. Desires his father to send him a handsome tea-urn: cannot afford a silver one. Has dined with Gov. Penn, with whom he has become very sociable.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1772 October 13 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 17.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Death of his brother. Henry's unfaithfulness; thought best not to bind him as apprentice until he heard from Franklin. Fears he intends to break through his intention of visiting Boston every ten years.

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**Hutton, James** 1772 October 23 A.L.S. 4p. III, 127.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a great work [Monde Primitif] by a friend of his [Antoine Court de GC)belin]; longs to see it finished; Franklin and Dr. Moreton the first in England to give him encouragement; he is charmed to hear that an Englishman, Mr. Bryant, is prosecuting the same work in England. Bishop of Vilna has left for Poland by way of Vienna, his great family estates being in that part which voracious Austria has seized. Marquis de Pezay just returned from his tour; Lord Lyttleton, whom he visited twice, was much pleased with him.

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**Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris** 1772 October 28 A.L.S. 4p. III, 128.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hard at work revising the translation of Franklin's works; difficulties he encounters; asks the meaning of "orreries," "surf," "spray," "jostled." Various questions relating to his experiments. Advisability of sending him some sheets of the translation before proceeding further; concerning some new engravings for the work. Mlle. BihC)ron's intention to go to London about the end of November; her health not good and fears her expenses will be heavy; begs Franklin to let him know if this voyage promises as little success as the last; if so, he will insist on her remaining in France for the sake of her health.

(In French.)

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1772 October 29 A.L.S. 3p. III, 129.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging letters of various dates from August 3d to September 3d. Concerning the Virginia grants; begs his father to pay no heed to what Mr. Wharton may say, but to give it his particular attention; should the extent of country claimed by Virginia as its boundary be confirmed, the small tract remaining for the Proprietors of the new colony, will not be worth the purchase money; encloses letters respecting Mr. Penn's western boundary, which if true, will be most advantageous to the Proprietors of the new colony.

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**Westerholt, Frederik Borchard Lodewijk** 1772 November 12 A.L.S. 2p. III, 130.  
**van. Hacforth**

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to Benjamin Franklin

In the second volume of the "Ephemerides du Citoyen" read Franklin's plan for benefiting distant unprovided countries, and was filled with admiration of such universal benevolence; though he has not the advantage of being an Englishman, hopes he may have the honor of contributing to such a laudable design the sum of four Holland ducats; is but a poor gentleman, burdened with a large family of children, but trusts Franklin will not scorn his small contribution.

(In French.)

**Falconer, Capt Nathaniel. Philadelphia** 1772 November 15 A.L.S. 2p. III, 131.

to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent him one barrel of Newtown pippins, one cask of shell-bark hickory nuts and two kegs of bread. Has concluded to stay at home this year, so must forego the pleasure of keeping Christmas with Franklin. Concerning a grant of land which he asked Franklin to see Mr. Wharton about.

**Abel James and Benjamin Morgan. Philadelphia** 1772 November 17 L.S. 1p. III, 132.

to Benjamin Franklin

The newly elected Managers of the Filature have requested them (the undersigned) to forward Capt. Lutton's bill of loading for two trunks of silk, the produce of this year, with a certificate from their Custom-house to recover bounty; also, to beg Franklin's acceptance of four pounds of the silk sent.

**Joseph and William Danton, Aaron Lopez, Samuel Fowler. Newport** 1772 November 18 A.L.S. 1p. LVIII, 60.

to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Capt. Richard Grinnell, of Newport, as qualified to command any vessel in the merchant service.

**Barbeu-Dubourg, -----** 1772 November 28 A.L. 4p. XLIV, 7.

to Benjamin Franklin

Is about half finished with his translation of Franklin's works in quarto. Is very anxious to receive some copies of the second edition of his little Code printed in London. In order to avoid paying excessive charges for postage, gives Franklin directions how to send the packages. Tells how he

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translated one passage in Franklin's works about silk worms. Sends his magic square of 11,000 numbers. Has verified Franklin's magic square of 16 and found but two mistakes in it.

(Mutilated.) (In French.)

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<b>Henly, William</b>	1772 November 28	A.L. in 3d P.	XLIX, 24.
to Benjamin Franklin		3p.	

Description and use of a new conductor for experiments in electricity contrived by Mr. Henly and executed by Mr. Edward Nairne.

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<b>Pringle, Sir John</b>	[1772.] ? December 6	L. 1p.	XLIII, 221.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Inviting him to dine, to meet Mlle. BihC)ron and Dr. Ingen Housz, before his departure.

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<b>Walker, Hannah. Westbury</b>	1772 December 22	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 133.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Thanking him for his present. Sorry to hear of Mr. William's death; and the consequent removal of her son; begs Franklin to direct her letters [under his frank] to him, as he may now have nothing with which to pay for them.

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Jr.</b>	1772 December 26	A.L.S. 2p.	XXXVII, 18.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Settlement of his accounts for the year very satisfactory; can pay all his debts and have clear profits left. His affairs with Mr. Warren.

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<b>C-----, J-----</b>	[	D. 4p.	LVIII, 4.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Reasons for establishing a colony at the Illinois. (Incomplete.)

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<b>Barbeu-Dubourg, -----</b>	[	A.L.S. 4p.	LVIII, 65.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Question of colds and their causes. Effect of white walls in the cultivation of fruit. Acknowledging his letter of December 30th containing an explanation of the word chain. M. Dalibard's electrical experiments. Anxiety felt on account of Mlle. BihC)ron's state of health.



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(In French. Mutilated.)

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<b>Fothergill, Dr. John. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1772?	L. 8p.	LVI(i), 12.
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Political and moral reflections.

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<b>Lettsom, John Coakley. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1772] Tuesday	L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 125.
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Begging Franklin's acceptance of a French hare.

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<b>Maseres, Baron Francis</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1772.]	L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 65.
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Sending him two more copies of the collection of Quebec instruments, and the draft of a toleration act; desires one set sent to Governor Franklin, of New Jersey, and the other to Mr. Galloway, of Philadelphia. Begs for another copy of his tract called Squire Richard.

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<b>Rogers, Major Robert. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1772?] Thursday evening	L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIII, 222.
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Informing Dr. Franklin that his petition for a tour through the North American continent comes on before the Committee of Council of Tuesday.

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<b>Ronayne, Thomas</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1772.] Friday	L. in 3d P. 1p.XL, 59.
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At Mr. Henly's instance, writes for his paper on the effects of lightning on the Tabernacle<sup>1</sup> in order to render it more correct for publication.

**Other Descriptive Information**

<sup>1</sup>Philosophical Transactions, LXII, 131.

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<b>Shipley, Jonathan</b> to Benjamin Franklin	c. 1772	N. in 3d P. XLIII, 230(2). 1p.
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Inviting him to dinner.

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<b>O'Gorman, Thomas, chevalier</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 January 4	A.L.S. 3p. III, 134.
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Asks pardon for his delay in acknowledging Franklin's many civilities to him while in London. Has been busy preparing his eldest son to be a page to the King, and nursing the other two boys through the smallpox. Has had a good vintage this season, and has marked a hogs-head of his best burgundy to be sent to Franklin. Their friend Mr. Huske expects soon to return to London. Asks Franklin to write and 'hint to him with caution' their friends' thoughts upon a certain subject they have talked of.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington** 1773 January 5 A.L.S. 2p. III, 135.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his letters by the October and November packets; the former came opened; suspects now that the villainy is on this side the water; suggests a different seal and handwriting. Glad to find that Lord D[artmouth?] has spoken so favorably of him; has written to him concerning an increase in the salary of Mr. Skinner, the Attorney General, and took that occasion to say a word in his own behalf; asks his father's influence in this matter. Encloses a copy of a letter from Lord Stirling *a propos* of the Virginia grants.

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**The Trustees of the Burlington Free School. Burlington** 1773 January 5 A.L.S. John Hoskins et al. LIII, 9.  
to Benjamin Franklin 2p.

His assistance asked in presenting a petition to the King. The application of Lord Rochford for a grant of the islands in the Delaware, although thrown aside, makes the petition necessary at the present time. The income from the rents of the island supports from 25 to 30 poor children in the Free School. Hope that this income will not have to be used in obtaining a confirmation of the title. Suggest that an instruction to the Governor to grant a patent would incur the least expense. Have no private interests to promote.

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**Colden, Alexander. General Post-Office New York** 1773 January 7 A.L.S. 1p. III, 136.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing certain bills of exchange; will send by next packet the printed papers, containing the advertisement about Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, and his proceedings thereon.

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**Jones, Nobel Wimberly. Savannah** 1773 January 13 A.L.S. 2p. III, 137.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has not yet seen Mr. Bryan, but when he does, will take care that Franklin's and Mr. Ellis' request is fulfilled. The present Assembly has elected him Speaker, a proceeding which gave him real pleasure, but must have galled certain arbitrary men; determined, however, owing to private business, to decline accepting it.

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**Bache, Richard. Philadelphia** 1773 January 20 A.L.S. 4p. III, 138.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Met several gentlemen while in Jamaica who had a smattering of electricity and were great admirers of Franklin's publications on that and other philosophical subjects; never heard any report there of a building with two conductors being struck by lightning; will ask his friend Mr. Grant of Kingston to make inquiries. Fears he will have to sue Sheets' estate for the amount of Franklin's note. Concerning the expiration of the insurance on Franklin's two houses in Market Street. Mr. Hall's death much lamented. Hopes to hear soon of the completion of the Ohio grant.

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**Bedford, Jenny. Woodbridge N.J** 1773 February 2 A.L.S. 2p. III, 139.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning her father's (James Parker's ) affairs; his estate only encumbered with those bonds to Mr. Franklin, which they wish could be discharged, as the interest is daily accumulating. Writes on her mother's behalf, who is old and afflicted and would willingly live in peace. Consults him about other accounts left by her father.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1773 February 15 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 19.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the proposal made by Hale's friend for the payment of the debt. Disposition of certain moneys desired by Mrs. Mecom.

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**Saussure, Horace-Bénédict de. Naples** 1773 February 23 A.L.S. 4p. III, 140.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Conductors of lightning. Project of the Royal Society to ascertain the attraction of mountains.  
Volcanic eruptions. Experiments on the torpedo.  
(In French.)

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris** 1773 February 24 A.L.S. 3p. III, 141.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Work of printing the translation goes steadily on; asks some questions concerning experiments in electricity; desires to know what Franklin considers the simplest and best among the different electrical machines. Concerning the best manner of forwarding to him one or more sheets at a time of Franklin's new edition, as well as the pamphlet of M. Dupont, who sends him a thousand compliments, as does the Marquis de Mirabeau and M. Dalibard.

(In French.)

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**Winthrop, Prof John. Cambridge, New England** 1773 March 4 A.L. 4p. XLIV, 8.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Returns thanks for Dr. Priestley's article on the impregnation of water with fixed air; very important discovery. Dr. Priestley's excellent character. Memorandum relating to lightning bells with report of observations of their behavior during thunder storms. Account of the damage done in a cornfield by lightning during a thunder storm on July 2, 1768. Requests Dr. Franklin to ascertain all the circumstances relative to the security of persons in an open field during a thunder storm. Thanks the Rev. Dr. Price for sending him papers on aberration, and sees clearly the source of the fallacy.

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**Cooper, Samuel. Boston** 1773 March 15 A.L.S. 4p. III, 142.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Lord Dartmouth. Measures adopted by the towns in Massachusetts. Conduct of the Governor. Administration in England universally disapproved.

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**Todd, Anthony. General Post-Office London** 1773 April 6 L. in 3d P. 1p. III, 143.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Understands that Franklin has received his accounts by that day's mail; would be glad if the Accountant-General could have them to examine.

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**Franklin, Deborah. Philadelphia** 1773 April 6 A.L.S. 1p. III, 144.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of January 6th. Intended to say something about Benjamin Franklin Bache, but Billy told her he had written to Franklin about him; all their children in town.

**Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques.**

1773 April 11

A.L.S. 3p. III, 146.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the Leyden experiment. Has a specimen of the phytolacca; believes it to be poke-weed; there are at least three kinds; which is the best? He and a friend have agreed to translate the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society. Thanks Franklin warmly for all his kindness in having his "Petit Code" printed; expresses satisfaction with the result. Could not Franklin bring Mlle. Bih(C)ron back with him? Sends kindest remembrances to Mrs. Hewson.

(In French.)

**Henly, William. London**

1773 April 18

A.L.S. 2p. LVIII, 30.

to Benjamin Franklin

Relative to the new prime conductor (see page 128, LVIII, 29). Also to proceedings at a meeting of the Royal Society.

(Incomplete.)

**Le Roy, Jean Baptiste**

1773 April 19

A.L. 4p. XLIV, 102.

to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks for having been elected a member of the American Philosophical Society. Appreciates the honor. Discusses at length electricity and Franklin's work on the subject. His idea about lightning rods and how they should be made. His brother [Pierre] has been awarded a prize by the Academy for his calculation of longitude.

(In French.)

**Williams, Jonathan Jr.**

1773 April 20

A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 20.

to Benjamin Franklin

News of Franklin's family in Philadelphia. Concerning his own and his father's business; hears that the East India Co. are to be allowed to send two ships directly to America; obliged if Franklin would recommend them to his father and himself.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1773 April 22 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 21.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a letter from Henry [Walker?].

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**Hunter, James. Philadelphia** 1773 April 24 A.L.S. 1p. III, 147.  
to Benjamin Franklin

According to instructions, drew upon him for the sum mentioned; disposition he has made of the bill. In his low sphere of life has not the power to make Franklin any restitution, but wishes him all happiness.

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**Wister, Daniel. Philadelphia** 1773 April 30 A.L.S. 4p. III, 148.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Having incurred debts in his business amounting to £30,000, has been a prisoner in his own house for nearly three years; impossible in his present situation to make any attempts toward paying the debts; begs Franklin to intercede for him with his creditors in London, a list of whom he encloses; wants them to give him a letter of license for a certain number of years that he may have a chance to pay every man his due.

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**Franklin, William. Philadelphia** 1773 April 30 A.L.S. 2p. III, 149.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Surprised to find nothing in his favor of March 15th about the Ohio grant, as the Whartons are quite elated with the glad tidings they have received from Mr. S[amuel] Wharton. Absurd behavior of old Wharton in sending one of his sons to ask him to sell his share of the land on the Ohia. Extraordinary conduct of Lord Dunmore in granting land on the Kanawa, after what he told Lord Stirling. Has small hopes of Dr. [Cadwalader] Evans' recovery. Thought he had satisfied Haynes of there being no such estate as the one he came in search of.

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**Rush, Benjamin. Philadelphia** 1773 May 1 A.L.S. 3p. LVIII, 61.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Dr. Priestley's experiment with fixed air; his observations thereon. Sending Franklin a pamphlet of his against the importation of negro slaves into Pennsylvania. Desires to see Franklin's treatise on colds; Dr. Cullen's observations on catarrhs and colds. Marriage of Rev. Mr. Coombe.

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**Blunt, Dorothea (Dolly). London** [1773?] May 1 A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 125.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to dine that day at Sir Charles Blunt's to meet Dr. Hawkesworth.

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**Morgan, George. Philadelphia** 1773 May 4 A.L.S. 1p. III, 150.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to converse with Mr. Wharton on the subject of the enclosed letter, and serve Mr. Baynton's family therein.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1773 May 6 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 22.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has received a letter from Mrs. Walker expressing great uneasiness as to the welfare of her son; has endeavored to remove it by the enclosed answer.

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**Mecom, Jenny. Boston** 1773 May 9 A.L.S. 2p. III, 151.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing great affection for Franklin, and the keenest gratitude for his generous present to her; the ardent wish of her life to be a credit to her Uncle.

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**Falconer, Capt Nathaniel. Philadelphia** 1773 May 13 A.L.S. 1p. III, 152.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of February 4th. Concerning a certain claim to which he has sold his right; if Franklin has paid any money prior to the receipt of this, they are to repay it before the deed is made out.

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**Garrigues, Rebecca. Philadelphia** 1773 May 20 A.L.S. 1p. III, 153.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Offering thanks for the silk which came safely to hand.

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**Blunt, Dorothea (Dolly). London** [1773?] May 23 A.L.S. 2p. XLI, 126.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Desiring permission to have the piano forte, lent him by Franklin, removed to Streadham, where he spends more time and sees more company.

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<b>Franklin, William. Burlington</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 May (?)	A.L.S. 2p.	XLII, 1.
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Relative to [Josiah Franklin] Davenport and his desire to do something to aid him.

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<b>Colden, Alexander. New York</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 June 2	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 154.
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Wrote Franklin the 5th ult. and sent him the Office accounts and sundry bills of exchange; encloses a second set.

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<b>Mores, Edward Rowe. Leyton, Essex</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 June 7	A.L.S. 1p.	III, 155.
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Mrs. James is so teasing that he is obliged to apply to Franklin for relief. Concerning the business of the foundry; his plan to induce Her Majesty of Russia to purchase the foundry; wishes this design kept secret; Mrs. James angry at his reticence; begs Franklin to assure Mrs. James that he knows the design and approves of it.

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<b>Cooper, Samuel. Boston</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 June 14	A.L. 2p.	LVIII, 63.
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Concerning the letters from Governor Hutchinson and the proceedings thereon in the House.  
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<b>Biheron, Marie Catherine. Paris</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 June 26	A.L.S. 2p.	III, 156.
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Delivered to M. Dubourg the papers concerning the translations of Franklin's works. Various messages from Franklin's French friends, and to her English friends. Account of her journey to Paris. M. Dalibard enchanted with the acquisition which Franklin sent him. Recommends to Mr. Hewson's kindness a young surgeon, who goes to London to study. Warns Franklin against Mlle. Guion de St. Marie; she is little known in Paris and is said to have deceived "le pC(re Bertier."  
(In French.)

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1773 June 28 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 23.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's letter delivered to the Speaker. Encloses *Gazette* with the Resolves and Proceedings of their Council relative to the Governor's conduct. Commissions Franklin to get him a hand-organ like the one he had made for Mrs. Foxcroft.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1773 June 29 A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 24.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning his account with Mr. Warren. Books desired by his father. Obligated to Franklin for delivering his letter to Mrs. Barwell; messages to her and other friends.

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**Le Roy, Jean Baptiste** [1777 Apr. March 15] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 175.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Will carry out Franklin's wishes as regards the transaction. Question of the mortality in certain hospitals owing to impure air.

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**Colden, Alexander. New York** 1773 July 7 A.L.S. 2p. III, 157.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing several bills of exchange. His father [Cadwallader Colden] in a surprising state of health and glow of spirits.

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**Daubenton, Edmé-Louis.** 1773 July 20 A.L. in 3d P. III, 158.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Is requested by the Comte de Buffon to add to the colored engravings in the box this little memoir on the manner of preserving birds and other objects in natural history; and to beg him to send the natural

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productions of Pennsylvania for the Cabinet of the King, especially birds, as the Comte de Buffon is completing his work on ornithology.

(In French.)

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**Franklin, William. New York**                      1773 July 29                      A.L.S. 2p.    III, 159.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Surprised that when he wrote the grant was not completed; hears that as soon as the grant has passed the seals Wharton would receive enough money for land in the new colony to discharge all the demands of Baynton and Wharton's creditors. Gov. Hutchinson made very unhappy by the publication of his letters to Whately; believed by some that Franklin sent these letters, by others Mr. Temple; the Governor says that party against him are much elated by receiving some letters from Franklin wherein he goes so far as to advise them to insist on their *independence*. On his way to Albany with Mrs. Franklin, who wanted a jaunt on account of her health.

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**Cuthbert, J. Newcastle-on-Tyne**                      1773 July 30                      A.L.S. 1p.    III, 160.  
to Benjamin Franklin

A long time since he saw Franklin at the Royal Society and received his commission in regard to the furniture of their colliery; found one, Mr. Bielby, an ingenious drawing-master, who undertook it; gave the finished drawings to Lady Bewick, who promised to send them to Franklin.

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**Daubenton, Edme Louis**                      1780? May 31                      N. in 3d P.    LXX, 79.  
to Benjamin Franklin    1p.

Sending Dr. Franklin the new colored engravings of birds to complete his collection.  
(In French.)

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**Jackson, Charles.**                      1773 August 4                      A.L.S. 1p.    III, 161.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Inviting him to Hampstead to breakfast and dinner.

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**Fevre, Lewis. Craven-Street, London**                      1773 August 4                      A.L.S. 1p.    III, 162.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sent him two parcels containing the Acts relating to America, and five letters or parcels, Concerning a receipt for £800, paid to Franklin's account.

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**Fevre, Lewis. Craven-Street, London**      1773 August 5      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 163.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. Hay desires to know if there is any addition to the Psalms, as they have only six pages more to finish the work. Prof. Allamand desires him to tell Franklin that he is to be three weeks in town, and that Count Bentick has arrived.

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**Condorcet, marquis de**      [      A.L.S. 1p.      XLII, 132.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging, on behalf of the Academy, Franklin's handsome gift; will give it a prominent place in their library.  
(In French.)

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**Baskerville, John. Birmingham**      1773 August 24      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 164.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Engaged in enlarging his foundry in order to sell types abroad, but first to their own Colonies; begs Franklin's good offices in sending them to any printing-houses in North America which he may approve of.

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**Wilcox, Charles. Bristol**      1773 September 13      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 165.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has been applied to by the heirs of Colonel William Cole who had an estate in Maryland and Philadelphia, to recover the same for them; asks Franklin if he knew any such person; he died thirteen years before at Cole Creek, in Maryland.

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**Paddack, Seth**      1773 September 21      A.L.S. 1p.      III, 166.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Very well received by their kinsman and family. Advice he gave to a number of gentlemen farmers who intend to settle in America. Asks Franklin to endorse the enclosed letter to Mr. Benjamin Stead, asking his assistance for a ship in the Carolina trade.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Calne**      1773 September 26      A.L.S. 4p.      III, 167.  
to Benjamin Franklin

New experiments on air. Report that Franklin intends leaving England.

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**Priestley, Joseph. Calne** 1773 October 14 A.L.S. 2p. III, 168.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Experiments on alkaline air. Possibility of Franklin's visiting him.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1773 October 17 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 25.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Safe arrival of Mrs. Mecom's goods. Prize of twenty pounds drawn by one of his lottery tickets. Death of his brother's son. Thanking him for his offer to serve him and his son in the commission way.

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**Galloway, Joseph. Trevoise, Bucks Pa** 1773 October 21 A.L.S. 1p. III, 169.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending to Franklin's notice and advice Mr. John Coxe, who goes to England to finish his study of the law at one of the Temples.

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**Maseres, Francis. Inner Temple, London** 1773 October 26 A.L.S. 1p. III, 170.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Having occasion, in his "French MC)moire," to quote from the AbbC) Raynal's account of the European colonies, he sent him a copy. Hears from the AbbC) in reply, that a new and accurate edition of his works is now being printed, and asking him for an exact account of the population, shipping, agriculture, etc., relating to the British colonies in North America; cannot give this information but begs leave to refer him to Franklin.

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**Hare, Robert. Philadelphia** 1773 October 28 A.L.S. 1p. III, 171.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanks for the recommendations he favored him with; they have been of inestimable value to him in Philadelphia.

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**Franklin, Deborah. Philadelphia** 1773 October 29 A.L.S. 1p. III, 172.  
to Benjamin Franklin

## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Accounts of their fine grandchildren. Bad luck with the squirrels.

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<b>Bache, Sarah. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 October 30	A.L.S. 2p. III, 173.
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Account of her two fine boys. Reasons why she is no longer house keeper. Dining-room wants new paper. Squirrel sent in Mungo's place.

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<b>Wilcox, Charles. Bristol</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 November 8	A.L.S. 1p. II, 174.
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The Concord, Capt. Valans, will sail for Philadelphia about January 12th; any letters will be duly taken care of.

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<b>Elliott, Grey. Hammersmith</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 November 8	A.L.S. 6p. III, 175.
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Encloses a statement of the produce of the Province of Georgia and gives explanation of the varying amounts of different commodities exported in each year. States the affair of the Barony. Offers of composition by the claimants to the holders of land.

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<b>Franklin, Deborah. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 November 16	A.L.S. 1p. III, 176.
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Such a task to write a line! Movements of various members of the family. Sends two barrels of apples; will send Indian meal and buckwheat flour by the next opportunity.

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<b>Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1773 November 25	A.L.S. 6p. III, 177.
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Acknowledging the packet Franklin was kind enough to send him, containing the Philosophical Transactions of Philadelphia, the life of M. Collinson, and the two latest publications by Franklin; read them all with great pleasure. M. Collinson's reflections on country-life. Cultivation of the *Corona solis*. Asks Franklin's opinion on the subject of a machine for raising chickens from eggs without the aid of hens. Criticisms on Franklin's works. Change of address but not of residence. Number of people and learned societies to whom he sent copies of Franklin's works. Will send the

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dozen portraits with the six copies Franklin asked for. A paper read by M. Le Roy, at the reopening of the Academy of Sciences, on Electricity. Dined with the Marquis de Courtanvaux; he has a magnificent electrical machine . Hopes that the extract from the old Almanac of Pennsylvania will not only be applauded but will bear fruit. Mlle. BibC)ron, Mlle. Basseporte, and his wife all invalids. (In French.)

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**Bache, Richard. Philadelphia** 1773 November 30 A.L.S. 1p. III, 178.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends the enclosed paper, that Franklin may see the disposition of the good people in Philadelphia respecting the tea that is hourly expected; the paper designed more as a scare-crow than anything else.

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**Falconer, Capt Nathaniel. Dover** 1773 December 2 A.L.S. 1p. III, 179.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His safe arrival at Dover; left all Franklin's family well.

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**Caffiéri l'Ainé. Calais** 1773 December 6 A.L.S. 1p. III, 180.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sends him a case of books, mark *MF Libri* which he received by way of Paris from M. Pancoucke. (In French.)

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**Ellis, John. Gray's Inn London** 1773 December 8 L. in 3d P. 1p.III, 181.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has seen Dr. Fothergill, who is very urgent to have Franklin's thoughts on the subject of coffee; what advantages it will be to the Government to encourage the growth of coffee by lowering the duties. Begs Franklin to return the French book on coffee, which he lent him.

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**Shipley, Jonathan** [Circa 1773] December 10 A.L.S. 2p. XL, 121.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begging him to spend Christmas with them; directions for his journey.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1773 December 11 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 26.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Enclosing a letter for the Rev. Dr. Mather. Acknowledging the receipt of the organ. Unable to remit money to Mr. Warren; bills of exchange too scarce and dear.

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**Franklin, Samuel. Boston** 1773 December 17 A.L.S. 1p. III, 182.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his kind letter with book of advice enclosed. Account of the throwing overboard of the tea.

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**Ellis, Henry?. Gray's Inn London** 1773 December 25 L. in 3d P. 1p.III, 183.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Begs for the return of the French book on Moca coffee. Dr. Fothergill being very anxious that the remarks upon coffee should speedily go to press; hopes Franklin will remember his kind promise of assisting therein.

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris** 1773 December 29 A.L.S. 4p. III, 184.  
to Benjamin Franklin

M. le Prince de Conti anxious to see the description and the diagram of Franklin's chimney, which he promised to send. A prize to be offered for the best paper on the means of protecting houses and individuals from thunderbolts. Experiments of one Comus, a juggler, much in vogue on the Boulevards. Translation of Franklin's works much read by men of taste and discernment, but, lacking the favor of the libraries, they are not yet known to the public; has already received more compliments on his preface than on all his other works; of such value is it to soar in the shadow of Franklin's wings.

(In French.)

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**Blunt, Dorothea (Dolly)** [1773?] A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 25.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expects to call the following week.

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**Blunt, Dorothea (Dolly)** [1773?] A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 26.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressions of pleasure in the friendship of Dr. Franklin.

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, -----** [1773?] A.L.S. 3p. XLII, 6.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Tells of the arrival of an abbC) from Perpignan who is reported to have cured six paralytics by means of electricity. Is treating three patients in Paris. The Faculty of Medicine has appointed a committee to observe his methods. Describes his treatment. Encloses a note from a friend asking for information about America and an incident connected with Newton. Has not yet received the package sent by Mr. Rush. Sends compliments to Mr. Pringle. Regrets he cannot go to England; would like to have met Mr. Maty, of whom Franklin speaks.

(In French).

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, -----** [1773?] A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 7.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Alludes to Mlle. BihC)ron and his wife, who esteem Franklin very highly. If his wife's health were good, she could be easily induced to go to London to see Franklin and Mrs. Pringle. Hopes Franklin's stay in England will be prolonged and that he will cross the channel to France once more.

(In French.)

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, -----** [1773?] A.L.S. 2p. XLII, 8.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Wants Mlle. BihC)ron to purchase, while in London, a dozen or more bottles of peppermint water and to send them to him by public conveyance. Asks that bottles be wrapped up in pages of Franklin's writings or in leaves of his (Dubourg's) little Code.

(In French.)

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**Dubourg, (The Translator)** 1773 A. Dr. of L. XLIV, 9.  
to Benjamin Franklin 4p.

Being engaged in translation and compiling Franklin's works, has learned much about electricity. Many accidents by lightning have happened recently which could have been avoided by proper precautions. Has given much time and thought to the subject of how to avoid being struck by lightning under certain circumstances. Has designed a paratonnerre, resembling in shape a parasol, to be used while out of doors during a thunderstorm.

(In French.)

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**Dubourg, (The Translator)** 1773 A.L. 4p. XLIV, 10.



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to Benjamin Franklin

Letter written from the foregoing rough draft.

(In French.)

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, -----**

1773?

A.L. 4p.

XLIX, 52.

to Benjamin Franklin

On the selection of a glass bottle, or jar, for the Leyden experiment. Explains why all kinds of glass do not possess the same properties, but differ greatly. Some kinds of glass are good conductors of electricity, whilst others are non-conducting. How glass can rarely be manufactured evenly and of uniform thickness, due to the uneven action of the heat in furnace.

(In French.)

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**Smith, I Jr. London**

1773

A.L.S. 2p.

XLII, 20.

to Benjamin Franklin

Asks for advice and directions concerning a trip to France.

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**Todd, Anthony. London**

1773?

A.N. in 3d P. XLII, 19.

to Benjamin Franklin

1p.

Thanks for certain paragraphs furnished him.

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**Bache, Richard. Philadelphia**

1774 January 1

A.L.S. 3p.

IV, 1.

to Benjamin Franklin

Will show the Alcocks every friendly civility in his power. Much gratified that the 'Edict' was of Franklin's writing; charged likewise with being the author of "The Method to make a Little State of a Great One"; Gen. Lee the only man who differs from this opinion. Concerning the accounts which Mr. Thomas Foxcroft transmitted to Franklin. Sent Mrs. Barry's letter to Mr. Cox. Can get no tidings of the Dutchman for whom Franklin forwarded a letter.

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**Bache, Sarah. Philadelphia**

1774 January 2

A.L.S. 1p.

IV, 2.

to Benjamin Franklin

Praises her lovely boys; sure Franklin will see them with pleasure. The word 'positively' in his letter in connection with his coming home, gave them all spirits.

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**Ansell, William. Snetterton, Norfolk**                      1774 January 5                      A.L.S. 1p.      IV, 3.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has taken the liberty of sending him a turkey; wishes to trouble him with one hour of his company before he sails for America.

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**Franklin, William. Burlington**                      1774 January 5                      A.L.S. 1p.      IV, 4.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has sent him two half-barrels of pork and a key of dried apples; one of the barrels is for Mr. Sargent, with thanks for his present of wine; the keg of apples is for Sir John Pringle, for whose opinion on his case he is greatly obliged.

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**Henckell, E. Hampton England**                      [                      A.L.S. 1p.      XLII, 18.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Desires to send thanks for compliance with a former request. Good wishes for the New Year.

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**Darwin, Erasmus. Lichfield**                      1774 January 24                      A.L.S. 1p.      IV, 5.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmitting a medico-philosophical paper to be communicated to The Royal Society. Has another very curious paper containing experiments on the colors seen in the closed eye after having gazed some time on luminous objects, which he will also send, if it is likely to be acceptable to that Society. Hopes he shall sometime again have the pleasure of seeing him in Staffordshire.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.**                      1774 January 24                      A.L. 6p.      XXXVII, 27.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His debt to Mr. Warren; hopes to pay the balance in full in the spring. Some business which will shortly bring him to England. A business scheme which he and Mr. Joseph Russell wish to put into execution; if Franklin approves, desires his kind interest with certain manufacturers.

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**Whitehurst, John. Derby**                      1774 January 30                      A.L.S. 1p.      IV, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Miss Moresby, the young lady whom Mr. West is so obliging as to take under his tuition, is rendered extremely happy by Franklin's intercessions; she takes pleasure in nothing but drawing, therefore hopes she will prove worthy of notice and encouragement.

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**Babcock, Joshua. Westerly Mass** 1774 February 15 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 8.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the fate in Boston of the India Company's 342 chests of tea; many towns in the Colonies entering into agreements and forming resolutions to quit all dutied tea. Question of appointing an agent for their little colony [Rhode Island]; inconsiderable salary; if, however, Franklin would forget his real dignity and be so unconscious of his intrinsic worth as to deign to write Governor Wantoo, feels sure he would be solicited to accept the agency. He is often toasted in Connecticut. Tells him of a noted subterraneous prison (once a mine) in Linusbury, appropriated for the confinement of felons; calls it a hell.

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**Tucker, Dean Josiah. London** 1774 February 21 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 7.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Partially retracting certain charges against Franklin relating to his conduct about the Stamp Act.

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**Tucker, Dean Josiah. Gloucester England** 1774 February 24 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 9.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the authority on which he based his charges against Franklin.

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**Finney, David. Newcastle** 1774 February 27 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 10.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Necessity of prosecuting an appeal to the King and Council respecting some lands in Kent County, Delaware; puts it under Franklin's management. Favorable opinion of his appeal expressed by John Dickinson and other eminent lawyers; offer of a considerable sum on the part of his opponents to check the prosecution.

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**The Assembly of Georgia. Savannah** 1774 March 13 A.L.S. LII, 87.  
to Benjamin Franklin Will[ia]m

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Young,  
Speaker. 1p.

Communicates the high opinion which the members of the Assembly of Georgia entertain for their agent in London.

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**Viny, Thomas. Tenterden** 1774 March 29 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 11.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acquainting him with his resignation of his Agency for the colonies. In case he has to find shelter for himself and his two boys, desires to know if there is any choice among the colonies; is there any study or particular branch of science he would recommend? Can he depend on the authority of Gov. Hutchinson's and Lieut-Gov. Oliver's letters, etc., printed in Boston?

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**Hubbart, Tuthill. Boston** 1774 March 31 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 12.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Forwarded him the appeal on Huske's affair with the Post-Office, but has not had the pleasure of a line for a long time. Unhappy disputes now subsisting; fears the consequences; thinks Franklin's last letter to the Speaker bears a melancholy aspect. Concerning the attack made on the Post-Office, originating probably with Mr. Goddard, Rumors that Franklin is threatened with being displaced from office.

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**Colden, Richard Nicholls. New York** 1774 April 6 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 13.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of January 5th and promising to prepare the accounts. Enclosing bill of exchange.

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**Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris** 1774 April 16 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 14.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending M. Macquart. Encloses a copy of six verses, composed by the AbbC) des Prades, underneath Franklin's portrait. Bill passed against Boston; Lord North a man of brains but of little sense; England's erroneous attitude. Experiment of drowning flies in Madeira in America, and resuscitating them in London; could this be done with bees? M. Delor not at all surprised at Mr. Walsh's experiments with barometers, they are known to all natural philosophers; when are his experiments on the torpedo to appear?

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(In French.)

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**Buchan, David Erskine, Earl of. Kirkhill,** 1774 April 22 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 15.  
**West Lothian**  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending an honest farmer's son, who intends going to America to teach, if he can get a situation in one of the North American seminaries.

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**Le Despencer, Lord. London** 1774 May 3 A.L.S. 1 p. IV, 16.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin an extract from Mr. Jackson's bill for the vase stove.

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**Franklin, William. Philadelphia** 1774 May 3 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 17.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of 18th ult. Betsy and he on a visit to their mother. Franklin's growing popularity. The people propose burning a certain unpopular counsellor in effigy. Attitude of Franklin's friends in Boston in encouraging Mr. Goddard with the new Post-Office. Lord D[artmouth]'s sentiments respecting his conduct have made him easy as to his office.

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**Richard Bache. Philadelphia** 1774 May 5 A.L.S. 2 p. III, 59.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

His bill on Ropes came to hand. Will pay proper respect to Franklin's recommendation of Brown and Adams; Mr. Adams has got employment, but wishes a farm. Received sixteen boxes of type. Encloses epitaphs of Gov. H[utchinson] and Mr. S---H---r W----n; both burned in effigy.

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**Joseph Smith. Burlington** 1774 May 13 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 18.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing him the second bill of exchange. Recommending Mr. Dillwyn of Burlington to his kind notice.

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**Marshall, Humphry. West Bradford, Pa** 1774 May 14 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 19.  
 to Benjamin Franklin

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Sorry to hear how matters are misrepresented at home concerning the poor Americans and also for the abuse Franklin has received in his faithful services to his King and country. If England sends over an army, believes force will be met by force. Wishes their good sovereign, King George, would take the advice of such counsellors as Lord Chatham. In all ages the consequence of oppression has been revolution. Let the Parliament only take ye duty off tea and not use any coercive measures to obtain satisfaction for the loss of it, and never turn their thoughts on taxing us in future. When the Crown wants assistance from her Colonies let her call upon them to raise men and money in their own way for the King's use, which he has no doubt will be cheerfully done as heretofore, and then harmony between the mother and her children will subsist. His observations of the spots on the sun. The money bill.

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<b>Jackson, Richard</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774 May 31	D. 5p.	LXXVI, 14.
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Opinion on the case of the lands in America bequeathed by Robert French, late of Newcastle, on the Delaware.

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<b>Harvard College. Cambridge</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774 May 31	A. L. S. Nath[anie]l Appleton. 1p.	IV, 20.
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On behalf of the Corporation of Harvard College, expresses a vote of thanks to Franklin for presenting their library with a French translation of his philosophical works in 2 vols. quarto. Attested copy.

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<b>Percival, Thomas. Manchester</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774 June 21	A.L.S. 3p.	IV, 21.
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Acknowledging a packet of papers on American affairs, which he presumes came from Franklin; has distributed the pamphlets amongst persons of the first consequences and they cannot fail to make some useful impressions. Principles of despotism in the governors and of passive obedience in the people advance in the most alarming progression. Encloses a paper of his on the number of people in Manchester, which is an extract of a long memoir he intends sending to Dr. Price, for the Royal Society.

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<b>Gros, -----. London</b>	1774 June 21	A.L.S. 2p.	IV, 91.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Just arrived at London; desires to wait on Franklin and inform him why his brother cannot profit by Franklin's advice. Anxious to settle in South Carolina and become a vine-grower.

In French.

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-----, ----- **London** 1774 July 5 A.L. 4p. XLIV, 11  
to Benjamin Franklin

Was very desirous to see Franklin's [grand] son, the latter was, however, detained in Paris until the summer. Treats of current political events in Canada; intrigues and false promises of the British Government. The latter now wants to use the Canadians against the people of the United States. (In French.)

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**Parker, James. Perth Amboy** 1774 July 5 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 22.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the confirmation of the Act of New York confirming the division line; presumes Franklin's letter enclosing this Act has miscarried; should be glad of a duplicate.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1774 July 18 XXXVII, 28.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His success so far in a business way. Asks for a letter of introduction to Leeds. General attitude towards America; all wish for an amicable settlement.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr. Lancaster** 1774 July 20 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 23.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Informing him of the favorable reception he met with in Lancaster. Successful business arrangements he made in Liverpool. Has been very economical. His intention to go to Glasgow and Edinburgh. All this pleasure he has experienced is due to his alliance with Franklin.

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**Campi, Charles Joseph. Milan** 1774 July 24 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 24.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending some selections from Franklin's works which he has translated into Italian; hears a new edition of Franklin's works is about to appear at Cambridge; begs to know if it contains writings not

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found in the preceding edition, as he burns with desire to translate into Italian other philosophical tit-bits.

(In French.)

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<b>A Committee of the Assembly of New Jersey. Burlington</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774 July 26	L.S. Sam[ue]l LIII, 15,16. Tucker et al. 2p. 1p. L.S. Sam[ue]l Tucker, et al.
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Appointed by the Assembly to secure the latest news which may in any way affect the liberties or privileges of America. Ask Dr. Franklin's help. Have the highest esteem of his integrity and abilities. Also a letter asking assistance in obtaining the Royal assent to recent Acts of the Assembly, especially an Act to institute a suit against the late Treasurer, a subject which had raised hard feelings between the Governor and many of his real friends. Hear with concern of Dr. Franklin's difficulties, and would be glad to contribute to their alleviation.

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Jr.</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774 July 27	A.L.S. 3p. XXXVII, 29.
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Advantage derived from his travels. Account of his business in Glasgow. Messages to friends and relations in London.

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<b>Potts, Thomas. Pottsgrove Pa</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774 August 1	A.L.S. 2p. IV, 25.
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Feels that the old friendship between himself and Franklin still continues. Conversation he had with their friend, good Mr. Philip Syng. Gives Mr. Joseph Brewer the best of characters and begs Franklin to endorse this opinion, should inquiry be made of him.

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<b>Foulger, Thomas. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774 August 1	A.L.S. 1p. IV, 26.
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So unfortunate as to come to town in Franklin's absence; hopes he will give the bearer his opinion on certain questions.

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<b>Magellan (Magalhaens), Jean-Hyacinthe de. Paris</b>	1774 August 2	A.L.S. 1p. IV, 27.
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to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending a son of Mr. Ludwig, scholar and physician at Leipsic; he travels to improve his mind and expects to pass some time in London. Intends returning to England toward the end of the month. Messages from Franklin's many friends in Paris.

(In French.)

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1774 August 10 XXXVII, 30.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of the hospitable reception given Mr. Boyd and himself by Lord Erroll. Expects to dine that day with Mr. Alexander. Reasons for prolonging his absence.

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**Cooper, Samuel. Boston** 1774 September 9 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 28.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Popular excitement in Massachusetts. Action of Gen. Gage. Military force, Wild rumors and much apprehension. Refers him to the bearer, Josiah Quincy, Jr., for further particulars.

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**Mercier de la Rivière, Paul-Pierre le.** 1774 September 21 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 29.  
**Paris**  
to Benjamin Franklin

A proposition to import from America a very large quantity of flour, and to load the returning vessels with wine, made on his own place; discusses the details of this speculation; prevented from going to London by ill health; question of the person through whom the arrangements shall be made.

(In French.)

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**Barbeau-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris** 1774 September 22 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 30.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of August 10th. Prospect of his going to London or of Franklin's coming to Paris. Franklin's departure at this crisis for America, will give umbrage to the British Government; begs him to come to France, which place has never been more tranquil. Confidence of the King and the people in M. Turgot, the new Comptroller-General; liberty of commerce; liberty of the press almost re-established; religion an exception to his rule. Concerning a series of papers he proposes to

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publish entitled "Le Correspondant de Philadelphie"; relies principally on Franklin to forward and enliven it.

(In French.)

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris** 1774 October 10 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 31.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Will be delighted to receive Franklin's nephew [Jonathan Williams, Jr.] and overjoyed to accompany him on his return to England. His paper on the stilling of waves by means of oil has been translated; refers him to the use made of vinegar in Pliny.

(In French.)

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**Biheron, Marie Catherine. Paris** 1774 October 10 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 32.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Her poor health the sole cause of her delay in answering his letter. Takes a vivid interest in the present affairs of America. Sends messages to Mrs. Stevenson and other friends in England. Expresses her own and Mlle. Basseporte's thanks for the beautiful gift delivered to them by M. Dubourg.

(In French.)

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1774 October 28 A.L.S. 4p. XXXVII, 31.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Important news from America; resolutions passed in Milton by the delegates from the Country of Suffolk refusing to obey the late Acts of Parliament or to have any connection with Great Britain whatsoever until the Acts be repealed, and recommending the mustering and training of militia; these Resolves approved and adopted by the Continental Congress. Entertainment given by the City of Philadelphia to the Congress and other gentlemen; Franklin one of the spirited toasts. The Court at Springfield obliged to sign a declaration not to act under the present form of government. Town of Marblehead to muster militia four times a week.

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**Phipps, J Warner. Doctor's Commons** 1774 October 28 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 33.  
**London**  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Inviting Franklin to dine with a society of gentlemen, friends to the cause of liberty, who for many years past have been wont to dine at the Paul's Head Tavern on November 4th, in commemoration of King William's landing and of the glorious revolution that ensued thereon.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1774 October 29 XXXVII, 32.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Experiments showing the amount of air obtained from a piece of ice. Is rising into fame among the Grub Street votaries of the muses; his song dubbed a grand federal edifice; sends Franklin several copies.

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**Mecom, Jane. Boston** 1774 November 3 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 34.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Cannot understand why he has received no letters from Boston. Thanking him for the pamphlets; thinks it no profanity to compare Franklin to the "blessed Savior." Is as happy as the present state of affairs will permit, owing to Franklin's bounty. The unity of the colonies and the remarkable fruitfulness of the season seem like miracles wrought in their favor. Boston full of profligate soldiers; account of their shocking behavior. Thinks the Congress address to the people of England is a "grand performance," and does them honor. Mentions a "horrid lie" told and published about Franklin's son; had soon the pleasure of hearing it contradicted.

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**Hartley, David** 1774 November 29 A.L. 3p. XLIV, 12.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The intended speech for the opening of the first session of Parliament wherein the advisability of reducing the American colonies to unconditional submission is discussed.

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**Condorcet, marquis de** 1773 December 2 A.L.S. 3p. XLII, 130.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mentioning five questions which he wishes laid before the American Philosophical Society; begs Franklin to send him their replies.  
(In French.)

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**Almon, John. London** 1774 December 6 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 35.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Would be glad if Franklin would point out any errors in the pamphlet he sends; probable that it will be re-printed.

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**Lelyveld, Frans van. Leyden** 1774 December 9 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 36.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Read with particular pleasure a French translation of Franklin's letter to Mr. Brownrigg, upon the property of oil in stilling the waves; desires to make a Dutch translation of this paper, which, however, is not sold in Leyden or Amsterdam; Prof. Allamand promises to lend him a copy. Discusses this experiment with the oil; what nations have used it. March 11, 1775. Informing Franklin that the above is copy of a letter he once wrote him and to which he received no response. Sends him six copies of the above-mentioned translation.

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**Wilcox, Charles. Bristol [England]** 1774 December 17 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 37.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Communicated the contents of Franklin's favor to Capt. Spain of the Chalkley; repeats what the Captain said concerning his terms.

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**Dumas, C.G.F.** [1774?] Mem. 1p. XXXIX, 230.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Giving two renderings in Latin, by a young poet, of an English quatrain inserted in the London Evening Post, C propos of Franklin's treatment in the Privy Council in January, 1774.  
(In French.)

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**Fothergill, Dr. John. London** 1774 A.L. in 3d P. XLI, 152.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

Desiring Franklin's company that evening about five o'clock.

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**Franklin, William** [1774?] A.L.S. 2p. LVIII, 45.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Relative to the proposed [First Continental] Congress, and the actions of Massachusetts.  
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**Hunter, Dr William. London** [1774] L. in 3d P. 1p. XL, 6.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Has some preparations to give away; if they would be acceptable, appoints an hour for him to call.

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<b>Sharp, Granville</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774?	A.L. 2p.	LVIII, 66.
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Extract from a letter to Mr. Pecuezet, dated January 7, 1774, concerning the gradual enfranchisement of slaves already in the colonies.

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<b>Wharton, Samuel</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[	A.L. in 3d P.	LXIX, 90.
		1p.	

Requests him to explain to Governor Pownall, Abraham Mitchel's base conduct.

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<b>Wharton, Samuel</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[	A.L.S. 1p.	LXIX, 91.
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Sends letters from him which he found at the New York Coffee House.

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<b>Früs, J. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 January 2	A.L.S. 1p.	IV, 39.
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Returning his letter which he was so kind as to let him read. Invokes a blessing on him and the whole Congress.

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<b>Le Roy, Jean Baptiste</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 January 3	A.L.S. 3p.	IV, 39 1/2.
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Does not doubt that the Parliament will come around to Franklin's views and will finally appreciate the part he has played in reconciling England to her colonies. Heard with pleasure that Franklin had been again nominated Agent of Pennsylvania; interest he takes in struggles of the worthy Americans for their liberty. M. de Malherbes at present the idol of Paris and of the nation; his election to the French Academy. Messages to Dr. Pringle, and to Mr. Walsh, to whom he returns thanks for his present.

(In French.)

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<b>Percival, Dr. Thomas. Manchester</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 January 10	L. in 3d P. 1p.	IV, 40.
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## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Sends him the enclosed extract from Bede's ecclesiastical History. The experiment of stilling waves with oil tried at Manchester with success.

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**Bache, Richard. Philadelphia** 1775 January 31 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 41.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of November 17th. Civilities he has shown to Franklin's friends, Messrs. Foulger and Rant, with their families, who arrived in good health on the 27th inst.

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**Falconer, Capt Nathaniel. Portsmouth** 1775 February 20 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 42.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Detained by contrary winds. Directs him where to send any letters to go by him. Should any new pamphlets come out before the "Lovely Lass" sails for Philadelphia, would be greatly obliged for them.

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**Cushing, Thomas. Boston** 1775 February 20 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 43.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging his favor of November 12th. In receipt of the King's speech and the answer of both Houses; these have made no alteration in the sentiments of the people; the Association of the Continental Congress sacredly adhered to through all the Colonies. Assembly of New York has agreed to petition the King, address the House of Lords and remonstrate to the House of Commons relative to the American grievances. Enclosing a small pamphlet entitled "Calculations on American Population," which may convince the English people what an amazing source of commerce they will deprive themselves of if, by any intemperate and rash measures, the connection between Great Britain and America should be dissolved.

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**Kent, John. London** 1775 February 22 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 42 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Presenting him with a work, "De la FC)licitC) [Publique]," by Chevalier de Chastellu[x], who, having joined the multitude in applauding Franklin, would like him to read his sentiments.

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**Paine, Thomas. Philadelphia** 1775 March 4 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 44.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Account of his wretched trip across the ocean; six weeks on shore before he was well enough to wait on Mr. Bache. Observations induced by a perusal of Dr. Priestley's late experiment on air. Franklin's countenance has obtained him many friends and much reputation; has been applied to by several gentlemen to instruct their sons on very advantageous terms. His connection with a magazine published by Robert Aitken.

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<b>The Library Company of Philadelphia.</b>	1775 March 4	A.L.S. 1p.	IV, 45.
<b>Philadelphia</b>		Andrew	
to Benjamin Franklin		Robeson,	
		Secretary. 1p.	

Directed to acknowledge his favor of April 7th and July 25th with the books sent for the use of the [Library] Company; the directors were preparing an order for books, but from the present unhappy state of public affairs, it must be postponed.

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<b>Barbeu-Dubourg, Jacques. Paris</b>	1775 March 19	A.L.S. 4p.	IV, 45 1/2.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Delighted with Franklin's nephew, Mr. Williams; he is very popular with both men and women; hopes to keep him with them a long time. Spurred M. Stanley on to speak to M. Le Roy about the affair of the clock. Concerning the taxation of the colonies. His letters, signed "Un Tremblant," though approved by the Royal Censor, were absolutely suppressed by "Le Garde de Sceaux." Condoles with Franklin on the death of his wife. Honors bestowed on Dr. Pringle and Mr. Walsh. (In French.)

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<b>Kinsey, James. Burlington</b>	1775 March 26	A.L.S. 1p.	IV, 46.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Transmitting the votes and laws of the last session of the Assembly, and a duplicate of the petition to the King. Hopes Mr. Wilmot will exonerate the Colony from all blame and will speedily receive his money. Hopes Franklin will acquaint the Committee of Correspondance should there be any opposition against the law for instituting a suit against the late Eastern Treasurer.

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<b>Lee, William. London</b>	1775 April 3	A.L.S. 1p.	IV, 47.
to Benjamin Franklin			

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Enclosing Mr. Oliver's letter respecting a hundred pounds which the Constitutional Society had ordered to be given for the relief of the poor sufferers in Boston. Presumes he is fully informed of all public transactions in England.

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**Foxcroft, John. New York** 1775 April 4 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 48.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking him for promising to become his security should the need arise. So far the Post-Office seems to escape the political storm. What has become of the Ohio scheme? Virginians settling that country very fast since the peace which Lord Dunmore concluded with the Indians.

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**Dalrymple, Alexander. Soho Square** 1775 April 17 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 49.  
**London**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Mr. William Whitehurst finding his health much impaired has been induced to make a voyage to America; if he can find suitable employment, he will remain at Philadelphia; believes Franklin is not unacquainted with his works as a writing-engraver, and hopes he will give him his advice and countenance.

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**Wharton, Samuel. Portsmouth Eng** 1775 April 17 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 50.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Informs Franklin, at Lord Camden's request, that the Chancellor's decision in his case was entirely *political*; his lordship will move for a total repeal of the Quebec Act; Lord Chatham will probably second the motion; in the House of Commons, Sir George Saville moves to amend this shameful Act. Really grieved at the publication of Mr. Galloway's extraordinary pamphlets; points out the indiscretion of these papers. Major Trent carries out with him the Restraining Act for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc.; efforts made not to have New York inserted therein. The Generals Burgoyne, Howe and Clinton waiting only for a favorable wind to sail for Boston; spies are to be sent to each province; Major Skeene goes for that or some other servile and dishonorable purpose. Advises the inviolable maintenance of the non-exportation and non-importation plans; the magnitude of these measures will force their own way.

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**Blunt, Dorothea (Dolly). London** 1775 April 19 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 51.  
to Benjamin Franklin



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Assuring Franklin of his profound regard. Called on Mrs. Stevenson; thinks she would be inconsolable without the animating hope of spending the remainder of her days with Franklin. News of the Hewson family. Just going to Bath; will not remain long at Kensington as he dislikes the situation there.

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**Stevenson, Mrs Margaret** 1775 April 24 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 52.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Hoping he has arrived safely in America. News of Franklin's friends in London. Will rejoice at the happy day when Franklin returns. Has taken two Americans as lodgers. Has sent all his letters and papers.

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**Champaign, Colonel Chevalier de.** 1775 May 18 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 53.  
**Amsterdam**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sent him the first two volumes of his History of England, also the first two volumes of his History of Denmark, but has received no acknowledgment and especially no money; reminds Franklin of his promise to subscribe to them.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1775 May 20 A.L.S. 2p. XXXVII, 33.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Received from the Duchesse de Villeroy the plan of Franklin's harmonica improved. Reflections on the failure of the New York and Quebec petitions as well as those from Congress; thinks this must surely cure the New York dissension, if any remains.

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**Oliver, Richard. London** 1775 May 31 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 54.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the payment of £100 from the Constitutional Society into the hands of Franklin's bankers, towards relieving the distressed inhabitants of Boston. Recent accounts from America tell of an unprovoked attack by the detachment of regular troops at Boston on the provincials, which reflects as little honor on the British military as their politics do on the British legislature. Hopes with the aid of Franklin's wisdom the Americans will maintain the rights of free though loyal subjects.

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**Hewson, Mrs Mary. Craven Street**                      1775 June 10                      A.L.S. 2p.    IV, 55.  
**London**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending Franklin all the domestic news. Is as much as ever an American at heart.

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**Vaughan, Samuel. Montego Bay, Jamaica** 1775 June 24                      A.L.S. 3p.    IV, 56.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulations on his safe arrival in America; wishing the Colonies success equal to the justice and importance of their cause. His intention was to make a tour of North America with his son, but now that the sword has been drawn, thinks it more prudent to wait until the spring when he may throw his small mite with more advantage into the public weal. Asks Franklin's favor in procuring settlements for his sons, who will not disgrace even his recommendations.

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**Dumas, Charles-Guillaume-Frédéric**                      1775 June 30                      A.L.S. 4p.    XXXIX, 2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the receipt of English edition of Franklin's works, as well as the American Gazettes. Reflections caused by the declaration of war.  
(In French.)

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**Lee, Arthur. London**    1775 July 6                      A.L.S. 4p.    IV, 57.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The two defeats near Boston seem to have made little impression on the Ministry. Information to be drawn from the single word rebels used in the *Gazette*. Lord Germain is the dictator in all military operations. A report that Sir John Murray's regiment of Highlanders are to be sent over; believes the Scotch will fight with more rancor and less bravery than the English. Dissatisfaction of the public. Asks him to obtain a list of numerous petitions which have been presented in vain; may need it in the future. Concerning the heat and cold of mineral bodies.

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**Barbeau-Dubourg, -----**                                      1775 July 13                      A.L. 4p.    XLIV, 13.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Intended to send a letter by Messrs. Magellan and Priestley when they were leaving for London, but waited for a relative of M. LeRoy's to bring the 8 louis which he owed Franklin. Comments on his

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experiment of pouring oil on the waves at sea. Many people here interested in it, especially sea-faring men. Has recently received two letters from Dr. Rush. Is going to publish a periodical in the form of letters supposed to be written by a Quaker called Samuel Tone, from London, in which he will treat freely of all kinds of subjects. Has applied for permission to have these letters printed. The Royal Censor who examined the work was not severe on it.

(In French.)

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Jr.</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 July 19	A. Dr. of L. XXXVII, 35. 3p.
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Account of his interview with Lord Dartmouth respecting the petition presented to the King from the Assembly of New Jersey.

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<b>Williams, Jonathan Jr.</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 July 19	A.L. 2p. LVIII, 67.
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Account of his interview with Lord Dartmouth respecting the petition presented to the King from the Assembly of New Jersey.

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<b>Smith, Samuel. Cecil Street London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 July 29	A.L.S. 1p. IV, 58.
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Glad to hear of Franklin's safe arrival.

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<b>Hartley, David. Golden Square, London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 July 31	A.L.S. 3p. IV, 59.
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Both countries at the mercy of the Ministry for all their information; they permit none but the most violent libels to be sent over to America. Stories of atrocious cruelties, practiced by the rebels, appear in the Gazette; begs him, however, to believe that the general disposition of the English people towards the Americans is favorable; still a chance of reconciliation; incredible that those of the same blood should be alienated. Entreats him to furnish his friends in England with all possible materials to do justice to their cause.

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<b>Bancroft, Edward. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 August 7	A.L.S. 7p. IV, 60.
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## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Concerning the title of the Indian tribes to the property and jurisdiction of their territories; sending a pamphlet on that subject by Mr. Wharton and himself. Probability of the British inciting the Indians to butcher the inhabitants. Thinks the affection of the Indians might be unalterably secured if Congress should publicly assert and maintain the right of the natives to sell and convey their lands to the highest bidder; pernicious views of Government as manifested in the Quebec Act. Five regiments, containing in all 1,500 men, are soon to proceed from Ireland to America; hopes a future change of Ministry will bring about a reconciliation.

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**Gale, Benjamin. Killingworth** 1775 August 7 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 61.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a marvelous invention by a Yale student of a boat which can stay under water and contains a machine so contrived that on striking another vessel it grapples to the keel and, at a given time, explodes. Recommends certain gentlemen for positions in the Post Office.

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**Morgan, George. Philadelphia** 1775 August 8 L. 3p. IV, 62.  
to W[illiam] F[ranklin] for B[enjamin] F[ranklin].

Concerning the Indian grant of land to the sufferers in 1763; would be glad of Franklin's sentiments on the propriety of a sale under the Government of Virginia; would like to undertake the sale himself; value of the lands. Has the honor of accompanying Dr. Franklin to Pittsburg the following week and will then have further information to impart.  
(Copy by W[illiam] T[emple] F[ranklin].)

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**Tucker, Henry. Bermuda** 1775 August 12 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 63.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Thanking Franklin on behalf of himself and also of their four deputies for presenting their Address to Congress; hopes they will obtain their reasonable request. Will endeavor to secure for America Whatever powder comes to Bermuda. Reasons for the law passed in Bermuda to prohibit the exportation of provisions. Greatly shocked on hearing of the terrible carnage in the late battle; hopes some expedient will be found to prevent further bloodshed.

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**Howard, Martin Jr. Newbern** 1775 August 12 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 64.

Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning a debt of his to Franklin which, owing to bad times, he is unable to pay.

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**Bromfield, Thomas. London**

1775 August 12

A.L.S. 2p. IV, 65.

to Benjamin Franklin

The Ministry still seem determined to pursue rigorous measures; more troops and men-of-war are going over; believes it to be impracticable to force these measures by the sword; results to be expected from the stoppage in the trade to America. Since the battle of June 7th their reproach of cowardice, however, is wiped off. Death of their friend. [Josiah] Quincy [Jr.]

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**Franklin, William. Perth Amboy**

1775 August 14

A.L.S. 2p. IV, 66.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of Mr. George Morgan's letter on the subject of the Indian grant of land (see IV, 62) with his answer thereto; would be glad of Franklin's opinion respecting the contents. Read Messrs. Walpole and Sargent's letter to Franklin; thinks it impossible to keep such transactions as secret as they deem necessary. Discusses business of Major Trent and Mr. Tilghman.

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**Strahan, William. London**

1775 September 6

A.L.S. 4p. IV, 67.

to Benjamin Franklin

Takes exception to Franklin's remark, — "all tends to a separation." Represents the evil consequences to America of a break with England; enumerates the many past privileges enjoyed by the Colonies; terrible evils of war; hopes on the reassembling of Parliament something may be found to stop the progress of such an unnatural and destructive quarrel. In the Declaration of Congress he sees "that foreign assistance, if necessary, is undoubtedly attainable"; supposes this is merely a threat; evils of foreign interference. Probable suffering in store for America. Comments on the last petition of Congress to Great Britain. Prophesies future trouble from the arming of the provincials.

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**Franklin, William. Perth Amboy**

1775 September 6

A.L.S. 1p. IV, 68.

to Benjamin Franklin

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Enclosing a copy of the exposition of the Resolution of the House of Commons and also the minutes of the two last sessions of the New Jersey Assembly, containing his remarks on the present unnatural dispute between Great Britain and her colonies.

**Foxcroft, John. New York** 1775 September 15 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 69.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Received a most friendly and polite letter from their mutual friend, Lord Le Despencer, who approves of every step he (Foxcroft) has taken in these troublesome times. Hears that some people have had the curiosity to pry into his correspondence with Franklin. Encloses His Majesty's answer to the City Address.

**The Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia** 1775 October 21 A.L.S. XLIII, 190.  
to Benjamin Franklin W[illia]m Govett,  
Secretary. 1p.

Meeting of the Committee of Safety and of the Committee of Assembly, also of the Board at which the appointment of a commodore will be considered.

**Gates, Horatio. Head Q'rs** 1775 November 7 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 70.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Giving accounts of the capture of several vessels with cargoes of wine, dry goods, rum, sugar and fruit respectively; evident that "wine and punch will not be wanting to the Sons of Liberty." Asks how the pulse of the politicians is beating. Cannot write for interruptions; no peace possible for him until he gives the ambassador from Marblehead two barrels of powder for the defense of that port.

**Greene, William. Westerly [R. I.]** 1775 November 13 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 71.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging Franklin's favor from New Haven. At a loss to express his gratitude to Franklin for taking his little son under his care; consults him as to the best means of making him a useful member of society.

**Greene, Caty. Westerly [R. I.]** 1775 November 13 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 71 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Cannot express how pleased she is to have her boy with Franklin; hopes he may deserve such goodness.

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**Stevenson, Margaret. Northumberland**      1775 November 16      A.L.S. 3p.      IV, 72.

**Court**

to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing the deepest devotion to Franklin and mentioning all the friends who come to her house to talk of him and lament his absence. Mr. Strahan sorry to differ from Franklin, but it is a matter of principle. Does not know if he will ever get this letter; expects it will be opened, but is sure they will be puzzled to decipher it.

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**Gates, Horatio. Headquarters**      1775 December 5      A.L.S. 4p.      IV, 73.

to Benjamin Franklin

News received of the capture of Quebec by their troops, assisted by 6000 Canadians. Burgoyne sails for London that very day; thinks if there is an honest mob left in London he and Gage cannot ride the streets in safety. Franklin will hear in Congress of their success at sea. Insists upon the condemnation of the Glasgow ship; every tittle of clothing on board needed for the soldiers. Trouble in retaining the Connecticut troops. Anxiously awaiting the results of the committe sent to Montreal; wishes Franklin could have been one of them. Splendid conduct of Gen. Montgomery and Col. Arnold. A play-house established in Boston, which opened with a tragedy; very possible it may conclude with one.

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**Gates, Horatio. Headquarters**      1775 December 7      A.L.S. 2p.      IV, 74.

to Benjamin Franklin

Enclosing a copy of General Lee's letter lately sent to Gen. Burgoyne, if Franklin approves it may be published in the newspapers. Longs to send him his and Lee's opinions of the military measures to be pursued in Canada. Deprecates so much wrangling about forms of government; let them first establish their freedom; let them not tarnish the glorious and successful Continental arms by timid conduct; Franklin does not need these arguments; they are for certain others.

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**Lee, Charles. Camp**      1775 December 10      A.L.S. 4p.      IV, 75.

to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the publishing of his letter to Gen. Burgoyne. A good deal surprised and a little shocked at the proceedings of the Assembly; Considers the "injunction of these gentlemen to their delegates to

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dissent from any resolve leading to independence ill-timed, impertinent and impolitic"; bad results to be expected from such a declaration. Wishes Franklin would send some man who has the reputation of being a soldier to Virginia, which is the weak point; explains the prejudice of the common people against any man who has not seen service; cites anecdote to prove their blind faith in the latter. Enlistments go on swimmingly; let them but get powder and Boston shall be theirs.

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**Hewson, Mary. Kensington** 1775 December 12 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 76.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Her mother [Mrs. Stevenson] not very well; describes the various attractions of her children; her son William struggling with the difficulties of orthography, which she begs Franklin as the future sovereign and law-giver in the empire of America to render less difficult. Rails against the present fashion of small waists; longs to be in America where she may appear without distortion; comments on the extravagant manner of dressing the hair. Concerning a number of sheep and hogs which are to be sent to Boston to feed — the fishes, she hopes. Lady Blunt has a son.

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**Mead, Catharine. Sunbury Penna** 1775 December 16 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 76 1/2.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Is the daughter of John Croker and was once at Franklin's house when she was little; is at least a head taller since the receipt of Franklin's letter.

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**[Wharton, Samuel]. London** 1775 December 23 L. 1p. IV, 77.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Mr. Wrixon, a gentleman of character and connections in Ireland, to Franklin's friendship, civility and protection; as his late publications will show, he has not been an indifferent spectator of the present unhappy dispute. Dares not say a word on public affairs; he will hear all about them from the bearer.

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**Bancroft, Edward. London** 1775 December 23 A.L. 3p. XLIV, 14.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recomends Mr. Wrixon, a young man possessing valuable military knowledge to Dr. Franklin's friendly acquaintance and assistance. Wishes to refrain from discussing politics through the mail.



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Lord Howe anxious to restore peace with America; has gone to the country to see whether the Ministers can gratify his demands respecting the marines and extend his powers.

(Signature torn out.)

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<b>Gilpin, Israel. Wilmington</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1775 December 29	A.L.S. 1p.	IV, 78.
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Informed by his kinsman, George Gilpin, that several of the manufacturers are likely to suffer from want to coal; mentions various places where he thinks coal could be found.

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<b>Cushing, Thomas</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1774	L. 1p.	LVIII, 107.
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The exportation of gun powder or any sort of arms or ammunition prohibited by order of the King. The Colonies apprehend that this forebodes the most vigorous exertion of martial force and are adopting the most effective measures to defend themselves. Military stores in Rhode Island and New Hampshire removed to places of safety.

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<b>Lee, Charles</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1775 ?]	A.L.S. 3p.	XLII, 45.
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Suggestions as to the best measures to be taken to prepare for war with Great Britain.

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<b>Committee of the Pennsylvania Assembly</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 February 24	D.S. J[onathan] B. Smith, Secretary. 1p.	LIII, 20.
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Appointing a deputation to request Dr. Franklin to take his seat in the House, if consistent with his other duties. If not, that he would be pleased to resign that another Burgess may be elected.

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<b>Priestley, Joseph. London</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 February 13	A.L.S. 4p.	IV, 79.
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Dr. Price's pamphlet. Conduct of the Ministry. Philosophical experiments. Fixed air.

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**Goforth, Capt William. Three Rivers** 1776 February 22 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 80.

**Canada**

to Benjamin Franklin

Poverty and distress of the people in that province; afraid to join with either side; his opinion as to the best measures to be adopted. Anxious as commander of Three Rivers to know what forces are coming to his assistance; neglect of the Northern Department.

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**Gates, Horatio. Headquarters** 1776 February 23 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 81.

to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing Baron de Woedtke; his tyrannical treatment by the King of Prussia; hopes America may continue to embrace with her wonted cordiality every oppressed subject from every quarter of the globe. Convinced that the enemy intend to commence their operations from New York.

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**Hartley, David. London** 1776 February 24 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 82.

to Benjamin Franklin

Urging measures of reconciliation between Great Britain and the Colonies.

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**Williams, Jonathan Sr** 1776 March 1 A.L.S. 1p. XXXVII, 37.

to Benjamin Franklin

Agreeable to Franklin's desire, encloses his account.

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**Cooper, Samuel. Boston** 1776 [March 21] A.L.S. 2p. IV, 82 1/2.

to Benjamin Franklin

British have left Boston in disgrace before the Colonial forces. Most of them just sailed this morning; where to is a secret. Our bombardment was unexpected, and the occupation of Dorchester Hill completed their consternation. Boston stands, but is much plundered. His own house looted. "Common Sense" is eagerly read and greatly admired. Colonies cannot be subdued by force.

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**Rush, Dr Benjamin. Philadelphia** [1776 March 20] A.L. in 3d P. XL, 52.  
to Benjamin Franklin 1p.

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Mentioning the hour when the members of the Canadian Committee will wait on him.

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**Barclay, David. London** 1776 March 31 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 83.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Persuaded that it will not be for want of inclination in Lord Howe should the olive branch not rise superior to the din of war.

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**Hazard, Eben. New York** 1776 May 3 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 84.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The "Roebuck," of 44 guns, on shore on the east bank of the Brandy-wine; eight row galleys, the Province ship and "Reprisal" have gone down to take her.

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**Bache, Richard. Philadelphia** 1776 May 7 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 86.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Consternation caused by the firing of the alarm guns, on account of three men-of-war which were descried coming up the bay. The "Roe-buck" got off without sustaining any damages. Franklin will see by the papers what a formidable armament to expect; 45,000 commissioners at least, of various nations, commanded by Lord Howe.

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**Bache, Richard. Philadelphia** 1776 May 14 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 87.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The action between their armed boats and His Majesty's ship, the "Roebuck," of 44 guns, and "Liverpool," of 28 guns, off Wilmington; the latter got a severe drubbing.

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**Washington, Gen George. New York** 1776 May 20 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 88.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Transmits enclosed letter, the others he received with this he forwarded to Congress. On the 17th received news of our troops being obliged to raise the siege of Quebec, with the loss of their cannon, a number of small arms, provisions, etc. Had hoped that the troops would maintain their position and, on the arrival of the two brigades detached from hence, consisting of ten regiments, our blockade, bravely kept up for a long time by a handful of men, would terminate in the reduction of Quebec

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and our consequent possession of the important country of which it belongs. Regrets its effect on his mission in that country.

[S. torn out.]

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<b>Hazard, Eben</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1776. May.]	A.L. in 3d P. XLIV, 234. 1p.
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Will watch the sloops from Albany and forward the Doctor's bedding as soon as it comes to hand.

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<b>Prichard, William. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 June 10	A.L.S. 1p. IV, 89.
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Has applied to several printers for work, but in vain. Begg Franklin to allow him the use of his types and press for a short time, as he is offered the printing of several small things; promises to return them whenever required and to pay their use.

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<b>Killceys, Lois</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 June 10	A.L.S. 2p. IV, 90.
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Reminding him of their ancient friendship. Recommends [name illegible] to Franklin's notice.

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<b>Kermorvan, Chevalier de</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1776.] June 27	A.L.S. 2p. XL, 200.
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Sending Franklin the three volumes entrusted to his care by M. [Barbeu] Dubourg, and a present of books from himself. Gave Franklin's letter to Mr. Rush. Outside of the Members of Congress, wishes to keep his communications secret.

(In French.)

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<b>Jefferson, Thomas.</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1776. June]?	A.N. in 3d P. XLII, 73. 1p.
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Encloses a paper which, with some small alterations, has been approved by the Committee; asks him to peruse it and suggest such alterations as his more enlarged view of the subject will dictate. The paper has been returned to him to change a particular sentiment or two. He proposes to lay it again before the Committee [to draft a Declaration of Independence?].

to Benjamin Franklin

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**Hartley, Thomas. Crown Point** 1776 July 3 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 92.  
to Benjamin Franklin and the other  
Delegates of the Province of Pennsylvania  
in Congress.

Detailing the losses of the sixth battalion of Pennsylvania in the engagement near Three Rivers. Account of a small party of officers and men being surprised while fishing, by the Indians; two of the party murdered and inhumanly scalped, the rest, with two exceptions, made prisoners. Begs them to think of some plan whereby these men may be exchanged. It is the wish of the army that Gen. Thompson should be restored to them immediately.

**Woedtke, Frederick William, Baron de.** 1776 July 3 A.L.S. 8p. IV, 93.  
**Crown Point**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Account of his march to Sorel. Council of war with Generals Arnold and Thompson; opposition on his part to their plan of quitting Sorel; prevented Col. de Haas from pitching two of their cannon into the water in his desire to precipitate their march. Council of War called at St. John, where it was decided to cross Lake Champlain. Arrival at Crown Point; neglect of hospitals; bad food. Has many enemies, — all Tories. Anxious to do honor to Franklin's recommendation, but fears they will not be able to hold Crown Point.  
(In French.)

**de Woedtke, Frederick William Baron.** 1776 July 4 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 94.  
**Crown Point**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Their difficult situation; need of experienced soldiers. Criticizes Generals Arnold and Sullivan; considers the latter ignorant of his profession. Does all in his power for the well-being of his troops. Heard at Chambly that the English had offered 500 guineas for his capture; naturally much flattered. Begs him to give the position of aide-de-camp general to an experienced man; recommends Col. St. Clair(?). The four vessels of war on the lake in very bad condition.  
(In French.)

**Lawrence, John and William Smith.** 1776 July 19 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 95.  
**Burlington**

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Informing him that Mrs. Mecom's Benjamin husband is at times very dangerous, being often deprived of his reason; asks Franklin's help in placing him in the hospital at Philadelphia, or in confining him in some other way.

**Alexander, William. Dijon** 1776 July 20 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 96.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Introducing M. de Converez, a great traveler who has seen and knows a country at present the object of so much attention in Europe; asks Franklin's assistance in procuring for M. de Converez a proper settlement.

**Kermorvan, Chevalier de** 1776 July 26 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 97.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Works hard to render himself worthy of Franklin's recommendation and esteem. Advice he gave Gen. Mercer about the necessity of guarding the Jersey coast. Concerning a plan for defending the coast of America which he has submitted to Mr. Hancock. Account of small engagements between their batteries and the enemy's boats; fine behaviour of the soldiers. Begg Franklin to plead with Congress for slowness in counsel and swiftness in action.

(In French.)

**Wayne, Anthony. Ticonderoga** 1776 July 31 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 98.  
to Benjamin Franklin

So far removed from the seat of government that very little intelligence reaches them. Informed that Lord Howe has joined the General before New York; expresses certain fears for the brave and generous sons of America. In high expectation of shortly seeing Burgoyne; he will find an enemy small in number yet brave by nature and longing to revenge the unfortunate affair at Three Rivers. Account of the troops under Col. St. Clair and himself. Strength of their naval force as compared with the enemy. His soldiers destitute of almost very necessary — shoes, stockings, shirts and soap — essential articles in an army; pleads for some method of sending on these things.

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**J.M. Lawrence and William Smith**                      1776 July 19                      A.L.S. 2p.      IV, 95.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Asking Franklin to interest himself in Geo. Leopold Besson, bourgeois of MontbC)ilard, originally of Switzerland; his honesty and his misfortunes.  
(In French.)

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**Greene, Ray. Warwick R. I** 1776 August 4 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 100.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging the many obligations he is under to Franklin; had a pleasant journey home; his relations and friends thought him much altered; concluded from their smiles that it was for the better. [Enclosure to Grandma Mecom.] Expressing a high sense of her goodness to him; out of his power to return it; hopes she will be pleased with Cousin Jenny's match, which they tell him is to be one, as he comes pretty often.

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**Dunlap, William. King and Queen** 1776 August 10 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 101.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Has just received a distressing letter from his son Ben informing him that the unknown benefactor who has contributed to his education so far, can do so no longer and that he must shift for himself; asks Franklin to take the poor boy under his partonage and so encourage his ardent thirst for knowledge and save him from the plough or spade. Gives an account of the other members of his family.

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**Newland, Mehetable. Stafford,** 1776 August 12 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 102.  
**Monmouth Co. N. J**  
to Benjamin Franklin



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Asking whether he has heard anything of Mr. Newland since he embarked from New York for Quebec; from the different reports of the success of their troops at that place is under the greatest uneasiness for his welfare.

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**Franklin, William Temple. Philadelphia** 1776 August 17 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 103.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Arrived in Philadelphia after spending a night at Mr. and Mrs. Duffield's and waiting on Mr. Galloway. Mrs. Bache's son William very well. According to his Aunt Mecom's request, waited on Mrs. Van Vordice. Mrs. Turner and her husband in London, the latter to have a commission in the Guards.

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**Washington, George. New York** 1776 August 18 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 104.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Encloses a letter from Lord Howe, sent out by a flag the day before; with it comes a letter for Lieut. Barrington, who, if not among those who broke parole and went off to Canada, is in York, Pennsylvania.

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**Read, J. K. Williamsburg** 1776 August 18 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 105.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Though belonging to branch of the family so far removed from Franklin, has always retained an affection for him and would like much to hear sometimes from him. Recommending Col. Read, who commands the 1st regiment on its march to New York, and also Dr. Skinner, a gentleman eminent in his profession.

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**Ross, George. New York** 1776 August 18 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 106.  
to Benjamin Franklin

The Phoenix and Rose have just passed "our" batteries, without much damage; the visit they had from the fire-ships made them sick of their station and they have joined the fleet at the Narrows; every countenance cheerful and if the enemy dares attack they will undoubtedly procure themselves a severe drubbing.

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**Pliarne, ----. Elizabethtown** 1776 August 22 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 107.  
to Benjamin Franklin

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Being so near the scene of action has visited the various works raised for the defense of liberty; at Amboy saw the militia in the greatest disorder, though commanded by good men; at New York found the fortifications excellent, but not enough men for their defense; however, expects their ardor will make up for all deficiencies. Rumors of an attack which so far has not materialized; trusts it will be soon.

(In French.)

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**Watteville de Belp, —. Berne, Switzerland** 1776 August 25                      A.L.S. 2p.    IV, 108.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of 11th inst., containing the petition of poor George Leopold Besson; is commissioned to send the two enclosed new louis d'or, but to say that this Besson is not a subject of their Canton.

(In French.)

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**Stevenson, Margaret. Northumberland**    1776 September 3                      A.L.S. 1p.    IV, 109.  
**Court**  
to Benjamin Franklin

Acknowledging favor of March 29th; finds few opportunities to send him letters. Has his sword and all other things which shall be carefully preserved. Account of a little jaunt to Cambridge with some friends.

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**Hewson, Mary. London**    1776 September 5                      A.L.S. 4p.    IV, 110.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Concerning the settlement of her money matters. Has just arrived in London with her three children to visit her mother [Mrs. Stevenson]. Hopes this horrid war may be ended soon so that they can come to America. Account of her son William proposing a toast to Dr, Franklin. Glad that Temple has received the surname of Franklin; always knew he had some right to it.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.**    1776 September 3                      A.L. 2p.    XXXVII, 38.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Unable to marry from lack of means. Mr. A[lexander]'s offer; his hopes for the future. Indignant at being called a Tory. Agent appointed by New Jersey.

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**Hewson, Mary. Kensington**    1776 September 8                      A.L.S. 4p.    IV, 111.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Giving an account of the doings of his various friends in London.

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**Partridge, Elizabeth. Boston** 1776 september 17 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 112.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Ill health and want of spirit the reason for her long silence. Begs his kind assistance for Messrs. Austen and Barrett; they go on business about a quantity of goods taken from her and others by Gen. Howe when he left Boston, and afterwards captured by a United States vessel. Trusts heaven may smile upon his endeavors to save his country from ruin.

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**Cooper, Samuel. Boston** 1776 September 17 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 113.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Expressing pleasure at Franklin's being appointed by Congress to confer with Gen. Howe; not sorry the enemy appears so eager for negotiating; suspects France has made some motion that alarms Britain; doubts not that Franklin will show the world that America has negotiators as well as soldiers. Many captures made of British ships richly laden. Regrets that the American fleet is not in a state of greater forwardness.

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**Barker, W. Rotterdam** 1776 September 18 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 114.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending as an officer of trust, Mr. Charles Frederick Bedaulx, a Swiss gentleman, who was lieutenant of grenadiers in the service of England; anxious now to use his sword in the cause of liberty. The writer does not expect Franklin to recollect his name, but he had the honor to dine with him and Sir John Pringle at the house of Mr. Davidson, whose partner he is. Has employed his pen in the cause of civil liberty and against the violent measures of the Ministry, but these and other greater effort were in vain.

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**Williams, Jonathan Jr.** 1776 September 19 A.L. 3p. XXXVII, 39.  
to Benjamin Franklin

News of Franklin's friends; the good Bishop [of St. Asaph] and his family gone to Wales. Mr. A[lexander] with his lovely daughters are in France. Business promises well. Concerning an edition of Franklin's political works to be published by the son of Franklin's philosophic friend at Wanstead.

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**Franklin, William Temple. Perth Amboy** 1776 September 21 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 115.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sorry to find that his intended visit to his father in prison does not meet with Franklin's approbation; his mother knows not what to do without his father's advice and assistance; assures Franklin of his entire ignorance of public affairs, in case he imagines he would give his father improper information. Thinks his mother will keep him with her, unless she can hear from her husband concerning her removal.

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The Continental Congress.

Congress by its course in defending liberty and property in America has made its cause the cause of mankind. Regrets that he cannot give his services in the field, but sends a present of four dozen woolen socks for the army, and will do this every year as proof of his sincerity.

(Endorsement by L. V. Poteins that he has received and will deliver the stockings as directed.)

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**Pollard, -----. Montreal** 1776 October 11 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 116.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Everyone, priests and lordlings, prostrating themselves before the idol of tyranny; the few honest men who sigh for the return of the troops are persecuted. The printer, M. Mesplet, the workmen and himself were dragged to prison and kept there 26 days without a trial. If Franklin thinks his sorrows worthy the attention of Congress, begs that it may be directed towards his friend, M. Mesplet. Obligated to quit America for London; leaves a translation of 'Common Sense' in the hands of M. Mesplet, and a letter on the affairs of the time; like the Jews who concealed their children from Herod, these must be hidden from the tyrant. Would willingly pour out blood as well ink for the success of the child of virtue and liberty. Posterity will place Franklin's name with Pompey. Brutus and Cato.

(In French.)

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**Fraser, John. Reading Pa** 1776 October 15 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 117.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Unfortunately received his second leave for Canada when he could make no use of it, owing to indisposition; as soon as his health permits will journey to Philadelphia and thank Franklin in person.

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The ship of war, called the Reprisal, has been allotted to carry Dr. Franklin to the port of Nantes; the Reprisal is then destined to proceed against their enemies, and send any prizes captured to the ports of France; therefore asks Commissioners to make immediate application to the Court of France to grant the protection of their ports to American men-of-war and their prizes; if this application is crowned with success, he must then obtain leave to make sale of certain parts of those prizes; directions in case these requests are granted, also in case they are not. Recommends Captain Wickes of the Reprisal as a worthy man; he will treat prisoners with humanity and do honor to his appointment.

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**Ingenhousz, Jan** 1776 November 15 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 119.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Shocked that America has become the seat of horror and bloodshed, a country destined for the abode of tranquility and the asylum for the persecuted. Finds himself often obliged to defend Franklin before persons who ascribe to him, in a great measure, this unhappy contest. Begs Franklin to let him hear some news of him. Dr. Priestley's second volume on air is full of new matter and opens a large field to philosophers. Describes in detail the new electrical machine by one Volta, over which there is much discussion. Announces his marriage to a Dutch lady only five years younger than himself. Hopes Franklin may be the means of bringing to an end this bloody contest.

**Ubetius, Jean FranC'ois. Turin** 1776 December 10 A.L.S. 2p. IV, 120.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Almost, seven years since he had the pleasure of meeting Franklin in London at the cafD Smyma; Recommending a young man of Milan, who is inflamed with Zeal for the cause of liberty; any attention shown him will oblige the Rev. PC(re Beccaria. Would like much to see Franklin again and to pass the rest of his days in America, but the seatrip is extremely disagreeable to him.  
(In French.)

**Desprades, AbbC). Paris** [1776?] December 10 A.L. 1p. LX, 100.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Requesting a letter of recommendation for a young surgeon who is going to offer his services to the allied armies in the United States.  
(In French.)

**Mottin de la Balme, Augustin. Bordeaux** 1776 December 14 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 121.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Was just about to send him two letters of recommendation to Philadelphia when he was informed of Franklin's arrival at Nantes; sends them now and begs him to repair the loss by substituting some other protector.  
(In French.)

**Bedaulx, Charles Frederic. Havre-de-Grace** 1776 December 16 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 123.

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to Benjamin Franklin

Takes the liberty of sending the enclosed letter, which was given him by Mr. Barker at Rotterdam, three months before. Embarked at that time for America, but having been taken by the English, found an opportunity to return to France. Is about to set out again to use his sword in the cause of liberty against oppression.

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**Bedaulx, Charles Frederic. Paris**                      1776 December 16                      A.L.S. 3p.      IV, 122.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Devoted to the cause of America but wishes to do more than make useless avowals. Hesitated at first to go to America, fearing to be taken for one of the numerous adventurers; after his first attempt, has still enough money left to cross the ocean, but desires Franklin's advice as to ways and means; anxious to arrive before the opening of the next campaign in order to take part in the operations. (In French.)

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**Thicknesse, Philip. Calais**                              1776 December 16                      A.L.S. 1p.      IV, 124.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Being an indirect sufferer in the cause of American liberty, ventures to write to Franklin. His misfortunes due to his having spoken and sometimes written his honest sentiments relative to Franklin's public ones. By the defeat of Lord Camden in the House of Lords he lost £10,000, as Franklin will see by the enclosed papers. Is now publishing by subscription "A Journey Through France," and entreats the honor of his name as well as those of the Continental Congress as subscribers. His motives not mercenary; they spring from a desire to have those names associated with his for future generations to see.

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**Mecom, Jane. Goshen, Chester Co., Pa**              1776 December 16                      A.L.S. 1p.      IV, 125.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Distressed at his leaving the country. Retired for safety to the above place on hearing that the enemy were advancing towards them. Return of her son-in-law, Collas, who has obtained command of a Continental ship and expects to go to France.

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**Gruel, J. Nantes**    1776 December 16                      A.L.S. 4p.      IV, 126.  
to Benjamin Franklin



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Enclosing a letter from Mr. Roslin, Farmer General, in charge of all the details which concern the affairs of America. Asks Franklin's influence with Mr. Roslin in the matter of reducing the tax on spermaceti oil from Rhode Island. Account of the arrival in port and the unloading of the Success; dispositions to be made of the cargo. Arrival of the Reprisal; account of the sale of her cargo.  
(In French.)

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**Dumas, Charles-Guillaume-Frédéric** 1776 December 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 3.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Overjoyed at his arrival in Paris. The Minimum expenses of a young man studying law at Leyden would be fifty guineas per annum.  
(In French.)

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**Dumas, Charles-Guillaume-Frédéric** 1776 December 17 A.L.S. 2p. XXXIX, 4.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sketches the great work ahead of Franklin; certain that it will be consummated with honor; when it is completed will expect a long visit from both him and Mr. Deane.  
(In French.)

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**Gruel, J. Nantes** 1776 December 18 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 127.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Announcing the arrival of the ship Concord, Capt. Harris. Recommending M. de Basmurieu, brother of his nephew to Franklin's kind attention. Just informed of the arrival of the Mary Elizabeth, Capt. Young.  
(In French.)

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**Bérard frères & Cie. L'Orient** 1776 December 20 A.L.S. 4p. IV, 128.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Making proposals for the purchase of a parcel of tobacco, which they hear he has the disposal of; can offer him the best of terms and will engage to take any quantity he may import in the future. Have it in their power to ship any article the Colonies may be in want of. Would like to have a conversation with Franklin in order to make certain proposals not to be trusted on paper.

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**Montaudouïn de la Touche, Jean-Gabriel.** 1776 December 21 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 129.  
**Nantes**

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to Benjamin Franklin

Disappointed at being deprived of the pleasure of Franklin's company at dinner. Will write recommending Franklin to M. Beudet, who has been a long time employed in Ministerial affair and may be of use to him. Also has a cousin in Paris, Madame Dubocage, who would be delighted to welcome him. Encloses a poem which expresses but feebly the sentiment Franklin inspires.

(In French.)

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<b>The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence. Baltimore</b>	1776 December 21	A.L.S.	LIII, 24.
to The American Commissioners.		Benj[amin]	
		Harrison et al.	
		6p.	

Present state of affairs in America. No accomodation with Great Britain will be made except upon the recognition of the complete independence of America.

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<b>The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence. Baltimore</b>	1776 December 21	L.S. 7p.	LIII, 25.
to The American Commissioners.			

Copy of preceding, with an added note by Rob[er]t Morris, dated Philadelphia, February 26, 1777, saying that he had just written Mr. Bingham a full state of intelligence up to the present time; desiring him to transmit a copy to the Commissioners.

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<b>Gruel, J. Nantes</b>	1776 December 21	A.L.S. 3p.	IV, 130.
to Benjamin Franklin			

Encloses bill of lading of the ship Mary Elizabeth. Arrival that morning of the Fanny, Captain Sir William Jokely; account of her cargo. News of the capture by the American privateers of 11 transports destined for the army of General Howe. Capt. Wickes dined with them the previous evening; expects to depart immediately. All Franklin's orders carried out.

(In French.)

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<b>Alexander, William. Dijon</b>	1776 December 22	A.L.S. 4p.	IV, 131.
to Benjamin Franklin			

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Greatly surprised on hearing of Franklin's arrival, although he will not believe the motives assigned for that journey, such as safety, etc. Invites him to visit them, just himself and his two young girl's; offers him various inducements; at liberty to remain incognito if he so desires. Offers his services to Franklin, who may command him in anything but high treason.

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<b>The Continental Congress</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 23	1p.	LIII, 26.
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Resolution authorizing the American Commissioners to borrow £2,000,000, at 6 per cent. interest, to be repaid if possible in the products of North America.

(Copy.)

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<b>The Continental Congress</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 23	D. S. John Hancock, Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1p.	LXXV, 17.
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Instructions to the Commissioners at the Court of France to borrow money.

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<b>The Continental Congress</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 23	D. S. Char[le]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y, John Hancock, Presid[en]t. 1p.	LXXV, 14 and 15.
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Instructions to the Commissioners at the Court of France.

(In duplicate.)

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<b>Gruel, J. Nantes</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 24	A.L.S. 2p.	IV, 132.
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## Letters to Benjamin Franklin.

Hopes Franklin arrived in Paris without accident. Concerning the sale of certain prizes. Disposition made of the thirty-six quarts of Indigo.

(In French.)

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<b>Deane, Silas. Paris</b> to Confad-Alexander GC)rard	1776 December 24	A.L.S. 1p.	IV, 133.
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Sends to his care a letter for Comte de Vergennes.

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<b>Franklin, William Temple. Versailles</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 24	A.L.S. 1p.	IV, 134.
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Mr. GC)rard not being in town, waited upon Count de Vergennes and delivered him the letters, which he put in his pocket and desired him to call for his answer the next morning at 9; therefore purposes to stay in town all night.

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<b>Rumsey, Nathan. Nantes</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 24	A.L.S. 2p.	IV, 135.
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Acknowledging his favor of the 15th inst., the contents of which shall be fully and punctually observed. Trouble between Mr. Delamain and Capt. Wickes concerning a prize which the former says is French property; hopes Franklin's presence at Court will soon decide such affairs in their favor.

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<b>Pratchell, Capt James</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 24	D. 2p.	LIII, 27.
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Report concerning the bark La Vigne, hailing from Hull, England, meeting with the 'Anglo-American' armed vessel, Reprisal, Capt. Lambert Wickes, from Philadelphia, and of the vessel and cargo being seized and brought into Quiberon, France, as a prize. Had loaded a cargo of brandy and wine at Rochefort and was bound for Hull. Saw Mr. Franklin on board the Reprisal. His cargo sold at Quiberon to private parties and does not know what was done with his vessel.

(In French.)

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A person living in the country who has a favor to ask of Dr. Franklin inquires what time he can be seen.

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(In French.)

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**Izard, Ralph. London** 1776 December 27 A.L. 1p. IV, 136.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Heartily congratulating him on his arrival in Europe. The bearer, a son of Mr. Henry Laurens of South Carolina, is warmly attached to the cause of his country and is desirous of being presented to Franklin.

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**Gruel, J. Nantes** 1776 December 28 A.L.S. 3p. IV, 137.  
to Benjamin Franklin

His bankers in Paris anxious to present their respects to Franklin. Concerning the capture of the ship La Vigne, by the Reprisal; her cargo.

(In French.)

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**Gruel, J. Nantes** 1776 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 138.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Recommending Messieurs Tourbon and Bauer, his bankers in Paris, to Franklin's Kindness.

(In French.)

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**Mackay, Francis. Paris** 1776 December 28 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 139.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Would be glad to have the pleasure of meeting Dr. Franklin or Mr. Deane, incognito; asks him to name the place and hour that he may acquaint him with things not proper to commit to paper.

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**Hamilton, Chevalier. Paris** 1776 December 28 N. in 3d P. LXX, 113.  
to Benjamin Franklin 2p.

Sends his compliments to Dr. Franklin on his safe arrival in Paris. Would have waited on him personally but has been very ill. Inquires how the former Miss Grahme and her husband, of Philadelphia, are doing.

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**Bertier, Joseph-Etienne. Paris** 1776 December 29 A.L.S. 1p. IV, 140.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Regrets that a cold prevents him from marking in person his respect and attachment for Franklin.

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(In French.)

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<b>The Continental Congress, Committee of Secret Correspondence. Baltimore</b> to The American Commissioners.	1776 December 30	A.L.S. Benj[amin] Harrison et al. 3p.	LIII, 28.
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Gen. Washington's success at Trenton. Propositions to be made to France.

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<b>The Continental Congress</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 30	D.S. John Hancock, Presid[en]t, Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1p.	LXXV, 20.
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Informing the Commissioners at the Court of France of the sending of Commissioners to the Courts of Vienna and the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and to solicit the interference of the Emperor and the Duke of Tuscany to prevent Great Britain from sending foreign troops to this country.

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<b>Rumsey, Nathan. Nantes</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 31	A.L.S. 3p.	IV, 141.
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Arrival of a brigantine loaded with tobacco from Georgetown in Maryland; on her came one Mr. Robert Maise, of Philadelphia, who sups with him at evening; he brings news of Major Rogers' defeat in Connecticut; the royalists have retired into New York to winter quarters; no word from the Lakes since the defeat at Crown Point. Arrival of certain vessels; would be glad of Mr. Morris' presence; M. Gruel speaks no English and the writer has no directions or power to act.

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<b>Mosueron, J. Nantes</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December 31	A.L.S. 4p.	IV, 142.
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Asks Franklin's advice concerning a plan for fitting out a French ship to trade with America; his doubts as to the ultimate success of such an expedition; if Franklin approves would like some

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information about the ports of America and the nature of the cargo required; advantage to him to have some letters of introduction in Franklin's hand. Impresses on him the necessity for secrecy. Less self-interest than a desire to be useful to brave men, which animates him in this affair.

(In French.)

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<b>Le BC(gue Duportail, Louis</b> to The American Commissioners.	[1776. December.]	L in 3d P. 1p. LXII, 95a.
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Offers his services to the United States.

(In French.)

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<b>Le BC(gue Duportail, Louis</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776 December	A.L. 3p. LXII, 95b.
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He adds certain conditions to those of yesterday. Begg that great precaution be taken in seeking his recommendations. Were it known that he was going to America, the Minister would not let him leave France.

(In French.)

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<b>Biddle, Charles. Philadelphia</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1776	A.L.S. 1p. XLII, 95.
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Asks that Dr. Franklin recommend him for a position on the new Navy Board.

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<b>Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Le Ray de</b> to Benjamin Franklin	[1776?]	A.L.S. 2p. XLIV, 275.
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Has seen, with Franklin's grandson, a boarding house which may suit. A French gentleman who commanded a troop of volunteers in Poland offers to go to America with his troop and fight for the Colonies. Strongly recommends him and his troopers.

(In French.)

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<b>Barbeau-Dubourg, -----</b> to The American Commissioners.	[1776?]	Mem. 1p. LVI, 62.
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Offers to furnish a certain quantity of guns or woolen clothing in exchange of Maryland or Virginia tobacco.

In French.

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**Barbeu-Dubourg, -----** [1776 Dec. 21, before 1777 Mem. 3p. LVI, 21.  
to Benjamin Franklin Jan. 9]

With reference to negotiations with the Farmers-General about a contract for supplying them with tobacco from Virginia.  
(In French.)

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**Fergusson, W. Paris** [1776?] L. in 3d P. 1p.XLI, 195.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Congratulates Franklin on his arrival in Paris; desires to pay his respects and make a few domestic inquires.

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**Gadolle, -----** [1776?] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 32.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Sending him a prospectus of his school.  
(In French.)

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**Gadolle, -----. Bel-air** [1776?] A.L.S. 1p. XL, 25.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Offers to take Franklin's two grandsons into his school.  
(In French.)

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**Vienne, Comte de (Field Marshal)** [1776] L. in 3d P. 1p.XLIV, 285.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Asking for a letter of introduction to General Washington for his son the Marquis de Vienne who has served for 20 years as officer in a regiment of dragoons.  
(In French.)

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**Williams, David** 1776? L. 3p. XLIV, 95.  
to Benjamin Franklin

Informs him of the great pleasure with which their Friendly Society heard his letter to him. Mr. Raspe, whom Franklin saw in Germany, joined the Society. Major Dawson, another member, is made Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man; rejoiced that the Major will not be called upon to fight



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the Americans. They consider all absent members as still belonging to their little club and cherish affection for them. Was exceedingly affected by the letter Congress sent to the people of England.  
(Torn.)

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**Priestley, Dr Joseph**  
**to Benjamin Franklin**

**[1766]**

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